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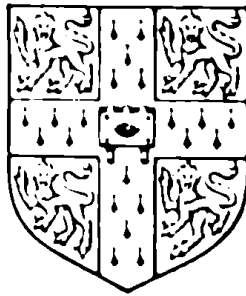
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FOREWORD

SCRIPTURAL PROMISE

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God stands forever.
Isaiah 40:8

THE New American Standard Bible has been produced with the conviction that the words of Scripture as originally penned in the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek were inspired by God. Since they are the eternal Word of God, the Holy Scriptures speak with fresh power to each generation, to give wisdom that leads to salvation, that men may serve Christ to the glory of God.

The Editorial Board had a twofold purpose in making this translation: to adhere as closely as possible to the original languages of the Holy Scriptures, and to make the translation in a fluent and readable style according to current English usage.

THE FOURFOLD AIM OF THE LOCKMAN FOUNDATION

1. These publications shall be true to the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.
2. They shall be grammatically correct.
3. They shall be understandable to the masses.
4. They shall give the Lord Jesus Christ His proper place, the place which the Word gives Him; therefore, no translation work will ever be personalized.

PRINCIPLES OF TRANSLATION

MODERN ENGLISH USAGE: The attempt has been made to render the grammar and terminology in contemporary English. When it was felt that the word-for-word literalness was unacceptable to the modern reader, a change was made in the direction of a more current English idiom. In the instances where this has been done, the more literal rendering has been indicated in the notes.

ALTERNATIVE READINGS: In addition to the more literal renderings, notations have been made to include alternate translations, readings of variant manuscripts and explanatory equivalents of the text. Only such notations have been used as have been felt justified in assisting the reader's comprehension of the terms used by the original author.

HEBREW TEXT: In the present translation the latest edition of Rudolf Kittel's *BIBLIA HEBRAICA* has been employed together with the most recent light from lexicography, cognate languages, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

HEBREW TENSES: Consecution of tenses in Hebrew remains a puzzling factor in translation. The translators have been guided by the requirements of a literal translation, the sequence of tenses, and the immediate and broad contexts.

THE PROPER NAME OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: In the Scriptures, the name of God is most significant and understandably so. It is inconceivable to think of spiritual matters without a proper designation for the Supreme Deity. Thus the most common name for the Deity is God, a translation of the original *Elohim*. One of the titles for God is Lord, a translation of *Adonai*. There is yet another name which is particularly assigned to God as His special or proper name, that is, the four letters *YHWH* (Exodus 3:14 and Isaiah 42:8). This name has not been pronounced by the Jews because of reverence for the great sacredness of the divine name. Therefore, it has been consistently translated *LORD*. The only exception to this translation of *YHWH* is when it occurs in immediate proximity to the word Lord, that is, *Adonai*. In that case it is regularly translated God in order to avoid confusion. It is known that for many years *YHWH* has been transliterated as *Yahweh*, however no complete certainty attaches to this pronunciation.

GREEK TEXT: Consideration was given to the latest available manuscripts with a view to determining the best Greek text. In most instances the 23rd edition of Eberhard Nestle's *NOVUM TESTAMENTUM GRAECE* was followed.

GREEK TENSES: A careful distinction has been made in the treatment of the Greek aorist tense (usually translated as the English past, "He did") and the Greek imperfect tense (rendered either as English past progressive, "He was doing"; or, if inceptive, as "He began to do" or "He started to do"; or else if customary past, as "He used to do").

"Began" is italicized if it renders an imperfect tense, in order to distinguish it from the Greek verb for "begin."

On the other hand, not all aorists have been rendered as English pasts ("He did"), for some of them are clearly to be rendered as English perfects ("He has done"), or even as past perfects ("He had done"), judging from the context in which they occur. Such aorists have been rendered as perfects or past perfects in this translation.

As for the distinction between aorist and present imperatives, translators have usually rendered these imperatives in the customary manner, rather than attempting any such fine distinction as "Begin to do!" (for the aorist imperative), or, "Continually do!" (for the present imperative).

As for sequence of tenses, the translators took care to follow English rules rather than Greek in translating Greek presents, imperfects and aorists. Thus, where English says, "We knew that he was doing," Greek puts it, "We knew that he does"; similarly, "We knew that he had done" is the Greek, "We knew that he did." Likewise, English, "When he had come, they met him," is represented in Greek by: "When he came, they met him." In all cases a consistent translation has been made from the Greek tense in the subordinate clause to the appropriate tense in English.

In the rendering of negative questions introduced by the particle *mē* (which always expects the answer, "No") the wording has been altered from a mere, "Will he not do this?" to a more accurate, "He will do this, will he?"

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Explanation of **GENERAL FORMAT**

TES AND CROSS REFERENCES are placed in a column adjoining the text on the page and listed under verse numbers to which they refer. Superior numbers refer to literal renderings, alternate translations, or explanations. Superior letters refer to cross references. Cross references in italics are parallel passages.

PARAGRAPHS are designated by a paragraph mark with bold face numbers or letters.

QUOTATION MARKS are used in the text in accordance with modern English usage.

“IOU,” “THEE” AND “THY” are not used in this translation except in the language of prayer when addressing Deity.

PERSONAL PRONOUNS are capitalized when pertaining to Deity.

ITALICS are used in the text to indicate words which are not found in the original Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek but implied by it. Italics are used in the marginal notes to signify alternate readings for the text.

ALL CAPS in the New Testament are used in the text to indicate Old Testament quotations or obvious allusions to Old Testament texts. Variations of Old Testament wording are found in New Testament citations depending on whether the New Testament writer translated from a Hebrew text, used existing Greek or Aramaic translations, or paraphrased the material. It should be noted that modern rules for the indication of direct quotation were not used in biblical times thus allowing freedom for omissions or insertions without specific indication of these.

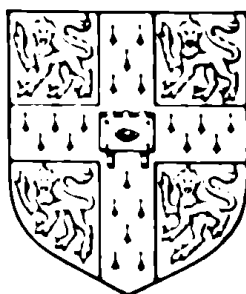
ASTERISKS are used to mark verbs that are historical presents in the Greek which have been translated with an English past tense in order to conform to modern usage. The translators recognized that in some contexts the present tense seems more unexpected and unjustified to the English reader than a past tense would have been. But Greek authors frequently used the present tense for the sake of heightened vividness, thereby transporting their readers in imagination to the actual scene at the time of occurrence. However, the translators felt that it would be wise to change these historical presents to English past tenses.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIAL MARKINGS:

- Aram. = Aramaic
- DSS = Dead Sea Scrolls
- Gr. = Greek translation of O.T. (Septuagint or LXX) or Greek text of N.T.
- Heb. = Hebrew text, usually Masoretic
- Lat. = Latin
- M.T. = Masoretic text
- Syr. = Syriac
- Lit. = A literal translation
- Or = An alternate translation justified by the Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek
- [] = In text, brackets indicate words probably not in the original writings
- [] = In margin, brackets indicate references to a name, place or thing similar to, but not identical with that in the text
- cf. = compare
- f., ff. = following verse or verses
- ms., mss. = manuscript, manuscripts
- v., vv. = verse, verses

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GENESIS

The Creation

IN the beginning ^bGod ^ccreated the heavens and the earth.

2 And the earth was ^{1a}formless and void, and ^bdarkness was over the ²surface of the deep; and ^cthe Spirit of God ^dwas ³moving over the ²surface of the waters.

3 Then ^aGod said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was ^agood; and God ^bseparated the light from the darkness.

5 And ^aGod called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And ^bthere was evening and there was morning, one day.

6 ¶ Then God said, "Let there be ^{1a}an ^aexpanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

7 And God made the ¹expanse, and separated ^athe waters which were below the ¹expanse from the waters ^bwhich were above the ¹expanse; and it was so.

8 And God called the ¹expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 ¶ Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let ^bthe dry land appear"; and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land earth, and the ^agathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the earth sprout ^{1a}vegetation, ²plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit after ³their kind, ⁴with seed in them, on the earth"; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth ¹vegetation, ²plants yielding seed after ³their kind, and trees bearing fruit, ⁴with seed in them,

after ³their kind; and God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

14 ¶ Then God said, "Let there be ^{1a}lights in the ^{2b}expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for ^csigns, and for ^dseasons, and for days and years;

15 and let them be for ¹lights in the ²expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.

16 And God made the two ¹great lights, the ^agreater ²light ³to govern the day, and the lesser ²light ³to govern the night; He made ^bthe stars also.

17 ^aAnd God placed them in the ¹expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth.

18 and ¹to ^agovern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

20 ¶ Then God said, "Let the waters ¹teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth ²in the open ³expanse of the heavens."

21 And God created ^athe great sea monsters, and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

16 ¹Or, luminaries, light-bearers ²Or, luminary, light-bearer ³Lit., for the dominion of ^aPs. 136:3, 9 ^bJob 38:7, Ps. 8:3, Is. 40:26

17 ¹Or, firmament ^aJer. 33:20, 25

18 ¹Lit., for the dominion of ^aJer. 31:35

20 ¹Or, waters ²Lit., on the face of ³Or, firmament ^aPs. 104:25-28

1 ^aPs. 102:25, Is. 40:21, John 1:1, 2, Heb. 1:10 ^bPs. 89:11, 90:2, Acts 17:24, Rom. 1:20, Heb. 1:13 ^cJob 38:4, Is. 42:5, 45:18, Rev. 4:11 ^dOr, a waste and emptiness ¹Lit., face of ²Or, hovering ^aJer. 4:23 ^bJob 38:9 ^cPs. 104:30, Is. 40:13, 14 ^dOr, 32:11, Is. 31:5 ¹Ps. 33:6, 9:2 ²Cor. 4:6 ³Ps. 145:9, 10 ⁴Is. 45:7 ⁵Ps. 74:16 ⁶Ps. 89:8 ⁷Or, a firmament ⁸Is. 40:22, Jer. 10:12, 2 Pet. 3:5 ⁹Or, firmament ¹⁰Job 38:11 ¹¹Ps. 148:4 ¹²Or, firmament ¹³Ps. 104:6-9, Jer. 5:22, 2 Pet. 3:5 ¹⁴Ps. 24:1, 2, 85:5 ¹⁵Ps. 33:7, 95:5, 146:6 ¹⁶Or, grass ¹⁷Or, herbs ¹⁸Lit., in which is its seed ¹⁹Ps. 85:9-13, 104:14, Heb. 6:7 ²⁰Or, grass ²¹Or, herbs ²²Lit., in which is its seed ²³Or, luminaries, light-bearers ²⁴Or, firmament ²⁵Ps. 74:16, 136:7 ²⁶Ps. 19:1, 150:1 ²⁷Jer. 10:2 ²⁸Ps. 104:19 ²⁹Or, luminaries, light-bearers ³⁰Or, firmament

23 And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

24 ¶ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after ¹their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after ¹their kind"; and it was so.

25 And God made the ^abeasts of the earth after ¹their kind, and the cattle after ¹their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let ^aUs make ^bman in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them ^crule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the ¹sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 And God created man ^ain His own image, in the image of God He created him; ^bmale and female He created them.

28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, "^aBe fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the ¹sky, and over every living thing that ²moves on the earth."

29 Then God said, "Behold, ^aI have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the ¹surface of all the earth, and every tree ²which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

30 and ^ato every beast of the earth and to every bird of the ¹sky and to every thing that ²moves on the earth ³which has life, I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.

31 And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very ^agood. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

THUS the heavens and the earth were completed, and all ^atheir hosts.

24 ¹Lit., its
^aGen. 2:19;
6:20; 7:14;
8:19

25 ¹Lit., its
^aGen. 7:21;
22; Jer. 27:5

26 ¹Lit.,
heavens
^aGen. 3:22;
11:7; ^bGen.
5:1; 9:6;

1 Cor. 11:7;
Eph. 4:24;
James 3:9

^cPs. 8:6-8
27 ^aGen.
5:1; 1 Cor.
11:7; Eph.
4:24; Col.
3:10; ^bMatt.
19:4; Mark
10:6

28 ¹Lit.,
heavens ^aOr,
creeps
^aGen. 9:1, 7;
Lev. 26:9; Ps.
127:3, 5

29 ¹Lit.,
face of ²Lit.,
in which is
the fruit of a
tree yielding
seed

^aPs. 104:14,
136:25
30 ¹Lit.,
heavens ^aOr,
creeps ²Lit.,
in which is a
living soul

^aPs. 145:15,
16; 147:9
31 ^aPs.
104:24, 28;
119:68;
1 Tim. 4:4

1 ^aDeut.
4:19; 17:3
2 ^aEx. 20:8-
11; 31:17
^bHeb. 4:4, 10

3 ¹Lit., to
make
4 ¹Lit.,
These are the
generations

^aJob 38:4-11
^bGen. 1:3-31
5 ¹Lit.,
work, serve

^aGen. 1:11
^bPs. 65:9, 10;
Jer. 10:12, 13

6 ¹Or, flow
²Lit., face of
7 ¹Lit., soul

^aGen. 3:19
^b1 Cor. 15:45
8 ^aGen.
13:10; Is.
51:3; Ezek.
28:13

9 ^aEzek.
47:12; ^bGen.
3:22; Rev.
2:7; 22:2, 14

10 ¹Lit., was
going out
²Lit., heads

^aPs. 46:4
11 ¹Lit., sur-
rounds
^aGen. 25:18

2 And by ^athe seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and ^bHe rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created ¹and made.

4 ¶ ^{1a}This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in ^bthe day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

5 ^aNow no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, ^bfor the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth; and there was no man to ¹cultivate the ground.

6 But a ¹mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole ²surface of the ground.

7 Then the LORD God formed man of ^adust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and ^bman became a living ¹being.

8 And the LORD God planted a ^agarden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

9 And out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow ^aevery tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; ^bthe tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 ¶ Now a ^ariver ¹flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four ²ivers.

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it ¹flows around the whole land of ^aHavilah, where there is gold.

12 And the gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.

13 And the name of the second

river is Gihon; it ¹flows around the whole land of Cush.

14 And the name of the third river is ^{1a}Tigris; it ²flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the ^{3b}Euphrates.

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

16 And the LORD God ^acommanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not ¹eat, for in the day that you eat from it ^ayou shall surely die."

18 ¶ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; ^aI will make him a helper ¹suitable for him."

19 And ^aout of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the ¹sky, and ^bbrought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.

20 And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the ¹sky, and to every beast of the field, but for ²Adam there was not found ^aa helper ³suitable for him.

21 So the LORD God caused a ^adeep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh at that place.

22 And the LORD God ¹fashioned into a woman ^athe rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

23 And the man said,

"^aThis is now bone of my bones,

And flesh of my flesh;

¹She shall be called ²Woman,

Because ¹she was taken out of ³Man."

13 ¹Lat. is the one surrounding
14 ¹Heb. Haddahat
¹Lat. is the one going
¹Heb. Perush
¹Gen. 10:4
¹Gen. 15:18
16 ¹Gen. 32:3
17 ¹Lat. and from it
¹Gen. 30:15
19, 20: Rom. 8:23, 1 Tim. 5:6, James 1:15
18 ¹Lat. corresponding to
¹1 Cor. 11:9
19 ¹Lat. heavens
¹Gen. 1:24
¹Gen. 1:28
20 ¹Lat. heavens
¹Or. man
¹Lat. corresponding to
¹Gen. 2:18
21 ¹Gen. 15:12
22 ¹Lat. built
¹1 Cor. 11:8, 9
23 ¹Lat. Thus one
¹Heb. Ish-shah
¹Heb. Ish
¹Gen. 28:14
Eph. 5:28, 29
24 ¹Heb. 19:5, Mark 10:7, & 1 Cor. 6:16, Eph. 5:31
25 ¹Gen. 3:7, 10, 11
1 ¹Or. every
¹2 Cor. 11:3
Rev. 12:9
20:2
3 ¹Gen. 2:16, 17
4 ¹John 8:44, 2 Cor. 11:3
5 ¹Heb. 14:14, Ezek. 28:2, 12:17
6 ¹Heb. 5:12-18
1 Tim. 2:14
James 1:14
15, 1 John 2:16
7 ¹Or. garden
8 ¹Heb. 47:3
Lam. 1:8
9 ¹Lat. word, breeze
¹Gen. 18:33
Lev. 28:12
Deut. 23:14
Job 31:33
Ps. 138:1-12
Hos. 10:8
Amos 9:3
Rev. 6:15-17

24 ^aFor this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

25 ^aAnd the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

CHAPTER 3

NOW ^athe serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from ¹any tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "^aFrom the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'"

4 ^aAnd the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die!

5 ^aFor God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and ^ayou will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 ^aWhen the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they ^aknew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves ¹loin coverings.

8 ¶ And they heard the sound of ^athe LORD God walking in the garden in the ¹cool of the day, ^band the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to

the man, and said to him,
"Where are you?"

10 And he said, "I heard the sound of Thee in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

12 And the man said, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 And the LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

Cursed are you more than all cattle,

And more than every beast of the field;

On your belly shall you go,
And dust shall you eat

All the days of your life;

15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,

And between your seed
and her seed;

He shall bruise you on the head,

And you shall bruise him on the heel."

16 To the woman He said,

"I will greatly multiply
Your pain in childbirth,

In pain you shall bring forth children;

Yet your desire shall be for your husband,

And he shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it';

9 Gen. 4:9; 18:9

10 Ex. 20:18, 19; Deut. 5:25

12 Job 31:33; Prov. 28:13

13 2 Cor. 11:3, 1 Tim. 2:14

14 Deut. 28:15-20; Mic. 6:5, 7:17

15 Or, crush
Rev. 12:17
Rom. 16:20

16 Lit., and your pregnancy, conception
John 16:21, 1 Tim. 2:15
1 Cor. 14:34

17 Or, sorrow
Gen. 5:29; Rom. 8:20-22; Heb. 6:8; Job 5:7, 14:1, Eccl. 2:23

18 Lit., plant

19 Ps. 90:3, 104:29; Eccl. 12:7
Gen. 2:7

20 I.e., living; or, life
2 Cor. 11:3, 1 Tim. 2:13

22 Gen. 1:28
Gen. 2:9; Rev. 22:14

24 Ezek. 31:11
Gen. 2:8
Ex. 25:18-22; Ps. 104:4; Ezek. 10:1-20; Heb. 1:7
Gen. 2:9

1 Lit., knew
I.e., gotten one
Or, man, the Lord

2 Luke 11:50, 51
Gen. 46:32, 47:3

3 Lit., at the end of days

"Cursed is the ground because of you;

In toil you shall eat of All the days of your life.

18 "Both thorns and thistles shall grow for you;

And you shall eat the plants of the field;

19 By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread,

Till you return to the ground,

Because from it you were taken;

For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

20 Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

21 And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

22 ¶ Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—

23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

24 So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.

CHAPTER 4

NOW the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to

Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD."

2 And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought

an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

4 And ^aAbel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And ^bthe LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

5 but ^afor Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So ^bCain became very angry and his countenance fell.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

7 "If you do well, ¹will not your countenance be lifted up? ²And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, ³but you must master it."

8 And Cain ¹told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and ^akilled him.

9 ¶ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

10 And He said, "What have you done? ^aThe voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.

11 "And now ^ayou are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 "When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; ^byou shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."

13 And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear!

14 "Behold, Thou hast ^adriven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Thy face I shall be hidden, and ^bI shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and it will come about that ^cwhoever finds me will kill me."

15 So the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain,

4 ^aHeb. 11:4 ^b1 Sam. 15:22

5 ^a1 Sam. 16:7 ^bIsa. 39: Jude 11

6 ^aJon. 4:4

7 ¹Or, surely you will be accepted
Jer. 3:12, Mic. 7:18
²Num. 32:23
Job 11:14, 15, Rom. 6:12, 16

8 ¹Lit., said to
Matt. 23:35, Luke 11:51, 1 John 3:12, 15, Jude 11

9 ^aGen. 3:9

10 ^aNum. 35:33, Deut. 21:1-9, Heb. 12:24, Rev. 6:9, 10

11 ^aGen. 3:14, Deut. 28:15-20, Gal. 3:10

12 ^aDeut. 28:15-24, Joel 1:10-20, ^bLev. 26:17, 36

14 ^aGen. 3:24, Jer. 52:3
^bDeut. 28:64-67
^cNum. 35:19

15 ¹Or, set a mark on
^aGen. 4:24
^bEzek. 9:4, 6

16 ¹Lit., dwell
²1 e. wandering
³2 Kin. 24:20, Jer. 23:39, 52:3

17 ¹Lit., knew

18 ¹Lit., be not

19 ^aGen. 3:24

23 ¹Or, kill
^aEx. 20:13, Lev. 19:18, Deut. 32:35, Ps. 94:1

24 ^aGen. 4:15

25 ¹Lit., knew
²Heb., Sheth
³Heb., sheth
^aGen. 5:3

vengeance will be taken on him ^asevenfold." And the LORD ¹appointed a sign for Cain, lest any one finding him should slay him.

16 ¶ Then Cain went out from the presence ^aof the LORD, and ¹settled in the land of ²Nod, east of Eden.

17 And Cain ¹had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

18 Now to Enoch was born Irad; and Irad ¹became the father of Mehujael; and Mehujael ¹became the father of Methushael; and Methushael ¹became the father of Lamech.

19 And Lamech took to himself ^atwo wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.

20 And Adah gave birth to Jabel; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

22 As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

23 And Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah,
Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech,
Give heed to my speech,

^aFor I ¹have killed a man
for wounding me;
And a boy for striking me;

24 If Cain is avenged ^asevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

25 ¶ And ^aAdam ¹had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him ²Seth, for, she said, "God ³has appointed me another

^aoffspring in place of Abel; ^bfor Cain killed him."

26 And to Seth, to him also ^aa son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began ^bto call ¹upon the name of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

THIS is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him ^ain the likeness of God.

2 He created them ^amale and female, and He ^bblessed them and named them ¹Man in the day when they were created.

3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he ¹became the father of ^aa son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

4 Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

6 ¹ And Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh.

7 Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

8 So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.

9 ¹ And Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.

10 Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

11 So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.

12 ¹ And Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.

13 Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he

²⁵ ^aLit., seed
^bGen. 4:8

²⁶ ¹Or, by
^aLuke 3:38
^bGen. 12:8;
26:25; 1 Kin.
18:24; Ps.
118:17; Joel
2:32; Zeph.
3:9; 1 Cor. 1:2

¹ ^aGen.
1:26, 27; Eph.
4:24; Col.
3:10

² ^aLit., Adam
^bMatt. 19:4;
Mark 10:6
^cGen. 1:28

³ ^aLit., be-
got, and so
throughout
the ch.

²² ^aGen.
6:9; 17:1;
24:40; 48:15;
Mic. 6:8; Mal.
2:6; 1 Thess.
2:12

²⁴ ^a2 Kin.
2:11; Jude 14
^b2 Kin. 2:10;
Ps. 49:15;
73:24; Heb.
11:5

became the father of Mahalalel and he had *other* sons and daughters.

14 So all the days of Kena were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

15 ¹ And Mahalalel live sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.

16 Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

17 So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.

18 ¹ And Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.

19 Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

20 So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.

21 ¹ And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.

22 Then Enoch ^awalked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

24 And ^aEnoch walked with God; and he was not, for God ^btook him.

25 ¹ And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech.

26 Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died.

28 ¹ And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years and became the father of a son

29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, "This one shall give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the LORD has cursed."

30 Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had other sons and daughters.

31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.

32 ¶ And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

CHAPTER 6

NOW it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, ^{2b}because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.

5 ¶ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

7 And the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping

²⁹ ¹Lit. comfort us in
Gen 3:17-19.
4 11

³² ¹Gen 7:6
2 ¹Lit.

good

3 ¹Or, rule

in, some an-

cient versions

read abide in

4 ¹Or, in his

going astray

he is flesh

5 ¹Or, therefore

Gal 5:16, 17.

6 ¹Pet. 3:20

7 ¹Ps. 78:39

8 ¹Num

13:33

9 ¹Gen.

8:21, Ps. 14:1

3, Prov. 6:18.

Matt. 15:19;

Rom. 1:28-32

6 ¹Lit. to

Gen. 6:7.

Jer. 18:7-10

14a. 63:10;

Eph. 4:30

7 ¹Lit.

heavens

8 ¹Deut. 28:63.

29:20 ¹Gen.

6:6, Amos

7:3, 6

9 ¹Matt.

24:37, Luke

17:26, 1 ¹Pet.

3:20 ¹Gen.

19:19; Ex.

33:17, Luke

1:30

9 ¹Lit.

complete,

perfect, or,

having integ-

ity ¹Lit. gen-

erations

10 ¹Ps. 37:39;

2 ¹Pet. 2:5

11 ¹Gen. 17:1.

Deut. 18:13.

Jub. 1:1 ¹Gen.

5:24

10 ¹Lit. be-

god

11 ¹Deut.

31:29; Judg.

2:19 ¹Ezek.

8:17

12 ¹Ps.

14:1-3

13 ¹Isa. 34:1.

4, Ezek. 7:2.

3, Amos 8:2.

1 ¹Pet. 4:7

14 ¹Or,

pitch

15 ¹Le., One

cubit equals

approx. 18 in.

16 ¹Or, roof/

¹Lit., above

17 ¹2 ¹Pet.

2:5

18 ¹Gen.

9:9-16, 17:7

19 ¹Gen. 7:7

19 ¹Gen.

7:2, 14, 15

things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

9 ¶ These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah became the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

13 ¶ Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.

14 "Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch.

15 "And this is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

16 "You shall make a window for the ark, and finish it to a cubit from the top; and set the door of the ark in the side of it; you shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

17 "And behold, I, even I am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish.

18 "But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

19 "And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep

them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

20^aOf the birds after their kind, and of the animals after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every kind shall come to you to keep them alive.

21^aAnd as for you, take for yourself some of all ^afood which is edible, and gather it to yourself; and it shall be for food for you and for them."

22 ^aThus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

CHAPTER 7

THEN the LORD said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household; for you *alone* I have seen to be ^arighteous before Me in this ¹time.

2^aYou shall take ¹with you of every ^aclean animal ²by sevens, a male and his female; and of the animals that are not clean two, a male and his female;

3 also of the birds of the ¹sky, ²by sevens, male and female, to keep ³offspring alive on the face of all the earth.

4^aFor after ^aseven more days, I will send rain on the earth ^bforty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land ^cevery living thing that I have made."

5 ^aAnd Noah did according to all that the LORD had commanded him.

6 ^c Now Noah was ^asix hundred years old when the flood of water ¹came upon the earth.

7 Then ^aNoah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood.

8 ^aOf clean animals and animals that are not clean and birds and everything that creeps on the ground,

9 there went into the ark to Noah ¹by twos, male and female, as God had commanded Noah.

20 ^aGen. 7:3

21 ^aGen. 1:29, 30

22 ^aGen. 7:5, Heb. 11:7

1 ¹Lit., generation
^aGen. 6:9

2 ²Lit., to
²Lit., seven
seven
^aLev. 11:1-31;
Deut. 14:3-20

3 ³Lit.,
heavens ²Lit.,
seven seven
¹Lit., seed

4 ^aGen.
7:10 ^bGen.
7:12, 17 ^cGen.
6:7, 13

5 ^aGen.
6:22

6 ¹Lit., was
^aGen. 5:32

7 ^aGen.
6:18, 7:13;
Matt. 24:38f.,
Luke 17:27

8 ^aGen.
6:19, 20;
7:2, 3

9 ¹Lit., two
two

10 ¹Lit.,
were
^aGen. 7:4

11 ¹Or, win-
dows of the
heavens
^aGen. 7:8
^bGen. 8:2

12 ¹Lit., was
^aGen. 7:4, 17

13 ^aGen.
6:18, 7:7

14 ¹Lit., its
²Lit., every
bird, every
wing

15 ^aGen.
6:19, 7:9

17 ¹Lit., was
^aGen. 7:4

18 ¹Lit.,
went ²Lit.,
face

19 ¹Lit.,
which were
under all the
heavens

20 ¹i.e., One
cubit equals
approx. 18 in.
^aGen. 8:4

21 ¹Or,
crept
^aGen. 6:7, 13,
17; 7:4

10 And it came about after ^ath seven days, that the water of the flood ¹came upon the earth.

11 In the ^asix hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day ^athe fountains of the great deep burst open, and the ¹floodgate of the sky were opened.

12 And ^athe rain ¹fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

13 ¹ On the very same day ^aNoah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark,

14 they and every beast after its kind, and all the cattle after ¹their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, ²all sorts of birds.

15 So they went into the ark to Noah, ^aby twos of all flesh in which was the breath of life.

16 And those that entered male and female of all flesh, entered as God had commanded him; and the LORD closed it behind him.

17 Then the flood ¹came upon the earth for ^aforty days; and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

18 And the water prevailed and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark ¹floated on the ²surface of the water.

19 And the water prevailed more and more upon the earth so that all the high mountains ¹everywhere under the heaven were covered.

20 The water prevailed fifteen ¹cubits higher, ^aand the mountains were covered.

21 ^aAnd all flesh that ¹move on the earth perished, birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming thing that swarms upon the earth, and all mankind

22 of all that was on the dry land, all ^ain whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, died.

23 Thus He blotted out ¹every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the ²sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only ^aNoah was left, together with those that were with him in the ark.

24 ^aAnd the water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.

CHAPTER 8

BUT ^aGod remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the cattle that were with him in the ark; and ^bGod caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the water subsided.

2 Also ^athe fountains of the deep and the ¹floodgates of the sky were closed, and ^bthe rain from the sky was restrained;

3 and the water receded steadily from the earth, and at the end ^aof one hundred and fifty days the water decreased.

4 And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, ^athe ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.

5 And the water decreased steadily until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains became visible.

6 ^a Then it came about at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the ^awindow of the ark which he had made;

7 and he sent out a raven, and it ¹flew here and there until the water was dried up ²from the earth.

8 Then he sent out a dove from him, to see if the water was abated from the face of the land;

9 but the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, so she returned to him into the ark; for the water was on the ¹surface

22 ^aGen. 2:7

23 ¹Lit., all existence
²Lit., heavens
^aMatt. 24:38,
39; Luke
17:26, 27;
Heb. 11:7;
1 Pet. 3:20;
2 Pet. 2:5

24 ^aGen. 8:3

1 ^aGen.
19:29; Ex.
2:24; 1 Sam.
1:19; Ps.
105:42; Ex.
14:21; 15:10;
Job 12:15; Ps.
29:10; Is.
44:27; Nah.
1:4

2 ¹Or, win-
dows of the
heavens
^aGen. 7:11
^aGen. 7:4, 12

3 ^aGen.
7:24

4 ^aGen.
7:20

6 ^aGen.
6:16

7 ¹Lit.,
went out,
going and re-
turning ²Lit.,
from upon

9 ¹Lit.,
face

11 ¹Lit., the
time of eve-
ning ²Lit.,
month

12 ^aJer.
48:28

13 ¹Lit.,
from upon
²Lit., face
^aGen. 7:6

17 ¹Or,
swarm
^aGen. 1:22, 26

19 ¹Or, ac-
cording to
their land

20 ^aGen.
12:7; 8:13; 18;
22:9; ^aGen.
7:2; Lev. 11:1;
47; ^aGen. 22:2;
Ex. 16:25

of all the earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and brought her into the ark to himself.

10 So he waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark.

11 And the dove came to him toward ¹evening; and behold, in her ²beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth.

12 Then he waited yet another seven days, and sent out ^athe dove; but she did not return to him again.

13 ^a Now it came about in the ^asix hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first of the month, the water was dried up ¹from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the ²surface of the ground was dried up.

14 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

15 Then God spoke to Noah, saying.

16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

17 "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you, birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, that they may ¹breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

18 So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him.

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out ¹by their families from the ark.

20 ^a Then Noah built ^aan altar to the LORD, and took of every ^bclean animal and of every clean bird and offered ^cburnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD ^asmelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said ¹to Himself, "I will never again ^bcurse the ground on account of man, for ^cthe ²intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; ^dand I will never again ³destroy every living thing, as I have done.

22 "While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
And cold and heat,
And ^asummer and winter,
And ^bday and night
Shall not cease."

CHAPTER 9

AND God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "^aBe fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

2 "And the fear of you and the terror of you shall be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the ¹sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given.

3 "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, ^aas I gave the green plant.

4 "Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, ^aits blood.

5 "And surely I will require ¹your lifeblood; ^{2b}from every beast I will require it. And ²from every man, ²from every man's brother I will require the life of man.

6 "^aWhoever sheds man's blood,

By man his blood shall be shed,

For ^bin the image of God He made man.

7 "And as for you, ^abe fruitful and multiply;

¹Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

8 ¶ Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

9 "Now behold, ^aI Myself do establish My covenant with you,

²¹ ¹Lit., to His heart ²Or, inclination
³Lit., smite
^aEx. 29:18, 25
^bGen. 3:17;
6:7, 13, 17; Is. 54:9
^cGen. 6:5; Ps. 51:5;
Jer. 17:9;
Rom. 1:21;
3:23; Eph. 2:1-3
^dGen. 9:11, 15

²² ^aPs. 74:17
^bJer. 33:20, 25

¹ ^aGen. 1:28, 9:7

² ¹Lit., heavens

³ ^aGen. 1:29

⁴ ^aLev. 7:26f.; 17:10-18, 19:26;
Deut. 12:16, 23, 15:23;
1 Sam. 14:34;
Acts 15:20, 29

⁵ ¹Lit., your blood of your lives
²Lit., from the hand of
^aEx. 20:13;
21:12
^bEx. 21:28, 29

⁶ ^aEx. 21:12-14; Lev. 24:17; Num. 35:33; Matt. 26:52
^bGen. 1:28, 27

⁷ ¹Lit., Swarm in the earth

^aGen. 9:1

⁸ ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 6:18

¹¹ ^aGen. 8:21
^bIs. 54:9

¹² ¹Or, everlasting generations
^aGen. 9:13, 17, 17:11

¹³ ^aEzek. 1:28

¹⁵ ^aLev. 26:42, 45;
Deut. 7:9;
Ezek. 18:60
^bGen. 9:11

¹⁶ ^aGen. 17:13, 19;
2 Sam. 23:3

¹⁸ ^aGen. 9:25-27; 10:6

¹⁹ ¹Lit., scattered
^aGen. 9:1, 7; 10:32; 1 Chr. 1:4

²⁰ ¹Lit., to be a farmer

and with your ¹descendants after you;

10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth.

11 "And I establish My covenant with you; and all flesh shall ^anever again be cut off by the water of the flood, ^bneither shall there again be a flood to destroy the earth."

12 And God said, "This is ^athe sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for ¹all successive generations;

13 I set My ^abow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.

14 "And it shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud,

15 and ^aI will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and ^bnever again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 "When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the ^aeverlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

17 And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."

18 ¶ Now the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and ^aHam was the father of Canaan.

19 These three were the sons of Noah; and ^afrom these the whole earth was ¹populated.

20 ¶ Then Noah began ¹farming and planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine

and ^abecame drunk, and uncovered himself inside his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, ^asaw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were ¹turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

25 So he said,

"^aCursed be Canaan;

^{1b}A servant of servants

He shall be to his brothers."

26 He also said,

"^aBlessed be the LORD,

The God of Shem;

And let Canaan be ¹his servant.

27 "^aMay God enlarge Japheth,

And let him dwell in the tents of Shem;

And let Canaan be ¹his servant."

28 ¶ And Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood.

29 So all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years, and he died.

CHAPTER 10

NOW these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

2 ¶ ^aThe sons of Japheth were ^bGomer and Magog and ^cMadai and ^dJavan and Tubal and ^eMeshech and Tiras.

3 And the sons of Gomer were ^aAshkenaz and ¹Riphat and ^bTogarmah.

4 And the sons of Javan were

21 ^aProv
20:1

22 ^aHab
2:15

23 ¹Lat.,
backward

25 ¹e, The
lowest of ser-
vants
^aDeut. 27:18
^bJosh. 9:23

26 ¹Or, their
^aGen. 14:20,
24:27

27 ¹Or, their
^aGen. 10:2-5,
15:6-19

2 ^a1 Chr
1:5-7 ^aEzek.
38:2, 6-7
Kun. 17:6 ^a1a
66:19 ^aEzek.
38:2

3 ¹e, in
1 Chr. 1:6,
Daphath
^aJer. 51:27
^bEzek. 27:14

4 ¹e, in
1 Chr. 1:7,
Dodanim
^aEzek. 27:12,
25

5 ¹Or,
separated
themselves

6 ^a1 Chr
1:8-10

7 ^a1a, 43:3
^bEzek. 27:22
^cEzek. 27:13,
20

8 ¹Lat., be-
got ²Lat., be-
gan to be

10 ¹Or,
Babylon
^aGen. 11:9
^bGen. 11:2,
14:1

11 ^aMac. 5:6

13 ¹Lat., be-
got
^aJer. 46:9

14 ^a1 Chr
1:12

15 ¹Lat., be-
got
^a1 Chr. 1:13,
Jer. 47:4
^bGen. 23:3

16 ^aGen.
15:19-21

19 ¹Lat., was
^aNum. 34:2-
12 ^aGen.
14:2, 3

Elishah and ^aTarshish, Kittim and ¹Dodanim.

5 From these the coastlands of the nations ¹were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, according to their families, in ^otheir nations.

6 ¶ ^aAnd the sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

7 And the sons of Cush were ^aSeba and Havilah and Sabtah and ^bRaamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were ^bSheba and ^cDedan.

8 Now Cush ¹became the father of Nimrod; he ²became a mighty one on the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD."

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was ^{1a}Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of ^bShinar.

11 From that land he went forth ^ainto Assyria, and built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah.

12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.

13 And Mizraim ¹became the father of ^aLudim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim

14 and ^aPathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

15 ¶ And Canaan ¹became the father of ^aSidon, his first-born, and ^bHeth

16 and ^athe Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite

17 and the Hivite and the Arkite and the Sinite

18 and the Arvadite and the Zemarite and the Hamathite; and afterward the families of the Canaanite were spread abroad.

19 And ^athe territory of the Canaanite ¹extended from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as far as Gaza; as you go toward ^bSodom

and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

20 These are the sons of Ham, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, by their nations.

21 ¶ And also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, and the ¹older brother of Japheth, children were born.

22 ^aThe sons of Shem were ^bE-lam and Asshur and ^cArpachshad and ^dLud and Aram.

23 And the sons of Aram were ^aUz and Hul and Gether and Mash.

24 And Arpachshad ¹became the father of ^aShelah; and Shelah ¹became the father of Eber.

25 And ^atwo sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was ¹Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

26 And Joktan ¹became the father of Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah

27 and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah

28 and ¹Obal and Abimael and Sheba

29 and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.

30 Now their ¹settlement ²extended from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the hill country of the east.

31 These are the sons of Shem, according to their families, according to their languages, by their lands, according to their nations.

32 ¶ These are the families of the sons of Noah, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and ^aout of these the nations were separated on the earth after the flood.

CHAPTER 11

NOW the whole earth ¹used the same language and ²the same words.

2 And it came about as they

21 ¹Or, the brother of Japheth the elder

22 ^a1 Chr 1:17 ^bGen 14:1, 9 ^cGen 11:10 ^dIsa 66:19

23 ^aJob 1:1, Jer. 23:20

24 ¹Lat., he got ^aGen 11:12; Luke 3:35

25 ¹He, division ^a1 Chr. 1:19

26 ¹Lat., he got

28 ¹He, in 1 Chr 1:22; Eph 1

30 ¹Lat., dwelling ²Lat., was

32 ^aGen. 9:19

1 ¹Lat., was one lip ²Or, few or one set of words

2 ¹Lat., dwell ^aGen. 10:10; 14:1; Dan. 1:2

3 ^aGen. 14:10

4 ^aDeut. 1:28; 9:1; Ps. 107:26 ^bGen. 6:4; 2 Sam. 8:13 ^cDeut. 4:27

5 ^aGen. 18:21; Ex. 3:8; 19:11, 18, 20

6 ¹Lat., one lip ²Lat., withheld from ^aGen. 11:1

7 ¹Lat., lip ^aGen. 1:26 ^bGen. 42:23; Ex. 4:11; Deut. 28:49; Is. 33:19; Jer. 5:15

8 ^aGen. 11:4; Ps. 92:9; Luke 1:51

9 ¹Or, Babylon; cf. Heb., balal, confuse ²Lat., lip ^aGen. 10:10

10 ¹Lat., be-got, and so throughout the ch. ^aGen. 10:22-25

journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land ^aof Shinar and ¹settled there.

3 And they said to one another "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used ^atar for mortar.

4 And they said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top ^awill reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves ^ba name; lest we ^cbe scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

5 ^aAnd the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

6 And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have ¹the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be ²impossible for them.

7 "Come, ^alet Us go down and there ^bconfuse their ¹language, that they may not understand one another's ¹speech."

8 So the LORD ¹scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.

9 Therefore its name was called ^{1a}Babel, because there the LORD confused the ²language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

10 ¶ ^aThese are the records of the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old, and ¹became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;

11 and Shem lived five hundred years after he became the father of Arpachshad, and he had other sons and daughters.

12 ¶ And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and became the father of Shelah;

13 and Arpachshad lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Shelah, and he had other sons and daughters.

14 ¶ And Shelah lived thirty years, and became the father of Eber;

15 and Shelah lived four hundred and three years after he became the father of Eber, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

16 ¶ And Eber lived thirty-four years, and became the father of Peleg;

17 and Eber lived four hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Peleg, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

18 ¶ And Peleg lived thirty years, and became the father of Reu;

19 and Peleg lived two hundred and nine years after he became the father of Reu, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

20 ¶ And Reu lived thirty-two years, and became the father of Serug;

21 and Reu lived two hundred and seven years after he became the father of Serug, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

22 ¶ And Serug lived thirty years, and became the father of Nahor;

23 and Serug lived two hundred years after he became the father of Nahor, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

24 ¶ And Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and became the father of ^aTerah;

25 and Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years after he became the father of Terah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.

26 ¶ And Terah lived seventy years, and became ^athe father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

27 ¶ Now these are the records of the generations of Terah. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran; and ^aHaran became the father of ^bLot.

28 And Haran died ¹in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his birth, in ^aUr of the Chaldeans.

²⁴ ^aJosh. 24:2

²⁶ ^aJosh. 24:2

²⁷ ^aGen. 11:31, 12:4
^aGen. 13:10, 14:12, 19:1, 29

²⁸ ¹Or, during the life-time of
^aGen. 11:31

²⁹ ¹Lit., and the father of
^aGen. 24:10
^aGen. 17:15, 20:12
^aGen. 22:20, 23, 24:15

³⁰ ^aGen. 16:1

³¹ ¹Lit., with them
¹Lit., dwell
^aGen. 15:7, Neh. 9:7, Acts 7:4

¹ ¹Lit., Go for yourself
^aGen. 15:7, Acts 7:3, Heb. 11:8

² ¹Lit., be a blessing
^aGen. 17:4-6, 18:18, 48:3, Deut. 28:5
^aGen. 22:17
^aZech. 8:13

³ ¹Or, re-vies ¹Or, bend under a curse
^aGen. 24:35, 27:29, Num. 24:9
^aGen. 22:18, 28:4, 28:14, Acts 3:25, Gal. 3:8

⁴ ^aGen. 11:27, 31

⁵ ^aGen. 13:6

29 And Abram and ^aNahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was ^bSarai; and the name of Nahor's wife was ^cMilcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah ¹and Iscah.

30 And ^aSarai was barren; she had no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out ¹together from ^aUr of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and ²settled there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

CHAPTER 12

NOW ^athe LORD said to Abram,

"¹Go forth from your country,

And from your relatives
And from your father's house,

To the land which I will show you;

2 And ^aI will make you a great nation,

And ^bI will bless you,
And make your name great;

And so ^{1c}you shall be a blessing;

3 And ^aI will bless those who bless you,

And the one who ¹curse you I will ²curse.

^bAnd in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and ^aLot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their ^apossessions which they

had accumulated, and ^bthe ¹persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they ²set out for the land of Canaan; ^cthus they came to the land of Canaan.

6 And Abram passed through the land as far as the site of ^aShechem, to the ¹oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 And the LORD ^aappeared to Abram and said, "^bTo your ¹descendants I will give this land." So he built ^can altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with ^aBethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and ^bcalled upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed on, continuing toward ^athe ¹Negev.

10 ¹ Now there was ^aa famine in the land; so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was ^bsevere in the land.

11 And it came about when he ¹came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, "See now, I know that you are a ^{2a}beautiful woman;

12 ^aand it will come about when the Egyptians see you, that they will say, 'This is his wife'; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

13 "Please say that you are ^amy sister so that it may go well with me because of you, and that ^{1b}I may live on account of you."

14 And it came about when Abram came into Egypt, the Egyptians ¹saw that the woman was very beautiful.

15 And Pharaoh's officials saw her and praised her to Pharaoh; and ^athe woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 Therefore ^ahe treated Abram well for her sake; and ^{1b}gave him sheep and oxen and donkeys and male and female

5 ¹Lit., souls ²Lit., went forth to go to
Gen. 14:14; Lev. 22:11
Gen. 11:31; Heb. 11:8
6 ¹Or, terrible
Gen. 35:4; Deut. 11:30
7 ¹Lit., seed
Gen. 17:1; 18:1; Gen. 13:15; 15:18; Deut. 34:4; Ps. 108:9-12; Acts 7:3; Gal. 3:16; Gen. 13:4, 18, 22-9
8 ¹Josh. 8:9, 12; Gen. 4:26, 21-33
9 ¹I.e., South country
Gen. 13:1, 3; 20:1; 24:62
10 ¹Gen. 28:1; Gen. 43:1
11 ¹Lit., draw near to enter ²Lit., woman of beautiful appearance
Gen. 28:7; 29:17
12 ¹Gen. 20:11
13 ¹Lit., my soul
Gen. 20:2, 5; 12:28; 7; Jer. 38:17, 20
14 ¹Lit., saw the woman that she was
15 ¹Gen. 20:2
16 ¹Lit., he had
Gen. 20:14; Gen. 13:2
17 ¹Gen. 20:18; 1 Chr. 18:21; Ps. 105:14
18 ¹Gen. 20:9, 10; 28:10
19 ¹Or, behold
20 ¹Lit., sent
1 ¹I.e., South country
Gen. 12:9
2 ¹Gen. 24:35
3 ¹Lit., by his stages
1 ¹I.e., South country
Gen. 12:8
4 ¹Gen. 12:7, 8
5 ¹Gen. 12:5

servants and female donkeys and camels.

17 But the LORD ^astruck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.

18 Then Pharaoh called Abram and said, "^aWhat is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?

19 "Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, ¹here is your wife, take her and go."

20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him; and they ¹escorted him away, with his wife and all that belonged to him.

CHAPTER 13

SO Abram went up from Egypt to ^athe ¹Negev, he and his wife and all that belonged to him; and Lot with him.

2 Now Abram was ^avery rich in livestock, in silver and in gold.

3 And he went ¹on his journeys from the ²Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, ^abetween Bethel and Ai.

4 to the place of the ^aaltar, which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 Now ^aLot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.

6 And ^athe land could not ¹sustain them ²while dwelling together; ^bfor their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together.

7 ^aAnd there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now ^bthe Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.

6 ¹Lit., bear ²Lit., to dwell Gen. 38:7; Gen. 12:5, 16; 13:2
7 ¹Gen. 28:20; Gen. 12:6; 15:20, 21

CHAPTER 14

8 "Then Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.

9 "Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me: if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left."

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the ¹valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—this was before the LORD ^bdestroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like ^cthe garden of the LORD, ^dlike the land of Egypt as you go to ^eZoar.

11 So Lot chose for himself all the ¹valley of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed eastward. Thus they separated from each other.

12 Abram ¹settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot ¹settled in ^athe cities of the ²valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom.

13 Now ^athe men of Sodom were wicked ¹exceedingly and ^bsinners against the LORD.

14 ¶ And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, ^bnorthward and southward and eastward and westward;

15 ^afor all the land which you see, ^bI will give it to you and to your ¹descendants forever.

16 "And I will make your ¹descendants ^aas the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your ¹descendants can also be numbered.

17 "Arise, ^awalk about the land through its length and breadth; for ^bI will give it to you."

18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the ¹oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built ^ban altar to the LORD.

8 ^aProv. 15:18, 20:3
10 ¹Lit., circle
^aGen. 19:17, 28; Deut. 34:3
^bGen. 19:24
^cGen. 2:8, 10
^dGen. 47:6
^eGen. 14:2, 8; 19:22; Deut. 34:3
11 ¹Lit., circle
12 ¹Lit., dwell
13 ¹Lit., circle
^aGen. 14:2, 19:24, 25, 29
13 ¹Lit., wicked and sinners exceedingly
^aGen. 18:20; Ezek. 16:40
^bGen. 30:9; Num. 32:23; 2 Pet. 2:7, 8
14 ^aDeut. 3:27, 34:1-4; Is. 40:18
^bGen. 28:14
15 ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 12:7
^bGen. 13:17, 15:7, 17:8, 2 Chr. 20:7; Acts 7:5
16 ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 16:10; 28:14; Num. 23:10
17 ^aNum. 13:17-24
^bGen. 13:15
18 ¹Or, territories
^aGen. 14:13
^bGen. 8:20; 12:7, 8
1 ¹Or, nations
^aGen. 10:10; 11:2
^bGen. 10:22; Is. 11:11; Dan. 8:2
2 ^aGen. 10:19
^bDeut. 29:23
^cGen. 13:10; 19:22
3 ¹Lit., mixed together
^aGen. 14:8, 10
^bNum. 34:12; Deut. 3:17; Josh. 3:16
4 ¹Lit., smoke
^aOr, the plain of Kirathaim
^bDeut. 3:11; 13
^cDeut. 1:4; Josh. 8:10
^dNum. 32:37
5 ^aGen. 38:20; Deut. 2:12, 22

AND it came about in the days of Amraphel king of ^aShinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of ^bElam, and Tidal king of ¹Goiim,

2 that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of ^aAdmah, and Shem-eber king of ^bZeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, ^cZoar).

3 All these ¹came as allies to ^athe valley of Siddim (that is, ^bthe Salt Sea).

4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, came and ¹defeated the ^aRephaim in ^bAsh-teroth-karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim in ^{2c}Shaveh-kiriathaim,

6 and the ^aHorites in their Mount Seir, as far as ^bEl-paran, which is by the wilderness.

7 Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, ^aKadesh), and ¹conquered all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, who lived in ^bHazazon-tamar.

8 And the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) came out; and they arrayed for battle against them in ^athe valley of Siddim,

9 against Chedorlaomer king of Elam and Tidal king of ¹Goiim and Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five.

10 Now the valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and ^athe kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell ¹into them. But

^aGen. 21:21; Num. 10:12
7 ¹Lit., smoke
^aNum. 13:26
8 ^aGen. 14:3
9 ¹Or, nations
10 ¹Lit., there
^aGen. 14:17, 21, 22

those who survived fled to the hill country.

11 Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food supply, and departed.

12 And they also took Lot, ^aAbram's nephew, and his possessions and departed, ^bfor he was living in Sodom.

13 ¶ Then ^{1a} a fugitive came and told Abram the ^aHebrew. Now he was ²living by the ^{3b}oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were ^{4c}allies with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that ^ahis ¹relative had been taken captive, he ²led out his trained men, ^bborn in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as ^cDan.

15 And ^ahe divided ¹his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and ²defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is ³north of ^bDamascus.

16 And he ^abrought back all the goods, and also brought back ^bhis ¹relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.

17 ¶ Then after his return from the ¹defeat of Chedorlao-mer and the kings who were with him, ^athe king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, ^bthe King's Valley).

18 And ^aMelchizedek king of Salem brought out ^bbread and wine; now he was a ^cpriest of ¹God Most High.

19 And he blessed him and said,

"Blessed be Abram of ¹God Most High,

^{2a}Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be ¹God Most High,

Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

^aAnd he gave him a tenth of all.

10 ^bGen. 19:17
11 ^aGen. 11:27 ^bGen. 13:12
12 ¹Lit., the ²Lit., abiding ³Or, tents ⁴Lit., possessors of the covenant ^bGen. 40:15, Ex. 3:18
13 ^aGen. 13:18, 14:24 ^bGen. 21:27, 32
14 ¹Lit., brother ²Or, mustered ^bGen. 14:12 ^cGen. 12:5, 15:3, 17:27, Eccl. 2:7
15 ^aDeut. 34:1, Judg. 18:29, 1 Kin. 15:20
16 ¹Lit., himself ²Lit., smote ³Lit., on the left ^bJudg. 7:18
17 ^aGen. 15:2
18 ¹Lit., brother ^b1 Sam. 30:8, 18, 19 ^bGen. 14:12, 14
19 ¹Lit., smiling ^bGen. 14:10
20 ^aSam. 18:18
21 ¹Heb., El Elyon
22 ^aHeb. 7:1-10
23 ^aPs. 104:15
24 ^aPs. 110:4
25 ^aHeb. 5:6, 10
26 ¹Heb., El Elyon ²Or, Creator
27 ^aGen. 14:22
28 ¹Heb., El Elyon
29 ^aHeb. 7:4
30 ¹Lit., soul
31 ²Lit., lifted up my hand ³Heb., El Elyon ⁴Or, Creator
32 ^aGen. 14:19
33 ^aPs. 24:1
34 ²2 Kin. 5:16
35 ¹Lit., Not to me except ^bGen. 14:13
36 ¹Or, Your very great reward
37 ^aGen. 15:4; 48:2; 1 Sam. 15:10 ^bGen. 21:17; 26:24; Is. 41:10
38 ^aDeut. 33:29
39 ^aNum. 18:20; Ps. 58:11
40 ²Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD ³Lit., go
41 ¹Lit., son of acquisition

21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give the ¹people to me and take the goods for yourself."

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have ¹sworn to the LORD ^{2a}God Most High, ^{3b}possessor of heaven and earth,

23 that ^aI will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'

24 "I will take nothing except what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me, ^aAner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their share."

CHAPTER 15

AFTER these things ^athe word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying,

"^bDo not fear, Abram,

I am ^aa shield to you;

¹Your ^dreward shall be very great."

2 And Abram said, "O Lord ¹God, what wilt Thou give me, since I ²am childless, and the ³heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

3 And Abram said, "¹Since Thou hast given no ²offspring to me, ³one ^aborn in my house is my heir."

4 Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; ^abut one who shall come forth from your own ¹body, he shall be your heir."

5 And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and ^acount the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "^bSo shall you ¹descendants be."

³ ¹Lit., Behold ²Lit., seed ³Lit., and behold, a son of ^aGen. 14:14

⁴ ¹Lit., inward parts ^aGal. 4:28

⁵ ¹Lit., seed ^aGen. 22:17; 26:4; Deut. 1:10 ^bEx. 32:43; Rom. 4:18; Heb. 11:12

6 ^aThen he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 And He said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out of ^aUr of the Chaldeans, to ^bgive you this land to ¹possess it."

8 And he said, "O Lord ¹God, ^ahow may I know that I shall ²possess it?"

9 So He said to him, "¹Bring Me a three year old heifer, and a three year old female goat, and a three year old ram, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon."

10 Then he ¹brought all these to Him and ^acut them ²in two, and laid each half opposite the other; but he ^bdid not cut the birds.

11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

12 ¶ Now when the sun was going down, ^aa deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, ¹terror and great darkness fell upon him.

13 And God said to Abram, "Know for certain that ^ayour ¹descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, ²where ^bthey will be enslaved and oppressed ^cfour hundred years.

14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve; and afterward they will come out ^awith ¹many possessions.

15 "And as for you, ^ayou shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

16 "Then in ^athe fourth generation they shall return here, for ^bthe iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."

17 And it came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which ^apassed between these pieces.

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying,

"To your ¹descendants I have given this land,

From ^bthe river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 ^athe Kenite and the Kenizite and the Kadmonite

20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim

21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

CHAPTER 16

NOW ^aSarai, Abram's wife had borne him no children, and she had ^ban Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar.

2 So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. ^aPlease go in to my maid; perhaps I shall ¹obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

3 And after Abram had ¹lived ^aten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram as his wife.

4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight.

5 And Sarai said to Abram, "^aMay the wrong done me be upon you. I gave my maid into your ¹arms; but when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her ²sight. ^bMay the LORD judge between ³you and me."

6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maid is in your ¹power; do to her what is good in your ²sight." So Sarai treated her harshly, and ^ashe fled from her presence.

7 ¶ Now ^athe angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to ^bShur.

8 And he said, "Hagar, Sarai's

8 Rom. 4:3, 20-22.
Gal. 3:6.
James 2:23.
7 Or, in-
herit
Gen. 11:31
Gen. 13:15.
17
8 Heb.
YHWH, usually rendered Lord Or, in-
herit
Judg. 6:36-40; Luke 1:18
9 Lit.
Take
10 Lit.
took Lit. in the midst
Gen. 15:17
Lev. 1:17
12 Or, a terror of great darkness
Gen. 2:21.
28:11; Job 33:15
13 Lit.
seed Lit. and shall serve them, and they shall afflict them
Acts 7:6, 17
Ex. 1:11.
Deut. 5:15
Ex. 12:40.
Gal. 3:17
14 Lit.
great
Ex. 12:32-36
15 Gen. 25:8, 47-50
16 Gen. 15:13; Lev. 18:24-28
17 Jer. 34:18, 19
18 Lit.
seed
Gen. 17:8.
Josh. 21:43.
Acts 7:5; Ex. 23:31; Num. 34:1-15; Deut. 17:8
19 Ex. 3:17.
23:28; Josh. 24:11; Neh. 9:8
1 Gen. 11:30; Gen. 12:18
2 Lit. be built from her
Gen. 30:3, 4.
2, 10
3 Lit.
dwelt
Gen. 12:4
4 Lit. be-
nom Lit. eyes Lit. me and you
Jer. 51:35
Gen. 31:53.
Ex. 5:21
5 Lit.
hand Lit. eyes
Gen. 16:9

7 Gen. 21:17, 18; 22:11, 15, 31:11; Gen. 20:1; 25:18

maid, "where have you come from and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

9 Then the angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority."

10 Moreover, the angel of the LORD said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they shall be too many to count."

11 The angel of the LORD said to her further,

"Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son; And you shall call his name Ishmael,

Because the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

12 "And he will be a wild donkey of a man,

His hand will be against everyone,

And everyone's hand will be against him;

And he will live to the east of all his brothers."

13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "Thou art a God who sees"; for she said, "Have I even remained alive here after seeing Him?"

14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered.

15 ¶ So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

16 And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to him.

CHAPTER 17

NOW when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him,

"I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be

8 Gen. 3:9; 1 Kin. 19:9, 13.
9 Lit., under her hands.
10 Lit., seed. Or, it shall not be counted for multitude.
11 Gen. 22:15-18; Gen. 17:20.
12 I.e., God hears. Lit., has heard.
13 Ex. 2:23, 24, 37, 9.
14 Lit., dwell. Lit., before the face of, or, in defiance of.
15 Job 24:5, 39:5-8; Gen. 25:18.
16 Or, Thou, God, dost see me.
17 Heb., Elroi.
18 Lit., seen here after the one who saw me.
19 Gen. 32:30; Ps. 139:1-12.
20 I.e., the well of the living one who sees me.
21 Gen. 14:7.
22 Lit., Abram.
23 Gen. 12:4, 16:3.
24 I.e., El Shaddai. Lit., complete, perfect, or, having integrity.
25 Gen. 12:7, 18:1; Gen. 28:3, 35:11; Gen. 6:9; Deut. 18:13.
26 Lit., give.
27 Gen. 15:18; Gen. 13:10, 15:5.
28 Gen. 17:17, 18:2.
29 Gen. 35:11; 48:19.
30 I.e., exalted father.
31 I.e., father of a multitude.
32 Neh. 9:7; Rom. 4:17.
33 Gen. 17:16, 35:11.
34 Lit., seed.
35 Gen. 17:13, 19; Ps. 105:9, 10; Luke 1:35.
36 Gen. 28:24; Lev. 11:45; 28:12, 45; Heb. 11:16; Gen. 28:13; Gal. 3:16.

blameless.

2 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly."

3 And Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying,

4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.

5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations.

6 "And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you.

7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

8 "And I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

9 ¶ God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

10 "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.

11 "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be the sign of

8 Lit., seed. Gen. 12:7; 13:15, 17; Acts 7:5; Ex. 6:7; 29:45; Lev. 26:12; Deut. 28:13; Rev. 21:7.
9 Lit., seed. Ex. 19:5.
10 Lit., seed. John 7:22; Acts 7:8; Rom. 4:11.
11 Ex. 12:48; Deut. 10:16; Acts 7:8; Rom. 4:11.

the covenant between Me and you.

12 "And every male among you who is ^aeight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a *servant* who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your ¹descendants.

13 "A *servant* who is born in your house or ^awho is bought with your money shall surely be circumcised; thus shall My covenant be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 "But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be ^acut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."

15 ¶ Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but ¹Sarah shall be her name.

16 "And I will bless her, and indeed I will give you ^aa son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother of nations*; ^bkings of peoples shall ¹come from her."

17 Then Abraham ^afell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And ^bwill Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear *a child*?"

18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before Thee!"

19 But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you ^aa son, and you shall call his name ¹Isaac; and ^bI will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his ²descendants after him.

20 "And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and ^awill make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. ^bHe shall ¹become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a ^cgreat nation.

21 "But My covenant I will es-

tablish with ^aIsaac, whom ^bSarah will bear to you at this season next year."

22 ¶ And when He finished talking with him, ^aGod went up from Abraham.

23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all *the servants* who were ^aborn in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's household, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the very same day, ^bas God had said to him.

24 Now Abraham was ninety-nine years old when ^ahe was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

25 And ^aIshmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

26 In the very same day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

27 And all the men of his household, who were ^aborn in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

CHAPTER 18

NOW ^athe LORD appeared to him by the ¹boaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

2 And when he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three ^amen were standing opposite him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the earth.

3 and said, "My lord, if now I have found favor in ²your sight, please do not ³pass ²your servant by.

4 "Please let a little water be brought and ^awash your feet, and ¹rest yourselves under the tree;

5 and I will ¹bring a piece of bread, that you may ²refresh

12 ¹Lit., seed
^aLev. 12:3

13 ^aEx. 12:44

14 ^aEx. 4:24-26

15 ¹Lit., princess

16 ¹Lit., he
^aGen. 18:10
^bGen. 17:8, 36:31

17 ^aGen. 17:3, 18:12, 21:8
^bGen. 21:7

18 ¹Lit., he laughs
^aLit., seed
^aGen. 17:18, 18:10, 21:2
^bGen. 26:2, 5

20 ¹Lit., he get twelve
princes
^aGen. 16:10
^bGen. 25:12, 18:1
^cGen. 21:18

21 ^aGen. 17:19, 18:10, 14
^bGen. 21:2

22 ^aGen. 18:33, 35:13

23 ^aGen. 14:14
^bGen. 17:9-11

24 ^aRom. 4:11

25 ^aGen. 16:16

27 ^aGen. 14:14

1 ¹Or, there
births
^aGen. 12:7, 17:1
^bGen. 13:18, 14:13

2 ^aGen. 18:16, 22, 32:24, Josh. 5:13, Judg. 13:6-11, Heb. 13:2

3 ¹Or, O
Lord
^aOr, Thy
¹Lit., pass
away from
your servant

4 ¹Lit., support
^aGen. 19:2, 24:32, 43:24

5 ¹Lit., take
²Lit., sustain your
heart
^aJudg. 8:18, 19:13, 15, 16

yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have ³visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said."

6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three ²measures of fine flour, knead it, and make bread cakes."

7 Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and ¹choice calf, and gave it to the servant; and he hurried to prepare it.

8 And he took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed it before them; and he was standing by them under the tree ¹as they ate.

9 ¶ Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "Behold, in the tent."

10 And he said, "I will surely return to you ¹at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door, which was behind him.

11 Now ^aAbraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; Sarah was ^bpast ¹childbearing.

12 And Sarah laughed ¹to herself, saying, "After I have become old, shall I have pleasure, my ^blord being old also?"

13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I indeed ¹bear a child, when I am so old?'"

14 "Is anything too ¹difficult for the LORD? At the ^bappointed time I will return to you, ²at this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

15 Sarah denied it however, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. And he said, "No, but you did laugh."

16 ¶ Then ^athe men rose up from there, and looked down toward Sodom; and Abraham was walking with them to send them off.

17 And ^athe LORD said, "Shall I

3 ¹Lit., come to
6 ¹Lit.,
Hasten three measures
1 Heb., seah, i.e., one seah equals approx. eleven qts.
7 ¹Lit., good
8 ¹Lit., and
10 ¹Lit., when the time arrives
Gen. 21:2; Rom. 9:9
11 ¹Lit., the manner of women
Gen. 17:17; Rom. 4:19
12 Heb. 11:11
13 ¹Lit., within
Gen. 17:17; Luke 1:18
14 Pet. 3:6
15 ¹Lit., surely bear
16 Or, wonderful
17 Lit., when the time arrives
Jer. 32:17; 27; Zech. 8:8; Matt. 19:26; Luke 1:37; Rom. 4:21
18 Gen. 17:21; 18:10
19 Gen. 18:2, 22; 19:1
20 Gen. 18:22, 26, 33; Amos 3:7
21 Gen. 18:21; 19:24
22 Or, populous
Gen. 12:3; 22:18; Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:8
23 ¹Lit., known
Neh. 9:7; Amos 3:2
24 Deut. 8:8, 7
Gen. 17:9
25 Gen. 12:2, 3
26 Gen. 19:13; Ezek. 16:49, 50
27 Gen. 11:5; Ex. 3:8; Ps. 14:2
28 Gen. 18:16, 19:1
Gen. 18:1, 17
29 Ex. 23:7; Num. 18:22; 2 Sam. 24:17; Ps. 11:4-7
30 Or, forgive
31 Lit., after this manner
32 Lit., do justice

hide from Abraham ^bwhat I am about to do,

18 since Abraham will surely become a great and ¹mighty nation, and in him ^aall the nation of the earth will be blessed?

19 "For I have ¹chosen him, in order that he may ^bcommand his children and his household after him to ^ckeep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; in order that the LORD may bring upon Abraham ^dwhat He has spoken about him."

20 And the LORD said, "The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin ¹exceedingly grave.

21 "I will ^ago down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

22 ¶ Then ^athe men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham was still standing before ^bthe LORD.

23 And Abraham came near and said, "Wilt Thou indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

24 "Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou indeed sweep it away and not ¹spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?"

25 "Far be it from Thee to do ¹such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from Thee! Shall not ^athe Judge of the earth ²deal justly?"

26 So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will ¹spare the whole place on their account."

27 And Abraham answered and said, "Now behold, I have

Deut. 1:16, 17; 32:4; Job 8:3, 20; Ps. 58:11; 94:2; Is. 3:10, 11; Rom. 3:5, 6
28 Or, forgive Jer. 5:1

ventured to speak to the Lord, although I am but ^adust and ashes.

28 "Suppose the fifty righteous are lacking five, wilt Thou destroy the whole city because of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose forty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it on account of the forty."

30 Then he said, "Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak; suppose thirty are found there?" And He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

31 And he said, "Now behold, I have ¹ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the twenty."

32 Then he said, "^aOh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it on account of the ten."

33 And as soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham ^athe LORD departed; and Abraham returned to his place.

CHAPTER 19

NOW the ^atwo angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When ^bLot saw them, he rose to meet them and ¹bowed down with his face to the ground.

2 And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square."

3 Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; ^aand he prepared a feast for them, and

27 ¹Lit. understood
^aGen. 3:19;
Job 30:19;
42:6

31 ¹Lit. understood

23 ^aJudg.
6:39

33 ^aGen.
17:22, 35:13

1 ¹Lit. bowed himself
^aGen. 18:2, 22
^aGen. 18:2-5

3 ^aGen.
18:6-8

4 ¹Or, without exception, lit. from every end
^aGen. 13:13;
18:20

8 ¹Or, have intercourse
^aLev. 18:22;
Judg. 19:22

8 ¹Or, had intercourse
¹Lit. as is good in your sight
¹Lit. shadow
^aJudg. 19:24

9 ¹Lit. to woman
¹Lit. the man, against Lot
^aEx. 2:14

10 ¹Lit. hand
¹Lit. to
^aGen. 19:1

11 ¹Lit. smote
^aDeut. 28:28;
29:2; 2 Kin. 6:18; Acts 13:11

13 ^aGen. 18:20
^aLev. 28:30-33;
Deut. 4:28;
28:43; 1 Chr. 21:15

baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 Before they lay down, ^athe men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people ¹from every quarter;

5 and they called to Lot and said to him, "^aWhere are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may ¹have relations with them."

6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him.

7 and said, "Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly.

8 "Now behold, ^aI have two daughters who have not ¹had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them ²whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the ³shelter of my roof."

9 But they said, "Stand aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came in ¹as an alien, and already ^ahe is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against ²Lot and came near to break the door.

10 But ^athe men reached out their ¹hands and brought Lot into the house ²with them, and shut the door.

11 And ^athey ¹struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves trying to find the doorway.

12 ¹ Then the men said to Lot, "Whom else have you here? A son-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whomever you have in the city, bring them out of the place;

13 for we are about to destroy this place, because ^atheir outcry has become so great before the LORD that ^bthe LORD has sent us to destroy it."

14 And Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who ¹were to marry his daughters, and said, "Up, ^aget out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city." ^bBut he appeared to his sons-in-law ²to be jesting.

15 And when morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Up, take your wife and your two daughters, who are here, lest you be swept away in the ¹punishment of the city."

16 But he hesitated. So the men ^aseized his hand and the hand of his wife and the ¹hands of his daughters, for ^bthe compassion of the LORD was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

17 And it came about when they had brought them outside, that ¹one said, "^aEscape for your life! ^bDo not look behind you, and do not stay ²anywhere in the ^cvalley; escape to ^dthe ³mountains, lest you be swept away."

18 But Lot said to them, "Oh no, my lords!

19 "Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the ¹mountains, lest the disaster overtake me and I die;

20 now behold, this town is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) ¹that my life may be saved."

21 And he said to him, "Behold, I grant you this ¹request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken.

22 "Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the town was called ^{1a}Zoar.

23 ¶ The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

24 Then the LORD ^arained on Sodom and Gomorrah brim-

14 ¹Or, had married; lit., were taking
²Lit., like one who was resting
^aNum. 16:21, 45; Rev. 18:4
^bJer. 43:1, 2
¹⁵Or, iniquity
¹⁶Lit., hand
^aDeut. 5:15, 6:21, 7:8, 2 Pet. 2:7
^bEx. 34:7, Ps. 32:10, 33:18, 19
¹⁷Lit., he
²Lit., in all the circle
³Lit., mountain
^aJer. 48:6
^bGen. 19:26
^cGen. 13:10
^dGen. 14:10
¹⁸Lit., mountain
¹⁹Lit., and my soul will live
²⁰Lit., thing
²¹Lit., small
^aGen. 13:10, 14:2
²²Deut. 29:23, Ps. 11:6, Is. 13:19, Ezek. 16:48, 50, Luke 17:29, Jude 7
²³Lit., circle
^aDeut. 29:23, Ps. 107:34, Is. 13:19, Lam. 4:6, 2 Pet. 2:6
²⁴Gen. 19:17, Luke 17:32
²⁵Gen. 18:22
²⁶Lit., circle
²⁷Lit., hill
^aRev. 9:2, 18:9
²⁸Lit., circle
^aDeut. 7:8, 9:5, 27:2 Pet. 2:7
²⁹Lit., dwell
³⁰Lit., mountain
³¹Lit., dwell
^aGen. 19:17, 19
³²Or, in the land
^aGen. 16:2, 4, 38:8; Deut. 25:5
³³Lit., seed from our father
^aLuke 21:34
³⁴Lit., seed from our father

stone and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

25 and ^aHe overthrew those cities, and all the ¹valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

26 But his wife, from behind him, ^alooked back; and she became a pillar of salt.

27 ¶ Now Abraham arose early in the morning and went to ^athe place where he had stood before the LORD;

28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the ¹valley and he saw, and behold, ^athe smoke of the land ascended like the smoke of a ²furnace.

29 Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the ¹valley, that ^aGod remembered Abraham, and ^bsent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived.

30 ¶ And Lot went up from Zoar, and ^{1a}stayed in the ²mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to ³stay in Zoar; and he ¹stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 Then the first-born said to the younger, "Our father is old and there is not a man ¹on earth to ^acome in to us after the manner of the earth.

32 "Come, ^alet us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him, that we may preserve ¹our family through our father."

33 So they made their father drink wine that night, and the first-born went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

34 And it came about on the morrow, that the first-born said to the younger, "Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve ¹our family through our father."

35 So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

36 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father.

37 And the first-born bore a son, and called his name *Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.

38 And as for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the ¹sons of *Ammon to this day.

CHAPTER 20

NOW Abraham journeyed from ^athere toward the land of ^bthe ¹Negev, and ²settled between Kadesh and Shur; then he sojourned in ^cGerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." So ^bAbimelech king of Gerar sent and took Sarah.

3 "But God came to Abimelech in a dream of the night, and said to him, "Behold, ^byou are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is ¹married."

4 Now Abimelech had not come near her; and he said, "Lord, ^awilt Thou slay a nation, even though ¹blameless?"

5 "Did he not himself say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she ^aherself said, 'He is my brother.' In ^bthe integrity of my heart and the innocence of my ¹hands I have done this."

6 Then God said to him in the dream, "Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you have done this, and I also ^{1a}kept you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

7 "Now therefore, restore the man's wife, for ^ahe is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not restore

37 *Deut. 2:9

38 ¹Heb. Bene-Ammon *Deut. 2:19

¹He. South country ²Lit. dwell *Gen. 18:1 *Gen. 12:9 *Gen. 26:1, 6

²*Gen. 12:11-13, 20:12, 26:7 *Gen. 12:15

³¹Lit. married to a husband *Gen. 12:17, 18 *Gen. 20:7

⁴¹Lit. righteous *Gen. 18:23, 25

⁵¹Lit. pulled *Gen. 20:13 *1 Kin. 9:4, Ps. 7:8, 28:6

⁶¹Lit. restrained *1 Sam. 25:28, 34

⁷¹*1 Sam. 7:5, 2 Kin. 5:11, Job 42:8

⁸¹Lit. what ²Lit. dead *Gen. 12:18 *Gen. 39:9

⁹¹Lit. seen

¹⁰¹Neh. 5:15, Prov. 16:6 *Gen. 12:12, 26:7

¹¹¹Lit. your ²Lit. at every place where *Gen. 12:1-9 *Gen. 12:13, 20:5

¹²*Gen. 12:16

¹³¹Lit. dwell ²Lit. it is good in your sight *Gen. 13:9, 34:10, 47:6

¹⁴¹Lit. for you a covering of the eyes *Gen. 20:5

¹⁵*Num. 12:13, 21:7, James 5:16

her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours."

8 ¶ So Abimelech arose early in the morning and called all his servants and told all these things in their hearing; and the men were greatly frightened.

9 *Then Abimelech called Abraham and said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom ^aa great sin? You have done to me ²things that ought not to be done."

10 And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What have you ¹encountered, that you have done this thing?"

11 And Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely there is no ^afear of God in this place; and ^bthey will kill me because of my wife.

12 "Besides, she actually is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife;

13 and it came about, when *God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, 'This is ¹the kindness which you will show to me: ²everywhere we go, ^bsay of me, "He is my brother."'

14 *Abimelech then took sheep and oxen and male and female servants, and gave them to Abraham, and restored his wife Sarah to him.

15 And Abimelech said, "Behold, my land is before you; ¹settle wherever ²you please."

16 And to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given your ^abrother a thousand pieces of silver; behold, it is ¹your vindication before all who are with you, and before all men you are cleared."

17 And *Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maids, so that they bore children.

18 *For the LORD had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

CHAPTER 21

^a**T**HEN the LORD took note of Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had ¹promised.

2 *So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at ^bthe appointed time of which God had spoken to him.

3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, *Isaac.

4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was ^aeight days old, as God had commanded him.

5 Now Abraham was ^aone hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

6 And Sarah said, "God has made ^alaughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh ¹with me."

7 And she said, "^aWho would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

8 * And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

9 Now Sarah saw ^athe son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, ^{1b}mocking.

10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "^aDrive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir ¹with my son Isaac."

11 *And the matter ¹distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, "¹Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for ^athrough Isaac ²your descendants shall be named.

18 *Gen. 12:17
1 ¹Lit., spoken
*Gen. 17:16, 21; 18:10, 14; Gal. 4:23
2 *Acts 7:8; Gal. 4:22; Heb. 11:11
*Gen. 17:21, 18:10, 14
3 *Gen. 17:19, 21
4 *Gen. 17:12; Acts 7:8
5 *Gen. 17:17
6 ¹Lit., for *Gen. 18:13; Ps. 126:2; Is. 54:1
7 *Gen. 18:11, 13
9 ¹Or, playing
*Gen. 16:1, 4, 15; Gal. 4:29
10 ¹Lit., with Isaac
*Gal. 4:30
11 ¹Lit., was very grievous in Abraham's sight
*Gen. 17:18
12 ¹Lit., Do not let it be grievous in your sight
²Lit., your seed will be called
*Rom. 9:7; Heb. 11:18
13 ¹Lit., seed
*Gen. 16:10, 21:18, 25:12-18
14 ¹E.g., a skin used as a bottle
15 ¹Lit., cast
16 ¹Lit., look upon the death of the child
*Jer. 6:26; Amos 8:10
17 *Ex. 3:7; Deut. 26:7; Ps. 6:8 *Gen. 26:24
18 ¹Lit., your
*Gen. 16:10; 21:13; 25:12-16
19 ¹V. 14, note 1
*Num. 22:31; 2 Kin. 6:17
*Gen. 16:7, 14
20 ¹Lit., dwell
*Gen. 28:15; 39:2, 3, 21
21 ¹Lit., dwell
*Gen. 25:18

13" And of ^athe son of the maid I will make a nation also, because he is your ¹descendant."

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a ¹skin of water, and gave *them* to Hagar, putting *them* on her shoulder, and gave *her* the boy and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she ¹left the boy under one of the bushes.

16 Then she went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away, for she said, "Do not let me ¹see the boy die." And she sat opposite him, and ^alifted up her voice and wept.

17 And God ^aheard the lad crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What is the matter with you, Hagar? ^bDo not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18" Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him by ¹the hand; ^afor I will make a great nation of him."

19 Then God ^aopened her eyes and she saw ^aa well of water; and she went and filled the ¹skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.

20 And ^aGod was with the lad, and he grew; and he ¹lived in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 And ^ahe ¹lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ Now it came about at that time, that ^aAbimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "^bGod is with you in all that you do;

23 now therefore, ^aswear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, or with my offspring, or with my posterity but according to the kindness

22 *Gen. 20:2, 14; 26:28 *Gen. 26:28; Is. 8:10
23 *Josh. 2:12; 1 Sam. 24:21

that I have shown to you, you shall show to me, and to the land in which you have sojourned."

24 And Abraham said, "I swear it."

25 But Abraham ¹complained to Abimelech because of the well of water which the servants of Abimelech ^ahad seized.

26 And Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; neither did you tell me, nor did I hear of it ¹until today."

27 And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them to Abimelech; and ^athe two of them made a covenant.

28 Then Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

29 And Abimelech said to Abraham, "What do these seven ewe lambs mean, which you have set by themselves?"

30 And he said, "You shall take these seven ewe lambs from my hand in order that it may be a ^awitness to me, that I dug this well."

31 Therefore he called that place ^aBeersheba; because there the two of them took an oath.

32 So they made a covenant at Beersheba; and Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, arose and returned to the land of the Philistines.

33 And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there ^ahe called on the name of the LORD, the ^bEverlasting God.

34 And Abraham sojourned ^ain the land of the Philistines for many days.

CHAPTER 22

NOW it came about after these things, that ^aGod tested Abraham, and said to him, "^bAbraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2 And He said, "Take now ^ayour son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of ^bMoriah; and offer him

there as a ^cburnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you."

3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

4 On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.

5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship and return to you."

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and ^alaid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

7 And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the ^alamb for the burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "God will ¹provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

9 [¶] Then they came to ^athe place of which God had told him; and Abraham built ^bthe altar there, and arranged the wood, and bound his son Isaac, and ^claid him on the altar on top of the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But ^athe angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

12 And he said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now ^aI know that you ¹fear God, since

25 ¹Lt., re-
proved
Gen. 26. 15,
18, 20-22

26 ¹Lt., ex-
cept

27 ^aGen
28. 31

28 ^aGen
31. 48

31 ^aGen
21. 14, 26. 33

33 ^aGen
12. 8 ^aEx
15. 18, Deut
32. 40; Ps
90. 2; 93. 2, 15
40. 28, Jer
10. 10, Hab
1. 12, Heb
13. 8

34 ^aGen
22. 19

1 ^aDeut
8. 2, 16, Heb
11. 17; James
1. 12-14 ^aGen
22. 11

2 ^aGen
22. 12, 16,
John 3. 16,
1 John 4. 9
92 Chr 3. 1
^aGen 8. 20

6 ^aJohn
19. 17

7 ^aEx
29. 38-42;
John 1. 29, 36,
Rev. 13. 8

8 ¹Lt., see

9 ^aGen.
22. 2 ^aGen.
12. 7, & 13. 18
^cHeb. 11. 17.
19; James
2. 21

11 ^aGen.
18. 7-11,
21. 17, 18

12 ¹Or, rev-
erence; i.e.,
are a fearer
of God
^aJames 2. 21,
22

you have not withheld ^byour son, your only son, from Me."

13 Then Abraham raised his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the place of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place ¹The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD ^ait will ²be provided."

15 Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

16 and said, "^aBy Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly ^amultiply your ¹seed as the stars of the heavens, and as ^bthe sand which is on the seashore; and ^cyour ¹seed shall possess the gate of ²their enemies.

18 "^aAnd ^ain your ¹seed all the nations of the earth shall ²be blessed, because you have ^bobeyed My voice."

19 ^aSo Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba; and Abraham lived at Beersheba.

20 ¶ Now it came about after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, "Behold, ^aMilcah ¹also has borne children to your brother Nahor:

21 Uz his first-born and Buz his brother and Kemuel the father of Aram

22 and Chesed and Hazo and Pildash and Jidlaph and Bethuel."

23 And Bethuel ¹became the father of ^aRebekah: these eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, ¹also bore

¹² ^bGen 22:2, 16

¹⁴ ¹Heb., YHWH Jireh
²Lit., he seen
^aGen. 22:8

¹⁶ ^aPs. 105:9; Luke 1:73; Heb. 6:13, 14

¹⁷ ¹Or, descendants
²Lit., his
^aGen. 15:5, 26:4; Jer. 33:22; Heb. 11:12
^bGen. 32:12
^cGen. 24:60

¹⁸ ¹Or, descendants
²Or, bless themselves
^aGen. 12:3, 18:18; Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:8
^bGen. 18:19; 22:3, 10; 28:5

¹⁹ ^aGen. 22:5

²⁰ ¹Lit., she also
^aGen. 11:29

²³ ¹Lit., he got
^aGen. 24:15

²⁴ ¹Lit., she also

¹ ¹Lit., the life of Sarah was

² ¹Or, proceeded
^aJosh. 14:15; 15:13; 21:11

³ ^aGen. 10:15; 15:20

⁴ ¹Lit., possession of a grave
^aGen. 17:8; Lev. 25:23; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 39:12; 105:12; 119:19; Heb. 11:9, 13
^bActs 7:16
^cGen. 49:30

⁶ ¹Lit., prince of God
^aGen. 14:14; 20:7

⁸ ¹Lit., soul
^aGen. 25:9

⁹ ¹Lit., the midst of you
²Lit., possession of a burial place

¹⁰ ^aGen. 23:18; 34:20, 24; Ruth 4:1, 11

¹¹ ^a2 Sam. 24:21-24

Tebah and Gaham and Tahash and Maacah.

CHAPTER 23

NOW ¹Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; these were the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in ^aKiriath arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan; and Abraham ¹went in to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

3 Then Abraham rose from before his dead, and spoke to the ^asons of Heth, saying,

4 "I am ^aa stranger and a sojourner among you; ^bgive me ^aa burial site among you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight."

5 And the sons of Heth answered Abraham, saying to him,

6 "Hear us, my lord, you are a ¹mighty prince among us; bury your dead in the choicest of our graves; none of us will refuse you his grave for burying your dead."

7 So Abraham rose and bowed to the people of the land, the sons of Heth.

8 And he spoke with them, saying, "If it is your ¹wish for me to bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and approach ^aEphron the son of Zohar for me,

9 that he may give me the cave of Machpelah which he owns, which is at the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in ¹your presence for ²a burial site."

10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the sons of Heth; even ^aof all who went in at the gate of his city, saying,

11 "No, my lord, hear me; ^aI give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you; bury your dead."

12 And Abraham bowed before the people of the land.

13 And he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying, "If you will only please listen to me; I will give the price of the field, accept it from me, that I may bury my dead there."

14 Then Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

15 "My lord, listen to me; a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that between me and you? So bury your dead."

16 And Abraham listened to Ephron; and Abraham weighed out for Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, commercial standard.

17 ¶ So Ephron's field, which was in Machpelah, which faced Mamre, the field and cave which was in it, and all the trees which were in the field, that were within all the confines of its border, were deeded over

18 to Abraham for a possession in the presence of the sons of Heth, before all who went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field at Machpelah facing Mamre (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan.

20 So the field, and the cave that is in it, were deeded over to Abraham for a burial site by the sons of Heth.

CHAPTER 24

NOW Abraham was old, advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in every way.

2 And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he owned, "Please place your hand under my thigh,

18 Ex. 30:13; Ezek. 45:12
19 Lat. ears
20 Lat. current according to the merchant
21 Sam. 14:26; Jer. 32:9, 10; Zech. 11:12
22 Lat. in all its border around
23 Or, were ratified
24 Gen. 25:9; 49:29, 30; 50:13
25 Gen. 23:10
26 Or, were ratified
27 Lat. possession of a burial place
28 Jer. 32:10-14
29 Gen. 18:11; Gen. 12:2, 13:2, 24:35; Gal. 3:9
30 Gen. 39:4-6; Gen. 24:9, 47-29
31 Gen. 14:19, 22
32 Gen. 7:3
33 Cor. 6:14-17
34 Gen. 10:15; 19:26-34, 35; 28:1, 8
35 Gen. 12:1; Heb. 11:15
36 Gen. 24:8
37 Lat. said
38 Gen. 24:3
39 Gen. 12:7; 13:15, 15:18; Ex. 32:13
40 Gen. 16:7; 21:17, 22:11; Ex. 23:20, 23
41 Josh. 2:17-20; Gen. 24:6
42 Gen. 24:2
43 Heb. Aram-nahor, Aram of the two rivers
44 Gen. 24:22; 33; Gen. 11:31, 32
45 Gen. 24:42; Ex. 2:16, 1 Sam. 9:11
46 Lat. cause to occur for me
47 Gen. 24:27; 42:48; 28:24; Ex. 3:6, 15
48 Gen. 27:20
49 Lat. fountain of water
50 Gen. 24:43

3 and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I live,

4 but you shall go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

5 And the servant said to him, "Suppose the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land; should I take your son back to the land from where you came?"

6 Then Abraham said to him, "Beware lest you take my son back there!"

7 ¶ The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my birth, and who spoke to me, and who swore to me, saying, "To your descendants I will give this land," He will send His angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

8 "But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this my oath; only do not take my son back there."

9 So the servant placed his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.

10 ¶ Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master, and set out with a variety of good things of his master's in his hand; and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.

11 And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at evening time, the time when women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today, and show lovingkindness to my master Abraham.

13 "Behold, I am standing by the spring, and the daughters of

the men of the city are coming out to draw water;

14 now may it be that the girl to whom I say, 'Please let down your jar so that I may drink,' and ¹who answers, 'Drink, and I will water your camels also';—*may she be the one whom Thou hast appointed for Thy servant Isaac; and by this I shall know that Thou hast shown lovingkindness to my master.*"

15 And it came about ^abefore he had finished speaking, that behold, ^bRebekah who was born to Bethuel the son of ^cMilcah, the wife of Abraham's brother Nahor, came out with her jar on her shoulder.

16 And the girl was ^avery beautiful, a virgin, and no man had ¹had relations with her; and she went down to the spring and filled her jar, and came up.

17 Then the servant ran to meet her, and said, "^aPlease let me drink a little water from your jar."

18 And ^ashe said, "Drink, my lord"; and she quickly lowered her jar to her hand, and gave him a drink.

19 Now when she had finished giving him a drink, ^ashe said, "I will draw also for your camels until they have finished drinking."

20 So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw, and she drew for all his camels.

21 ^aMeanwhile, the man was gazing at her ¹in silence, to know whether the LORD had made his journey successful or not.

22 Then it came about, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a ^agold ring weighing a half-shekel and two bracelets for her ¹wrists weighing ten shekels in gold,

23 and said, "Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room for us to lodge in your father's house?"

14 ¹Lit., she will say

15 ^aGen. 24:45 ^cGen. 22:20, 23 ^cGen. 11:29

16 ¹Lit., known ^aGen. 12:11, 26:7, 29:17

17 ¹John 4:7

18 ^aGen. 24:14, 46

19 ^aGen. 24:14

21 ¹Lit., keeping silent ^aGen. 24:12, 14, 27, 32

22 ¹Lit., hands ^aGen. 24:47, Ex. 32:2, 3

24 ^aGen. 24:15

26 ^aGen. 24:48, 52, Ex. 4:31

27 ^aGen. 24:12, 42, 48, Ex. 18:10, Ruth 4:14, 1 Sam. 25:32, 2 Sam. 18:28, Luke 1:68 ^aGen. 32:10, Ps. 98:3 ^aGen. 24:21, 48

28 ^aGen. 29:12

29 ^aGen. 29:5, 13

30 ¹Lit., hands ¹Lit., Thus the man

31 ^aGen. 29:13 ^aGen. 26:29, Ruth 3:10, Ps. 115:15 ^aGen. 18:3-5, 19:2, 3

32 ¹Lit., he ^aGen. 43:24, Judg. 19:21

34 ^aGen. 24:2

35 ¹Lit., great ^aGen. 24:1 ^aGen. 13:2

24 And she said to him, "^aI am the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor."

25 Again she said to him, "We have plenty of both straw and feed, and room to lodge in."

26 Then the man ^abowed low and worshiped the LORD.

27 And he said, "^aBlessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken ^bHis lovingkindness and His truth toward my master; as for me, ^cthe LORD has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers."

28 ^a Then ^athe girl ran and told her mother's household about these things.

29 Now Rebekah had a brother whose name was ^aLaban; and Laban ran outside to the man at the spring.

30 And it came about that when he saw the ring, and the bracelets on his sister's ¹wrists and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, "²This is what the man said to me," he went to the man; and behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring.

31 And he said, "^aCome in ^bblessed of the LORD! Why do you stand outside since ^cI have prepared the house, and a place for the camels?"

32 So the man entered the house. Then ^{1a}Laban unloaded the camels, and he gave straw and feed to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him.

33 But when food was set before him to eat, he said, "I will not eat until I have told my business." And he said, "Speak on."

34 So he said, "I am ^aAbraham's servant.

35 "^aAnd the LORD has greatly ^bblessed my master, so that he has become ¹rich; and He has given him ^bflocks and herds, and

silver and gold, and servants and maids, and camels and donkeys.

36 "Now ^aSarah my master's wife bore a son to my master ⁱin her old age; and ^bhe has given him all that he has.

37 "And my master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I ⁱlive;

38 but you shall go to my father's house, and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son.'

39 "And I said to my master, 'Suppose the woman does not follow me.'

40 "And he said to me, '^aThe LORD, before whom I have ^bwalked, will send ^cHis angel with you to make your journey successful, and you will take a wife for my son from my relatives, and from my father's house;

41 ^athen you will be free from my oath, when you come to my relatives; and if they do not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

42 "So ^aI came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now Thou wilt make my journey on which I go ^bsuccessful;

43 behold, ^aI am standing by the ⁱspring, and may it be that the maiden who comes out to draw, and to whom I say, '^bPlease let me drink a little water from your jar';

44 and she will say to me, "You drink, and I will draw for your camels also"; let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

45 "Before I had finished ^aspeaking in my heart, behold, ^bRebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder, and went down to the spring and drew; and ^cI said to her, 'Please let me drink.'

46 "And she quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder, and said, '^aDrink, and I will water

your camels also'; so I drank, and she watered the camels also.

47 "Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him'; and I put the ^bbring on her nose, and the bracelets on her ⁱwrists.

48 "And I ^abowed low and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, ^bwho had guided me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's ⁱkinsman for his son.

49 "So now if you are going to ⁱdeal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, let me know, that I may turn to the right hand or the left."

50 ^a Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "^aThe matter comes from the LORD; ^bso we cannot speak to you bad or good.

51 "Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has spoken."

52 And it came about when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he ^abowed himself to the ground ⁱbefore the LORD.

53 And the servant brought out ^aarticles of silver and articles of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.

54 Then he and the men who were with him ate and drank and spent the night. When they arose in the morning, he said, "^aSend me away to my master."

55 But her brother and her mother said, "^aLet the girl stay with us a few days, say ten; afterward she may go."

56 And he said to them, "Do not delay me, since ^athe LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master."

57 And they said, "We will call the girl and ⁱconsult her wishes."

26 ⁱLit., of her she was old
Gen. 21 1-7
Gen. 25 5

37 ⁱLit., dwell
Gen. 24 2-4

38 ^aGen. 24 5

40 ^aGen. 24 7
Gen. 5 22, 24, 17 1
Ex. 23 20

41 ^aGen. 24 8

42 ^aGen. 24 11, 12
Job. 1 11

43 ⁱLit., fountain of water
Gen. 24 13
Gen. 24 14

44 ^a1 Sam. 1 13
Gen. 24 15
Gen. 24 17

45 ^aGen. 24 18, 19

47 ⁱLit., hands
Gen. 24 23, 24
Ezek. 16 11, 12

48 ⁱLit., brother
Gen. 24 26, 32
Gen. 24 27, Ps. 32 8, 48 14, Is. 48 17

49 ⁱLit., show loving-kindness and truth
Gen. 47 29, Josh. 2 14

50 ^aPs. 118 23, Mark 12 11
Gen. 31 24, 29

52 ⁱLit., to
Gen. 24 26, 48

53 ^aGen. 24 10, 22; Ex. 3 22, 11 2, 12 35

54 ^aGen. 24 56, 58; 30 25

55 ^aJudg. 19 4

56 ^aGen. 24 40

57 ⁱLit., ask her mouth

58 Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "I will go."

59 Thus they sent away their sister Rebekah and ^aher nurse with Abraham's servant and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister,

^aBecome thousands of ten thousands,

And may ^byour ¹descendants possess

The gate of those who hate them."

61 ¶ Then Rebekah arose with her maids, and they mounted the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed.

62 Now Isaac had come from going to ^aBeer-lahai-roi; for he ¹was living in ^bthe ²Negev.

63 And Isaac went out ^ato meditate in the field toward evening; and ^bhe lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from the camel.

65 And she said to the servant, "Who is that man walking in the field to meet us?" And the servant said, "He is my master." Then she took her ¹veil and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done.

67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and ^ahe took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and ^bhe loved her; thus Isaac was comforted after ^chis mother's death.

CHAPTER 25

NOW Abraham took another wife, ¹whose name was Keturah.

2 And ^ashe bore to him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.

⁵⁸ ^aGen. 35:8

⁵⁹ ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 17:16
^bGen. 22:17

⁶² ¹Lit., was dwelling in
²South country
^aGen. 16:14, 25
¹¹ ^bGen. 20:1

⁶³ ¹Or, stroll, meaning uncertain
^aJosh. 1:8, Ps. 12, 77, 12, 119:15, 27, 48, 143:5, 145:5
^bGen. 18:2

⁶⁵ ¹Or, shawl

⁶⁷ ^aGen. 25:20
^bGen. 29:18
^cGen. 23:1, 2

¹ ¹Lit., and her name

² ¹Chr. 1:32, 33

³ ¹Lit., he-goat

⁵ ^aGen. 24:35, 36

⁶¹ ¹Lit., concubines which belonged to Abraham
^aGen. 21:14

⁷ ¹Lit., the days of
^aGen. 12:4

⁸ ¹Lit., good
^aGen. 15:15, 47:8, 9
^bGen. 25:17, 35:29, 49:29, 33

⁹ ^aGen. 23:17, 18; 49:29, 30; 50:13

¹⁰ ^aGen. 23:3-18

¹¹ ¹Lit., dwell
^aGen. 12:2, 3; 22:17, 28:3
^bGen. 16:14; 24:62

¹² ^aGen. 16:15

¹³ ¹Lit., in regard to their generations
^a1 Chr. 1:28-31

3 And Jokshan ¹became the father of Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim and Letushim and Leummim.

4 And the sons of Midian were Ephah and Epher and Hanoah and Abida and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

5 ^aNow Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac;

6 but to the sons of ¹his concubines, Abraham gave gifts while he was still living, and ^asent them away from his son Isaac eastward, to the land of the east.

7 And these are ¹all the years of Abraham's life that he lived, ^aone hundred and seventy-five years.

8 And Abraham breathed his last and died ^ain a ¹ripe old age, an old man and satisfied with life; and he was ^bgathered to his people.

9 Then his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in ^athe cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, facing Mamre,

10 ^athe field which Abraham purchased from the sons of Heth; there Abraham was buried with Sarah his wife.

11 And it came about after the death of Abraham, that ^aGod blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac ¹lived by ^bBeer-lahai-roi.

12 ¶ Now these are *the records* of the generations of ^aIshmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's maid, bore to Abraham;

13 and these are the names of ^athe sons of Ishmael, by their names, ¹in the order of their birth: Nebaioth, the first-born of Ishmael, and Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam

14 and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,

15 Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphtish and Kedemah.

16 These are the sons of Ishmael and these are their names.

by their villages, and by their camps; ^atwelve princes according to their ¹tribes.

17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, ^aone hundred and thirty-seven years; and he breathed his last and died, and was ^bgathered to his people.

18 And they ¹settled from ^aHavilah to ^bShur which is ²east of Egypt ³as one goes toward Assyria; ^che ⁴settled in defiance of all his ⁵relatives.

19 ¶ Now these are the records of ^athe generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham ¹became the father of Isaac;

20 and Isaac was forty years old when he took ^aRebekah, the ^bdaughter of Bethuel the ¹Aramean of Paddan-aram, the ^csister of Laban the ¹Aramean, to be his wife.

21 And Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and ^athe LORD ¹answered him and Rebekah his wife ^bconceived.

22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I ¹this way?" So she went to ^ainquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb;

^bAnd two peoples shall be separated from your body;

And one people shall be stronger than the other; And ^cthe older shall serve the younger."

24 When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

25 Now the first came forth red, ^aall over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.

26 And afterward his brother came forth with ^ahis hand holding on to Esau's heel, so ^bhis name was called ¹Jacob; and Isaac was ^csixty years old when she gave birth to them.

¹⁶ Or, peoples
^aGen. 17:20
¹⁷ Gen.
16:16
^aGen.
25:8, 49:33
¹⁸ Lit.,
dwelt
¹⁹ Lit.,
before
²⁰ Lit.,
as you go
^aLit., fell over
against
²¹ Lit.,
brothers
^a1 Sam. 15:7
^aGen. 20:1
^aGen. 16:12
¹⁹ Lit., be-
got
^aMatt. 1:2
²⁰ I.e., Syr-
ian
^aGen. 24:15,
29:87
^aGen.
22:23
^aGen.
24:29
²¹ Lit., was
entrusted of
him
^a1 Sam. 1:17,
1 Chr. 5:20,
2 Chr. 33:13,
Ezra 8:23, Ps.
127:3
^aRom.
9:10
²² ^a1 Sam.
9:9, 10:22
²³ ^aGen.
17:4-6, 18,
Num. 20:14,
Deut. 7:4, 8
^aGen. 27:29
^aGen. 27:40,
Mal. 1:2, 3,
Rom. 9:12
²⁵ ^aGen.
27:11
²⁶ I.e., one
who takes by
the heel or
supplants
^aHos. 12:3
^aGen. 27:36
^aGen. 25:20
²⁷ Lit.,
complete
^aLit., dwell-
ing
^aHeb. 11:9
²⁸ Lit.,
game was in
his mouth
^aGen. 27:19
^aGen. 27:6-10
²⁹ Lit.,
weary
^a2 Kin. 4:38
³⁰ Lit., the
red, this red
^aLit., weary
^aI.e., red
³¹ Lit., To-
day
^aDeut. 21:16,
17:1 Chr.
5:1, 2
³³ Lit., To-
day
^aHeb. 12:16
¹ ^aGen.
12:10
^aGen. 20:1, 2
³ Lit.,
dwelt
^aGen. 12:7,
17:1, 18:1
^aGen. 12:1

27 ¶ When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a ¹peaceful man, ²living in tents.

28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because ¹he had ^aa taste for game; ^bbut Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 And when Jacob had cooked ^astew, Esau came in from the field and he was ¹famished;

30 and Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me have a swallow of ¹that red stuff there, for I am ²famished." Therefore his name was called ³Edom.

31 But Jacob said, "¹First sell me your ^abirthright."

32 And Esau said, "Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?"

33 And Jacob said, "¹First swear to me"; so he swore to him, and ^asold his birthright to Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

CHAPTER 26

NOW there was ^aa famine in the land, besides the previous famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Gerar, to ^bAbimelech king of the Philistines.

2 And the LORD ^aappeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; ^bstay in the land of which I shall tell you.

3 "Sojourn in this land and ^aI will be with you and ^bbless you, for ^cto you and to your ¹descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish ^dthe oath which I swore to your father Abraham.

4 "And ^aI will multiply your ¹descendants as the stars of heaven, and will give your ¹descendants

⁸ I.e., seed
^aGen. 26:24, 28:15, 31:3
^aGen. 12:2
^aGen. 12:7, 13:15, 15:18
^aGen. 22:16-18, Ps. 105:9
⁴ I.e., seed
^aGen. 15:5, 22:17, Est. 3:13

all these lands; and ^bby your ¹descendants all the nations of the earth ²shall be blessed;

5 because Abraham ¹obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws."

6 So Isaac ¹lived in Gerar.

7 When the men of the place asked about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," for he was ^bafraid to say, "my wife," *thinking*. "The men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah, for she is ^cbeautiful."

8 And it came about, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out through a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac was caressing his wife Rebekah.

9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Behold, certainly she is your wife! How then did you say, 'She is my sister'?" And Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.'"

10 And ^aAbimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

11 So Abimelech charged all the people, saying, "He who ^atouches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

12 ^c Now Isaac sowed in that land, and ¹reaped in the same year a hundredfold. And ^athe LORD blessed him,

13 and the man ^abecame rich, and continued to grow ¹richer until he became very ¹wealthy;

14 for ^ahe had possessions of flocks ¹and herds and a great household, so that the Philistines envied him.

15 Now ^aall the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines stopped up ¹by filling them with earth.

16 Then Abimelech said to

⁴ *Lit.*, seed ²Or, bless themselves
^aGen. 22:18, Gal. 3:8

⁵ *Lit.*, hearkened to My voice
^aGen. 22:16

⁶ *Lit.*, dwell

⁷ *Lit.*, last place

^aGen. 12:13, 20:2, 12

^bProv. 29:25
^cGen. 12:11, 24:16, 29:17

¹⁰ *Lit.*, 20:9

¹¹ *a*Ps. 105:15

¹² *Lit.*, found

^aGen. 24:1, 26:3, Job 42:12, Prov. 10:22

¹³ *Lit.*, great

^aProv. 10:22

¹⁴ *Lit.*, and possessions of herds

^aGen. 24:35, 25:5

¹⁵ *Lit.*, and filled them

^aGen. 21:25, 30

¹⁶ *Lit.*, much mightier than we

^aEx. 1:9

¹⁷ *Lit.*, dwell

¹⁸ *Lit.*, they had dug

¹Lit., called their names as the names

¹Lit., called

¹⁰ *Lit.*, living

²⁰ *Lit.*, contention

^aGen. 21:25

²¹ *Lit.*, enmity

²² *Lit.*, broad places

¹Lit., Truly now ²Or, broad

^aPs. 4:1, Is. 54:2, 3 ^bGen. 17:6, Ex. 1:7

²³ *Lit.*, 22:19

²⁴ *Lit.*, seed

^aGen. 26:2

^bGen. 17:7, 8, 24:12, Ex. 3:6, Acts 7:32

^cGen. 15:1

^aGen. 22:17, 26:3, 4

²⁵ *Lit.*, 12:7, 8, 13:4, 18, Ps. 116:17

Isaac, "Go away from us, for you are ¹too powerful for us."

17 And Isaac departed from there and camped in the valley of Gerar, and ¹settled there.

18 ^a Then Isaac dug again the wells of water which ¹had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death of Abraham; and he ²gave them the same names which his father had ³given them.

19 But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of ¹flowing water,

20 the herdsmen of Gerar ^aquarreled with the herdsmen of Isaac, saying, "The water is ours!" So he named the well ¹Esek, because they contended with him.

21 Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over it too, so he named it ¹Sitnah.

22 And he moved away from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he named it ¹Rehoboth, for he said, "At last the LORD has made ³room for us, and we shall be ^bfruitful in the land."

23 ^a Then he went up from there to ^aBeersheba.

24 And the LORD ^aappeared to him the same night and said,

"I am the God of your father Abraham;

^cDo not fear, for I am with you.

I ^dwill bless you, and multiply your ¹descendants, For the sake of My servant Abraham."

25 So he built an ^aaltar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well.

26 ^a Then ^aAbimelech came to him from Gerar ¹with his adviser Ahuzzath, and Phicol the commander of his army.

²⁶ *Lit.*, and his confidential friend ^aGen. 21:22

27 And Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, since you hate me, and have sent me away from you?"

28 And they said, "We see plainly that the LORD has been with you; so we said, 'Let there now be an oath between us, even between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you,

29 that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good, and have sent you away in peace. You are now the 'blessed of the LORD.'"

30 Then he made them a feast, and they ate and drank.

31 And in the morning they arose early and exchanged oaths; then Isaac sent them away and they departed from him in peace.

32 Now it came about on the same day, that Isaac's servants came in and told him about the well which they had dug, and said to him, "We have found water."

33 So he called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

34 ¶ And when Esau was forty years old he married Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite;

35 and they brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

CHAPTER 27

NOW it came about, when Isaac was old, and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his bolder son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here I am."

2 And Isaac said, "Behold now, I am old and I do not know the day of my death.

3 "Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me;

27 *Judg. 11:7

28 *Lit., us and you *Gen. 21:22, 23

29 *Lit., and just as we *Gen. 24:31, Pa. 115:15

30 *Gen. 19:3

31 *Lit., swore one to another *Gen. 21:31

32 *Gen. 21:31

34 *Lit., took as wife *Gen. 28:8, 36:2

35 *Lit., were a bitterness of spirit to *Gen. 27:46

1 *Gen. 48:10, 1 Sam. 32 *Gen. 25:25, 33, 34

2 *Lit., he *Gen. 47:29

3 *Gen. 25:28

4 *Gen. 27:19, 25, 31, 48:9, 15, 16, Deut. 33:1, Heb. 11:20

6 *Gen. 25:28

8 *Lit., my voice *Lit., according to what *Gen. 27:13, 43

9 *Lit., take *Lit., kids of goats

11 *Lit., said to *Gen. 25:25

12 *Lit., mother *Gen. 27:21, 22

13 *Gen. 27:8

18 *Lit., desirable; or, choice *Gen. 27:27

19 *Lit., kids of the goats

4 and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die."

5 ¶ And Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring home,

6 Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying,

7 'Bring me some game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.'

8 "Now therefore, my son, listen to me as I command you.

9 "Go now to the flock and bring me two choice kids from there, that I may prepare them as a savory dish for your father, such as he loves.

10 "Then you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

11 And Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man.

12 "Perhaps my father will feel me, then I shall be as a deceiver in his sight; and I shall bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing."

13 But his mother said to him, "Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me."

14 So he went and got them, and brought them to his mother, and his mother made savory food such as his father loved.

15 Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

16 And she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

17 She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, ¹to her son Jacob.

18 ¶ Then he came to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?"

19 And Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your first-born; I have done as you told me. ^aGet up, please, sit and eat of my game, that ^byou may bless me."

20 And Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have it so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me."

21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come close, that ^aI may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not."

22 So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau."

23 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were ^ahairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.

24 And he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he said, "I am."

25 So he said, "Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that ^aI may bless you." And he brought it to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank.

26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son."

27 So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he ^ablessed him and said,

"See, ^bthe smell of my son
Is like the smell of a field
^cwhich the LORD has
blessed;

28 Now may ^aGod give you of
the dew of heaven,
And of the ^bfatness of the
earth,

17 ¹Lit., into
the hand of

18 ¹Lit.,
your soul
^aGen. 27:31
^bGen. 27:4

20 ^aGen.
24:12

21 ^aGen.
27:12

23 ^aGen.
27:16

25 ¹Lit., my
soul
^aGen. 27:4

27 ^aHeb.
11:20 ^bSong
4:11 ^cPs.
65:10

28 ^aGen.
27:39; Deut.
33:13, 28;
Prov. 3:20;
Zech. 8:12
^bNum. 18:12

29 ^aGen.
25:23, 1a;
45:14, 49:7;
23:60:12, 14
^bGen. 9:26;
27:27:37
^cGen. 37:7, 10
^aGen. 12:3;
Num. 24:9

31 ¹Lit.,
your soul
^aGen. 27:19
^bGen. 27:4

32 ^aGen.
27:18 ^bGen.
25:33, 34

33 ¹Lit.,
trembled
with a very
great trem-
bling
^aGen. 27:35
^bGen. 25:23;
28:3, 4; Num.
23:20

34 ^aHeb.
12:17

35 ^aGen.
27:19

36 ¹Or, Was
he then
named Jacob
that he has
^aGen. 25:26,
32-34

Jacob Obtains Esau's Blessing.

And an abundance of grain
and new wine;

29 ^aMay peoples serve you,
And nations bow down to
you;

^bBe master of your broth-
ers,

^cAnd may your mother's
sons bow down to you.

^dCursed be those who
curse you,

And blessed be those who
bless you."

30 ¶ Now it came about, as
soon as Isaac had finished bless-
ing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly
gone out from the presence of
Isaac his father, that Esau his
brother came in from his hunt-
ing.

31 Then he also made savory
food, and brought it to his father;
and he said to his father, "^aLet
my father arise, and eat of his
son's game, that ^byou may bless
me."

32 And Isaac his father said to
him, "^aWho are you?" And he
said, "I am your son, ^byour first-
born, Esau."

33 Then Isaac ¹trembled vio-
lently, and said, "^aWho was he
then that hunted game and
brought it to me, so that I ate of
all of it before you came, and
blessed him? ^bYes, and he shall
be blessed."

34 When Esau heard the words
of his father, ^ahe cried out with
an exceedingly great and bitter
cry, and said to his father, "Bless
me, even me also, O my father!"

35 And he said, "^aYour brother
came deceitfully, and has taken
away your blessing."

36 Then he said, "¹Is he not
rightly named ^aJacob, for he has
supplanted me these two times?
He took away my birthright, and
behold, now he has taken away
my blessing." And he said,
"Have you not reserved a bless-
ing for me?"

37 But Isaac answered and
said to Esau, "Behold, I have

Esau's Grudge. Jacob Is Sent Away.

made him ^ayour master, and all his ¹relatives I have given to him ²as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?"

38 And Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father." So Esau lifted his voice and ^awept.

39 Then ^aIsaac his father answered and said to him,

"Behold, ¹away from the ²fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling, And ¹away from the dew of heaven from above.

40 "And by your sword you shall live,

And your brother ^ayou shall serve;

But it shall come about ^bwhen you become restless,

That you shall ¹break his yoke from your neck."

41 So Esau ^abore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said ¹to himself, "^bThe days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

42 Now when the words of her elder son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, "Behold your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you, by planning to kill you.

43 "Now therefore, my son, ^aobey my voice, and arise, ¹flee to ^bHaran, to my brother ^cLaban!

44 "And stay with him ^aa few days, until your brother's fury ¹subsides,

45 until your brother's anger ¹against you subsides, and he forgets ^awhat you did to him. Then I shall send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"

46 ¶ And Rebekah said to

37 ¹Lit. brothers ²Lit. for
Gen. 27.28.
29

38 ^aHeb.
12.17

39 ¹Or, of
Lit. fairness
^aHeb. 11.20
^aGen. 27.28.
Deut. 33.13.
28

40 ¹Lit. tear
off
^aGen. 25.23.
27.29 ²Kin.
8.20-22

41 ¹Lit. in
his heart
^aGen. 32.3-11.
37.4.8 ^aGen.
50.2-4.10

42 ¹Lit. flow
for yourself
^aGen. 27.8.13
^aGen. 11.31
^aGen. 24.29

43 ¹Lit.
turns away
^aGen. 31.41

44 ¹Lit.
turns away
from you
^aGen. 27.12.
19.35

45 ¹Lit. my
life
^aGen. 28.34.
35.28.8 ^aGen.
24.3

1 ^aGen.
27.33 ^aGen.
24.3.4

2 ^aGen.
25.20

3 ^aHeb. El
Shaddai
^aGen. 17.1.
35.11.48.3
^aGen. 22.17
^aGen. 17.6.20
^aGen. 17.2.
28.4.24 ^aGen.
35.11.48.4

4 ¹Lit.
said
^aGen. 12.2.
22.17 ^aGen.
15.7. & 17.8
¹Chr. 29.13.
Ps. 38.12

5 ^aGen.
27.43

6 ^aGen.
28.1

8 ¹Lit. in
the eyes of
his
^aGen. 24.3.
28.34.35.
27.48

9 ¹Lit.
look for his
wife
^aGen. 28.34.
38.2

Isaac, "I am tired of ¹living because of ^athe daughters of Heth; ^bif Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

CHAPTER 28

SO Isaac called Jacob and ^ablessed him and charged him, and said to him, "^bYou shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

2 "Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of ^aBethuel your mother's father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

3 "And may ¹aGod Almighty ^bbless you and ^cmake you fruitful and ^amultiply you, that you may become a ^acompany of peoples.

4 "May He also give you the ^ablessing of Abraham, to you and to your ¹descendants with you; that you may ^bpossess the land of your ^csojournings, which God gave to Abraham."

5 Then ^aIsaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take to himself a wife from there, and that when he blessed him he charged him, saying, "^aYou shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan."

7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan-aram.

8 So Esau saw that ^athe daughters of Canaan displeased ¹his father Isaac;

9 and Esau went to Ishmael, and ¹married, ^abesides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

10 ¶ Then Jacob departed from ^aBeersheba and went toward ^bHaran.

11 And he ¹came to ^{2a} ^acertain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it ³under his head, and lay down in that place.

12 And ^ahe had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, ^bthe angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

13 And behold, ^athe LORD stood ¹above it and said, "I am the LORD, ^bthe God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it ^cto you and to ^dyour ²descendants.

14 "Your ¹descendants shall also be like ^athe dust of the earth, and you shall ²spread out ^bto the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and ^cin you and in your ¹descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 "And behold, ^aI am with you, and ^bwill keep you wherever you go, and ^cwill bring you back to this land; for ^dI will not leave you until I have done what I have ¹promised you."

16 Then Jacob ^aawoke from his sleep and said, "^bSurely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

17 And he was afraid and said, "^aHow awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

18 ¶ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took ^athe stone that he had put ¹under his head and set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on its top.

19 And he called the name of that place ^{1a}Bethel; however, ²previously the name of the city had been ^bLuz.

10 ^aGen. 28:23 ^bGen. 12:4, 5, 27-43
11 ¹Lit., lighted on
²Lit., the place ³Lit., at his head-place
^aGen. 28:19
12 ^aGen. 41:1, Num. 12:6 ^bJohn 1:51
13 ¹Or, he side him
²Lit., seed
^aGen. 35:1, Amos 7:7
^bGen. 28:3, 24
^cGen. 13:15, 17, 26:3 ^dGen. 12:7, 15-18
14 ¹Lit., seed ²Lit., break through
^aGen. 13:18, 22-17 ^bGen. 13:14, 15
^cGen. 12:3, 18-18, 22-18, 26:4
15 ¹Lit., spoken to
^aGen. 28:3, 24, 31:3
^bNum. 6:24, Ps. 121:5, 7, 8
^cGen. 48:21, Deut. 30:3
^dNum. 23:19, Deut. 7:9, 31:6, 8
16 ^a1 Kin. 3:15, Jer. 31:26 ^bEx. 34:6, Josh. 5:13-15, Ps. 139:7-12
17 ^aPs. 68:35
18 ¹Lit., at his head-place
^aGen. 28:11, 35:14
19 ¹I.e., the house of God
²Lit., at the first
^aJudg. 1:23
^bGen. 35:6, 48:3
20 ¹Lit., go
²Lit., bread
^aGen. 31:13, Judg. 11:30, 2 Sam. 15:8
^bGen. 28:15
^c1 Tim. 6:8
21 ¹Lit., peace
^aJudg. 11:31
^bDeut. 28:17
22 ^aGen. 35:7 ^bLev. 27:30, Deut. 14:22
I ¹Lit., lifted up his feet
^aJudg. 6:3, 33

20 Then Jacob ^amade a vow, saying, "^bIf God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I ¹take, and will give me ^{2c}food to eat and garments to wear,

21 and ^aI return to my father's house in ¹safety, ^bthen the LORD will be my God.

22 "And this stone, which I have set up as a pillar, ^awill be God's house; and ^bof all that Thou dost give me I will surely give a tenth to Thee."

CHAPTER 29

THEN Jacob ¹went on his journey, and came to the land of ^athe sons of the east.

2 And he looked, and ¹saw ^aa well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep were lying there beside it, for from that well they watered the flocks. Now the stone on the mouth of the well was large.

3 When all the flocks were gathered there, they would then roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well.

4 And Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where are you from?" And they said, "We are from ^aHaran."

5 And he said to them, "Do you know Laban the ^ason of Nahor?" And they said, "We know ^{him}."

6 And he said to them, "Is it well with him?" And they said, "It is well, and behold, ^aRachel his daughter is coming with the sheep."

7 And he said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them."

8 But they said, "We cannot, until all the flocks are gathered,

2 ¹Lit., behold ^aGen. 24:10, 11; Ex. 2:15, 16
4 ^aGen. 28:10
5 ^aGen. 24:24, 29
6 ^aEx. 2:16

and they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."

9 While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

10 And it came about, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went up, and rolled the stone from the mouth of the well, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.

11 Then Jacob ^akissed Rachel, and lifted his voice and wept.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was a ¹relative of her father and that he was Rebekah's son, and ^bshe ran and told her father.

13 ¶ So it came about, when ^aLaban heard the news of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and ^bembraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Then he related to Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, "Surely you are ^amy bone and my flesh." And he stayed with him a month.

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my ¹relative, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall ^ayour wages be?"

16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.

17 And Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was ^abeautiful of form and ¹face.

18 Now Jacob ^aloved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."

19 And Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man; stay with me."

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they

11 ^aGen. 33:4

12 ¹Lt. brother
^aGen. 28:5
^aGen. 24:28

13 ^aGen. 24:29-31
^aGen. 33:4

14 ^aGen. 2:23; Judg. 9:2, 2 Sam. 5:1, 19:12, 13

15 ¹Lt. brother
^aGen. 31:41

17 ¹Lt. beautiful of appearance
^aGen. 12:11, 14, 28:7

18 ^aGen. 24:67 ^bHos. 12:12

20 ^aSong 8:7

21 ¹Lt. days are
^aJudg. 15:1

23 ^aGen. 12:18, 20:9, 28:10 ^b1 Sam. 28:12

26 ¹Lt. done thus in
²Lt. give

27 ^aGen. 31:41

28 ¹Lt. him
^aGen. 29:17, 18 ^aGen. 31:41

31 ¹Lt. hated

32 ¹Lt. see, a son ²Lt. looked upon
^aGen. 18:11; 31:42; Ex. 3:7; 4:31; Deut. 28:7; Ps. 25:18

seemed to him but a few days ^abecause of his love for her.

21 ¶ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife, for my ¹time is completed, that I may ^ago in to her."

22 And Laban gathered all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 Now it came about in the evening that he took his daughter Leah, and brought her to him; and Jacob went in to her.

24 Laban also gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah as a maid.

25 So it came about in the morning that, behold, it was Leah! And he said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have you ^bdeceived me?"

26 But Laban said, "It is not ¹the practice in our place, to ²marry off the younger before the first-born.

27 "Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also for the service which ^ayou shall serve with me for another seven years."

28 And Jacob did so and completed her week, and he gave him his daughter Rachel as his wife.

29 Laban also gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her maid.

30 So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and indeed ^ahe loved Rachel more than Leah, and he served with ¹Laban for ^banother seven years.

31 ¶ Now the LORD saw that Leah was ¹unloved, and He opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

32 And Leah conceived and bore a son and named him ¹Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has ^{2a}seen my affliction; surely now my husband will love me."

33 Then she conceived again

and bore a son and said, "Because the LORD has ¹heard that I am ²unloved, He has therefore given me this son also." So she named him Simeon.

34 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "Now this time my husband will become ¹attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore he was named ³Levi.

35 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "This time I will ¹praise the LORD." Therefore she named him ²Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

CHAPTER 30

NOW when Rachel saw that ^ashe bore Jacob no children, ¹she became jealous of her sister; and she said to Jacob, "Give me children, or else I die."

2 Then Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has ^awithheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

3 And she said, "Here is my maid Bilhah, go in to her, that she may ^bbear on my knees, that ¹through her I too may have children."

4 So ^ashe gave him her maid Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her.

5 And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son.

6 Then Rachel said, "God has ¹avindicated me, and has indeed heard my voice and has given me a son." Therefore she named him ²Dan.

7 And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son.

8 So Rachel said, "With ¹mighty wrestlings I have ²wrestled with my sister, and I have indeed prevailed." And she named him Naphtali.

9 ¶ When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took

³³ ¹Heb., shama, related to Simon ²Lit., hated
^aDeut. 21:15

³⁴ ¹Heb., lavah, related to Levi
^aGen. 49:5

³⁵ ¹Heb., Judah, related to Judah ²Heb., Jehudah
^aGen. 49:8; Matt. 1:2

¹ ¹Lit., Rachel
^aGen. 29:31
^b1 Sam. 1:5, 6

² ^aGen. 20:18, 29:31

³ ¹Lit., from her I too may be built
^aGen. 16:2
^bGen. 50:23; Job 3:12
^cGen. 16:2

⁴ ^aGen. 16:3, 4

⁶ ¹Lit., judged ²i.e., He judged
^aPs. 35:24; 43:1; Lam. 3:59

⁸ ¹Lit., wrestlings of God ²Heb., niphtal, related to Naphtali

¹¹ ¹Lit., With fortune! Some versions read Fortune has come ²i.e., Fortune

¹³ ¹Lit., With my happiness! ²i.e., happy
^aLuke 1:48

¹⁴ ^aSong 7:13

¹⁸ ¹Heb., sachar, related to Issachar

²⁰ ¹Heb., zabal, related to Zebulun. Some translate will honor

²² ^a1 Sam. 1:19, 20 ^bGen. 29:31

her maid Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife.

10 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a son.

11 Then Leah said, "How fortunate!" So she named him ²Gad.

12 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a second son.

13 Then Leah said, "Happy am I! For women ^awill call me happy." So she named him ²Asher.

14 ¶ Now in the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found ^amandrakes in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes."

15 But she said to her, "Is it a small matter for you to take my husband? And would you take my son's mandrakes also?" So Rachel said, "Therefore he may lie with you tonight in return for your son's mandrakes."

16 When Jacob came in from the field in the evening, then Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have surely hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night.

17 And God gave heed to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.

18 Then Leah said, "God has given me my ¹wages, because I gave my maid to my husband." So she named him Issachar.

19 And Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Jacob.

20 Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good gift; now my husband ¹will dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons." So she named him Zebulun.

21 And afterward she bore a daughter and named her Dinah.

22 Then ^aGod remembered Rachel, and God gave heed to her and ^bopened her womb.

23 So she conceived and bore a son and said, "God has ^ataken away my reproach."

24 And she named him Joseph, saying, "^aMay the LORD ¹give me another son."

25 ¶ Now it came about when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "^aSend me away, that I may go to my own place and to my own country.

26 "Give me my wives and my children ^afor whom I have served you, and let me depart; for you yourself know my service which I have ¹rendered you."

27 But Laban said to him, "If now ¹it pleases you, stay with me; I have divined ^athat the LORD has blessed me on your account."

28 And he ¹continued, "^aName me your wages, and I will give it."

29 But he said to him, "^aYou yourself know how I have served you and how your cattle have ¹fared with me.

30 "For you had little before ¹I came, and it has ²increased to a multitude; and the LORD has blessed you ³wherever I turned. But now, when shall I provide for my own household also?"

31 So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this one thing for me, I will again pasture and keep your flock:

32 let me pass through your entire flock today, removing from there every ^aspeckled and spotted sheep, and every black ¹one among the lambs, and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and such shall be my wages.

33 "So my ¹honesty will answer for me later, when you come concerning my ²wages. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and

23 ^aIs. 41.
Luke 1:25

24 ¹Lit., add to me; Heb. Joseph
^aGen. 35:17

25 ^aGen.
24:54, 56

26 ¹Lit., served
^aGen. 29:18, 20, 27; Hos. 12:12

27 ¹Lit., I have found favor in your eyes
^aGen. 26:24, 29:3, 5, 18
61:9

28 ¹Lit., said
^aGen. 29:15, 31:7, 41

29 ¹Lit., been
^aGen. 31:8

30 ¹Lit., me
¹Lit., broken forth
²Lit., at my foot

31 ¹Lit., sheep
^aGen. 31:8

32 ¹Lit., righteousness
²Lit., wages which are before you

33 ¹Lit., Be- hold, would that it might be

34 ¹Lit., hand

35 ¹Lit., took to him- self
²Lit., on

36 ¹Or, con- ceived

37 ¹Or, con- ceived

38 ¹Lit., set the faces

39 ¹Lit., bound ones, i.e., firm and compact
²Or, conceived
³Or, conceive

40 ¹Lit., bound ones, i.e., firm and compact

41 ¹Lit., broke forth
^aGen. 12:16, 13:2, 24:35, 26:13, 14, 30:30

black among the lambs, if found with me, will be considered stolen."

34 And Laban said, "¹Good, let it be according to your word."

35 So he removed on that day the striped and spotted male goats and all the speckled and spotted female goats, every one with white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the ¹care of his sons.

36 And he put a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 ¶ Then Jacob ¹took fresh rods of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them, exposing the white which was ²in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the gutters, even in the watering troughs, where the flocks came to drink; and they ¹mated when they came to drink.

39 So the flocks ¹mated by the rods, and the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and ¹made the flocks face toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban; and he put his own herds apart, and did not put them with Laban's flock.

41 Moreover, it came about whenever the ¹stronger of the flock ²were mating, that Jacob would place the rods in the sight of the flock in the gutters, so that they might ³mate by the rods;

42 but when the flock was feeble, he did not put them in; so the feeble were Laban's and the ¹stronger Jacob's.

43 So ^athe man ¹became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.

CHAPTER 31

NOW ¹Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this ²wealth."

2 And Jacob saw the ¹attitude of Laban, and behold, it was not friendly toward him as formerly.

3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and ^bhe will be with you."

4 So Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to his flock in the field,

5 and said to them, "I see your father's ¹attitude, that it is not friendly toward me as formerly, but ^bthe God of my father has been with me.

6 "And ^ayou know that I have served your father with all my strength.

7 "Yet your father has ^acheated me and ^bchanged my wages ten times; however, ^cGod did not allow him to hurt me.

8 "If ^ahe spoke thus, 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flock brought forth speckled; and if he spoke thus, 'The striped shall be your wages,' then all the flock brought forth striped.

9 "Thus God has ^ataken away your father's livestock and given them to me.

10 "And it came about at the time when the flock were ¹mating that I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream, and behold, the male goats which were ²mating were striped, speckled, and mottled.

11 "Then ^athe angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob,' and I said, 'Here I am.'

12 "And he said, 'Lift up, now, your eyes and see that all the male goats which are ¹mating are striped, speckled, and mot-

¹ ¹Lat., he
² ¹Lat., glory

³ ¹Lat., face

⁴ ^aGen. 31:2
⁵ ^aGen. 28:13, 15;
⁶ ^aGen. 31:29, 42, 53;
⁷ ^aIs. 41:10;
⁸ ^aHeb. 13:5

⁹ ^aGen. 30:29

¹⁰ ^aGen. 29:25
¹¹ ^aGen. 31:41
¹² ^aGen. 15:1, 31:29

¹³ ^aGen. 30:32

¹⁴ ^aGen. 31:1, 16

¹⁵ ^aOr, conceiving ¹Lat., leaping upon the flock

¹⁶ ^aGen. 16:7-11;
¹⁷ ^a22:11, 15;
¹⁸ ^a31:13, 48-18

¹⁹ ^aLat., leaping upon the flock

²⁰ ^aEx. 3:7

²¹ ^aLat., go out from

²² ^aGen. 28:13;
²³ ^aGen. 28:18, 20;
²⁴ ^aGen. 28:15;
²⁵ ^a32:9

²⁶ ^aHeb., enjoyed the benefit of

²⁷ ^aLat., our money

²⁸ ^aGen. 29:20;
²⁹ ^a23, 27

³⁰ ^aGen. 35:27

³¹ ^aHeb., teraphim

³² ^aGen. 31:30;
³³ ^a34:35; 2;
³⁴ ^aJudg. 17:5;
³⁵ ^a1 Sam. 19:13;
³⁶ ^aHos. 3:4

³⁷ ^aLat., stole the heart of

³⁸ ^aGen. 37:25

³⁹ ^aLat., brothers

⁴⁰ ^aLat., Take heed to yourself

⁴¹ ^aGen. 20:3;
⁴² ^a31:29
⁴³ ^aGen. 20:3, 6; 31:11
⁴⁴ ^aGen. 24:50;
⁴⁵ ^a31:7, 29

tled; for ^aI have seen all that Laban has been doing to you.

13 ^aI am ^athe God of Bethel where you ^banointed a pillar where you made a vow to Me now arise, ^bleave this land, and ^creturn to the land of your birth."

14 And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father's house?"

15 "Are we not reckoned by him as foreigners? For ^ahe has sold us, and has also ^bentirely consumed ²our purchase price.

16 "Surely all the wealth which God has taken away from our father belongs to us and our children; now then, do whatever God has said to you."

17 ¶ Then Jacob arose and put his children and his wives upon camels;

18 and he drove away all his livestock and all his property which he had gathered, his acquired livestock which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, ^ato go to the land of Canaan to his father Isaac.

19 When Laban had gone to shear his flock, then Rachel stole the ¹household idols that were her father's.

20 And Jacob ^bdeceived Laban the Aramean, by not telling him that he was fleeing.

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he arose and crossed the Euphrates River, and set his face toward the hill country of ^aGilead.

22 ¶ When it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled,

23 then he took his ¹kinsmen with him, and pursued him a distance of seven days' journey; and he overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.

24 And ^aGod came to Laban the Aramean in a ^bdream of the night, and said to him, "¹Be

careful that you do not speak to Jacob either good or bad."

25 ¹Lit. brothers

25 And Laban caught up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the hill country, and Laban with his ¹kinsmen camped in the hill country of Gilead.

26 ¹Lit. and you have stolen my heart

26 Then Laban said to Jacob, "What have you done ¹by deceiving me and carrying away my daughters like captives of the sword?"

27 ¹Lit. steal me
Ex 15:20
Gen 4:21

27 "Why did you flee secretly and ¹deceive me, and did not tell me, so that I might have sent you away with joy and with songs, with ¹timbrel and with ¹lyre;

28 ¹Gen 31:55

28 and did not allow me ¹to kiss my sons and my daughters? Now you have done foolishly.

29 ¹Lit. the power of my hand ¹Lit. Take heed to yourself/
Gen 31:5, 24, 42, 53
Gen 31:24

29 "It is in ¹my power to do you harm, but ¹the God of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ²Be careful not to speak either good or bad to Jacob."

30 ¹Gen 31:19, Josh 24:2, Judg 18:24

30 "And now you have indeed gone away because you longed greatly for your father's house; but why did you steal ¹my gods?"

31 ¹Lit. brothers ²Lit. recognize ¹Lit. with me
Gen 44:9

31 Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said, 'Lest you would take your daughters from me by force.'

32 ¹Heb. terraphim

32 "The one with whom you find your gods shall not live; in the presence of our ¹kinsmen ²point out what is yours ³among my belongings and take it for yourself." For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

33 ¹Heb. terraphim
Lev 19:32
Gen 31:19

33 ¶ So Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two maids, but he did not find them. Then he went out of Leah's tent and entered Rachel's tent.

37 ¹Lit. brothers

40 ¹Or. drought

34 Now Rachel had taken the ¹household idols and put them in the camel's saddle, and she sat on them. And Laban felt through all the tent, but did not find them.

41 ¹Gen 29:27, 30
Gen 31:7

43 ¹Gen 31:5, 29, 53
Gen 29:32, Ex 3:7
Gen 31:24, 29

45 ¹Gen 31:1

35 And she said to her father, "Let not my lord be angry that I cannot ¹rise before you, for the manner of women is upon me." So he searched, but did not find the ¹household idols.

36 ¶ Then Jacob became angry and contended with Laban; and Jacob answered and said to Laban, "What is my transgression? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me?"

37 "Though you have felt through all my goods, what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my ¹kinsmen and your ¹kinsmen, that they may decide between us two.

38 "These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks.

39 "That which was torn of beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. You required it of my hand whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

40 "Thus I was: by day the ¹heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

41 "These twenty years I have been in your house; ¹I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you ¹changed my wages ten times.

42 "If ¹the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had not been for me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. ¹God has seen my affliction and the toil of my hands, so He ¹rendered judgment last night."

43 ¶ Then Laban answered and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and ¹the flocks are my flocks, and all that you see is mine. But what can I do this day to these my

daughters or to their children whom they have borne?

44 "So now come, let us ^amake a covenant, ¹you and I, and ^blet it be a witness between ²you and me."

45 Then Jacob took ^aa stone and set it up as a pillar.

46 And Jacob said to his ¹kinsmen, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there by the heap.

47 Now Laban ^acalled it ¹Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob called it ²Galeed.

48 And Laban said, "This heap is a witness between ¹you and me this day." Therefore it was named Galeed;

49 and ^{1a}Mizpah, for he said, "May the LORD watch between ²you and me when we are ³absent one from the other.

50 "If you mistreat my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, *although* no man is with us, see, ^aGod is witness between ¹you and me."

51 And Laban said to Jacob, "Behold this heap and behold the pillar which I have set between ¹you and me.

52 "This heap is a witness, and the pillar is a witness, that I will not pass by this heap to you for harm, and you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, for harm.

53 "The God of Abraham and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, ^bjudge between us." So Jacob swore by ^cthe fear of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob ^aoffered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his ¹kinsmen to ²the meal; and they ate ³the meal and spent the night on the mountain.

55 ¹And early in the morning Laban arose, and ^akissed his sons and his daughters and blessed them. Then Laban departed and returned to his place.

44 ¹Lit., I and you ²Lit., me and you ^aGen. 21:27, 32; 26:28

^bJosh. 24:27 ^cGen. 28:18; Josh. 24:26, 27

45 ¹Lit., brothers

47 ¹i.e., the heap of witness, in Aram ²i.e., the heap of witness, in Heb.

^aJosh. 22:34

48 ¹Lit., me and you ^aJosh. 24:27

49 ¹Lit., the Mizpah, i.e., the watch-tower

²Lit., me and you

³Lit., hidden ^aJudg. 11:29; 1 Sam. 7:5, 6

50 ¹Lit., me and you

^aJer. 29:23, 42:5

51 ¹Lit., me and you

^aGen. 28:13 ^bGen. 16:5 ^cGen. 31:42

54 ¹Lit., brothers

²Lit., eat bread

³Lit., bread ^aEx. 18:12

55 ¹Ch. 32:1 in Heb.

^aGen. 31:28, 43

¹2 Kin. 6:16, 17; Ps. 34:7

²Or, company

³i.e., Two Camps, or, Two Companies

^aJosh. 21:38, 2 Sam. 2:8

³Lit., field

^aGen. 27:41, 42; 32:7, 11

^bGen. 14:6; 33:14 ^cGen. 25:30; 36:8, 9

⁴Gen. 31:41

⁵Gen. 30:43 ^aGen. 33:8

⁶Gen. 33:1

⁷Gen. 32:11

⁸Lit., smiles

⁹Lit., do good with you

^aGen. 28:13; 31:42 ^bGen. 28:15; 31:3, 13

CHAPTER 32

NOW as Jacob went on his way, ^athe angels of God met him.

2 And Jacob said when he saw them, "This is God's ¹camp." So he named that place ^{2a}Mahana-im.

3 ¶ Then Jacob ^asent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of ^bSeir, the ¹country of ^cEdom.

4 He also commanded them saying, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: 'Thus says your servant Jacob, "I have sojourned with Laban, and ^astayed until now;

5 and ^aI have oxen and donkeys and flocks and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, ^bthat I may find favor in your sight.'"

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and furthermore ^ahe is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

7 Then Jacob was ^agreatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and the herds and the camels, into two companies;

8 for he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and ¹attacks it, then the company which is left will escape."

9 And Jacob said, "O ^aGod of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who didst say to me, ^bReturn to your country and to your relatives, and I will ¹prosper you,"

10 ¹I am unworthy ^aof all the lovingkindness and of all the ²faithfulness which Thou hast shown to Thy servant; for with my staff *only* I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies.

10 ¹Lit., I am less than all ²Or, truth ^aGen. 24:27

11 "Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me, the mothers with the children.

12 "For Thou didst say, 'I will surely prosper you, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' "

13 ¶ So he spent the night there. Then he selected from what he had with him a present for his brother Esau:

14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15 thirty milking camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

16 And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on before me, and put a space between droves."

17 And he commanded the one in front, saying, "When my brother Esau meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going, and to whom do these animals in front of you belong?'

18 then you shall say, 'These belong to your servant Jacob; it is a present sent to my lord Esau. And behold, he also is behind us.' "

19 Then he commanded also the second and the third, and all those who followed the droves, saying, "After this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;

20 and you shall say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob also is behind us.' " For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me. Then afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

21 So the present passed on before him, while he himself spent that night in the camp.

11 ¹Lat. made
²Ps. 58:1, 2
³Gen. 27:41.
⁴Q. 33:4 ⁵Heb. 10:14

12 ¹Lat. do good with
²Lat. seed
³Gen. 28:14
⁴Gen. 22:17

13 ¹Lat. took
²Lat. had come to his hand
³Gen. 43:11

17 ¹Lat. drove

22 ¹Over
²18. Josh.
12:2

24 ¹Heb.
12:1, 4

28 ¹Heb.
12:4

28 ¹Lat. he who strives with God, or God strives
²Gen. 35:10.
³1. Km. 18:31

29 ¹Judg.
13:17, 18

28 ¹Lat. the face of God
²Lat. seed
³Gen. 16:13.
⁴Ex. 24:10, 11.
⁵33:28. Num. 12:8. Judg. 6:22, 13:22

31 ¹Judg.
8:8

1 ¹Or, to
²Gen. 32:6

22 ¶ Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

23 And he took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.

24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

25 And when he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 And he said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."

29 Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.

30 So Jacob named the place Peniel, for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved."

31 Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Penuel, and he was limping on his thigh.

32 Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

CHAPTER 33

THEN Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids.

2 And he put the maids and their children ¹in front, and Leah and her children ²next, and Rachel and Joseph ³last.

3 But he himself passed on ahead of them and ⁴bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and ⁵fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

5 And he lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "¹Who are these with you?" So he said, "²The children whom God has graciously given your servant."

6 Then the maids came near ¹with their children, and they bowed down.

7 And Leah likewise came near with her children, and they bowed down; and afterward Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed down.

8 And he said, "What do you mean by ¹all this company which I have met?" And he said, "²To find favor in the sight of my lord."

9 But Esau said, "¹I have plenty, my brother; let what you have be your own."

10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, ¹for I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

11 "Please take my ¹gift which has been brought to you, ²because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have ³plenty." Thus he urged him and he took it.

12 Then ¹Esau said, "Let us take our journey and go, and I will go before you."

13 But he said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds which are nursing are ¹a care to

² Lit., first
³ Lit., behind

³ Gen. 42:6, 43:26

⁴ Gen. 45:14, 15

⁵ Or, What relation are these to you?

¹ Gen. 48:9; Ps. 127:3, 15:8, 18

⁶ Lit., they and

⁸ Gen. 32:13-16
⁹ Gen. 32:5

⁹ Gen. 27:39, 40

¹⁰ Lit., for therefore I have seen your face like seeing God's face

¹¹ Lit., blessing ² Lit., all
¹ Sam. 25:27
² Gen. 30:43

¹² Lit., he

¹³ Lit., upon me

¹⁴ Gen. 32:3

¹⁵ Lit., Why this?
¹⁶ Ruth 2:13

¹⁷ I.e., booths
¹⁸ Josh. 13:27; Judg. 8:5, 14; Ps. 60:6

¹⁸ Gen. 12:6; Josh. 24:1; Judg. 9:1
¹⁹ Gen. 25:20, 28:2

²⁰ Heb., qenitah
²¹ Josh. 24:32; John 4:5

²² I.e., God, the God of Israel

²³ Lit., see
²⁴ Gen. 30:21

²⁵ Lit., and humbled her
²⁶ Gen. 34:30

²⁷ Lit., his soul clung
²⁸ Lit., spoke to the heart of the girl

²⁹ Judg. 14:2

me. And if they are driven hard one day, all the flocks will die.

14 "Please let my lord pass on before his servant; and I will proceed at my leisure, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord at ¹Seir."

15 And Esau said, "Please let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "¹What need is there? ²Let me find favor in the sight of my lord."

16 So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

17 And Jacob journeyed to ¹Succoth; and built for himself a house, and made booths for his livestock, therefore the place is named Succoth.

18 ¶ Now Jacob came safely to the city of ¹Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from ²Paddan-aram, and camped before the city.

19 And ¹he bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for one hundred ²pieces of money.

20 Then he erected there an altar, and called it ¹El-Elohe Israel.

CHAPTER 34

NOW ¹Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to ²visit the daughters of the land.

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor ¹the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her, he took her and lay with her ²by force.

3 And ¹he was deeply attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and ²spoke tenderly to her.

4 So Shechem ¹spoke to his father Hamor, saying, "Get me this young girl for a wife."

5 Now Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; but

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his sons were with his livestock in the field, so Jacob kept silent until they came in.

6 Then Hamor the father of Shechem went out to Jacob to speak with him.

7 Now the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved, and they were very angry because he had done a ¹disgraceful thing in Israel ²by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing ought not to be done.

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "The soul of my son Shechem longs for your daughter; please give her to him ¹in marriage.

9 "And intermarry with us; give your daughters to us, and take our daughters for yourselves.

10 "Thus you shall ¹live with us, and ²the land shall be open before you; ³live and ⁴trade in it, and ⁵acquire property in it."

11 Shechem also said to her father and to her brothers, "If I find favor in your sight, then I will give whatever you say to me.

12 "Ask me ever so much bridal payment and gift, and I will give according as you say to me; but give me the girl ¹in marriage."

13 But Jacob's sons answered Shechem and his father Hamor, with deceit, and spoke to them, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

14 And they said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to ¹one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us.

15 "Only on this condition will we consent to you: if you will become like us, in that every male of you be circumcised,

16 then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for ourselves, and we will ¹live with you and become one people.

17 "But if you will not listen to

⁷ ¹Lit., senseless
² ¹Lit., to lie
⁴ ¹Deut. 22:20-30; Judg. 20:6, 2 Sam. 13:12

⁸ ¹Lit., for a wife

¹⁰ ¹Lit., dwell
⁴ ¹Gen. 13:9, 20:15
⁵ ¹Gen. 42:34
⁴⁷ 27

¹² ¹Lit., for a wife

¹⁴ ¹Gen. 17:14

¹⁶ ¹Lit., dwell

¹⁸ ¹Lit., good

²⁰ ¹Ruth 4:1, 2 Sam. 15:2

²¹ ¹Lit., peaceful
² ¹Lit., dwell
³ ¹Lit., wide of hands before them
⁴ ¹Lit., to us for wives

²² ¹Lit., dwell

²³ ¹Lit., dwell

²⁴ ¹Gen. 23:10

²⁶ ¹Gen. 49:5-7

us to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go."

18 ¶ Now their words seemed ¹reasonable to Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son.

19 And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter. Now he was more respected than all the household of his father.

20 So Hamor and his son Shechem came to the ¹gate of their city, and spoke to the men of their city, saying,

21 "These men are ¹friendly with us; therefore let them ²live in the land and trade in it, for behold, the land is ³large enough for them. Let us take their daughters ⁴in marriage, and give our daughters to them.

22 "Only on this condition will the men consent to us to ¹live with us, to become one people: that every male among us be circumcised as they are circumcised.

23 "Will not their livestock and their property and all their animals be ours? Only let us consent to them, and they will ¹live with us."

24 And ¹all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to his son Shechem, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

25 Now it came about on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of Jacob's sons, ¹Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each took his sword and came upon the city unawares, and killed every male.

26 And they killed Hamor and his son Shechem with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah from Shechem's house, and went forth.

27 Jacob's sons came upon the slain and looted the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their flocks and their herds and their donkeys, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field;

29 and they captured and looted all their wealth and all their little ones and their wives, even all that was in the houses.

30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have ^abrought trouble on me, by ^bmaking me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among ^cthe Canaanites and the Perizzites; and ^dmy men being few in number, they will gather together against me and ^eattack me and I shall be destroyed, I and my household."

31 But they said, "Should he ^ftreat our sister as a harlot?"

CHAPTER 35

THEN God said to Jacob, "Arise, go up to ^aBethel, and ^blive there; and make an altar there to ^cGod, who appeared to you ^dwhen you fled ^efrom your brother Esau."

2 So Jacob said to his ^ahousehold and to all who were with him, "Put away ^bthe foreign gods which are among you, and ^cpurify yourselves, and change your garments;

3 and let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make ^aan altar there to God, ^bwho answered me in the day of my distress, and ^chas been with me ^dwherever I have gone."

4 So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods which ¹they had, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the ²oak which was near Shechem.

5 ¶ As they journeyed, there was ^{1a}a great terror upon the cities which were around them, and they did not pursue the sons of Jacob.

6 So Jacob came to ^aLuz (that is, Bethel), which is in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who were with him.

30 ¹Lit., few in number
²Lit., smite
^aJosh. 7:25
^bEx. 5:21
¹Sam. 13:4
²Sam. 10:6
^cGen. 13:7
^dGen. 46:26, 27
^eDeut. 4:27
^f1 Chr. 16:19
^gPs. 106:12
^h1 Or, make

1 ¹Lit., dwell
²Lit., from the face of
^aGen. 28:19
^bGen. 28:13
^cGen. 27:43
²Gen. 18:19; Josh. 24:15
^dGen. 31:19, 30, 34
^eEx. 19:10, 14
³Lit., in the way which
^aGen. 28:20-22
^bPs. 107:6
^cGen. 28:15, 31, 32, 42
⁴Lit., were in their hand
²Or, terrible
⁵Or, a terror of God
^aEx. 15:16, 23, 27; Deut. 2:25
⁶Gen. 28:19, 48, 3
⁷I.e., the God of Bethel
¹Lit., from the face of
^aGen. 35:3
⁸I.e., oak of weeping
^aGen. 24:59
⁹Gen. 32:29
¹⁰Lit., Your name
¹Lit., his name
^aGen. 17:5, 32, 28
¹¹Heb., El Shaddai
²Or, come into being
¹Lit., your loins
^aGen. 17:1; 28:3; Ex. 6:3
^bGen. 9:1, 7
^cGen. 48:4
^dGen. 17:6, 16, 30, 31
¹²Lit., seed
^aGen. 12:7; 13:15; 28:3, 4; 28:13; Ex. 32:13
¹³Gen. 17:22; 18:33
¹⁴Or, drink offering
^aGen. 28:18, 19; 31:45

7 And ^ahe built an altar there and called the place ¹El-bethel because there God had revealed Himself to him, when he fled ²from his brother.

8 Now ^aDeborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak; was named ¹Allon-bacuth.

9 ¶ Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and He ^ablessed him.

10 And ^aGod said to him,

"Your name is Jacob;

¹You shall no longer be called Jacob,

But Israel shall be your name."

Thus He called ²him Israel.

11 God also said to him,

"I am ^{1a}God Almighty;

^bBe fruitful and multiply; A nation and a ^ccompany of nations shall ²come from you,

And ^dkings shall ²come forth from ³you.

12 "And ^athe land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you,

And I will give the land to your ¹descendants after you."

13 Then ^aGod went up from him in the place where He had spoken with him.

14 And Jacob set up ^aa pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured out a ¹libation on it; he also poured oil on it.

15 So Jacob named the place where God had spoken with him ^{1a}Bethel.

16 ¶ Then they journeyed from Bethel; and when there was still some distance to go to ^aEphrath, Rachel began to give birth and she ¹suffered severe labor.

17 And it came about when she was in severe labor that the mid

15 ¹I.e., the house of God ^aGen. 28:19
16 ¹Lit., had difficulty in her giving birth ^aGen. 35:19, 48:7; Ruth 4:11; Mic. 5:2

wife said to her, "Do not fear, for now ^ayou have another son."

18 And it came about as her soul was departing (for she ^{died}), that she named him ¹Ben-ⁿⁱ; but his father called him ^(Benjamin).

19 So ^aRachel died and was buried on the way to ^bEphrath (that is, Bethlehem).

20 And Jacob set up a pillar over her grave; that is the ^apillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

21 Then Israel journeyed on and pitched his tent beyond the ^atower of ²Eder.

22 And it came about while Israel was dwelling in that land, that ^aReuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard of it.

23 Now there were twelve sons of Jacob—

23 ^athe sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's first-born, then Simeon and Levi and Judah and Issachar and Zebulun;

24 ^athe sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin;

25 and ^athe sons of Bilhah, Rachel's maid: Dan and Naphtali;

26 and ^athe sons of Zilpah, Leah's maid: Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan-aram.

27 And Jacob came to his father Isaac at ^aMamre of ^bKiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.

28 ^aNow the days of Isaac were ^aone hundred and eighty years.

29 And Isaac breathed his last and died, and was ^agathered to his people, an ^bold man ¹of ripe age; and ^chis sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

CHAPTER 36

NOW these are the records of the generations of ^aEsau (that is, Edom).

2 ^aEsau ^atook his wives from

17 ^aGen. 30:24
18 ¹e., the son of my sorrow ¹e., the son of the right hand
19 ^aGen. 48:7 ^bRuth 1:2, 4-11, Mic 5:2
20 ¹ Sam 10:2
21 ¹Heb. Migdal-eder ^{Or. flock}
^aMic 4:8
22 ^aGen. 49:4, 1 Chr 5:1
23 ^aGen. 29:31-35, 30:18-20, 46:8, Ex 1:4
24 ^aGen. 30:23-24, 35:18
25 ^aGen. 30:5-8
26 ^aGen. 30:10-13
27 ^aGen. 13:18, 18:1, 23:19 ^bJosh 14:15
28 ^aGen. 25:28
29 ¹Lt., and satisfied with days
^aGen. 25:8, 49:33 ^aGen. 15:15 ^aGen. 25:9
1 ^aGen. 25:30
2 ^aGen. 28:9 ^aGen. 36:25 ^aGen. 36:24
4 ¹ Chr 1:35
6 ¹Lt., the souls of his house
^aGen. 12:5
7 ¹Lt., dwell
^aGen. 13:6 ^aGen. 17:8, Heb. 11:9
1 Chr 28:15, Ps. 39:12
8 ^aGen. 32:3 ^aGen. 36:1, 19
9 ¹Lt., Edom
11 ¹Isa 1 Chr 1:38, Zeph 1:3
12 ^aEx. 17:8, 16, Num. 24:20, Deut. 25:17-19
1 Sam. 15:2, 3
14 ^aGen., son ¹Lt., and she

the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and ^bOholibamah the daughter of Anah and the ^cgranddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 also Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebaioth.

4 And Adah bore ^aEliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel,

5 and Oholibamah bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

6 ^aThen Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all ¹his household, and his livestock and all his cattle and all his goods which he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to another land away from his brother Jacob.

7 ^aFor their property had become too great for them to ¹live together, and the ^bland where they ^csojourned could not sustain them because of their livestock.

8 So Esau lived in the hill country of ^aSeir; Esau is ^bEdom.

9 These then are the records of the generations of Esau the father of ¹the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

10 ^aThese are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Esau's wife Adah, Reuel the son of Esau's wife Basemath.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, ¹Zepho and Gatam and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was a concubine of Esau's son Eliphaz and she bore ^aAmalek to Eliphaz. These are the sons of Esau's wife Adah.

13 And these are the sons of Reuel: Nahath and Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. These were the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

14 And these were the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah and the ¹granddaughter of Zibeon: ²she bore to Esau, Jeush and Jalam and Korah.

15 ¶ These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the first-born of Esau, are chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Kenaz.

16 chief Korah, chief Gatam, chief Amalek. These are the chiefs ¹descended from Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah.

17 And these are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah. These are the chiefs ¹descended from Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Esau's wife Basemath.

18 And these are the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah. These are the chiefs ¹descended from Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

19 These are the sons of Esau (that is, Edom), and these are their chiefs.

20 ¶ These are the sons of Seir ^athe Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah,

21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. These are the chiefs ¹descended from the Horites, the sons of Seir in the land of Edom.

22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and ¹Hemam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

23 And these are the sons of Shobal: ¹Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, ²Shepho and Onam.

24 And these are the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah—he is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was pasturing the donkeys of his father Zibeon.

25 And these are the children of Anah: Dishon, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

26 And these are the sons of ^{1a}Dishon: ²Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran.

27 These are the sons of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and ¹Akan.

16 ¹Lit., of Eliphaz

17 ¹Lit., of Reuel

18 ¹Lit., of Oholibamah, Esau's wife

20 ^aGén. 14:6, Deut. 2:12, 22, 1 Chr. 1:38-42

21 ¹Lit., of the Horites

22 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:39, Homam

23 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:40, Alvan ²In 1 Chr. 1:40, Shepho

26 ¹Heb., Dishan ²In 1 Chr. 1:41, Hamran ^a1 Chr. 1:41

27 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:42, Jaakan

29 ¹Lit., of the Horites

30 ¹Lit., of the Horites

31 ^aGén. 17:6, 16, 35:11; 1 Chr. 1:43

32 ¹Lit., And Bela ^a1 Chr. 1:43

33 ¹Or. smote

39 ¹In 1 Chr. 1:50, Hadad ²In 1 Chr. 1:50, Pau

40 ¹Lit., of Esau ²In 1 Chr. 1:51, Alah

28 These are the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

29 These are the chiefs ¹descended from the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal, chief Zibeon, chief Anah.

30 chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan. These are the chiefs ¹descended from the Horites, according to their various chiefs in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any ^aking reigned over the sons of Israel.

32 ^{1a}Bela the son of Bec reigned in Edom, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

33 Then Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah became king in his place.

34 Then Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temaites became king in his place.

35 Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who ¹defeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place and the name of his city was Avith.

36 Then Hadad died, and Sarrak of Masrekah became king in his place.

37 Then Sarrak died, and Shaul of Rehoboth on the Euphrates River became king in his place.

38 Then Shaul died, and Baalhanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.

39 Then Baalhanan the son of Achbor died, and ¹Hadar became king in his place; and the name of his city was ²Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabe the daughter of Matred, daughter of Mezahab.

40 ¶ Now these are the names of the chiefs ¹descended from Esau, according to their families and their localities, by their names: chief Timna, chief ^{2a}Alvah, chief Jetheth,

41 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

42 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar.

43 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom (that is, Esau, the father of the Edomites), according to their habitations in the land of their possession.

CHAPTER 37

NOW Jacob lived in the land where his father had sojourned, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the records of the generations of Jacob.

3 Joseph, when seventeen years of age, was pasturing the flock with his brothers while he was still a youth, along with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought back a bad report about them to their father.

4 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic.

5 And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

6 Then Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

7 And he said to them, "Please listen to this dream which I have had;

8 for behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf."

9 Then his brothers said to him, "Are you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

10 Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, "Lo, I have

43 ¹Heb. Edom

¹ ¹Lit., of his father's sojournings ¹Gen. 17:8, 28:4

² ²Gen. 41:46 ²Gen. 35:25, 26 ¹Sam. 2:22, 24

³ ³Or, full-length robe ³Gen. 44:20 ³Gen. 37:23, 32

⁴ ⁴Lit., in peace ⁴Gen. 27:41, 1 Sam. 17:28

⁵ ⁵Lit., dreamed ⁵Gen. 28:12, 31:10, 11, 24

⁶ ⁶Lit., dreamed

⁷ ⁷Gen. 42:8, 9, 43:26, 44:14

⁸ ⁸Gen. 49:26, Deut. 33:16

⁹ ⁹Lit., dreamed

¹⁰ ¹⁰Lit., dreamed ¹⁰Gen. 27:29

¹¹ ¹¹Acts 7:9 ¹¹Dan. 7:28, Luke 2:19, 51

¹² ¹²Lit., Behold me ¹²Gen. 33:18, 20

¹³ ¹³Gen. 13:18, 23:2, 19:35, 27, Josh. 14:14, 15, Judg. 1:10

¹⁴ ¹⁴Lit., saying, "What?"

¹⁵ ¹⁵2 Kin. 6:13

¹⁶ ¹⁶Or, And ¹⁶Ps. 31:13, 37:12, 32, Mark 14:1, John 11:53, Acts 23:12

¹⁷ ¹⁷Lit., Behold, this master of dreams comes

18 had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

19 And he related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?"

20 And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind.

21 Then his brothers went to pasture their father's flock in Shechem.

22 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them." And he said to him, "I will go."

23 Then he said to him, "Go now and see about the welfare of your brothers and the welfare of the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

24 And a man found him, and behold, he was wandering in the field; and the man asked him, "What are you looking for?"

25 And he said, "I am looking for my brothers; please tell me where they are pasturing the flock."

26 Then the man said, "They have moved from here; for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

27 When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death.

28 And they said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer!

29 Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one

of the pits; and ^awe will say, 'A wild beast devoured him.' Then let us see what will become of his dreams!"

21 But ^aReuben heard *this* and rescued him out of their hands and said, "Let us not ¹take his life."

22 Reuben further said to them, "Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lay hands on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hands, to restore him to his father.

23 So it came about, when Joseph ¹reached his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his ²tunic, the varicolored tunic that was on him;

24 and they took him and threw him into the pit. Now the pit was empty, without any water in it.

25 ¶ Then they sat down to eat ¹a meal. And as they raised their eyes and looked, behold, a caravan of ^aIshmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing ^{2b}aromatic gum and ^{3c}balam and ⁴myrrh, ⁵on their way to bring *them* down to Egypt.

26 And Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and ^acover up his blood?"

27 ^a"Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers listened to him.

28 Then some ^aMidianite traders passed by, so they pulled him up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and ^bsold ¹him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. Thus ^cthey brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 ¶ Now Reuben returned to the pit, and behold, Joseph was not in the pit; so he ^atore his garments.

30 And he returned to his brothers and said, "^aThe boy is

²⁰ ^aGen. 37:32, 33

²¹ ¹Lit., smite his soul ^aGen. 42:22

²³ ¹Lit., came to ²Or., full-length robe

²⁵ ¹Lit., bread ²Or., lodanum ³Or., mastic ⁴Or., resinous bark ⁵Lit., going ^aGen. 16:11, 12, 37:28, 39:1 ^bGen. 43:11 ^cJer. 8:22, 46:11

²⁶ ^aGen. 37:20

²⁷ ^aGen. 42:21

²⁸ ¹Lit., Joseph ^aGen. 37:25, Judg. 6:13, 8:22, 24 ^bGen. 45:4, 5, Ph. 105:17, Acts 7:9 ^cGen. 39:1

²⁹ ^aGen. 37:34, 44:13

³⁰ ^aGen. 42:13, 38

³¹ ^aGen. 37:3, 23

³² ¹Or., recognize

³³ ¹Or., recognized ^aGen. 37:20 ^bGen. 44:28

³⁴ ^aGen. 37:29

³⁵ ^aGen. 25:8, 35:29, 42:38, 44:29, 31

³⁶ ¹Lit., Me-danites ^aGen. 39:1

¹ ¹Lit., went down ²Lit., turned aside to ^aJosh. 15:35, 1 Sam. 22:1

² ^aChr. 2:3

³ ^aGen. 48:12, Num. 26:19

⁴ ^aGen. 48:12

⁵ ¹Lit., when ^aNum. 28:20

not there; as for me, where am I to go?"

31 So ^athey took Joseph's tunic, and slaughtered a male goat, and dipped the tunic in the blood;

32 and they sent the varicolored tunic and brought it to their father and said, "We found this; please ¹examine it to see whether it is your son's tunic or not."

33 Then he ¹examined it and said, "It is my son's tunic. ^aA wild beast has devoured him; ^bJoseph has surely been torn to pieces!"

34 So Jacob ^atore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 Then all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. And he said, "Surely I will ^ago down to Sheol in mourning for my son." So his father wept for him.

36 Meanwhile, the ¹Midianites ^asold him in Egypt to Potiphar, Pharaoh's officer, the captain of the bodyguard.

CHAPTER 38

AND it came about at that time, that Judah ¹departed from his brothers, and ²visited a certain ^aAdullamite, whose name was Hirah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was ^aShua; and he took her and went in to her.

3 So she conceived and bore a son and he named him ^aEr.

4 Then she conceived again and bore a son and named him ^aOnan.

5 And she bore still another son and named him ^aShelah; and it was at Chezib ¹that she bore him.

6 ¶ Now Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, and her name was Tamar.

7 But ^aEr, Judah's first-born, as evil in the sight of the LORD, ^bthe LORD took his life.

8 Then Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your brother's wife, and perform your duty as a brother-in-law to her, and raise ^coffspring for your brother."

9 And Onan knew that the offspring would not be his; so it came about that when he went in to his brother's wife, he ^dwasted his seed on the ground, in order not to give ^eoffspring to his brother.

10 But what he did was displeasing in the sight of the LORD; ^fhe ^gtook his life also.

11 Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up"; for he ^hthought, "I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers." So Tamar went and lived in her father's house.

12 ⁱNow after a considerable time Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and when the time of mourning was ended, Judah went up to his sheepshearers at ^jTimnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told to Tamar, "Behold, your father-in-law is going up to ^kTimnah to shear his sheep."

14 So she ^lremoved her widow's garments and ^mcovered herself with a ⁿveil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gateway of Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah had grown up, and ^oshe had not been given to him as a wife.

15 When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, for she had covered her face.

16 So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, "Here now, let me come in to you"; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said,

7 ^aGen. 48:12. Num. 26:19. 1 Chr. 2:3.

8 ^b1 La. and ^cOr. 25:5. 6. Matt. 22:24.

9 ^d1 La. and ^eLa. spilled on the ground. ^fOr. 25:6.

10 ^gGen. 48:12. Num. 26:19.

11 ^h1 La. and ⁱLa. and he also did ^jOr. 11:12. 13.

12 ^k1 La. the day becomes merry and ^lLa. Judah was comforted, he ^mOr. 15:10. 57.

13 ⁿ1 La. say- ing, Behold ^oOr. 15:10. 57. Judg. 14:1.

14 ^p1 La. removed from her. ^qOr. shared ^rLa. Josh. 15:34. Enaim ^sGen. 24:65. ^tGen. 28:11. 26.

15 ^uOr. Come, now.

17 ^v1 La. and of goats.

18 ^wGen. 38:25. 41:42.

19 ^x1 La. removed from her. ^yOr. shared.

20 ^z1 La. and of goats by the hand of.

23 ^{aa}1 La. talks for her- self. ^{ab}La. Be- hold.

24 ^{ac}1 La. say- ing, Your ^{ad}Lev. 21:9.

25 ^{ae}Gen. 37:12.

"What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

17 He said, therefore, "I will send you a ^{af}kid from the flock." She said, moreover, "Will you give a pledge until you send it?"

18 And he said, "What pledge shall I give you?" And she said, "Your seal and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave ^{ag}them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

19 Then she arose and departed, and ^{ah}removed her ^{ai}veil and put on her widow's garments.

20 ⁱWhen Judah sent the ^{aj}kid by his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's hand, he did not find her.

21 And he asked the men of her place, saying, "Where is the temple prostitute who was by the road at Enaim?" But they said, "There has been no temple prostitute here."

22 So he returned to Judah, and said, "I did not find her; and furthermore, the men of the place said, 'There has been no temple prostitute here.'"

23 Then Judah said, "Let her ^{ak}keep them, lest we become a laughingstock. ^{al}After all, I sent this kid, but you did not find her."

24 ^{am}Now it was about three months later that Judah was informed, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot, and behold, she is also with child by harlotry." Then Judah said, "Bring her out and ^{an}let her be burned!"

25 It was while she was being brought out that she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "I am with child by the man to whom these things belong." And she said, "Please examine and see, whose signet ring and cords and staff are these?"

26 And Judah recognized them, and said, "She is more righteous than I, inasmuch as ^{b1} he did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not ¹have relations with her again.

27 ¶ And it came about at the time she was giving birth, that behold, there were ^atwins in her womb.

28 Moreover, it took place while she was giving birth, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."

29 But it came about as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out. Then she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" So he was named ^{1a}Perez.

30 And afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand; and he was named ^{1a}Zerah.

CHAPTER 39

NOW Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him ¹from the ^aIshmaelites, who had taken him down there.

2 And ^athe LORD was with Joseph, so he became a ¹successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.

3 Now his master ^asaw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD ^bcaused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 So Joseph ^afound favor in his sight, and ¹became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and ^ball that he owned he put in his ²charge.

5 And it came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he owned, the LORD ^ablessed the Egyptian's house on account of

²⁶ ¹Lit., know her yet again
^{a1} Sam. 24:17
^bGen. 38:14

²⁷ ^aGen. 25:24, 26

²⁸ ¹Lit., a breach
^aGen. 46:12, Ruth 4:12

³⁰ ¹Lit., a dawning or brightness
^{a1} Chr. 2:4

¹ ¹Lit., from the hand of
^aGen. 37:25, 28, 36, Ps. 105:17

² ¹Or, prosperous
^aGen. 39:3, 21, 23, Acts 7:9

³ ^aGen. 21:22, 26, 28
^bPs. 1:3

⁴ ¹Or, ministered to him
²Lit., hand
^aGen. 18:3, 19:19
^bGen. 24:2, 39:8, 22

⁵ ^aGen. 30:27
^bDeut. 28:3, 4, 11

⁶ ¹Lit., hand
²Lit., know
³Lit., bread
⁴Or, used to eat
^aGen. 28:17, 1 Sam. 16:12

⁷ ¹Lit., lifted up her eyes at
^aProv. 7:15-20
^{b2} Sam. 13:11

⁸ ¹Lit., does not know what is in the house
²Lit., hand
^aProv. 6:23, 24

⁹ ¹Or, He is not greater
^aGen. 41:40
^bGen. 20:8, 42:18, 2 Sam. 12:13, Ps. 51:4

¹¹ ¹Lit., about this day

¹³ ¹Lit., And it came about when

¹⁴ ¹Lit., He brew man
²Lit., called with a great voice

¹⁵ ¹Lit., called out

Joseph; thus ^bthe LORD's blessing was upon all that he owned in the house and in the field.

6 So he left everything he owned in Joseph's ¹charge; and with him there he did not ²concern himself with anything except the ³food which he ⁴ate. Now Joseph was ^ahandsome in form and appearance.

7 ¶ And it came about after these events ^athat his master's wife ¹looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "^bLie with me."

8 But ^ahe refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, with me here, my master ¹does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my ²charge.

9"^{1a}There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and ^bsin against God?"

10 And it came about as she spoke to Joseph day after day that he did not listen to her to lie beside her, or be with her.

11 Now it happened ¹one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside.

13 ¹When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and had fled outside,

14 she called to the men of her household, and said to them, "See, he has brought in a ¹Hebrew to us to make sport of us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I ²screamed.

15" And it came about when he heard that I raised my voice and ¹screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled, and went outside."

16 So she ¹left his garment beside her until his master came home.

17 Then she ^aspoke to him with these words, ²"The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make sport of me;

18 and it happened as I raised my voice and ¹screamed, that he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

19 ^a Now it came about when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, ¹"This is what your slave did to me," that ^ahis anger burned.

20 So Joseph's master took him and ^aput him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

21 But ^athe LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and ^bgave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

22 And the chief jailer ^acommitted to Joseph's ¹charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was ²responsible for it.

23 ^aThe chief jailer did not supervise anything under ¹Joseph's charge because ^bthe LORD was with him; and whatever he did, ^athe LORD made to prosper.

CHAPTER 40

THEN it came about after these things ^athe cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was ^afurious with his two officials, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker.

3 So he put them in confinement in the house of the ^acaptain of the bodyguard, in the jail, the same place where Joseph was imprisoned.

4 And the captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of

16 ¹Lat. let
he bundle

17 ¹Lat. according to
²Lat. saying
-The
Ex. 23:1.
Prov. 28:28

18 ¹Lat.
called out

19 ¹Lat. According to
these things
your slave
Prov. 6:34

20 ^aGn.
40:3, Ps.
105:18

21 ^aGn.
39:2, Ps.
105:19, Acts
7:9 Ex. 3:21.
11:3, 12:36

22 ¹Lat.
hand ²Lat.
the door
Gn. 39:4,
40:3, 4

23 ¹Lat. has
hand
Gn. 39:3, 8
Gn. 39:2, 3
Gn. 39:3

1 ^aGn.
40:11, 13.
Neh. 1:11

2 ^aProv.
16:14

3 ^aGn.
39:1, 20

4 ¹Lat.
untranslated to
²Lat. days

6 ¹Or. And
²Lat. and behold

7 ¹Lat. saying.
Why
Neh. 2:2

8 ¹Lat.
dreamed
Gn. 41:15
Gn. 41:16,
Dan. 2:27, 28

9 ¹Lat. and
behold

11 ¹Lat.
palm

13 ^aDan.
2:38, 4:18, 19

13 ¹Or possibly, forgive
you ²Lat.
place

14 ¹Lat. remember me
with yourself
²Lat. and mention
Josh. 2:12;
1 Sam. 20:14;
1 Km. 2:7

them, and he ¹took care of them; and they were in confinement for ²some time.

5 Then the cupbearer and the baker for the king of Egypt, who were confined in jail, both had a dream the same night, each man with his own dream and each dream with its own interpretation.

6 ¹When Joseph came to them in the morning and observed them, ²behold, they were dejected.

7 And he asked Pharaoh's officials who were with him in confinement in his master's house, ¹"Why are your faces so sad today?"

8 Then they said to him, ¹"We have ¹had a dream and there is no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, ²"Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell it to me, please."

9 ^a So the chief cupbearer told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, ¹"In my dream, ¹behold, there was a vine in front of me;

10 and on the vine were three branches. And as it was budding, its blossoms came out, and its clusters produced ripe grapes.

11 "Now Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; so I took the grapes and squeezed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I put the cup into Pharaoh's ¹hand."

12 Then Joseph said to him, ¹"This is the ^ainterpretation of it: the three branches are three days;

13 within three more days Pharaoh will ¹lift up your head and restore you to your ²office; and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.

14 "Only ¹keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please ^ado me a kindness ²by mentioning me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this house.

15 "For ^aI was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the ¹dungeon."

16 ¶ When the chief baker saw that he had interpreted favorably, he said to Joseph, "I also saw in my dream, and behold, *there were three baskets of white bread on my head;*

17 and in the top basket *there were some of all ¹sorts of baked food for Pharaoh, and the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.*"

18 Then Joseph answered and said, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days;

19 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head from you and will hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat your flesh off you."

20 ¶ Thus it came about on the third day, *which was ^aPharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast for all his servants; ^band he lifted up the head of the chief cupbearer and the head of the chief baker among his servants.*

21 And he restored the chief cupbearer to his ¹office, and ^ahe put the cup into Pharaoh's ²hand;

22 but ^ahe hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but ^aforgot him.

CHAPTER 41

NOW it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he was standing by the Nile.

2 And lo, from the Nile there came up seven cows, sleek and ¹fat; and they grazed in the ^amarsh grass.

3 Then behold, seven other cows came up after them from the Nile, ugly and ¹gaunt, and

¹Or, pit
^aGen. 37:26-28

¹Lit., food for Pharaoh had by a baker

²⁰ ^aMatt. 14:6 ^{b2} Kin. 25:27, Jer. 52:31

²¹ ¹Lit., wine-pouring
²Lit., palm
^aGen. 40:13

²² ^aGen. 40:19, Esth. 7:10

²³ ^aJob 19:14, Ps. 31:12, Eccl. 9:15

² ¹Lit., fat of flesh
^aJob 8:11, Is. 19:6, 7

³ ¹Lit., lean of flesh

⁴ ¹Lit., lean of flesh

⁸ ¹Or, smotherer
^aGen. 40:14, 23
^bEx. 7:11, 22; Dan. 1:20, 2:2
^cMatt. 2:1
^dDan. 2:27, 4:7

⁹ ¹Or, sign
^aGen. 40:14, 23

¹⁰ ^aGen. 40:2, 3 ^bGen. 39:20

¹¹ ¹Lit., one night
²Lit., I and he
^aGen. 40:5

¹² ^aGen. 37:36 ^bGen. 40:12

¹³ ¹Lit., place
^aGen. 40:21, 22

¹⁴ ^aPs. 105:20 ^bDan. 2:25

they stood by the *other* cows on the bank of the Nile.

4 And the ugly and ¹gaunt cows ate up the seven sleek and ¹fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time; and behold, seven ears of grain came up on a single stalk, plump and good.

6 Then behold, seven ears, thin and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them.

7 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Then Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was a dream.*

8 Now it came about in the morning that ^ahis spirit was troubled, so he sent and called for all the ¹magicians of Egypt and all its ^cwise men. And Pharaoh told them his ²dreams, but ^dthere was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

9 ¶ Then the chief cupbearer spoke to Pharaoh, saying, "I would make mention today of ^amy own ¹offenses.

10 "Pharaoh was ^afurious with his servants, and ^bhe put me in confinement in the house of the captain of the bodyguard, *both* me and the chief baker.

11 "And ^awe had a dream ¹for the same night, ²he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his *own* dream.

12 "Now a Hebrew youth was with us there, a ^aservant of the captain of the bodyguard, and we related *them* to him, and ^bhe interpreted our dreams for us. To each one he interpreted according to his *own* dream.

13 "And it came about that just ^aas he interpreted for us, so it happened; he restored me in my ¹office, but he hanged him."

14 ¶ Then Pharaoh sent and ^acalled for Joseph, and they ^bhurriedly brought him out of the dungeon; and when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came to Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, but no one can interpret it; and I have heard ¹it said about you, that ²when you hear a dream you can interpret it."

16 Joseph then answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will ²give Pharaoh a favorable answer."

17 So Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, "In my dream, behold, I was standing on the bank of the Nile;

18 and behold, seven cows, fat and sleek came up out of the Nile; and they grazed in the marsh grass.

19 And lo, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly and gaunt, such as I had never seen for ugliness in all the land of Egypt;

20 and the lean and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows.

21 Yet when they had devoured them, it could not be detected that they had devoured them; for they were just as ugly as before. Then I awoke.

22 I saw also in my dream, and behold, seven ears, full and good, came up on a single stalk;

23 and lo, seven ears, withered, thin, and scorched by the east wind, sprouted up after them;

24 and the thin ears swallowed the seven good ears. Then I told it to the magicians, but there was no one who could explain it to me."

25 Now Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams are one and the same; God has told to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

26 The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one and the same.

27 And the seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven thin ears scorched by the east

15 ¹Lt., about you, saying ²Lt., you hear a dream to interpret it.
Gen. 41:8
Dan. 5:16

16 ¹Lt., Apart from me ²Lt., answer the peace of Pharaoh
Dan. 2:30
Zech. 4:6
Acts 3:12
2 Cor. 3:5
Gen. 40:8
41:25, 28, 32
Deut. 29:29
Dan. 2:22, 28, 47

18 ¹Lt., fat of flesh
19 ¹Lt., lean of flesh
²Lt., badness
20 ¹Lt., bad
21 ¹Lt., showed their inward parts
Or, inward
²Lt., and
³Lt., in the beginning
24 Or, scolden
25 ¹Lt., dream is
Gen. 41:28, 32
Dan. 2:28, 29, 45
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wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 It is as I have spoken to Pharaoh: God has shown to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

29 Behold, seven years of great abundance are coming in all the land of Egypt;

30 and after them seven years of famine will come, and all the abundance will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will ravage the land.

31 So the abundance will be unknown in the land because of that subsequent famine; for it will be very severe.

32 Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about.

33 And now let Pharaoh look for a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.

35 Then let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard it.

36 And let the food become as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish during the famine."

37 Now the proposal seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his servants.

38 Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is a divine spirit?"

39 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are.

40 "You shall be over my house, and according to your ¹command all my people shall ²do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See I have set you ^aover all the land of Egypt."

42 Then Pharaoh ^atook off his signet ring from his hand, and put it on Joseph's hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and ^bput the gold necklace around his neck.

43 And he had him ride in ¹his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, "²Bow the knee!" And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Though I am Pharaoh, yet ^awithout ¹your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

45 Then Pharaoh named Joseph ¹Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphra priest of ^{2a}On, as his wife. And Joseph went forth over the land of Egypt.

46 ¶ Now Joseph was ^athirty years old when he ¹stood before Pharaoh, king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the land of Egypt.

47 And during the seven years of plenty the land brought forth ¹abundantly.

48 So he gathered all the food of *these* seven years which occurred in the land of Egypt, and placed the food in the cities; he placed in every city the food from its own surrounding fields.

49 Thus Joseph stored up grain ¹in great abundance like the sand of the sea, until he stopped ²measuring it, for it was ³beyond measure.

50 ¶ Now before the year of famine came, ^atwo sons were born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphra priest of ¹On, bore to him.

40 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., kiss
^aPs. 105:21, Acts 7:10

41 ^aGen. 42:6, Ps. 105:21, Dan. 6:3, Acts 7:10

42 ^aEth. 3:10, 8:2
^bDan. 5:7, 16, 29

43 ¹Lit., the second which was his ²Heb. Abrek. Attention or Make way

44 ¹Lit., you no one
^aPs. 105:22

45 ¹Probably Egyptian for "God speaks, he lives" ²Or, Heliopolis
^aJer. 43:13, Ezek. 30:17

46 ¹Or, entered the service of
^aGen. 37:2

47 ¹Lit., by handfuls

48 ¹Lit., very much ²Lit., numbering ³Or, without number

50 ¹Or, Heliopolis
^aGen. 48:5

51 ¹I.e., making to forget

52 ¹I.e., fruitfulness
^aGen. 17:6, 28:3, 49:22

54 ^aGen. 41:30; Ps. 105:16; Acts 7:11

55 ^aJohn 2:5

56 ¹Lit., that which was in them

57 ^aGen. 12:10

1 ^aActs 7:12

2 ¹Lit., from there
^aActs 7:12
^bGen. 43:8; Ps. 33:18, 19

4 ¹Lit., Least harm
^aGen. 35:24
^bGen. 42:38

51 And Joseph named the first-born ¹Manasseh, "For," he said, "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household."

52 And he named the second ¹Ephraim, "For," he said, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

53 ¶ When the seven years of plenty which had been in the land of Egypt came to an end,

54 and ^athe seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said, then there was famine in all the lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

55 So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried out to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, you shall do."

56 When the famine was spread over all the face of the earth, then Joseph opened all ¹the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

57 And *the people* of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because ^athe famine was severe in all the earth.

CHAPTER 42

NOW ^aJacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, "Why are you staring at one another?"

2 And he said, "Behold, ^aI have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down there and buy some for us ¹from that place, ^bso that we may live and not die."

3 Then ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt.

4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother ^aBenjamin with his brothers, for he said, "^{1b}I am afraid that harm may befall him."

5 So the sons of Israel came to buy grain among those who

were coming, ^afor the famine was in the land of Canaan also.

6 Now ^aJoseph was the ruler over the land; he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and ^bbowed down to him with their faces to the ground.

7 When Joseph saw his brothers he recognized them, but he disguised himself to them and ^aspoke to them harshly. And he said to them, "Where have you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food."

8 ¶ But Joseph had recognized his brothers, although they did not recognize him.

9 And Joseph ^aremembered the dreams which he ¹had about them, and said to them, "You are spies; you have come to look at the ²undefended parts of our land."

10 Then they said to him, "No, ^amy lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

11 "We are all sons of one man; we are ^ahonest men, your servants are not spies."

12 Yet he said to them, "No, (but you have come to look at the ¹undefended parts of our land!"

13 But they said, "Your servants are twelve brothers in all, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and behold, the youngest is with ^aour father today, and ^bone is no more."

14 And Joseph said to them, "It is as I said ¹to you, you are spies;

15 by this you will be tested: ^aby the life of Pharaoh, you shall not go from this place unless your youngest brother comes here!

16 "Send one of you that he may get your brother, while you remain confined, that your words may be tested, whether there is ^atruth in you. But if not, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies."

5 Gen. 12:10; 26:1; 41:57; Acts 7:11

6 Gen. 41:41, 55
Gen. 37:7; 10:41-43; Is. 60:14

7 Gen. 42:30

8 Gen. 37:2, 41-46

9 Lit., had dreamed
Lit., nakedness of the land
Gen. 37:6-9

10 Gen. 37:8

11 Gen. 42:16, 19, 31, 34

12 Lit., no badness of the land

13 Gen. 43:7; Gen. 37:30, 42, 32, 44, 20

14 Lit., to you, saying

15 1 Sam. 17:55

16 Gen. 42:11

17 Gen. 40:4, 7

18 Gen. 39:9; Lev. 25:43; Neh. 5:15

19 Lit., the house of your prison

20 Gen. 42:34, 43, 5, 44, 23

21 Gen. 37:26-28, 45, 3; Hos. 5:15

22 Lit., you saying
Lit., And behold, his blood also is required

Gen. 37:21, 22; Gen. 9:3, 6; 1 Km. 2:32; 2 Chr. 24:22; Ps. 9:12

24 Gen. 43:30; 45:14, 15; Gen. 43:14, 23

25 Gen. 44:1; Rom. 12:17, 20, 21; 1 Pet. 3:9

27 Gen. 43:21, 22

28 Lit., went out

17 So he put them all together in ^aprison for three days.

18 ¶ Now Joseph said to them on the third day, "Do this and live, for ^aI fear God:

19 if you are honest men, let one of your brothers be confined in ¹your prison; but as for the rest of you, go, carry grain for the famine of your households.

20 and ^abring your youngest brother to me, so your words may be verified, and you will not die." And they did so.

21 Then they said to one another, "^aTruly we are guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, yet we would not listen; therefore this distress has come upon us."

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, "^aDid I not tell ¹you, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? ^{2b}Now comes the reckoning for his blood."

23 They did not know, however, that Joseph understood, for there was an interpreter between them.

24 And he turned away from them and ^awept. But when he returned to them and spoke to them, he ^btook Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

25 ¶ ^aThen Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain and to restore every man's money in his sack, and to give them provisions for the journey. And thus it was done for them.

26 So they loaded their donkeys with their grain, and departed from there.

27 And as one of *them* opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his ^amoney; and behold, it was in the mouth of his sack.

28 Then he said to his brothers, "My money has been returned, and behold, it is even in my sack." And their hearts ¹sank,

and they turned ²trembling to one another, saying, "What is this that God has done to us?"

29 ¶ When they came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan, they told him all that had happened to them, saying,

30 "The man, the lord of the land, spoke harshly with us, and took us for spies of the country.

31 "But we said to him, 'We are honest men; we are not spies.

32 'We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; one is no more, and the youngest is with our father today in the land of Canaan.'

33 "And the man, the lord of the land, said to us, 'By this I shall know that you are honest men: leave one of your brothers with me and take grain for the famine of your households, and go.

34 'But bring your youngest brother to me that I may know that you are not spies, but honest men. I will give your brother to you, and you may trade in the land.'"

35 ¶ Now it came about as they were emptying their sacks, that behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack; and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed.

36 And their father Jacob said to them, "You have bereaved me of my children: Joseph is no more, and Simeon is no more, and you would take Benjamin; all these things are against me."

37 Then Reuben spoke to his father, saying, "You may put my two sons to death if I do not bring him back to you; put him in my care, and I will return him to you."

38 But Jacob said, "My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left. If harm should befall him on the journey you are taking, then you will bring my gray hair down to Sheol in sorrow."

28 ¹Lit., trembled
Gen. 43:23

30 Gen. 42:7

31 Gen. 42:11

33 Gen. 42:19, 20

34 ¹Lit., you are honest
Gen. 34:10

35 Gen. 43:12, 15, 21

36 Gen. 43:14

37 ¹Lit., hand

38 ¹Lit., he said, on which you are going
Gen. 37:33, 34; 42:13, 44:27, 28

Gen. 42:4
Gen. 37:35; 44:29, 31

1 Gen. 12:10, 26:1; 41:56, 57

3 ¹Lit., us, saying
Gen. 43:5; 44:23

6 ¹Lit., to tell

7 ¹Lit., told him according to these words
Gen. 42:13; 43:27

8 Gen. 42:2

9 ¹Lit., from my hand you may require him
²Lit., I shall have sinned before you all the days
Gen. 42:37; 44:32; Phil. 18, 19

11 ¹Or, vessels
²Or, music
Gen. 32:20; 43:25, 26
Gen. 37:25; Jer. 8:22; Ezek. 27:17

CHAPTER 43

^aNOW the famine was severe in the land.

2 So it came about when they had finished eating the grain which they had brought from Egypt, that their father said to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

3 Judah spoke to him, however, saying, "The man solemnly warned us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'

4 "If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food.

5 "But if you do not send him, we will not go down; for the man said to us, 'You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.'"

6 Then Israel said, "Why do you treat me so badly by telling the man whether you still have another brother?"

7 But they said, "The man questioned particularly about us and our relatives, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?' So we answered his questions. Could we possibly know that he would say, 'Bring your brother down?'"

8 And Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the lad with me and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, we as well as you and our little ones.

9 "I myself will be surety for him; you may hold me responsible for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame before you forever.

10 "For if we had not delayed surely by now we could have returned twice."

11 ¶ Then their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so then do this: take some of the best products of the land in your bags, and carry down to the man as a present, a little balsam

Joseph Sees Benjamin.

and a little honey, ³aromatic gum and ⁴myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

12 "And take double the money in your hand, and take back in your hand ^athe money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was a mistake.

13 "Take your brother also, and arise, return to the man;

14 and may ^{1a}God Almighty ^bgrant you compassion in the sight of the man, that he may release to you ^cyour other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, ^dif I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved."

15 So the men took ^athis present, and they took double the money in their hand, and Benjamin; then they arose and went down to Egypt and stood before Joseph.

16 ¶ When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to his ^ahouse steward, "Bring the men into the house, and slay an animal and make ready; for the men are to dine with me at noon."

17 So the man did as Joseph said, and ^bbrought the men to Joseph's house.

18 Now the men were afraid, because they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, "It is because of the money that was returned in our sacks the first time that we are being brought in, that he may ¹seek occasion against us and fall upon us, and take us for slaves with our donkeys."

19 So they came near to Joseph's house steward, and spoke to him at the entrance of the house,

20 and said, "Oh, my lord, we indeed came down the first time to buy food,

21 and it came about when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and behold, ^aeach man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money

11 ²Or, ladanum spice
³Or, resinous bark

12 ^aGen. 42:25, 35;
43:21, 22

14 ¹Heb. El Shaddai
^aGen. 17:1, 28:3, 35:11
^bPs. 108:46
^cGen. 42:24
^dGen. 42:36

15 ^aGen. 43:11

16 ^aGen. 44:1

17 ¹Lit., the man brought

18 ¹Lit., roll himself upon us

21 ¹Lit., its weight
^aGen. 42:27, 35
^bGen. 43:12, 15

23 ¹Lit., Peace be to you
²Lit., your money had come to me
^aGen. 42:28
^bGen. 42:24

24 ^aGen. 18:4, 19:2, 24:32
^bLuke 7:44, John 13:5, 1 Tim. 5:10

26 ¹Lit., until
²Lit., bread
^aGen. 43:11, 15

26 ^aGen. 37:7, 10

27 ^aGen. 43:7, 45:3

28 ¹Lit., and prostrated themselves
^aGen. 37:7, 10

29 ^aGen. 42:13
^bNum. 6:25; Ps. 67:1

30 ¹Lit., his compassion grew warm
^a1 Kin. 3:26
^bGen. 42:24, 45:2, 14, 15, 46:29

31 ¹Lit., Set on bread
^aGen. 45:1

in ¹full. So ^bwe have brought it back in our hand.

22 "We have also brought down other money in our hand to buy food; we do not know who put our money in our sacks."

23 And he said, "¹Be at ease, do not be afraid. ^aYour God and the God of your father has given you treasure in your sacks; ²I had your money." Then ^bhe brought Simeon out to them.

24 Then the man brought the men into Joseph's house and ^agave them water, and they ^bwashed their feet; and he gave them donkeys fodder.

25 So they prepared ^athe present ¹for Joseph's coming at noon; for they had heard that they were to eat ²a meal there.

26 ¶ When Joseph came home, they brought into the house to him the present which was in their hand and ^abowed to the ground before him.

27 Then he asked them about their welfare, and said, "^aIs your old father well, of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?"

28 And they said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." ^aAnd they bowed down ¹in homage.

29 As he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, he said, "Is this ^ayour youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?" And he said, "^bMay God be gracious to you, my son."

30 And Joseph hurried out for ^{1a}he was deeply stirred over his brother, and he sought a place to weep; and he entered his chamber and ^bwept there.

31 Then he washed his face, and came out; and he ^acontrolled himself and said, "¹Serve the meal."

32 So they served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Egyptians, who ate with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians could not eat bread

with the Hebrews, for that is ¹loathsome to the Egyptians.

33 Now they ¹were seated before him, ^athe first-born according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men looked at one another in astonishment.

34 And he took portions to them from ¹his own table; ^abut Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

CHAPTER 44

^aTHEN he commanded his house steward, saying, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the mouth of his sack.

2 "And put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his money for the grain." And he did ¹as Joseph had told him.

3 ¹As soon as it was light, the men were sent away, they with their donkeys.

4 They had just gone out of ^athe city, and were not far off, when Joseph said to his house steward, "Up, follow the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you repaid evil for good?

5 'Is not this the one from which my lord drinks, and which he indeed uses for ^adivination? You have done wrong in doing this.' "

6 ¶ So he overtook them and spoke these words to them.

7 And they said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants to do such a thing.

8 "Behold, ^athe money which we found in the mouth of our sacks we have brought back to you from the land of Canaan. How then could we steal silver or gold from your lord's house?

9 "aWith whomever of your ser-

33 ¹Lit., an abomination
*Gen. 46:34;
Ex. 8:26

33 ¹Lit., sat
*Gen. 42:7

34 ¹Lit., his face
*Gen. 35:24;
43:22

1 *Gen.
42:25

2 ¹Or, according to the word

3 ¹Lit., The morning was light

4 *Gen.
44:13

5 *Gen.
30:27; 44:15;
Lev. 19:26;
Deut. 18:10-14

6 *Gen.
43:21

9 *Gen.
31:32 *Gen.
44:16

12 *Gen.
44:2

13 *Gen.
37:28, 34;
Num. 14:8;
2 Sam. 1:11
*Gen. 44:4

14 *Gen.
37:7, 10

15 *Gen.
44:5

16 ¹Lit., hand
*Gen. 44:9

17 ¹Lit., hand

18 ¹Lit., let not your anger burn against
*Gen. 18:30,
32; Ex. 32:22
*Gen. 37:7, 8;
41:40-44

19 *Gen.
43:7

vants it is found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's ^bslaves."

10 So he said, "Now let it also be according to your words; he with whom it is found shall be my slave, and *the rest of you shall be innocent.*"

11 Then they hurried, each man lowered his sack to the ground, and each man opened his sack.

12 And he searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and ^athe cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they ^atore their clothes, and when each man loaded his donkey, they returned to ^bthe city.

14 ¶ When Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, he was still there, and ^athey fell to the ground before him.

15 And Joseph said to them "What is this deed that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can indeed practice ^adivination?"

16 So Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we are my lord's ^aslaves both we and the one in whose ¹possession the cup has been found."

17 But he said, "Far be it from me to do this. The man in whose ¹possession the cup has been found, he shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

18 ¶ Then Judah approached him, and said, "Oh my lord, may your servant please speak a word in my lord's ears, and ¹do not be angry with your servant for ^byou are equal to Pharaoh.

19 "aMy lord asked his servants saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?'

20 "And we said to my lord, 'We

have an old father and ^aa little child of his old age. Now ^bhis brother is dead, so he alone is left of his mother, and his father loves him.'

21 "Then you said to your servants, '^aBring him down to me, that I may set my eyes on him.'

22 "But we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.'

23 "You said to your servants, however, '^aUnless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall not see my face again.'

24 "Thus it came about when we went up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 "And ^aour father said, 'Go back, buy us a little food.'

26 "But we said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.'

27 "And your servant my father said to us, 'You know that ^amy wife bore me two sons;

28 and the one went out from me, and ^aI said, "Surely he is torn in pieces," and I have not seen him since.

29 'And if you take this one also from ¹me, and harm befalls him, you will ^abring my gray hair down to Sheol in ²sorrow.'

30 "Now, therefore, when I come to your servant my father, and the lad is not with us, since ¹his life is bound up in the lad's life,

31 it will come about when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die. Thus your servants will ^abring the gray hair of your servant our father down to Sheol in sorrow.

32 "For your servant ^abecame surety for the lad to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him

20 ^aGen. 37:3; 43:8; 44:30 ^aGen. 37:33; 42:13, 28

21 ^aGen. 42:15, 20

22 ^aGen. 43:3, 5

23 ^aGen. 43:2

24 ^aGen. 44:19

25 ^aGen. 37:31-35

26 ¹Lit., my face ²Lit., evil ^aGen. 42:30, 44:31

28 ¹Lit., his soul is bound with his soul ^a1 Sam. 18:1

31 ^aGen. 44:20

32 ¹Lit., and I shall have sinned for all the days before my father ^aGen. 43:9

34 ¹Lit., And

1 ¹Lit., stood ^aActs 7:13

2 ¹Lit., gave forth his voice in weeping ^aGen. 45:14, 15, 48:29

3 ^aActs 7:13 ^aGen. 43:27 ^aGen. 37:20-28, 42:21, 22

4 ¹Lit., near ^aGen. 37:28

5 ¹Lit., in your eyes ^aGen. 37:28 ^aGen. 45:7, 8; 50:20; Ps. 108:17

6 ^aGen. 37:2; 41:46, 53

7 ¹Lit., escaped company ^aGen. 45:5

8 ^aJudg. 17:10

back to you, then ¹let me bear the blame before my father forever.'

33 "Now, therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the lad a slave to my lord, and let the lad go up with his brothers.

34 "For how shall I go up to my father if the lad is not with me, lest I see the evil that would ¹overtake my father?"

CHAPTER 45

THEN Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "Have everyone go out from me." So there ¹was no man with him ^awhen Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 And ^ahe ¹wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard of it.

3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "^aI am Joseph! ^bIs my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for ^athey were dismayed at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come ¹closer to me." And they came ¹closer. And he said, "I am your brother Joseph, whom you ^asold into Egypt.

5 "And now do not be grieved or angry ¹with yourselves, because ^ayou sold me here; for ^bGod sent me before you to preserve life.

6 "For the famine has been in the land ^athese two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

7 "And ^aGod sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great ¹deliverance.

8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a ^afather to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

9 "Hurry and go up to my father,

and ^asay to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

10 "And you shall ¹live in the land of ^aGoshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children and your flocks and your herds and all that you have.

11 "There I will also ^aprovide for you, for there are still five years of famine *to come*, lest you and your household and all that you have be impoverished."

12 "And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth which is speaking to you.

13 "Now you must tell my father of all my splendor in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and ^abring my father down here."

14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and ^awept; and Benjamin wept on his neck.

15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept on them, and afterward his brothers talked with him.

16 ¶ Now when ^athe ¹news was heard in Pharaoh's house ²that Joseph's brothers had come, it ³pleased Pharaoh and his servants.

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your beasts and ¹go to the land of Canaan,

18 and take your father and your households and come to me, and ^aI will give you the ¹best of the land of Egypt and you shall eat the fat of the land.'

19 "Now you are ordered, 'Do this: ¹take ^awagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father and come.

20 'And do not ¹concern yourselves with your goods, for the ²best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"

21 ¶ Then the sons of Israel

⁹ Acts 7:14
¹⁰ 1 Lit., dwell
Gen. 46:28, 34; 47:1

¹¹ Gen. 47:12
¹³ Acts 7:14
¹⁴ Gen. 45:2

¹⁶ 1 Lit., voice
² Lit., saying, "Joseph's brothers have come."
³ Lit., was good in the eyes of
Acts 7:13

¹⁷ 1 Lit., come, go
¹⁸ 1 Lit., good
Gen. 27:28

¹⁹ 1 Lit., take for yourself
Gen. 45:21, 27; 46:5, Num. 7:3-8

²⁰ 1 Lit., let your eye look with regret upon your vessels
2 Lit., good
21 1 Lit., mouth
Gen. 45:19

²² 1 Lit., all of them he gave each man
2 Kin. 5:5
Gen. 43:34
²³ 1 Lit., like this
2 Lit., good
3 Lit., for

²⁴ 1 Lit., they departed; and he said
2 Lit., he agitated
²⁶ 1 Lit., his heart grew numb
Gen. 37:31-35

²⁷ Gen. 45:19
¹ Gen. 21:31, 28:10
Gen. 28:24, 28:13, 31:42

² 1 Lit., in the visions
Gen. 15:1; Num. 12:6; Job 33:14, 15
Gen. 22:11; 31:11

³ Gen. 17:1; 28:13
Gen. 12:2; Ex. 1:9; Deut. 26:5

⁴ Gen. 28:15; 48:21
Gen. 50:24, Ex. 3:8

did so; and Joseph gave them ^awagons according to the ¹command of Pharaoh, and gave them provisions for the journey.

22 To ¹each of them he gave ^achanges of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and ^bfive changes of garments.

23 And to his father he sent ¹as follows: ten donkeys loaded with the ²best things of Egypt, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and bread and sustenance for his father ³on the journey.

24 So he sent his brothers away, and ¹as they departed, he said to them, "Do not ²quarrel on the journey."

25 Then they went up from Egypt, and came to the land of Canaan to their father Jacob.

26 And they told him, saying, "Joseph is still alive, and indeed he is ruler over all the land of Egypt." But ¹he was stunned, for ^ahe did not believe them.

27 When they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and when he saw the ^awagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.

28 Then Israel said, "It is enough; my son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die."

CHAPTER 46

SO Israel set out with all that he had, and came to ^aBeer-sheba, and offered sacrifices to the ^bGod of his father Isaac.

2 And ^aGod spoke to Israel ¹in visions of the night and said, "^bJacob, Jacob." And he said, "Here I am."

3 And He said, "^aI am God, the God of your father; do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will ^bmake you a great nation there.

4 "^aI will go down with you to Egypt, and ^bI will also surely

bring you up again; and ^cJoseph will ¹close your eyes."

5 Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and the sons of Israel carried their father Jacob and their little ones and their wives, in the ^awagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

6 And they took their livestock and their property, which they had acquired in the land of Canaan, and ^acame to Egypt, Jacob and all his ¹descendants with him:

7 his sons and his grandsons with him, his daughters and his granddaughters, and all his ¹descendants he brought with him to Egypt.

8 ¶ Now these are the ^anames of the sons of Israel, Jacob and his sons, who went to Egypt: Reuben, Jacob's first-born.

9 And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch and Pallu and Hezron and Carmi.

10 And the ^asons of Simeon: ¹Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and ²Jachin and ³Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman.

11 And the sons of Levi: ¹Ger-shon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 And the sons of Judah: Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah (but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan). And the ^asons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 And the sons of Issachar: Tola and ¹Puvvah and ²Iob and Shimron.

14 And the sons of Zebulun: Sered and Elon and Jahleel.

15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah; ¹all his sons and his daughters numbered thirty-three.

16 And the ^asons of Gad: ¹Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and ²Ezbon, Eri and ³Arodi and Areli.

17 And the ^asons of Asher: Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah and their sister Serah. And

4 ¹Lat. *put*
has hand on
Gen. 30:1
5 ^aGen.
46:21
6 ¹Lat.
and
Deut. 28:5;
Josh. 24:4;
Ps. 105:23; Is.
52:4; Acts
7:15
7 ¹Lat.
and
8 ^aEx. 1:1-
4; Num. 26:4;
5; 1 Chr.
2:18
10 ¹In Num.
26:12 and
1 Chr. 4:24;
Nehem. 1:1
1 Chr. 4:24;
Josh. 1:1
Num. 26:13
and
1 Chr. 4:24;
Zerah
Ex. 6:15
11 ¹In
1 Chr. 6:16;
Gershon
12 ¹1 Chr.
2:5
18 ¹In Num.
26:23; Puvvah
in 1 Chr. 7:1;
Puvah ¹In
Num. 26:24
and 1 Chr.
7:1; Jashub
16 ¹Lat., all
the souls of
16 ¹In Num.
26:15; Ze-
phon ¹In
Num. 26:16;
Ozru ¹In
Num. 26:17;
Arod
Ex. 26:15
18
17 ¹1 Chr.
7:30 ¹1 Chr.
7:31
20 ^aGen.
41:50-52
21 ¹In Num.
26:38; Ahu-
ram ¹In Num.
26:38; Shu-
phapham, in
1 Chr. 7:12;
Shupham ¹In
Num. 26:38;
Hupham
1 Chr. 7:8
23 ¹In Num.
26:42; Shu-
ham
24 ¹In
1 Chr. 7:13;
Jashub ¹In
1 Chr. 7:13;
Shallum
25 ^aGen.
30:5, 7 ^aGen.
26:29
26 ¹Lat.
who came
out of his
loins
Ex. 1:5

the ^bsons of Beriah: Heber and Malchiel.

18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Leah; and she bore to Jacob these sixteen persons.

19 The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin.

20 ^aNow to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, bore to him.

21 And the ^asons of Benjamin: Bela and Becher and Ashbel, Gera and Naaman, ¹Ehi and Rosh, ²Muppm and ³Huppm and Ard.

22 These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob; there were fourteen persons in all.

23 And the sons of Dan: ¹Hu-shim.

24 And the sons of Naphtali: ¹Jahzeel and Guni and Jezer and ²Shillem.

25 These are the ^asons of Bilhah, whom ^bLaban gave to his daughter Rachel, and she bore these to Jacob; there were seven persons in all.

26 ^aAll the persons belonging to Jacob, who came to Egypt, ¹his direct descendants, not including the wives of Jacob's sons, were sixty-six persons in all.

27 and the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt were ¹two; ^aall the persons of the house of Jacob, who came to Egypt, were seventy.

28 ¶ Now he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to point out the way before him to ^aGoshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

29 And Joseph ¹prepared his chariot and went up to Goshen to meet his father Israel; as soon as he appeared ²before him, he fell

27 ¹Lat., two souls Ex. 1:2; Deut. 10:22; Acts 7:14
28 ^aGen. 45:10
29 ¹Lat., and, harnessed ²Lat., to

on his neck and ^awept on his neck a long time.

30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me die, since I have seen your face, that you are still alive."

31 And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "^aI will go up and tell Pharaoh, and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me;

32 and the men are shepherds, for they have been ¹keepers of livestock; and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.'

33 "And it shall come about when Pharaoh calls you and says, '^aWhat is your occupation?'

34 that you shall say, 'Your servants have been ¹keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,' that you may ²live in the land of ^bGoshen; for every shepherd is ³loathsome to the Egyptians."

CHAPTER 47

THEN ^aJoseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my brothers and their flocks and their herds and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they are in the land of ^bGoshen."

2 And he took five men from among his brothers, and ^apresented them to Pharaoh.

3 Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, "^aWhat is your occupation?" So they said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are ^bshepherds, both we and our fathers."

4 And they said to Pharaoh, "^aWe have come to sojourn in the land, for there is no pasture for your servants' flocks, for ^bthe famine is severe in the land of Canaan. Now, therefore, please let your servants ¹live in the land of Goshen."

29 ^aGen. 45:14, 15
31 ^aGen. 47:1
32 ¹Lit. men
33 ^aGen. 47:2, 3
34 ¹Lit. men ²Lit. dwell ³Lit. an abomination
^aGen. 13:7, 8; 26:20; 37:2
^aGen. 45:10, 18; 47:6, 11
^aGen. 43:32; Ex. 8:26
1 ^aGen. 46:31
^aGen. 45:10; 46:28
2 ^aActs 7:13
3 ^aGen. 46:33
^aGen. 46:34
4 ¹Lit. dwell
^aGen. 15:13; Deut. 28:5; Ps. 105:23
^aGen. 43:1; Acts 7:11
^aGen. 46:34
8 ¹Lit. Joseph, saying
6 ¹Lit. before you ²Lit. cause them to dwell ³Lit. dwell ⁴Lit. appoint them rulers
^aGen. 45:10; 18; 47:11
^bEx. 18:21, 25; 1 Kin. 11:28; Prov. 22:29
7 ¹Lit. met him before
^aGen. 47:10; 2 Sam. 14:22; 1 Kin. 8:66
8 ¹Lit. are the days of the years of your life
9 ¹Lit. days of the years ²Lit. thirty years
³Lit. evil
⁴Lit. reached
⁵Lit. of the life of my fathers
^aHeb. 11:9, 13
^aGen. 25:7; 35:28
10 ¹Lit. Pharaoh's
^aGen. 47:7
11 ¹Lit. caused to dwell
^aGen. 47:6, 27
^bEx. 1:11; 12:37
12 ¹Or. bread
^aGen. 45:11

5 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Your father and your brothers have come to you.

6 "The land of Egypt is ¹at your disposal; ²settle your father and your brothers in ^athe best of the land, let them ³live in the land of Goshen; and if you know any ^bcapable men among them, then ^aput them in charge of my live stock."

7 Then Joseph brought his father Jacob and ¹presented him to Pharaoh; and Jacob ^ablessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said to Jacob "How many ¹years have you lived?"

9 So Jacob said to Pharaoh "The ¹years of my sojourning are one hundred and ²thirty; few and ³unpleasant have been the ¹years of my life, nor have they ⁴attained ^bthe ¹years ⁵that my fathers lived during the days of their sojourning."

10 And Jacob ^ablessed Pharaoh, and went out from ¹his presence.

11 So Joseph ¹settled his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in ^athe best of the land, in the land of ^bRameses, as Pharaoh had ordered.

12 And Joseph ^aprovided his father and his brothers and all his father's household with ¹food, according to their little ones.

13 ¶ Now there was no ¹food in all the land, because the famine was very severe, so that ^athe land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine.

14 And ^aJoseph gathered all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they bought, and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.

15 And when the money was

13 ¹Or, bread ^aGen. 41:30; Acts 7:11
14 ^aGen. 41:56

all spent in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, "Give us food, for why should we die in your presence? For our money is gone."

16 Then Joseph said, "Give up your livestock, and I will give you food for your livestock, since your money is gone."

17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses and the flocks and the herds and the donkeys; and he fed them with food in exchange for all their livestock that year.

18 And when that year was ended, they came to him the next year and said to him, "We will not hide from my lord that our money is all spent, and the cattle are my lord's. There is nothing left for my lord except our bodies and our lands."

19 "Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we and our land will be slaves to Pharaoh. So give us seed, that we may live and not die, and that the land may not be desolate."

20 ¶ So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was severe upon them. Thus the land became Pharaoh's.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of Egypt's border to the other.

22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, for the priests had an allotment from Pharaoh, and they lived off the allotment which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore, they did not sell their land.

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, I have today bought you and your land for

18 ¹Lit., saying ²Or, bread ³Lit., ceases ⁴Gen. 47:19

16 ¹Lit., ceases

17 ¹Or, bread ²Lit., livestock of the flocks and livestock of the herds

³Lit., led them as a shepherd

⁴Lit., in that year

18 ¹Lit., second ²Lit., livestock of the cattle

³Lit., in the presence of

19 ¹Or, bread

20 ¹Lit., Egypt, every man

21 ¹Lit., ate their allotment

22 ¹Lit., it shall come about that you shall

²Lit., four parts

³Gen. 41:34

23 ¹Lit., alone did

²Gen. 47:22

27 ¹Lit., dwell ²Lit., in the land of Goshen

³Gen. 47:11

⁴Gen. 17:6, 26:4, 35:11, Ex. 17, Deut. 26:5, Acts 7:17

28 ¹Lit., days of Jacob, the years of his life

²Gen. 47:9

29 ¹Lit., the days of Israel to die drew near

²Lit., truth

³Deut. 31:14, 1 Kin. 2:1

⁴Gen. 24:2

⁵Gen. 24:49

30 ¹Gen. 15:15, Deut. 31:16

²Gen. 23:17-20, 25:9, 10, 35:29, 49:29-32, 50:5, 13, Acts 7:15, 16

31 ¹Gen. 21:23, 24, 24:3, 31:53, 50:25

²1 Kin. 1:47

³1 ¹Lit., one said to Joseph

⁴Gen. 41:51, 52, Josh. 14:4

Pharaoh; now, here is seed for you, and you may sow the land.

24 "And at the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones."

25 So they said, "You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves."

26 And Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt valid to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh's.

27 ¶ Now Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in Goshen, and they acquired property in it and were fruitful and became very numerous.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years; so the length of Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-seven years.

29 When the time for Israel to die drew near, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "Please, if I have found favor in your sight, place now your hand under my thigh and deal with me in kindness and faithfulness. Please do not bury me in Egypt."

30 but when I lie down with my fathers, you shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burial place." And he said, "I will do as you have said."

31 And he said, "Swear to me." So he swore to him. Then Israel bowed in worship at the head of the bed.

CHAPTER 48

NOW it came about after these things that Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is sick." So he took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him.

2 When ¹it was told to Jacob, "Behold, your son Joseph has come to you," Israel ²collected his strength and sat ³up in the bed.

² Lit., one told Jacob and said
³ Lit., strengthened himself
⁴ Lit., upon the bed

3 Then Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at ^bLuz in the land of Canaan and blessed me.

³ Heb., El Shaddai
⁴ Gen. 28:13f.
⁵ 9-12 Gen. 28:19, 35:6

4 and He said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and numerous, and I will make you a company of peoples, and will give this land to your ¹descendants after you for ^aan everlasting possession.'

⁴ Lit., seed
⁵ Gen. 17:8

5 "And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; ^aEphraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as ^bReuben and Simeon are.

⁵ Gen. 41:30-52, 48:1, 46:20, Josh. 14:4
⁶ Chr. 5:1, 2

6 "But your offspring that ¹have been born after them shall be yours; they shall be called by the ²names of their brothers in their inheritance.

⁶ Lit., you have begotten
⁷ Lit., name

7 "Now as for me, when I came from ^aPaddan, ^bRachel died, ¹to my sorrow, in the land of Canaan on the journey, when there was still some distance to go to Ephrath; and I buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)."

⁷ Lit., upon me
⁸ Gen. 33:18
⁹ Gen. 35:19, 20

8 ¶ When Israel ^asaw Joseph's sons, he said, "Who are these?"

⁸ Gen. 48:10

9 And Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." So he said, "Bring them to me, please, that ^bI may bless them."

⁹ Gen. 33:5
¹⁰ Gen. 27:4

10 Now ^athe eyes of Israel were so dim from age that he could not see. Then ¹Joseph brought them close to him, and he ^bkissed them and embraced them.

¹⁰ Lit., he
¹¹ Gen. 27:1
¹² Gen. 27:27

11 And Israel said to Joseph, "I never ¹expected to see your face, and behold, God has let me see your ²children as well."

¹¹ Lit., meditated, judged
¹² Lit., seed

12 Then Joseph ¹took them from his knees, and ^abowed with his face to the ground.

¹² Lit., made them come out
¹³ Gen. 42:6

¹⁴ Or, consciously directing
¹⁵ Lit., when
¹⁶ Gen. 41:51, 52

¹⁷ Lit., from the continuance of me
¹⁸ Gen. 17:1
¹⁹ Gen. 49:24

²⁰ Lit., be called
²¹ Lit., name
²² Gen. 22:11, 15:18, 28:13, 15:31, 11
²³ Heb. 11:21
²⁴ Gen. 28:14, 46:3

²⁵ Gen. 48:14

²⁶ Lit., seed
²⁷ Lit., fulness
²⁸ Gen. 28:14, 46:3

²⁹ Heb. 11:21

13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim with his right hand toward Israel's left, and Manasseh with his left hand toward Israel's right, and brought them close to him.

14 But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, ¹crossing his hands, ²although ^aManasseh was the first-born.

15 And he blessed Joseph, and said,

"The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,

^bThe God who has been my shepherd ¹all my life to this day,

16 ^aThe angel who has redeemed me from all evil,

^bBless the lads;

And may my name ¹live on in them,

And the ²names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;

And ^cmay they grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

17 When Joseph saw that his father ^alaid his right hand on Ephraim's head, it displeased him; and he grasped his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the first-born. Place your right hand on his head."

19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people and he also shall be great. However, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and ^ahis ¹descendants shall become a ²multitude of nations."

20 And ^ahe blessed them that day, saying,

"By you Israel shall pronounce blessing, saying,

'May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh!'"

Thus he put Ephraim before Manasseh.

21 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am about to die, but ^aGod will be with you, and ^bbring you back to the land of your fathers.

22 "And I give you one ¹portion more than your brothers, ^awhich I took from the hand of the Amorite with my sword and my bow."

CHAPTER 49

THEN Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what shall befall you ^aIn the ¹days to come.

2 "Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob;
And ^alisten to Israel your father.

3 ^a "Reuben, you are my first-born;
My might and ^athe beginning of my strength,
¹Preeminent in dignity and ¹preeminent in power.

4 ^a "Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have pre-eminence,
^aBecause you went up to your father's bed;
Then you defiled it—he went up to my couch.

5 ^a "Simeon and Levi are brothers;
Their swords are implements of violence.

6 ^a "Let my soul not enter into their council;
Let not my glory be united with their assembly;
Because in their anger they slew ¹men,
And in their self-will they lamed ²oxen.

7 "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce;

21 ^aGen. 28:3 ^aGen. 28:15; 48:4; 50:24

22 ¹Or, ridge; lit., shoulder; Heb., Shechem ^aJosh. 24:32; John 4:5

¹ Lit., end of the days ^aNum. 24:14

² ^aPs. 34:11

³ ¹ Lit., pre-eminence ^aDeut. 21:17; Ps. 78:51; 105:36

⁴ ¹ Or, Boiling over; lit., recklessness ^aGen. 35:22; Deut. 27:20; 1 Chr. 5:1

⁵ ^aGen. 34:25-30

⁶ ¹ Lit., a man ² Lit., an ox ^aPs. 64:2

⁷ ¹ Lit., divide ^aJosh. 19:1, 9; 21:1-42

⁸ ^aGen. 27:28; 1 Chr. 5:2

⁹ ¹ Lit., bows down ² Or, iniquity ³ Lit., shall ^aEzek. 19:3-7; Mic. 5:8 ^aNum. 24:9

¹⁰ ¹ Or, Until he comes to Shiloh, or, Until he comes to whom it belongs ^aNum. 24:17; Ps. 60:7; 108:8 ^aPs. 2:6-9; 72:8-11; Is. 42:1, 4; 49:6

¹¹ ¹ Lit., Binding of ^aDeut. 8:7, 8; 2 Kin. 18:32 ^aIs. 63:2

¹² ¹ Or, darker than ² Or, whiter than

¹³ ¹ Lit., for a shore of ships ^aDeut. 33:18; 19

¹⁴ ¹ Lit., a donkey of bone ² Or, saddlebags ^aJudg. 5:16; Ps. 68:13

And their wrath, for it is cruel.

^aI will ¹disperse them in Jacob,
And scatter them in Israel.

8 ^a "Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
^aYour father's sons shall bow down to you.

9 "Judah is a ^alion's whelp;
From the prey, my son, you have gone up.
^bHe ¹couches, he lies down as a lion,
And as a ²lion, who ³dares rouse him up?

10 ^a "The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
¹Until Shiloh comes,
And ^bto him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

11 ^a "He ties his foal to the vine,
And his donkey's colt to the choice vine;
^bHe washes his garments in wine,
And his robes in the blood of grapes.

12 "His eyes are ¹dull from wine,
And his teeth ²white from milk.

13 ^a "Zebulun shall dwell at the seashore;
And he shall be ¹a haven for ships,
And his flank shall be toward Sidon.

14 ^a "Issachar is ¹a strong donkey,
^aLying down between the ²sheepfolds.

15 "When he saw that a resting place was good
And that the land was pleasant,
He bowed his shoulder to bear burdens,

- And became a slave at forced labor.
- 16 ¶ "Dan shall ^bjudge his people,
As one of the tribes of Israel.
- 17 "Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
A horned snake in the path,
That bites the horse's heels,
So that his rider falls backward.
- 18 "For Thy salvation I wait,
O LORD.
- 19 ¶ "As for Gad, ¹raiders shall raid him,
But he shall raid *at* their ²heels.
- 20 ¶ "As for ^bAsher, his ²food shall be ³rich,
And he shall yield royal dainties.
- 21 ¶ "Naphtali is a doe let loose,
He gives beautiful words.
- 22 ¶ "Joseph is a fruitful ¹bough,
A fruitful ¹bough by a spring;
Its ²branches run over a wall.
- 23 "The archers bitterly attacked him,
And shot *at him* and harassed him;
- 24 But his ^abow remained ¹firm,
And ^{2b}his arms were agile,
From the hands of the ^cMighty One of Jacob
(From there is ^dthe Shepherd, ^ethe Stone of Israel),
- 25 From ^athe God of your father who helps you,
And ^{1b}by the ²Almighty who blesses you
With ^cblessings of heaven above,

18 ^aDeut. 33:22; Judg. 18:26, 27
^bGen. 30:6

18 ^aEx. 15:2; Ps. 25:5; 40:1-3, 119:166, 174; Is. 25:9; Mic. 7:7

19 ¹Lit., a raiding band
²Lit., heel
^aDeut. 33:20

20 ¹Lit., From ²Or, bread
³Lit., fat
^aDeut. 33:24, 25
^bGen. 30:13

21 ^aDeut. 33:23

22 ¹Lit., son
²Lit., daughters
^aDeut. 33:13-17

24 ¹i.e., in an unyielding position
²Lit., the arms of his hands
^aJob 29:20
^bPs. 18:34; 73:23; Is. 41:10
^cPs. 132:2, 5; Is. 1:24; 49:28
^dPs. 23:1, 80:1
^ePs. 118:22; Is. 28:16, 1 Pet. 2:6-8

25 ¹Or, with
^aHeb., Shaddai
^aGen. 28:13; 32:9
^bGen. 28:3; 48:3
^cGen. 27:28

26 ¹Lit., limit, or, desire
^aDeut. 33:15, 16

27 ¹Lit., a wolf that tears

28 ¹Lit., and
²Lit., according to his blessing

29 ^aGen. 25:8
^bGen. 47:30
^cGen. 23:18-20; 50:13

30 ¹Lit., possession of a burial place
^aGen. 23:3-20

31 ^aGen. 25:9
^bGen. 23:19
^cGen. 35:29

33 ^aGen. 25:8; Acts 7:15
^bGen. 49:29

- Blessings of the deep that lies beneath,
Blessings of the breast and of the womb.
- 26 "The blessings of your father
Have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors
Up to the ¹utmost bound of ^athe everlasting hills;
May they be on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.
- 27 ¶ "Benjamin is a ¹ravenous wolf;
In the morning he devours the prey,
And in the evening he divides the spoil."
- 28 ¶ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them ¹when he blessed them. He blessed them, every one ²with the blessing appropriate to him.
- 29 Then he charged them and said to them, "I am about to be ^agathered to my people; ^bbury me with my fathers in the cave that is in ^cthe field of Ephron the Hittite.
- 30 in the ^acave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought along with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a ¹burial site.
- 31 "There they buried ^aAbraham and his wife ^bSarah, there they buried ^cIsaac and his wife Rebekah, and there I buried Leah—
- 32 the field and the cave that is in it, purchased from the sons of Heth."
- 33 When Jacob finished charging his sons, he drew his feet into the bed and ^abreathed his last, and was ^bgathered to his people

CHAPTER 50

THEN Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him and kissed him.

2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians ^aembalmed Israel.

3 Now forty days were ¹required for ²it, for ³such is the period required for embalming. And the Egyptians ^awept for him seventy days.

4 ^a And when the days of ¹mourning for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your sight, please speak ²to Pharaoh, saying,

5 ^aMy father made me swear, saying, "Behold, I am about to die; in my grave ^bwhich I dug for myself in the land of Canaan, there you shall bury me." Now therefore, please let me go up and bury my father; then I will return."

6 And Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear."

7 So Joseph went up to bury his father, and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 and all the household of Joseph and his brothers and his father's household; they left only their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Goshen.

9 There also went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and it was a very great company.

10 When they came to the ¹threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they ^alamented there with a very great and ²sorrowful lamentation; and he ³observed seven days mourning for his father.

11 Now when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at ¹the threshing

floor of Atad, they said, "This is a ²grievous ³mourning for the Egyptians." Therefore it was named ^aAbel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.

12 And thus his sons did for him as he had charged them;

13 for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in ^athe cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which Abraham had bought along with the field for a ¹burial site from Ephron the Hittite.

14 And after he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.

15 ^a When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "^aWhat if Joseph should bear a grudge against us and pay us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!"

16 So they ¹sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father charged before he died, saying,

17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong." ' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

18 Then his brothers also came and ^afell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."

19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place?

20 "And as for you, ^ayou meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about ¹this present result, to preserve many people alive.

21 "So therefore, do not be afraid; ^aI will provide for you and your little ones." So he comforted them and spoke ¹kindly to them.

22 ^a Now Joseph stayed in

2 ^aGen. 50:26; 2 Chr 16:14, Matt 26:12, Mark 16:1, John 19:39, 40

3 ¹Lit., fulfilled ²for him ³Lit., so are fulfilled the days of embalming ^aGen. 50:10, Num. 20:29, Deut. 34:8

4 ¹Lit., weeping ²Lit., in the ears of

5 ^aGen. 47:29-31 ²2 Chr 16:14, Is. 22:16, Matt 27:60

10 ¹Heb., Goshen ²he-Atad ³Lit., heavy ⁴Lit., made a mourning for seven days ^aActs 8:2

11 ¹Heb., Goshen ²he-Atad ³Lit., heavy ⁴Heb., Abel ⁵Lit., the meadow (or mourning) of Egypt

13 ¹Lit., possession of a burial place ^aGen. 23:16-20, Acts 7:16

15 ^aGen. 37:28, 42:21, 22

16 ¹Lit., commanded

18 ^aGen. 37:8-10, 41:43

20 ¹Lit., as it is this day ^aGen. 37:28, 27:45, 5, 7

21 ¹Lit., to their heart ^aGen. 45:11, 47:12

Egypt, he and his father's household, and Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw the third generation of Ephraim's sons; also the sons of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were ^aborn on Joseph's knees.

24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely ¹take care of you, and bring you up from this land to the land which He ²promised

²³ ^aGen. 30:3

²⁴ ¹Or, visit
¹Lit., swore
^aGen. 48:21;
Ex. 3:16, 17;
Heb. 11:22
^aGen. 13:15,
17; 15:7, 8, 18
^aGen. 26:3
^aGen. 28:13,
35:12

²⁵ ¹Or, visit
^aGen. 47:29;
30; Ex. 13:19;
Josh. 24:32;
Heb. 11:22

on oath to ^bAbraham, to ^cIsaac and to ^dJacob."

25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely ¹take care of you, and ^ayou shall carry my bones up from here."

26 So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and ¹he was ^aembalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

²⁶ ¹Lit., they embalmed him ^aGen. 50:2

EXODUS

Israel Multiplies in Egypt

NOW these are the ^anames of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one ¹with his household:

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah;

3 Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin;

4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

5 And all the ¹persons who came from the loins of Jacob were ^aseventy ²in number, but Joseph was *already* in Egypt.

6 And ^aJoseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation.

7 But the sons of Israel ^awere fruitful and ¹increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly ²mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

8 ¶ Now a new ^aking arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

9 And ^ahe said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are ¹more and mightier than we.

10 "Come, let us ^adeal wisely with them, lest they multiply and ¹in the event of war, they also

¹ ¹Lit., and
^aGen. 46:8-27

⁵ ¹Lit.,
souls ¹Lit., as
to souls
^aGen. 46:26,
27; Deut.
10:22

⁶ ^aGen.
50:26

⁷ ¹Lit.,
swarmed ^aOr,
numerous
^aGen. 12:2;
28:3; 35:11;
46:3; 47:27;
48:4; Deut.
26:5; Ps.
105:24; Acts
7:17

⁸ ^aActs
7:18, 19

⁹ ¹Or, too
many and
too mighty
for us
^aPs. 105:24,
25

¹⁰ ¹Lit., it
came about
when war be-
falls that
²Lit., go up
from
^aActs 7:19

¹¹ ¹Lit.,
their burdens
^aGen. 15:13;
Ex. 3:7; 5:6
^aEx. 1:14;
2:11; 5:4-9;
6:6; ^a1 Kin.
9:19; 2 Chr.
8:4 ^aGen.
47:11

¹² ¹Lit.,
broke forth
^aEx. 1:7

¹³ ^aGen.
15:13; Deut.
4:20

join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us, and ²depart from the land."

11 So they appointed ^ataskmasters over them to afflict them with ¹hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh ^astorage cities, Pithom and ^dRaamses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, ^athe more they multiplied and the more they ¹spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

13 And the Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel ^ato labor rigorously;

14 and they made ^atheir lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at *all kinds* of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously ¹imposed on them.

15 ¶ Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom ¹was named Shiphrah, and the other ¹was named Puah;

16 and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see *them* upon the birthstool, ^aif it is a son, then you

¹⁴ ¹Lit., worked through them ^aEx. 2:23; 6:9; Num.
20:15; Acts 7:19

¹⁵ ¹Lit., the name was

¹⁶ ^aActs 7:19

shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

17 But the midwives ¹feared God, and ²did not do as the king of Egypt had ²commanded them, but let the boys live.

18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?"

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous, and they give birth before the midwife ¹can get to them."

20 So ^aGod was good to the midwives, and ^bthe people multiplied, and became very ¹mighty.

21 And it came about because the midwives ¹feared God, that He ²established ³households for them.

22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born ¹you are to cast into ^bthe Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive."

CHAPTER 2

NOW a man from ^athe house of Levi went and ¹married a daughter of Levi.

2 And the woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw ¹that he was ^{2a}beautiful, she hid him for three months.

3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a ^{1a}wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it, and set it among the ^breeds by the bank of the Nile.

4 And ^ahis sister stood at a distance to ¹find out what would ²happen to him.

5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down ^ato bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the ¹basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her.

17 ¹Or, reversed ²Lit., spoken to
^aEx. 1:21, Prov. 16:6
^bActs 4:18-20:5:29

19 ¹Lit., comes to

20 ¹Or, numerous
^aProv. 11:18, Eccl. 8:12, Heb. 6:10
^bEx. 1:12, 1a:3:10

21 ¹Or, reversed ²Lit., made ³Or, families
^aEx. 1:17

^b1 Sam. 2:35, 2 Sam. 7:11, 27, 1 Kin. 2:24, 11:38

22 ¹Some versions insert to the Hebrews
^aActs 7:19
^bGen. 41:1

1 ¹Lit., took
^aEx. 6:16, 18, 20

2 ¹Lit., him that ²Lit., good
^aActs 7:20, Heb. 11:23

3 ¹i.e., papyrus reeds
^aOr, chest
^b1a:18.2 ¹La:19:6

4 ¹Lit., know ²Lit., be done
^aEx. 15:20, Num. 26:59

5 ¹Or, chest
^aEx. 7:15, 8:20

6 ¹Heb., saw it, the child ²Or, tad

7 ¹Lit., a woman giving suck

8 ¹Heb., Mushah, from mushah

²Heb., mushah
^aActs 7:21

11 ¹Lit., burdens
^aActs 7:23, Heb. 11:24-28
^bEx. 1:11, 5:4, 5:8, 6:7 ^cActs 7:24

12 ¹Lit., turned
^aActs 7:24, 25

13 ¹Or, quarreling
²Or, the guilty one
^aActs 7:26-28

6 ¹ When she opened it, she ¹saw the child, and behold, ^{the} ²boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call ^aa nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I shall give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and ^ahe became her son. And she named him ¹Moses, and said, "Because I ²drew him out of the water."

11 ¹ Now it came about in those days, ^awhen Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their ^{1b}hard labors; and ^che saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

12 So he ¹looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one around, he ^astruck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

13 And he went out ^athe next day, and behold, two Hebrews were ¹fighting with each other; and he said to the ²offender, "Why are you striking your companion?"

14 But he said, "Who made you a ¹prince or a judge over us? Are you ²intending to kill me, as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid, and said, "Surely the matter has become known."

15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses.

16 ¹Lit., man, a prince ²Lit., saying in your heart
^aGen. 19:9; Acts 7:27, 28

But ^aMoses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and ¹settled in the land of Midian; and he sat down ^bby a well.

16 ^a Now ^athe priest of Midian had seven daughters; and ^bthey came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but ^aMoses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 When they came to ^aReuel their father, he said, "Why have you come *back* so soon today?"

19 So they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds; and what is more, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock."

20 And he said to his daughters, "Where is he then? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Invite him ¹to have something to eat."

21 ^aAnd Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter ^bZipporah to Moses.

22 Then she gave birth to ^aa son, and he named him ¹Gershom, for he said, "I have been ^asojourner in a foreign land."

23 ^a Now it came about in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel ^asighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and ^btheir cry for help because of their bondage rose up to God.

24 So ^aGod heard their groaning; and God remembered ^bHis covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

25 And ^aGod saw the sons of Israel, and God ¹took notice of them.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Moses was pasturing the flock of ^aJethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the ¹west

15 ¹Lit., dwell.
^aActs 7:29;
Heb. 11:27;
^bGen. 24:11, 29:2

16 ^aEx. 3:1, 18:12;
^bGen. 24:11, 13, 19, 29:9, 10, 1 Sam. 9:11

17 ^aGen. 29:3, 10
18 ^aEx. 3:1, Num. 10:29
20 ¹Lit., that he may eat bread

21 ^aActs 7:29;
^bEx. 4:25, 18:2

22 ¹Heb., ger shom, a stranger there
²Heb., ger
^aEx. 4:20, 18:3, 4;
^bGen. 23:4, Lev. 25:23, Acts 7:29; Heb. 11:13, 14

23 ^aEx. 6:5, 9;
^bEx. 3:7, 9; Deut. 26:7, James 5:4

24 ^aEx. 6:5, Acts 7:34;
^bGen. 15:13f., 22:18-18, 26:2-5, 28:13-15; Ps. 105:8, 42

25 ¹Lit., knew them
^aEx. 3:7, 4:31, Acts 7:34

1 ¹Or, near part
^aEx. 2:18, 4:18, 18:12, Num. 10:29

^bEx. 3:12, 17:6, 33:8, 1 Kin. 19:8
^cEx. 4:27; 18:5, 24:13

2 ¹Lit., the
^aGen. 16:7-11, 21:17, 22:11, 15; Ex. 3:4-11, 16, Judg. 13:13-21; Acts 7:30

^bDeut. 33:18, Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 7:30

3 ¹Lit., Let me turn
²Lit., great
^aActs 7:31

4 ^aEx. 4:5
5 ^aJosh. 5:15; Acts 7:33

6 ^aGen. 28:13; Ex. 3:16, 4:5; Matt. 22:32; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37

^bActs 7:32; ^cJudg. 13:22; Rev. 1:17

side of the wilderness, and came to ^bHoreb, the ^cmountain of God.

2 And ^athe angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of ^{1a} ^ba bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed.

3 So Moses said, "^{1a} I must turn aside now, and see this ²marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up."

4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, "God called to him from the midst of the bush, and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then He said, "Do not come near here; ^aremove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

6 He said also, "^aI am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." ^bThen Moses hid his face, for he was ^aafraid to look at God.

7 And the LORD said, "I have surely ^aseen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

8 "So I have come down ^ato deliver them from the ¹power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a ^bgood and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of ^cthe Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

9 "And now, behold, ^athe cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

7 ^aEx. 2:25; Neh. 9:9; Ps. 108:44; Is. 63:9; Acts 7:34

8 ¹Lit., hand
^aGen. 15:13-16; 46:4; 50:24, 25; Ex. 6:8; 12:31
^bEx. 3:17; 13:5; Num. 13:27; Deut. 1:25; 8:7-9; Jer. 11:5; Ezek. 20:6
^cGen. 15:19-21; Josh. 24:11

9 ^aEx. 2:23

10 "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, ^aso that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?"

12 And He said, "Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: ^bwhen you have brought the people out of Egypt, 'you shall ¹worship God at this mountain.'"

13 ^c Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"

14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

15 And God, furthermore, said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My ^bmemorial-name ¹to all generations."

16 "Go and ^agather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, '^bThe LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, 'I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt.'"

17 "So I said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of ^bthe Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, to a land ^cflowing with milk and honey."

18 "And ^athey will ¹pay heed to what you say; and ^byou with the elders of Israel will come to the king of Egypt, and you will say to

10 ^aGen. 15:13, 14; Ex. 12:40, 41; Mic. 6:4; Acts 7:6, 7

11 ^aEx. 4:10; 6:12, 1 Sam. 18:18

12 ¹Or, serve ^aGen. 31:3, Ex. 4:12, 15, 33:14-16; Deut. 31:23, Josh. 1:5, 16; 43:2 ^aEx. 19:1; ^bEx. 19:2, 3; Acts 7:7

14 ¹Related to the name of God, YHWH, rendered LORD, which is derived from the verb HAYAH, to be ^aEx. 6:3; John 8:24, 28, 58; Heb. 13:8; Rev. 1:8, 4:8

15 ¹Lit., to generation of generation ^aEx. 3:6, 13; ^bPs. 30:4, 97:12, 102:12, 135:13; Hos. 12:5

16 ¹Lit., Visiting I have visited ^aEx. 4:20; ^bGen. 28:13, 48:15; Ex. 32:6, 45; ^cEx. 4:31; ^dPs. 33:18

17 ^aGen. 15:13-21, 46:4, 50:24, 25; ^bJosh. 24:11; ^cEx. 3:8

18 ¹Lit., hear your voice ^aEx. 4:31; ^bEx. 5:1; ^cEx. 5:3, 8:27

19 ¹Lit., by a strong hand ^aEx. 5:2; ^bEx. 6:1

20 ^aEx. 6:1, 7:4, 5, 9, 15, 13:3, 9, 14; ^bEx. 7:3, 15:11; ^cDeut. 6:22; ^dNeh. 9:10; ^ePs. 105:27, 135:9; ^fJer. 32:20; ^gActs 7:36; ^hEx. 11:1, 12:31-33

21 ^aEx. 11:3, 12:36, 1 Kin. 8:50; ^bPs. 105:37; ^c108:46; ^dProv. 16:7

him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. So now, please, let us go a ^cthree days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

19 "But I know that the king of Egypt ^awill not permit you to go, ^bexcept ¹under compulsion."

20 "So I will stretch out ^aMy hand, and strike Egypt with all My ^bmiracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and ^cafter that he will let you go."

21 "And I will grant this people ^afavor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed."

22 "But every woman ^ashall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will ^bplunder the Egyptians."

CHAPTER 4

THEN Moses answered and said, "What if they will not believe me, or ^alisten ¹to what I say? For they may say, '^bThe LORD has not appeared to you.'"

2 And the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff."

3 Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and ^ait became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

4 But the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail"—so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his ¹hand—

5 "that ^athey may believe that ^bthe LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the

23 ^aGen. 15:14; Ex. 11:2, 12:35; ^bEx. 30:10
1 ¹Lit., to my voice ^aEx. 3:18; 6:30; ^bEx. 3:15, 16
2 ^aEx. 4:17, 20
3 ^aEx. 7:10-12
4 ¹Lit., palm
5 ^aEx. 4:31; 12:9; ^bGen. 28:13, 48:13; Ex. 3:6, 15

God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

6 And the LORD furthermore said to him, "Now put your hand into your bosom." So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was ^aleprous like snow.

7 Then He said, "Put your hand into your bosom again." So he put his hand into his bosom again; and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, ^ait was restored like the rest of his flesh.

8 "And it shall come about that if they will not believe you or heed the ²witness of the first sign, they may believe the ²witness of the last sign.

9 "But it shall be that if they will not believe even these two signs or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile ^awill become blood on the dry ground."

10 ¶ Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, ^aI have never been ¹eloquent, neither ²recently nor in time past, nor since Thou hast spoken to Thy servant; for I am ³slow of speech and ³slow of tongue."

11 And the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or ^awho makes him dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

12 "Now then go, and ^aI, even I, will be with your mouth, and ^bteach you what you are to say."

13 But he said, "Please, Lord, now ¹send the message by whomever Thou wilt."

14 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Moses, and He said, "Is there not your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that ¹he speaks fluently. And moreover, behold, ^ahe is coming out to meet you; when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

15 "And you are to speak to him and ^aput the words in his mouth;

6 *Num. 12:10; 2 Kin. 5:27

7 *Num. 12:13-15; Deut. 32:39; 2 Kin. 5:14; Matt. 8:3; Luke 17:12-14

8 *Lit., his ten to 2 Lit., voice

9 *Ex. 7:19, 20

10 *Lit., a man of words

*Lit., yesterday

*Lit., heavy

*Ex. 3:11, 4:1; 6:12; Jer. 1:6

11 *Ps. 94:9; 146:8; Matt. 11:5; Luke 1:20, 64

12 *Ex. 4:15; 16; Deut. 18:18; Is. 50:4; Jer. 1:9

*Matt. 10:19; 20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11, 12; 21:14, 15

13 *Lit., send by the hand which Thou sendest

14 *Lit., speaking he speaks

*Ex. 4:27; 15 *Ex. 4:12; 30:7-17; Num. 23:5; 12:16; Deut. 18:18; Is. 51:16; 59:21; Jer. 1:9

16 *Ex. 7:1, 2

17 *Ex. 4:2; 20:17-9; *Ex. 7:9-20; 14:18

18 *Heb., Jethro

*Ex. 2:21; 3:1

19 *Lit., return

*Ex. 2:15, 23; 20 *Ex. 18:3; 4; Acts 7:29

*Ex. 4:17; 17:9; Num. 20:8, 9, 11

21 *Lit., to return

*Lit., hand

*Ex. 3:20; 11:9, 10; *Ex. 7:3, 13; 9:12, 35; 10:1, 20; 27:14, 4, 8; Deut. 2:30; Josh. 11:20; 1 Sam. 6:6; Is. 63:17; John 12:40; Rom. 9:18

22 *Is. 63:16; 64:8; Jer. 31:9; Hos. 11:1; Rom. 9:4

23 *Ex. 5:1; 6:11; 7:16; *Ex. 11:5; 12:29; Ps. 105:36; 135:8; 136:10

24 *Num. 22:22

25 *Lit., made it touch at his feet *Gen. 17:14; Josh. 5:2, 3

and I, even I, will be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you what you are to do.

16 "Moreover, ^ahe shall speak for you to the people; and it shall come about that he shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be as God to him.

17 "And you shall take in your hand ^athis staff, ^bwith which you shall perform the signs."

18 ¶ Then Moses departed and returned to Jethro ^ahis father-in-law, and said to him, "Please, let me go, that I may return to my brethren who are in Egypt, and see if they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

19 Now the LORD said to Moses in Midian, "Go ¹back to Egypt, for ^aall the men who were seeking your life are dead."

20 So Moses took his wife and his ^asons and mounted them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. Moses also took the ^bstaff of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go ¹back to Egypt see that you perform before Pharaoh all ^athe wonders which I have put in your ²power; but ^bI will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, "Is-
rael is My son, My first-born.

23 "So I said to you, ^aLet My son go, that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, ^bI will kill your son, your first-born."

24 ¶ Now it came about at the lodging place on the way that the LORD met him and ^asought to put him to death.

25 Then Zipporah took ^aa flint and cut off her son's foreskin and ¹threw it at Moses' feet, and she

23 *Ex. 5:1; 6:11; 7:16; *Ex. 11:5; 12:29; Ps. 105:36; 135:8; 136:10

24 *Num. 22:22

25 *Lit., made it touch at his feet *Gen. 17:14; Josh. 5:2, 3

said, "You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me."

26 So He let him alone. At that time she said, "You are a bridegroom of blood"—¹because of the circumcision.

27 ¶ ^aNow the LORD said to Aaron, "Go to meet Moses in the wilderness." So he went and met him at the ^bmountain of God, and he kissed him.

28 And ^aMoses told Aaron all the words of the LORD with which He had sent him, and ^ball the signs that He had commanded him to do.

29 Then Moses and Aaron went and ^aassembled all the elders of the sons of Israel;

30 and ^aAaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken to Moses. He then performed the ^bsigns in the sight of the people.

31 So ^athe people believed; and when they heard that the LORD ^bwas concerned about the sons of Israel and that He had seen their affliction, then ^cthey bowed low and worshiped.

CHAPTER 5

AND afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "^aThus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ^bLet My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness."

2 But Pharaoh said, "^aWho is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and besides, ^bI will not let Israel go."

3 Then they said, "^aThe God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

4 But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you ¹draw the people away from their ²work? Get back to your ³labors!"

26 ¹Lit., with reference to

27 ^aEx. 4:14
^bEx. 3:1, 18, 5:24, 13

28 ^aEx. 4:15, ^bEx. 4:8f

29 ^aEx. 3:18

28 ^aEx. 4:15, 18
^bEx. 4:1-9

31 ¹Lit., had visited
^aEx. 3:18, 4:8f, 19:9
^bGen. 50:24, Ex. 3:18
^cGen. 24:26, Ex. 12:27, 1 Chr. 29:20

1 ^aEx. 3:18
^bEx. 4:23, 6:11, 7:16

3 ^a2 Kin. 18:35, 2 Chr. 32:14, Job 21:15
^bEx. 3:19

3 ^aEx. 3:18

4 ¹Lit., loose ²Lit., works ³Lit., burdens
^aEx. 1:11, 2:11, 6:5-7

5 ^aEx. 17:9

6 ^aEx. 1:11, 3:7, 5:10, 13, 14
^bEx. 5:10, 14, 15, 19

8 ¹Lit., saying, ²Lit., ^aEx. 5:17

10 ^aEx. 1:11, 3:7, 5:6

13 ¹Lit., works ²Lit., the matter of a day in its day ³Lit., there was

14 ¹Lit., saying, ^aEx. 5:6, 10:24

5 Again Pharaoh said, "Look, ^athe people of the land are now many, and you would have them cease from their labors!"

6 So the same day Pharaoh commanded ^athe taskmasters over the people and their ^bforemen, saying,

7 "You are no longer to give the people straw to make brick as previously; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 "But the quota of bricks which they were making previously, you shall impose on them; you are not to reduce any of it. Because they are ^alazy, therefore they cry out, '¹Let us go and sacrifice to our God.'

9 "Let the labor be heavier on the men, and let them work at it that they may pay no attention to false words."

10 ¶ So ^athe taskmasters of the people and their foremen went out and spoke to the people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh, 'I am not going to give you any straw.

11 'You go and get straw for yourselves wherever you can find it; but none of your labor will be reduced.'"

12 So the people scattered through all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

13 And the taskmasters pressed them, saying, "Complete your ¹work quota, ²your daily amount, just as when ³you had straw."

14 Moreover, ^athe foremen of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, ^bwere beaten ¹and were asked, "Why have you not completed your required amount either yesterday or today in making brick as previously?"

15 ¶ Then the foremen of the sons of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why do you deal this way with your servants?"

16 "There is no straw given to your servants, yet they keep saying to us, 'Make bricks!' And behold, your servants are being beaten; but it is the fault of your own people."

17 But he said, "You are ^alazy, very lazy; therefore you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.'"

18 "So go now and work; for you shall be given no straw, yet you must deliver the quota of bricks."

19 And the foremen of the sons of Israel saw that they were in trouble ¹because they were told, "You must not reduce ²your daily amount of bricks."

20 When they left Pharaoh's presence, they met Moses and Aaron as they were ¹waiting for them.

21 And ^athey said to them, "^bMay the LORD look upon you and judge you, for you have ^cmade ¹us odious in Pharaoh's sight and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us."

22 ¶ Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "^aO Lord, why hast Thou brought harm to this people? Why didst Thou ever send me?"

23 "Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Thy name, he has done harm to this people; ^aand Thou hast not delivered Thy people at all."

CHAPTER 6

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for ^{1a}under compulsion he shall let them go, and ¹under compulsion he shall drive them out of his land."

2 ¶ God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am ^athe LORD;

3 and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as ^{1a}God Almighty, but by ^bMy name, ²LORD,

17 ^aEx. 5:8
19 ¹Lit., saying
²Lit., from your bricks the matter of a day in its day
20 ¹Lit., standing to meet

21 ¹Lit., our savor to stink
^aEx. 14:11;
15:24, 16:2
^bGen. 16:5;
31:53
^cGen. 34:30, 1 Sam. 13:4, 27:12, 2 Sam. 10:6, 1 Chr. 19:6

22 ^aNum. 11:11, Jer. 4:10

23 ^aEx. 3:8
¹Lit., by a strong hand
^aEx. 3:19, 20, 7:4, 5, 11:1, 12:31, 33, 39, 13:3

2 ^aEx. 3:14, 15

3 ¹Heb., El Shaddai
²Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD

^aGen. 17:1, 35:11, 48:3
^bPs. 68:4, 83:18, Is. 52:6, Jer. 16:21, Ezek. 37:6, 13

4 ¹Lit., land of their sojournings in which
^aGen. 12:7, 15:18, 17:4, 7, 26:3, 4, 28:4, 13

5 ^aEx. 2:24
6 ^aEx. 13:3, 14:20:2

Deut. 6:12
^bEx. 3:17, 7:4, 12:51, 16:6, 18:1, Deut. 26:8, Ps. 136:11
^aEx. 15:13, Deut. 7:8, 1 Chr. 17:21, Neh. 4:34, 5:15, 26:8, Ps. 136:11

7 ¹Lit., to Me for a people
²Lit., to you for a God

^aEx. 19:5, Deut. 4:20, 7:6, 2 Sam. 7:24
^bGen. 17:71, Ex. 29:45, Lev. 11:45, 26:12, 13, 45, Deut. 29:13
^cEx. 16:12, Is. 41:20, 49:23, 26:60:16

I did not make Myself known to them.

4 "And I also established ^aMy covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the ¹land in which they sojourned.

5 "And furthermore I have ^aheard the groaning of the sons of Israel, because the Egyptians are holding them in bondage; and I have remembered My covenant.

6 "Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ^aI am the LORD, and ^bI will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also ^credeem you with ^dan outstretched arm and with great judgments.

7 "Then I will take you ^{1a}for My people, and ^bI will be ²your God; and ^cyou shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 "And I will bring you to the land which ^aI ¹swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and ^bI will give it to you for a possession; ^cI am the LORD."

9 So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on ^aaccount of ¹their ¹despondency and cruel bondage.

10 ¶ Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

11 "^aGo, ¹tell Pharaoh king of Egypt ²to let the sons of Israel go out of his land."

12 But Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me; ^ahow then will Pharaoh listen to me, for I am ^{1b}unskilled in speech?"

13 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the sons of Is-

8 ¹Lit., lifted up My hand
^aGen. 15:18, 26:3, Num. 14:30, Neh. 9:15, Ezek. 20:5, 6
^bJosh. 24:13, Ps. 136:21, 22
^cEx. 6:6

9 ¹Lit., shortness of spirit
^aEx. 2:23
11 ¹Lit., speak to
²Lit., that he let
^aEx. 4:22, 23
12 ¹Lit., uncircumcised of lips
^aEx. 4:1, 10, 6:30
^bJer. 1:6

rael and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ These are the heads of their fathers' households. *The sons of Reuben, Israel's first-born: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben.

15 And the *sons of Simeon: Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jachin and Zohar and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon.

16 And these are the names of *the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon and Kohath and Merari; and the *length of Levi's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

17 *The sons of Gershon: *Libni and Shimei, according to their families.

18 And *the sons of Kohath: Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel; and the *length of Kohath's life was one hundred and thirty-three years.

19 And *the sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations.

20 And *Amram *married his father's sister Jochebed, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and the *length of Amram's life was one hundred and thirty-seven years.

21 And *the sons of Izhar: Korah and Nepheg and Zichri.

22 *And the sons of Uzziel: Mishaël and *Elzaphan and Sithri.

23 And Aaron *married Elishaba, the daughter of *Amminadab, the sister of *Nahshon, and she bore him *Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

24 And the *sons of Korah: Assir and Elkanah and *Abiasaph; these are the families of the Korahites.

25 And Aaron's son *Eleazar *married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she bore him *Phine-

has. These are the heads of the fathers' households of the Levites according to their families.

26 It was the same Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, "Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their *hosts."

27 They were the ones *who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing out the sons of Israel from Egypt; it was the same Moses and Aaron.

28 ¶ Now it came about on the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,

29 that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the LORD; *speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak to you."

30 But Moses said before the LORD, "Behold, I am *unskilled in speech; how then will Pharaoh listen to me?"

CHAPTER 7

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "See, I make you as God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet.

2 "You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother *Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

3 "But *I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may *multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 "When *Pharaoh will not listen to you, then I will lay My hand on Egypt, and *bring out My hosts, My people the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt by *great judgments.

5 "And *the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I *stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst."

4 *Ex. 3:12, 20; 7:13, 16, 22; 8:13, 18; 9:12, 11-9 *Ex. 12:31; 12:3, 9 *Ex. 6:6
5 *Ex. 7:17; 8:18, 22; 10:7; 14:4, 18, 25 *Ex. 2:20

14 *Gen. 46:2, Num. 26:5-11, 1 Chr. 5:3
15 *Gen. 46:10, 1 Chr. 4:24
16 *Lev. 16:1
17 *Lev. 17:1a, 1 Chr. 23:7
18 *Lev. 17:1a, 1 Chr. 23:7
19 *Num. 3:19, 1 Chr. 6:2, 18:19, *Num. 3:20, 1 Chr. 6:19, 23:21
20 *Lev. 16:1
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6 So Moses and Aaron did it; ^aas the LORD commanded them, thus they did.

7 And Moses was ^aeighty years old and Aaron ¹eighty-three, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

8 ^a Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

9 "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, '¹Work a miracle,' then you shall say to Aaron, '^bTake your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, *that* it may become a serpent.' "

10 So Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and thus they did just as the LORD had commanded; and Aaron threw his staff down before Pharaoh and ¹his servants, and it ^abecame a serpent.

11 Then Pharaoh also ^acalled for the wise men and the sorcerers, and they also, the ^{1b}magicians of Egypt, did ²the same with ^atheir secret arts.

12 For each one threw down his staff and they turned into serpents. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.

13 Yet ^aPharaoh's heart was ¹hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

14 ^a Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is ¹stubborn; he refuses to let the people go.

15 "Go to Pharaoh in the morning ¹as ^ahe is going out to the water, and station yourself to meet him on the bank of the Nile; and you shall take in your hand ^bthe staff that was turned into a serpent.

16 "And you will say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, '^bLet My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness. But behold, you have not listened until now.' "

17 Thus says the LORD, "^aBy this you shall know that I am the

⁶ ^aGen. 6:22; 7:5; Ex. 7:2

⁷ ¹Lit., 83 years old ^aDeut. 29:5, 31:2, 34:7, Acts 7:23, 30

⁸ ¹Lit., Show a wonder for yourselves ^aIs. 7:11, John 2:18, 6:30 ^bEx. 4:2, 17

¹⁰ ¹Lit., before his ^aEx. 4:3, 7:9 ¹¹ ¹Or, soothsayer priests ²Lit., thus ^aDan. 2:2, 4:6, 5:7 ^bGen. 41:8; Ex. 7:22, Dan. 2:2, 2 Tim. 3:8 ^cEx. 7:22, 8:7, 18:2 Tim. 3:9, Rev. 13:13, 14

¹³ ¹Lit., strong ^aEx. 4:21, 7:3, 22:8; 15, 19, 32:9; 7, 12, 34:35; 10:1, 20:27 ¹⁴ ¹Or, hard; lit., heavy ¹⁵ ¹Lit., be- hold ^aEx. 2:5, 8:20 ^bEx. 4:2, 3, 7:10 ¹⁶ ^aEx. 3:13, 18:4; 22:5 ¹Ex. 4:23; 5:1, 3 ¹⁷ ¹Lit., upon the waters ^aEx. 5:2; 7:5; 10:2; Ps. 9:16; Ezek. 25:17 ^bEx. 4:9; 7:20; Rev. 11:8; 16:4, 6 ¹⁸ ¹I.e., have a bad smell ²Or, be weary of ^aEx. 7:21 ^bEx. 7:24 ¹⁹ ¹Or, canals ^aEx. 8:5, 6, 16; 9:22; 10:12, 21; 14:21, 26 ²⁰ ¹Lit., with the staff ^aEx. 17:5 ^bPs. 78:44; 105:29 ²¹ ¹I.e., had a bad smell ²² ¹Or, soothsayer priests ²Lit., thus ³Lit., strong ^aEx. 7:11; 8:7

LORD: behold, I will strike ¹the water that is in the Nile with the staff that is in my hand, and ^bit shall be turned to blood.

18 "And ^athe fish that are in the Nile will die, and the Nile will ¹become foul; and the Egyptians will ^{2b}find difficulty in drinking water from the Nile.' "

19 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and ^astretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their ¹streams, and over their pools, and over all their reservoirs of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.' "

20 ^a So Moses and Aaron did even as the LORD had commanded. And he lifted up ^{1a}the staff and struck the water that was in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and ^ball the water that was in the Nile was turned to blood.

21 And the fish that were in the Nile died, and the Nile ¹became foul, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. And the blood was through all the land of Egypt.

22 ^a But the ¹magicians of Egypt did ²the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was ³hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

23 Then Pharaoh turned and went into his house ¹with no concern even for this.

24 So all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the Nile.

25 And seven days ¹passed after the LORD had struck the Nile.

²³ ¹Lit., and he did not set his heart even to this ²⁵ ¹Lit., were fulfilled

CHAPTER 8

1 THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

2"But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite your whole territory with frogs.

3"And the Nile will swarm with frogs, which will come up and go into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls.

4"So the frogs will come up on you and your people and all your servants."

5 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the streams and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.'"

6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

7 And the magicians did the same with their secret arts, making frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Entreat the LORD that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, "The honor is yours to tell me: when shall I entreat for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs be destroyed from you and your houses, that they may be left only in the Nile?"

10 Then he said, "Tomorrow." So he said, "May it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God.

1 Ch. 7:28
in Heb.
Ex. 2:12
4:22, 5:1, 3

3 Ps.
105:30

5 Ch. 8:1
in Heb. 4:Or.
canals
Ex. 7:19

6 1st. frog
4Ps. 78:45.
105:30

7 Or.
soothsayer
priests 4Lst.
thus 4Lst.
and made
Ex. 7:11, 22

8 Ex. 8:25.
9:27, 10:16
Ex. 8:28.
9:28, 10:17.
Num. 21:7.
1 Km. 13:6
Ex. 8:15, 28.
32

9 1st.
Glory over
me 4Lst. and
off

10 Ex. 9:14.
Deut. 4:35.
39, 33:28.
2 Sam. 7:22.
1 Chr. 17:22.
Ps. 88:8, 14.
45:8, Jer.
10:6, 7

11 Ex. 8:13

12 1st.
placed
Ex. 8:30.
9:33, 10:18

14 1st. had
a bad smell

18 1st.
smell heavy
Ex. 7:4

16 Or. live

17 Or. live
Ps. 105:31

18 Or.
soothsayer
priests 4Or.
live
Ex. 7:11, 12.
8:7, 9:11

19 Or.
soothsayer
priests 4Lst.
strong
Ex. 7:5, 10:7.
Ps. 83, Luth.
11:20

20 1st. be-
hold
Ex. 7:15.
9:13 Ex. 2:5.
7:15 Ex.
3:18, 4:23.
5:1, 3:8, 1

11" And the frogs will depart from you and your houses and your servants and your people; they will be left only in the Nile."

12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had inflicted upon Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, the courts, and the fields.

14 So they piled them in heaps, and the land became foul.

15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

16 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, that it may become gnats through all the land of Egypt.'"

17 And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats through all the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians tried with their secret arts to bring forth gnats, but they could not; so there were gnats on man and beast.

19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

20 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh, as he comes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

21" For if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of insects on you and on your servants and on your people and into your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be

full of swarms of insects, and also the ground on which they dwell.

22^a But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are ¹living, so that no swarms of insects will be there, in order that you may know that ^{2b}I, the LORD, am in the midst of the land.

23^a And I will ¹put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall occur. . . .

24 Then the LORD did so. And there came ¹great swarms of insects into the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants and the land was ^alaid waste because of the swarms of insects in all the land of Egypt.

25 ^a And Pharaoh ^acalled for Moses and Aaron and said, ^b"Go, sacrifice to your God within the land."

26 But Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we shall sacrifice to the LORD our God ¹what is ^aan abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice ¹what is an abomination to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not then stone us?"

27^a We must go a ^athree days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He ¹commands us."

28 And Pharaoh said, ^a"I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. ^bMake supplication for me."

29 Then Moses said, "Behold, I am going out from you, and I shall make supplication to the LORD that the swarms of insects may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh ^adeal deceitfully again in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD."

30 So ^aMoses went out from

22 ¹Lit., standing ^aOr, I am the LORD in the midst of the earth
^aEx. 9:4, 6, 24; 10:23, 11:7 ^bEx. 9:29; 19:5, 20:11

23 ¹Lit., set a ransom

24 ¹Lit., heavy
^aPs. 78:45, 105:31

25 ^aEx. 8:8, 9:27, 10:16
^bEx. 9:28, 10:8, 24, 12:31

26 ¹Lit., the abomination of Egypt
^aGen. 43:32, 46:34, Deut. 7:25f

27 ¹Lit., says to us
^aEx. 3:18, 5:3

28 ^aEx. 8:8, 15, 29, 32
^bEx. 8:8, 9:28, 1 Kin. 13:6

29 ^aEx. 8:8, 15

30 ^aEx. 8:12

31 ¹Lit., according to the word of Moses

32 ¹Lit., made heavy
^aEx. 4:21; 8:8, 15

1 ^aEx. 4:23, 8:1

2 ¹Lit., still hold
^aEx. 8:2

3 ¹Lit., will be
^aEx. 7:4, 1 Sam. 5:6, Ps. 39:10, Acts 13:11

4 ^aEx. 8:22
^bEx. 9:6

6 ^aEx. 9:19, 20, 25; Ps. 78:44 ^bEx. 9:4

7 ¹Lit., heavy
^aEx. 7:14; 8:32

Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

31 And the LORD did ¹as Moses asked, and removed the swarms of insects from Pharaoh, from his servants and from his people; not one remained.

32 But Pharaoh ¹hardened his heart this time also, and ^ahe did not let the people go.

CHAPTER 9

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and speak to him, ¹Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, ^a"Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

2^a For ^aif you refuse to let *them* go, and ¹continue to hold them,

3 behold, ^athe hand of the LORD ¹will come with a very severe pestilence on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks.

4^a But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that ^bnothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel. . . .

5 And the LORD set a definite time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."

6 So the LORD did this thing on the morrow, and ^aall the livestock of Egypt died; ^bbut of the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead. But ^athe heart of Pharaoh was ¹hardened, and he did not let the people go.

8 ^a Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of soot from a kiln, and let Moses throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 "And it will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become ^aboils breaking out with sores on man and beast through all the land of Egypt."

10 So they took soot from a kiln, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw it toward the sky, and it became boils breaking out with sores on man and beast.

11 ^aAnd the ¹magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians ²as well as on all the Egyptians.

12 And ^athe LORD ¹hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

13 ¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, "^aRise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "^bLet My people go, that they may serve Me.

14 "For this time I will send all My plagues ¹on you and your servants and your people, so that ^ayou may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.

15 "For ⁱf by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth.

16 "But, indeed, ^afor this cause I have allowed you to ¹remain, in order to show you My power, and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.

17 "Still you exalt yourself against My people ¹by not letting them go.

18 "Behold, about this time tomorrow, ^aI will ¹send a very heavy hail, such as has not been seen in Egypt from the day it was founded ²until now.

19 "Now therefore send, bring ^ayour livestock and whatever you have in the field to safety. ^bEvery man and beast that is found in the field and is not

brought home, when the hail comes down on them, will die." "

20 ^aThe one among the servants of Pharaoh who ¹feared the word of the LORD made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses;

21 but he who ¹paid no regard to the word of the LORD ²left his servants and his livestock in the field.

22 ¹ Now the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that ¹hail may fall on all the land of Egypt, on man and on beast and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."

23 And Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and the LORD ¹sent ²thunder and ^ahail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire ¹flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very severe, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And ^athe hail struck all that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, both man and beast; the hail also struck every plant of the field and shattered every tree of the field.

26 ^aOnly in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail.

27 ¹ Then Pharaoh ¹sent for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "^bI have sinned this time; the LORD is the righteous one, and I and my people are the wicked ones.

28 "^aMake supplication to the LORD, for there has been enough of God's ¹thunder and hail; and ^bI will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."

29 And Moses said to him, "As soon as I go out of the city, I will ^aspread out my ¹hands to the LORD; the ²thunder will cease,

9 ^aOr
28:27. Rev.
16:2
11 ^{Or}
soothe your
pests ¹Lat.
and on all
^aEx. 8:18
12 ¹Lat.
made strong
^aEx. 4:21.
10:1, 20:14 &
Josh. 11:20;
John 12:40
13 ^aEx. 8:20
^aEx. 4:23
14 ¹Lat. to
your heart
^aEx. 8:10.
Deut. 3:24.
2 Sam. 7:22.
1 Chr. 17:20.
Ps. 88:8, 18
45:5-8, 46:2
Jer. 10:6, 7
16 ¹Lat.
stayed
^aProv. 16:4.
Rom. 9:17
17 ¹Lat. so
do not let
18 ¹Lat.
cease to rain
¹Lat. and un-
til now
^aEx. 9:23, 24
19 ^aEx. 9:6
^aEx. 9:25
20 ^{Or} re-
versed
^aProv. 13:13
21 ¹Lat. did
not let his
heart to ¹Lat.
them left
22 ¹Lat.
there may be
hail
^aRev. 16:21
23 ¹Lat.
give ¹Lat.
sounds
^aGen. 19:24.
Josh. 10:11.
Ps. 18:13.
78:47, 105:32.
Is. 30:30
Ezek. 38:22.
Rev. 8:7
24 ¹Lat. tak-
ing hold of a
self
25 ^aEx. 9:19.
Ps. 78:47, 48.
105:32, 33
26 ^aEx. 8:22.
9:4, 6, 11, 7
27 ¹Lat. sent
and called
^aEx. 8:8 ^aEx.
10:16, 17.
2 Chr. 12:6.
Ps. 129:4.
145:17; Lam.
1:18
28 ¹Lat.
sounds
^aEx. 8:8, 28.
10:17 ^aEx.
8:25, 10:8, 24
29 ¹Lat.
palm ¹Lat.
sounds
^a1 Km. 8:22.
30: Ps. 143:8
Is. 1:15

and there will be hail no longer, that you may know that ^bthe earth is the LORD's.

30 "But as for you and your servants, I know that ^byou do not yet ¹fear ²the LORD God."

31 (Now the flax and the ^abarley were ¹ruined, for the barley was in the ear and the flax was in bud.

32 But the wheat and the spelt were not ¹ruined, for they ripen late.)

33 ^aSo Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread out his ¹hands to the LORD; and the ²thunder and the hail ceased, and rain ³no longer poured on the earth.

34 But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the ¹thunder had ceased, he sinned again and ²hardened his heart, he and his servants.

35 And Pharaoh's heart was ¹hardened, and he did not let the sons of Israel go, just as the ^aLORD had spoken through Moses.

CHAPTER 10

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for ^aI have ¹hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may ²perform these signs of Mine ³among them,

2 and ^athat you may tell in the ¹hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians, and how I ²performed My signs among them; ^bthat you may know that I am the LORD."

3 And Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to ^ahumble yourself before Me? ^bLet My people go, that they may serve Me.

4 'For if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory.

²⁰ ^aEx. 8:22; 19:5; 20:11; Ps. 24:1; 1 Cor. 10:26

³⁰ ¹Or, reverence ²Lit., before the LORD

^aEx. 8:29 bIs. 26:10

³¹ ¹Lit., smitten

^aRuth 1:22, 2:23

³² ¹Lit., smitten

³³ ¹Lit., palms ²Lit., sounds ³Lit., was not poured

^aEx. 8:12, 9:29

³⁴ ¹Lit., sounds ²Lit., made heavy

³⁵ ¹Lit., strong

^aEx. 4:21

¹Lit., made heavy

²Lit., put

³Lit., in his midst

^aEx. 4:21, 7:13; Josh. 11:20; John 12:40; Rom. 9:18

² ¹Lit., were

³Lit., put

^aEx. 12:26, 27; 13:8, 14, 15; Deut. 4:9; Ps. 44:1; 78:5; Joel 1:3 bEx. 7:5, 17

³ ^a1 Kin. 21:29; 2 Chr. 34:27; James 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:8 bEx. 4:23

⁵ ^aJoel 1:4, 2:25

⁶ ¹Lit., were

^aEx. 8:3, 21

⁷ ¹Lit., know

^aEx. 7:5; 8:19; 12:33 bEx. 23:33; Josh. 23:13; 1 Sam. 18:21; Eccl. 7:26

⁸ ¹Lit., Who and who are

^aEx. 8:8 bEx. 8:25

⁹ ¹Lit., have a feast

^aEx. 12:37, 38 bEx. 10:26

¹⁰ ¹Lit., when I ²Lit., before your face

¹¹ ¹Lit., you desire it

^aEx. 10:28

¹² ^aEx. 7:19 bEx. 10:5, 15

5 'And they shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one shall be able to see the land.

^aThey shall also eat the rest of what has escaped—what is left to you from the hail—and they shall eat every tree which sprouts for you out of the field.

6 'Then ^ayour houses shall be filled, and the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Egyptians, ^{something} which neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day that they ¹came upon the earth until this day.' " And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

7 And ^aPharaoh's servants said to him, "How long will this man be ^aa snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not ¹realize that Egypt is destroyed?"

8 So Moses and Aaron ^awere brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "^bGo, serve the LORD your God! 'Who are the ones that are going?'"

9 And Moses said, "^aWe shall go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, ^bwith our flocks and our herds we will go, for we ¹must hold a feast to the LORD."

10 Then he said to them, "Thus may the LORD be with you, ¹if ever I let you and your little ones go! Take heed, for evil is ²in your mind.

11 "Not so! Go now, the men ^{among} you, and serve the LORD, for ¹that is what you desire." So ^athey were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "^aStretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt, and ^beat every plant of the land, even all that the hail has left."

13 So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD directed an east wind on the land all that day and all

that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

14 And the locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled in all the territory of Egypt; they were very numerous. There had never been so many locusts, nor would there be so many again.

15 For they covered the surface of the whole land, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every plant of the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Thus nothing green was left on tree or plant of the field through all the land of Egypt.

16 Then Pharaoh hurriedly called for Moses and Aaron, and he said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

17 Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and make supplication to the LORD your God, that He would only remove this death from me."

18 And he went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

19 So the LORD shifted the wind to a very strong west wind which took up the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea; not one locust was left in all the territory of Egypt.

20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt."

22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days.

23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all

the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be detained. Even your little ones may go with you."

25 But Moses said, "You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice them to the LORD our God.

26 Therefore, our livestock, too, will go with us; not a hoof will be left behind, for we shall take some of them to serve the LORD our God. And until we arrive there, we ourselves do not know with what we shall serve the LORD."

27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go.

28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Beware, do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die!"

29 And Moses said, "You are right; I shall never see your face again!"

CHAPTER 11

NOW the LORD said to Moses, "One more plague I will bring on Pharaoh and on Egypt; after that he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out from here completely.

2 Speak now in the hearing of the people that each man ask from his neighbor and each woman from her neighbor for articles of silver and articles of gold."

3 And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Furthermore, the man Moses himself was greatly esteemed in the land of Egypt, both in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

13 Lit., carried
Ps 78:46,
105:34

14 Lit., heavy
Lit., locusts like them before them
Lit., after them
Deut. 28:38,
Ps 78:46,
105:34, Joel
1:4, 7, 2:11,
Rev 9:3

15 Ex 10:5,
Ps 105:34f

16 Ex 8:8
Ex 9:27

17 Ex 8:8,
28:9, 28,
1 Kun 13:6

18 Ex 8:30

19 Lit., Sea of Reeds

20 Lit., made strong
Ex 4:21,
11:10

21 Ex 9:22
Deut 28:29

22 Ps 105:28, Rev
16:10

23 Ex 8:22

24 Ex 8:8,
25 Ex 10:10

25 Lit., give into our hand
Lit., make

26 Ex 10:9

27 Lit., made strong
Ex 4:21,
10:20, 14:4, 8

28 Lit., Take heed to yourself
Ex 10:11

29 Ex 11:8,
Heb. 11:27

1 Ex 12:31, 33, 39

2 Lit., ears
Ex 3:22,
12:35, 36

3 Lit., very great
Ex 3:21,
12:36, Ps 105:46
Deut 34:10-12

4 And Moses said, "Thus says the LORD, 'About ^amidnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt.

5 and ^aall the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of the Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the first-born of the slave girl who is behind the millstones; all the first-born of the cattle as well.

6 'Moreover, there shall be ^aa great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been *before* and such as shall never be again.

7 'But against any of the sons of Israel a dog shall not *even* ¹bark, whether against man or beast, that you may ²understand how the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.'

8 "And ^aall these your servants will come down to me and bow themselves ¹before me, saying, 'Go out, you and all the people who ²follow you,' and after that I will go out." ^bAnd he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

9 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, so ^bthat My wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt."

10 And ^aMoses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh; yet ^bthe LORD ¹hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go out of his land.

CHAPTER 12

NOW the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of ¹Egypt,

2 "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you.

3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a ¹lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a ¹lamb for ²each household.

4 *Ex. 12:29.
5 *Ex. 12:12, 29; Ps. 78:51, 105:36, 135:8, 136:10.
6 *Ex. 12:30.
7 ¹Lit., sharpen his tongue ²Lit., know.
*Ex. 8:22, Josh. 10:21.
8 ¹Lit., to ²Lit., are at your feet.
*Ex. 12:31, 33.
*Heb. 11:27.
9 *Ex. 7:4.
*Ex. 7:3.
10 ¹Lit., made strong.
*Ex. 4:21; *Ex. 7:3, 9:12, 10:20, 27, Josh. 11:20, Is. 63:17, John 12:40.
11 ¹Lit., Egypt, saying.
2 *Ex. 13:4, 23:15, 34:18, Deut. 16:1.
3 ¹Or, kid ²Lit., the.
4 ¹Or, kid ²Or, amount ³Lit., each man's eating ⁴Lit., compute for.
5 ¹Or, kid ²Lev. 22:18, 21:23, 12; Heb. 9:14, 1 Pet. 1:19.
6 ¹Lit., it shall be to you for a guarding ²Lit., between the two evenings.
*Ex. 12:14, 17; Lev. 23:5; Num. 9:1-3, 11:28, 16; *Ex. 16:12; Deut. 16:4, 6.
7 ¹Lit., upon.
*Ex. 12:22.
8 ¹Lit., in addition to.
*Ex. 34:25; Num. 9:12.
*Deut. 16:7.
*Deut. 16:3, 4; 1 Cor. 5:8.
*Num. 9:11.
9 *Ex. 12:8.
*Ex. 29:13, 17, 22.
10 *Ex. 16:19; 23:18; 34:25.
11 *Ex. 12:13, 21, 27, 43.
12 *Ex. 11:4, 5; Num. 33:4; Ps. 82:1; *Ex. 6:2.
13 ¹Lit., are ²Heb. 11:28.

4 'Now if the household is too small for a ¹lamb, then he and his neighbor nearest to his house are to take one according to the ²number of persons in them; according to ³what each man should eat, you are to ⁴divide the lamb.

5 'Your ¹lamb shall be ^aan unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

6 'And ¹you shall keep it until the ^afourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it ²at twilight.

7 'Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel ¹of the houses in which they eat it.

8 'And they shall eat the flesh ^athat same night, ^bbroasted with fire, and they shall eat it with ^cunleavened bread ¹and bitter herbs.

9 'Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather ^aroasted with fire, *both* its head and its legs along with ^bits entrails.

10 'And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire.

11 'Now you shall eat it in this manner: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is ^athe LORD's Passover.

12 'For ^aI will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and ^bagainst all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—^cI am the LORD.

13 'And ^athe blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you ¹live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no

plague will befall you² to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 'Now ^athis day will be ^{ba} memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as ^{1a}a permanent ordinance.

15 ¶ ^aSeven days you shall eat unleavened bread, but on the first day you shall ¹remove leaven from your houses; for whoever eats anything leavened from the first day until the seventh day, ^bthat ²person shall be cut off from Israel.

16 'And ^aon the first day you shall have a holy assembly, and another holy assembly on the seventh day; no work at all shall be done on them, except what must be eaten ¹by every person, that alone may be ²prepared by you.

17 'You shall also observe ^athe Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this ^bvery day I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt; therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as ^aa ¹permanent ordinance.

18 'In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

19 'Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened, that ^{1b}person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is an alien or a native of the land.

20 'You shall not eat anything leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' "

21 ¶ Then ^aMoses called for all the elders of Israel, and said to them, "'Go and ^btake for yourselves ²lambs according to your families, and slay ^cthe Passover lamb.

13 'L^a, for destruction

14 'Or, an observed

Ex. 12:6

Lev. 23:4, 5

2 Kin. 23:21

Ex. 12:9 'Ex.

12:17, 24,

13:10

15 'L^a, to

come to

come 'L^a, to

come

Ex. 12:6, 7,

23:15, 34:18,

Lev. 23:4,

Num. 28:17,

Deut. 16:3, 8

'Gen. 17:14,

Ex. 12:19,

Num. 9:13

16 'L^a, per

manently to

'L^a, done

Lev. 23:7, 8

Num. 28:18,

25

17 'Or, observed

Deut. 16:3-8

Ex. 12:41

'Ex. 12:14,

13:1, 10

18 'Ex. 12:2

Lev. 23:5-8,

Num. 28:16,

25

19 'L^a, and

Ex. 12:15,

23:15, 34:18

'Num. 9:13

21 'L^a, to

draw out

'L^a, to draw

'Num. 9:4,

Heb. 11:28

Ex. 12:3 'Ex.

12:11

22 'L^a, to

come to

touch

Ex. 12:7

23 'Ex. 11:4,

12:12, 13

'Lev. 7:3, 9-4

'1 Cor. 10:10,

Heb. 11:28

24 'Ex.

12:14, 17,

13:5, 10

25 'L^a, to

draw out

'L^a, to draw

'Num. 9:4,

Heb. 11:28

26 'L^a, to

draw out

'L^a, to draw

22''^aAnd you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and ¹apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

23''^aFor ^athe LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will ^bnot allow the ^cdestroyer to come in to your houses to smite you.

24''^aAnd ^ayou shall observe this event as an ordinance for you and your children forever.

25''^aAnd it will come about when you enter the land which the LORD will give you, as He has ¹promised, that you shall observe this ²rite.

26''^aAnd it will come about when your children will say to you, 'What does this rite mean to you?'

27 that you shall say, 'It is a Passover sacrifice to ^athe LORD ¹who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but ²spared our homes.' " ^bAnd the people bowed low and worshiped.

28 Then the sons of Israel went and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

29 ¶ Now it came about at ^amidnight that ^bthe LORD struck all ^cthe first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the first-born of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the first-born of ^dcattle.

30 And Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was ^aa great cry in Egypt, for there

28 'Ex. 11:4, 5 'Num. 8:17, 22-4, Ps. 135:8, 136:16 'Ex.

4:23, Ps. 78:31, 105:38 'Ex. 2:6

30 'Ex. 11:6

was no home where there was not someone dead.

31 Then ^ahe called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, "Rise up, ^bget out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, ¹worship the LORD, as you have said.

32 "Take ^aboth your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and go, and bless me also."

33 And ^athe Egyptians urged the people, to send them out of the land in haste, for they said, "We shall all be dead."

34 So the people took ^atheir dough before it was leavened, with their kneading bowls bound up in the clothes on their shoulders.

35 ^aNow the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing;

36 and the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they ^aplundered the Egyptians.

37 ¶ Now the ^asons of Israel journeyed from ^bRameses to Succoth, about ^csix hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children.

38 And a ^amixed multitude also went up with them, ¹along with flocks and herds, a ^bvery large number of livestock.

39 And they baked the dough which they had brought out of Egypt into cakes of unleavened bread. For it had not become leavened, since they were ^adriven out of Egypt and could not delay, nor had they ¹prepared any provisions for themselves.

40 ¶ Now the time ¹that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was ^afour hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came about at the end of four hundred and thirty years, ¹to ^athe very day, that ^ball

31 ¹Or, serve
^aEx. 8:8 ^bEx. 8:25
 32 ^aEx. 10:9, 26
 33 ^aEx. 10:7, 11:1, 12:39, Ps. 105:38
 34 ^aEx. 12:39
 35 ^aEx. 3:21, 22, 11:2, 3, Ps. 105:37
 36 ^aEx. 3:22
 37 ^aNum. 33:3, 5 ^bGen. 47:11 ^cEx. 38:26, Num. 1:48, 2:32, 11:21, 26:51
 38 ¹Lit., and
^aNum. 11:4 ^bEx. 17:3, Num. 20:19, 32:1, Deut. 3:19
 39 ¹Lit., made
^aEx. 6:1, 11:1, 12:31-33
 40 ¹Or, of the sons of Israel who dwell
^aGen. 15:13, 16, Acts 7:6, Gal. 3:17
 41 ¹Lit., that it happened on this very day
^aEx. 12:17 ^bEx. 3:8, 10:6, 6
 42 ¹Or, of vigil ²Lit., to the sons
^aEx. 13:10, 34:18, Deut. 16:1
 43 ¹Lit., son of a stranger
^aEx. 12:11, Num. 9:14 ^bEx. 12:48
 44 ^aGen. 17:12, 13; Lev. 22:11
 45 ^aLev. 22:10
 46 ^aNum. 9:12, Ps. 34:20, John 19:33, 36
 47 ¹Lit., do
^aEx. 12:6, Num. 9:13, 14
 48 ¹Lit., sojourner ²Lit., does ³Lit., do
^aNum. 9:14
 49 ¹Lit., One law ²Lit., be
³Lit., sojourner
^aLev. 24:22, Num. 15:15, 16, 29
 51 ¹Lit., according to
^aEx. 12:41 ^bEx. 6:26

the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 ^aIt is a night ¹to be observed for the LORD for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for the LORD, ¹to be observed ²by all the sons of Israel throughout their generations.

43 ¶ And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of ^athe Passover: no ^{1b}foreigner is to eat of it;

44 but every man's ^aslave purchased with money, after you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it.

45 ^aA sojourner or a hired servant shall not eat of it.

46 "It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, ^anor are you to break any bone of it.

47 ^aAll the congregation of Israel are to ¹celebrate this.

48 "But ^aif a ¹stranger sojourns with you, and ²celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to ³celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it.

49 ^aThe same law shall ²apply to the native as to the ³stranger who sojourns among you."

50 Then all the sons of Israel did so; they did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.

51 And it came about on that same day that ^athe LORD brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt ^{1b}by their hosts.

CHAPTER 13

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 ^aSanctify to Me every first-born, the first ¹offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel.

2 ¹Lit., opening ^aEx. 13:12, 13, 15, 22:29; Lev. 27:26, Num. 3:13, 8:16; 18:15; Deut. 15:19; Luke 2:23

both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."

3 ¶ And Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of ¹slavery; for ^bby ^{2a} a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place. ^cAnd nothing leavened shall be eaten.

4 "On this day in the ^amonth of Abib, you are about to go forth.

5 "And it shall be when the LORD ^abrings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, which ^bHe swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, ^cthat you shall ¹observe this rite in this month.

6 "For ^aseven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD.

7 "Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and ^anothing leavened shall be seen ¹among you, nor shall any leaven be seen ¹among you in all your borders.

8 "And you shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

9 "And ^ait shall ¹serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder ²on your forehead, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with ^aa powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt.

10 "Therefore, you shall ^akeep this ordinance at its appointed time from ¹year to year.

11 ¶ Now it shall come about when ^athe LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, as ^bHe swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,

12 that ^ayou shall ¹devote to the LORD the first ²offspring of every womb, and ³the first offspring of every beast that you

own; the males belong to the LORD.

13 "But ^aevery first ¹offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and ^bevery first-born of man among your sons you shall redeem.

14 "And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, ^bWith a ¹powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of ²slavery.

15 And it came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the ^aLORD killed every first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man and the first-born of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, the first ¹offspring of every womb, but every first-born of my sons I redeem."

16 "So ^ait shall ¹serve as a sign on your hand, and as ²phylacteries ³on your forehead, for with a ^apowerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."

17 ¶ Now it came about when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near, for God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war, and they return to Egypt."

18 Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the ¹Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up ^ain martial array from the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took ^athe bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God shall surely ¹take care of you; and you shall carry my bones from here with you."

17 Ex. 14:11, 12; Num. 14:1-4; Deut. 17:16
18 Ex. 13:17; 14:1-4; Deut. 1:14; 10:12, 13
19 Ex. 13:17; 14:1-4; Deut. 17:16

3 ¹La.
saves ²La.
strength of
hand
Ex. 12:42
Deut. 10:3
Ex. 2:20; 6:1
Ex. 12:19
4 Ex. 12:2
23:15, 34:18
Deut. 16:1
5 ¹La.
serve that
voice
Ex. 3:8, 17;
Josh. 24:11
Ex. 6:8
Ex. 12:25
6 Ex.
12:15-20
7 ¹La. to
Ex. 12:19
8 Ex. 10:2
12:28; 13:14
Ps. 44:1
9 ¹La. be
for ²La. be-
tween your
eyes
Ex. 12:14
13:16; Num.
15:38; Deut.
6:8, 11:18
Ex. 13:3
10 ¹La.
days to days
Ex. 12:24
25, 13:5
11 Ex. 13:5
Gen. 15:18
17:8, 26:15
Ps. 105:43-45
12 ¹La.
cause to pass
over ²La.
opening ³La.
every about
the offspring
of a house
Ex. 13:1, 2
22:28; 34:12
Lev. 27:28
Num. 18:15
Josh. 6:25
Luke 2:28
13 ¹La.
opening
Ex. 34:20
Num. 18:15
14 ¹La.
strength of
hand ²La.
saves
Ex. 10:2
12:28, 27;
13:8; Deut.
6:20; Josh.
6:21
Ex. 13:3, 9
15 ¹La.
opening
Ex. 12:29
16 ¹La. be
for ²La.
between
hands ³La.
between your
eyes ⁴La.
strength of
hand
Ex. 12:9
Deut. 6:8

20 Then they set out from ^aSuccoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

21 And ^athe LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might ¹travel by day and by night.

22 ¹He ^adid not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

CHAPTER 14

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying.

2 "Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before ^aPi-hahiroth, between ^bMigdol and the sea; you shall camp in front of Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea.

3 "For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, 'They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.'

4 "Thus ^aI will ¹harden Pharaoh's heart, and ^bhe will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and ^cthe Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

5 ^a When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, ¹Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

6 So he made his chariot ready and took his people with him;

7 and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

8 And ^athe LORD ¹hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel were going out ^{2b}boldly.

9 Then ^athe Egyptians chased after them with all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his

horsemen and his army, and they overtook them camping by the sea, ^bbeside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

10 ^a And as Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel ¹looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; ^aso the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD.

11 Then ^athey said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, ¹bringing us out of Egypt?"

12 ^a "Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

13 But Moses said to the people, ^a "Do not fear! ¹Stand by and see ^bthe salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.

14 ^a "The LORD will fight for you while ^byou keep silent."

15 ^a Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward.

16 "And as for you, lift up ^ayour staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall ¹go through the midst of the sea on dry land.

17 "And as for Me, behold, ^aI will ¹harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen.

18 ^a "Then the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I

20 ^aEx. 12:37; Num. 33:6
21 ¹Lit., go
^aEx. 14:19, 24, 33:9, 10; Num. 9:15, 14:14; Deut. 1:33; Neh. 9:12; Ps. 78:14, 99:7, 105:39; Is. 45:1; Cor. 10:1
22 ¹Or, The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart
^aNeh. 9:19
2 ^aNum. 33:7
¹Jer. 44:1
4 ¹Lit., make strong
^aEx. 4:21, 7:3, 14:17
^bEx. 14:23
7:5, 14:25
5 ¹Lit., the heart of Pharaoh was changed
6 ¹Lit., made strong
²Lit., with a high hand
^aEx. 14:4
^bNum. 33:3; Acts 13:17
9 ^aEx. 15:9; Josh. 24:6
^bEx. 14:2
10 ¹Lit., lifted up their eyes
^aJosh. 24:7; Neh. 9:9; Ps. 34:17, 107:6
11 ¹Lit., so as to bring
^aEx. 5:21, 15:24, 16:2; Ps. 106:7, 8
12 ¹Lit., Cease from us
^aEx. 6:9
13 ¹Or, Take your stand
^aGen. 15:1; 46:3; Ex. 20:20, 2 Chr. 20:15, 17; Is. 41:10, 13, 14
^bEx. 14:30; 15:2
14 ^aEx. 14:25, 15:3; Deut. 1:30; 3:22; Josh. 23:3; 2 Chr. 20:29; Neh. 4:20
^bIs. 30:15
16 ¹Lit., enter the
^aEx. 4:17, 20; 7:19; 14:21, 26; 17:5, 6, 9; Num. 20:8, 9, 11; Is. 10:26
17 ¹Lit., make strong
^aEx. 14:4, 8
18 ^aEx. 14:25

am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen."

19 And ^athe angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.

20 So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud ¹along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

21 ^aThen Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD ¹swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into ^bdry land, so ^cthe waters were divided.

22 ^aAnd the sons of Israel ¹went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and ^bthe waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

23 Then ^athe Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.

24 And it came about at the morning watch, that ^athe LORD looked down on the ¹army of the Egyptians ²through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the ¹army of the Egyptians into confusion.

25 And He ¹caused their chariot wheels to swerve, and He made them drive with difficulty; so the Egyptians said, "Let ²us flee from Israel, ^afor the LORD is fighting for them against the Egyptians."

26 ^aThen the LORD said to Moses, "^aStretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen."

27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and ^athe sea returned to its normal state at

19 ^aEx. 13:21, 22

20 ¹Lat., and the darkness

21 ¹Lat., caused to go

^aEx. 7:19, 14:16 ^bPs. 68:8, 108:9, 138:13, 14

^cEx. 15:8, Josh. 3:16, 4:23, Neh. 9:11, Ps. 74:13, 78:13, 114:3, 5, 16

63:12, 13

22 ¹Lat., on

23 ¹Lat., on

24 ¹Lat., on

25 ¹Lat., on

26 ¹Lat., on

27 ¹Lat., on

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46 ¹Lat., on

47 ¹Lat., on

48 ¹Lat., on

49 ¹Lat., on

50 ¹Lat., on

51 ¹Lat., on

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54 ¹Lat., on

55 ¹Lat., on

daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing ¹right into it; then the LORD ^{2b}overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, ¹even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; ^anot even one of them remained.

29 But the sons of Israel walked on ^adry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 ^aThus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel ^bsaw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

31 And when Israel saw the great ¹power which the LORD had ²used against the Egyptians, the people ³feared the LORD, and ^athey believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

CHAPTER 15

^aTHEN Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to the LORD, ¹and said,

^{2b}¹ will sing to the LORD, for He ³is highly exalted; ^cThe horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea.

2 ¹^aThe LORD is my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation;

^bThis is my God, and I will praise Him;

^cMy father's God, and I will ^dextol Him.

3 ^a^aThe LORD is a warrior;

^{1b}The LORD is His name.

4 ^a^aPharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;

And the choicest of his officers are ¹drowned in the ²Red Sea.

³ Heb. Yaa ^aPs. 124:2, 125:1, 126:1, 127:1, 128:1, 129:1, 130:1, 131:1, 132:1, 133:1, 134:1, 135:1, 136:1, 137:1, 138:1, 139:1, 140:1, 141:1, 142:1, 143:1, 144:1, 145:1, 146:1, 147:1, 148:1, 149:1, 150:1, 151:1, 152:1, 153:1, 154:1, 155:1, 156:1, 157:1, 158:1, 159:1, 160:1, 161:1, 162:1, 163:1, 164:1, 165:1, 166:1, 167:1, 168:1, 169:1, 170:1, 171:1, 172:1, 173:1, 174:1, 175:1, 176:1, 177:1, 178:1, 179:1, 180:1, 181:1, 182:1, 183:1, 184:1, 185:1, 186:1, 187:1, 188:1, 189:1, 190:1, 191:1, 192:1, 193:1, 194:1, 195:1, 196:1, 197:1, 198:1, 199:1, 200:1, 201:1, 202:1, 203:1, 204:1, 205:1, 206:1, 207:1, 208:1, 209:1, 210:1, 211:1, 212:1, 213:1, 214:1, 215:1, 216:1, 217:1, 218:1, 219:1, 220:1, 221:1, 222:1, 223:1, 224:1, 225:1, 226:1, 227:1, 228:1, 229:1, 230:1, 231:1, 232:1, 233:1, 234:1, 235:1, 236:1, 237:1, 238:1, 239:1, 240:1, 241:1, 242:1, 243:1, 244:1, 245:1, 246:1, 247:1, 248:1, 249:1, 250:1, 251:1, 252:1, 253:1, 254:1, 255:1, 256:1, 257:1, 258:1, 259:1, 260:1, 261:1, 262:1, 263:1, 264:1, 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- 5 "The deeps cover them;
^aThey went down into the depths like a stone.
- 6 "Thy right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power,
^bThy right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- 7 "And in the greatness of Thine ¹excellence Thou dost overthrow those who rise up against Thee;
^bThou dost send forth Thy burning anger, and it ^cconsumes them as chaff.
- 8 "And at the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled up,
^bThe flowing waters stood up like a heap;
 The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.
- 9 "The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will ^bdivide the spoil;
 My ¹desire shall be ²gratified against them;
 I will draw out my sword, my hand shall ³destroy them.'
- 10 "Thou didst blow with Thy wind, the sea covered them;
^bThey sank like lead in the ¹mighty waters.
- 11 "Who is like Thee among the gods, O LORD?
 Who is like Thee, ^bmajestic in holiness,
^cAwesome in praises, ^dworking wonders?
- 12 "Thou didst stretch out Thy right hand,
 The earth swallowed them.
- 13 "In Thy lovingkindness Thou hast ^aled the people whom Thou hast ^bredeemed;
 In Thy strength Thou hast guided *them* ^cto Thy holy habitation.
- 14 "The peoples have heard, they tremble;
 Anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia.

5 ^aEx. 15:10; Neh. 9:11
 6 ^bEx. 3:20; 6:1 ^bPs. 118:13, 16
 7 ¹Or, *exaltation*
^aEx. 14:27
^bPs. 78:49, 50
^cDeut. 4:24; Is. 5:24; Heb. 12:29
 8 ^aEx. 14:22, 29; Job 4:9 ^bPs. 78:13
 9 ¹Lit., *soul*
²Lit., *be filled with them*
³Or, *dispossess, bring to ruin*
^aEx. 14:5, 8, 9
^bJudg. 5:30; Is. 53:12; Luke 11:22
 10 ¹Or, *ma-
 rine*
^aEx. 14:27, 28
^bEx. 15:5
 11 ^aEx. 8:10; 9:14; Deut. 3:24, 2; Sam. 7:22; 1 Kin. 8:23; Ps. 71:19; 86:8; Mic. 7:18 ^bIs. 6:3; Rev. 4:8
^cPs. 22:23
^dPs. 72:18; 136:4
 12 ^aEx. 15:6
 13 ^aNeh. 9:12; Ps. 77:20 ^bEx. 15:16; Ps. 77:15 ^cEx. 15:17; Ps. 78:54
 14 ^aDeut. 2:25; Hab. 3:7
 15 ^aGen. 36:15, 40
^bNum. 22:3, 4
^cJosh. 2:9, 11, 24, 5:1
 16 ^aEx. 23:27; Deut. 2:25; Josh. 2:9 ^bEx. 15:13; Ps. 74:2; Is. 43:1; Jer. 31:11; Titus 2:14; 2 Pet. 2:1
 17 ^aEx. 23:20; 32:34
^bPs. 44:2; 80:8, 15 ^cPs. 2:6; 78:54, 68
^dPs. 68:16; 78:2; 132:13, 14 ^ePs. 78:69
 18 ^aPs. 10:16; 29:10; Is. 57:15
 19 ^aEx. 14:23, 28 ^bEx. 14:22, 29

- 15 "Then the ^achiefs of Edom were dismayed;
^bThe leaders of Moab, trembling grips them;
^cAll the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- 16 "Terror and dread fall upon them;
^bBy the greatness of Thine arm they are motionless as stone;
 Until Thy people pass over, O LORD,
 Until the people pass over whom Thou hast purchased.
- 17 "Thou wilt bring them and ^bplant them in ^cthe mountain of Thine inheritance,
^dThe place, O LORD, which Thou hast made for Thy dwelling.
^eThe sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have established.
- 18 "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."
- 19 ¶ "For the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea on them; but the sons of Israel walked on ^bdry land through the midst of the sea.
- 20 And ^aMiriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took the ^btimbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with ¹dancing.
- 21 And Miriam answered them,
 "Sing to the LORD, for He ¹is highly exalted;
 The horse and his rider He has hurled into the sea."
- 22 ¶ "Then Moses ¹led Israel from the ²Red Sea, and they went out into ^bthe wilderness of ^cShur; and they went three days

20 ¹Lit., *dances* ^aEx. 2:4; Num. 26:59; 1 Chr. 6:3; Mic. 6:4 ^bJudg. 11:34; 1 Sam. 18:6; 1 Chr. 15:16; Ps. 68:25; 81:2; 149:3; Jer. 31:4 ^cJudg. 11:34, 21:21; 1 Sam. 18:6; Ps. 30:11; 150:4
 21 ¹Or, *has triumphed gloriously* ^aEx. 15:1
 22 ¹Lit., *caused Israel to journey* ²Lit., *Sea of Reeds*
^aPs. 77:20; 78:52, 53 ^bNum. 33:8 ^cGen. 16:7, 20:1, 25:18

in the wilderness and found no water.

23 And when they came to ^aMarah, they could not drink the waters ¹of Marah, for they were ²bitter; therefore it was named ³Marah.

24 So the people ^agrumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?"

25 Then he ^acried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him ^atree; and he threw it into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He ^cmade for them a statute and regulation, and there He ^dtested them.

26 And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear ^bto His commandments, and keep all His statutes, ^cI will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, ^dthe LORD, am your healer."

27 ¶ Then they came to ^aElim where there were twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

CHAPTER 16

THEN they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of ^aSin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on ^bthe fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the sons of Israel ^agrumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.

3 And the sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, ^bwhen we sat by the pots of ¹meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

23 ¹Lt. from Heb. Marim H.e. bitterness
*Num. 33:8; Ruth 1:20

24 *Ex. 14:11, 16:2; Ps. 108:13

25 *Ex. 14:10 *Ezek. 47:7, 8 *Josh. 24:25 *Ex. 16:4, Deut. 8:2, 16, Judg. 2:22, 3:1, 4; Ps. 68:10

26 *Ex. 19:5, 6, Deut. 7:12 *Ex. 20:2, 17 *Deut. 7:15, 28:58, 60 *Ex. 23:25, Deut. 32:39; Ps. 41:3, 4, 103:3, 147:3

27 *Num. 33:9

1 *Num. 33:10, 11; Ezek. 30:15 *Ex. 12:6, 51:19:1

2 *Ex. 14:11, 15:24; Ps. 108:25; 1 Cor. 10:10

3 *Or, flesh *Ex. 17:3; Num. 14:2, 3, 20:3, Lam. 4:9 *Num. 11:4, 5

4 *Or, law *Neb. 9:15; Ps. 78:23-25, 105:40; John 6:31, 1 Cor. 10:3 *Ex. 15:25, Deut. 8:2, 16

5 *Ex. 16:22

6 ¹Lt. and you *Ex. 8:7

7 ¹Lt. and you *Ex. 16:10, 12, 1a, 35:2; 40:5; John 11:4, 40 *Num. 14:27, 17:5 *Num. 16:11

8 *Or, flesh *1 Sam. 8:7; Luke 10:16; Rom. 13:2; 1 Thess. 4:8

9 *Num. 16:16

10 ¹Lt. turned *Ex. 13:21; 16:7; Num. 16:18; 1 Kin. 8:107

4 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, ^aI will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may ^btest them, whether or not they will walk in My ¹instruction.

5 "And it will come about ^aon the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, "At evening ¹you will know that the LORD has brought you out of the land of Egypt;

7 and in the morning ¹you will see ^athe glory of the LORD, for ^bHe hears your grumblings against the LORD; and ^cwhat are we, that you grumble against us?"

8 And Moses said, "This will happen when the LORD gives you ¹meat to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; for the LORD hears your grumblings which you grumble against Him. And what are we? Your grumblings are ^anot against us but against the LORD."

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, ^aCome near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumblings."

10 And it came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they ¹looked toward the wilderness, and behold, ^athe glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "I have heard the grumblings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, '¹At twilight you shall eat ²meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and ^byou shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

12 ¹Lt. Between the two evenings *Or, flesh *Ex. 16:8; Num. 14:27 *Ex. 8:7, 16:7; 1 Kin. 28:28; Joel 3:17

13 ¶ So it came about at evening that ^athe quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning ^bthere was a layer of dew around the camp.

14 ^aWhen the layer of dew ¹evaporated, behold, on the ²surface of the wilderness ^bthere was a fine flake-like thing, fine as the frost on the ground.

15 When the sons of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat.

16 "This is ¹what the LORD has commanded, 'Gather of it every man ²as much as he should eat; you shall take ³an omer apiece according to the number of persons each of you has in his tent.' "

17 And the sons of Israel did so, and some gathered much and some little.

18 When they measured it with an omer, ^ahe who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack; every man gathered ¹as much as he should eat.

19 And Moses said to them, "Let no man leave any of it until morning."

20 But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.

21 And they gathered it morning by morning, every man ¹as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.

22 ¶ ^aNow it came about on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. When all the ^bleaders of the congregation came and told Moses,

23 then he said to them, "This is what the LORD ¹meant: ^aTo-morrow is a sabbath observance, a holy sabbath to the LORD.

13 ^aNum. 11:31, Ps. 78:27-29; 105:40 ^bNum. 11:9

14 ¹Lit., had gone up ²Lit., face of

^aNum. 11:7-9 ^bEx. 16:31, Neh. 9:13, Ps. 78:24, 105:40

15 ¹Heb., Man hu, cf. v. 31

^bEx. 16:4, Neh. 9:13, Ps. 78:24, John 6:31, 1 Cor. 10:3

16 ¹Lit., the thing which ²Lit., according to his eating ³Lit., an omer for a head

^bEx. 16:32, 36

17 ¹Lit., according to his eating

²2 Cor. 8:15

18 ^aEx. 12:10, 16:23, 23:18

21 ¹Lit., according to his eating

22 ^aEx. 16:5 ^bEx. 34:31

23 ¹Lit., spoke ²Lit., lay up for you

^aGen. 2:3, Ex. 20:8-11, 23:12, 31:15, 35:2, Lev. 23:3, Neh. 9:13, 14 ^bEx. 16:19

24 ¹Lit., laid it up

^bEx. 16:20

25 ¹Lit., none on it

^bEx. 20:9, 10

26 ¹Or, laws ²2 Kin. 17:14, Ps. 78:10, 105:13

27 ¹Lit., for the LORD

31 ¹Heb., man, cf. v. 15

^aNum. 11:7-9; Deut. 8:3, 16 ^bEx. 16:14

32 ¹Lit., the thing which

33 ¹Heb. 9:4; Rev. 2:17

34 ^aEx. 25:16, 21; 27:21; 40:20; Num. 17:10

35 ^aDeut. 8:21; Josh. 5:12; Neh. 9:20, 21

Bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and ^ball that is left over ²put aside to be kept until morning."

24 So they ¹put it aside until morning, as Moses had ordered, and ^ait did not become foul, nor was there any worm in it.

25 And Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field.

26 "Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, there will be ¹none."

27 And it came about on the seventh day that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.

28 Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My ¹instructions?

29 "See, ¹the LORD has given you the sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 ¶ And the house of ^aIsrael named it ¹manna, and it was like ^bcoriander seed, white; and its taste was like wafers with honey.

32 Then Moses said, "This is ¹what the LORD has commanded, 'Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread that I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.' "

33 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omerful of manna in it, and place it before the LORD, to be kept throughout your generations."

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before ^athe Testimony, to be kept.

35 ^aAnd the sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land; they

ate the manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

36 (Now ^aan omer is a tenth of an ¹ephah.)

CHAPTER 17

THEN all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by ¹stages from the wilderness of ^aSin, according to the ²command of the LORD, and camped at ^bRephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Therefore the people ^aquarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "^bWhy do you quarrel with me? ^cWhy do you test the LORD?"

3 But the people thirsted there for water; and ¹they ^agrumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill ²us and ³our children and ⁴our livestock with thirst?"

4 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A ^alittle more and they will stone me."

5 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of ^athe elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which ^byou struck the Nile, and go.

6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at ^aHoreb; and ^byou shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he named the place ^{1a}Massah and ^{2b}Meribah because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they ^ctested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us, or not?"

8 ^aThen ^aAmalek came and fought against Israel at ^bRephidim.

9 So Moses said to ^aJoshua, "Choose men for us, and go out, fight against Amalek. Tomorrow

28 ¹i.e., approx. one bu.
*Ex. 16:16

1 ¹Lit., their journeyings
*Lit., mouth

*Ex. 16:1

Num. 33:12

*Ex. 19:2

Num. 33:14

2 *Ex.

14:11, Num.

20:2, 3, 13

*Ex. 16:8

*Deut. 6:16;

Ps. 78:18, 41.

Matt. 4:7.

1 Cor. 10:9

3 ¹Lit., the people

*Lit., me

*Lit., my

*Ex. 16:2, 3

*Ex. 12:38

4 *Num.

14:10, 1 Sam.

30:6

5 *Ex. 3:16.

18 *Ex. 7:20

6 *Ex. 3:1

*Num. 20:10.

11, Deut.

8:15, Neh.

9:15, Ps.

78:15, 106:41.

114:8, 1 Cor.

10:4

7 ¹i.e., test

2 ¹e., quarrel

*Deut. 6:16,

9:22, Ps. 95:8

*Num. 20:13.

24, 27:14, Ps.

81:7 *Num.

14:22, Deut.

33:8

8 *Gen.

36:12, Num.

24:20, Deut.

25:17-19.

1 Sam. 15:2

*Ex. 17:1

9 *Ex.

24:13 *Ex.

4:20

10 ¹Lit., said

to ¹Lit., to

fight

*Ex. 24:14.

31:2

11 ¹Lit., read

12 *Is. 35:3

13 ¹Lit.,

weakened

14 ¹Lit., the

book ¹Lit.,

place it in

the ears of

*Or, for

*Ex. 24:4.

34:27, Num.

33:2 *Deut.

25:19, 1 Sam.

15:3

15 *Ex. 24:4

*Gen. 22:14;

Judg. 6:24

16 ¹Or, Be-

cause a hand

is against the

throne of the

LORD; lit., A

hand upon

the throne of

YAH

*Gen. 22:16

I will station myself on the top of the hill with ^bthe staff of God in my hand."

10 And Joshua did as Moses ¹told him, ²and fought against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and ^aHur went up to the top of the hill.

11 So it came about when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed, and when he let his hand ¹down, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur ^asupported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set.

13 So Joshua ¹overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 ^aThen the LORD said to Moses, "^aWrite this in ^{1a}a book as a memorial, and ²recite it to Joshua, ³that ^bI will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

15 And Moses built an ^aaltar, and named it ^bThe LORD is My Banner;

16 and he said, "^{1a}The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

CHAPTER 18

NOW ^aJethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

2 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Moses' wife ^aZipporah, after he had sent her away.

3 and her ^atwo sons, of whom ¹one was named Gershom, for he said, "I have been ^aa ²sojourner in a foreign land."

1 *Ex. 2:16, 18; 3:1

2 *Ex. 2:21, 4:25

3 ¹Lit., the name of the one was ²Heb., ger *Ex. 2:22; 4:20; Acts 7:29 *Ex. 2:22

4 And ¹the other was named ^{2a}Eliezer, for he said, ^b"The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh."

5 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses ¹in the wilderness where he was camped, at ^athe mount of God.

6 And he ¹sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her."

7 Then Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and ^ahe bowed down and ^bkissed him; and they ^casked each other of their welfare, and went into the tent.

8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians ^afor Israel's sake, all the ^bhardship that had befallen them on the journey, and how ^cthe LORD had delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoiced over all ^athe goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, ¹in delivering ²them from the hand of the Egyptians.

10 So Jethro said, ^a"Blessed be the LORD who delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, and who delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians."

11 "Now I know that ^athe LORD is greater than all the gods; ¹indeed, ^bit was proven when they dealt proudly against ²the people."

12 ^aThen Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat ¹a meal with Moses' father-in-law before God.

13 ¶ And it came about the next day that Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood about Moses from the morning until the evening.

⁴ ¹Lit., the name of the other was
²Heb. Eliezer; i.e., my God is help
^a1 Chr. 23:15, 17
^bGen. 49:25

⁵ ¹Lit., unto
^aEx. 3:1, 12, 4:27, 24:13

⁶ ¹Lit., said
⁷ ^aGen. 43:26, 28
^bGen. 29:13, Ex. 4:27
^cGen. 43:27, 2 Sam. 11:7

⁸ ^aEx. 4:23, 7:4, 5
^bNum. 20:14, Neh. 9:32
^cEx. 15:8, 16

⁹ ¹Lit., in that He had delivered
²Lit., him
^aIs. 63:7-14

¹⁰ ^aGen. 14:20, 2 Sam. 18:28, 1 Kin. 8:56, Ps. 68:19, 20

¹¹ ¹Lit., indeed, in the thing in which they
²Lit., them
^aEx. 12:12, 15:11; 2 Chr. 2:5, Ps. 95:3, 97:9, 135:5

^bLuke 1:51
¹² ¹Lit., bread
^aGen. 31:54, Ex. 24:5

¹³ ^aNum. 9:6, 8, 27:5, Deut. 17:8-13
¹⁶ ¹Lit., matter
^aEx. 24:14

¹⁸ ¹Lit., this
²Lit., matter
^aNum. 11:14, 17; Deut. 1:12, 1:9

¹⁹ ¹Lit., my voice
²Lit., You be for the people in front of God
³Lit., matters
^aNum. 27:5

²⁰ ^aDeut. 1:18, 4:1, 5, 5:1
^bPs. 143:8

²¹ ¹Lit., see
²Lit., leaders of
^aEx. 18:25, Deut. 1:13, 15; 2 Chr. 19:5-10; Ps. 15:1-5; Acts 6:3
^bGen. 42:18; 2 Sam. 23:3
^cDeut. 16:19

14 Now when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge and all the people stand about you from morning until evening?"

15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me ^ato inquire of God."

16 "When they have a ^{1a}dispute, it comes to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and make known the statutes of God and His laws."

17 And Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you are doing is not good."

18 ^a"You will surely wear out, both yourself and ¹these people who are with you, for the ²task is too heavy for you; ^byou cannot do it alone."

19 "Now listen to ¹me: I shall give you counsel, and God be with you. ²You be the people's representative before God, and you ^abring the ³disputes to God,

20 ^athen teach them the statutes and the laws, and make known to them ^bthe way in which they are to walk, and the work they are to do."

21 "Furthermore, you shall ¹select out of all the people ^aable men ^bwho fear God, men of truth, those who ^chate dishonest gain; and you shall place *these* over them, as leaders of thousands, ²of hundreds, ²of fifties and ²of tens."

22 "And let them judge the people at all times; and let it be ^athat every major ¹dispute they will bring to you, but every minor ¹dispute they themselves will judge. So it will be easier for you, and ^bthey will bear *the burden* with you."

23 "If you do this thing and God so commands you, then you will

²² ¹Lit., matter ^aDeut. 1:17, 18 ^bNum. 11:17

be able to ¹endure, and all ²these people also will go to ³their place in peace."

24 ¶ So Moses listened ¹to his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.

25 And Moses chose ^aable men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, leaders of thousands, ¹of hundreds, ¹of fifties and ¹of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all times; ^athe difficult ¹dispute they would bring to Moses, but every minor ¹dispute they themselves would judge.

27 Then Moses ¹bade his father-in-law farewell, and he went his way into his own land.

CHAPTER 19

^uIN the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, ¹on that very day they came into the wilderness of ^bSinai.

2 When they set out from ^aRephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of ^bthe mountain.

3 And Moses went up to God, and ^athe LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel:

4 ^a"You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on ^bbeagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.

5 'Now then, ^aif you will indeed obey My voice and ^bkeep My covenant, then you shall be ^cMy ¹own possession among all the peoples, for ^dall the earth is Mine;

6 and you shall be to Me ^aa kingdom of priests and ^ba holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

7 ¶ ^aSo Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these

23 ¹Lit., stand ²Lit., thus ³Lit., has

24 ¹Lit., to the voice of

25 ¹Lit., leaders of ^{Ex. 18:21; Deut. 1:15}

26 ¹Lit., matter ^{Ex. 18:22}

27 ¹Lit., sent off his father-in-law ^{Num. 10:29, 30}

¹Lit., on this day ^{Ex. 12:6, 51; 16:1 ^aDeut. 1:6, 4:10, 15:52}

²Ex. 17:1 ^{Num. 33:15} ^{Ex. 3:1, 12:18, 5}

³Ex. 3:4

⁴Deut. 29:2 ^{Deut. 32:11, Rev. 12:14}

⁸Or, special treasure ^{Ex. 15:26; Deut. 5:21; Ps. 78:10; ^aDeut. 4:20, 7:6, 14:2, 26:18, Ps. 135:4, Titus 2:14, 1 Pet. 2:9 ^{Ex. 9:29; Deut. 10:14, Job 41:11, Ps. 50:12, 1 Cor. 10:26}}

⁸1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6, 5:10 ^aDeut. 7:6, 14:21, 26:19; 15:22, 12

⁷Ex. 4:29, 30

⁸Ex. 4:31, 24:3, 7; Deut. 5:27; 26:17

⁹Ex. 19:16; 24:15, 16; Deut. 4:11; Ps. 99:7 ^aDeut. 4:12, 36

¹⁰Lev. 11:44, 45 ^aGen. 35:2, Lev. 15:5, Num. 8:7, 21:19; Rev. 22:14

¹¹Ex. 19:16

¹²Lit., Take heed to yourselves ^{Heb. 12:20}

words which the LORD had commanded him.

8 ^aAnd all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do!" And Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

9 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I shall come to you in ^aa thick cloud, in order that the ^bpeople may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe in you forever." Then Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.

10 The LORD also said to Moses, "Go to the people and ^aconsecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them ^bwash their garments;

11 and let them be ready for the third day, for on ^athe third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

12 ^aAnd you shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ¹"Beware that you do not go up on the mountain or touch the border of it; ^awhoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death.

13 ¹"No hand shall touch him, but ^ahe shall surely be stoned or ¹shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to ^bthe mountain."

14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments.

15 And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman."

16 ¶ ^aSo it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were ¹thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that

13 ¹Lit., with arrows ^{Heb. 12:20} ^{Ex. 18:17}

16 ¹Lit., sounds ^{Heb. 12:18, 19, 21}

all the people who were in the camp trembled.

17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the ¹foot of the mountain.

18 ^aNow Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the LORD descended upon it ^bin fire; and its smoke ascended like ^cthe smoke of a furnace, and ^dthe whole mountain ¹quaked violently.

19 When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and ^aGod answered him with ¹thunder.

20 ^aAnd the LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down, ¹warn the people, lest ^athey break through to the LORD to gaze, and many of them ²perish.

22 ^aAnd also let the ^apriests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them."

23 And Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for Thou didst ¹warn us, saying, ^a'Set bounds about the mountain and consecrate it.'"

24 Then the LORD said to him, ¹"Go down and come up again, ^ayou and Aaron with you; but do not let the ^bpriests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest He break forth upon them."

25 So Moses went down to the people and told them.

CHAPTER 20

THEN God spoke all these words, saying,

2 ^a"I am the LORD your God, ^bwho brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹slavery.

3 ^a"You shall have no other ^bgods ¹before Me.

17 ¹Lit., lower part
18 ¹Or, trembled
^aDeut. 4:11, Ps. 104:32, 144:5
^bEx. 3:2, 24:17; Deut. 5:4, 2 Chr. 7:1-3; Heb. 12:18
^cGen. 15:17, 19:28
^dJudg. 5:5, Ps. 68:7, Jer. 4:24
19 ¹Or, a voice, lit., a sound
^aPs. 81:7
20 ^aNeh. 9:13
21 ¹Lit., testify to
²Lit., fall
^aEx. 3:5, 1 Sam. 6:19
22 ^aEx. 19:24, 24:5, Lev. 10:3, 21:6-8
23 ¹Lit., testify to
^aEx. 19:12
24 ¹Lit., Go, descend
^aEx. 24:1, 9, 12
^bEx. 19:22
2 ¹Lit., slaves
^aLev. 26:1, Deut. 5:6, Ps. 81:10
^bEx. 13:3, 15:13, 16, Deut. 7:8
3 ¹Or, besides Me
^aDeut. 6:14, 2 Kin. 17:35, Jer. 25:6, 35:15
^bEx. 15:11, 20:23
4 ¹Or, a graven image
^aLev. 19:4, 26:1, Deut. 4:15-19, 27:15
5 ^aEx. 23:24, Josh. 23:7, 2 Kin. 17:35
^bEx. 34:14, Deut. 4:24, Josh. 24:19; Nah. 1:2
^cEx. 34:6, 7, Num. 14:18, 33, Deut. 5:9, 10, 1 Kin. 21:29, Jer. 32:18
6 ^aDeut. 7:9
7 ¹Or, hold him guiltless
^aLev. 19:12, Deut. 6:13, 10:20
8 ^aEx. 23:12, 31:13, 16, Lev. 26:2, Deut. 5:12
9 ^aEx. 34:21, 35:2, 3, Lev. 23:3, Deut. 5:13, Luke 13:14

4 ^a"You shall not make for yourself ¹an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

5 ^a"You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a ^bjealous God, ^cvisiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me.

6 but showing lovingkindness to ^athousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 ^a"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not ¹leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

8 ^a"Remember ^athe sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 ^a"Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* ^ayou shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who ¹stays with you.

11 ^a"For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

12 ^a"Honor your father and your mother, that your ^bdays may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

13 ^a"You shall not murder.

14 ^a"You shall not commit adultery.

15 ^a"You shall not steal.

10 ¹Lit., is in your gates
^aNeh. 13:16-19
11 ^aGen. 2:2, 3; Ex. 31:17
12 ^aLev. 19:3; Deut. 27:16; Matt. 15:4; 19:19; Mark 7:10; 10:19; Luke 18:20; Eph. 6:2
^bDeut. 5:16, 33; 6:2, 11:8, 9; Jer. 35:7
13 ^aGen. 9:6; Ex. 21:12; Lev. 24:17; Matt. 5:21; 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Rom. 13:9; James 2:11
14 ^aLev. 20:10; Deut. 5:18; Matt. 5:27; 19:18; Rom. 13:9
15 ^aEx. 21:16; Lev. 19:11, 13; Matt. 19:18; Rom. 13:9

CHAPTER 21

16 ¶^aYou shall not bear false witness against your ^bneighbor.

17 ¶^aYou shall not covet your neighbor's house; ^byou shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

18 ¶^aAnd all the people perceived the ¹thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance.

19 ¶Then they said to Moses, "Speak ¹to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak ¹to us, lest we die."

20 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come in order ^bto test you, and in order that ^cthe fear of Him may ¹remain with you, so that you may not sin."

21 So the people stood at a distance, while Moses approached ^athe thick cloud where God was.

22 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen that ^aI have spoken ¹to you from heaven.

23 ¶You shall not make other gods besides Me; ^bgods of silver or gods of gold, you shall not make for yourselves.

24 ¶You shall make ^aan altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your ^bburnt offerings and your ^cpeace offerings, ^dyour sheep and your oxen; in every place ^ewhere I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you.

25 ¶And if you make an altar of stone for Me, ^ayou shall not build it of cut stones, for if you wield your tool on it, you will profane it.

26 ¶And you shall not go up by steps to My altar, that ^ayour nakedness may not be exposed on it."

16 *Ex. 23:1, 7, Deut. 5:20, Matt. 19:18
 17 *Lev. 19:18
 17 *Deut. 5:21, Rom. 7:7, 13:9, Eph. 5:3, 5
 *Prov. 6:29, Matt. 5:28
 18 *Lit. sounds
 *Ex. 19:16, 18, Heb. 12:18, 19
 19 *Lit. with
 *Deut. 5:5, 23-27, Gal. 3:19, Heb. 12:19
 20 *Lit. be before
 *Ex. 14:13, Is. 41:10, 13 *Ex. 15:25, Deut. 13:3 *Deut. 4:10, 6:24, Prov. 3:7, 16:6, Is. 8:13
 21 *Ex. 19:16, Deut. 5:22
 22 *Lit. with
 *Deut. 4:36, 5:24, 26, Neh. 9:13
 23 *Ex. 20:3
 *Ex. 32:1, 2, 4, Deut. 29:17
 24 *Ex. 20:25, 27:1-8
 *Ex. 10:25, 18:12 *Ex. 24:5, Lev. 12:5, 16:6, 11, 26:2, 2 Chr. 6:6
 *Deut. 12:5, 26:2
 25 *Deut. 27:5, 6, Josh. 8:31
 26 *Ex. 28:42, 43
 1 *Ex. 24:3, 4, Deut. 4:14, 6:1
 2 *Lev. 25:39-43, Deut. 15:12, 18, Jer. 34:14
 3 *Lit. by himself
 4 *Lit. by himself
 5 *Deut. 15:16, 17
 6 *Or, the judges who acted in God's name
 7 *Lit. go out
 *Neh. 5:5
 *Ex. 21:2, 3
 8 *Lit. bad
 9 Another reading is so that he did not designate her *Lit., despoiling
 treacherously

66 NOW these are the ^aordinances which you are to set before them.

2 ¶If you buy ^aa Hebrew slave, he shall serve for six years; but on the seventh he shall go out as a free man without payment.

3 ¶If he comes ¹alone, he shall go out ¹alone; if he is the husband of a wife, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 ¶If his master gives him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall belong to her master, and he shall go out ¹alone.

5 ¶But ^aif the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man.'

6 then his master shall bring him to ¹God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.

7 ¶And if a man sells his daughter as a female slave, she is not to ¹go free ^bas the male slaves ¹do.

8 ¶If she is ¹displeasing in the eyes of her master ²who designated her for himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He does not have authority to sell her to a foreign people because of his ³unfairness to her.

9 ¶And if he designates her for his son, he shall deal with her according to the custom of daughters.

10 ¶If he takes to himself another woman, he may not reduce her ¹food, her clothing, or ^aher conjugal rights.

11 ¶And if he will not do these three things for her, then she shall go out for nothing, without payment of money.

12 ¶He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.

10 *Lit., flesh *1 Cor. 7:3, 5

12 *Gen. 9:6, Lev. 24:17, Num. 35:30, Matt. 26:52

13^a "But if he did not lie in wait for him, but ^bGod let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint you a place to which he may flee.

14^a "If, however, a man acts presumptuously toward his neighbor, so as to kill him craftily, you are to take him even from My altar, that he may die.

15 "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

16 "And he who kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his ²possession, shall surely be put to death.

17^a "And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

18 "And if men have a quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but ¹remains in bed;

19 if he gets up and walks around outside on his staff, then he who struck him shall go unpunished; he shall only pay for his ¹loss of time, and ²shall take care of him until he is completely healed.

20 "And if a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod and he dies ¹at his hand, he shall ²be punished.

21 "If, however, he ¹survives a day or two, no vengeance shall be taken; ^afor he is his ²property.

22 "And if men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that ¹she has a miscarriage, yet there is no further injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband ²may demand of him; and he shall ^apay ³as the judges decide.

23 "But if there is any further injury, ^athen you shall appoint as a penalty life for life,

24 ^aeye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 burn for burn, wound for wound, ¹bruise for bruise.

26 "And if a man strikes the eye of his male or female slave,

13 ¹Lit., he who
*Num. 35:10-34; Deut. 19:1-13; Josh. 20:1-9
*1 Sam. 24:4, 10, 18

14 *Deut. 19:11, 12; 1 Kin. 2:28-34

16 ¹Lit., steals ²Lit., hand

*Deut. 24:7

17 *Lev. 20:9; Prov. 20:20; Matt. 15:4; Mark 7:10

18 ¹Lit., lies

19 ¹Lit., his sitting ²Lit., healing, he shall cause to be healed

20 ¹Lit., under ²Lit., suffer for vengeance

21 ¹Lit., stands ²Lit., money

*Lev. 25:44-46

22 ¹Or, an untimely birth occurs, lit., her children come out ²Lit., lays on him ³Lit., by arbitration

*Ex. 21:30; Deut. 22:18, 19

23 *Lev. 24:19; Deut. 19:21

24 *Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21; Matt. 5:38

25 ¹Lit., well

27 ¹Lit., causes to fall

28 ¹Lit., so that he dies *Gen. 9:5; Ex. 21:32

30 ¹Lit., laid on him

31 ¹Lit., gores a daughter ²Lit., this judgment

32 ¹Lit., he *Zech. 11:12; Matt. 26:15; 27:3, 9

33 ¹Lit., if a man digs

34 ¹Lit., give back

1 ¹Ch. 21:37 in Heb.

and destroys it, he shall let him go free on account of his eye.

27^a "And if he ¹knocks out a tooth of his male or female slave, he shall let him go free on account of his tooth.

28 "And if an ox gores a man or a woman ¹to death, ^athe ox shall surely be stoned and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall go unpunished.

29 "If, however, an ox was previously in the habit of goring, and its owner has been warned, yet he does not confine it, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death.

30 "If a ransom is ¹demanded of him, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is ¹demanded of him.

31 "Whether it gores a son or ¹a daughter, it shall be done to him according to ²the same rule.

32 "If the ox gores a male or female slave, ¹the owner shall give his or her master ^athirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 "And if a man opens a pit, or ¹digs a pit and does not cover it over, and an ox or a donkey falls into it,

34 the owner of the pit shall make restitution; he shall ¹give money to its owner, and the dead animal shall become his.

35 "And if one man's ox hurts another's so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide its price equally; and also they shall divide the dead ox.

36 "Or if it is known that the ox was previously in the habit of goring, yet its owner has not confined it, he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead animal shall become his.

CHAPTER 22

66¹ IF a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen

for the ox and ^afour sheep for the sheep.

2 "If the ^athief is ²caught while breaking in, and is struck so that he dies, there will be no blood-guiltiness on his account.

3 "But if the sun has risen on him, there will be bloodguiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be ^asold for his theft.

4 "If what he stole is actually found alive in his ¹possession, whether an ox or a donkey or a sheep, ^ahe shall pay double.

5 "If a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed *bare* and lets his animal loose so that it grazes in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.

6 "If a fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain or the standing grain or the field *itself* is consumed, he who started the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 "If a man gives his neighbor money or goods to keep for him, and it is stolen from the man's house, if the thief is ¹caught, he shall pay double.

8 "If the thief is not ¹caught, then the owner of the house shall ²appear before ^{3a}the judges, to determine whether he ⁴laid his hands on his neighbor's property.

9 "For every ¹breach of trust, whether it is for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for clothing, or for any lost thing about which one says, 'This is it,' the ²case of both parties shall come before ^{3a}the judges; he whom ³the judges condemn shall pay double to his neighbor.

10 "If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep for him, and it dies or is hurt or is driven away while no one is looking,

¹ ^a2 Sam. 12:6, Luke 19:8

² ¹Ch. 22:1 in Heb ²Lit. found ^aMatt. 8:19, 24:43; ¹Pet. 4:15

³ ^aMatt. 18:25

⁴ ¹Lit. hand ^aEx. 22:7

⁷ ¹Lit. found ^aLev. 6:1-7

⁸ ¹Lit. found ²Lit. approach to ¹Or. God

¹¹ ¹Lit. stretched his hand ^aEx. 22:9; Deut. 17:8, 9, 19:17

⁹ ¹Or. matter of transgression ²Lit. matter ¹Or. God ^aEx. 22:8, 28; Deut. 25:1

¹¹ ¹Lit. whether ²Lit. stretched his hand ^aHeb. 6:16

¹⁴ ¹Lit. asks

¹⁸ ^aDeut. 22:28, 29

¹⁷ ¹Lit. weigh out silver ^aGen. 34:12; ¹Sam. 18:25

¹⁸ ^aLev. 19:31, 20:6, 27; Deut. 18:10, 11; ¹Sam. 28:3; Jer. 27:9, 10

¹⁹ ^aLev. 18:23, 20:15, 16; Deut. 27:21

²⁰ ¹Lit. the gods ²Lit. put under the ban ^aEx. 32:8, 34:15; Lev. 17:7; Num. 25:2, 3, 5; ¹Kin. 18:40; ²Kin. 10:25

²¹ ^aEx. 23:9; Lev. 19:33, 34, 25:35; Deut. 1:16, 10:19, 27:19; Zech. 7:10

²² ^aDeut. 24:17, 18; Prov. 23:10, 11; Jer. 7:6, 7

11 an ^aoath before the LORD shall be made by the two of them, ¹that he has not ²laid hands on his neighbor's property; and its owner shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution.

12 "But if it is actually stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner.

13 "If it is all torn to pieces, let him bring it as evidence; he shall not make restitution for what has been torn to pieces.

14 "And if a man ¹borrow anything from his neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its owner is not with it, he shall make full restitution.

15 "If its owner is with it, he shall not make restitution; if it is hired, it came for its hire.

16 "And if a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and lies with her, he must pay a dowry for her to be his wife.

17 "If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he shall ¹pay money equal to the ^adowry for virgins.

18 "You shall not allow a ^asorceress to live.

19 "Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death.

20 "He who sacrifices to ¹any god, other than to the LORD alone, shall be ²utterly destroyed.

21 "And ^ayou shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 "You shall not afflict any widow or orphan.

23 "If you afflict him at all, and ^aif he does cry out to Me, ^{b1}I will surely hear his cry;

24 and My anger will be kindled, and I will kill you with the sword; ^aand your wives shall

²³ ^aDeut. 15:9; Job 35:9; Luke 18:7 ^aDeut. 18:18; Job 34:28; Ps. 10:14, 17, 18; 98:5; James 5:4 ²⁴ ^aPs. 109:2, 9

become widows and your children fatherless.

25 ¶^aIf you lend money to My people, to the poor ¹among you, you are not to ²act as a creditor to him; you shall not ³charge him ^binterest.

26 ¶^aIf you ever take your neighbor's cloak ^aas a pledge, you are to return it to him before the sun sets,

27 for that is his only covering; it is his cloak for his ¹body. What else shall he sleep in? And it shall come about that ^awhen he cries out to Me, I will hear him, for ^bI am gracious.

28 ¶^aYou shall not ¹curse God, ^bnor curse a ruler of your people.

29 ¶^aYou shall not delay the offering from ¹your harvest and your vintage. ^bThe first-born of your sons you shall give to Me.

30 ¶^aYou shall do the same with your oxen and with your sheep. It shall be with its mother seven days; ^bon the eighth day you shall give it to Me.

31 ¶^aAnd you shall be holy men to Me, therefore ^byou shall not eat any flesh torn to pieces in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

CHAPTER 23

¶^aYOU shall not bear a false report; do not join your hand with a wicked man to be a ^bmalicious witness.

2 ¶^aYou shall not follow ¹a multitude in doing evil, nor shall you ²testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after ¹a multitude in order to ^apervert justice;

3 ^anor shall you ¹be partial to a poor man in his dispute.

4 ¶^aIf you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him.

5 ¶^aIf you see the donkey of one who hates you lying helpless un-

25 ¹Lit., with ²Lit., be
³Lit., lay upon

¶Lev. 25:35-37; Deut. 15:7-11; Deut. 23:19; 20; Neh. 5:7; Ps. 15:5; Ezek. 18:8

26 ¶Deut. 24:6, 10-13; Job 24:3; Prov. 20:16; Amos 2:8

27 ¹Lit., skin
¶Ex. 22:23; Ex. 34:6

28 ¹Or, revile
¶Lev. 24:15; 16; Eccl. 10:20; Acts 23:5

29 ¹Lit., your fulness and your tears

¶Ex. 23:18; 19; Deut. 26:2-11; Prov. 3:9; Ex. 13:2, 12

30 ¶Deut. 15:19; Lev. 22:27; Gen. 17:12; Lev. 12:3

31 ¶Ex. 19:8; Lev. 11:44; 19:2; Lev. 7:24; 17:15; Ezek. 4:14

1 ¶Ex. 20:16; Lev. 19:11; Deut. 5:20; Ps. 101:3; Prov. 10:18; Deut. 19:16-21; Ps. 35:11; Prov. 19:5; Acts 6:11

2 ¹Lit., many men
²Or, answer
¶Deut. 16:19; 24:17

3 ¹Lit., honor
¶Ex. 23:6; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; 16:19

4 ¶Deut. 22:1-4

5 ¶Deut. 22:4

6 ¶Ex. 23:2; 3; Lev. 19:15

7 ¶Ex. 20:18; Ps. 119:29; Eph. 4:25; Ex. 20:13; Deut. 27:25; Ex. 34:7; Deut. 25:1; Rom. 1:18

der its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release it with him.

6 ¶^aYou shall not pervert the justice due to your needy brother in his dispute.

7 ¶^aKeep far from a false charge, and ^bdo not kill the innocent or the righteous, for ^cI will not acquit the guilty.

8 ¶^aAnd you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and ^bsubverts the cause of the just.

9 ¶^aAnd you shall not oppress a ¹stranger, since you yourselves know the ²feelings of a ¹stranger, for you also were ¹strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 ¶^aAnd you shall sow your land for six years and gather in its yield,

11 but on the seventh year you shall let it ¹rest and lie fallow, so that the needy of your people may eat; and whatever they leave the beast of the field may eat. You are to do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.

12 ¶^aSix days you are to do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labor in order that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave, as well as ¹your stranger, may refresh themselves.

13 ¶^aNow ^aconcerning everything which I have said to you, be on your guard; and ^bdo not mention the name of other gods, nor let them be heard ¹from your mouth.

14 ¶^aThree times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me.

8 ¹Or, distort the words ¶Deut. 10:17; 16:19; Prov. 15:27; 17:8, 23; Is. 5:22, 23

9 ¹Or, sojourner(s) ²Lit., soul ¶Ex. 22:21; Lev. 19:33; Deut. 24:17; 27:19

10 ¶Lev. 25:1-7

11 ¹Lit., drop

12 ¹Lit., the sojourner ¶Ex. 20:8-11; 31:15; 34:21; 35:2; 3; Lev. 23:3; Deut. 5:13f.

13 ¹Lit., on ¶Deut. 4:9, 23; 1 Tim. 4:16; Josh. 23:7; Ps. 16:4; Hos. 2:17

14 ¶Ex. 23:17; 34:22-24; Deut. 16:16

15 "You shall observe ^athe Feast of Unleavened Bread; for seven days you are to eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the ^bmonth Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. And ^cnone shall appear before Me empty-handed.

16 "Also you shall observe ^athe Feast of the Harvest of the first fruits of your labors from what you sow in the field; also the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year ^bwhen you gather in the fruit of your labors from the field.

17 "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord ¹God.

18 ¶ "You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; ^bnor is the fat of My ¹feast to remain overnight until morning.

19 "You shall bring ^athe choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. ^bYou are not to boil a kid in the milk of its mother.

20 ¶ "Behold, I am going to send ^aan angel before you to guard you along the way, and ^bto bring you into the place which I have prepared.

21 "Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; ^ado not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since ^bMy name is in him.

22 "But if you will truly obey his voice and do all that I say, then ^aI will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

23 "For My angel will go before you and bring you in to the land of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them.

24 "You shall not worship their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their deeds; ^bbut you

18 ¹Lit. they not
Ex. 12:14-20;
Lev. 23:6-8;
Num. 28:16-25
Ex. 12:2, 13-4
Ex. 22:29; 34:20
16 Ex
34:22; Lev. 23:10; Num. 28:26
Lev. 23:30

17 ¹Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord
Ex. 23:14, 34:23; Deut. 16:16

18 ¹Or, festival
Ex. 34:25, Lev. 2:11
Ex. 12:10; Lev. 7:15; Deut. 16:4

19 Ex. 22:29; 34:26; Deut. 26:2, 10; Neh. 10:35; Prov. 3:9
Deut. 14:21

20 Ex. 3:2, 14:19; 23:23, 32:34, 33:2
Ex. 15:16, 17

21 Deut. 9:7; Ps. 78:40, 56
Ex. 3:14, 6:3, 34:5-7

22 Gen. 12:3; Num. 24:9; Deut. 30:7

23 Ex. 23:20; Josh. 24:8, 11

24 Ex. 20:3, 23:13, 33; Deut. 12:30f
Num. 33:52; Deut. 7:5,

12:3, 2 Kin. 18:4
Ex. 34:13; Lev. 26:1, 2 Kin. 3:2

25 ¹Or, that He may bless
Lev. 26:3-13; Deut. 6:13,

10:12, 28:1-14; Josh. 22:5, 1 Sam. 12:20; Matt. 4:10
Ex. 15:26; Deut. 7:15

26 Deut. 7:14
Deut. 4:40; Job 5:26

27 Gen. 35:5; Ex. 15:16; Deut. 2:25; Josh. 2:9
Deut. 7:23; Ps. 18:40; 21:12

28 Deut. 7:20; Josh. 24:12
Ex. 33:2, 34:11

shall utterly overthrow them, and break their ^csacred pillars in pieces.

25 "But you shall serve the LORD your God, ¹and He will bless your bread and your water; and ^bI will remove sickness from your midst.

26 "There shall be no one mis-carrying or ^abarren in your land; ^bI will fulfill the number of your days.

27 "I will ^asend My terror ahead of you, and ^bthrow into confusion all the people among whom you come, and I will ^cmake all your enemies turn *their* backs to you.

28 "And I will send ^ahornets ahead of you, that they may ^bdrive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites before you.

29 "I will not drive them out before you in a single year, that the land may not become desolate, and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

30 "I will drive them out before you ^alittle by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land.

31 "And I will fix your boundary from the ¹Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the River *Euphrates*; ^bfor I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you will ^cdrive them out before you.

32 "You shall ¹make no covenant with them ^bor with their gods.

33 "They shall not live in your land, lest they make you sin against Me; for if you serve their gods, ^bit will surely be a snare to you."

29 Deut. 7:22

30 Deut. 7:22

31 ¹Lit., Sea of Rands Gen. 15:18; Deut. 1:7, 8, 11, 24; Deut. 2:36; Josh. 21:44; Josh. 24:12, 18

32 ¹Lit., cut Ex. 34:12; Deut. 7:2 Ex. 23:13, 24

33 Deut. 7:1-5, 16 Ex. 34:12; Deut. 12:30; Josh. 23:13; Judg. 2:3; Ps. 108:36

CHAPTER 24

THEN He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, ^bNadab and Abihu and ^cseventy of the elders of Israel, and you shall worship at a distance.

2 "Moses alone, however, shall come near to the LORD, but they shall not come near, nor shall the people come up with him."

3 Then Moses came and recounted to the people all the words of the LORD and all the ¹ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, "All the words which the LORD has spoken we will do!"

4 And ^aMoses wrote down all the words of the LORD. Then he arose early in the morning, and built an ^baltar ¹at the foot of the mountain with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the sons of Israel, ^aand they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD.

6 And ^aMoses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and the other half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 Then he took ^athe book of the covenant and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!"

8 So ^aMoses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold ^bthe blood of the covenant, which the LORD has ¹made with you ²in accordance with all these words."

9 ¶ Then Moses went up ¹with Aaron, ^aNadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

10 and ^athey saw the God of Israel; and under His feet ¹there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, ²as clear as the sky itself.

1 ^aEx. 19:24; ^bEx. 6:23; 28:1; Lev. 10:1, 2; Num. 11:16
3 ¹Or, judgments
^aEx. 19:8; 24:7; Deut. 5:27
4 ¹Lit., under
^aEx. 17:14; 34:27; Deut. 31:9; ^bEx. 17:15
5 ^aEx. 18:12
6 ^aHeb. 9:18
7 ^aEx. 24:4; Heb. 9:19
^aEx. 24:3
8 ¹Lit., cut
²Lit., on all
^aHeb. 9:19, 20
^bZech. 9:11; Matt. 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25; Heb. 13:20
9 ¹Lit., and
^aEx. 24:1
10 ¹Lit., like a pavement
²Lit., and as
^aEx. 24:11; Num. 12:8; Is. 6:5; John 1:18; 6:46
^bEzek. 1:26; 10:1; Rev. 4:3
11 ^aGen. 16:13; 32:30; Ex. 24:10
12 ¹Lit., be
²Lit., and
^aEx. 31:18; 32:15; Deut. 5:22
13 ¹Lit., and
²Or, minister
^aEx. 17:9-14; 33:11; ^bEx. 3:1
14 ¹Lit., is a master of matters
^aGen. 22:5
^bEx. 17:10, 12
15 ^aEx. 19:9
16 ¹Lit., dwell
^aEx. 16:10; Num. 14:10
^bPs. 99:7
17 ^aEx. 3:2; Ezek. 1:28
^bDeut. 4:24; 9:3; Heb. 12:29
18 ¹Lit., and
^aEx. 34:28; Deut. 9:9; 10:10
2 ¹Lit., take
²Or, heave offering
^aEx. 35:4-9
^bEx. 35:21; 1 Chr. 29:3, 5; 9; Ezra 2:68; 2 Cor. 8:11; 12:9:7

11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and ^athey beheld God, and they ate and drank.

12 ¶ Now the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and ¹remain there, and ^aI will give you the stone tablets ²with the law and the commandment which I have written for their instruction."

13 So Moses arose ¹with ^aJoshua his ²servant, and Moses went up to ^bthe mountain of God.

14 But to the elders he said, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, ^bAaron and Hur are with you; whoever ¹has a legal matter, let him approach them."

15 Then Moses went up to the mountain, and ^athe cloud covered the mountain.

16 And ^athe glory of the LORD ¹rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He ^bcalled to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

17 ^aAnd to the eyes of the sons of Israel the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a ^bconsuming fire on the mountain top.

18 And Moses entered the midst of the cloud ¹as he went up to the mountain; and Moses was on the mountain ^aforty days and forty nights.

CHAPTER 25

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Tell the sons of Israel to ¹raise a ²contribution for Me: ^bfrom every man whose heart moves him you shall ¹raise My ²contribution.

3 "And this is the ¹contribution which you are to ²raise from them: gold, silver and bronze,

4 ¹blue, purple and scarlet material, fine linen, goat hair,

3 ¹Or, heave offering ²Lit., take

4 ¹Or, violet ^aEx. 28:5, 6, 8

5 rams' skins dyed red, por-
poise skins, acacia wood,

6 oil for lighting, ^bspices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense.

7 onyx stones and setting stones, for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

8 "And let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them.

9:14 According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it.

10 ¶ And they shall construct an ark of acacia wood two and a half cubits ²long, and one and a half cubits ³wide, and one and a half cubits ⁴high.

11" And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out; you shall overlay it, and you shall make a gold molding 'around it.

12" And you shall cast four gold rings for it, and ¹fasten them on its four feet, and two rings shall be on one side of it and two rings on the other side of it.

13" And you shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

14 And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark with them.

15 "The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it.

16 And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

17 And you shall ⁴make a ¹mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half ²cubits ³long and one and a half cubits ⁴wide.

18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat.

19 "And make one cherub ^{at} one end and one cherub ^{at} the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.

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20 "And the cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and ¹facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the mercy seat.

21 "And ^ayou shall put the mercy seat ^bon top of the ark, and ^cin the ark you shall put the testimony which I shall give to you.

22 "And there I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from ^bbetween the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

23 ¶¹ And you shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits² long and one cubit³ wide and one and a half cubits⁴ high.

24" And you shall overlay it with pure gold and make a gold border around it.

25" And you shall make for it a rim of a handbreadth around it, and you shall make a gold border for the rim around it.

26' And you shall make four gold rings for it and put rings on the four corners which are on its four feet.

27 The rings shall be close to the rim as holders for the poles to carry the table.

28 And you shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, so that with them the table may be carried.

29 And you shall make its ¹calishes and its pans and its jars and its ²bowls, with which to pour libations; you shall make them of pure gold.

30 And you shall set "the bread of the Presence on the table before Me "at all times.

31 ¶ Then you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The

30 47, station 4.6, station level 47.38, Pass
47
30 4.6, Pass 47, continuity 47.38, 47.39, Low
30.5.0
30 47, 37.17-38.1, 38.1, 38.1, 38.1

lampstand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its ¹bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it.

32^a And ^asix branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from its one side, and three branches of the lampstand from its ¹other side.

33^a Three cups shall be shaped like almond blossoms in the one branch, a ¹bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms in the ²other branch, a ¹bulb and a flower—so for six branches going out from the lampstand;

34 and ^ain the lampstand four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its ¹bulbs and its flowers.

35^a And a ¹bulb shall be under the *first* pair of branches coming out of it, and a ¹bulb under the *second* pair of branches coming out of it, and a ¹bulb under the *third* pair of branches coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

36^a Their ¹bulbs and their branches shall be of one piece with it; all of it shall be one piece of hammered work of pure gold.

37^a Then you shall make its lamps seven in number; and ^athey shall ¹mount its lamps so as to shed light on the space in front of it.

38^a And its snuffers and ¹their trays shall be of pure gold.

39^a It shall be made from a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.

40^a And ^asee that you make *them* ^bafter the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.

CHAPTER 26

66^a **M**OREOVER you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twisted linen and ¹blue and purple and scarlet material; you shall make

31 ¹Or, calyx

32 ¹Lit., second

33 ¹Or, calyx ²Lit., one branch

34 ¹Or, calyxes

35 ¹Or, calyx

36 ¹Or, calyxes

37 ¹Lit., raise up

38 ¹Lit., its snuff dishes

40 ¹Lit., 8:5

1 ¹Or, violet

2 ¹Lit., one cubit equals approx. 18 in

3 ¹Or, coupled

4 ¹Or, violet ²Lit., one curtain from the end in the coupling

5 ¹Lit., end

6 ¹Or, couple ²Or, dwelling place, and so throughout the ch.

7 ¹Ex. 36:14

8 ¹Lit., one cubit equals approx. 18 in

9 ¹Or, couple ²Lit., toward the front of the face of the tent

10 ¹Lit., one curtain ²Lit., coupling

11 ¹Or, copper ²Or, couple ³Lit., one

them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

2^a The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight ¹cubits and the width of each curtain four ¹cubits; all the curtains shall have ²the same measurements.

3^a Five curtains shall be ¹joined to one another; and *the other* five curtains shall be ¹joined to one another.

4^a And you shall make loops of ¹blue on the edge of the ²outermost curtain in the *first* set, and likewise you shall make *them* on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second ³set.

5^a You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the ¹edge of the curtain that is in the second ²set; the loops shall be opposite each other.

6^a And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and ¹join the curtains to one another with the clasps, that the ²tabernacle may be a unit.

7 ^a Then ^ayou shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains in all.

8^a The length of each curtain shall be thirty ¹cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have ²the same measurements.

9^a And you shall ¹join five curtains by themselves, and the *other* six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain ²at the front of the tent.

10^a And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the ¹curtain that is outermost in the *first* ²set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second ²set.

11^a And you shall make fifty clasps of ¹bronze, and you shall put the clasps into the loops and ²join the tent together, that it may be ³a unit.

12" And the ¹overlapping part that is left over in the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that is left over, shall lap over the back of the tabernacle.

13" And the cubit on one side and the cubit on the other, of what is left over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall lap over the sides of the tabernacle on one side and on the other, to cover it.

14" And ^ayou shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins ¹died red, and a covering of porpoise skins above.

15 ¶" Then you shall make ^athe boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright.

16" Ten cubits shall be the length of ¹each board, and one and a half cubits the width of each board.

17" There shall be two tenons for each board, ¹fitted to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle.

18" And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards ¹for the south side.

19" And you shall make forty ¹sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two ¹sockets under one board for its two tenons and two ¹sockets under another board for its two tenons;

20 and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards,

21 and their forty ¹sockets of silver; two ¹sockets under one board and two ¹sockets under another board.

22" And for the ¹rear of the tabernacle, to the west, you shall make six boards.

23" And you shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the ¹rear.

24" And they shall be double beneath, and together they shall be complete ¹to its top ²to the first ¹ring; thus it shall be with both of

12 ¹Lit., excess

14 ¹Or, tanned
^aEx. 36:19

15 ^aEx. 36:20-34

16 ¹Lit., the

17 ¹Lit., bound

18 ¹Lit., toward the side of the Neger to the south

19 ¹Or, bases
^aEx. 38:27

21 ¹Or, bases

22 ¹Lit., extreme parts

23 ¹Lit., extreme parts

24 ¹Or, at its head ^aOr, with reference to

25 ¹Or, bases

26 ^aEx. 36:31

27 ¹Lit., second ²Lit., extreme parts

28 ¹Lit., midst

29 ^aEx. 25:9, 40; Acts 7:44; Heb. 8:5

31 ¹Or, violet
^aEx. 36:35, 36; 2 Chr. 3:14; Matt. 27:51; Heb. 9:3

32 ¹Lit., put
^aOr, bases

33 ¹Lit., put
²Lit., separate for you between
^aEx. 25:16, 40:21; Heb. 9:21

34 ^aEx. 25:21, 40:20; Lev. 16:2

35 ^aEx. 40:22; ^bEx. 40:24

them: they shall form the two corners.

25" And there shall be eight boards with their ¹sockets of silver, sixteen ¹sockets; two ¹sockets under one board and two ¹sockets under another board.

26 ¶" Then you shall make ^abars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle.

27 and five bars for the boards of the ¹other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the ²rear side to the west.

28" And the middle bar in the ¹center of the boards shall pass through from end to end.

29" And you shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold.

30" Then you shall erect the tabernacle ^aaccording to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.

31 ¶" And you shall make ^aa veil of ¹blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

32" And you shall ¹hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks also being of gold, on four ²sockets of silver.

33" And you shall ¹hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in ^athe ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall ²serve for you as a partition ^bbetween the holy place and the holy of holies.

34" And ^ayou shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies.

35" And ^ayou shall set the table outside the veil, and the ^blampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

36 ¶ And ^ayou shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of ¹blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a ²weaver.

37 And ^ayou shall make five pillars of acacia for the screen, and overlay them with gold, their hooks also being of gold; and you shall cast five ¹sockets of ²bronze for them.

CHAPTER 27

“AND you shall make ^athe altar of acacia wood, five ¹cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits.

2 And you shall make ^aits horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with ¹bronze.

3 And you shall make its pails for removing its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze.

4 And you shall make for it a grating of network of bronze, and on the net you shall make four bronze rings ¹at its four corners.

5 And you shall put it beneath, under the ledge of the altar, that the net may reach halfway up the altar.

6 And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.

7 And its poles shall be inserted into the rings, so that the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar ^awhen it is carried.

8 You shall make it hollow with planks; ^aas it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make it.

9 ¶ And you shall make ^athe court of the ¹tabernacle. ²On the south side there shall be hangings for the court of fine twisted linen one hundred cubits long for one side;

36 ¹Or, violet ²Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors
^aEx. 36:37

37 ¹Or, bases ²Or, copper
^aEx. 36:38

1 ¹Lit., One cubit equals approx. 18 in
^aEx. 38:1-7

2 ¹Or, copper, and so for bronze throughout the ch
^aPs. 118:27

4 ¹Lit., on

7 ^aNum. 4:15

8 ^aEx. 25:40; 26:30; Acts 7:44; Heb. 8:5

9 ¹Or, dwelling place ²Lit., For the side of the Neger to the south
^aEx. 38:9-20

10 ¹Or, bases ²Or, fillets, rings

11 ¹Or, bases

12 ¹Or, bases

13 ¹Lit., east side eastward

14 ¹Lit., shoulder ²Or, bases

15 ¹Lit., second ²Lit., shoulder ³Or, bases

16 ¹Or, violet ²Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors ³Or, bases

17 ¹Or, bases

18 ¹Or, bases

20 ¹Or, luminary ²Lit., ascend
^aEx. 35:8, 28; Lev. 24:1-4

10 and its pillars shall be twenty, with their twenty ¹sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their ²bands shall be of silver.

11 And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long, and its twenty pillars with their twenty ¹sockets of bronze the hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be of silver.

12 And for the width of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits with their ten pillars and their ten ¹sockets.

13 And the width of the court on the ¹east side shall be fifty cubits.

14 The hangings for the one ¹side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits with their three pillars and their three ²sockets.

15 And for the ¹other ²side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits with their three pillars and their three ³sockets.

16 And for the gate of the court there shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of ¹blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a ²weaver, with their four pillars and their four ³sockets.

17 All the pillars around the court shall be furnished with silver bands with their hooks of silver and their ¹sockets of bronze.

18 The length of the court shall be one hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their ¹sockets of bronze.

19 All the utensils of the tabernacle used in all its service, and all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, shall be of bronze.

20 ¶ And you shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you ^aclear oil of beaten olives for the ¹light, to make a lamp ²burn continually.

21 "In the ^atent of meeting, outside ^bthe veil which is before the testimony, ^cAaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; it shall be a perpetual ^dstatute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 28

6 "THEN ^abring near to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, to minister as priest to Me—Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.

2 "And you shall make ^aholy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

3 "And you shall speak to all the ^askillful persons ^bwhom I have endowed with ²the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me.

4 "And these are the garments which they shall make: a ^abreastpiece and an ephod and a robe and a tunic of checkered work, a turban and a sash, and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister as priest to Me.

5 "And they shall take ^athe gold and the ¹blue and the purple and the scarlet material and the fine linen.

6 "They shall also make ^athe ephod of gold, of ¹blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of the skillful workman.

7 "It shall have two shoulder pieces joined to its two ends, that it may be joined.

8 "And the skillfully woven band, which is on it, shall be like its workmanship, ¹of the same material: of gold, of ²blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen.

21 ¹Lat., from
Ex. 25:22;
29:42; 30:36
Ex. 28:31, 33
Ex. 28:32;
1 Sam. 3:3;
2 Chr. 13:11
Ex. 28:43;
29:9; Lev.
3:17, 18:24;
Num. 18:23;
19:21; 1 Sam.
30:25

1 ¹Num.
18:7; Ps. 99:6;
Heb. 5:1, 4
Ex. 24:1, 9
2 ²Ex. 29:5;
29:31, 10;
30:1-31; Lev.
8:7-9, 30

3 ¹Lat.,
wise of heart
i.e., artistic
skill
Ex. 31:6;
35:25, 31:35;
36:1 ¹Ex.
31:3, is 11:2;
1 Cor. 12:7;
11; Eph. 1:17

4 ¹Or.
pouch
Ex. 28:15-43

5 ¹Or. violet
Ex. 25:3

6 ¹Or. violet
Ex. 28:7;
Lev. 8:7

7 ¹Lat.,
from 11 ¹Or.
violet

8 ¹Lat., see
and

11 ¹Lat., A
work of a
lapidary, en-
gravings of a
seal ¹Lat.
make them to
be sur-
rounded

13 ¹Ex.
28:29; 39:6;
Ex. 39:7;
Lev. 24:7;
Num. 31:34;
Josh. 4:7;
1 Cor. 11:24

15 ¹Ex.
29:16-18

16 ¹Or.
pouch ¹Or.
violet

Ex. 39:8-21
16 ¹Lat., is

17 ¹Lat., set
in a setting
of stones,
four rows of
stones

20 ¹Lat., in-
terwoven
with gold in
their settings

21 ¹Heb.
7:4-8; 21:12

9 "And you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,

10 six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the ¹other stone, according to their birth.

11 "As a jeweler engraves a signet, you shall engrave the two stones according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall ²set them in filigree settings of gold.

12 "And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall ^abear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders ^bfor a memorial.

13 "And you shall make filigree settings of gold,

14 and two chains of pure gold; you shall make them of twisted cordage work, and you shall put the corded chains on the filigree settings.

15 "And ^ayou shall make a ¹breastpiece of judgment, the work of a skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, of ²blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen you shall make it.

16 "It shall be square and folded double, a span ¹in length and a span ¹in width.

17 "And you shall ¹mount on it four rows of stones; the first row shall be a row of ruby, topaz and emerald;

18 and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

19 and the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst;

20 and the fourth row a beryl and an onyx and a jasper, they shall be ¹set in gold filigree.

21 "And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; they shall be like the engravings of a seal, each ^aaccording to his name for the twelve tribes.

22^aAnd you shall make on the ¹breastpiece chains of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

23^aAnd you shall make on the breastpiece two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

24^aAnd you shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

25^aAnd you shall put the ^{other} two ends of the two cords on the two filigree settings, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, at the front of it.

26^aAnd you shall make two rings of gold and shall place them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge of it, which is toward the inner side of the ephod.

27^aAnd you shall make two rings of gold and put them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it close to the place where it is joined, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod.

28^aAnd they shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a ¹blue cord, that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece may not come loose from the ephod.

29^aAnd Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30^aAnd ^ayou shall put in the breastpiece of judgment the ^{1b}Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

31 ¶^aAnd you shall make the robe of the ephod all of ¹blue.

32^aAnd there shall be an opening ¹at its top in the middle of it; around its opening there shall be

22 ¹Or, pouch, and so through v. 30

28 ¹Or, violet

30 ¹He, lights and perfections
*Lev. 8:8
*Num. 27:21
Deut. 33:8
Ezra 2:63
Neh. 7:65

31 ¹Or, violet
*Ex. 39:22-26

32 ¹Or, for his head

33 ¹Lit., for ministering
*Lit., its sound
*Lit., comes out from

36 *Ex. 39:30, 31,
Lev. 8:9
*Zech. 14:20

37 ¹Lit., place
*Or, violet

38 ¹Or, bear
*Lev. 10:17,
22:18, Num. 18:1
*Lev. 1:4, 22:27,
23:11; Is. 56:7

39 ¹Lit., variegator; i.e., a weaver in colors
*Ex. 39:27-29

40 ¹Lit., headgear
*Ex. 28:4,
39:27, 41
*Ex. 29:9, 39:28;
Lev. 8:13;
Ezek. 44:18

41 ¹Lit., fill their hand
*Ex. 29:7, 9;
30:30, 40:15;
Lev. 8:1-38;
10:7

42 ¹Lit., be
*Ex. 39:28;
Lev. 6:10;
16:4; Ezek. 44:18

a binding of woven work, as it were the opening of a coat of mail, that it may not be torn.

33^aAnd you shall make on it hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet material, all around on its hem, and bells of gold between them all around:

34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, all around on the hem of the robe.

35^aAnd it shall be on Aaron ¹when he ministers; and ²its tinkling may be heard when he enters and ³leaves the holy place before the LORD, that he may not die.

36 ¶^aYou shall also make ^aa plate of pure gold and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, ^bHoly to the LORD.

37^aAnd you shall ¹fasten it on a ²blue cord, and it shall be on the turban; it shall be at the front of the turban.

38^aAnd it shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall ¹take away the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel consecrate, with regard to all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that ^bthey may be accepted before the LORD.

39^aAnd you shall weave ^athe tunic of checkered work of fine linen, and shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of a ¹weaver.

40 ¶^aAnd for Aaron's sons you shall make ^atunics; you shall also make sashes for them, and you shall make ^{1b}caps for them, for glory and for beauty.

41^aAnd you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall ^aanoint them and ¹ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.

42^aAnd you shall make for them ^alinen breeches to cover ^{their} bare flesh; they shall ¹reach from the loins even to the thighs

43 "And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they enter the tent of meeting, or ^awhen they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not incur ¹guilt and die. ^bIt shall be a statute forever to him and to his ²descendants after him.

CHAPTER 29

66 ^aNOW this is ¹what you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to Me: take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

2 and ^aunleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil; you shall make them of fine wheat flour.

3 "And you shall put them in one basket, and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams.

4 "Then ^ayou shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water.

5 "And you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the ^atunic and ^bthe robe of the ephod and ^cthe ephod and ^dthe breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully ^awoven band of the ephod;

6 and you shall set the ^aturban on his head, and put ^bthe holy crown on the turban.

7 "Then you shall take ^athe anointing oil, and pour it on his head and anoint him.

8 "And you shall bring his sons and put ^atunics on them.

9 "And you shall gird them with ^asashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind ¹caps on them, and they shall have ^bthe priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall ²ordain Aaron and his sons.

10 "Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall ^alay their hands on the head of the bull.

43 ¹Or, iniquity ²Lit., seed
^aEx 20:28
^bEx 27:21

1 ¹Lit., the thing which
^aLev 8:1-34

2 ¹Or, anointed
^aLev 2:4
6:19-23

4 ^aEx 40:12, Lev 8:6

5 ¹Or, pouch
^aEx 28:39;
Lev 8:7 ^bEx 28:31 ^cEx 28:6 ^dEx 28:15
28:8

6 ^aEx 28:4, 39 ^bEx 28:36, 37, Lev 8:9

7 ^aEx 30:25, Lev 8:12, 21:10, Num 35:25, Ps 133:2

8 ^aEx 28:39, 40, Lev 8:13

9 ¹Lit., headgear
²Lit., All the hand of
^aEx 28:40
^bEx 40:15, Num 3:10, 18:7, 25:13, Deut 18:5
^cEx 28:41, Lev 8:1-36

10 ^aLev 14, 8:14

12 ^aLev 8:15 ^bEx 27:2, 30:2

13 ¹Or, up-
pendage on
^aLev 3:3, 4

14 ^aLev 4:11, 12, 21, Heb 13:11

15 ^aLev 8:18

17 ¹Lit., on
²Lit., on its

18 ^aGen. 8:21, Ex. 29:25

19 ¹Lit., sec-
ond
^aLev. 8:22f.

21 ^aEx 30:25, 31, Lev. 8:30

11 "And you shall slaughter the bull before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

12 "And you shall ^atake some of the blood of the bull and put it on ^bthe horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.

13 "And you shall ^atake all the fat that covers the entrails and the ¹lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and offer them up in smoke on the altar.

14 "But ^athe flesh of the bull and its hide and its refuse, you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.

15 "You shall also take the one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram;

16 and you shall slaughter the ram and shall take its blood and sprinkle it around on the altar.

17 "Then you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put ^athem with its pieces and ²its head.

18 "And you shall offer up in smoke the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to the LORD: ^ait is a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

19 "Then ^ayou shall take the ¹other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram.

20 "And you shall slaughter the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobes of his sons' right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and sprinkle the ^arest of the blood around on the altar.

21 "Then you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the ^aanointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him; so

he and his garments shall be consecrated, as well as his sons and his sons' garments with him.

22 "You shall also take the fat from the ram and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails and the ¹lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them and the right thigh (for it is a ram of ²ordination),

23 and one cake of bread and ^aone cake of bread mixed with oil and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread which is set before the LORD;

24 and you shall put ¹all these ²in the ³hands of Aaron and ²in the ³hands of his sons, and shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.

25 "And ^ayou shall take them from their hands, and offer them up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering for a soothing aroma before the LORD; it is an offering by fire to the LORD.

26 ¶ "Then you shall take ^athe breast of Aaron's ram of ¹ordination, and wave it as a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion.

27 "And you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering which was waved and which was ¹offered from the ram of ²ordination, from the one which was for Aaron and from the one which was for his sons.

28 "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons as *their* portion forever from the sons of Israel, for it is a heave offering; and it shall be a heave offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, even their heave offering to the LORD.

29 ¶ "And ^athe holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, ¹that in them they may be anointed and ordained.

30 "For seven days the one of his sons who is priest in his stead shall put them on when he enters

22 ¹Or, appendage on ²Lit., filling

23 ^aLev. 8:26

24 ¹Lit., the whole ²Lit., on ³Lit., palms

25 ^aLev. 8:28

26 ¹Lit., filling ^aLev. 7:31, 34, 8:29

27 ¹Lit., heaved, or, lifted up ²Lit., filling

28 ¹Lit., for anointing in them and filling their hand in them ^aNum. 20:26, 28

31 ¹Lit., filling ^aLev. 8:31

33 ¹Lit., them ²Lit., to fill their hand to sanctify them ³Lit., stranger ^aLev. 10:14 ^bLev. 22:10, 13

34 ¹Lit., filling ^aEx. 12:10, 23:18, 34:25; ^bLev. 8:32

35 ¹Lit., fill their hand ^aLev. 8:33

36 ¹Or, offer a sin offering on the altar ²Lit., upon ^aHeb. 10:11 ^bEx. 40:10

37 ¹Lit., upon ^aEx. 30:28f.

38 ^aNum. 28:3-31; 29:6-38

39 ¹Lit., second ²Lit., between the two evenings ^aEzek. 46:13-15

41 ¹Lit., second ²Lit., between the two evenings ³Lit., according to the grain offering of the morning ^aLit., according to its

the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.

31 ¶ "And you shall take the ram of ¹ordination and ^aboil its flesh in a holy place.

32 "And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

33 "Thus ^athey shall eat ¹those things by which atonement was made ²at their ordination and consecration; but a ³blayman shall not eat *them*, because they are holy.

34 "And ^aif any of the flesh of ¹ordination or any of the bread remains until morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

35 ¶ "And thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you; you shall ¹ordain them through ^aseven days.

36 "And ^aeach day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement, and you shall ¹purify the altar when you make atonement ²for it; and ^byou shall anoint it to consecrate it.

37 "For seven days you shall make atonement ¹for the altar and consecrate it; then ^athe altar shall be most holy, and whatever touches the altar shall be holy.

38 ¶ "Now ^athis is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously.

39 "The ^aone lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the ¹other lamb you shall offer at ²twilight;

40 and there shall be one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a libation with one lamb.

41 "And the ¹other lamb you shall offer at ²twilight, and shall offer with it ³the same grain offering as the morning and ⁴the

same libation, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

42 "It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

43 "And I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory.

44 "And I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me.

45 "And I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

46 "And they shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 30

66 **M**OREOVER, you shall make an altar as a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.

2 "Its length shall be a cubit, and its width a cubit, it shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits; its horns shall be of one piece with it.

3 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding all around for it.

4 "And you shall make two gold rings for it under its molding; you shall make them on its two side walls—on opposite sides—and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it.

5 "And you shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

6 "And you shall put this altar in front of the veil that is near the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is over

42 *Ex. 25:22; Num. 17:4

46 *Ex. 25:8; Lev. 26:12; Num. 3:3; Deut. 12:11; Zech. 2:10; 2 Cor. 6:18; Rev. 21:3

46 *Ex. 20:2

1 *Ex. 37:25-29

2 11 e. One cubit equals approx. 18 in. 11 Lit. from it self

3 11 Lit. walls

4 11 Lit. its two 11 Lit. it

6 11 Lit. it 11 Lit. upon, or over 11 Lit. propitiatory *Ex. 25:21 f

8 11 Lit. causes to ascend 11 Lit. between the two evenings

9 11 Lit. it

10 *Lev. 16:18

12 11 Lit. sum 11 Lit. for their being mustered 11 Lit. his soul 11 Lit. muster *Ex. 38:25, 26; Num. 1:2, 26-2 *Num. 31:50

13 11 Lit. passes over to those who are mustered 11 Lit. have offering *Lev. 27:25; Num. 3:47; Ezek. 45:12

14 11 v. 13, note 1 11 Lit. have offering of the LORD

15 11 Lit. have offering of the LORD 11 Lit. your souls

the ark of the testimony, where I will meet with you.

7 "And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps.

8 "And when Aaron trims the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense. There shall be perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

9 "You shall not offer any strange incense on this altar, or burnt offering or meal offering; and you shall not pour out a libation on it.

10 "And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year; he shall make atonement on it with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once a year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD."

11 ¶ The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "When you take a census of the sons of Israel to number them, then each one of them shall give a ransom for himself to the LORD, when you number them, that there may be no plague among them when you number them.

13 "This is what everyone who is numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as a contribution to the LORD.

14 "Everyone who is numbered, from twenty years old and over, shall give the contribution to the LORD.

15 "The rich shall not pay more, and the poor shall not pay less than the half shekel, when you give the contribution to the LORD to make atonement for yourselves.

16 "And you shall take the atonement money from the sons of Israel, and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may be a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD, to

make atonement for 'your-selves."

17 ¶ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "You shall also make ^aa laver of 'bronze, with its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall ^bput it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.

19 "And Aaron and his sons shall ^awash their hands and their feet from it;

20 when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they may not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire sacrifice to the LORD.

21 "So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they may not die; and ^ait shall be a perpetual statute for them, for ¹Aaron and his ²descendants throughout their generations."

22 ¶ Moreover, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 "Take also for yourself the finest of spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred and fifty, and of fragrant cane two hundred and fifty,

24 and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin.

25 "And you shall make ¹of these a holy anointing oil, a perfume mixture, the work of a perfumer; it shall be ^aa holy anointing oil.

26 "And with it ^ayou shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony,

27 and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense,

28 and the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand.

29 "You shall also consecrate them, that they may be most

¹⁶ ¹Lit.,
your souls

¹⁸ ¹Or, cop-
per
^aEx. 38:8 ^aEx.
40:30

¹⁹ ^aEx.
40:31 f. 1s
32:11

²¹ ¹Lit., him
²Lit., seed
^aEx. 28:43

²⁵ ¹Lit., if
^aEx. 37:29;
40:9; Lev
8:10

²⁶ ^aEx. 40:9;
Lev. 8:10;
Num. 7:1

³⁰ ^aEx. 29:7;
Lev. 8:12

³² ¹Lit., the
flesh of man
²Lit., its pro-
portion
^aEx. 30:25, 37

³³ ¹Lit.,
stranger ²Lit.,
even he shall
^aEx. 30:38
^bGen. 17:14;
Ex. 12:15;
Lev. 7:20f

³⁶ ^aEx.
29:42

³⁷ ¹Lit., its
proportion
^aEx. 30:32

³⁸ ¹Lit.,
smell of it
²Lit., even he
shall
^aEx. 30:33

¹ ^aEx.
35:30-36:1

² ^a1 Chr.
2:20

³ ¹Or,
workmanship
^aEx. 35:31;
^b1 Kin. 7:14;
^c1 Cor. 12:4-8

holy; whatever touches them shall be holy.

30 "And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me.

31 "And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.

32 'It shall not be poured on ¹anyone's body, nor shall you make any like it, in ²the same proportions; ^ait is holy, and it shall be holy to you.

33 "Whoever shall mix any like it, or whoever puts any of it on a ¹layman, ²shall be cut off from his people.' "

34 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take for yourself spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, spices with pure frankincense; there shall be an equal part of each.

35 "And with it you shall make incense, a perfume, the work of a perfumer, salted, pure, and holy.

36 "And you shall beat some of it very fine, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting, ^awhere I shall meet with you; it shall be most holy to you.

37 "And the incense which you shall make, ^ayou shall not make in ¹the same proportions for yourselves; it shall be holy to you for the LORD.

38 "Whoever shall make any like it, to ¹use as perfume, ²shall be cut off from his people."

CHAPTER 31

^a NOW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel, the ^ason of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

3 "And I have ^afilled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *kinds* of ¹craftsmanship,

4 to ¹make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in ²bronze,

5 and in the cutting of stones ³for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of ²craftsmanship.

6 "And behold, I Myself have ⁴appointed with him ⁵Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are ²skillful I have put ³skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you:

7 ⁶the tent of meeting, and ⁷the ark of testimony, and ⁸the ¹mercy seat upon it, and all the furniture of the tent,

8 ⁹the table also and its ¹utensils, and the ²pure gold lampstand with all its ¹utensils, and ³the altar of incense,

9 ⁴the altar of burnt offering also with all its ¹utensils, and ²the laver and its stand,

10 the ¹woven garments as well, and the holy garments for ²Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, with which to ³carry on their priesthood;

11 ⁴the anointing oil also, and ⁵the ⁶fragrant incense for the holy place, they are to make them according to all that I have commanded you."

12 ⁷And the LORD spoke to ⁸Moses, saying,

13 "But as for you, speak to the ⁹sons of Israel, saying, ¹⁰"You shall ¹¹surely observe My sabbaths; for ¹²this is ¹³a sign between Me and ¹⁴you throughout your generations, that you may know that I ¹⁵am the LORD who sanctifies you.

14 ¹⁶Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to ¹⁷you. ¹⁸Everyone who profanes it ¹⁹shall surely be put to death; for ²⁰whoever does any work on it, ²¹that person shall be cut off from ²²among his people.

15 ²³For six days work may be ²⁴done, but on the seventh day ²⁵there is a ²⁶sabbath of complete ²⁷rest, holy to the LORD; ²⁸whoever

4 ¹Lat., device devices
²Or, copper
5 ¹Lat., to fill in (for a setting)
²Or, workmanship

6 ¹Lat., given
²Or, ¹Lat., wise of heart
²Lat., wisdom
³Ex 35:34

7 ¹Lat., prophetic
²Ex 36:8-38
³Ex 37:1-5
⁴Ex 37:6-9

8 ¹Or, vessels
²Ex 37:10-16
³Ex 37:17-24
⁴Lev 24:4
⁵Ex 37:25-29

9 ¹Or, vessels
²Ex 38:1-7
³Ex 38:8

10 ¹Or, service garments
²Lat., minister as priests
³Ex 39:1

11 ¹Ex 30:23-32
²Ex 30:34-38
12 ¹Ex 20:8
²Ex 31:17
³Ex 20:12, 20

14 ¹Ex 31:15, 35:2, Num. 15:32, 35, John 7:23

15 ¹Ex 20:9
11, 23, 12, 34, 21, 35, 2, Lev 23:3, Deut. 5:12-14
²Gen. 2:2, Ex 16:23, 20:8, 35:2, 3
³Ex 31:14

16 ¹Lat., do
17 ¹Ex 31:13, Ezek 20:12
²Gen. 1:31, 2:2, 3, Ex 20:11

18 ¹Ex 24:12, 34:28, Deut. 4:13, 5:22, 9:10
²Ex 32:15, 16, 34:1, 28, Deut. 9:10

1 ¹Or, gods
²Ex 24:18, Deut. 9:11, 12
³Acts 7:40
⁴Ex 14:11

2 ¹Ex 35:22

4 ¹Or, These are your gods
²Deut. 9:16, Neh. 9:18, Ps 106:19, Acts 7:41

6 ¹Acts 7:41

does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death.

16 ¹So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to ²celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant."

17 ³"It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; ⁴for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased ⁵from labor, and was refreshed."

18 ⁶And when He had finished speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, He gave Moses ⁷the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, ⁸written by the finger of God.

CHAPTER 32

NOW when the people saw that Moses ¹delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron, and said to him, "Come, ²make us ³a god who will go before us; as for ⁴this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

2 And Aaron said to them, ¹"Tear off the gold rings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring ²them to me."

3 Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears, and brought ¹them to Aaron.

4 And he took ¹this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made it into a ²molten calf; and they said, ³"This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."

5 Now when Aaron saw ¹this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, ²"Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD."

6 So the next day they rose early and ¹offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and

the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

8 "They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!'"

9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, they are an obstinate people.

10 "Now then let Me alone, that My anger may burn against them, and that I may destroy them; and I will make of you a great nation."

11 Then Moses entreated the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why doth Thine anger burn against Thy people whom Thou hast brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

12 "Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, 'With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Thy burning anger and change Thy mind about doing harm to Thy people.

13 "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants to whom Thou didst swear by Thyself, and didst say to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

14 So the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.

15 Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain

8:1 Cor. 10:7; Ex. 32:17-19; Num. 25:2

7:1 Lit., go down
Ex. 32:4, 11; Deut. 9:12; Gen. 6:11f.

8:1 Or, These are your gods
Ex. 20:3, 4, 23; Ex. 22:20, 34, 15; Deut. 32:17; 1 Kin. 12:28

9:1 Or, a stiff-necked
Num. 14:11, 20; Ex. 33:3, 5, 34:9, 15; 48:4; Acts 7:51

10: Deut. 9:14; Num. 14:12

11: Deut. 9:18, 26

12: Num. 14:13-19; Deut. 9:28; Josh. 7:9

13:1 Lit., seed
Gen. 22:16-18; Heb. 6:13; Gen. 15:5, 26:4; Gen. 12:7, 13:15, 15:18, 17:8, 35:12; Ex. 13:5, 11, 33:1

14: Ps. 106:45

15:1 Lit., their sides
Deut. 9:15; Ex. 31:18

17:1 Lit., in its shouting

18:1 Lit., he
Lit., beneath
Ex. 32:8; Deut. 9:16; Deut. 9:17

20: Deut. 9:21

22:1 Lit., in evil
Deut. 9:24

23:1 Or, gods
Ex. 32:1-4

24: Ex. 32:4

25:1 Lit., let loose

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with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets which were written on both sides; they were written on one side and the other.

16 And the tablets were God's work, and the writing was God's writing engraved on the tablets.

17 Now when Joshua heard the sound of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a sound of war in the camp."

18 But he said,

"It is not the sound of the cry of triumph,

Nor is it the sound of the cry of defeat;

But the sound of singing I hear."

19 And it came about, as soon as Moses came near the camp that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain.

20 And he took the calf which they had made and burned it with fire, and ground it to powder, and scattered it over the surface of the water, and made the sons of Israel drink it.

21 Then Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you, that you have brought such great sin upon them?"

22 And Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord burn; you know the people yourself, that they are prone to evil.

23 "For they said to me, 'Make a god for us who will go before us; for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'

24 "And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them tear it off.' So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf."

25 Then now when Moses saw that the people were out of con-

rol—for Aaron had ^alet them get out of control to be a derision among ³their enemies—

26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered together to him.

27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor."

28 So ^athe sons of Levi did ^{1a}as Moses instructed, and about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

29 Then Moses said, "Dedicate yourselves today to the LORD—for every man has been against his son and against his brother—in order that He may bestow a blessing upon you today."

30 ¶ And it came about on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the LORD, perhaps I can ^bmake atonement for your sin."

31 Then Moses returned to the LORD, and said, "Alas, this people has ¹committed a great sin, and they have made ^{2a} a god of gold for themselves.

32 "But now, if Thou wilt, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Thy ^abook which Thou hast written!"

33 And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, ^aI will blot him out of My book.

34 "But go now, lead the people ^awhere I told you. Behold, ^bMy angel shall go before you; nevertheless ^cin the day when I ¹punish, ^dI will ²punish them for their sin."

26 ¹Lit., go loose ²Lit., those who rise against them
*1 Kin. 12:28-30; 14:16

27 ¹Or, in

28 ¹Lit., according to Moses' word
*Num. 25:7; 13; Deut. 33:9

29 ¹Lit., Fill your hand

30 ¹Lit., sinned
*1 Sam. 12:20, 23
*Num. 25:13

31 ¹Lit., sinned ²Or, made
*Ex. 20:23

32 *Ps. 69:28, 16:43; Dan. 12:1; Mal. 3:16, 17; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 3:5, 21:27

33 *Ex. 17:14; Deut. 29:20; Ps. 9:5; Rev. 3:5

34 ¹Lit., visit ²Lit., visit their sin upon them
*Ex. 3:17; *Deut. 23:20; Rom. 2:5, 8; *Ps. 99:8

35 *Ex. 32:28; *Ex. 32:4, 24

1 ¹Lit., need
*Ex. 32:13
*Gen. 26:1-3
*Gen. 28:10
*Gen. 12:7

2 *Ex. 32:34; *Ex. 23:27, 31; Josh. 24:11

3 ¹Lit., a stiff-necked
*Ex. 3:8, 17
*Ex. 32:9; 33:5; *Ex. 32:10

4 ¹Lit., evil
*Num. 14:1, 39

5 ¹Lit., a stiff-necked
*Ex. 33:3

7 *Ex. 16:7, 12-16; *Ex. 29:42f

35 ^aThen the LORD smote the people, because of ^bwhat they did with the calf which Aaron had made.

CHAPTER 33

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, "Depart, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land of which ^aI swore to Abraham, ^bIsaac, and ^cJacob, saying, '^dTo your ¹descendants I will give it.'

2 "And I will send ^aan angel before you and ^bI will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

3 "Go up to a land ^aflowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, because you are ^{1b}an obstinate people, lest ^cI destroy you on the way."

4 When the people heard this ¹sad word, ^athey went into mourning, and none of them put on his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are ^{1a}an obstinate people; should I go up in your midst for one moment, I would destroy you. Now therefore, put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what I will do with you.'"

6 So the sons of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from Mount Horeb onward.

7 ¶ Now Moses used to take ^athe tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And it came about, that ^beveryone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.

8 And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent.

9 And it came about, whenever Moses entered the tent, ^athe pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; ^band ¹the LORD would speak with Moses.

10 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.

11 Thus ^athe LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When ¹Moses returned to the camp, ^bhis servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

12 ¶ Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, Thou dost say to me, '^aBring up this people!' But Thou Thyself hast not let me know ^bwhom Thou wilt send with me. ^cMoreover, Thou hast said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.'

13 "Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favor in Thy sight, ^alet me know Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favor in Thy sight. ^bConsider too, that this nation is Thy people."

14 And He said, "^aMy presence shall go with you, and ^bI will give you rest."

15 Then he said to Him, "^aIf Thy presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here.

16 "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Thy sight, I and Thy people? Is it not by Thy going with us, so that ^awe, I and Thy people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the ¹earth?"

17 ¶ And the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; ^afor you have found favor in My sight, and I have known you by name."

9 ¹Lit., he
^aEx. 13:21
^bPs. 99:7

11 ¹Lit., he
^aNum. 12:8
^bDeut. 34:10
^cEx. 24:13

12 ^aEx. 3:10;
32:34 ^bEx.
33:2 ^cEx.
33:17

13 ^aPs. 25:4;
27:11, 51:13;
86:11, 119:33
^bEx. 3:7, 10;
5:1, 32:12, 14;
Deut. 9:28, 29

14 ^aDeut.
4:37, 1s. 63:9
^bDeut. 12:10;
25:19, Josh.
21:44, 22:4

15 ^aPs. 80:3,
7, 19

16 ¹Lit.,
ground
^aLev. 20:24,
26

17 ^aEx.
33:12

18 ¹Lit., he
^aEx. 33:20-23

19 ^aEx. 34:6,
7 ^bRom. 9:15

20 ^a1s. 6:5;
1 Tim. 6:16

21 ¹Lit.,
with
^aPs. 18:2, 46;
27:5, 61:2;
62:7

22 ^aPs. 91:1,
4, 1s. 49:2,
51:16

23 ^aEx.
33:20, John
1:18

1 ^aEx.
24:12, 31:18;
32:16, 19
^bDeut. 10:2, 4

2 ¹Or,
place your-
self before
^aEx. 19:11,
18, 20

3 ¹Lit., on
all
^aEx. 19:12, 13

4 ^aEx. 34:1

5 ^aEx. 19:9;
33:9

18 ^aThen ¹Moses said, "I pray Thee, show me Thy glory!"

19 And He said, "^aI Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you and ^bI will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."

20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, ^afor no man can see Me and live!"

21 Then the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place ¹by Me, and ^ayou shall stand there on the rock;

22 and it will come about while My glory is passing by that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and ^acover you with My hand until I have passed by.

23 "Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back but ^aMy face shall not be seen.

CHAPTER 34

NOW the LORD said to Moses, "Cut out for yourself ^atwo stone tablets like the former ones, and ^bI will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered.

2 "So be ready by morning, and come up in the morning to ^aMount Sinai, and ¹present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain.

3 "And ^ano man is to come up with you, nor let any man be seen anywhere on the mountain even the flocks and the herd: may not graze in front of the mountain."

4 So he cut out ^atwo stone tablets like the former ones, and Moses rose up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, and he took two stone tablets in his hand.

5 And ^athe LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with

him as ¹he called upon the name of the LORD.

6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, ^acompassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loving-kindness and ¹truth;

7 who ^akeeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He ^bwill by no means leave the guilty unpunished, ^cvisiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."

8 And Moses made haste ^{1a}to bow low toward the earth and worship.

9 And he said, "If now I have found favor in Thy sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though ^{1b}the people are so obstinate; and do Thou ^cpardon our iniquity and our sin, and ^dtake us as Thine own ²possession."

10 ¶ Then ¹God said, "Behold, I am going to make a covenant. Before all your people ¹I will perform miracles which have not been ²produced in all the earth, nor among any of the nations; and all the people ³among whom you live will see the working of the LORD, for it is a fearful thing that I am going to perform with you.

11 "Be sure to observe what I am commanding you this day: behold, ^aI am going to drive out the Amorite before you, and the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite.

12 "Watch yourself that you make no covenant with the inhabitants of the land into which you are going, lest it become a snare in your midst.

13 "But rather, you are to tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and cut down their ^{1b}Asherim

14 — for ^ayou shall not worship

⁸ Or, he called out with the name of the LORD

⁶ Or, faithfulness
Num. 14:18; Deut. 4:31; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 86:15, 103:8; 108:4, 145:8; Joel 2:13; Rom. 2:4

⁷ Ex. 20:5; 6; Deut. 5:10; 7:9; Ps. 103:3, 130:3, 4; 1 John 1:9
^a Ex. 23:7; Deut. 7:10; Job 10:14; Nah. 1:3
^c Deut. 5:9

⁸ Lit., and bowed worshiped
^a Ex. 4:31

⁹ Lit., it is a people stiff-necked
^a Or, inheritance
^a Ex. 33:13
^a Ex. 32:9
^a Ex. 34:7
^a Deut. 4:20, 9:26, 29; 32:9; Ps. 33:12

¹⁰ Lit., He created
¹ Lit., in whose midst you are
^a Ex. 34:27, 28; Deut. 5:2
^a Deut. 4:32; Ps. 72:18; 136:4

¹¹ Lit., Observe for yourself
^a Ex. 33:2
¹² Ex. 23:32, 33
¹³ I.e., wooden symbols of a female deity
^a Ex. 23:24; Deut. 12:3
^a Deut. 16:21; Judg. 6:25; 26; 2 Kin. 18:4, 2 Chr. 34:31

¹⁴ Ex. 20:3; 5; Deut. 4:24
¹⁵ Lit., and you eat
^a Ex. 22:20; 32:8
^a Num. 25:1, 2; Deut. 32:37, 38

¹⁶ Deut. 7:3; Josh. 23:12, 13; 1 Kin. 11:1-4
¹⁷ Ex. 20:4; 23; Lev. 19:4; Deut. 5:8
¹⁸ Or, which
^a Ex. 12:17; Lev. 23:6; Num. 28:16f

^a Ex. 12:15, 16

any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God—

15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land and they play the harlot with their gods, and ^asacrifice to their gods, and someone ^binvite you to eat of his sacrifice;

16 and ^ayou take some of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods, and cause your sons also to play the harlot with their gods.

17 "You shall make for yourself no molten gods.

18 ¶ "You shall observe ^athe Feast of Unleavened Bread. For ^bseven days you are to eat unleavened bread, ¹as I commanded you, at the appointed time in the ^cmonth of Abib, for in the month of Abib you came out of Egypt.

19 "The first offspring from every womb belongs to Me, and all your male livestock, the first offspring from ¹cattle and sheep.

20 "And you shall redeem with a lamb the ¹first offspring from a donkey; and if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. You shall redeem ¹all the first-born of your sons. And ²none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

21 ¶ "You shall work ^asix days, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during plowing time and harvest you shall rest.

22 "And you shall celebrate ^athe Feast of Weeks, that is, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

23 "Three times a year all your

^a Ex. 12:2, 13:4

¹⁹ Or, oxen
^a Ex. 13:2; 22:29f

²⁰ Lit., first opening of ears, they shall not eat
¹³ 13
^a Ex. 13:15; Num. 3:45
^a Ex. 22:29; 23:15; Deut. 16:16

²¹ Ex. 20:2f; 23:12; 31:15; 35:2; Lev. 22:3; Deut. 5:13f

²² Ex. 23:16; Num. 28:26

²³ Ex. 23:14-17

males are to appear before the Lord ¹God, the God of Israel.

24 "For I will ¹drive out nations before you and enlarge your borders, and no man shall covet your land when you go up three times a year to appear before the LORD your God.

25 "You shall not ¹offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread, ²nor is the sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover to ²be left over until morning.

26 "You shall bring ^athe very first of the first fruits of your soil into the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk."

27 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write ¹down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made ^ba covenant with you and with Israel."

28 So he was there with the LORD ^aforty days and forty nights; he did not eat bread or drink water. And ^bhe wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, ^cthe Ten ¹Commandments.

29 ¶ And it came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the ^atwo tablets of the testimony were in Moses' hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that ^bthe skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him.

30 So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and ^athey were afraid to come near him.

31 Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them.

32 And afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them to do everything that the LORD had spoken ¹to him on Mount Sinai.

33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, ^ahe put a veil over his face.

23 ¹Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord

24 ¹Or, dispossess
^aEx. 33:2; Ps. 78:55

25 ¹Lit., slaughter
²Lit., remain overnight
^aEx. 23:18
^bEx. 12:10

26 ^aEx. 23:19; Deut. 26:2

27 ¹Lit., for yourself
^aEx. 17:14;
24:4
^bEx. 34:10

28 ¹Lit., Words
^aEx. 24:18
^bEx. 31:18;
34:1
^cDeut. 4:13; 10:4

29 ^aEx. 32:15
^bMatt. 17:2; 2 Cor. 3:7

30 ^a2 Cor. 3:7

32 ¹Lit., with

33 ^a2 Cor. 3:13

34 ^a2 Cor. 3:16

35 ^a2 Cor. 3:13

1 ¹Lit., do them
^aEx. 34:32

2 ^aEx. 20:9; 10:23-12; 31:15; 34:21; Lev. 23:3; Deut. 5:13f
^bEx. 16:23
^cNum. 15:32-36

3 ^aEx. 12:16; 16:23

5 ¹Or, heave offering
²Or, copper
^aEx. 25:1-9

6 ¹Or, violet

7 ¹Or, tanned

9 ¹Or, pouch

10 ^aEx. 31:6

34 But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, ^ahe would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded,

35 ^athe sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

CHAPTER 35

THEN Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and said to them, "These are the things that the LORD has commanded you to ¹do.

2 "For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a holy day, ^aa sabbath of complete rest to the LORD; ^cwhoever does any work on it shall be put to death.

3 "You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the sabbath day."

4 ¶ And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying,

5 "Take from among you a ¹contribution to the LORD; whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as the LORD's ¹contribution: gold, silver, and ²bronze,

6 and ¹blue, purple and scarlet material, fine linen, goats' hair,

7 and rams' skins ¹died red, and porpoise skins, and acacia wood,

8 and oil for lighting, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense,

9 and onyx stones and setting stones, for the ephod and for the ¹breastpiece.

10 ¶ And ^alet every skillful man among you come, and make all that the LORD has commanded:

11 the ¹tabernacle, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its ²sockets;

12 the ¹ark and its poles, the ¹mercy seat, and the curtain of the screen;

13 the ¹table and its poles, and all its ¹utensils, and the bread of the ²Presence;

14 the ¹lampstand also for the light and its utensils and its lamps and the oil for the light;

15 and the ¹altar of incense and its poles, and the ¹anointing oil and the ¹fragrant incense, and the screen for the doorway at the ¹entrance of the tabernacle;

16 ¹the altar of burnt offering with its ¹bronze grating, its poles, and all its ²utensils, the ³basin and its stand;

17 ¹the hangings of the court, its pillars and its ¹sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court;

18 the pegs of the tabernacle and the pegs of the court and their cords;

19 the ¹woven garments, for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests."

20 "Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel departed from Moses' presence.

21 And ¹everyone whose heart ¹stirred him and everyone whose ¹spirit ²moved him came and brought the LORD's ³contribution for the work of the tent of meeting and for all its service and for the holy garments.

22 Then all ¹whose hearts ²moved them, both men and women, came and brought ¹brooches and ²earrings and ¹signet rings and bracelets, all articles of gold; so did every man who ³presented an offering of gold to the LORD.

23 And every man, ¹who had in his possession ²blue and purple and scarlet material and fine lin-

11 ¹La. dwelling place ¹Or. bases
¹Ex. 26:1-30
 12 ¹La. preliminary
¹Ex. 25:10-22
 13 ¹Or. vessels ¹La. Face
¹Ex. 25:23-30
 14 ¹Ex. 25:31-18
 15 ¹Or. doorway
¹Ex. 30:1-6
¹Ex. 30:25
¹Ex. 30:34-38
 16 ¹Or. copper ¹Or. vessels ¹Or. laver
¹Ex. 27:1-8
 17 ¹Or. bases
¹Ex. 27:9-18
 18 ¹Or. service garments
¹Ex. 31:10-39
 19 ¹La. lifted up ¹Or. made him willing ¹Or. have offering
¹Ex. 25:2, 25:5, 22:24, 28:38, 2
 20 ¹Or. who were willing ¹Or. hearted ¹Or. were ready ¹La. moved a wave offering
 21 ¹La. with whom was found ¹Or. violet ¹Or. lavender
 22 ¹Or. have offering ¹Or. copper ¹La. with whom was found
 23 ¹La. women were of heart ¹Or. violet
 24 ¹La. lifted them up in wisdom
 25 ¹Or. pouch
 26 ¹Ex. 30:23-28
 27 ¹La. sons of Israel ¹La. made them willing
¹Ex. 35:21, 1 Chr. 28:9
 28 ¹Ex. 31:1-4
 29 ¹Or. work
 30 ¹La. device ¹Or. copper
 31 ¹Ex. 31:6
 32 ¹La. wisdom of heart
¹Ex. 31:3, 6, 35:31, 1 Km. 7:14

en and goats' hair and rams' skins ³dyed red and porpoise skins, brought them.

24 Everyone who could make a ¹contribution of silver and ²bronze brought the LORD's ¹contribution; and every man, ³who had in his possession acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it.

25 And all the ¹skilled women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, in ²blue and purple and scarlet material and in fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart ¹stirred with a skill spun the goats' hair.

27 And the rulers brought the onyx stones and the stones for setting for the ephod and for the ¹breastpiece;

28 and ¹the spice and the oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense.

29 The ¹Israelites, all the men and women, whose heart ²moved them to bring material for all the work, which the LORD had commanded through Moses to be done, brought a ¹freewill offering to the LORD.

30 "Then Moses said to the sons of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

31 "And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in all ¹craftsmanship;

32 ¹to make designs for working in gold and in silver and in ²bronze,

33 and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, so as to perform in every inventive work.

34 "He also has put in his heart to teach, both he and ¹Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

35 "He has filled them with ¹skill to perform every work of an engraver and of a designer

and of an embroiderer, in ²blue and in purple and in scarlet material, and in fine linen, and of a weaver, as performers of every work and makers of designs.

CHAPTER 36

“**N**OW Bezalel and Oholiab, and every ¹skillful person in whom the LORD has put ²skill and understanding to know how to perform all the work ³in the construction of the sanctuary, shall perform in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded.”

2 Then Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every ¹skillful person in ²whom the LORD had put ³skill, ^aeveryone whose heart stirred him, to come to the work to perform it.

3 And they received from Moses all the ¹contributions which the sons of Israel had brought ²to perform the work ³in the construction of the sanctuary. And they still continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.

4 And all the ¹skillful men who were performing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from ²the work which ³he was performing.

5 and they said to ¹Moses, “The people are bringing much more than enough for the ²construction work which the LORD commanded us to ³perform.”

6 So Moses issued a command, and a ¹proclamation was circulated throughout the camp, saying, “Let neither man nor woman any longer perform work for the ²contributions of the sanctuary.” Thus the people were restrained from bringing any more.

7 ^aFor the ¹material they had was sufficient and more than enough for all the work, to perform it.

8 ¶ ^aAnd all the ¹skillful men among those who were perform-

35 ^aOr, violet
1 ^aLit., man wise of heart
2 ^aLit., wisdom
3 ^aOr, connected with the service of, lit., of the service of

2 ^aLit., man wise of heart
3 ^aLit., whose heart
4 ^aLit., wisdom
5 ^aEx. 35:21, 28

3 ^aLit., lifted offering
4 ^aLit., to perform it for the work
5 ^aLit., of the service of

4 ^aLit., wise
5 ^aLit., they were

5 ^aLit., Moses, saying
6 ^aLit., service for the work
7 ^aLit., perform it
8 ^a2 Chr. 24:14; 31:6-10

6 ^aLit., voice
7 ^aLit., heave offering
8 ^aLit., work

9 ^a1 Kin. 8:84
10 ^aLit., wise of heart
11 ^aLit., dwelling place
12 ^aOr, violet
13 ^aLit., he

14 ^aEx. 26:1-14
15 ^a1.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in
16 ^aLit., one measure

17 ^aOr, coupled
18 ^aLit., violet
19 ^aLit., one curtain from the end in the coupling
20 ^aLit., coupling

21 ^aLit., end
22 ^aLit., coupling
23 ^aEx. 26:5
24 ^a13 ^aOr, coupled
25 ^aLit., one

26 ^aEx. 26:8
27 ^aLit., in number
28 ^aEx. 26:7-14
29 ^aLit., one measure

30 ^aOr, coupled
31 ^aLit., coupling
32 ^a13 ^aOr, coupled
33 ^aOr, coupled
34 ^aLit., one
35 ^aOr, lanned

ing the work made the ²tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twisted linen and ³blue and purple and scarlet material, with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman, ⁴Bezalel made them.

9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight ¹cubits, and the width of each curtain four ¹cubits; all the curtains had ²the same measurements.

10 And he ¹joined five curtains to one another, and the other five curtains he ¹joined to one another.

11 And he made loops of ¹blue on the edge of the ²outermost curtain in the first ³set; he did likewise on the edge of the curtain that was ²outermost in the second ³set.

12 He made ^afifty loops in the one curtain and he made fifty loops on the ¹edge of the curtain that was in the second ²set; the loops were opposite each other.

13 And he made ^afifty clasps of gold, and ¹joined the curtains to one another with the clasps, so the tabernacle was ²a unit.

14 ¶ Then ^ahe made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains ¹in all.

15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits the width of each curtain; the eleven curtains had ¹the same measurements.

16 And he ¹joined five curtains by themselves, and the other six curtains by themselves.

17 Moreover, he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the first ¹set, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the second ¹set.

18 And he made fifty clasps of ¹bronze to ²join the tent together, that it might be ³a unit.

19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins ¹died red, and a covering of porpoise skins above.

20 ¶ Then he made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright.

21 Ten cubits was the length of each board, and one and a half cubits the width of each board.

22 There were two tenons for each board, fitted to one another; thus he did for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side;

24 and he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under another board for its two tenons.

25 Then for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards,

26 and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the rear of the tabernacle, to the west, he made six boards.

28 And he made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the rear.

29 And they were double beneath, and together they were complete to its top to the first ring; thus he did with both of them for the two corners.

30 And there were eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets, two under every board.

31 ¶ Then he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle,

32 and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the rear side to the west.

33 And he made the middle bar to pass through in the center of the boards from end to end.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold and made their rings of

20 *Ex.
28:15-29

21 *Lat., the

22 *Lat., bound

23 *Lat., to the side of the Negro, to the south

24 *Or, bases

25 *Or, bases

27 *Lat., extreme parts

28 *Lat., dwelling place *Lat., extreme parts

29 *Or, head *Or, with reference to

30 *Or, bases *Lat., two sockets

31 *Ex.
26:26-29

32 *Or, second *Lat., extreme parts

33 *Lat., midst

34 *Or, violet *Ex. 26:31-37

35 *Or, bases

37 *Or, violet *Lat., variegated; i.e., a weaver in colors *Ex. 26:36

38 *Or, *Lat., rings *Or, bases *Or, copper *Ex. 26:37

1 i.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in. *Ex. 25:10-20

3 *Lat., second

5 *Lat., the ark

6 *Lat., propitiatory *Lat., its length *Lat., its width

7 *Lat., from

8 *Lat., from

gold as holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 ¶ Moreover, he made the veil of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen; he made it with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

36 And he made four pillars of acacia for it, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold; and he cast four sockets of silver for them.

37 And he made a screen for the doorway of the tent, of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver;

38 and he made its five pillars with their hooks, and he overlaid their tops and their bands with gold; but their five sockets were of bronze.

CHAPTER 37

NOW Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; its length was two and a half cubits, and its width one and a half cubits, and its height one and a half cubits;

2 and he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a gold molding for it all around.

3 And he cast four rings of gold for it on its four feet; even two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it.

4 And he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry it.

6 And he made a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long, and one and a half cubits wide.

7 And he made two cherubim of gold; he made them of hammered work, at the two ends of the mercy seat;

8 one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end; he made the cherubim of one

piece with the mercy seat ¹at the two ends.

9 And the cherubim had their wings spread upward, covering the ¹mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward each other; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.

10 ⁶ Then he made the table of acacia wood, two ¹cubits ²long and a cubit ³wide and one and a half cubits ⁴high.

11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a gold molding for it all around.

12 And he made a rim for it of a handbreadth all around, and made a gold molding for its rim all around.

13 And he cast four gold rings for it and put the rings on the four corners that were on its four feet.

14 Close by the rim were the rings, the holders for the poles to carry the table.

15 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table.

16 And he made the utensils which were on the table, its ¹dishes and its pans and its ²bowls and its jars, with which to pour out libations, of pure gold.

17 ⁹ Then he made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of hammered work, its base and its shaft; its cups, its ¹bulbs and its flowers were of *one piece* with it.

18 And there were six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lampstand from the one side of it, and three branches of the lampstand from the ¹other side of it;

19 three cups shaped like almond blossoms, a ¹bulb and a flower in one branch, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms, a ¹bulb and a flower in the other branch—so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.

20 And in the lampstand *there were* four cups shaped like al-

⁸ Lit., from

⁹ Lit., prophatory

¹⁰ I.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ¹Lit., its length ²Lit., its width ³Lit., its height ⁴Ex. 25:23-29

¹⁶ Or, plates ²Lit., libation bowls

¹⁷ Or, calyxes ⁶Ex. 25:31-39

¹⁸ Lit., second

¹⁹ Or, calyx

²⁰ Or, calyxes

²¹ Or, calyx

²² Or, calyxes

²³ Lit., snuff dishes

²⁵ Lit., its length ²Lit., its width ³Lit., its height ⁴Ex. 30:1-5

²⁶ Lit., walls

²⁹ Ex. 30:23-25, 34, 35

¹ I.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ²Lit., its length ³Lit., its width ⁴Lit., its height ⁵Ex. 27:1-8

² Lit., were ³Or, copper, and so far bronze throughout the ch.

mond blossoms, its ¹bulbs and its flowers;

21 and a ¹bulb was under the first pair of branches coming out of it, and a ¹bulb under the second pair of branches coming out of it, and a ¹bulb under the third pair of branches coming out of it for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

22 Their ¹bulbs and their branches were of *one piece* with it; the whole of it was a single hammered work of pure gold.

23 And he made its seven lamps with its snuffers and its ¹trays of pure gold.

24 He made it and all its utensils from a talent of pure gold.

25 ⁹ Then he made the altar of incense of acacia wood: a cubit ¹long and a cubit ²wide square, and two cubits ³high; its horns were of *one piece* with it.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, its top and its ¹sides all around, and its horns; and he made a gold molding for it all around.

27 And he made two golder rings for it under its molding, or its two sides—on opposite sides—as holders for poles with which to carry it.

28 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.

29 ⁶ And he made the holy anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense of spices, the work of a perfumer.

CHAPTER 38

^a THEN he made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood, five ¹cubits ²long, and five cubits ³wide, square, and three cubits ⁴high.

2 And he made its horns on its four corners, its horns ¹being of *one piece* with it, and he overlaid it with ²bronze.

3 And he made all the utensils of the altar, the pails and the shovels and the basins, the flesh

The Laver. Making the Court.

hooks and the firepans; he made all its utensils of bronze.

4 And he made for the altar a grating of bronze network beneath, under its ledge, reaching halfway up.

5 And he cast four rings on the four ends of the bronze grating as holders for the poles.

6 And he made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with bronze.

7 And he inserted the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to carry it. He made it hollow with planks.

8 * Moreover, he made the laver of bronze with its base of bronze, ¹from the mirrors of the serving women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

9 * Then he made the court: ¹for the south side the hangings of the court were of fine twisted linen, one hundred cubits;

10 their twenty pillars, and their twenty ¹sockets, made of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their ²bands were of silver.

11 And for the north side there were one hundred cubits; their twenty pillars and their twenty ¹sockets were of bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their ²bands were of silver.

12 And for the west side there were hangings of fifty cubits with their ten pillars and their ten ¹sockets; the hooks of the pillars and their ²bands were of silver.

13 And for the ¹east side fifty cubits.

14 The hangings for the one ¹side of the gate were fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three ²sockets.

15 and so for the ¹other ²side. ¹On both sides of the gate of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three ⁴sockets.

16 All the hangings of the

court all around were of fine twisted linen.

17 And the ¹sockets for the pillars were of ²bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their ³bands, of silver; and the overlaying of their tops, of silver. And all the pillars of the court were furnished with silver ³bands.

18 And the screen of the gate of the court was the work of the ¹weaver, of ²blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen. And the length was twenty cubits and the ³height was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court.

19 And their four pillars and their four ¹sockets were of bronze; their hooks were of silver, and the overlaying of their tops and their ²bands were of silver.

20 And all the pegs of the ¹tabernacle and of the court all around were of bronze.

21 * This is the number of the things for the ²tabernacle, the ²tabernacle of the testimony, as they were ³numbered according to the ⁴command of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.

22 Now *Bezalel, the son of Uri the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord had commanded Moses.

23 And with him was *Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and a skillful workman and a ¹weaver in ²blue and in purple and in scarlet material, and fine linen.

24 * All the gold that was used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the wave offering, was 29 talents and 730 shekels, according to ⁴the shekel of the sanctuary.

25 * And the silver of those of the congregation who were ¹numbered was 100 talents and

8 ¹Lit. with
*Ex. 30:18

9 ¹Lit. to the side of the Neger, to the south
*Ex. 27:9-19

10 ¹Or, bases ²Or, all
lets, rings

11 ¹Or, bases ²Or, all
lets, rings

12 ¹Or, bases ²Or, all
lets, rings

13 ¹Lit. east side, east ward

14 ¹Lit. shoulder ²Or, bases

15 ¹Lit. second ²Lit. shoulder
³Lit. On this side and on that side ⁴Or, bases

17 ¹Or, bases ²Or, copper ³Or, all
lets, rings

18 ¹Lit. var. weaver, i.e. a weaver in colors ²Or, violet ³Lit. height in width

19 ¹Or, bases ²Or, all
lets, rings

20 ¹Lit. dwelling place

21 ¹Lit. These are the appointed things of the tabernacle
²Lit. dwelling place
³Lit. appointed ⁴Lit. mouth

22 *Ex. 31:2

23 ¹Lit. var. weaver, i.e. a weaver in colors ²Or, violet
*Ex. 31:6

24 *Ex. 30:13, Lev. 27:25, Num. 3:47, 18:16

25 ¹Lit. numbered
*Ex. 30:11-16

1,775 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

26 ^aa beka a head (that is, half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for each one who passed over to those who were ¹numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for ^b603,550 men.

27 And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the ¹sockets of the sanctuary and the ¹sockets of the veil; one hundred ¹sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a ¹socket.

28 And of the 1,775 shekels, he made hooks for the pillars and overlaid their tops and made ¹bands for them.

29 And the bronze of the wave offering was 70 talents, and 2,400 shekels.

30 And with it he made the ¹sockets to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and the bronze altar and its bronze grating, and all the utensils of the altar,

31 and the ¹sockets of the court all around and the ¹sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pegs of the ²tabernacle and all the pegs of the court all around.

CHAPTER 39

MOREOVER, from the ¹blue and purple and scarlet material, they made finely ^bwoven garments for ministering in the holy place, ²as well as the holy garments which were for Aaron, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

2 ^aAnd he made the ephod of gold, and of ¹blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen.

3 Then they hammered out gold sheets and cut them into threads ¹to be woven in with the ²blue and the purple and the scarlet material, and the fine linen, the work of a skillful workman.

26 ¹Lit., mustered
^aEx. 30:13, 15
^bEx. 12:37,
Num. 1:46;
26:51

27 ¹Or,
bases

28 ¹Or, fil-
lets, rings

30 ¹Or,
bases

31 ¹Or,
bases ²Lit.,
dwelling
place

1 ¹Or, vio-
let ²Lit., and
they made
^aEx. 35:23
^bEx. 31:10;
35:19

2 ¹Or, vio-
let
^aEx. 28:6-12

3 ¹Lit., to
work ²Or,
violet

4 ¹Lit., if

5 ¹Lit.,
from it ²Or,
violet

6 ^aEx. 28:9-
11

7 ^aEx.
28:12

8 ¹Or, vio-
let
^aEx. 28:15-28

9 ¹Lit., its
length ²Lit.,
its width

10 ¹Lit.,
filled

13 ¹Lit.,
filled

4 They made attaching shoulder pieces for ¹the ephod; it was attached at its two upper ends

5 And the skillfully woven band which was on it was like ¹workmanship, ¹of the same material: of gold and of ²blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine twisted linen, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

6 ^aAnd ^athey made the onyx stones, set in gold filigree settings; they were engraved like the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel.

7 And ^ahe placed them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

8 ^aAnd he made the breastpiece, the work of a skillful workman, like the workmanship of the ephod: of gold and of ¹blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen.

9 It was square; they made the breastpiece folded double, span ¹long and a span ²wide when folded double.

10 And they ¹mounted four rows of stones on it. The first row was a row of ruby, topaz, and emerald;

11 and the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond;

12 and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

13 and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They were set in gold filigree settings where they were ¹mounted.

14 And the stones were corresponding to the names of the sons of Israel; they were twelve corresponding to their names engraved with the engravings of a signet, each with its name for the twelve tribes.

15 And they made on the breastpiece chains like cords, of twisted cordage work in pure gold.

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16 And they made two gold filigree settings and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

17 Then they put the two gold cords in the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece.

18 And they put the other two ends of the two cords on the two filigree settings, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front of it.

19 And they made two gold rings and placed them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inner edge which was next to the ephod.

20 Furthermore, they made two gold rings and placed them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it, close to the place where it joined, above the woven band of the ephod.

21 And they bound the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, that it might be on the woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece might not come loose from the ephod, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 ¶ Then he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue;

23 and the opening of the robe was at the top in the center, as the opening of a coat of mail, with a binding all around its opening, that it might not be torn.

24 And they made pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet material and twisted linen on the hem of the robe.

25 They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the hem of the robe.

26 Alternating a bell and a pomegranate all around on the hem of the robe, for the service, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

21 ¹Or, violet

22 ¹Or, violet
²Ex 28:31, 34

23 ²Ex.
28:32

24 ¹Or, violet

25 ¹Lit.
robe, between
the pome-
granates

26 ¹Lit., a
bell and a
pomegranate,
a bell

27 ²Ex
28:39, 40, 42

28 ¹Lit.
headgear

29 ¹Or, violet
²Lit., var-
iegator, i.e., a
weaver in
colors

30 ¹Lit.
wrote on it a
writing
²Ex 28:36, 37

31 ¹Lit., put
²Or, violet

32 ¹Lit.
dwelling
place

33 ¹Or,
utensils
²Or,
bases

34 ¹Or,
lunnet

35 ¹Lit., pro-
pitulatory

36 ¹Lit.
Face

37 ¹Lit., its
lamps, the
lamps set in
order

39 ¹Or, cop-
per

40 ¹Or,
bases

27 ¶ And they made the tunics of finely woven linen for Aaron and his sons.

28 and the turban of fine linen, and the decorated caps of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twisted linen.

29 and the sash of fine twisted linen, and blue and purple and scarlet material, the work of the weaver, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 ¶ And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and inscribed it like the engravings of a signet, "Holy to the LORD."

31 And they fastened a blue cord to it, to fasten it on the turban above, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was completed; and the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did.

33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars and its sockets;

34 and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of porpoise skins, and the screening veil;

35 the ark of the testimony and its poles and the mercy seat;

36 the table, all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence;

37 the pure gold lampstand, with its arrangement of lamps and all its utensils, and the oil for the light;

38 and the gold altar, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the veil for the doorway of the tent;

39 the bronze altar and its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils, the laver and its stand;

40 the hangings for the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the

court, its cords and its pegs and all the ²equipment for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting;

41 the woven garments for ministering in the holy place and the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.

42 So the sons of Israel did all the work according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

43 And Moses ¹examined all the work and behold, they had done it; just as the LORD had commanded, this they had done. So Moses ^ablessed them.

CHAPTER 40

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying.

2^a "On the first day of the first month you shall set up the ¹tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

3^a "And ^ayou shall place the ark of the testimony there, and you shall screen the ark with the veil.

4^a "And you shall ^abring in the table and ¹barrange what belongs on it; and you shall ^cbring in the lampstand and ²mount its lamps.

5^a "Moreover, you shall ^aset the gold altar of incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the veil for the doorway to the tabernacle.

6^a "And you shall set the altar of burnt offering in front of the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

7^a "And you shall ^aset the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water ¹in it.

8^a "And you shall set up the court all around and ¹hang up the veil for the gateway of the court.

9^a "Then you shall take the anointing oil and ^aanoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it and all its ¹furnishings; and it shall be holy.

10^a "And you shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the al-

⁴⁰ ²Or, utensils

⁴³ ¹Lit., saw
^aLev. 9:22,
23; Num.
6:23-26

² ¹Lit., dwelling place
^aEx. 19:1,
40:17; Num.
1:1

³ ^aEx.
26:33, 40:21;
Num. 4:5

⁴ ¹Lit., arrange its arrangement
²Or, light
^aEx. 26:35,
40:22 ^aEx.
25:30, 40:23
^cEx. 40:24f

⁵ ^aEx.
40:26

⁷ ¹Lit., there
^aEx. 30:18,
40:30

⁸ ¹Lit., put the screen

⁹ ¹Or, utensils
^aEx. 30:26,
Lev. 8:10

¹⁰ ^aEx.
29:37

¹² ^aLev.
8:1-6

¹³ ^aEx.
28:41; Lev.
8:13

¹⁵ ¹Lit., he for them
^aEx. 29:9;
Num. 25:13

¹⁷ ¹Lit., in
²Lit., dwelling place
^aEx. 40:2

¹⁸ ¹Lit., put
²Or, bases

¹⁹ ¹Lit., over it above

²⁰ ¹Lit., set
²Lit., propitiatory
³Lit., over the ark above
^aEx. 25:16;
Deut. 10:5;
1 Kin. 8:9;
2 Chr. 5:10;
Heb. 9:4

²¹ ^aEx.
26:33

²² ^aEx.
26:35

tar; and ^athe altar shall be most holy.

11^a "And you shall anoint the laver and its stand, and consecrate it.

12^a "Then you shall ^abring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

13^a "And ^ayou shall put the holy garments on Aaron and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister as a priest to Me.

14^a "And you shall bring his son and put tunics on them;

15 and you shall anoint them even as you have anointed their father, that they may minister as priests to Me; and their anointing shall ¹qualify them for a ^aperpetual priesthood throughout their generations."

16 Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

17 ¶ Now it came about ^ain the first month ¹of the second year on the first day of the month, that the ²tabernacle was erected.

18 And Moses erected the tabernacle and ¹laid its ²sockets and set up its boards, and ¹inserted its bars and erected its pillars.

19 And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent ¹on top of it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

20 Then he took ^athe testimony and put it into the ark, and ¹attached the poles to the ark, and put the ²mercy seat ³on top of the ark.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and ^aset up a veil for the screen, and screened off the ark of the testimony, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 Then he ^aput the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil.

23 And he set the arrangement of ^abread in order on it before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²³ ^aEx. 25:30; Lev. 24:5, 6

24 Then he placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the tabernacle.

²⁴ ^aEx. 25:37; 40:4

25 And he ^alighted the lamps before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁵ ^aEx. 30:8; 40:5

26 Then he ^aplaced the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the veil;

²⁶ ^aEx. 30:7

27 and he ^aburned fragrant incense on it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁷ ^aOr. screen

28 Then he set up the ¹veil for the doorway of the tabernacle.

²⁸ ^aEx. 40:6; ^bEx. 29:38-42

29 And he ^aset the altar of burnt offering before the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and ^boffered on it the burnt offering and the meal offering, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁹ ^aEx. 30:19, 20

30 And he placed the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing.

³⁰ ^aOr. dwelling place ^bEx. put the screen ^cEx. 27:9-12; 40:8

31 ^aAnd from it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

³¹ ^aNum. 9:15-23; ^b1 Kin. 8:11; ^cEzek. 43:41; ^dRev. 15:8

32 When they entered the tent

³² ^a1 Kin. 8:11, 2 Chr. 5:13, 14

³³ ^aNum. 9:17; ^bNeh. 9:19

³⁴ ^aNum. 9:19-22

³⁵ ^aEx. 13:21; ^bNum. 9:12, 15; ^cPs. 78:14; ^dIs. 4:5

of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

33 And he ^aerected the court all around the ¹tabernacle and the altar, and ²hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus Moses finished the work.

34 ¹ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the ^bglory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses ^awas not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 And throughout all their journeys ^awhenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out;

37 but ^aif the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.

38 For throughout all their journeys, ^athe cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

LEVITICUS

The Law of Burnt Offerings

THEN ^athe LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying,

¹ ^aEx. 19:3; 25:22; ^bNum. 7:89

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When any man of you brings an ¹offering to the LORD, you shall bring your ¹offering of animals from ^bthe herd or the flock.

² ^aHeb. qorban ^bMark 7:11 ^cLev. 22:18f

³ ^aLev. 6:6; 13 ^bEx. 12:5; ^cLev. 22:20-24; ^dDeut. 15:21; ^e17:1 ^fLev. 17:8, 9; ^gDeut. 12:5, 6, 11

⁴ ^aEx. 29:10, 15, 19; ^bLev. 3:2, 8

fering from the herd, he shall offer it, a male ^bwithout defect; he shall offer it ^cat the doorway of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.

4 ^aAnd he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, that it may be accepted for him to make ^batonement on his behalf.

^aEx. 29:33; ^bLev. 4:20, 28, 31; ^c2 Chr. 29:23, 24

5 'And ^ahe shall slay the ¹young bull before the LORD; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall offer up ^bthe blood and ^csprinkle the blood around on the altar that is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

6 'He shall then skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

7 'And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.

8 'Then Aaron's sons, the priests, shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the ^asuet over the wood which is on the fire that is on the altar.

9 'Its ^aentrails, however, and its legs he shall wash with water. And ^bthe priest shall offer up in smoke all of it on the altar for a burnt offering, an offering by fire of ^ca soothing aroma to the LORD.

10 'But if his offering is from the flock, of the sheep or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall offer it a ^amale without defect.

11 'And ^ahe shall slay it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

12 'He shall then cut it into its pieces with its head and its ^asuet, and the priest shall arrange them on the wood which is on the fire that is on the altar.

13 'The entrails, however, and the legs he shall wash with water. And ^athe priest shall offer all of it, and offer it up in smoke on the altar; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

14 'But if his offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, then he shall bring his offering from the ^aturtledoves or from young pigeons.

15 'And the priest shall bring it to the altar and wring off its head, and offer it up in smoke on the altar; and its blood is to be

³ ¹Or, one of the head; lit. son of the head
^aEx. 29:11, 16, 20 ^bLev. 17:11 ^cLev. 1:11, 3:2, 8, 13; Heb. 12:24, 1 Pet. 1:2

⁶ ^aLev. 7:8

⁷ ^aLev. 8:8-13

⁸ ^aLev. 1:12, 3:3, 4, 8:20

⁹ ^aEx. 12:9
^bNum. 15:8, 10, 28:11-14
^cGen. 8:21, Ex. 29:18, 25, Lev. 1:13, Num. 15:3, Eph. 5:2

¹⁰ ^aEx. 12:5, Lev. 1:3, Ezek. 43:22, 1 Pet. 1:19

¹¹ ^aEx. 24:6, Lev. 1:5, 8:19, 9:12

¹² ^aLev. 3:3, 4

¹³ ^aNum. 15:4-7, 28:11-14

¹⁴ ^aGen. 15:9; Lev. 5:7, 11, 12:8, Luke 2:24

¹⁵ ^aLev. 5:9

¹⁶ ¹Or, fat ashes
^aLev. 6:10

¹⁷ ^aGen. 15:10; Lev. 5:8 ^bLev. 9:13

¹ ^aLev. 6:14-18; Num. 15:4

² ^aLev. 5:12, 6:15
^bLev. 2:9, 16, 5:12, 24:7, Acts 10:4

³ ^aLev. 2:10, 6:16
^bLev. 10:12, 13

⁴ ^aLit., amounted
^aEx. 29:2

⁵ ^aLev. 6:21, 7:9

⁷ ^aLit., lidded cooking pan
^aLev. 7:9

drained out ^aon the side of the altar.

16 'He shall also take away its crop with its feathers, and cast it beside the altar eastward, to the place of the ¹ashes.

17 'Then he shall tear it by its wings, but ^ashall not sever it. And the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar on the wood which is on the fire; ^bit is a burnt offering, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

NOW when anyone presents a ^agrain offering as an offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour, and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.

2 'He shall then bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests; and shall take from it ^ahis handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all of its frankincense. And the priest shall offer it up in smoke as its ^bmemorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

3 'And ^athe remainder of the grain offering belongs to ^bAaron and his sons: a thing most holy, of the offerings to the LORD by fire.

4 ¶ 'Now when you bring an offering of a grain offering baked in an oven, it shall be ^aunleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers ¹spread with oil.

5 'And if your offering is a grain offering made ^aon the griddle, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil;

6 you shall break it into bits, and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering.

7 'Now if your offering is a grain offering made ^ain a ¹pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

8 'When you bring in the grain offering which is made of these

things to the LORD, it shall be presented to the priest and he shall bring it to the altar.

9 The priest then shall take up from the grain offering ^aits memorial portion, and shall offer it up in smoke on the altar as an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

10 And ^athe remainder of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons: a thing most holy, of the offerings to the LORD by fire.

11 ¶ No grain offering, which you bring to the LORD, shall be made with leaven, for you shall not offer ^bup in smoke any leaven or any honey as an ^boffering by fire to the LORD.

12 As an offering of first fruits, you shall bring them to the LORD, but they shall not ascend for a soothing aroma on the altar.

13 Every grain offering of yours, moreover, you shall season with salt, so that ^athe salt of the covenant of your God shall not be lacking from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

14 ¶ Also if you bring a grain offering of early ripened things to the LORD, you shall bring ^afresh heads of grain roasted in the fire, grits of new growth, for the grain offering of your early ripened things.

15 You shall then put oil on it and lay incense on it; it is a grain offering.

16 And the priest shall offer up in smoke ^aits memorial portion, part of its grits and its oil with all its incense as an offering by fire to the LORD.

CHAPTER 3

¶ NOW if his offering is a ^asacrifice of peace offerings, if he is going to offer out of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it ^bwithout defect before the LORD.

9 Lev 22.
10, 5, 12

10 Lev 22.
6, 16

11 Lev. up
from it
Ex 23, 18.
34, 25. Lev
6, 16, 17. Ex
29, 25. Lev
1, 13

12 Ex
34, 22. Lev
7, 13, 23, 10.
17, 18

13 Num
18, 12, 7. Chr
13, 5. Ex
43, 24

14 Lev
23, 14

16 Lev 22

1 Lev
7, 11, 34, 17, 5
Lev 1, 3.
28, 20-24

2 Lev 14
Ex 29, 11.
16, 20

4 Chr. ap-
pendage on

8 Lev
7, 28-34. Ex
29, 28-42.
Num 28, 3-10
Num 15, 8-
10, 28, 12, 14

6 Lev 31.
22, 20-24

7 Num
15, 4, 5, 28, 4-6
Lev 17, 6, 2
1 Km 8, 62

8 Lev 14
Lev 32
Lev 15

9 Lev. the
fat tail, on-
fire
Lev 17, 5.
Num 7, 68.
1 Sam. 10, 8.
2 Sam. 6, 17.
1 Chr. 3, 15.
2 Chr. 6, 4.
1 Chr 16, 1

10 Chr. ap-
pendage on
Lev 3, 4, 15

11 Lev 35
Lev 3, 16.
21, 4, 6, 17, 22

2 And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and ^bslay it at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood around on the altar.

3 And from the sacrifice of the peace offerings, he shall present an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails.

4 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the ^llobe of the liver, which he shall remove with the kidneys.

5 Then Aaron's sons shall offer it up in smoke on the altar ^bon the burnt offering, which is on the wood that is on the fire; ^cit is an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

6 But if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD is from the flock, he shall offer it, male or female, ^awithout defect.

7 If he is going to offer ^aa lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it ^bbefore the LORD.

8 and ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and ^bslay it before the tent of meeting; and Aaron's sons shall ^csprinkle its blood around on the altar.

9 And from the ^asacrifice of peace offerings he shall bring as an offering by fire to the LORD, its fat, ^lthe entire fat tail which he shall remove close to the backbone, and the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails.

10 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the ^llobe of the liver, which he shall remove ^awith the kidneys.

11 Then the priest shall offer it up in smoke ^aon the altar, as ^bfood, an offering by fire to the LORD.

12 ¶ Moreover, if his offering

is ^aa goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD.

13 and he shall lay his hand on its head and slay it before the tent of meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

14 'And from it he shall present his offering as an offering by fire to the LORD, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails.

15 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the ¹lobe of the liver, which he shall remove ^awith the kidneys.

16 'And the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as food, an offering by fire for a soothing aroma; ^aall fat is the LORD'S.

17 'It is a ^aperpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not eat any fat ^bor any blood.' "

CHAPTER 4

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a person sins ^aunintentionally in any of the ¹things which the LORD has ^bcommanded not to be done, and commits any of them,

3 ^aif the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD a ¹bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he has ²committed.

4 'And he shall bring the bull to the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, and ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of the bull, and slay the bull before the LORD.

5 'Then the ^aanointed priest is to take some of the blood of the bull and bring it to the tent of meeting,

6 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle some of the blood seven times

¹² ^aNum 15:6-11

¹⁵ ¹Or, appendage on ^aLev. 3:4, 7:4

¹⁶ ^aLev 7:23-25

¹⁷ ^aLev 6:18, 22, 7:34, 36, 10:9, 15:16, 29, 17:7, 23:14, 21, 24:3 ^bLev 7:26, 17:10-16

² ¹Lit., commands of the LORD which are not to be done ^aLev. 4:22, 27, 5:15-18, 22:14 ^bLev. 4:13

³ ¹Or, bull of the herd ²Lit., sinned ^aLev. 4:14, 23:28

⁴ ^aLev. 1:4, 4:15; Num. 8:12

⁵ ^aLev. 4:3, 17

⁶ ^aEx. 40:21, 28

⁷ ^aLev. 4:18, 25, 30, 34; 8:15, 9:9, 16:18

⁸ ^aLev. 3:3, 4

⁹ ¹Or, appendage on ^aLev. 3:4

¹¹ ^aLev. 9:11; Num. 19:5

¹² ¹Lit., and ²Or, fat ashes are ^aLev. 4:21, 6:10, 11, 16:27

¹³ ¹Lit., is hidden from the eyes of ²Lit., commands of the LORD which are not to be done ^aNum. 15:24-26

¹⁴ ¹Lit., concerning which ²Lit., sinned ³Lit., son of the herd ^aLev. 4:3 ^bLev. 4:3, 23, 28

¹⁵ ^aLev. 8:14, 18, 22; Num. 8:10, 12 ^bLev. 1:3

before the LORD, in front of ^athe veil of the sanctuary.

7 'The priest shall also put some of the blood on the horns of ^athe altar of fragrant incense which is before the LORD in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

8 ^a'And he shall remove from it all the fat of the bull of the sin offering: the fat that covers the entrails, and all the fat which is on the entrails.

9 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the ¹lobe of the liver, which he shall remove ^awith the kidneys

10 (just as it is removed from the ox of the sacrifice of peace offerings), and the priest is to offer them up in smoke on the altar of burnt offering.

11 'But ^athe hide of the bull and all its flesh with its head and its legs and its entrails and its refuse,

12 ¹that is, all the rest of the bull, he is to bring out to ^aa clean place outside the camp where the ²ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ²ashes are poured out it shall be burned.

13 ¶ ^a'Now if the whole congregation of Israel commits error, and the matter ¹escapes the notice of the assembly, and they commit any of the ²things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and they become guilty;

14 ^awhen the sin ¹which they have ²committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer ^aa ³bull of the herd for a sin offering, and bring it before the tent of meeting.

15 'Then ^athe elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD, and the bull shall be slain ^bbefore the LORD.

16 'Then the anointed priest is to bring some of the blood of the bull to the tent of meeting;

17 and ^athe priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, in front of the veil.

18 'And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of ^athe altar which is before the LORD ¹in the tent of meeting; and all the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

19 ^aAnd he shall remove all its fat from it and offer it up in smoke on the altar.

20 'He shall also do with the bull just as he did with ^athe bull of the sin offering; thus he shall do with it. So ^bthe priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven.

21 'Then he is to bring out the bull to a place outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull; it is ^athe sin offering for the assembly.

22 ¶ 'When ^aa leader ^bsins and unintentionally does any one of all the ¹things which the LORD God has commanded not to be done, and he becomes guilty,

23 ¹if his sin ²which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a ^{3b}goat, ^aa male without defect.

24 'And he shall lay his hand on the head of the male goat, and slay it in the place where ¹they slay the burnt offering before the LORD; it is a sin offering.

25 'Then the priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on ^athe horns of the altar of burnt offering; and *the rest* of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

26 ^aAnd all its fat he shall offer up in smoke on the altar as in the case of the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. Thus ^bthe priest

17 ^aLev. 4:6

18 ¹Lit., which is in ^aLev. 4:7, 25, 30, 34

19 ^aLev. 4:8

20 ^aLev. 4:8

21 ^bNum. 15:25, 28

21 ^aLev.

4:13f., 16:15-

17, Num.

15:24-26

22 ¹Lit.,

commands of

the LORD

which are not

to be done

^aNum. 31:13,

32:2 ^bLev.

4:2, 27

23 ¹Lit., or

¹Lit., in

which he has

sinned ¹Lit.,

back of the

goats

^aLev. 4:3

^bLev. 4:3, 14,

28 ^cLev. 4:28

24 ¹Lit., one

slays

25 ^aLev. 4:7,

18, 30, 34

26 ^aLev.

4:19 ^bLev.

4:20, 31, 5:10,

13, 18, 18, 6:7

27 ¹Lit., one

soul ¹Lit., the

people of the

land ¹Lit.,

commands of

the LORD

which are not

to be done

^aLev. 4:2,

Num. 15:27

28 ¹Lit., or

¹Lit., sinned

¹Lit., female

goat

^aLev. 4:3

^bLev. 4:3, 14,

23, 32 ^cLev.

4:23

29 ^aLev. 1:4,

4:4, 24 ^bLev.

15, 11

30 ^aLev. 4:7,

18, 25, 34

^bLev. 4:7

31 ¹Or, so

that he may

be

^aLev. 4:8

^bGen. 8:21,

Ex. 29:18,

Lev. 1:9, 13,

2:2, 9, 12

32 ^aLev.

4:28

33 ¹Lit., one

slays

^aLev. 1:4, 5

^bLev. 4:29

34 ^aLev. 4:7,

18, 25, 30

^bLev. 4:7

35 ^aLev.

4:28, 31

shall make atonement for him in regard to his sin, and he shall be forgiven.

27 ¶ 'Now if ¹anyone of ²the common people sins ^aunintentionally in doing any of the ³things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and becomes guilty,

28 ¹if his sin, which he has ²committed is made known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a ^{3b}goat, a ^cfemale without defect, for his sin which he has ²committed.

29 'And ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and ^bslay the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering.

30 'And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of ^athe altar of burnt offering; and ^ball the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

31 ^aThen he shall remove all its fat, just as the fat was removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall offer it up in smoke on the altar for ^ba soothing aroma to the LORD. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, ¹and he shall be forgiven.

32 ¶ 'But if he brings ^aa lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring it, a female without defect.

33 'And ^ahe shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and slay it for a sin offering ^bin the place where ¹they slay the burnt offering.

34 'And the priest is to take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of ^athe altar of burnt offering; and ^ball the rest of its blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar.

35 'Then he shall remove ^aall its fat, just as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offerings, and the priest shall offer them up in

smoke on the altar, on the offerings by fire to the LORD. Thus ^bthe priest shall make atonement for him in regard to his sin which he has ¹committed, and he shall be forgiven.

CHAPTER 5

NOW if a person sins, after he hears a ¹public ^aadjuration to testify, when he is a witness, whether he has seen or otherwise known, if he does not tell it, then he will bear his ²guilt.

2 'Or if a person touches ^aany unclean thing, whether a carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean cattle, or a carcass of unclean swarming things, though it is hidden from him, and he is unclean, then he will be guilty.

3 'Or if he touches human uncleanness, of whatever sort his uncleanness may be with which he becomes unclean, and it is hidden from him, and then he comes to know it, he will be guilty.

4 'Or if a person ^aswears thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to do good, in whatever matter a man may speak thoughtlessly with an oath, and it is hidden from him, and then he comes to know it, he will be guilty in one of these.

5 'So it shall be when he becomes guilty in one of these, that he shall ^aconfess that in which he has sinned.

6 'He shall also bring his guilt offering to the LORD for his sin which he has ¹committed, ^aa female from the flock, a lamb or a ²goat as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin.

7 ¶ 'But if ¹he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD his guilt offering for that in which he has sinned, two turtledoves or two young pigeons, ^aone for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering.

33 'Lit., sinned
^bLev. 4:20

1 'Lit., voice of an oath
^aOr, iniquity
^aProv. 29:24; Jer. 23:10

2 'Lev. 11:8, 11, 24-40; Num. 19:11-16; Deut. 14:8

4 'Num. 30:6, 8; Ps. 106:33

5 'Lev. 16:21; 26:40; Num. 5:7; Prov. 28:13

6 'Lit., sinned
²Lit., female goat
^aLev. 4:28, 32

7 'Lit., his hand does not reach enough for
^aLev. 12:6, 8; 14:22, 30, 31

8 'Lev. 1:17

9 'Lev. 1:15
^bLev. 4:7, 18

10 'Lit., sinned
^aLev. 1:14-17
^bLev. 4:20, 26; 5:13, 16

11 'Lit., hand does not reach
²Lit., Approx. one bu.
^aLev. 14:21-32; 27:8
^bLev. 2:1, 2

12 'Lit., upon

13 'Lit., sinned
^aLev. 5:4, 5
^bLev. 2:3

15 'Num. 5:5-8
^bLev. 4:2; 22:14
^cLev. 7:1-10
^dLev. 6:6
^eEx. 30:13

8 'And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer first that which is for the sin offering and shall nip its head at the front of its neck, but he ^ashall not sever it.

9 'He shall also sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering ^aon the side of the altar, while the rest of the blood shall be drained out ^bat the base of the altar: it is a sin offering.

10 'The second he shall then prepare as a burnt offering ^aaccording to the ordinance. ^bSo the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has ¹committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

11 ¶ 'But ^aif his ¹means are insufficient for two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then for his offering for that which he has sinned, he shall bring the tenth of an ²ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; ^bhe shall not put oil on it or place incense on it, for it is a sin offering.

12 'And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as its memorial portion and offer it up in smoke on the altar, ¹with the offerings of the LORD by fire: it is a sin offering.

13 'So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin which he has ¹committed from ^aone of these, and it shall be forgiven him; then ^bthe rest shall become the priest's, like the grain offering.' "

14 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

15 "'If a person acts unfaithfully and sins ^bunintentionally against the LORD's holy things, then he shall bring his ^cguilt offering to the LORD: ^da ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation in silver by shekels, in terms of the ^eshekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt offering.

16^a "And he shall make restitution for that which he has sinned against the holy thing, and shall add to it a fifth part of it, and give it to the priest. ^bThe priest shall then make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

17 ^a"Now if a person sins and does any of the things ¹which the LORD has commanded not to be done, ^athough he was unaware, still he is guilty, and shall bear his punishment.

18^a "He is then to bring to the priest ^aa ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his error in which he sinned ^bunintentionally and did not know it, and it shall be forgiven him.

19^a "It is a guilt offering; he was certainly guilty before the LORD."

CHAPTER 6

¹ THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2^a "When a person sins and acts unfaithfully against the LORD, and deceives his companion in regard to a deposit or a security entrusted to him, or through robbery, or if he has extorted from his companion,

3 or ^ahas found what was lost and lied about it and sworn falsely, so that he sins in regard to any one of the things a man may do;

4 then it shall be, when he sins and becomes guilty, that he shall ^arestore what he took by robbery, or what he got by extortion, or the deposit which was entrusted to him, or the lost thing which he found,

5 or anything about which he swore falsely; ^ahe shall make restitution for it ¹in full, and add to it one-fifth more. ^bHe shall give it to the one to whom it be-

16 ^aLev. 6:5; 22:14; Num. 5:7, 8 ^bLev. 7:2-7

17 ¹Lit., the commands of the LORD which are ^aLev. 4:2; 5:19

18 ^aLev. 5:15 ^bLev. 5:17

1 ^aCh. 5:20 in Heb

2 ^aEx. 22:7 15

3 ^aEx. 23:4 Deut. 23:1-4

4 ¹Or, deposited with ^aLev. 24:18, 21

8 ¹Lit., in its sum ^aLev. 5:16 ^bNum. 5:8

6 ^aLev. 5:15

7 ^aLev. 7:2-5

8 ¹Ch. 6:1 in Heb

9 ^aEx. 29:38-42; Num. 28:3-10 ^bLev. 6:12, 13

10 ¹Or, for ashes ²Lit., consumes ^aEx. 28:39, 42; 38:27, 28

11 ¹Or, for ashes

12 ^aLev. 3:5

18 ¹Lit., and some of ^aLev. 2:2, 9

longs on the day he presents his guilt offering.

6^a "Then he shall bring to the priest his guilt offering to the LORD, ^aa ram without defect from the flock, according to your valuation, for a guilt offering.

7 and ^athe priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD; and he shall be forgiven for any one of the things which he may have done to incur guilt."

8 ^a "Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

9^a "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is ^athe law for the burnt offering: the burnt offering itself shall remain on the hearth on the altar all night until the morning, and ^bthe fire on the altar is to be kept burning on it.

10 'And the priest is to put on ^ahis linen robe, and he shall put on undergarments next to his flesh; and he shall take up the ¹ashes to which the fire ²reduces the burnt offering on the altar, and place them beside the altar.

11 'Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments, and carry the ¹ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

12 'And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings ^aon it.

13 'Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out.

14 ^a "Now this is the law of the grain offering: the sons of Aaron shall present it before the LORD in front of the altar.

15 ^a "Then one of them shall lift up from it a handful of the fine flour of the grain offering, ¹with its oil and all the incense that is on the grain offering, and he shall offer it up in smoke on the altar, a soothing aroma, as its memorial offering to the LORD.

16 ^aAnd what is left of it Aaron and his sons are to eat. It shall be eaten as unleavened cakes in a holy place; they are to eat it in the court of the tent of meeting.

17 ^aIt shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their share from My offerings by fire; ^bit is most holy, like the sin offering and ^cthe guilt offering.

18 ^aEvery male among the sons of Aaron may eat it; it is a permanent ordinance throughout your generations, from the offerings by fire to the LORD. ^bWhoever touches them shall become consecrated.' "

19 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

20 "This is the offering which Aaron and his sons are to present to the LORD on the day when he is anointed; the tenth of an ^aephah of fine flour as ^ba ¹regular grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.

21 "It shall be prepared with oil on a ^agriddle. When it is well stirred, you shall bring it. You shall present the grain offering in baked pieces as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

22 "And the anointed priest who will be in his place ¹among his sons shall ²offer it. By a permanent ordinance it shall be entirely offered up in smoke to the LORD.

23 "So every grain offering of the priest shall be burned entirely. It shall not be eaten."

24 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

25 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'This is the law of the sin offering: ^ain the place where the burnt offering is slain the sin offering shall be slain before the LORD; it is most holy.

26 ^aThe priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in a holy place, in the court of the tent of meeting.

27 ^aAnyone who touches its flesh shall become consecrated;

16 ^aLev. 2:3, 10:12-14; Ezek. 44:29

17 ^aLev. 2:11 ^bEx. 40:10; Lev. 6:23, 26, 29, 30; Num. 18:9 ^cLev. 7:7; 10:16-18

18 ^aLev. 6:29; 7:6; Num. 18:10; 1 Cor. 9:13 ^bLev. 6:27

20 ¹Lit., grain offering continually ^aLev. 5:11 ^bNum. 4:16

21 ^aLev. 2:5

22 ¹Lit., from among ²Lit., do

25 ^aLev. 1:11

26 ^aLev. 6:29

27 ¹Lit., one sprinkles ^aLev. 7:19

28 ^aLev. 11:33, 15:12

29 ^aLev. 6:18 ^bLev. 6:17, 25

30 ^aLev. 4:1, 21 ^bLev. 4:7, 18 ^cLev. 4:11, 12, 21

1 ^aLev. 5:14-6:7

2 ^aLev. 1:11

3 ^aLev. 3:9

4 ^aLev. 3:4

6 ^aLev. 6:18, 29; Num. 18:9

7 ¹Lit., it shall be for him ^aLev. 6:25, 28, 30 ^b1 Cor. 9:13; 10:18

8 ¹Lit., for the priest, it shall be for him

and when any of its blood ¹splashes on a garment, in a holy place you shall wash what was splashed on.

28 ^aAlso ^athe earthenware vessel in which it was boiled shall be broken; and if it was boiled in a bronze vessel, then it shall be scoured and rinsed in water.

29 ^aEvery male among the priests may eat of it; ^bit is most holy.

30 ^aBut no sin offering ^aof which any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement ^bin the holy place shall be eaten; ^cit shall be burned with fire.

CHAPTER 7

^aNOW this is the law of the ^aguilt offering; it is most holy.

2 ^aIn ^athe place where they slay the burnt offering they are to slay the guilt offering, and he shall sprinkle its blood around on the altar.

3 ^aThen he shall offer from it all its fat: the ^afat tail and the fat that covers the entrails,

4 and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, which is on the loins, and the lobe on the liver he shall remove ^awith the kidneys.

5 ^aAnd the priest shall offer them up in smoke on the altar as an offering by fire to the LORD; it is a guilt offering.

6 ^aEvery male among the priests may eat of it. It shall be eaten in a holy place; it is most holy.

7 ^aThe guilt offering is like the ^asin offering, there is one law for them; the ^bpriest who makes atonement with it ¹shall have it.

8 ^aAlso the priest who presents any man's burnt offering, ¹that priest shall have for himself the skin of the burnt offering which he has presented.

9 ^aLikewise, every grain offering that is baked in the oven, and

everything prepared in a ¹pan or on a ²griddle, ³shall belong to the priest who presents it.

10 ¹And every grain offering mixed with oil, or dry, shall ¹belong to all the sons of Aaron, ²to all alike.

11 ¹Now this is the law of the ¹sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be presented to the LORD.

12 ¹If he offers it by way of ¹thanksgiving, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer ¹unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers ¹spread with oil, and cakes of well stirred fine flour mixed with oil.

13 ¹With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall present his offering with cakes of ¹leavened bread.

14 ¹And of ¹this he shall present one of every offering as a ²contribution to the LORD; ⁴it shall ³belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings.

15 ¹Now as for the flesh of the sacrifice of his thanksgiving peace offerings, it shall be eaten on the day of his offering; he shall not leave any of it over until morning.

16 ¹But if the sacrifice of his offering is a ¹votive or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offers his sacrifice; and on the ¹next day what is left of it may be eaten;

17 ¹but what is left over from the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burned with fire.

18 ¹So if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings should ever be eaten on the third day, he who offers it shall not be accepted, and it shall not be reckoned to his benefit. It shall be an ¹offensive thing, and the person who eats of it shall bear his own iniquity.

19 ¹Also the flesh that touches anything unclean shall

9 ¹Le.
added cooking pan ²Le.
for the priest
it shall be for him
³Lev 25

10 ¹Le. to
²Le. a man
as his brother

11 ¹Lev 21

12 ¹Or
accounted
²Lev 7:15
³Lev 24
Num. 6:15

13 ¹Lev
2:12 23:17
18. Amos 4:5

14 ¹Le. 4
²Or. house of
bread ³Le.
to for
⁴Num. 18:4
11:19

15 ¹Lev
22:28 30

16 ¹Le.
morning and
what
²Lev 19:5-8

17 ¹Or
12:10

18 ¹Lev
19:7. Prov
15:8

19 ¹Le.
And the flesh

20 ¹Le. and
his offering
was a sin
offering

²Lev 22:3-7
Num. 18:13
³Lev 7:25

21 ¹Same
man, read
morning
thing
²Lev 5:2, 3

22 ¹Lev
3:17

23 ¹Or
22:31. Lev
17:15 22:6

24 ¹Le. to
offer an
offering by fire

25 ¹Gen.
9:4. Lev
17:10-12
19:26. Deut.
12:22. 1 Sam.
14:32. Acts
13:20

26 ¹Lev. 21

27 ¹Le.
unlawful
²Or. 20:26.
27. Lev. 6:28
Num. 6:29

not be eaten; it shall be burned with fire. ¹As for other flesh, anyone who is clean may eat such flesh.

20 ¹But the person who eats the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, ¹in his uncleanness, that person ²shall be cut off from his people.

21 ¹And when anyone touches anything unclean, whether human uncleanness, or an unclean animal, or any unclean ¹detestable thing, and eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, that person shall be cut off from his people."

22 ¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall not eat ¹any fat from an ox, a sheep, or a goat.

24 ¹Also the fat of an animal which dies, and the fat of an animal ¹torn by beasts, may be put to any other use, but you must certainly not eat it.

25 ¹For whoever eats the fat of the animal from which ¹an offering by fire is offered to the LORD, even the person who eats shall be cut off from his people.

26 ¹And you are not to eat any blood, either of bird or animal, in any of your dwellings.

27 ¹Any person who eats any blood, even that person shall be cut off from his people."

28 ¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

29 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'He who offers ¹the sacrifice of his peace offerings to the LORD shall bring his offering to the LORD from the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

30 ¹His own hands are to bring offerings by fire to the LORD. He shall bring the fat with the breast, that the ¹breast may be ¹presented as a wave offering before the LORD.

31 'And the priest shall offer up the fat in smoke on the altar; but ^athe breast shall belong to Aaron and his sons.

32 'And you shall give ^athe right thigh to the priest as a ¹contribution from the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 'The one among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat, the right thigh shall be his as his portion.

34 'For I have taken ^athe breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the ¹contribution from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons as *their* due forever from the sons of Israel.

35 ¶ 'This is ¹that which is consecrated to Aaron and ¹that ^awhich is consecrated to his sons from the offerings by fire to the LORD, in that day when he presented them to serve as priests to the LORD.

36 'These the LORD had commanded to be given them from the sons of Israel in the day that He ^aanointed them. It is *their* due forever throughout their generations.' "

37 ¶ This is the law of the burnt offering, the grain offering and the sin offering and the guilt offering and ^athe ordination offering and the sacrifice of peace offerings,

38 ^awhich the LORD commanded Moses at Mount Sinai in the day that He commanded the sons of Israel to ¹present their offerings to the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai.

CHAPTER 8

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2^a'Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the ^bgarments and ^athe anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering, and the two

31 ^aNum. 18:11; Deut. 18:3

32 ¹Or, heave offering
^aEx. 29:27; Lev. 7:34; 9:21; Num. 6:20

34 ¹Or, heave offering
^aEx. 29:27; Lev. 10:14; 15; Num. 18:18

35 ¹Lit., the anointed portion of
^aNum. 18:8

36 ¹Lit., which
^aEx. 40:13-15; Lev. 8:12, 30

37 ^aEx. 29:22-34; Lev. 8:22, 23

38 ¹Or, offer
^aLev. 1:1; 28:46; 27:34; Deut. 4:5

2 ^aEx. 28:1
^bLev. 6:10
^cEx. 30:25

6 ^aEx. 28:4; 6
^bEx. 30:19; 20; Ps. 28:6; 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:26

7 ¹Lit., and with it
^aEx. 28:4

8 ¹Lit., pouch ^ai.e., the lights and perfections
^aEx. 28:30; Num. 27:21; Deut. 33:8; 1 Sam. 28:8; Ezra 2:63; Neh. 7:65

9 ^aEx. 28:36

10 ¹Or, dwelling place
^aEx. 30:26-29; Lev. 8:2

11 ^aEx. 29:36, 37; 30:29

12 ^aEx. 29:7; 30:30; Lev. 21:10, 12; Ps. 133:2

13 ¹Lit., headgear
^aEx. 29:8, 9

14 ^aEx. 29:10; Lev. 4:4; Ps. 66:15; Ezek. 43:19

rams and the basket of unleavened bread;

3 and assemble all the congregation at the doorway of the tent of meeting."

4 So Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. When the congregation was assembled at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

5 Moses said to the congregation, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded to do."

6 ¶ Then ^aMoses had Aaron and his sons come near, and ^bwashed them with water.

7 And he ^aput the tunic on him and girded him with the sash, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him; and he girded him with the artistic band of the ephod, ¹with which he tied it to him.

8 He then placed the ¹breast-piece on him, and in the ¹breast-piece he put ^{2a}the Urim and the Thummim.

9 He also placed the turban on his head, and on the turban, at its front, he placed ^athe golden plate, the holy crown, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 ¶ Moses then took ^athe anointing oil and anointed the ¹tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them.

11 And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, to ^aconsecrate them.

12 Then he poured some of the ^aanointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to consecrate him.

13 ^aNext Moses had Aaron's sons come near and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with sashes, and bound ¹caps on them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

14 ¶ Then he brought ^athe bull of the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on

the head of the bull of the sin offering.

15 Next ¹Moses slaughtered it and took the blood and with his finger ^aput some of it around on the horns of the altar, and purified the altar. Then he poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar and consecrated it, to make atonement for it.

16 He also ^atook all the fat that was on the entrails and the ¹lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat; and Moses offered it up in smoke on the altar.

17 ^aBut the bull and its hide and its flesh and its refuse, he burned in the fire outside the camp, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

18 ¶ Then he presented ^athe ram of the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

19 And ¹Moses slaughtered it and sprinkled the blood around on the altar.

20 When he had cut the ram into its pieces, Moses ^aoffered up the head and the pieces and the suet in smoke.

21 After he had washed the entrails and the legs with water, Moses ^aoffered up the whole ram in smoke on the altar. It was a burnt offering for a soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

22 ¶ Then he presented the second ram, ^athe ram of ¹ordination; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

23 And ¹Moses slaughtered it and took some of its blood and ^aput it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

24 He also had Aaron's sons come near; and Moses put some of the blood on the lobe of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big

15 ¹Lit. he slaughtered it and Moses took
^aEx. 29:12;
Lev. 4:7;
Lev. 43:20

16 ¹Or, appendage on
^aEx. 29:13

17 ^aEx.
29:14, Lev.
4:11, 12

18 ^aEx.
29:15, Lev.
8:2

19 ¹Lit. he slaughtered it and Moses sprinkled

20 ^aLev. 1:8

21 ^aEx.
29:18

22 ¹Lit. All ing. and so throughout the ch.
^aEx. 29:31;
Lev. 8:2

23 ¹Lit. he slaughtered it and Moses took
^aEx. 29:20, 21

24 ¹Heb.
9:16-22

25 ¹Or, appendage on

26 ^aEx.
29:23

27 ^aEx.
29:24

28 ^aEx.
29:25 ^aGen.
8:21

29 ^aLev.
7:31-34 ^aEx.
29:28; Ps.
99:6

30 ^aEx.
29:21

31 ^aEx.
29:31 ^aEx.
29:32

32 ^aEx.
29:34

toe of their right foot. Moses then ^asprinkled the rest of the blood around on the altar.

25 And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the entrails, and the ¹lobe of the liver and the two kidneys and their fat and the right thigh.

26 And ^afrom the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake and one cake of bread mixed with oil and one wafer, and placed them on the portions of fat and on the right thigh.

27 He then ^aput all these on the hands of Aaron and on the hands of his sons, and presented them as a wave offering before the LORD.

28 Then Moses ^atook them from their hands and offered them up in smoke on the altar with the burnt offering. They were an ordination offering for ^ba soothing aroma; it was an offering by fire to the LORD.

29 Moses also took ^athe breast and presented it for a wave offering before the LORD; it was ^bMoses' portion of the ram of ordination, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

30 ¶ So Moses ^atook some of the anointing oil and some of the blood which was on the altar, and sprinkled it on Aaron, on his garments, on his sons, and on the garments of his sons with him; and he consecrated Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him.

31 ¶ Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, "Boil the flesh at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and eat it there together with the bread which is in the basket of the ordination offering, just as I commanded, ^bsaying, 'Aaron and his sons shall eat it.'

32 "And ^athe remainder of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn in the fire.

33^a "And you shall not go outside the doorway of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day that the period of your ordination is fulfilled; for he will ¹ordain you through seven days.

34^a "The LORD has commanded to do as has been done this day, to make atonement on your behalf.

35^a "At the doorway of the tent of meeting, moreover, you shall remain day and night for seven days, and ^akeep the charge of the LORD, that you may not die, for so I have been commanded."

36 Thus Aaron and his sons did all the things which the LORD had commanded through Moses.

CHAPTER 9

NOW it came about ^aon the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel;

2 and he said to Aaron, "^aTake for yourself a calf, a bull, for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering, *both* without defect, and offer *them* before the LORD.

3 "Then to the sons of Israel you shall speak, saying, 'Take a male goat for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, both one year old, without defect, for a burnt offering,

4 and an ox and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD, and a grain offering mixed with oil; for today ^athe LORD shall appear to you.' "

5 So they took what Moses had commanded to the front of the tent of meeting, and the whole congregation came near and stood before the LORD.

6 And Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD has commanded you to do, that ^athe glory of the LORD may appear to you."

7 Moses then said to Aaron, "Come near to the altar and ^{1a}offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, that you may

33 ¹Lit., *fill your hands*
^aEx. 29:35

35 ^aNum. 3:7, 9:19;
Deut. 11:1;
1 Kin. 2:3;
Ezek. 48:11

1 ^aEzek. 43:27

2 ^aEzek. 29:1; Lev. 4:3

4 ^aEx. 29:43

6 ^aEx. 24:16; Lev. 9:23

7 ¹Lit., *make* ²Lit., *of*
^aHeb. 5:3,
7:27

8 ^aLev. 4:1-12

9 ^aLev. 9:12, 18 ^bLev. 4:7

10 ¹Or, *appendage on*

11 ^aLev. 4:11, 12; 8:17

13 ¹Lit., *its pieces*

15 ^aLev. 4:27-31

16 ¹Lit., *made*
^aLev. 1:1-13

17 ¹Lit., *palm*
^aLev. 2:1-3
^bLev. 3:5

18 ^aLev. 3:1-11

make atonement for yourself and for the people; then make the offering ²for the people, that you may make atonement for them, just as the LORD has commanded."

8 ¶ ^aSo Aaron came near to the altar and slaughtered the calf of the sin offering which was for himself.

9 ^aAnd Aaron's sons presented the blood to him; and he dipped his finger in the blood, and ^bput some on the horns of the altar, and poured out *the rest* of the blood at the base of the altar.

10 The fat and the kidneys and the ¹lobe of the liver of the sin offering, he then offered up in smoke on the altar just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

11 ^aThe flesh and the skin, however, he burned with fire outside the camp.

12 ¶ Then he slaughtered the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar.

13 And they handed the burnt offering to him in ¹pieces with the head, and he offered *them* up in smoke on the altar.

14 He also washed the entrails and the legs, and offered *them* up in smoke with the burnt offering on the altar.

15 ¶ Then he presented the people's offering, and took the ^agoat of the sin offering which was for the people, and slaughtered it and offered it for sin, like the first.

16 He also presented the burnt offering, and ¹offered it according to ^athe ordinance.

17 Next he presented ^athe grain offering, and filled his ¹hand with some of it and offered it up in smoke on the altar, ^bbesides the burnt offering of the morning.

18 ¶ Then ^ahe slaughtered the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings which was for the people; and Aaron's sons

handed the blood to him and he sprinkled it around on the altar.

19 As for the portions of fat from the ox and from the ram, the fat tail, and the fat ^acovering, and the kidneys and the ¹lobe of the liver.

20 they now placed the portions of fat on the breasts; and he offered ¹them up in smoke on the altar.

21 But ^athe breasts and the right thigh Aaron ¹presented as a wave offering before the LORD, just as Moses had commanded.

22 ¶ Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and ^ablessed them, and he stepped down after making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings.

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting. When they came out and blessed the people, ^athe glory of the LORD appeared to all the people.

24 ^aThen fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the portions of fat on the altar; and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

CHAPTER 10

NOW ^aNadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective ^bfirepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.

2 ^aAnd fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying,

'By those who ^acome near Me I ^{1b}will be treated as holy.

And before all the people I will ^cbe honored.' "

So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

19 ¹Or, appendage on ^aLev 3:9

20 ¹Lit., the portions of fat

21 ¹Lit., waved ^aEx 29:26, 27, Lev 7:30-34

22 ^aNum 6:22-26; Deut 21:5, Luke 24:50

23 ^aLev 9:6, Num. 16:19

24 ^a1 Kin 18:38, 39; 2 Chr 7:1

1 ^aEx 24:1, 9; Num 3:2, 26:61 ^aLev 16:12

2 ^aNum 3:4, 16:35, 26:61

3 ¹Or, will show Myself holy

^aEx 19:22, Lev 21:6 ^bEx 30:30; Ezek. 38:16 ^aEx 14:4, 17:16; 49:3, Ezek. 28:22

4 ¹Lit., brothers ^aEx 6:22

5 ^aEx 29:5, Lev 8:13

6 ¹Lit., unbind ¹Lit., brothers ¹Lit., burned ^aLev 21:1, 5, 10-12 ^aNum 1:53, 16:22, 46:18, 5, Josh. 7:1, 22:18, 20; 2 Sam 24:1

7 ^aEx 28:41, Lev 21:12

9 ^aProv 20:1, 31:5, 1a, 28:7, Ezek. 44:21, Hos. 4:11, Luke 1:15, Eph. 5:18; 1 Tim. 3:3, Titus 1:7

10 ^aLev 11:47; 20:25, Ezek. 22:26

11 ^aDeut. 17:10, 11; 33:10

12 ^aEx 6:23; Num. 3:2 ^aLev. 6:14-18

4 Moses called also to ^aMishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Aaron's uncle Uzziel, and said to them, "Come forward, carry your ¹relatives away from the front of the sanctuary to the outside of the camp."

5 So they came forward and carried them still in their ^atunics to the outside of the camp, as Moses had said.

6 Then Moses said to Aaron and to his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "^aDo not ¹uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, so that you may not die, and that He may not ^bbecome wrathful against all the congregation. But your ²kinsmen, the whole house of Israel, shall bewail the burning which the LORD has ³brought about.

7 "You shall not even go out from the doorway of the tent of meeting, lest you die; for ^athe LORD's anointing oil is upon you." So they did according to the word of Moses.

8 ¶ The LORD then spoke to Aaron, saying,

9 "^aDo not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you may not die—it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations—

10 and ^aso as to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean,

11 and ^aso as to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses."

12 ¶ Then Moses spoke to Aaron, and to his surviving sons, ^aEleazar and Ithamar, "^bTake the grain offering that is left over from the LORD's offerings by fire and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for it is most holy.

13 "You shall eat it, moreover, in a holy place, because it is your due and your sons' due out of the

LORD's offerings by fire; for thus I have been commanded.

14 "The breast of the wave offering, however, and the thigh of the offering you may eat in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you; for they have been given as your due and your sons' due out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the sons of Israel.

15 "The thigh offered by lifting up and the breast offered by waving, they shall bring along with the offerings by fire of the portions of fat, to present as a wave offering before the LORD; so it shall be a thing perpetually due you and your sons with you, just as the LORD has commanded."

16 ¶ But Moses searched carefully for the ^agoat of the sin offering, and behold, it had been burned up! So he was angry with Aaron's surviving sons Eleazar and Ithamar, saying,

17 "Why ^adid you not eat the sin offering at the holy place? For it is most holy, and ¹He gave it to you to bear away ^bthe guilt of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD.

18 "Behold, ^asince its blood had not been brought inside, into the sanctuary, you should certainly have ^bbeaten it in the sanctuary, just as I commanded."

19 But Aaron spoke to Moses, "Behold, this very day they ^apresented their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD. When things like these happened to me, if I had eaten a sin offering today, would it have been good in the sight of the LORD?"

20 And when Moses heard that, it seemed good in his sight.

CHAPTER 11

THE LORD spoke again to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,

14 ^aLev. 7:30-34; Num. 18:11

15 ^aLev. 7:34

16 ^aLev. 9:3, 15

17 ¹Or, was given
^aLev. 6:24-30
^bEx. 28:38, Lev. 22:16, Num. 18:1

18 ^aLev. 6:30 ^bLev. 6:26

19 ^aLev. 9:8, 12

2 ^aDeut. 14:3-21

4 ^aActs 10:14

6 ¹Or, hare

9 ^aDeut. 14:9

10 ^aDeut. 14:10

11 ¹Lit., detestable things

12 ¹Lit., detestable things

13 ¹Lit., a detestable thing ²Or, vulture ³Or, black vulture
^aDeut. 14:12-19

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'These are the creatures which you may eat from all the animals that are on the earth.

3 'Whatever divides a hoof, thus making split hoofs, and chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.

4 'Nevertheless, ^ayou are not to eat of these, among those which chew the cud, or among those which divide the hoof: the camel, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you.

5 'Likewise, the rock badger, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you;

6 the ¹rabbit also, for though it chews cud, it does not divide the hoof, it is unclean to you;

7 and the pig, for though it divides the hoof, thus making a split hoof, it does not chew cud, it is unclean to you.

8 'You shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their carcasses; they are unclean to you.

9 ¶ ^a'These you may eat, whatever is in the water: all that have fins and scales, those in the water, in the seas or in the rivers, you may eat.

10 ^a'But whatever is in the seas and in the rivers, that do not have fins and scales among all the teeming life of the water, and among all the living creatures that are in the water, they are detestable things to you,

11 and they shall be ¹abhorrent to you; you may not eat of their flesh, and their carcasses you shall detest.

12 'Whatever in the water does not have fins and scales is ¹abhorrent to you.

13 ¶ 'These, moreover, ^ayou shall detest among the birds; they are ¹abhorrent, not to be eaten: the ²eagle and the vulture and the ³buzzard,

14 and the kite and the falcon in its kind,

15 every raven in its kind,
16 and the ostrich and the owl
and the sea gull and the hawk in
its kind.

17 and the little owl and the
cormorant and the ¹great owl,

18 and the white owl and the
¹pelican and the carrion vulture.

19 and the stork, the heron in
its kinds, and the hoopoe, and
the bat.

20 ¶ ¹All the ¹winged insects
that walk on *all fours* are detest-
able to you.

21 Yet these you may eat
among all the ¹winged insects
which walk on *all fours*: those
which have above their feet
jointed legs with which to jump
on the earth.

22 These of them you may eat:
the locust in its kinds, and the
devastating locust in its kinds,
and the cricket in its kinds, and
the grasshopper in its kinds.

23 But all other ¹winged in-
sects which are four-footed are
detestable to you.

24 ¶ By these, moreover, you
will be made unclean: whoever
touches their carcasses becomes
unclean until evening.

25 and ^awhoever picks up any
of their carcasses shall wash his
clothes and be unclean until eve-
ning.

26 Concerning all the animals
which divide the hoof, but do not
make a split hoof, or which do
not chew cud, they are unclean
to you: whoever touches them
becomes unclean.

27 Also whatever walks on its
paws, among all the creatures
that walk on *all fours*, are un-
clean to you; whoever touches
their carcasses becomes un-
clean until evening.

28 and the one who picks up
their carcasses shall wash his
clothes and be unclean until eve-
ning; they are unclean to you.

29 ¶ Now these are to you the
unclean among the swarming
things which swarm on the

¹⁷ ¹Specifi-
cally, great
horned owl

¹⁸ ¹Or, owl
or jackdaw

²⁰ ¹Lit.,
swarming
things with
wings

²¹ ¹IV 20,
note 1

²² ¹IV 20,
note 1

²³ ¹Lev
11 40

²³ ¹Or,
thorn-tailed
lizard

²³ ¹Or, lizard
and ²Species
as yet unde-
fined

²² ¹Lit.,
with which
work is done
¹Lev 15 12

²³ ¹Lit., if
¹Lev 6:28,
15 12

²⁴ ¹I.e., if
touched by a
carcass, cf
vv 29-32

²⁸ ¹Lit.,
earth for
supporting
(two) pots

²⁸ ¹Lit., of a
gathering of

²⁹ ¹Lev
17 15, 22-8;
Deut. 14:21;
Ezek. 44 31

earth: the mole, and the mouse,
and the ¹great lizard in its kinds,
30 and the gecko, and the
¹crocodile, and the lizard, and
the ²sand reptile, and the chame-
leon.

31 These are to you the un-
clean among all the swarming
things; whoever touches them
when they are dead becomes un-
clean until evening.

32 Also anything on which one
of them may fall when they are
dead, becomes unclean, includ-
ing any wooden article, or cloth-
ing, or a skin, or a sack—any ar-
ticle ¹of which use is made—it
shall be put in the water and be
unclean until evening, then it be-
comes clean.

33 As for any ^aearthenware
vessel into which one of them
may fall, whatever is in it be-
comes unclean and you shall
break ¹the vessel.

34 Any of the ¹food which may
be eaten, on which water comes,
shall become unclean; and any
¹liquid which may be drunk in
every vessel shall become un-
clean.

35 Everything, moreover, on
which part of their carcass may
fall becomes unclean; an oven or
a ¹stove shall be smashed; they
are unclean and shall continue as
unclean to you.

36 Nevertheless a spring or a
cistern ¹collecting water shall be
clean, though the one who
touches their carcass shall be
unclean.

37 And if a part of their carcass
falls on any seed for sowing
which is to be sown, it is clean.

38 Though if water is put on
the seed, and a part of their car-
cass falls on it, it is unclean to
you.

39 ¶ Also if one of the animals
dies which you have for food, the
one who touches its carcass be-
comes unclean until evening.

40 He too, who eats some of
its carcass shall wash his clothes

and be unclean until evening; and the one who picks up its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

41 ¶ ^aNow every swarming thing that swarms on the earth is detestable, not to be eaten.

42 'Whatever crawls on its belly, and whatever walks on all fours, whatever has many feet, in respect to every swarming thing that swarms on the earth, you shall not eat them, for they are detestable.

43 'Do not render ¹yourselves detestable through any of the swarming things that swarm; and you shall not make yourselves unclean with them so that you become unclean.

44 'For ^aI am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and ^bbe holy; for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth.

45 'For I am the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, to be your God; thus ^byou shall be holy for I am holy.' "

46 ¶ This is the law regarding the animal, and the bird, and every living thing that moves in the waters, and everything that swarms on the earth,

47 ^ato make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the edible creature and the creature which is not to be eaten.

CHAPTER 12

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'When a woman ¹gives birth and bears a male child, then she shall be unclean for seven days, ^aas in the days of ²her menstruation she shall be unclean.

3 'And on ^athe eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

⁴¹ ^aLev. 11:29

⁴³ ¹Lit., your souls ^aLev. 20:25

⁴⁴ ^aEx. 6:7, 16:12, 23:25; ¹Is. 43:3; 51:15 ^bLev. 19:2; 1 Pet. 1:16

⁴⁵ ^aEx. 6:7, 20:2; Lev. 22:33, 25:38, 26:45 ^bLev. 19:2, 1 Pet. 1:16

⁴⁷ ^aLev. 10:10; Ezek. 22:26, 44:23

² ¹Lit., produces seed ²Lit., the impurity of her sickness ^aLev. 15:19, 18:19

³ ^aGen. 17:12, Luke 1:59, 2:21

⁵ ¹Lit., impurity

⁶ ^aLuke 2:22 ^bLev. 5:7

⁷ ¹Lit., fountain

⁸ ¹Lit., her hand does not find a sufficiency of a lamb ^aLuke 2:22-24 ^bLev. 5:7 ^cLev. 4:26

² ¹Lit., flesh ²Lit., a mark, stroke, and so throughout the ch. ^aDeut. 24:8

³ ¹Lit., flesh

4 'Then she shall remain in the blood of her purification for thirty-three days; she shall not touch any consecrated thing, nor enter the sanctuary, until the days of her purification are completed.

5 'But if she bears a female child, then she shall be unclean for two weeks, as in her ¹menstruation; and she shall remain in the blood of her purification for sixty-six days.

6 ¶ 'And ^awhen the days of her purification are completed, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the doorway of the tent of meeting, a one year old lamb for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove ^bfor a sin offering.

7 'Then he shall offer it before the LORD and make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the ¹flow of her blood. This is the law for her who bears a child, whether a male or a female.

8 'But if ¹she cannot afford a lamb, then she shall take ^atwo turtledoves or two young pigeons, ^bthe one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering; and the ^cpriest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.' "

CHAPTER 13

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "When a man has on the skin of his ¹body a swelling or a scab or a bright spot, and it becomes ²an infection of leprosy on the skin of his ¹body, ^athen he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests.

3 "And the priest shall look at the mark on the skin of the ¹body, and if the hair in the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his ¹body, it is an infection of leprosy; when the

priest has looked at him, he shall pronounce him unclean.

4 "But if the bright spot is white on the skin of his ¹body, and ²it does not appear to be deeper than the skin, and the hair on it has not turned white, then the priest shall ³isolate him who has the infection for seven days.

5 "And the priest shall look at him on the seventh day, and if in his eyes the infection ¹has not changed, and the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall ²isolate him for seven more days.

6 "And the priest shall look at him again on the seventh day; and if the infection has faded, and the mark has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is only a scab. And he shall ^{*}wash his clothes and be clean.

7 "But if the scab spreads farther on the skin, after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall appear again to the priest.

8 "And the priest shall look, and if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy.

9 "When the infection of leprosy is on a man, then he shall be brought to the priest.

10 "The priest shall then look, and if there is a ^{*}white swelling in the skin, and it has turned the hair white, and there is quick raw flesh in the swelling,

11 it is ¹a chronic leprosy on the skin of his ²body, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean; he shall not ³isolate him, for he is unclean.

12 "And if the leprosy breaks out farther on the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of him who has the infection from his head even to his feet, ¹as far as the priest can see,

13 then the priest shall look, and behold, if the leprosy has

4 ¹Lt., flesh ²Lt., the appearance of it is not deeper ³Lt., shut up

8 ¹Lt., has stood ²Lt., shut up

8 • Lev 11 25, 14 8

10 • Num. 12 10, 2 Kin. 5 27, 2 Chr 28 19, 20

11 ¹Lt., on old ²Lt., flesh ³Lt., shut up

12 ¹Lt., with regard to the whole sight of the priest's eyes

13 ¹Lt., flesh

16 • Luke 5 12 14

18 ¹Lt., flesh

20 ¹Lt., the appearance of it is lower

21 ¹Lt., shut up

24 ¹Lt., flesh

covered all his ¹body, he shall pronounce clean him who has the infection; it has all turned white and he is clean.

14 "But whenever raw flesh appears on him, he shall be unclean.

15 "And the priest shall look at the raw flesh, and he shall pronounce him unclean; the raw flesh is unclean, it is leprosy.

16 "Or if the raw flesh turns again and is changed to white, then he shall ^{*}come to the priest.

17 and the priest shall look at him, and behold, if the infection has turned to white, then the priest shall pronounce clean him who has the infection; he is clean.

18 "And when the ¹body has a boil on its skin, and it is healed,

19 and in the place of the boil there is a white swelling or a reddish-white, bright spot, then it shall be shown to the priest;

20 and the priest shall look, and behold, if ¹it appears to be lower than the skin, and the hair on it has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is the infection of leprosy, it has broken out in the boil.

21 "But if the priest looks at it, and behold, there are no white hairs in it and it is not lower than the skin and is faded, then the priest shall ¹isolate him for seven days;

22 and if it spreads farther on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection.

23 "But if the bright spot remains in its place, and does not spread, it is only the scar of the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 "Or if the ¹body sustains in its skin a burn by fire, and the raw flesh of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white, or white,

25 then the priest shall look at it. And if the hair in the bright

spot has ^aturned white, and it appears to be deeper than the skin, it is leprosy; it has broken out in the burn. Therefore, the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection of leprosy.

26 "But if the priest looks at it, and indeed, there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it is no ¹deeper than the skin, but is dim, then the priest shall ²isolate him for seven days;

27 and the priest shall look at him on the seventh day. If it spreads farther in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is an infection of leprosy.

28 "But if the bright spot remains in its place, and has not spread in the skin, but is dim, it is the swelling from the burn; and the priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is *only* the scar of the burn.

29 "Now if a man or woman has an infection on the head or on the beard,

30 then the priest shall look at the infection, and if it appears to be deeper than the skin, and there is thin yellowish hair in it, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is a scale, it is leprosy of the head or of the beard.

31 "But if the priest looks at the infection of the scale, and indeed, it appears to be no deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall ¹isolate the person with the scaly infection for seven days.

32 "And on the seventh day the priest shall look at the infection, and if the scale has not spread, and no yellowish hair has ¹grown in it, and the appearance of the scale is no deeper than the skin,

33 then he shall shave himself, but he shall not shave the scale; and the priest shall ¹isolate the person with the scale seven more days.

28 ^aEx. 4:6; Num. 12:10; 2 Kin. 5:27

26 ¹Lit. lower ²Lit. shut up

31 ¹Lit. shut up

32 ¹Lit. burn

33 ¹Lit. shut up

38 ¹Lit. flesh

39 ¹Lit. flesh ²Lit. letter

40 ¹Lit. man's head becomes bald ²2 Kin. 2:23; Is. 15:2; Amos 8:10

41 ¹Lit. border of his face

43 ¹Lit. flesh ²Lev. 10:10; Ezek. 22:26

45 ¹Or. disheveled ²Lev. 10:6

34 "Then on the seventh day the priest shall look at the scale, and if the scale has not spread in the skin, and it appears to be no deeper than the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

35 "But if the scale spreads farther in the skin after his cleansing,

36 then the priest shall look at him, and if the scale has spread in the skin, the priest need not seek for the yellowish hair; he is unclean.

37 "If in his sight the scale has remained, however, and black hair has grown in it, the scale has healed, he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 ¶ And when a man or a woman has bright spots on the skin of the ¹body, even white bright spots,

39 then the priest shall look, and if the bright spots on the skin of their ¹bodies are a faint white, it is ²eczema that has broken out on the skin; he is clean.

40 ¶ Now if a ¹man loses the hair of his head, he is ^abald; he is clean.

41 "And if his head becomes bald at the ¹front and sides, he is bald on the forehead; he is clean.

42 "But if on the bald head or the bald forehead, there occurs a reddish-white infection, it is leprosy breaking out on his bald head or on his bald forehead.

43 "Then ^athe priest shall look at him; and if the swelling of the infection is reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, like the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the ¹body,

44 he is a leprous man, he is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his infection is on his head.

45 ¶ As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and ^athe hair of his head shall be ¹uncovered, and he shall

bcover his mustache and cry,
"Unclean! Unclean!"

46 "He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

47 "When a garment has a mark of leprosy in it, whether it is a wool garment or a linen garment,

48 whether in warp or woof, of linen or of wool, whether in leather or in any article made of leather,

49 if the mark is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, or in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it is a leprous mark and shall be shown to the priest.

50 "Then the priest shall look at the mark, and shall quarantine the article with the mark for seven days.

51 "He shall then look at the mark on the seventh day; if the mark has spread in the garment, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in the leather, whatever the purpose for which the leather is used, the mark is a leprous malignancy, it is unclean.

52 "So he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or any article of leather in which the mark occurs, for it is a leprous malignancy; it shall be burned in the fire.

53 ¶ But if the priest shall look, and indeed, the mark has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather,

54 then the priest shall order them to wash the thing in which the mark occurs, and he shall quarantine it for seven more days.

55 "After the article with the mark has been washed, the priest shall again look, and if the mark has not changed its appearance, even though the mark

46 Ezek.
24:17,
22; Mic. 3:7
Lam. 4:15

46 Num.
5:1-4, 12-14

47 L.L., in-
fection, and
so through-
out the ch.

48 Or,
weaving or
texture

49 Or,
weaving or
texture

50 L.L.,
shut up
Ezek. 44:23

51 L.L., ma-
lignant lep-
rosy

52 L.L., ma-
lignant lep-
rosy

54 L.L.,
shut up

2 Matt.
8:4, Mark
1:44, Luke
5:14, 17-14

3 L.L.,
mark, stroke,
and so
throughout
the ch.
Lev. 13:46

4 L.L.,
scarlet color
and
Lev. 14:6,
40, 51, 52,
Num. 19:6

5 L.L., liv-
ing

6 L.L.,
scarlet color
and
Lev. 14:4

has not spread, it is unclean; you shall burn it in the fire, whether an eating away has produced bareness on the top or on the front of it.

56 ¶ Then if the priest shall look, and if the mark has faded after it has been washed, then he shall tear it out of the garment or out of the leather, whether from the warp or from the woof;

57 and if it appears again in the garment, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it is an outbreak; the article with the mark shall be burned in the fire.

58 "And the garment, whether the warp or the woof, or any article of leather from which the mark has departed when you washed it, it shall then be washed a second time and shall be clean."

59 ¶ This is the law for the mark of leprosy in a garment of wool or linen, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, for pronouncing it clean or unclean.

CHAPTER 14

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. Now he shall be brought to the priest,

3 and the priest shall go out to the outside of the camp. Thus the priest shall look, and if the infection of leprosy has been healed in the leper,

4 then the priest shall give orders to take two live clean birds and cedar wood and a scarlet string and hyssop for the one who is to be cleansed.

5 "The priest shall also give orders to slay the one bird in an earthenware vessel over running water.

6 "As for the live bird, he shall take it, together with the cedar wood and the scarlet string and

the hyssop, and shall dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was slain over the ²running water.

7^a He shall then sprinkle seven times the one who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the live bird go free over the open field.

8^a The one to be cleansed shall then wash his clothes and shave off all his hair, and bathe in water and ^bbe clean. Now afterward, he may enter the camp, but he ^cshall stay outside his tent for seven days.

9^a And it will be on the seventh day that he shall shave off all his hair: he shall shave his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair. He shall then wash his clothes and bathe his ^bbody in water and ^abe clean.

10 ^a Now on the eighth day he is to take two male lambs without defect, and a yearling ewe lamb without defect, and three-tenths of an ^bephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and one ²log of oil;

11 and the priest who pronounces him clean shall present the man to be cleansed and the ^aforesaid before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

12^a Then the priest shall take the one male lamb and bring it for a ^aguilt offering, with the ^blog of oil, and present them as a ^cwave offering before the LORD.

13^a Next he shall slaughter the male lamb in ^athe place where they slaughter the sin offering and the burnt offering, at the place of the sanctuary—for the guilt offering, ^blike the sin offering, belongs to the priest; it is most holy.

14^a The priest shall then take some of the blood of the ^aguilt offering, and the priest shall put it on ^bthe lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on

^a Lit. lev-
ing
^b Ps 51:7

⁷ Ezek
36:25

⁸ Lev
11:25, 13:6,
Num 8:7
^b Lev 14:9, 20
^c Num 5:2, 3,
12:14, 15,
2 Chr 26:21

⁹ Lit.
flesh
^a Lev 14:8, 20

¹⁰ I.e., Ap-
prox. one bu-
² I.e., Approx-
one pt.
^a Lev 14:12,
15:21, 24

¹¹ Lit.
them

¹² I.e., Ap-
prox. one pt.
^a Lev. 5:6, 18;
6:6, 14:19
^b Lev. 14:10
^c Ex 29:22-24,
28

¹³ Ex
29:11, Lev
1:11, 4:24
^b Lev 6:24-30,
7:7

¹⁴ Lev
14:19 ^b Ex
29:20, Lev
8:23, 24

¹⁵ I.e., Ap-
prox. one pt.
^a Lev. 14:10

¹⁸ Lev
4:28, Num.
15:28, Heb
2:17

¹⁹ Lev
14:12

²⁰ Lev.
14:8, 9

²¹ Lit.
hand is not
reaching ² I.e.,
Approx. one
bu. ² I.e., Ap-
prox. one pt.
^a Lev. 5:11;
12:8; 27:8
^b Lev. 14:22
^c Lev. 14:10

²² Lit., his
hand reaches
^a Lev. 5:7
^b Lev. 14:21,
24, 25

²³ Lev.
14:10, 11

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the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

15^a The priest shall also take some of the ¹log of oil, and pour it into his left palm;

16 the priest shall then dip his right-hand finger into the oil that is in his left palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of the oil seven times before the LORD.

17^a And of the remaining oil which is in his palm, the priest shall put some on the right ear lobe of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the blood of the guilt offering;

18 while the rest of the oil that is in the priest's palm, he shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed. So the priest shall make ^aatonement on his behalf before the LORD.

19^a The priest shall next offer the ^asin offering and make atone-ment for the one to be cleansed from his uncleanness. Then af-terward, he shall slaughter the burnt offering.

20^a And the priest shall offer up the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. Thus the priest shall make atonement for him, and ^ahe shall be clean.

21 ^a But if he is poor, and his ^bmeans are insufficient, then he is to take one male lamb for a ^bguilt offering as a wave offering to make atonement for him, and one-tenth of an ²ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering, and a ³log of oil.

22 and two turtledoves or two young pigeons which ¹are within his means, ^athe one shall be a ^bsin offering and the other a burnt of-fering.

23^a Then the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleans-ing to the priest, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, before the LORD.

24^a And the priest shall take the lamb of the guilt offering, and

the log of oil, and the priest shall offer them for a wave offering before the LORD.

25 "Next he shall slaughter the lamb of the guilt offering; and the priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

26 "The priest shall also pour some of the oil into his left palm;

27 and with his right-hand finger the priest shall sprinkle some of the oil that is in his left palm seven times before the LORD.

28 "The priest shall then put some of the oil that is in his palm on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, on the place of the blood of the guilt offering.

29 "Moreover, the rest of the oil that is in the priest's palm he shall put on the head of the one to be cleansed, to make atonement on his behalf before the LORD.

30 "He shall then offer one of the turtledoves or young pigeons, which are within his means.

31 "He shall offer what he can afford, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, together with the grain offering. So the priest shall make atonement before the LORD on behalf of the one to be cleansed.

32 "This is the law for him in whom there is an infection of leprosy, whose means are limited for his cleansing."

33 "The LORD further spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

34 "When you enter the land of Canaan, which I give you for a possession, and I put a mark of leprosy on a house in the land of your possession,

35 then the one who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, 'Something like a

24 "Le. Ap-
prox. one pt.
Lev. 14:10

25 "Lev
14:14

26 "Lit.,
from those
which his
hand can
reach

27 "Lit., his
hand can
reach
Lev. 5:7

28 "Lit.,
hand does
not reach

29 "Gen
17:8, Num
32:22, Deut
7:1, 32:49

30 "Ps
91:10

31 "Lit.,
wall

32 "Lit.,
dourway of
the house
Lit., shut up

33 "Lit.,
look

34 "Lit., to

35 "Lit.,
from the
house around

36 "Lit.,
look
Lev. 13:51

37 "Lev.
14:41

mark of leprosy has become visible to me in the house.'

36 "The priest shall then order that they empty the house before the priest goes in to look at the mark, so that everything in the house need not become unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to look at the house.

37 "So he shall look at the mark, and if the mark on the walls of the house has greenish or reddish depressions, and appears deeper than the surface;

38 then the priest shall come out of the house, to the doorway, and quarantine the house for seven days.

39 "And the priest shall return on the seventh day and make an inspection. If the mark has indeed spread in the walls of the house,

40 then the priest shall order them to tear out the stones with the mark in them and throw them away at an unclean place outside the city.

41 "And he shall have the house scraped all around inside, and they shall dump the plaster that they scrape off at an unclean place outside the city.

42 "Then they shall take other stones and replace those stones; and he shall take other plaster and replaster the house.

43 "If, however, the mark breaks out again in the house, after he has torn out the stones and scraped the house, and after it has been replastered,

44 then the priest shall come in and make an inspection. If he sees that the mark has indeed spread in the house, it is a malignant mark in the house; it is unclean.

45 "He shall therefore tear down the house, its stones, and its timbers, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall take them outside the city to an unclean place.

46"Moreover, whoever goes into the house during the time that he has ¹quarantined it, becomes ^aunclean until evening.

47"Likewise, whoever lies down in the house shall wash his clothes, and whoever eats in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 ¶"If, on the other hand, the priest comes in and ¹makes an inspection, and the mark has not indeed spread in the house after the house has been replastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean because the mark has ²not reappeared.

49"To cleanse the house then, he shall take ^atwo birds and cedar wood and a ¹scarlet string and hyssop,

50 and he shall slaughter the one bird in an earthenware vessel over ¹running water.

51"Then he shall take the cedar wood and the ^ahyssop and the ¹scarlet string, with the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, as well as in the ²running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

52"He shall thus cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the ¹running water, along with the live bird and with the cedar wood and with the hyssop and with the ²scarlet string.

53"However, he shall let the live bird go free outside the city into the open field. So he shall make atonement for the house, and it shall be clean."

54 ¶ This is the law for any mark of leprosy—even for a ^ascale,

55 and for the ^aleprous garment or house,

56 and ^afor a swelling, and for a scab, and for a bright spot—

57 to teach ¹when they are unclean, and ²when they are clean. This is the law of leprosy.

CHAPTER 15

THE LORD also spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

46 ¹Lit., shut up
^aNum. 19:7, 10, 21, 22

48 ¹Lit., looks
²Lit., healed

49 ¹Lit., scarlet color
^aLev. 14:4

50 ¹Lit., living

51 ¹Lit., scarlet color
²Lit., living
^a1 Kin. 4:33; Ps. 51:7

52 ¹Lit., living
²Lit., scarlet color

54 ^aLev. 13:30

55 ^aLev. 13:47-52

56 ^aLev. 13:2

57 ¹Lit., in the day of unhealthiness
²Lit., in the day of cleanliness

2 ¹Lit., flesh, and so throughout the ch. ²Or, by his discharge, he is unclean
^aLev. 22:4; Num. 5:2; 2 Sam. 3:29

7 ¹Lit., flesh

12 ^aLev. 6:28; 11:33

2"Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, "When any man has a discharge from his ¹body, ²his discharge is unclean.

3 "This, moreover, shall be his uncleanness in his discharge: it is his uncleanness whether his body allows its discharge to flow, or whether his body obstructs its discharge.

4 "Every bed on which the person with the discharge lies becomes unclean, and everything on which he sits becomes unclean.

5 "Anyone, moreover, who touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening;

6 and whoever sits on the thing on which the man with the discharge has been sitting, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

7 "Also whoever touches the ¹person with the discharge shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

8 "Or if the man with the discharge spits on one who is clean, he too shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

9 "And every saddle on which the person with the discharge rides becomes unclean.

10 "Whoever then touches any of the things which were under him shall be unclean until evening, and he who carries them shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

11 "Likewise, whomever the one with the discharge touches without having rinsed his hands in water shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

12 "However, an ^aearthenware vessel which the person with the discharge touches shall be bro-

ken, and every wooden vessel shall be rinsed in water.

13 ¶ Now when the man with the discharge becomes cleansed from his discharge, then he shall count off for himself seven days for his cleansing; he shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water and shall become clean.

14 ¶ Then on the eighth day he shall take for himself two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and give them to the priest;

15 and the priest shall offer them, one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf before the LORD because of his discharge.

16 ¶ Now if a man has a seminal emission, he shall bathe all his body in water and be unclean until evening.

17 ¶ As for any garment or any leather on which there is seminal emission, it shall be washed with water and be unclean until evening.

18 ¶ If a man lies with a woman so that there is a seminal emission, they shall both bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

19 ¶ When a woman has a discharge, if her discharge in her body is blood, she shall continue in her menstrual impurity for seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.

20 ¶ Everything also on which she lies during her menstrual impurity shall be unclean, and everything on which she sits shall be unclean.

21 ¶ And anyone who touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

22 ¶ And whoever touches any thing on which she sits shall wash his clothes and bathe in

13 L.E. Lev. 15:13
14:8

14 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23

15 L.E. Lev. 14:31, 32
14:19, 31

16 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23
14:19, 31

18 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23

19 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23

20 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23

21 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23
14:19, 31

22 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23
14:19, 31

23 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23

24 L.E. Lev. 14:22, 23
14:19, 31

water and be unclean until evening.

23 ¶ Whether it be on the bed or on the thing on which she is sitting, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until evening.

24 ¶ And if a man actually lies with her, so that her menstrual impurity is on him, he shall be unclean seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

25 ¶ Now if a woman has a discharge of her blood many days, not at the period of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond that period, all the days of her impure discharge she shall continue as though in her menstrual impurity; she is unclean.

26 ¶ Any bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her like her bed at menstruation; and every thing on which she sits shall be unclean, like her uncleanness at that time.

27 ¶ Likewise, whoever touches them shall be unclean and shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

28 ¶ When she becomes clean from her discharge, she shall count off for herself seven days; and afterward she shall be clean.

29 ¶ Then on the eighth day she shall take for herself two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, and bring them in to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

30 ¶ And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. So the priest shall make atonement on her behalf before the LORD because of her impure discharge.

31 ¶ Thus you shall keep the sons of Israel separated from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by their defiling My tabernacle that is among them."

32 This is the law for the one with a discharge, and for the man ¹who has a seminal emission so that he is unclean by it.

33 and for the woman who is ill because of menstrual impurity, and for the one who has a discharge, whether a male or a female, or a man who lies with an unclean woman.

CHAPTER 16

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses after ^athe death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had approached the presence of the LORD and died.

2 And the LORD said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron that he shall not enter ^aat any time into the holy place inside the veil, before the ¹mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for ^bI will appear in the cloud over the ¹mercy seat.

3 "Aaron shall enter the holy place with this: with a ¹bull for a ^asin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 "He shall put on the ^aholy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments shall be next to his ¹body, and he shall be girded with the linen sash, and attired with the linen turban (these are holy garments). Then he shall ^bbathe his ¹body in water and put them on.

5 "And he shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel ^atwo male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

6 "Then ^aAaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household.

7 "And he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

8 "And Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the ¹scapegoat.

32 ¹Lit., whose seminal emission goes out from him

1 ^aLev 10:1, 2

2 ¹Lit., propitiatory
^aEx. 30:10;
Heb. 6:19;
9:7, 25 ^bEx. 25:21, 22;
40:34; 1 Kin. 8:10-12

3 ¹Or, bull of the herd
^aLev. 4:1-12, 16:6; Heb. 9:7

4 ¹Lit., flesh
^aEx. 28:39, 42
^bEx. 30:20;
Lev. 16:24;
Heb. 10:22

5 ^aLev. 4:13-21;
2 Chr. 29:21;
Ezek. 45:22

6 ^aHeb. 5:3

8 ¹Lit., goat of removal, or else a name. Azazel

10 ¹Lit., goat of removal, or else a name. Azazel
^aIs. 53:4-10;
Rom. 3:25;
1 John 2:2

11 ^aHeb. 7:27; 9:7
^bLev. 16:33

12 ¹Lit., the filling of the hollow of his hands
^aLev. 10:1;
Num. 18:18
^bEx. 30:34-38

13 ¹Lit., propitiatory
^aEx. 25:21
^bEx. 28:43;
Lev. 22:9;
Num. 4:15, 20

14 ¹Lit., propitiatory
^aHeb. 9:25
^bLev. 4:6, 17

15 ¹Lit., propitiatory
^aHeb. 7:27;
9:7, 12

16 ^aEx. 29:36, 37;
30:10; Heb. 2:17

9 "Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the LORD fell, and make it a sin offering.

10 "But the goat on which the lot for the ¹scapegoat fell, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make ^aatonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the ¹scapegoat.

11 ¶ "Then Aaron shall offer the bull of the sin offering ^awhich is for himself, and make atonement for himself and ^bfor his household, and he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself.

12 "And he shall take a ^afirepan full of coals of fire from upon the altar before the LORD, and ¹two handfuls of finely ground ^bsweet incense, and bring it inside the veil.

13 "And he shall put the incense on the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of incense may cover the ¹mercy seat that is on the ark of the testimony, ^blest he die.

14 "Moreover, ^ahe shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it ^bwith his finger on the ¹mercy seat on the east side; also in front of the ¹mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

15 ¶ "Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering ^awhich is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the ¹mercy seat and in front of the ¹mercy seat.

16 "And ^ahe shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the impurities of the sons of Israel, and because of their transgressions, in regard to all their sins; and thus he shall do for the tent of meeting which abides with them in the midst of their impurities.

17 "When he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, no one shall be in the tent of meet-

ing until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel.

18"Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and of the blood of the goat, and *put it on the horns of the altar on all sides.

19"And *with his finger he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it seven times, and cleanse it, and from the impurities of the sons of Israel consecrate it.

20 ¶"When he finishes atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat.

21"Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and *confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel, and all their transgressions ¹in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness.

22"And the goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a solitary land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.

23 ¶"Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting, and take off *the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there.

24"And *he shall bathe his ¹body with water in a holy place and put on ²his clothes, and come forth and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people.

25"Then he shall offer up in smoke the fat of the sin offering on the altar.

26"And the one who released the goat as the ¹scapegoat *shall wash his clothes and bathe his ²body with water; then after-

ward he shall come into the camp.

27"But the bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, *whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be taken outside the camp, and they shall burn their hides, their flesh, and their refuse in the fire.

28"Then the *one who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his body with water, then afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 ¶"And this shall be a permanent statute for you: *in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall humble your souls, and not ²do any work, whether the native, or the alien who sojourns among you; 30 for it is on this day that ¹atonement shall be made for you to *cleanse you; you shall be clean from all your sins before the LORD.

31"It is to be a sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may *humble your souls; it is a permanent statute.

32"So the priest who is anointed and ¹ordained to serve as priest in his father's place shall make atonement: he shall thus put on *the linen garments, the holy garments,

33 and make atonement for the holy sanctuary; and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar. He shall also make atonement for *the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

34"Now you shall have this as a *permanent statute, to ²make atonement for the sons of Israel for all their sins once every year." And just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so he did.

CHAPTER 17

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 *Lev
4:25, Ezek.
43:20, 22

19 *Lev
16:14, Ezek.
43:20

21 *Lit. in
addition to
*Lev 5:5

23 *Lev
16:4, Ezek.
42:14, 44:19

24 *Lit.
flesh
*Lev 16:4
*Ex. 28:40, 41

26 *Lit.
goat of re-
moval, or
else a name
Azazel *Lit.
flesh
*Lev 11:25,
40

27 *Lev
6:30, Heb
13:11

28 *Num
19:8

29 *Lev
23:27, Num
29:7 *Ex.
31:14, 15

30 *Lit. he
shall make
atonement
*Ps. 51:2, Jer
33:8, Eph
5:26

31 *Lev
23:32, Ezra
8:21, Is. 58:3,
5, Dan. 10:12

32 *Lit.
whose hand
is lifted
*Lev 16:4

33 *Lev
16:11

34 *Lev
23:31 *Heb.
9:7

2"Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'This is what the LORD has commanded, saying,

3"Any man from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox, or a lamb, or a goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside the camp,

4 and ^ahas not brought it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to present it as an offering to the LORD before the ^btabernacle of the LORD, bloodguiltiness is to be reckoned to that man. He has shed blood and that man shall be cut off from among his people.

5"1The reason is so that the sons of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they were sacrificing in the open field, that they may bring them in to the LORD, at the doorway of the tent of meeting to the priest, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD.

6"And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and ^aoffer up the fat in smoke as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

7"And ^athey shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to the ^bgoat demons with which they play the harlot. This shall be a permanent statute to them throughout their generations."

8 ^a"Then you shall say to them, 'Any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 and ^adoes not bring it to the doorway of the tent of meeting to ^boffer it to the LORD, that man also shall be cut off from his people.

10 ^a"And any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, ^bI will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

4 ^aLit., dwelling place
^aDeut. 12:5-21

9 ^aLit., in order that

6 ^aNum. 18:17

7 ^aOr, goat-idsols
^aEx. 22:20; 32:8, 34:13; Deut. 32:17; 2 Chr. 11:15; Ps. 106:37; 1 Cor. 10:20

9 ^aLit., do
^aEx. 20:24; Lev. 17:4

10 ^aGen. 9:4; Lev. 3:17; 7:26, 27; Deut. 12:16; 23:25; 1 Sam. 14:33; Lev. 20:3, 6; Jer. 44:11

11 ^aLit., soul
^aGen. 9:4; Lev. 17:14; ^aHeb. 9:22

13 ^aLit., who in hunting
^aDeut. 12:16

14 ^aLit., soul
^aGen. 9:4; Lev. 17:11

15 ^aEx. 22:31; Lev. 7:24, 22:8; Deut. 14:21

16 ^aOr, iniquity
^aNum. 19:20

2 ^aEx. 6:7; Lev. 11:44; Ezek. 20:5

3 ^aLit., according to the deed of
^aEzek. 20:7, 8; ^aLev. 18:24-30; 20:23

4 ^aLit., to walk in them
^aLev. 18:2

Law of the Slaughter of Beasts.

11 "For ^athe ^blife of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for ^bit is the blood by reason of the ^blife that makes atonement."

12 "Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'No person among you may eat blood, nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.'

13 "So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, in hunting catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, ^ahe shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.

14 ^a"For as for the ^blife of all flesh, its blood is identified with its ^blife. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the ^blife of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

15 ^a"And when any person eats an animal which dies, or is torn by beasts, whether he is a native or an alien, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and remain unclean until evening; then he will become clean.

16 "But if he does not wash ^athem or bathe his body, then ^ahe shall bear his ^bguilt."

CHAPTER 18

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, '^aI am the LORD your God.

3 'You shall not do ^bwhat is ^adone in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor are you to do ^bwhat is ^adone in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you; you shall not walk in their statutes.

4 'You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, ^bto live in accord with them; ^aI am the LORD your God.

5 'So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, ^aby which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD.

6 ¶ 'None of you shall approach any blood relative ¹of his to uncover nakedness; I am the LORD.

7 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, that is, the nakedness of your mother. She is your mother; you are not to uncover her nakedness.

8 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness.

9 'The nakedness of your sister, *either* your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born at home or born outside, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

10 'The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for ¹their nakedness is yours.

11 'The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, ¹born to your father, she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

12 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's blood relative.

13 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your mother's blood relative.

14 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother; you shall not approach his wife, she is your aunt.

15 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

16 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.

17 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of

8 ^aHeb. 9:29; Ezek. 18:9; 20:11; Luke 10:28; Rom. 10:5; Gal. 3:12

6 ¹Lit., of his flesh

7 ^aLev. 20:11; Deut. 27:20; Ezek. 22:10

8 ^aLev. 20:11; Deut. 22:30; 27:20; 1 Cor. 5:1

9 ^aLev. 18:11; 20:17; Deut. 27:22

10 ¹Lit., they are your nakedness

11 ¹Lit., begotten of

12 ^aLev. 20:19

14 ^aLev. 20:20

15 ^aLev. 20:12

16 ^aLev. 20:21

17 ^aOr, wickedness ^aLev. 20:14

18 ¹Lit., takes a wife ^aOr, another ¹Lit., to be

19 ^aLev. 15:24; 20:18 ^aLev. 12:2

20 ^aLev. 20:10; Prov. 6:29; Matt. 5:27, 28; 1 Cor. 6:9; Heb. 13:4

21 ¹Lit., cause to pass over

^aLev. 20:2-5; Deut. 12:31; ^aLev. 19:12; 20:3, 21:6; Ezek. 36:20; Mal. 1:12

22 ¹Lit., those who lie ^aLev. 20:13; Deut. 23:18 mg.; Rom. 1:27

23 ^aOr, lie ^aEx. 22:19; Lev. 20:15; 18; Deut. 27:21

24 ^aLev. 18:3; Deut. 18:12

25 ¹Lit., iniquity ^aLev. 20:23; Deut. 9:5; 18:12 ^aLev. 18:28; 20:22

her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are blood relatives. It is ¹lewdness.

18 'And you shall not ¹marry a woman in addition to ²her sister ³as a rival while she is alive, to uncover her nakedness.

19 ¶ 'Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness during her ^bmenstrual impurity.

20 'And you shall not have intercourse with your neighbor's wife, to be defiled with her.

21 'Neither shall you give any of your offspring ^ato ¹offer them to Molech, nor shall you ^bprofane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

22 'You shall not lie with a male as ¹one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

23 'Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to ¹mate with it; it is a perversion.

24 ¶ 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these ^athe nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.

25 'For the land has become defiled, ^atherefore I have visited its ¹punishment upon it, so the land ^bhas spewed out its inhabitants.

26 'But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not do any of these abominations, *neither* the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you

27 (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled);

28 so that the land may not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.

29 'For whoever does any of these abominations, ¹those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people.

30 'Thus you are to keep ^aMy charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; ^bI am the LORD your God.' "

CHAPTER 19

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, ^a'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

3 'Everyone of you ^ashall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep ^bMy sabbaths; ^cI am the LORD your God.

4 'Do not turn to ^aidols or make for yourselves molten ^bgods; I am the LORD your God.

5 ^a'Now when you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted.

6 'It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and the next day; but what remains until the third day shall be burned with fire.

7 'So if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an offense; it will not be accepted.

8 'And everyone who eats it will bear his iniquity, for he has profaned the holy thing of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from his people.

9 ^a'Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10 'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God.

29 ¹Or, and the

30 ^aLev. 22:9; Deut. 11:1 ^bLev. 18:2

3 ^aEx. 19:8; Lev. 11:44; 20:7, 26; Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:16

3 ^aEx. 20:12, 31; 13; Deut. 5:16 ^bEx. 20:8 ^cLev. 11:44

4 ^aLev. 26:1; Ps. 96:5; 115:4-7 ^bEx. 20:23, 34; 17

9 ^aLev. 23:22; Deut. 24:20-22

11 ^aEx. 20:15, 16 ^bJer. 9:3-5; Eph. 4:25

12 ^aEx. 20:7; Deut. 5:11; Matt. 5:33 ^bLev. 18:21

13 ^aEx. 22:7-15, 21-27 ^bDeut. 24:15; James 5:4

14 ^aDeut. 27:18

15 ^aEx. 23:3; 6; Deut. 1:17; 10:17, 16:19

16 ¹Lit. stand ²Lit. blood ^aPs. 15:3; Jer. 6:28; 9:4; Ezek. 22:9 ^bEx. 23:7; Deut. 27:25

17 ¹Lit. brother ^a1 John 2:9; 11:3; 15 ^bMatt. 18:15; Luke 17:3

18 ^aDeut. 32:35; Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30 ^bPs. 103:9 ^cMatt. 19:19; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; Rom. 13:9; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8

19 ^aDeut. 22:9, 11

20 ^aDeut. 22:23-27

11 ^a'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, ^bnor lie to one another.

12 ^a'And you shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to ^bprofane the name of your God; I am the LORD.

13 ^a'You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. ^bThe wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning.

14 'You shall not curse a deaf man, nor ^aplace a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

15 ^a'You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly.

16 'You shall not go about as ^aa slanderer among your people, and you are not to ^bact against the ²life of your neighbor; I am the LORD.

17 ^a'You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you ^bmay surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

18 ^a'You shall not take vengeance, ^bnor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but ^cyou shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

19 ^a'You are to keep My statutes. You shall not breed together two kinds of your cattle; ^ayou shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor wear a garment upon you of two kinds of material mixed together.

20 ^a'Now if a man lies carnally with a woman who is a slave acquired for another man, but who has in no way been redeemed, nor given her freedom, there shall be punishment; they shall not, however, be put to death, because she was not free.

21 'And he shall bring his guilt offering to the LORD to the door-

way of the tent of meeting. ^aa ram for a guilt offering.

22 'The priest shall also make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before the LORD for his sin which he has committed, and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.

23 ¶ 'And when you enter the land and plant all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as ¹forbidden. Three years it shall be ¹forbidden to you; it shall not be eaten.

24 'But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, an offering of praise to the LORD.

25 'And in the fifth year you are to eat of its fruit, that its yield may increase for you; I am the LORD your God.

26 ¶ 'You shall not eat anything ^awith the blood, nor practice ^bdivination or soothsaying.

27 'You shall not round off the side-growth of your heads, nor harm the edges of your beard.

28 'You shall not make any cuts in your ¹body for the ²dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the LORD.

29 ¶ 'Do not ¹profane your daughter by making her a harlot, so that the land may not fall to harlotry, and the land become full of lewdness.

30 'You shall ^akeep My sabbaths and ^brevere My sanctuary; I am the LORD.

31 ¶ 'Do not turn to ^{1a}mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

32 ¶ 'You shall rise up before the grayheaded, and honor the ¹aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

33 ¶ 'When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.

34 'The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and ^ayou shall love him as yourself; for you

21 ^aLev. 6:1-7

22 ¹Lat., un-circumcised

23 ^aGen.

9:4, Lev.

7:22, 17:10.

Deut. 12:16.

23 ^aDeut.

18:10; 2 Km.

17:17

27 ^aLev.

21:9; Deut.

14:1

28 ¹Lat.

Heb. ²Lat.,

soul

28 ¹Or, de-

grade

^aLev. 21:9;

Deut. 22:21.

23:17, 18

29 ^aLev.

19:3 ^aLev.

26:2

31 ¹Or,

ghosts or

spirits

^aLev. 20:6.

27; Deut.

18:11, 1 Sam.

28:3, Is. 8:19

32 ¹Lat.

face of the

angel

^aProv. 23:22.

Lam. 5:12;

1 Tim. 5:1

33 ^aEx.

22:21; Deut.

24:17, 18

34 ^aLev.

19:18

35 ^aDeut.

25:13-16.

Ezek. 45:10

36 ¹e. Ap-

prox. one ba-

²e. Approx.

one gal

^aDeut. 25:13-

15; Prov.

20:10

37 ¹Lat.

seed

^aLev. 18:21.

^aLev. 20:27.

24:14-23.

Num. 15:35.

38; Deut.

21:21

39 ¹Lat.

seed

^aLev. 15:31

^aLev. 18:21

40 ¹Lat., had-

ing they had

their eyes

from ²Lat.,

seed

6 ¹Or,

ghosts and

spirits

^aLev. 19:31

7 ^aEph. 1:4;

1 Pet. 1:16

were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 ¶ 'You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measurement of weight, or capacity.

36 'You shall have ^ajust balances, just weights, a just ¹e-phah, and a just ²hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt.

37 'You shall thus observe all My statutes, and all My ordinances, and do them: I am the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 20

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 'You shall also say to the sons of Israel, 'Any man from the sons of Israel or from the aliens sojourning in Israel, ^awho gives any of his ¹offspring to Molech, shall surely be put to death; ^bthe people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 'I will also set My face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given some of his ¹offspring to Molech, ^aso as to defile My sanctuary and ^bto profane My holy name.

4 'If the people of the land, however, ¹should ever disregard that man when he gives any of his ²offspring to Molech, so as not to put him to death,

5 then I Myself will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut off from among their people both him and all those who play the harlot after him, by playing the harlot after Molech.

6 ¶ 'As for the person who turns to ^{1a}mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

7 'You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and ^abe holy, for I am the LORD your God.

8 'And ^ayou shall keep My statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

9 ¶ ^aIf there is anyone who curses his father or his mother, he shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother, his bloodguiltiness is upon him.

10 ¶ ^aIf there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11 ^aIf there is a man who lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

12 ^aIf there is a man who lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed ¹incest, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

13 ^aIf there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

14 ^aIf there is a man who ¹marries a woman and her mother, it is immorality; both he and they shall be burned with fire, that there may be no immorality in your midst.

15 ^aIf there is a man who lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death; you shall also kill the animal.

16 ^aIf there is a woman who approaches any animal to ¹mate with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

17 ¶ ^aIf there is a man who takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, so that he sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is

^aEx.
31:13

^aEx.
21:17; Deut.
27:16

^aEx.
20:14, Lev.
18:20; Deut.
5:18

^aLev.
18:7, 8; Deut.
27:20

¹Lit.,
confusion,
i.e., a viola-
tion of divine
order
^aLev. 18:15

^aLev.
18:22

¹Lit.,
takes
^aLev. 18:17,
Deut. 27:23

^aLev.
18:23; Deut.
27:21

¹Lit., lie

^aLev.
18:9; Deut.
27:22

¹Lit., such
^aOr, uncov-
ered
^aLev. 15:24,
18:19

¹Lit.,
flesh
^aLev. 18:12,
13

^aLev.
18:14

¹Or, an
impure deed
^aLev. 18:16

¹Lit.,
dwell in it
^aLev. 18:28

¹Lit.,
walk in the
statutes
^aLev. 18:3
^bLev. 18:25

^aEx. 13:5;
33:1-3 ^bEx.
33:16; Lev.
20:26

¹Lit.,
your souls
¹Lit., with
which the
ground
creeps
^aLev. 10:10,
11:1-47; Deut.
14:3-21

a disgrace; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the sons of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he bears his guilt.

18 ^aIf there is a man who lies with a ¹menstruous woman and uncovers her nakedness, he has laid bare her flow, and she has ²exposed the flow of her blood; thus both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 ^aYou shall also not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister or of your father's sister, for such a one has made naked his ¹blood relative; they shall bear their guilt.

20 ^aIf there is a man who lies with his uncle's wife he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall bear their sin. They shall die childless.

21 ^aIf there is a man who takes his brother's wife, it is ¹abhorrent; he has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless.

22 ¶ ^aYou are therefore to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land to which I am bringing you to ¹live will not ^aspew you out.

23 ^aMoreover, you shall not ¹follow ^athe customs of the nation which I shall drive out before you, for they did all these things, and ^btherefore I have abhorred them.

24 ^aHence I have said to you, ^a"You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has ^bseparated you from the peoples.

25 ^aYou are therefore to make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean; and you shall not make ¹yourselves detestable by animal or by bird or by anything ²that creeps on the ground,

which I have separated for you as unclean.

26 'Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.

27 ¶ 'Now a man or a woman who is a medium or a spiritist shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.' "

CHAPTER 21

THEN the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, 'No one shall defile himself for a dead person among his people,

2 'except for his relatives who are nearest to him, his mother and his father and his son and his daughter and his brother,

3 also for his virgin sister, who is near to him because she has had no husband; for her he may defile himself.

4 'He shall not defile himself as a relative by marriage among his people, and so profane himself.

5 'They shall not make any baldness on their heads, nor shave off the edges of their beards, nor make any cuts in their flesh.

6 'They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they present the offerings by fire to the LORD, the bread of their God; so they shall be holy.

7 'They shall not take a woman who is profaned by harlotry, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband; for he is holy to his God.

8 'You shall consecrate him, therefore, for he offers the bread of your God; he shall be holy to you; for I the LORD, who sanctifies you, am holy.

9 'Also the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by harlotry, she profanes her fa-

26 *Lev. 20:24

27 *Lit. spiritist among them *Lev. 19:31

1 *Lev. 19:28, Ezek. 44:25

3 *Lev. 21:11

3 *Or, whom no man has had

4 *Lit. husband among

8 *Deut. 14:1, Ezek. 44:20 *Lev. 19:27 *Deut. 14:1

6 *Lit. of *Lev. 18:21 *Lev. 3:11

7 *Lev. 21:13, 14

8 *Lev. 21:6

9 *Gen. 38:24, Lev. 19:29

10 *Lit. whose hand has been filled *Lit. unbind *Lev. 10:6

11 *Lev. 19:28, Num. 19:14

12 *Lev. 10:7 *Ex. 29:6, 7

14 *Lit. take as wife *Lev. 21:7, Ezek. 44:22

15 *Lit. seed

17 *Lit. seed *Lev. 21:6

18 *Lit. slit *Lev. 22:19-25

20 *Lit. ob security *Deut. 23:1, Is. 58:3-5

21 *Lit. seed *Lev. 21:6

22 *1 Cor. 9:13

ther; she shall be burned with fire.

10 ¶ 'And the priest who is the highest among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil has been poured, and who has been consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head, nor tear his clothes;

11 nor shall he approach any dead person, nor defile himself even for his father or his mother;

12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is on him; I am the LORD.

13 'And he shall take a wife in her virginity.

14 'A widow, or a divorced woman, or one who is profaned by harlotry, these he may not take; but rather he is to marry a virgin of his own people;

15 that he may not profane his offspring among his people: for I am the LORD who sanctifies him.' "

16 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17 "Speak to Aaron, saying, 'No man of your offspring throughout their generations who has a defect shall approach to offer the bread of his God.

18 'For no one who has a defect shall approach: a blind man, or a lame man, or he who has a disfigured face, or any deformed limb,

19 or a man who has a broken foot or broken hand,

20 or a hunchback or a dwarf, or one who has a defect in his eye or eczema or scabs or crushed testicles.

21 'No man among the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, is to come near to offer the LORD's offerings by fire; since he has a defect, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.

22 'He may eat the bread of his

God, both of the most holy and of the holy.

23 only he shall not go in to the veil or come near the altar because he has a defect, that he may not profane My sanctuaries. For I am the LORD who sanctifies them.' "

24 So Moses spoke to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel.

CHAPTER 22

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying.

2 "Tell Aaron and his sons to be careful with the holy gifts of the sons of Israel, which they dedicate to Me, so as not to profane My holy name; I am the LORD.

3 "Say to them, 'If any man among all your ¹descendants throughout your generations approaches the holy gifts which the sons of Israel dedicate to the LORD, while he has an uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from before Me. I am the LORD.

4 "No man, of the ¹descendants of Aaron, who is a leper or who has a discharge, may eat of the holy gifts until he is clean. ^bAnd if one touches anything made unclean by a corpse or if ^ca man has a seminal emission,

5 or ^aif a man touches any teeming things, by which he is made unclean, or any man by whom he is made unclean, whatever his uncleanness;

6 a ¹person who touches any such shall be unclean until evening, and shall not eat of the holy gifts, unless he has bathed his ²body in water.

7 'But when the sun sets, he shall be clean, and afterward he shall eat of the holy gifts, for ^ait is his ¹food.

8 'He shall not eat ^aan animal which dies or is torn by beasts, becoming unclean by it; I am the LORD.

9 'They shall therefore keep ^aMy charge, so that ^bthey may

³ Lit. seed
^a Lev. 7:20, 21; Num. 19:13

⁴ Lit. seed
^a Lev. 14:1-32
^b Lev. 11:24-28, 39, 40
^c Lev. 15:16, 17

⁵ Lev. 11:23-28

⁶ Lit. soul
² Lit. flesh

⁷ Lit. bread
^a Num. 18:11

⁸ Lev. 7:24, 11:39, 40; 17:15

⁹ Lev. 18:30
^a Ex. 28:43; Lev. 22:16, Num. 18:22

¹⁰ Lit. stranger
^a Ex. 29:33; Lev. 22:13, Num. 3:10

¹¹ Lit. soul
² Lit. he may
³ Lit. bread
^a Gen. 17:13, Ex. 12:44

¹² Lit. stranger
² Lit. heave offering

¹³ Lit. bread
² Lit. stranger
^a Lev. 22:10

¹⁴ Lev. 5:15, 16

¹⁵ Num. 18:32

¹⁶ Or, iniquity requiring a guilt offering
^a Lev. 10:17, 22:9

¹⁸ Lit. vows
^a Num. 15:14

¹⁹ Lev. 21:18-21, Deut. 15:21

²⁰ Deut. 15:21; 17:1; Mal. 1:8, 14; Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:19

not bear sin because of it, and die thereby because they profane it; I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

10 ¶ ^aNo ¹layman, however, is to eat the holy gift; a sojourner with the priest or a hired man shall not eat of the holy gift.

11 ^aBut if a priest buys a ¹slave as his property with his money, ²that one may eat of it, and those who are born in his house may eat of his ³food.

12 'And if a priest's daughter is married to a ¹layman, she shall not eat of the ²offering of the gifts.

13 'But if a priest's daughter becomes a widow or divorced, and has no child and returns to her father's house as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's ¹food; ^abut no ²layman shall eat of it.

14 ^aBut if a man eats a holy gift unintentionally, then he shall add to it a fifth of it and shall give the holy gift to the priest.

15 'And ^athey shall not profane the holy gifts of the sons of Israel which they offer to the LORD,

16 and so cause them ^ato bear ¹punishment for guilt by eating their holy gifts; for I am the LORD who sanctifies them.' "

17 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying.

18 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, ^a'Any man of the house of Israel or of the aliens in Israel who presents his offering, whether it is any of their ¹votive or any of their free-will offerings, which they present to the LORD for a burnt offering—

19 ^afor you to be accepted—it must be a male without defect from the cattle, the sheep, or the goats.

20 ^aWhatever has a defect, you shall not offer, for it will not be accepted for you.

21 'And when a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the

CHAPTER 23

LORD ^ato ¹fulfill a special vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no defect in it.

22 ¹Those *that are* blind or fractured or maimed or having a running sore or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, nor make of them an offering by fire on the altar to the LORD.

23 ¹In respect to an ox or a lamb which has an ¹overgrown or stunted member, you may present it for a freewill offering, but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 ¹Also ^aanything with its testicles bruised or crushed or torn or cut, you shall not offer to the LORD, or ¹sacrifice in your land,

25 nor shall you accept any such from the hand of a foreigner for offering ^aas the ¹food of your God; for their corruption is in them, they have a defect, they shall not be accepted for you.' "

26 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

27 "When an ox or a sheep or a goat is born, it shall ¹remain ^aseven days ²with its mother, and from the eighth day on it shall be accepted as a sacrifice of an offering by fire to the LORD.

28 "But, whether it is an ox or a sheep, you shall not kill both it and its young in one day.

29 "And when you sacrifice ^aa sacrifice of thanksgiving to the LORD, you shall sacrifice it so that you may be accepted.

30 "It shall be eaten on the same day, you shall leave none of it until morning: I am the LORD.

31 "So you shall keep My commandments, and do them: I am the LORD.

32 "And you shall not profane My holy name, but I will be sanctified among the sons of Israel: I am the LORD who sanctifies you,

33 ^awho brought you out from the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD."

21 ¹Or, make a special votive offering
^aNum. 15:3, 8

22 ¹Or, a deformed

24 ¹Lit. do
^aLev. 21:20

25 ¹Lit. bread
^aLev. 21:22

27 ¹Lit. be
²Lit. under
^aEx. 22:30

28 ^aDeut. 22:6, 7

29 ^aLev. 7:12

31 ^aLev. 19:37, Num. 15:40, Deut. 4:40

32 ^aLev. 11:45

3 ^aLev. 23:4, 37, 44, Num. 29:39
^aLev. 23:21

3 ^aEx. 20:10, 23:12, 31:13-17, 35:2, 3, Lev. 19:3, Deut. 5:13, 14

4 ^aEx. 23:14, Lev. 23:2

5 ¹Lit. between the two evenings
^aEx. 12:18, 19, Num. 28:16-25, Deut. 16:1, Josh. 3:10

6 ^aEx. 12:14-20, 23:15, 34:18, Deut. 16:3-8

7 ^aLev. 23:8, 21, 25, 35, 36

10 ^aEx. 23:18, 34:26

THE LORD spoke again to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ^aThe LORD's appointed times which you shall ^bproclaim as holy convocations—My appointed times are these:

3 ^aFor six days work may be done; but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall not do any work; it is a sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 ¶ These are the ^aappointed times of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at the times appointed for them.

5 ^aIn the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month ¹at twilight is the LORD's Passover.

6 ¹Then on the fifteenth day of the same month there is the ^aFeast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.

7 ¹On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall ^anot do any laborious work.

8 ¹But for seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work.' "

9 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and ^areap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.

11 ¹And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for you to be accepted; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 ¹Now on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD.

13 'Its ^agrain offering shall then be two-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire to the LORD for a soothing aroma, with its libation, a fourth of a ^hhin of wine.

14 'Until this same day, until you have brought in the offering of your God, ^ayou shall eat neither bread nor roasted grain nor new growth. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

15 ¶ ^aYou shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths.

16 'You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a ^anew grain offering to the LORD.

17 'You shall bring in from your dwelling places two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths of an *ephah*; they shall be of a fine flour, baked ^awith leaven as first fruits to the LORD.

18 'Along with the bread, you shall present seven one year old male lambs without defect, and a bull of the herd, and two rams; they are to be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their libations, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD.

19 'You shall also offer ^aone male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs one year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

20 'The priest shall then wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering with two lambs before the LORD; they are to be holy to the LORD for the priest.

21 'On this same day you shall ^amake a proclamation as well; you are to have a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious ^bwork. It is to be a perpetual stat-

13 ^hi.e., Ap-
prox. one gal.
^aLev. 6:20

14 ^aEx.
34:26; Num
15:20, 21

15 ^aNum
28:26-31,
Deut. 16:9-12

16 ^aNum
28:26

17 ^hi.e., Ap-
prox. one bu
^aLev. 2:12;
7:13

19 ^aLev.
4:23; Num
28:30

21 ^aLev.
23:2, 4 ^bLev.
23:7

22 ^aLev.
19:9, 10;
Deut. 24:19.
Ruth 2:15f.

24 ^hLit., sabbath
rest
^aNum. 29:1
^bNum. 10:9,
10

25 ^aLev.
23:21

27 ^aLev.
16:29; 25:9;
Num. 29:7
^bEx. 30:10;
Lev. 16:30;
23:28; Num.
29:7-11

28 ^aLev.
23:27 ^bLev.
16:34

29 ^hLit., soul
^aGen. 17:14;
Lev. 13:46;
Num. 9:2

ute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.

22 ¶ ^a'When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor gather the gleanings of your harvest; you are to leave them for the needy and the alien. I am the LORD your God.' "

23 ¶ Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'In the seventh month on the first of the month, you shall have a ^hrest, a ^hreminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

25 'You shall ^anot do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD.' "

26 ¶ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

27 "On exactly ^athe tenth day of this seventh month is ^bthe day of atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire to the LORD.

28 "Neither shall you do any work on this same day, for it is a ^aday of atonement, ^bto make atonement on your behalf before the LORD your God.

29 "If there is any ^hperson who will not humble himself on this same day, ^ahe shall be cut off from his people.

30 "As for any person who does any work on this same day, that person I will destroy from among his people.

31 "You shall do no work at all. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

32 "It is to be a sabbath of complete rest to you, and you shall humble your souls; on the ninth of the month at evening, from evening until evening you shall keep your sabbath."

33 ¶ Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

34 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'On ^athe fifteenth of this seventh month is the ^bFeast of Booths for seven days to the LORD.

35 'On the first day is a holy convocation; you shall do ^ano laborious work of any kind.

36 ^a'For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On ^bthe eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work.

37 ¹ 'These are ^athe appointed times of the LORD which you shall proclaim as holy convocations, to present offerings by fire to the LORD—burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and libations, ^beach day's matter on its own day—

38 besides those of the sabbaths of the LORD, and besides your gifts, and besides all your ¹votive and freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

39 ¹ 'On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, ^awhen you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a ¹rest on the first day and a ¹rest on the eighth day.

40 'Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the ¹foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

41 'You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 'You shall ¹live ^ain booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall ¹live in booths,

43 so that ^ayour generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land

34 ^aNum. 29:12 ^bLev. 23:42, 43; Deut. 16:13, 16; Ezra 3:4; Neh. 8:14; Zech. 14:16; John 7:2

35 ^aLev. 23:25

36 ^aNum. 29:12-34 ^bNum. 29:35

37 ^aLev. 23:2 ^bNum. 28:1, 29:38

38 ¹Lev. 23:29, and besides all your

39 ¹Lev. 23:29, and besides all your

40 ¹Lev. 23:40, products, fruit

41 ¹Lev. 23:41, dwell

42 ^aDeut. 31:13, Ps. 78:57

43 ^aLev. 23:37

44 ¹Or, ¹Lev. 23:37, second

45 ^aEx. 25:31, 31 & 37:17

46 ^aEx. 25:30, 30:38, 40:23

47 ^aEx. 25:24, 1 Kin. 7:48

48 ^aLev. 23:41, 16

49 ¹Lev. 23:41, 12:5 ^bEx. 25:30, Num. 4:7, 2 Chr. 7:4

50 ^aLev. 23:41, 12:5 ^bEx. 25:30, Num. 4:7, 2 Chr. 7:4

51 ^aEx. 23:15, 22:28, Job 2:3, 9:1, 12:1

of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.' "

44 So Moses declared to the sons of Israel ^athe appointed times of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel that they bring to you ^aclear oil from beaten olives for the ¹light, to make a lamp ²burn continually.

3 "Outside the veil of testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD continually; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

4 "He shall keep the lamps in order on the ^apure gold lampstand before the LORD continually.

5 ¹ "Then you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it; two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake.

6 "And you shall set them in two rows, six to a row, on the ^apure gold table before the LORD.

7 "And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be ^aa memorial portion for the bread, even an offering by fire to the LORD.

8 "Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before the LORD ^bcontinually; it is an everlasting covenant ¹for the sons of Israel.

9 "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the LORD's offerings by fire, his portion forever."

10 ¹ Now the son of an Israelite woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the sons of Israel; and the Israelite woman's son and a man of Israel struggled with each other in the camp.

11 And the son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the ^aName and cursed. So they brought him

to Moses. (Now his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.)

12 And they put him in custody ²so that ^athe command of the LORD might be made clear to them.

13 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

14 "Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and let all who heard him ^alay their hands on his head; then ^blet all the congregation stone him.

15 "And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, "If anyone curses his God, then he shall bear his sin.

16 "Moreover, the one who ^ablasphemes the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name, shall be put to death.

17 ¶ "And if a man ¹takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death.

18 "And ^athe one who ¹takes the life of an animal shall make it good, life for life.

19 "And if a man ¹injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him:

20 ^afracture for fracture, ^beye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has ¹injured a man, so it shall be ²inflicted on him.

21 "Thus the one who ¹kills an animal shall make it good, but ^athe one who ¹kills a man shall be put to death.

22 "There shall be ^aone ¹standard for you; it shall be for the stranger as well as the native, for I am the LORD your God."

23 Then Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought the one who had cursed outside the camp and stoned him with stones. Thus the sons of Israel did, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

12 ¹Or, prison ²Lit., to declare distinctly to them according to the mouth of the LORD
^aEx. 18:15; Num. 15:34

14 ^aDeut. 13:9, 17:7
^bLev. 20:2, 27; Deut. 21:21

15 ^aEx. 22:28

16 ^a1 Kin. 21:10, Matt. 12:31; Mark 3:28f.

17 ¹Lit., smites
^aGen. 9:6; Ex. 21:12; Num. 35:30, 31; Deut. 27:24

18 ¹Lit., smites
^aLev. 24:21

19 ¹Lit., given a blemish

20 ¹Lit., given a blemish
²Lit., given
^aEx. 21:23; Deut. 19:21
^bMatt. 5:38

21 ¹Lit., smites
^aLev. 24:17

22 ¹Lit., judgment
^aEx. 12:40; Num. 9:14; 15:15, 16, 29

1 ¹Or, on

3 ^aEx. 23:10, 11

4 ^aLev. 25:20

5 ¹Lit., growth from spilled kernels

6 ^aLev. 25:20, 21

9 ^aLev. 23:27

10 ¹Or, liberty ²Or, when
^aJer. 34:8, 15, 17
^bLev. 25:13, 28, 54

CHAPTER 25

THE LORD then spoke to Moses ¹at Mount Sinai, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, "When you come into the land which I shall give you, then the land shall have a sabbath to the LORD.

3 ^aSix years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop,

4 but during ^athe seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

5 "Your harvest's ¹aftergrowth you shall not reap, and your grapes of untrimmed vines you shall not gather; the land shall have a sabbatical year.

6 ^aAnd all of you shall have the sabbath products of the land for food; yourself, and your male and female slaves, and your hired man and your foreign resident, those who live as aliens with you.

7 "Even your cattle and the animals that are in your land shall have all its crops to eat.

8 ¶ "You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, namely, forty-nine years.

9 "You shall then sound a ram's horn abroad on ^athe tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land.

10 "You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and ^aproclaim ¹a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, ²and ^beach of you shall return to his own property, ²and each of you shall return to his family.

11 "You shall have the fiftieth year as a jubilee; you shall not

sow, nor reap its aftergrowth, nor gather in from its untrimmed vines.

12 'For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat its crops out of the field.

13 ¶ 'On this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his own property.

14 'If you make a sale, moreover, to your friend, or buy from your friend's hand, you shall not wrong one another.

15 'Corresponding to the number of years after the jubilee, you shall buy from your friend; he is to sell to you according to the number of years of crops.

16 'In proportion to the extent of the years you shall increase its price, and in proportion to the fewness of the years, you shall diminish its price; for it is a number of crops he is selling to you.

17 'So you shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the LORD your God.

18 ¶ 'You shall thus observe My statutes, and keep My judgments, so as to carry them out, that you may live securely on the land.

19 'Then the land will yield its produce, so that you can eat your fill and live securely on it.

20 'But if you say, "What are we going to eat on the seventh year if we do not sow or gather in our crops?"

21 then I will so order My blessing for you in the sixth year that it will bring forth the crop for three years.

22 'When you are sowing the eighth year, you can still eat old things from the crop, eating the old until the ninth year when its crop comes in.

23 ¶ 'The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are but aliens and sojourners with Me.

24 'Thus for every piece of your property, you are to pro-

vide for the redemption of the land.

25 'If a fellow countryman of yours becomes so poor he has to sell part of his property, then his nearest kinsman is to come and buy back what his relative has sold.

26 'Or in case a man has no kinsman, but so recovers his means as to find sufficient for its redemption,

27 then he shall calculate the years since its sale and refund the balance to the man to whom he sold it, and so return to his property.

28 'But if he has not found sufficient means to get it back for himself, then what he has sold shall remain in the hands of its purchaser until the year of jubilee; but at the jubilee it shall revert, that he may return to his property.

29 ¶ 'Likewise, if a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then his redemption right remains valid until a full year from its sale; his right of redemption lasts a full year.

30 'But if it is not bought back for him within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city passes permanently to its purchaser throughout his generations; it does not revert in the jubilee.

31 'The houses of the villages, however, which have no surrounding wall shall be considered as open fields; they have redemption rights and revert in the jubilee.

32 'As for cities of the Levites, the Levites have a permanent right of redemption for the houses of the cities which are their possession.

33 'What, therefore, belongs to the Levites may be redeemed and a house sale in the city of this possession reverts in the jubilee, for the houses of the cities

13 Lev
25 10; 27-24

14 Lev
25 17

15 Lit.
friend's
hands

16 Lit.
multitude
Lev 25 27,
51, 52

17 Or, rev-
erence
Lev 25 14,
Prov 14 31,
22 22, Jer
7 5, 6,
1 Thess 4 6

18 Lev
25 5, Deut
12 10, Jer
23 6

20 Or, be-
hold
Lev 25 4

21 Deut
28 8

22 Lev
25 10

23 Ex 18 5
Gen 23 4,
1 Chr 29 15,
Ps 38 12,
Heb 11 13,
1 Pet 2 11

24 Lit.
land

25 Lit.
brother
Ruth 2 20,
4 4, 6

26 Lit., his
hand reac-hes

27 Lev
25 16

28 Lit., his
hand has not
found suffi-
cient to Lit.
go out
Lev 25 10,
13

29 Lit., go
out

31 Lit., ac-
cording to
Lit., go out

32 Num.
35 1-8, Josh
21 2

33 Lit., is
from Lit.,
and Lit.,
goes out

of the Levites are their possession among the sons of Israel.

34 ^aBut pasture fields of their cities shall not be sold, for that is their perpetual possession.

35 ¶ ^aNow in case a ¹countryman of yours becomes poor and his ²means with regard to you falter, then you are to sustain him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.

36 ^aDo not take ¹usurious interest from him, but revere your God, that your ²countryman may live with you.

37 ^aYou shall not give him your silver at interest, nor your food for gain.

38 ^aI am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan and ^bto be your God.

39 ¶ ^aAnd if a ¹countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to you that he sells himself to you, you shall not subject him to a slave's service.

40 ^aHe shall be with you as a hired man, as ^aif he were a sojourner; he shall serve with you until the year of jubilee.

41 ^aHe shall then go out from you, he and his sons with him, and shall go back to his family, that he may return to the property of his forefathers.

42 ^aFor they are My servants whom I brought out from the land of Egypt; they are not to be sold in a slave sale.

43 ^aYou shall not rule over him with severity, but are to revere your God.

44 ^aAs for your male and female slaves whom you may have—you may acquire male and female slaves from the pagan nations that are around you.

45 ^aThen, too, it is out of the sons of the sojourners who live as aliens among you that you may gain acquisition, and out of their families who are with you, whom they will have ¹produced

34 ^aNum. 35:2-5

33 ¹Lit. brother ²Lit. hand ^aDeut. 15:7, 11, 24, 14, 15

36 ¹Lit. interest and usury ²Lit. brother ^aEx. 22:25, Deut. 23:19, 20

38 ^aLev. 11:45 ^bGen. 17:7

39 ¹Lit. brother ^aEx. 21:2-6; Deut. 15:12, 18, 1 Kin. 9:22

40 ^aEx. 21:2

43 ^aEx. 1:13, 14; Lev. 25:40, 53; Ezek. 34:4; Col. 4:1

43 ¹Lit. be-gotten

40 ¹Lit. brothers ^aLev. 25:43

47 ¹Lit. hand reaches ²Lit. brother

40 ¹Lit. if his hand has reached and ^aLev. 25:26, 27

51 ^aLev. 25:16

53 ^aLev. 25:43

34 ^aOr, these years ^aLev. 25:10, 13, 28

in your land; they also may become your possession.

46 ^aYou may even bequeath them to your sons after you, to receive as a possession; you can use them as permanent slaves. ^aBut in respect to your ¹countrymen, the sons of Israel, you shall not rule with severity over one another.

47 ¶ ^aNow if the ¹means of a stranger or of a sojourner with you becomes sufficient, and a ²countryman of yours becomes so poor with regard to him as to sell himself to a stranger who is sojourning with you, or to the descendants of a stranger's family,

48 then he shall have redemption right after he has been sold. One of his brothers may redeem him,

49 or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or one of his blood relatives from his family may redeem him; or ¹if he prospers, he may redeem himself.

50 ^aHe then with his purchaser shall calculate from the year when he sold himself to him up to the year of jubilee; and the price of his sale shall correspond to the number of years. *It is like the days of a hired man that he shall be with him.*

51 ^aIf there are still many years, ^ahe shall refund part of his purchase price in proportion to them for his own redemption;

52 and if few years remain until the year of jubilee, he shall so calculate with him. In proportion to his years he is to refund *the amount* for his redemption.

53 ^aLike a man hired year by year he shall be with him; ^ahe shall not rule over him with severity in your sight.

54 ^aEven if he is not redeemed by ¹these means, ^ahe shall still go out in the year of jubilee, he and his sons with him.

55 ^aFor the sons of Israel are My servants; they are My servants

whom I brought out from the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 26

YOU shall not make for yourselves ¹idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves ²an image or ³a sacred pillar, nor shall you place a ⁴figured stone in your land to bow down ⁵to it; for I am the LORD your God.

2 ¹You shall keep My sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am the LORD.

3 ¹If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out,

4 then ¹I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.

5 ¹Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your ¹food to the full and ²live securely in your land.

6 ¹I shall also grant peace in the land, so that ²you may lie down with no one making you tremble. ³I shall also eliminate harmful beasts from the land, and ⁴no sword will pass through your land.

7 ¹But you will chase your enemies, and they will fall before you by the sword;

8 ¹five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword.

9 ¹So I will turn toward you and ²make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will ³confirm My covenant with you.

10 ¹And you will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new.

11 ¹Moreover, I will make My ¹dwelling among you, and My soul will not ²reject you.

12 ¹I will also walk among you

1 ¹Or, given in-
gates
2 ¹Lat. over
3 ¹Lat. 19:4,
Deut. 3:8 ²Ex.
20:4, Deut.
16:21 ³Ex.
23:24 ⁴Num.
33:52

2 ¹Lat.
19:30
3 ¹Deut.
7:12, 28,
11:13, 28 1-14
4 ¹Deut.
11:14
5 ¹Lat.

6 ¹Lat.
breast
7 ¹Deut. 11:15,
Joel 2:19, 28,
Amos 9:13
8 ¹Lat. 25:18,
19, Ezek.
34:25

9 ¹Ps.
29:11, 85:8,
147:14 ²Zeph.
3:13 ³Lat.
26:22 ⁴Lat.
26:25

10 ¹Deut.
32:30
11 ¹Gen.
17:6, 22:17,
48:4 ²Gen.
17:7

12 ¹Lat.
25:22
13 ¹Or, tab-
ernacle 2 ¹Lat.
abhor
3 ¹Ex. 25:8,
29:45, 46,
Ezek. 37:26

14 ¹Gen.
1:8, Deut.
23:14, 2 Cor.
6:16
15 ¹Ex. 20:2
16 ¹Ezek. 34:27
17 ¹Deut.
28:15-28,
Joel 2:15

18 ¹Lat.
26:11, 2 Kin.
17:15 ²Lat.
26:9
19 ¹Deut.
28:22, Ps.
78:33 ²1 Sam.
2:33, Ezek.
24:23, 33:10

20 ¹Judg. 6:3-6,
Job 31:8
17 ¹Ps.
108:41 ²Lat.
26:36, 37, Ps.
53:5, Prov.
28:1

21 ¹Lat.
26:21, 24, 28
19 ¹Lat. 28:1
3, Ezek. 24:21
20 ¹Ps.
127:1, Is.
17:10, 11,
49:4, Jer.
12:13

21 ¹Lat.
walk, and so
throughout
the ch.
2 ¹Lat. 26:23,
27, 40 ²Lat.
26:18

and be your God, and you shall be My people.

13 ¹I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their slaves, and ²I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

14 ¹But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments,

15 if, instead, you ¹reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so ²break My covenant,

16 I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a ¹sudden terror, consumption and fever that shall waste away the eyes and cause the ²soul to pine away; also, ³you shall sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies shall eat it up.

17 ¹And I will set My face against you so that you shall be struck down before your enemies; and ²those who hate you shall rule over you, and ³you shall flee when no one is pursuing you.

18 ¹If also after these things, you do not obey Me, then I will punish you ²seven times more for your sins.

19 ¹And I will also ²break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze.

20 ¹And ²your strength shall be spent uselessly, for your land shall not yield its produce and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

21 ¹If then, you ²act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you ³seven times according to your sins.

22 ¹And ²I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and

23 ¹2 Kin. 17:25 ²Judg. 5:6

reduce your number so that ^byour roads lie deserted.

23 ¶ ^a'And if by these things you are not turned to Me, but act with hostility against Me,

24 then I will ^aact with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you ^bseven times for your sins.

25 'I will also bring upon you a sword which will execute ^avengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send ^bpestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands.

26 ^a'When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread ⁱn rationed amounts, so that you will ^beat and not be satisfied.

27 ¶ 'Yet if in spite of this, you do not obey Me, but act with hostility against Me,

28 then ^aI will act with wrathful hostility against you; and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins.

29 'Further, ^ayou shall eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you shall eat.

30 'I then ^awill destroy your high places, and cut down your ^bincense altars, and heap your ⁱremains on the ⁱremains of your idols; for My soul shall abhor you.

31 'I will ⁱlay ^awaste your cities as well, and will make your ^bsanctuaries desolate; and I will not ^csmell your soothing aromas.

32 'And I will make ^athe land desolate ^bso that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled over it.

33 'You, however, I ^awill scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become waste.

34 ¶ ^a'Then the land will ⁱenjoy its sabbaths all the days of the

22 ^bJudg. 5:6
23 ^aLev. 26:21, Jer. 5:3
24 ^aLev. 26:28, 41
^bLev. 26:21
25 ^aJer. 50:28, 51:11
^bNum. 14:12
26 ⁱLit. by weight
^aIs. 3:1, Ezek. 4:16, 17:5, 18:6
^bMic. 6:14
28 ^aLev. 26:24, 41, Is. 59:18
29 ^a2 Kin. 6:29
30 ⁱLit. corpses
^a2 Kin. 23:20, Ezek. 6:3, 6, Amos 7:9
^b2 Chr. 34:4, 7, Is. 27:9
31 ⁱLit. give desolation to
^aNeh. 2:3, Jer. 44:2, 8, 22
^bIs. 63:18, Lam. 2:7
^aAmos 5:21
32 ^aJer. 9:11, 12:11, 25:11, 33:10
^bJer. 18:16, 19:8
33 ^aDeut. 4:27, 28:64, Ps. 44:11, 106:27, Jer. 31:10, Ezek. 12:15, 20:23, Zech. 7:14
34 ⁱLit. satisfy
^aLev. 26:43, 2 Chr. 36:21
36 ⁱLit. the flight of the sword
^aIs. 30:17, Lam. 1:3, 6, 4:19, Ezek. 21:7
37 ⁱLit. you will stand
^aJer. 6:21, Nah. 3:3
38 ^aDeut. 4:26
39 ^aEzek. 4:17, 33:10
40 ^aJer. 3:12-15, 14:20, Hos. 5:15
41 ^aJer. 4:4, 9:25, 28, Ezek. 44:7, 9, Acts 7:51
^bEzek. 20:43
42 ^aGen. 28:13-15, 35:11, 12
^bGen. 28:2-5
^cGen. 22:15-18
43 ^aLev. 26:34

desolation, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and ⁱenjoy its sabbaths.

35 'All the days of ⁱits desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, while you were living on it.

36 'As for those of you who may be left, I will also bring ^aweakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them and even when no one is pursuing, they will flee ⁱas though from the sword, and they will fall.

37 ^a'They will therefore stumble over each other as if ⁱrunning from the sword, although no one is pursuing; and you will have ⁱno strength ⁱto stand up before your enemies.

38 'But ^ayou will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you.

39 ^a'So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them.

40 ¶ ^a'If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me—

41 I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies—
^aor if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that ^bthey then make amends for their iniquity,

42 then I will remember ^aMy covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also ^bMy covenant with Isaac, and ^cMy covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land.

43 ^a'For the land shall be abandoned by them, and shall make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them.

They, meanwhile, shall be making amends for their iniquity, ¹because they rejected My ordinances and their ²soul abhorred My statutes.

44 'Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so ³abhor them as ⁴to destroy them, ⁵breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.

45 'But I will remember for them the ⁶covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that ⁷I might be their God. I am the LORD.' "

46 ¶ 'These are the statutes and ordinances and laws which the LORD established between Himself and the sons of Israel ¹through Moses at Mount Sinai.

CHAPTER 27

AGAIN, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 'Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man makes a difficult vow, he shall be valued according to your valuation of persons belonging to the LORD.

3 'If your valuation is of the male from twenty years even to sixty years old, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after ⁴the shekel of the sanctuary.

4 'Or if it is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels.

5 'And if it be from five years even to twenty years old then your valuation for the male shall be twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

6 'But if they are from a month even up to five years old, then your valuation shall be ⁷five shekels of silver for the male, and for the female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver.

7 'And if they are from sixty years old and upward, if it is a

43 'Lit., because and by the cause
Lev 26:11

44 'Lev 26:11, Deut 4:31, Jer 30:11, Jer 33:20-26

45 'Ex 6:6-8, Gen 17:7

46 'Lit., by the hand of
Lev 7:38, 27:34, Deut 4:5, 29:1

2 'Num 6:2, Deut 23:21-23

3 'Ex 30:13, Lev 27:25, Num 3:47, 18:16

8 'Num 18:16

8 'Lit., what the hand reaches
Lev 5:11, 14:21-24

9 'Lit., they

10 'Lev 27:33

11 'Lit., they

12 'Lit., between

14 'Lit., between good

16 'Lit., according to its seed

male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

8 'But if he is poorer than your valuation, then he shall be placed before the priest, and the priest shall value him; ⁹according to ¹the means of the one who vowed, the priest shall value him.

9 'Now if it is an animal of the kind which ¹men can present as an offering to the LORD, any such that one gives to the LORD shall be holy.

10 'He shall not replace it or exchange it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; or if he does exchange animal for animal, then both it and its substitute shall become holy.

11 'If, however, it is any unclean animal of the kind which ¹men do not present as an offering to the LORD, then he shall place the animal before the priest.

12 'And the priest shall value it ¹as either good or bad; as you, the priest, value it, so it shall be.

13 'But if he should ever wish to redeem it, then he shall add one-fifth of it to your valuation.

14 ¶ 'Now if a man consecrates his house as holy to the LORD, then the priest shall value it ¹as either good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand.

15 'Yet if the one who consecrates it should wish to redeem his house, then he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may be his.

16 ¶ 'Again, if a man consecrates to the LORD part of the fields of his own property, then your valuation shall be ¹proportionate to the seed needed for it: a homer of barley seed at fifty shekels of silver.

17 'If he consecrates his field as of the year of jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand.

18 'If he consecrates his field after the jubilee, however, then

the priest shall calculate the price for ¹him ²proportionate to the years that are left until the year of jubilee; and it shall be deducted from your valuation.

19 'And if the one who consecrates it should ever wish to redeem the field, then he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may pass to him.

20 'Yet if he will not redeem the field, ¹but has sold the field to another man, it may no longer be redeemed;

21 and when it ¹reverts in the jubilee, the field shall be holy to the LORD, like a field ²set apart; ³it shall be for the priest as his ³property.

22 'Or if he consecrates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not a part of the field of his own ¹property,

23 then the priest shall calculate for ¹him the amount of your valuation up to the year of jubilee; and he shall on that day give your valuation as holy to the LORD.

24 'In the year of jubilee the field shall return to the one from whom he bought it, to whom the possession of the land belongs.

25 'Every valuation of yours, moreover, shall be after ³the shekel of the sanctuary. The shekel shall be twenty gerahs.

26 ¶ 'However, a first-born among animals, which as a first-born belongs to the LORD, no man may consecrate it; whether ox or sheep, it is the LORD's.

18 ¹Or, if ²Lit., according to the years

20 ¹Or, if he

21 ¹Lit., goes out ²Or, devoted, banned ³Lit., possession ⁴Num 18:14; Ezek 44:29

22 ¹Lit., possession

23 ¹Or, it

25 ⁴Ex 30:13; Lev 27:3; Num 3:47, 18:16

26 ⁴Ex 13:2

27 ¹Or, ransom

28 ¹Lit., anything devoted, or, banned ²Or, puts under the ban ³Num 18:14; Josh. 6:17-19

29 ¹Lit., one devoted, or, banned ²Or, put under the ban

30 ⁴Gen. 28:22; 2 Chr 31:5; Neh. 13:12

32 ⁴Jer. 33:13; Ezek. 20:37

33 ⁴Lev 27:10

34 ⁴Lev. 26:46; Deut. 4:5

27 'But if it is among the unclean animals, then he shall ¹redeem it according to your valuation, and add to it one-fifth of it; and if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.

28 ¶ 'Nevertheless, ³anything which a man ¹sets apart to the LORD out of all that he has, of man or animal or of the fields of his own property, shall not be sold or redeemed. Anything ²devoted to destruction is most holy to the LORD.

29 'No ¹one who may have been ²set apart among men shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

30 ¶ 'Thus ³all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's; it is holy to the LORD.

31 'If, therefore, a man wishes to redeem part of his tithe, he shall add to it one-fifth of it.

32 'And for every tenth part of herd or flock, whatever ³passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

33 ³He is not to be concerned whether it is good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; or if he does exchange it, then both it and its substitute shall become holy. It shall not be redeemed.' "

34 ¶ 'These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.

NUMBERS

The Census of Israel's Warriors

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2 "Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, every male, head by head

3 from twenty years old and upward, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel, you and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

4 "With you, moreover, there shall be a man of each tribe, each one head of his father's household.

5 "These then are the names of the men who shall stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;

6 of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

7 of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

8 of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

9 of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

10 of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

11 of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideon;

12 of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

13 of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ochran;

14 of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

15 of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

1 Ex 40:2.
17

2 Lit.
sum
Ex 12:37,
38:25, 28,
Num 28:2

3 Lit.
muster, and
so through
out the ch
Ex 30:14,
38:26

4 Ex
18:21, 25,
Num 1:18,
Deut 1:15

5 Gen
29:32; Ex 12:
Deut 33:6;
Rev 7:5

7 Ruth
4:20; 1 Chr
2:10; Luke
3:32

14 Num
2:14

16 Lit.
thousands;
or, clans
Ex 18:21;
Num. 7:2,
18:2, 26:9
Ex 18:25

18 Num.
1:1; Ezra
2:59; Heb 7:3

19 2 Sam.
24:1

20 Num.
26:5-7

22 Num.
26:12-14; 1
144:1

24 Gen.
30:11, Num.
26:15-18;
Josh. 4:12;
Jer 48:1

16 "These are they who were called of the congregation, the leaders of their fathers' tribes; they were the heads of divisions of Israel."

17 So Moses and Aaron took these men who had been designated by name.

18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first of the second month. Then they registered by ancestry in their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, head by head,

19 just as the LORD had commanded Moses. So he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

20 ¶ Now the sons of Reuben, Israel's first-born, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

21 their numbered men, of the tribe of Reuben, were 46,500.

22 ¶ Of the sons of Simeon, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, their numbered men, according to the number of names, head by head, every male from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

23 their numbered men, of the tribe of Simeon, were 59,300.

24 ¶ Of the sons of Gad, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

25 their numbered men, of the tribe of Gad, were 45,650.

26 ¶ *Of the sons of Judah, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war.*

27 their numbered men, of the tribe of Judah, were 74,600.

28 ¶ *Of the sons of Issachar, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war.*

29 their numbered men, of the tribe of Issachar, were 54,400.

30 ¶ *Of the sons of Zebulun, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war.*

31 their numbered men, of the tribe of Zebulun, were 57,400.

32 ¶ *Of the sons of Joseph, namely, of the sons of Ephraim, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war.*

33 their numbered men, of the tribe of Ephraim, were 40,500.

34 ¶ *Of the sons of Manasseh, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war.*

35 their numbered men, of the tribe of Manasseh, were 32,200.

36 ¶ *Of the sons of Benjamin, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to*

26 *Gen. 29:35; Num. 26:19-22; 2 Sam. 24:9; Ps. 78:68; Matt. 1:2

28 *Num. 26:23-25

30 *Num. 26:26, 27

32 *Num. 26:35-37; Deut. 33:13; 17 Jer. 7:15; Obad. 19

34 *Num. 26:28-34

36 *Gen. 49:27; Num. 26:38-41; 2 Chr. 17:17; Rev. 7:8

38 *Gen. 30:6; 46:23; Num. 2:25; 26:42, 43

40 *Num. 26:44-47

42 *Num. 26:48-50

46 *Ex. 12:37; 38:26; Num. 2:32; 26:51

47 *Num. 2:33; 3:14-39; 4:49; 26:57-64

the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war,

37 their numbered men, of the tribe of Benjamin, were 35,400.

38 ¶ *Of the sons of Dan, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war.*

39 their numbered men, of the tribe of Dan, were 62,700.

40 ¶ *Of the sons of Asher, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war.*

41 their numbered men, of the tribe of Asher, were 41,500.

42 ¶ *Of the sons of Naphtali, their genealogical registration by their families, by their fathers' households, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war.*

43 their numbered men, of the tribe of Naphtali, were 53,400.

44 ¶ These are the ones who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, twelve men, each of whom was of his father's household.

45 So all the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households, from twenty years old and upward, whoever was able to go out to war in Israel,

46 even all the numbered men were 603,550.

47 ¶ *The Levites, however, were not numbered among them by their fathers' tribe.*

48 For the LORD had spoken to Moses, saying,

49"Only the tribe of Levi ^ayou shall not number, nor shall you take their ¹census among the sons of Israel.

50"But you shall ^aappoint the Levites over the ¹tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its furnishings and over all that belongs to it. They shall carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they shall take care of it; they shall also camp around the ¹tabernacle.

51"^aSo when the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle encamps, the Levites shall set it up. But ^bthe ¹layman who comes near shall be put to death.

52"^aAnd the sons of Israel shall camp, each man by his own camp, and each man by his own standard, according to their armies.

53"^aBut the Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the testimony, that there may be ^bno wrath on the congregation of the sons of Israel. ^cSo the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the testimony."

54 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all which the LORD had commanded Moses, so they did.

CHAPTER 2

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2"^aThe sons of Israel shall camp, each by his own standard, with the ¹banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting ²at a distance.

3"Now those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the standard of the camp of Judah, by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Judah: ^aNahshon the son of Amminadab,

4 and his army, even their ¹numbered men, 74,600.

⁴⁹ ¹Li.
^{sum}
^aNum. 29-32

⁵⁰ ¹Li.
dwelling
place, and so
throughout
the ch.
^aEx. 38:21.
Num. 3:6-8.
25-27, 4:15.
25-27, 31, 32

⁵¹ ¹Li.
stranger
^aNum. 4:1, 33
^aNum. 3:10.
38, 4:15, 19.
20

⁵² ^aNum.
22, 34

⁵³ ^aNum.
3:23, 29, 35.
38 ^aLv. 10:8.
Num. 16:46.
18:5 ^aNum.
8:24, 18:2, 4.
1 Chr. 23:32

⁵⁴ ¹Li.
^{sum} ^aChr.
facing it
^aNum. 1:52.
24, 2

³ ^aNum.
1:7, 10:14.
Ruth. 4:20.
1 Chr. 2:10.
Luke 3:32, 33

⁴ ¹Li.
mustered,
and so
throughout
the ch.

⁵ ^aNum.
1:8, 7:16, 23

⁷ ^aNum.
1:9

⁸ ^aNum.
10:14

¹⁰ ^aNum.
1:5

¹² ^aNum.
1:6

¹⁴ ¹Many
ms. read
Ruei
^aNum. 1:14.
7:42

¹⁶ ^aNum.
10:18

¹⁷ ^aNum.
1:33

¹⁸ ^aGen.
48:14-20, Jer.
31:9, 18-20
^aNum. 1:10

5"And those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar, and the leader of the sons of Issachar: ^aNethanel the son of Zuar,

6 and his army, even their ¹numbered men, 54,400.

7"Then comes the tribe of Zebulun, and the leader of the sons of Zebulun: ^aEliab the son of Helon,

8 and his army, even his ¹numbered men, 57,400.

9"The total of the ¹numbered men of the camp of Judah: 186,400, by their armies. ^aThey shall set out first.

10 ^a"On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Reuben: ^aE-lizur the son of Shedeur,

11 and his army, even their ¹numbered men, 46,500.

12"And those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of the sons of Simeon: ^aShelumiel the son of Zurishaddai,

13 and his army, even their ¹numbered men, 59,300.

14"Then comes the tribe of Gad, and the leader of the sons of Gad: ^aEliasaph the son of ¹Deuel,

15 and his army, even their ¹numbered men, 45,650.

16"The total of the ¹numbered men of the camp of Reuben: 151,450 by their armies. And ^athey shall set out second.

17 ^a"Then the tent of meeting shall set out with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; just as they camp, so they shall set out, every man in his place, by their standards.

18 ^a"On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of ^aEphraim by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Ephraim shall be ^bElishama the son of Ammihud,

19 and his army, even their ¹numbered men, 40,500.

20"And next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh, and the

leader of the sons of Manasseh:

*Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, 21 and his army, even their numbered men, 32,200.

22 "Then comes the tribe of *Benjamin, and the leader of the sons of Benjamin: ^bAbidan the son of Gideoni,

23 and his army, even their numbered men, 35,400.

24 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Ephraim: 108,100, by their armies. And *they shall set out third.

25 ¶ "On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Dan: *Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai,

26 and his army, even their numbered men, 62,700.

27 "And those who camp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher, and the leader of the sons of Asher: *Pagiel the son of Ochran,

28 and his army, even their numbered men, 41,500.

29 "Then comes the tribe of *Naphtali, and the leader of the sons of Naphtali: ^bAhira the son of Enan,

30 and his army, even their numbered men, 53,400.

31 "The total of the numbered men of the camp of Dan, was 157,600. *They shall set out last by their standards."

32 ¶ These are the numbered men of the sons of Israel by their fathers' households; the total of the numbered men of the camps by their armies, ^a603,550.

33 *The Levites, however, were not numbered among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

34 Thus the sons of Israel did; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, every one by his family, according to his father's household.

20 *Num
1:10

22 *Ps
68:27 *Num
1:11

24 *Num
10:22

25 *Num
1:12

27 *Num.
1:13

29 *Gen.
30:8 *Num
1:15

31 *Num.
10:25

32 *Ex
38:26; Num
1:46

33 *Num.
1:47; 26:57-62

1 *Ex. 6:20-27

2 *Ex. 6:23; Num. 26:60

3 *Lit.,
filled their
hand
*Ex. 28:41

4 *Lit., be-
fore the face
*Lev. 10:1, 2;
Num. 28:61

6 *Num.
8:6-22; 18:1-7;
Deut. 10:8

7 *Lit., him
and the du-
ties of the
whole con-
gregation
*Num. 1:50

9 *Num.
18:6

10 *Lit.,
stranger
*Ex. 29:9
*Num. 1:51

12 *Num.
3:45; 8:14
*Ex. 13:2

CHAPTER 3

^a NOW these are the records of the generations of Aaron and Moses at the time when the LORD spoke with Moses on Mount Sinai.

2 *These then are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the ^aanointed priests, whom he ^bordained to serve as priests.

4 *But Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD when they offered strange fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai; and they had no children. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests ^bin the lifetime of their father Aaron.

5 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6 "Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him.

7 "And they shall perform the duties for ^bhim and for the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the ^aservice of the tabernacle.

8 "They shall also keep all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle.

9 "You shall thus ^agive the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the sons of Israel.

10 "So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons that ^athey may keep their priesthood, but ^bthe ^blayman who comes near shall be put to death."

11 ¶ Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "Now, behold, I ^ahave taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every ^bfirst-born, the first issue of the womb among the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall be Mine.

13 "For ^aall the first-born are Mine; on the day that I struck down all the first-born in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the first-born in Israel, from man to beast. They shall be Mine; I am the LORD."

14 ^e Then the LORD spoke to Moses ^ain the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

15 "Number the sons of Levi by their fathers' households, by their families; every male from a month old and upward you shall number."

16 So Moses numbered them according to the ¹word of the LORD, just as he had been commanded.

17 ^aThese then are the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon and Kohath and Merari.

18 And these are the names of the ^asons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei;

19 and the sons of Kohath by their families: Amram and Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel;

20 and the sons of Merari by their families: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

21 ^e Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites and the family of the Shimeites; these were the families of the Gershonites.

22 Their numbered men, in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, even their numbered men were 7,500.

23 The families of the Gershonites were to camp behind the ¹tabernacle westward,

24 and the leader of the fathers' households of the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 Now ^athe duties of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting involved the tabernacle and ^bthe tent, its covering, and ^cthe screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting.

13 ^eEx. 13:2.
Lev. 27:26.
Neh. 10:36

14 ^eEx. 18:1

15 ¹Lit. mustered, and so throughout the ch.
^aNum. 1:47

16 ¹Lit. month

17 ^eEx. 6:16
22

18 ^eEx. 6:17

23 ¹Lit. dwelling place, and so throughout the ch.

25 ^aNum. 4:24-26
^bEx. 26:1, 7, 14
^cEx. 26:36

26 ¹Lit. of it
^eEx. 27:9, 12, 14, 15
^bEx. 27:16

30 ¹in Ex. 6:22, Elizaphan

31 ¹Lit. of it
^aNum. 4:15
^bEx. 25:10-22
^cEx. 25:23-28
^dEx. 25:31-40
^eEx. 27:1, 2, 30:1-5

36 ^aNum. 1:33, 2:25

26 and ^athe hangings of the court, and ^bthe screen for the doorway of the court, which is around the tabernacle and the altar, and its cords, according to all the service ¹concerning them.

27 ^e And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites and the family of the Izharites and the family of the Hebronites and the family of the Uzzielites; these were the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, there were 8,600, performing the duties of the sanctuary.

29 The families of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the southward side of the tabernacle,

30 and the leader of the fathers' households of the Kohathite families was ¹Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 Now ^atheir duties involved ^bthe ark, ^cthe table, ^dthe lampstand, ^ethe altars, and the utensils of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the screen, and all the service ¹concerning them;

32 and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was the chief of the leaders of Levi, and had the oversight of those who perform the duties of the sanctuary.

33 ^e Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites and the family of the Mushites; these were the families of Merari.

34 Their numbered men in the numbering of every male from a month old and upward, were 6,200.

35 And the leader of the fathers' households of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to ^acamp on the northward side of the tabernacle.

36 Now the appointed duties of the sons of Merari involved the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its sockets, all its

equipment, and the service concerning them.

37 and the pillars around the court with their sockets and their pegs and their cords.

38 ¶ Now those who were to ^acamp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, are Moses and Aaron and his sons, performing the duties of the sanctuary for the obligation of the sons of Israel; but ^bthe layman coming near was to be put to death.

39 All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the ¹command of the LORD by their families, every male from a month old and upward, were ^a22,000.

40 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, ^a"Number every first-born male of the sons of Israel from a month old and upward, and ¹make a list of their names.

41 "And you ^ashall take the Levites for Me, I am the LORD, instead of all the first-born among the sons of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the first-born among the cattle of the sons of Israel."

42 So Moses numbered all the first-born among the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded him;

43 and all the first-born males by the number of names from a month old and upward, for their numbered men were ^a22,273.

44 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

45 "Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the sons of Israel and the cattle of the Levites. And the Levites shall be Mine; I am the LORD.

46 "And for the ransom of the 273 of the first-born of the sons of Israel who are in excess beyond the Levites,

47 you shall take ^afive shekels apiece, per head; you shall take them in ^bterms of the shekel of

38 ¹Lit., stranger
^aNum. 1:53;
2:3 ^bNum. 1:51

39 ¹Lit., word
^aNum. 3:43;
4:48, 26:62

40 ¹Lit., take the number
^aNum. 3:15

41 ^aNum. 3:12, 45

43 ^aNum. 3:39

45 ^aNum. 3:12

46 ^aEx. 13:13, 15; Num. 18:15, 16

47 ¹Lit., A gerah equals approx. one-fortieth oz.
^aLev. 27:6; Num. 18:18
^bEx. 30:13; Lev. 27:25; Ezek. 45:12

51 ¹Lit., mouth

2 ¹Lit., the sum ²Lit., sons

3 ^aNum. 4:23, 30, 35; 8:24; 1 Chr. 23:3, 24, 27; Ezra 3:8

4 ¹Lit., sons

5 ^aEx. 40:5; Lev. 16:2; 2 Chr. 3:14; Matt. 27:51; Heb. 9:3 ^bEx. 25:10-16

6 ¹Or., violet
^aNum. 4:25

7 ¹Or., violet
^aEx. 25:30; Lev. 24:5-9

the sanctuary (^athe shekel is twenty ¹gerahs).

48 and give the money, the ransom of those who are in excess among them, to Aaron and to his sons."

49 So Moses took the ransom money from those who were in excess, beyond those ransomed by the Levites;

50 from the first-born of the sons of Israel he took the money in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary, 1,365.

51 Then Moses gave the ransom money to Aaron and to his sons, at the ¹command of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 4

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 "Take ¹a census of the ²descendants of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' households,

3 from ^athirty years and upward, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.

4 "This is the work of the ¹descendants of Kohath in the tent of meeting, concerning the most holy things.

5 "When the camp sets out, Aaron and his sons shall go in and they shall take down ^athe veil of the screen and cover the ^bark of the testimony with it;

6 and they shall lay a ^acovering of porpoise skin on it, and shall spread over it a cloth of pure ¹blue, and shall insert its poles.

7 "Over the table of the bread of the Presence they shall also spread a cloth of ¹blue and put on it the dishes and the pans and the sacrificial bowls and the jars for the libation, and ^athe continual bread shall be on it.

8 "And they shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet material, and cover the same with a cover-

ing of porpoise skin, and they shall insert its poles.

9"Then they shall take a ¹blue cloth and cover the ¹lampstand for the light, ²along with its lamps and its snuffers, and its ²trays and all its oil vessels, by which they serve it;

10 and they shall put it and all its utensils in a covering of porpoise skin, and shall put it on the carrying bars.

11"And over the golden altar they shall spread a ¹blue cloth and cover it with a covering of porpoise skin, and shall insert its poles;

12 and they shall take all the utensils of service, with which they serve in the sanctuary, and put them in a ¹blue cloth and cover them with a covering of porpoise skin, and put them on the carrying bars.

13"Then they shall take away the ¹ashes from the ²altar, and spread a purple cloth over it.

14"They shall also put on it all its utensils by which they serve in connection with it: the firepans, the forks and shovels and the basins, all the utensils of the altar; and they shall spread a cover of porpoise skin over it and insert its poles.

15"And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy objects and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them, so that they may not touch the holy objects ²and die. These are the ¹things in the tent of meeting which the sons of Kohath are to carry.

16"And the responsibility of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is ²the oil for the light and the ²fragrant incense and ²the continual grain offering and ²the anointing oil—the responsibility of all the ¹tabernacle and of all that is in it, with the sanctuary and its furnishings."

9 ¹Or, violet
let ²Lit., snuff
dishes
²Ex. 25:31
²Ex. 25:37, 38

11 ¹Or, violet

12 ¹Or, violet

13 ¹Or, fat
ashes, i.e.
soaked with
fat
²Ex. 27:1-8

18 ¹Lit., bur-
den of the
sons
²Num. 1:51,
4:19, 20;
2 Sam. 6:6, 7

18 ¹Lit.,
dwelling
place, and so
throughout
the ch.
²Lit. 24:1-3
²Ex. 30:34-38
²Lit. 6:20
²Ex. 30:22-33

19 ²Num.
4:15

20 ²Ex.
19:21, 1 Sam.
6:19

22 ¹Lit., the
sum ²Lit.,
also them

23 ¹Lit.,
manner, and
so through-
out the ch.
²Num. 4:3,
1 Chr. 23:3,
24:27

25 ²Ex.
40:19 ²Ex.
26:14, Num.
4:6

26 ¹Lit., so
they shall
serve
²Ex. 38:9

27 ¹Lit.,
mouth

28 ¹Lit., in
the hand

17 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

18"Do not let the tribe of the families of the Kohathites be cut off from among the Levites.

19"But do this to them that they may live and ²not die when they approach the most holy objects: Aaron and his sons shall go in and assign each of them to his work and to his load;

20 but ²they shall not go in to see the holy objects even for a moment, lest they die."

21 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

22"Take ¹a census of the sons of Gershon ²also, by their fathers' households, by their families;

23 from ²thirty years and upward to fifty years old, you shall ¹number them; all who enter to perform the service to do the work in the tent of meeting.

24"This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in carrying:

25 they shall carry ²the curtains of the tabernacle and the tent of meeting with its covering and ²the covering of porpoise skin that is on top of it, and the screen for the doorway of the tent of meeting.

26 and ²the hangings of the court, and the screen for the doorway of the gate of the court which is around the tabernacle and the altar, and their cords and all the equipment for their service; and all that is to be done, ¹they shall perform.

27"All the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their loads and in all their work, shall be performed at the ¹command of Aaron and his sons; and you shall assign to them as a duty all their loads.

28"This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tent of meeting, and their duties shall be ¹under

the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 ¶ As for the sons of Merari, you shall number them by their families, by their fathers' households;

30 from ^athirty years and upward even to fifty years old, you shall number them, everyone who enters the service to do the work of the tent of meeting.

31 Now this is the duty of their loads, for all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle and its bars and its pillars and its ¹sockets,

32 and the pillars around the court and their ¹sockets and their pegs and their cords, with all their equipment and with all their service; and you shall assign each man by name the items ²he is to carry.

33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the tent of meeting, ¹under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest."

34 ¶ So Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers' households,

35 from ^athirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

36 And their numbered men by their families were 2,750.

37 These are the numbered men of the Kohathite families, everyone who was serving in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the ¹commandment of the LORD ²through Moses.

38 ¶ And the numbered men of the sons of Gershon by their families, and by their fathers' households,

39 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the ser-

³⁹ *Num. 4:3; 8:24-26

³¹ ¹Or, bases

³² ¹Or, bases ²Lit., of the duty of their loads.

³³ ¹Lit., in the hand

³⁵ ¹Chr 23:24

³⁷ ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., by the hand of

⁴¹ ¹Lit., mouth

⁴³ *Num. 8:24-26

⁴⁵ ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., by the hand of

⁴⁸ *Num. 3:39

⁴⁹ ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., by the hand of *Num. 1:47

² *Lev. 13:8, 46; Num. 12:10, 14, 15

vice for work in the tent of meeting.

40 And their numbered men by their families, by their fathers' households, were 2,630.

41 These are the numbered men of the families of the sons of Gershon, everyone who was serving in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the ¹commandment of the LORD.

42 ¶ And the numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari by their families, by their fathers' households,

43 from ^athirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered the service for work in the tent of meeting.

44 And their numbered men by their families were 3,200.

45 These are the numbered men of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the ¹commandment of the LORD ²through Moses.

46 ¶ All the numbered men of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel numbered, by their families and by their fathers' households,

47 from thirty years and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who could enter to do the work of service and the work of carrying in the tent of meeting.

48 And their numbered men were ^a8,580.

49 According to the ¹commandment of the LORD ²through Moses, they ^awere numbered, everyone by his serving or carrying; thus these were his numbered men, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel that they ^asend away from the

camp every leper and everyone having a ^bdischarge and every one who is ^cunclean because of a dead person.

3 "You shall send away both male and female; you shall send them outside the camp so that they will not defile their camp where I dwell ^ain their midst."

4 And the sons of Israel did so and sent them outside the camp; just as the LORD had spoken to Moses, thus the sons of Israel did.

5 ^a Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

6 "Speak to the sons of Israel, ^a"When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against the LORD, and that person is guilty,

7 then ¹he shall ^aconfess ²his sins which ³he has committed, and he ^bshall make restitution in full for his wrong, and add to it one-fifth of it, and give it to him whom he has wronged.

8 ^a But if the man has no ¹relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution which is made for the wrong must go to the LORD for the priest, besides the ram of atonement, by which atonement is made for him.

9 ^a Also every ¹contribution pertaining to all the holy gifts of the sons of Israel, which they offer to the priest, shall be his.

10 ^a So every man's holy gifts shall be his; whatever any man gives to the priest, it ^abecomes his."

11 ^a Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

12 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ^a"If any man's wife ^agoes astray and is unfaithful to him,

13 and a man has ^aintercourse with her and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is ¹undetected, although she has defiled herself, and there is no

witness against her and she has not been caught in the act,

14 ^a If a spirit of ^ajealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has defiled herself, or if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has not defiled herself,

15 the man shall then bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring as ¹an offering for her one-tenth of an ²ephah of barley meal; he shall not pour oil on it, nor put frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of memorial, ^aa reminder of iniquity.

16 ^a Then the priest shall bring her near and have her stand before the LORD,

17 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and ¹he shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water.

18 ^a The priest shall then have the woman stand before the LORD and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and place the grain offering of memorial ¹in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest is to be the water of bitterness that brings a curse.

19 ^a And the priest shall have her take an oath and shall say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you and if you have not ^agone astray into uncleanness, being under the authority of your husband, be ¹immune to this water of bitterness that brings a curse;

20 if you, however, have ^agone astray, being under the authority of your husband, and if you have defiled yourself and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you"

21 (then the priest shall have the woman ^aswear with the oath of the curse, and the priest shall

² Lev. 15:2 ^a Lev. 21:1; Num. 9:6-10; 19:11

³ Lev. 26:12; Num. 35:34

⁶ Lev. 5:14-6:7

⁷ Lit. they ² Lit. they have ^a Lev. 5:5, 26:40, 41; Josh. 7:19 ^b Lev. 6:4, 5

⁸ Lit. ^a deemer

⁹ Lit. heave offering ^a Lev. 7:32, 34; 10:14, 15

¹⁰ Lev. 10:13

¹² Num. 5:19-21; 29

¹³ Lit. concealed ^a Lev. 18:20, 20:10

¹⁴ Lit. and ^a Prov. 6:34; Song 8:6

¹⁵ Lit. her ²¹ e. Approx. one ba. ¹ 1 Kib. 17:18; Ezek. 29:16

¹⁷ Lit. the priest

¹⁸ Lit. on her palms

¹⁹ Lit. free from ^a Num. 5:12

²⁰ Num. 5:12

²¹ Josh. 6:26; 1 Sam. 14:24; Neh. 10:29

say to the woman), "the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people by the LORD's making your thigh ¹waste away and your abdomen swell;

22 and this water that brings a curse shall go into your ¹stomach, and make your abdomen swell and your thigh ²waste away." And the woman ^ashall say, "Amen. Amen."

23 ^c "The priest shall then write these curses on a scroll, and he shall ¹wash them off into the water of bitterness.

24 ^d "Then he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, so that the water which brings a curse will go into her ¹and cause bitterness.

25 ^e "And the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and he shall wave the grain offering before the LORD and bring it to the altar;

26 and ^athe priest shall take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial offering and offer it up in smoke on the altar, and afterward he shall make the woman drink the water.

27 ^f "When he has made her drink the water, then it shall come about, if she has defiled herself and has been unfaithful to her husband, that the water which brings a curse shall go into her ¹and cause bitterness, and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will ²waste away, and the woman will become ^aa curse among her people.

28 ^g "But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, she will then be free and conceive ¹children.

29 ^h "This is the law of jealousy: when a wife, *being under the authority of her husband*, ^agoes astray and defiles herself,

30 or when a spirit of jealousy comes over a man and he is jealous of his wife, he shall then

21 ⁱLat., fall

22 ^jOr, inward parts
21at., fall
^kDeut. 27:15

23 ^lLat.,
wiper

24 ^mLat., to

26 ⁿLev.
22:9

27 ^oLat., to
21at., fall
^pJer. 29:18,
42:18, 44:12

28 ^qLat.,
verd

29 ^rNum.
5:12

31 ^sOr, iniquity
^tLev. 20:17

2 ^uOr, difficult 21e., one
separated
^vOr, live as a
Nazirite
^wJudg. 13:5,
16:17, Amos
2:11, 12

3 ^xLuke
1:15

4 ^yOr, living as a
Nazirite, and
so through v.
21

5 ^z1 Sam.
1:11

6 ^{aa}Lev.
21:1-3; Num.
19:11-22

7 ^{ab}Num.
9:6

9 ^{ac}Lev.
14:8, 9 ^{ad}Num.
6:18

10 ^{ae}Lev. 5:7;
14:22

make the woman stand before the LORD, and the priest shall apply all this law to her.

31 ^{af}Moreover, the man shall be free from ¹guilt, but that woman shall ^abear her ¹guilt."

CHAPTER 6

AGAIN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 ^{ag}"Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When a man or woman makes a ¹special vow, the vow of ^aa ²Nazirite, to ³dedicate himself to the LORD,

3 he shall ^aabstain from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar, whether made from wine or strong drink, neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh or dried grapes.

4 ^{ah}All the days of his ¹separation he shall not eat anything that is produced by the grape vine, from the seeds even to the skin.

5 ^{ai} ¹All the days of his vow of separation ^ano razor shall pass over his head. He shall be holy until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD; he shall let the locks of hair on his head grow long.

6 ^{aj} ¹All the days of his separation to the LORD he shall not go near to a dead person.

7 ^{ak}He ^ashall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is on his head.

8 ^{al}All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD.

9 ^{am} ¹But if a man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his dedicated head of hair, then ^ahe shall shave his head on the day when he becomes clean; ^bhe shall shave it on the seventh day.

10 ^{an}Then on the eighth day he shall bring ^atwo turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

11 'And the priest shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him ¹concerning his sin because of the ²dead person. And that same day he shall consecrate his head.

12 and shall dedicate to the LORD his days ¹as a ²Nazirite, and shall bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering; but the former days shall be void because his separation was defiled.

13 ¶ Now this is the law of the Nazirite ¹when the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall bring ¹the offering to the doorway of the tent of meeting.

14 'And he shall present his offering to the LORD: one male lamb a year old without defect for a burnt offering and one ¹ewe-lamb a year old without defect for a sin offering and one ram without defect for a peace offering.

15 and a basket of ¹unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil and unleavened wafers spread with oil, along with ¹their grain offering and their libations.

16 Then the priest shall present them before the LORD and shall offer his sin offering and his burnt offering.

17 'He shall also offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, together with the basket of unleavened cakes; the priest shall likewise offer its grain offering and its libation.

18 'The Nazirite shall then shave his dedicated head of hair at the doorway of the tent of meeting, and take the dedicated hair of his head and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of peace offerings.

19 'And the priest shall take the ram's shoulder when it has been boiled, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the ¹hands of the Nazi-

11 ¹Lit., because of that which he sinned
*Lev 5 7

12 ¹Or, of dedication
†e. one separated

13 ¹Lit., it
*Acts 21 26

14 *Lev 14 10, Num 15 27

15 *Ex 29 2, Lev 24 *Num 15 1 7

16 *Num 6 9, Acts 21 23, 24

19 ¹Lit., palms
*Or, separated
*Lev 7 28-34

20 *Ecc 9 7

21 ¹Lit., his hand can reach

23 ¹Lit., Chr 23 13

24 *Deut 28 3-6, Ps 28 9 ¹Sam 2 9, Ps 17 8

25 *Ps 80 3, 7, 19 *Ps 88 16

26 *Ps 46, 44 3 *Ps 29 11, 37 37

27 ¹Lit., put
*2 Sam 7 23, 2 Chr 7 14

1 *Ex 40 17 *Ex 40 9-11, Num 7 10, 84, 88

2 ¹Lit., stood
*Lit., mustered
*Num 1 5-16
*2 Chr 35 8

3 *Isa 66 20

rite after he has shaved his ²dedicated hair.

20 Then the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. It is holy for the priest, together with the breast offered by waving and the thigh offered by lifting up; and ¹afterward the Nazirite may drink wine.

21 ¶ This is the law of the Nazirite who vows his offering to the LORD according to his separation, in addition to what else ¹he can afford; according to his vow which he takes, so he shall do according to the law of his separation.

22 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

23 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus ¹you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

24 ¶ The LORD ¹bless you, and ²keep you;

25 ¶ The LORD ¹make His face shine on you,

And ²be gracious to you;
26 ¶ The LORD ¹lift up His countenance on you,

And ²give you peace.'
27 "So they shall ¹invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them."

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came about on ¹the day that Moses had finished setting up the tabernacle, he ²anointed it and consecrated it with all its furnishings and the altar and all its utensils; he anointed them and consecrated them also.

2 Then ¹the leaders of Israel, the heads of their fathers' households, ²made an offering (they were the leaders of the tribes; they were the ones who ¹were over the ²numbered men).

3 When they brought their offering before the LORD, six ¹covered carts and twelve oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders and an ox for each one, then they

presented them before the tabernacle.

4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

5 "Accept *these things* from them, that they may be ¹used in the service of the tent of meeting, and you shall give them to the Levites, to each man according to his service."

6 So Moses took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to ^atheir service,

8 and four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to ^atheir service, under the ¹direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But he did not give *any* to the sons of Kohath because theirs was ^athe service of the holy objects, which they carried on the shoulder.

10 And the leaders offered the dedication offering ¹for the altar ²when ^ait was anointed, so the leaders offered their offering before the altar.

11 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Let them present their offering, one leader each day, for the dedication of the altar."

12 ¶ Now the one who presented his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;

13 and his offering was one silver ^{1a}dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, ^baccording to ²the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

14 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

15 one ¹bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

16 ^aone male goat for a sin offering;

⁵ ¹Lit., for serving

⁷ ^aNum. 4:24-26

⁸ ¹Lit., hand ^aNum. 4:31, 32

⁹ ^aNum. 4:5-15

¹⁰ ¹Lit., of ²Lit., in the day that ^aNum. 7:1, 2 Chr. 7:9

¹³ ¹Or, patera, and so through v. 85 ²l.e., Approx. one-half oz., and so through v. 86 ^aEx. 25:29; 37:18 ^bNum. 3:47

¹⁸ ¹Or, bull of the herd, and so through v. 81

¹⁶ ^aLev. 4:23

¹⁷ ^aLuke 3:32, 33

²³ ^aLev. 7:11-13

²⁷ ^aIs. 53:7; John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:19

17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of ^aNahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 ¶ On the second day Nethanel the son of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented an offering

19 he presented as his offering one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

20 one gold pan of ten *shekels* full of incense;

21 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

22 one male goat for a sin offering;

23 and for the sacrifice of ^apeace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

24 ¶ On the third day it was Eliab the son of Helon, leader of the sons of Zebulun;

25 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

26 one gold pan of ten *shekels* full of incense;

27 one young bull, one ram, one ^amale lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

28 one male goat for a sin offering;

29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 ¶ On the fourth day it was Elizur the son of Shedeur, leader of the sons of Reuben;

³⁰ *Heb.
9:28

31 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁴² *Num.
1:14, 10:20

32 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

33 one bull, one ram, one ^amale lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

⁴³ *Lev. 2:9,
14:10

34 one male goat for a sin offering;

35 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

⁴⁵ *Ps. 50:5,
14:1a, 1:11

36 ¶ On the fifth day it was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, leader of the children of Simeon;

⁴⁶ *Num.
1:10, 2:18,
1 Chr. 7:20

37 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

⁴⁸ *Deut.
33:10, Ezek.
8:11, Luke
1:10

38 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

39 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

40 one male goat for a sin offering;

⁵¹ *Mic.
6:6-8

41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

⁵⁴ *Num.
2:20

42 ¶ On the sixth day it was ^aEliasaph the son of Deuel, leader of the sons of Gad;

43 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one sil-

⁵⁶ *Ex. 30:7

ver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of ^afine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

44 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of incense;

45 ^aone bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

46 one male goat for a sin offering;

47 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

48 ¶ On the seventh day it was ^aElishama the son of Ammihud, leader of the sons of Ephraim;

49 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

50 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of ^aincense;

51 ^aone bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

52 one male goat for a sin offering;

53 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 ¶ On the eighth day it was ^aGamaliel the son of Pedahzur, leader of the sons of Manasseh;

55 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

56 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of ^aincense;

57 one bull, one ram, one *male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

58 one male goat for a sin offering;

59 and for the *sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 * On the ninth day it was *Abidan the son of Gideoni, leader of the sons of Benjamin;

61 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

62 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of *incense;

63 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

64 one male goat for a *sin offering;

65 and for the sacrifice of *peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 ¶ On the tenth day it was *Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, leader of the sons of Dan;

67 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the *shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

68 one gold pan of ten *shekels*, full of *incense;

69 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

70 one male goat for a sin offering;

71 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five

57 *Ex. 12:5.
Acts 8:32;
Rev. 5:6

59 *Lev. 3:1-17

60 *Num. 1:11, 2:22

62 *Rev. 5:8, 8:3, 4

64 *2 Cor. 5:21

65 *Col. 1:20

66 *Num. 1:12, 2:25

67 *Ex. 30:13; Lev. 27:25

68 *Ps. 141:2

72 *Num. 1:13, 2:27

74 *Mal. 1:11

78 *Num. 1:15, 2:29

79 *Ezra 1:9; 10; Dan. 5:2

84 ¹Lit., of
²Lit., in the
day that
*Num. 7:10
*Num. 7:1

rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 ¶ On the eleventh day it was *Pagiel the son of Ochran leader of the sons of Asher;

73 his offering was one silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

74 one gold pan of ten *shekels* full of *incense;

75 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

76 one male goat for a sin offering;

77 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Ochran.

78 ¶ On the twelfth day it was *Ahira the son of Enan, leader of the sons of Naphtali;

79 his offering was one *silver dish whose weight was one hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering;

80 one gold pan of ten *shekels* full of incense;

81 one bull, one ram, one male lamb one year old, for a burnt offering;

82 one male goat for a sin offering;

83 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs one year old. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 ¶ This was *the dedication offering ¹for the altar from the leaders of Israel ²when ^bit was anointed: twelve silver dishes.

twelve silver bowls, twelve gold pans.

88 *Ex.
30:13

85 each silver dish weighing one hundred and thirty shekels and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the utensils was 2,400 shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary;

88 *Num.
7:1, 10

86 the twelve gold pans, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, all the gold of the pans 120 shekels;

88 *Lit., pro-
pitulatory
*Ex. 40:34, 35
*Ex. 25:21, 22
*Ps. 80:1, 99:1

87 all the oxen for the burnt offering twelve bulls, all the rams twelve, the male lambs one year old with their grain offering twelve, and the male goats for a sin offering twelve;

2 *Lit.,
raise up
*Ex. 25:37,
Lev. 24:2, 4

88 and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings 24 bulls, all the rams 60, the male goats 60, the male lambs one year old 60. *This was the dedication offering for the altar after it was anointed.

3 *Lit.,
raised up

89 ¶ Now when *Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice speaking to him from above ^bthe mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from ^cbetween the two cherubim, so He spoke to him.

4 *Ex.
25:31-40 *Ex.
25:9, 31:40,
26:30, 37:17
24

6 *Is. 52:11

7 *Lit., thus
their cleans-
ing *Lit., wa-
ter of sin
*Lit., cause to
pass *Lit.,
flush
*Num. 19:9,
13, 20 *Lev.
14:8, 9 *Num.
8:21

8 *Or, bull
of the hand
*Lev. 2:1,
Num. 15:8-10

9 *Ex. 29:4
40:12 *Lev.
8:3

10 *Lev. 14

11 *Lit.,
wave, and so
throughout
the ch. *Lit.,
be able
*Lev. 7:30, 34

12 *Ex.
29:10

14 *Num.
3:12, 16:9

15 *Ex.
29:24

16 *Num.
3:9 *Ex. 13:2,
Num. 3:12, 45

5 ¶ Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying.

6 *Take the Levites from among the sons of Israel and *cleanse them.

7 *And thus you shall do to them, for their ¹cleansing: ^{sprin-}kle ²purifying ^awater on them, and let them ³use a razor over their whole ⁴body, and ^cwash their clothes, and they shall be clean.

8 *Then let them take a ¹bull with ^aits grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil; and a second ¹bull you shall take for a sin offering.

9 *So *you shall present the Levites before the tent of meeting. ^bYou shall also assemble the whole congregation of the sons of Israel.

10 and present the Levites before the LORD; and the sons of Israel ^ashall lay their hands on the Levites.

11 *Aaron then shall ¹present the Levites before the LORD as a ^awave offering from the sons of Israel, that they may ²qualify to perform the service of the LORD.

12 *Now ^athe Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the bulls; then offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering to the LORD, to make atonement for the Levites.

13 *And you shall have the Levites stand before Aaron and before his sons so as to present them as a wave offering to the LORD.

14 ¶ *Thus you shall separate the Levites from among the sons of Israel, and ^athe Levites shall be Mine.

15 *Then after that the Levites may go in to serve the tent of meeting. But you shall cleanse them and ^apresent them as a wave offering;

16 for they are ^awholly given to Me from among the sons of Israel. I have taken them for Myself ^binstead of every first issue

CHAPTER 8

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 *Speak to Aaron and say to him, *When you ¹mount the lamps, the seven lamps will ^agive light in the front of the lampstand. "

3 Aaron therefore did so; he ¹mounted its lamps at the front of the lampstand, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

4 *Now this was the workmanship of the lampstand, hammered work of gold; from its base to its flowers, it was hammered work; ^baccording to the pattern which the LORD had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

of the womb, the first-born of all the sons of Israel.

17^a For every first-born among the sons of Israel is Mine, among the men and among the animals; on the day that I struck down all the first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for Myself.

18^a But I have taken the Levites instead of every first-born among the sons of Israel.

19^a And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the sons of Israel, to perform the service of the sons of Israel at the tent of meeting, and to make atonement on behalf of the sons of Israel, that there may be no plague among the sons of Israel by their coming near to the sanctuary."

20 ¶ Thus did Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the sons of Israel to the Levites; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so the sons of Israel did to them.

21^a The Levites, too, purified themselves from sin and washed their clothes; and Aaron presented them as a wave offering before the LORD. Aaron also made atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 Then after that the Levites went in to perform their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron and before his sons; just as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23 ¶ Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24^a This is what applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall enter to perform service in the work of the tent of meeting.

25^a But at the age of fifty years they shall retire from service in the work and not work any more.

26^a They may, however, assist their brothers in the tent of meeting, to keep an obligation; but

17^a Ex. 13:2, 12, 13, 15; Luke 2:23

19^a Lit., given ones Lit., the sons of Israel's
aNum. 3:9
bNum. 1:53, 16:46

21^a Num. 8:7

24^a Lit., he
aNum. 4:3, 1 Chr. 23:3, 24:27

25^a Lit., return

26^a Lit., serve
aNum. 1:53

1^a Ex. 40:2, 17; Num. 1:1

2^a Ex. 12:6; Lev. 23:5, Deut. 16:1, 2

3^a Lit., between the two evenings, and so throughout the ch.

4^a Lit., spoke to

5^a Josh. 5:10
bEx. 12:1-13

6^a Lit., soul of man
aNum. 5:2, 19:11-22
bEx. 18:15, Num. 27:2

7^a Lit., soul of man

8^a Lit., Stand
aEx. 18:15; Ps. 85:8

10^a Lit., soul

they themselves shall do no work. Thus you shall deal with the Levites concerning their obligations."

CHAPTER 9

THUS the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying,

2^a Now, let the sons of Israel observe the Passover at its appointed time.

3^a On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall observe it at its appointed time; you shall observe it according to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances."

4 So Moses told the sons of Israel to observe the Passover.

5 And they observed the Passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did.

6 But there were some men who were unclean because of the dead person, so that they could not observe Passover on that day; so they came before Moses and Aaron on that day.

7 And those men said to him, "Though we are unclean because of the dead person, why are we restrained from presenting the offering of the LORD at its appointed time among the sons of Israel?"

8 Moses therefore said to them, "Wait, and I will listen to what the LORD will command concerning you."

9 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

10^a Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, "If any one of you or of your generations becomes unclean because of a dead person, or is on a distant journey, he may, however, observe the Passover to the LORD.

11 'In the second month on the ^afourteenth day at twilight, they shall observe it; they ^bshall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 'They ^ashall leave none of it until morning, ^bnor break a bone of it; according to all the statute of the Passover they shall observe it.

13 '^aBut the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet ¹neglects to observe the Passover, that ²person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the LORD at its appointed time. That man ^bshall bear his sin.

14 '^aAnd if an alien sojourns among you and ¹observes the Passover to the LORD, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do; you shall have ^bone statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.' "

15 ¶ Now on ^athe day that the tabernacle was erected ^bthe cloud covered the tabernacle, the ^ctent of the testimony, and ^din the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning.

16 So it was continuously; ^athe cloud would cover it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 '^aAnd whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp.

18 At the ¹command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the ¹command of the LORD they would camp; ^aas long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped.

19 Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, ¹the sons of Israel would keep the LORD's charge and not set out.

11 ^aChr. 30:2, 15 ^bEx. 12:8

12 ^aEx. 12:10 ^bEx. 12:46; John 19:36

13 ¹Or, ²as ³the ⁴statute ⁵of the ⁶Passover ⁷Gen. 17:14, Ex. 12:15, 47 ⁸Num. 5:31

14 ¹Or, ²would observe ³Ex. 12:46 ⁴Ex. 12:49; Lev. 24:22, Num. 15:15, 16, 29

15 ^aEx. 40:2, 17 ^bEx. 40:34 ^cNum. 17:7 ^dEx. 13:21, 22

16 ^aEx. 40:34, Neh. 9:12

17 ^aEx. 40:36-38, Num. 10:11, 12

18 ¹Lit. ²mouth ³1 Cor. 10:1

19 ¹Lit. ²and the

20 ¹Lit. ²it was that ³Lit. ⁴mouth ⁵Ps. 48:14, Prov. 3:5, 6

21 ¹Lit. ²it was that ³Lit. ⁴was

22 ^aEx. 40:36, 37

23 ¹Lit. ²mouth ³Ps. 73:24, 107:7, Is. 63:14

24 ^aIs. 1:13

3 ^aJer. 4:3, Joel 2:15

4 ¹Lit. ²thousands, or, ³clans ⁴Ex. 18:21, Num. 1:16, 7:2

5 ^aNum. 10:14

6 ^aNum. 10:18

20 If ¹sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, ^aaccording to the ²command of the LORD they remained camped. Then according to the ²command of the LORD they set out.

21 If ¹sometimes the cloud ²remained from evening until morning, when the cloud was lifted in the morning, they would move out; or if it remained in the daytime and at night, whenever the cloud was lifted, they would set out.

22 Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but ^awhen it was lifted, they did set out.

23 '^aAt the ¹command of the LORD they camped, and at the ¹command of the LORD they set out; they kept the LORD's charge, according to the ¹command of the LORD through Moses.

CHAPTER 10

THE LORD spoke further to Moses, saying,

2"Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for ^asummoning the congregation and for having the camps set out.

3"And ^awhen both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

4"Yet if only one is blown, then the ^aleaders, the heads of the ¹divisions of Israel, shall assemble before you.

5"But when you blow an alarm, the camps that are pitched ^aon the east side shall set out.

6"And when you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that are pitched on ^athe south side shall set out; an alarm is to be blown for them to set out.

7 "When convening the assembly, however, you shall blow without ^asounding an alarm.

8 "The priestly sons of Aaron, moreover, shall blow the trumpets; and ¹this shall be for you a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

9 "And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who ^aattacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be ^bremembered before the LORD your God, and be saved from your enemies.

10 "Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed ¹feasts, and on the first days of your months, ^ayou shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God."

11 ¶ Now it came about in ^athe second year, in the second month, on the twentieth of the month, that the cloud was lifted from over the ¹tabernacle of the testimony;

12 and the sons of Israel set out on ^atheir journeys from the wilderness of Sinai. Then the cloud settled down in the ^bwilderness of Paran.

13 ^aSo they moved out for the first time according to the ¹commandment of the LORD through Moses.

14 And the standard of the camp of the sons of Judah, according to their armies, ^aset out first, with Nahshon the son of Amminadab, over its army.

15 and Nethanel the son of Zuar, over the tribal army of the sons of Issachar;

16 and Eliab the son of Helon over the tribal army of the sons of Zebulun.

17 ¶ ^aThen the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who

7 Joel 2:1

8 ¹Lit. 11
^aNum. 31:6;
Josh. 6:4;
2 Chr. 13:12

9 ^aJudg.
2:18; 1 Sam.
10:18; Ps.
106:42 ^bGen.
8:1; Ps. 106:4

10 ¹Or.
times
^aPs. 81:3-5

11 ¹Lit.,
dwelling
place, and an
throughout
the ch
^aEx. 40:17

12 ^aEx.
40:38 ^bGen.
21:21; Num.
12:16

13 ¹Lit.,
mouth
^aDeut. 1:8

14 ^aNum.
2:3-9

17 ^aNum.
4:21-32

18 ^aNum.
2:10-18

21 ^aNum.
4:4-20 ^bNum.
10:17

22 ^aNum.
2:18-24

23 ^aNum.
2:25-31 ^bJosh.
6:9; 13

28 ¹Lit.,
These are the
settings out
of the sons

29 ¹Lit., spoken
^aJudg. 4:11
^bEx. 2:18; 3:1;
18:12 ^cGen.
12:7; Ex. 6:4-
8 ^dPs. 95:1-7;
100:1-5
^eDeut. 4:40;
30:5

30 ^aJudg.
1:16; Matt.
21:28; 29

were carrying the tabernacle, set out.

18 Next ^athe standard of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies, set out with Elizur the son of Shedeur, over its army.

19 and Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai over the tribal army of the sons of Simeon,

20 and Eliasaph the son of Deuel was over the tribal army of the sons of Gad.

21 ¶ ^aThen the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy objects; and ^bthe tabernacle was set up before their arrival.

22 ^aNext the standard of the camp of the sons of Ephraim, according to their armies, was set out, with Elishama the son of Ammihud over its army.

23 and Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur over the tribal army of the sons of Manasseh;

24 and Abidan the son of Gideoni over the tribal army of the sons of Benjamin.

25 ¶ ^aThen the standard of the camp of the sons of Dan, according to their armies, which formed the ^brear guard for all the camps, set out, with Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai over its army.

26 and Pagiel the son of Ochran over the tribal army of the sons of Asher;

27 and Ahira the son of Enan over the tribal army of the sons of Naphtali.

28 ¹This was the order of march of the sons of Israel by their armies as they set out.

29 ¶ Then Moses said to ^aHobab the son of ^bReuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, "We are setting out to the place of which the LORD said, 'I will give it to you'; ^ccome with us and we will do you good, for the LORD ^ehas ¹promised good concerning Israel."

30 But he said to him, "^aI will

not come, but rather will go to my own land and relatives."

31 Then he said, "Please do not leave us, inasmuch as you know where we should camp in the wilderness, and you ^awill be as eyes for us.

32 "So it will be, if you go with us, it will come about that ^{1a}whatever good the LORD ²does for us, ^bwe will ³do for you."

33 ¶ ^aThus they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey, with ^bthe ark of the covenant of the LORD journeying in front of them for the ¹three days, to seek out ^ca resting place for them.

34 ^aAnd the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, when they set out from the camp.

35 ¶ Then it came about when the ark set out that Moses said,
 "Rise up, O LORD!

And let Thine enemies be scattered,

And let those ^bwho hate Thee flee ¹before Thee."

36 And when it came to rest, he said,

"Return Thou, O LORD
To the myriad ^bthousands
of Israel."

CHAPTER 11

NOW the people became like ^athose who complain of adversity ^bin the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.

2 ^aThe people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD, and the fire ¹died out.

3 So the name of that place was called ^{1a}Taberah, because the fire of the LORD burned among them.

4 ¶ And the ^arabble who were among them ¹had greedy desires; and also the sons of Israel

31 ^aJob 29:15
32 ¹Lit., that good which ²Lit., does good ³Lit., do good
^aPs. 22:27-31, 67:5-7 ^bLev. 19:34, Deut. 10:18
33 ¹Lit., three days' journey
^aNum. 10:12 ^bDeut. 1:33
¹Is. 11:10
34 ^aNum. 9:15-23
35 ¹Or., from Thy presence
^aPs. 68:1, 2, 15:17-12:14
^bDeut. 7:10, 32:41
36 ^aIs. 63:17
^bDeut. 1:10
¹Num. 14:2, 16:11, 17:5 ^bNum. 11:18, 14:28
²Lit., south down
^aNum. 12:11, 13:21-7
³Lit., burning
^aDeut. 9:22
⁴Lit., desired a desire
¹Lit., flesh, and so throughout the ch.
^aEx. 12:38, 1 Cor. 10:6
^bPs. 78:20
³Ex. 16:3
⁶Lit., soul is dried up
¹Lit., for our eyes
^aNum. 21:5
⁷Ex. 16:31 ^bGen. 2:12
⁸Lit., with ¹Lit., juice of oil
⁹Lit., on
^aEx. 16:13, 14
¹⁰Lit., it was evil in Moses' sight
¹¹Lit., dealt ill with
^aEx. 5:22, Deut. 1:12
¹²Or., foster-father
^a2 Kin. 10:1, 5, Is. 49:23
^bGen. 24:7, Ex. 13:5, 11, 33:1
¹³Num. 11:21, 22, John 6:5-9
¹⁴Lit., heavy
^aEx. 18:18, Deut. 1:12
¹⁵Ex. 32:32

wept again and said, "^bWho will give us ²meat to eat?

5 ^a"We remember the fish which we used to eat free in Egypt, the cucumbers and the melons and the leeks and the onions and the garlic,

6 but now ^aour ¹appetite is gone. There is nothing at all ²to look at except this manna."

7 ^aNow the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like that of ^bbdellium.

8 The people would go about and gather it and grind it ¹between two millstones or beat it in the mortar, and boil it in the pot and make cakes with it; and its taste was as the taste of ²cakes baked with oil.

9 ^aAnd when the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna would fall ¹with it.

10 ¶ Now Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, each man at the doorway of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly, and ¹Moses was displeased.

11 ^aSo Moses said to the LORD, "Why hast Thou ¹been so hard on Thy servant? And why have I not found favor in Thy sight, that Thou hast laid the burden of all this people on me?

12 "Was it I who conceived all this people? Was it I who brought them forth, that Thou shouldest say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom as a ^{1a}nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which ^bThou didst swear to their fathers'?

13 "Where am I to get meat to give to ^aall this people? For they weep before me, saying, 'Give us meat that we may eat!'

14 "I alone am not able to carry all this people, because it is too ¹burdensome for me.

15 ^a"So if Thou art going to deal thus with me, please kill me at once, if I have found favor in Thy

sight, and do not let me see my wretchedness."

16 ¶ The LORD therefore said to Moses, "Gather for Me ^aseventy men from the elders of Israel, ^bwhom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

17 "Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of ^bthe Spirit who is upon you, and will put *Him* upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you shall not bear *it* all alone.

18 "And say to the people, "Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat; for you have wept ^bin the ears of the LORD, saying, "Oh that someone would give us meat to eat! For we were well-off in Egypt." Therefore the LORD will give you meat and you shall eat.

19 'You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

20 ¹but a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you; because ^ayou have rejected the LORD who is among you and have wept before Him, saying, "Why did we ever leave Egypt?" "

21 But Moses said, "The people, among whom I am, are 600,000 on foot; yet Thou hast said, 'I will give them meat in order that they may eat for a whole month.'

22 "Should flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to be sufficient for them? Or should all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be sufficient for them?"

23 And the LORD said to Moses, "Is ^athe LORD's ¹power limited? Now you shall see whether ^bMy word will ²come true for you or not."

¹⁶ Ex. 24:1.
⁹ Ex. 18:25

¹⁷ Num. 11:25 ^{b1} Sam. 10:6, Joel 2:28

¹⁸ Ex. 19:10, 22
^b Num. 11:1

²⁰ Lit., until
^a Josh. 24:27,
¹ Sam. 10:19

²³ Lit., hand short
² Lit., befall you
^a Is. 50:2, 59:1
^b Ezek. 12:25, 24:14

²⁴ Num. 11:18

²⁵ Num. 11:17, 12:5

²⁶ Lit., second
^a Num. 24:2;
¹ Sam. 10:6,
² Chr. 15:1,
Neh. 9:30

²⁸ Ex. 33:11, Josh. 1:1 ^b Mark 9:39-40

²⁹ 1 Cor. 14:5

³⁰ Lit., removed himself

³¹ Or, from about two cubits above
² i.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in.
^a Ex. 18:13;
Ps. 78:26-28;
105:40

³² Lit., rose
² i.e., One homer equals approx. 11 bu.
^a Ezek. 45:11

24 ¶ So Moses went out and ^atold the people the words of the LORD. Also, he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent.

25 ^aThen the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed *Him* upon the seventy elders. And it came about that when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do it again.

26 ¶ But two men had remained in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the ¹other Medad. And ^athe Spirit rested upon them (now they were among those who had been registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp.

27 So a young man ran and told Moses and said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

28 Then ^aJoshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, answered and said, "^bMoses, my lord, restrain them."

29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? ^aWould that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"

30 Then Moses ¹returned to the camp, *both* he and the elders ¹of Israel.

31 ¶ ^aNow there went forth a wind from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea, and let *them* fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and ¹about two ²cubits deep on the surface of the ground.

32 And the people ¹spent all day and all night and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten ²homers) and they spread *them*

out for themselves all around the camp.

33 ^aWhile the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the anger of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very severe plague.

34 So the name of that place was called ^{1a}Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had been greedy.

35 From Kibroth-hattaavah ^athe people set out for Hazeroth, and they ¹remained at Hazeroth.

CHAPTER 12

THEN Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a ^aCushite woman);

2 ^aand they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it.

3 (Now the man Moses was ^avery humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)

4 And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and Aaron and to Miriam, "You three come out to the tent of meeting." So the three of them came out.

5 ^aThen the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called ^{1a}Aaron and Miriam. When they had both come forward,

6 He said,

"Hear now My words:

If there is a prophet among you,

I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a ^avision.

I shall speak with him in a ^bdream.

7 "Not so, with ^aMy servant Moses,

33 ^aPs.
78:29-31;
108:15

34 ¹i.e., the
graves of
greediness
^aDeut. 9:22

38 ¹Lit.,
were
^aNum. 33:17

1 ^aEx. 2:21

2 ^aNum.
16:3

3 ^aMatt.
11:29

8 ¹Or,
"Aaron and
Miriam"
^aEx. 19:9;
34:5

8 ^aGen.
46:2, 1 Sam.
3:15 ^aGen.
31:11, 1 Kun.
3:5, 15

7 ^aJosh. 1:1
^aHeb. 3:2, 5

8 ^aDeut.
34:10; Hos.
12:13 ^aEx.
20:4, 24:10;
11: Deut. 5:8;
Ps. 17:15

9 ^aGen.
17:22, 18:33

18 ^aDeut.
24:9 ^aEx. 4:6;
2 Kun. 5:27

11 ^a2 Sam.
19:19, 24:10

13 ^aPs. 30:2;
41:4, Is.
30:26; Jer.
17:14

14 ^aDeut.
25:9; Job.
17:6, 30:10;
Is. 50:6
^aNum. 5:1-4

15 ^aDeut.
24:9

1 ^aDeut.
1:22, 23

2 ^aDeut.
1:22; 9:23

^bHe is faithful in all My household;

8 ^aWith him I speak mouth to mouth,

Even openly, and not in dark sayings,

And he beholds ^bthe form of the LORD.

Why then were you not afraid

To speak against My servant, against Moses?"

9 ^a So the anger of the LORD burned against them and ^aHe departed.

10 But when the cloud had withdrawn from over the tent, behold, ^aMiriam was leprous, as ^bwhite as snow. As Aaron turned toward Miriam, behold, she was leprous.

11 Then Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, I beg you, ^ado not account *this* sin to us, in which we have acted foolishly and in which we have sinned.

12 "Oh, do not let her be like one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes from his mother's womb!"

13 And Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "O God, ^aheal her, I pray!"

14 But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but ^aspit in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days? Let her be shut up for seven days ^boutside the camp, and afterward she may be received again."

15 So ^aMiriam was shut up outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on until Miriam was received again.

16 ^a Afterward, however, the people moved out from Hazeroth and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

CHAPTER 13

THEN ^athe LORD spoke to Moses saying,

2 ^a"Send out for yourself men so that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I am going to give

to the sons of Israel; you shall send a man from each of their fathers' tribes, every one a leader among them."

3 So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran at the ¹command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the sons of Israel.

4 These then were their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Sham-mua the son of Zaccur;

5 from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

6 from the tribe of Judah, ^aCaleb the son of Jephunneh;

7 from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph;

8 from the tribe of Ephraim, ^aHoshea the son of Nun;

9 from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

10 from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;

11 from the tribe of Joseph, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gad-di the son of Susi;

12 from the tribe of Dan, Am-miel the son of Gemalli;

13 from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

14 from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

15 from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land; but Moses called ^aHoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

17 ¶ When Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them, "Go up ¹there into ^athe ²Negev; then go up into the hill country.

18 "And see what the land is like, and whether the people who live in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many.

19 "And how is the land in which they live, is it good or bad? And how are the cities in which they live, are they ¹like open camps or with fortifications?

20 "And ^ahow is the land, is it fat or lean? Are there trees in it or

³ ¹Lit., mouth

⁶ ^aNum. 14:6, 30; Josh. 14:6

⁸ ^aNum. 13:16, Deut. 32:44

¹⁶ ^aNum. 13:8, Deut. 32:44

¹⁷ ¹Lit., here ²i.e., South country, and so throughout the ch. ^aGen. 12:9; 13:1, 3

¹⁹ ¹Lit., in

²⁰ ¹Lit., Use your strength ^aDeut. 1:24, 25 ^bDeut. 31:6, 23

²¹ ¹Or, to the entrance of Hamath ^aNum. 20:1, 27:14, 33:36 ^bJosh. 13:5

²² ¹Lit., Most men read one came ²Lit., children ^aNum. 13:17 ^bJosh. 15:14 ^cNum. 13:28, 33 ^dPs. 78:12, 43

²³ ¹Or, wadi ²i.e., cluster ^aGen. 14:13; Num. 13:24; 32:9; Deut. 1:24

²⁴ ¹i.e., cluster

²⁶ ¹Lit., to ^aNum. 20:1, 14, 32:8

²⁷ ^aEx. 3:8, 17; 13:5 ^bDeut. 1:25

²⁸ ¹Lit., born ones ^aDeut. 1:28; 9:1, 2 ^bNum. 13:33

²⁹ ^aNum. 13:17; 14:25, 45 ^bJosh. 10:6 ^cNum. 14:43, 45

not? ¹Make an effort then to get some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.

21 ¶ So they went up and spied out the land from ^athe wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, ¹at Lebo-hamath.

22 When they had gone up into ^athe Negev, ¹they came to Hebron where ^bAhiman, Sheshai and Talmai, the ²descendants of ^cAnak were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before ^dZoan in Egypt.)

23 ¶ Then they came to the valley of ^{2a}Eshcol and from there cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two men, with some of the pomegranates and the figs.

24 That place was called the valley of ¹Eshcol, because of the cluster which the sons of Israel cut down from there.

25 ¶ When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days,

26 they proceeded to come to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel ¹in the wilderness of Paran, at ^aKadesh; and they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Thus they told him, and said, "We went in to the land where you sent us; and ^ait certainly does flow with milk and honey, and ^bthis is its fruit.

28 "Nevertheless, ^athe people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw ^bthe ¹descendants of Anak there.

29 "Amalek is living in the land of ^athe Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and ^bthe Amorites are living in the hill country, and ^cthe Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan."

30 ¶ Then Caleb quieted the people ¹before Moses, and said, "We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it."

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us."

32 So they gave out to the sons of Israel ^aa bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is ^ba land that devours its ¹inhabitants; and ^call the people whom we saw in it are men of *great* size."

33 "There also we saw the ^aNephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and ^bwe became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

CHAPTER 14

THEN all the congregation ¹lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept ²that night.

2 And all the sons of Israel ^agrumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, "^bWould that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!

3 "And why is the LORD bringing us into this land, ^ato fall by the sword? ^bOur wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"

4 So they said to one another, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt."

5 ¶ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel.

6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes;

7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel,

30 ¹Lat.
toward

31 ^aDeut.
128, 9:13

32 ¹Or, set-
tlers
^aNumb. 14:36,
37, Ps. 108:24
^bEzek. 36:13,
14 ^cAmos 2:9

33 ^aGen. 6:4
^bDeut. 1:28,
9:2, Josh.
11:21

¹Lat.,
lifted and
gave their
voice ²Lat., in
that

³Numb.
11:1 ^aNumb.
11:5, 16:13,
20:3, 4, 21:5

³Ex. 5:21,
16:3 ^aNumb.
14:31, Deut.
1:30

⁴Neb.
9:17

⁵Numb.
16:4

⁷Numb.
13:27, Deut.
1:25

⁸Deut.
10:15 ^aEx.
3:8, Numb.
13:27

⁹Lat.,
food ²Lat.,
shadow
^aDeut. 1:28,
9:23, 24
^bDeut. 1:21,
29

¹⁰Ex. 17:4
^aEx. 16:10,
Lev. 9:23

¹¹Ex. 32:9,
13 ^aPs.
108:24

¹²Lat., the
pasture
^aLev. 26:25,
Deut. 28:21
^bEx. 32:10

¹³Ex.
32:11-14, Ps.
108:23

¹⁴Ex.
13:21, Deut.
5:4

¹⁵Lat.,
speak, saying
^aEx. 32:12

¹⁶Josh. 7:7

saying, "The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land."

8 "If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us—^aa land which flows with milk and honey."

9 "Only ^ado not rebel against the LORD; and do not ^bfear the people of the land, for they shall be our ¹prey. Their ²protection has been removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."

10 ^aBut all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then ^bthe glory of the LORD appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.

11 ¶ And the LORD said to Moses, "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will ^bthey not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?"

12 "I will smite them with ¹pestilence and dispossess them, and I ^bwill make you into a nation greater and mightier than they."

13 ¶ And Moses said to the LORD, "Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for by Thy strength Thou didst bring up this people from their midst,"

14 and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of this people, for ^aThou, O LORD, art seen eye to eye, while Thy cloud stands over them; and Thou dost go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 "Now if Thou dost slay this people as one man, ^athen the nations who have heard of Thy fame will ¹say,

16 'Because the LORD ^acould not bring this people into the land which He promised them by oath, therefore He slaughtered them in the wilderness.'

17 "But now, I pray, let the

power of the Lord be great, just as Thou hast ¹declared,

18 ^aThe LORD is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but ^bHe will by no means clear *the guilty*, ^cvisiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children ¹to the third and the fourth generations.'

19 ^aPardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Thy lovingkindness, just as Thou also hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

20 ¶ So the LORD said, "I have pardoned *them* according to your word;

21 but indeed, ^aas I live, ¹I'll fill the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 "Surely ^aall the men who have seen My glory and My signs, which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet ^bhave put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice,

23 ^ashall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it.

24 "But My servant Caleb, ^abecause he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, ¹I will bring into the land ²which he entered, and his ³descendants shall take possession of it.

25 ^aNow the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys; turn tomorrow and set out to the wilderness by the way of the ¹Red Sea."

26 ¶ And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

27 "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who are ^agrumbling against Me? I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel, which they are ¹making against Me.

28 "Say to them, ^aAs I live,' says the LORD, 'just as ^byou have

17 ¹Lit., *spoken*, saying

18 ¹Lit., on

^aEx 20:6,

34:6, 7; Deut

5:10; 7:9; Ps

103:8, 145:8;

Jon 4:2 ^bEx

20:5; Deut

5:9; 7:10 ^cEx

34:7

19 ^aEx

32:32, 34:9

20 ^aMic

7:18-20

21 ¹Lit., and

all

^aNum 14:28,

Deut 32:40,

Is 49:18 ^bIs

63; Hab 2:14

22 ^a1 Cor

10:5 ^bEx

5:21, 14:11,

15:24, 16:2,

17:2, 3, 32:1,

Num 11:1, 4,

12:1, 14:2

23 ^aNum

26:65, 32:11,

Heb 3:18

24 ¹Lit., *him*

¹Lit., *where*

¹Lit., *seed*

^aNum 14:6-9

^bNum 26:65,

32:12; Deut

1:36; Josh

14:6-15

25 ¹Lit., *Sea*

of Reeds

^aNum 13:29

27 ¹Lit.,

complaining

^aNum 11:1

28 ^aNum.

14:21 ^bNum

14:2; Deut

2:14, 15; Heb

3:17

29 ¹Lit.,

mustered

^aHeb 3:17

^bNum 1:45,

46

30 ¹Lit.,

raised My

hand

^aNum 14:24

31 ^aNum

14:3

32 ^aNum.

26:64, 65,

32:13, 1 Cor

10:5

33 ¹Lit.,

bear ²Lit.,

fornications

²Lit., *are finished*

^aDeut 2:7;

9:2, 4; 29:5

24 ¹Or, *iniquities*

^aNum 13:25

25 ^aNum

25:19

36 ^aNum.

13:4-16, 32

37 ^a1 Cor

10:10; Heb

3:17, 18

^bNum 16:49

29 ^aNum.

14:28-35

spoken in My hearing, so I will surely do to you;

29 ^ayour corpses shall fall in this wilderness, even all ^byour ¹numbered men, according to your complete number from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against Me.

30 ¹Surely you shall not come into the land in which I ¹swore to settle you, ^aexcept Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 ^aYour children, however, whom you said would become a prey—I will bring them in, and they shall know the land which you have rejected.

32 ^aBut as for you, your corpses shall fall in this wilderness.

33 ¹And your sons shall be shepherds for ^aforty years in the wilderness, and they shall ¹suffer for your ²unfaithfulness, until your corpses ³lie in the wilderness.

34 ¹According to the ^anumber of days which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day you shall bear your ¹guilt a year, even forty years, and you shall know My opposition.

35 ^aI, the LORD, have spoken, surely this I will do to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be destroyed, and there they shall die."

36 ¶ ^aAs for the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land and who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing out a bad report concerning the land,

37 even ^athose men who brought out the very bad report of the land died by a ^bplague before the LORD.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive out of those men who went to spy out the land.

39 ¶ And when Moses spoke ^athese words to all the sons of Is-

rael, ^bthe people mourned greatly.

40 In the morning, however, they rose up early and went up to the ¹ridge of the hill country, saying, "Here we are; ²we have indeed sinned, but we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised."

41 But Moses said, "Why then are you transgressing the ¹commandment of the LORD, when it will not succeed?

42 "Do not go up, lest you be struck down before your enemies, for the LORD is not among you.

43 "For the Amalekites and the Canaanites will be there in front of you, and you will fall by the sword, inasmuch as you have turned back from following the LORD. And the LORD will not be with you."

44 But they went up heedlessly to the ¹ridge of the hill country; neither ^athe ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses left the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down, and struck them and beat them down as far as ^aHormah.

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NOW the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land ¹where you are to live, which I am giving you,

3 then make ^aan offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice to ^bfulfill a special vow, or as a freewill offering or in your ^cappointed times, to make a ^dsoothing aroma to the LORD, from the herd or from the flock.

4 "And the one who presents his offering shall present to the LORD a grain offering of one-tenth of an *ephah* of fine flour

²⁰ Ex.
33:4

⁴⁰ Or, top of the mountain
²⁰ Or, and we will go up for we have sinned
^a Deut. 1:41-44

⁴¹ Lt.
mouth
² Chr 24:20

⁴² Deut
1:42

⁴⁴ Or, top of the mountain
^a Num 31:6

⁴⁵ Num
21:3

³ Lt. of your dwellings
^a Lev 23:10

³ Or, make a special votive offering
^a Lev 12:3
^a Lev 22:21
^a Lev 23:1-44
^a Gen. 8:21,
2 Cor 2:15,
1d. Phil 4:18

⁴ i.e. Ap-
prox one
gal, and so
through v. 10
^a Num. 28:1,
29-40

³ Lev
110:36,
Num 15:11

³ Or, make a special votive offering
^a Lev 13:3, 1

¹³ Num.
8:14, 15:20

¹⁶ Lev
24:22

mixed with one-fourth of a ¹hin of oil.

5 and you shall prepare wine for the libation, one-fourth of a hin, with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for ^aeach lamb.

6 Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering two-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil;

7 and for the libation you shall offer one-third of a hin of wine as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

8 And when you prepare ^aa bull as a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to ¹fulfill a special vow, or for peace offerings to the LORD,

9 then you shall offer with the bull a grain offering of three-tenths of an *ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-half a hin of oil;

10 and you shall offer as the libation one-half a hin of wine as an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

11 "Thus it shall be done for each ox, or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs, or of the goats.

12 According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do for everyone according to their number.

13 All who are native shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

14 And if an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do, so he shall do.

15 As for the assembly, there shall be ^aone statute for you and for the alien who sojourns with you, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the alien be before the LORD.

16 There is to be ^aone law and one ordinance for you and for the alien who sojourns with you."

17 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

18 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'When you enter the land where I bring you,

19 then it shall be, that when you eat of the ¹food of the land, you shall lift up ²an offering to the LORD.

20 "Of the first of your ¹dough you shall lift up a cake as an ²offering; as ^bthe ²offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up.

21 'From the first of your ¹dough you shall give to the LORD an ²offering throughout your generations.

22 ¶ 'But when you ^aunwittingly fail and do not observe all these commandments, which the LORD has spoken to Moses,

23 even all that the LORD has commanded you ¹through Moses, from the day when the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations,

24 then it shall be, if it is done ^aunintentionally, ¹without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one bull for a burnt offering, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, ^bwith its grain offering, and its libation, according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin offering.

25 'Then ^athe priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their offering, an offering by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their error.

26 'So all the congregation of the sons of Israel will be forgiven, with the alien who sojourns among them, for it happened to all the people through ^aerror.

27 ¶ 'Also if one person sins ^aunintentionally, then he shall

¹⁹ ¹Lit., bread ²Or, a heave offering
¹⁹ Josh 5 11, 12

²⁰ ¹Or, coarse meal
²Or, heave offering
²⁰ Ex 24 26, Lev 23 14
²⁰ Deut 14 22, 23, 18 13

²¹ ¹Or, coarse meal
²Or, offering lifted up

²² ¹Lev 4 2

²³ ¹Lit., by the hand of

²⁴ ¹Lit., from the eyes of the congregation
²⁴ Lev 4 2, 22, 27, 5 15, 18
²⁴ Num 15 8-10

²⁵ ¹Lev 4 20, Heb 2 17

²⁶ ¹Num 15 24

²⁷ ¹Lev 4 27-31, Luke 12 48

²⁸ ¹Or, and he shall
²⁸ Lev 4 35

²⁹ ¹Num 14 40-44, Deut 1 43, 17 12, 13

³¹ ¹Or, iniquity
³¹ 2 Sam 12 9, Prov 13 13
³¹ Ezek 18 20

³² ¹Ex 31 14, 15, 35 2, 3

³⁴ ¹Or, prison ²Lit., declared distinctly
³⁴ Num 9 8

³⁵ ¹Lev 20 2, 27, 24:14-23, Deut 21 21

³⁶ ¹Lit., with stones and he died

³⁸ ¹Deut 22 12, Matt 23 5

offer a one year old female goat for a sin offering.

28 'And ^athe priest shall make atonement before the LORD for the person who goes astray when he sins unintentionally making atonement for him ¹that he may be forgiven.

29 'You shall have one law for him who does ^aanything unintentionally, for him who is native among the sons of Israel and for the alien who sojourns among them.

30 'But the person who does ^aanything ^adefiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from among his people.

31 'Because he has ^adespised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; ^bhis ¹guilt shall be on him.' "

32 ¶ Now while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man ^agathering wood on the sabbath day.

33 And those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation;

34 and they put him in ¹custody ^abecause it had not been ²declared what should be done to him.

35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man shall surely be put to death; ^aall the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."

36 So all the congregation brought him outside the camp, and stoned him ¹to death with stones, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

37 ¶ The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

38 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves ^atassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations.

and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue.

39 "And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot.

40 in order that you may remember to do all My commandments, and be holy to your God.

41 "I am the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the LORD your God."

CHAPTER 16

NOW Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took action.

2 and they rose up before Moses, together with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, chosen in the assembly, men of renown.

3 And they assembled together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

4 ¶ When Moses heard this, he fell on his face;

5 and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His, and who is holy, and will bring him near to Himself; even the one whom He will choose, He will bring near to Himself.

6 "Do this: take censers for yourselves, Korah and all your company,

7 and put fire in them, and lay incense upon them in the presence of the LORD tomorrow; and

38 ¹Lit., and you shall look at it
²Lit., seek
³Deut. 4:23;
6:12, 8:11, 14:19

40 ¹Lev 11:44, 45

1 ¹Ex 6:21, Jude 11
²Num. 20:9;
Deut 11:6

2 ¹Lit., and men from ²Lit., called ones of
³Num 1:16, 26:9

3 ¹Lit., it is much for you
²Num. 12:2, Ps 108:16
³Num. 16:7
⁴Num. 5:3

4 ¹Num 14:5

5 ¹Lev 10:3, Ps 65:4
²Num 17:9, 8

6 ¹Lit., his

7 ¹Lit., it is much for you
²Num. 16:3

8 ¹Or, too little for you
²Ex 7:13
³Num. 3 & 9, Deut. 10:8

10 ¹Num. 3:10, 18:17

11 ¹Lit., what
²Ex 16:7
³1 Cor 10:10

12 ¹Lit., to call

13 ¹Lit., a little thing
²Ex 16:3, Num. 11:4-6
³Num. 14:2, 3

14 ¹Lit., burn out ²Lit., these
³Num. 13:27, 14:8
⁴Ex 22:3, 23:10, 11, Num. 20:5
⁵Jude 16:21, 1 Sam. 11:2

15 ¹Gen. 4:4, 5 & 1 Sam. 12:3

17 ¹Lit., them

the man whom the LORD chooses shall be the one who is holy. 1a You have gone far enough, you sons of Levi!"

8 ¶ Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi,

9 is it not enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them;

10 and that He has brought you near, Korah, and all your brothers, sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking for the priesthood also?

11 "Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the LORD; but as for Aaron, who is he that you grumble against him?"

12 ¶ Then Moses sent a summons to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, "We will not come up.

13 "Is it not enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to have us die in the wilderness, but you would also lord it over us?

14 "Indeed, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor have you given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Would you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!"

15 ¶ Then Moses became very angry and said to the LORD, "Do not regard their offering! I have not taken a single donkey from them, nor have I done harm to any of them."

16 And Moses said to Korah, "You and all your company be present before the LORD tomorrow, both you and they along with Aaron.

17 "And each of you take his firepan and put incense on it, and each of you bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred

and fifty firepans; also you and Aaron shall each bring his firepan."

18 So they each took his own censer and put fire on ¹it, and laid incense on ¹it; and they stood at the doorway of the tent of meeting, with Moses and Aaron.

19 Thus Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the doorway of the tent of meeting. And ^athe glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.

20 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

21 "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, ^bthat I may consume them instantly."

22 But they fell on their faces, and said, "O God, ^aThou God of the spirits of all flesh, ^bwhen one man sins, wilt Thou be angry with the entire congregation?"

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

24 "Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.'"

25 ¶ Then Moses arose and went to Dathan and Abiram, with the elders of Israel following him,

26 and he spoke to the congregation, saying, "^aDepart now from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing that belongs to them, ^blest you be swept away in all their sin."

27 So they got back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the doorway of their tents; along with their wives and ^atheir sons and their little ones.

28 And Moses said, "By this you shall know that ^athe LORD has sent me to do all these deeds; for this is not ¹my doing.

29 "If these men die ¹the death of all men, or ²if they suffer the ^afate of all men, then the LORD has not sent me.

18 ¹Lit., them

19 ^aNum. 14:10; 16:42; 20:6

21 ^aNum. 16:45 ^bEx. 32:10, 12

22 ^aNum. 27:16 ^bGen. 18:23-32; Lev. 4:3

24 ^aNum. 16:45

26 ^aIs. 52:11 ^bGen. 19:15, 17

27 ^aNum. 26:11

28 ¹Lit., from my heart ^aEx. 3:12-15; 4:12, 15

29 ¹Lit., like the death ²Lit., the visitation of all men he visited upon them ^aEcc. 3:19

30 ¹Lit., creates a new creation ²i.e., the nether world ^aJob 31:2, 3 ^bPs. 55:15

32 ^aNum. 26:10; Deut. 11:6; Ps. 108:17 ^bNum. 26:11

33 ⁱe., the nether world

34 ¹Or, voice ²Lit., Lest the earth

35 ^aNum. 11:1-3; 26:10 ^bNum. 16:2

36 ¹Ch. 17:1 in Heb.

37 ¹Or, place of burning ²Lit., the fire

38 ¹Lit., sinners against their lives ^aEzek. 14:8; 2 Pet. 2:6

40 ¹Or, memorial ²Lit., stranger ³Lit., seed ^aNum. 1:51

30 "But ^aif the LORD bring about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that is theirs, and they ^bdescend alive into ²Sheol, then you will understand that these men have spurned the LORD."

31 ¶ Then it came about as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground that was under them split open;

32 and ^athe earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up and their households, and ^ball the men who belonged to Korah with their possessions.

33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to ¹Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

34 And all Israel who were around them fled at their ¹outcry, for they said, "²The earth may swallow us up!"

35 ^aFire also came forth from the LORD and consumed the ^btwo hundred and fifty men who were offering the incense.

36 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

37 "Say to Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, that he shall take up the censers out of the midst of the ¹blaze, for they are holy; and you scatter the ²burning coals abroad.

38 "As for the censers of these ¹men who have sinned at the cost of their lives, let them be made into hammered sheets for a plating of the altar, since they did present them before the LORD and they are holy; and ^athey shall be for a sign to the sons of Israel."

39 So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers which the men who were burned had offered; and they hammered them out as a plating for the altar,

40 as a ¹reminder to the sons of Israel that ^ano ²layman who is not of the ³descendants of Aaron

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should come near ^bto burn incense before the LORD; that he might not become like Korah and his company—just as the LORD had spoken to him ^athrough Moses.

41 ¶ But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel ^agrumbled against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You are the ones who have caused the death of the LORD's people."

42 It came about, however, when the congregation had assembled against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tent of meeting, and behold, the cloud covered it and ^athe glory of the LORD appeared.

43 Then Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting.

44 and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

45 "Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly." Then they fell on their faces.

46 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put in it fire from the altar, and lay incense on it; then bring it quickly to the congregation and ^amake atonement for them, for ^bwrath has gone forth from the LORD, the plague has begun!"

47 Then Aaron took it as Moses had spoken, and ran into the midst of the assembly, for behold, the plague had begun among the people. ^aSo he put on the incense and made atonement for the people.

48 And he took his stand between the dead and the living, so that the plague was checked.

49 ^aBut those who died by the plague were 14,700, besides those who ^bdied on account of Korah.

50 Then Aaron returned to Moses at the doorway of the tent of meeting, for the plague had been checked.

40 ^aLit., by the hand of ^bEx. 30:7-10

41 ^aNum. 16:3

42 ^aNum. 16:19

43 ^aOr. Anse ^bNum. 16:21, 24

44 ^aNum. 25:13, 14, 6:6, 7:18, 18:5, Deut. 9:22

45 ^aNum. 25:6-8, 13

46 ^aNum. 25:9 ^bNum. 16:32, 35

47 ^aCh. 17:16 in Heb

48 ^aEx. 25:16, 21, 22, Num. 17:7

49 ^aNum. 16:5

50 ^aNum. 1:50, 53, 9:15

51 ^aEzek. 17:24, Heb. 9:4

52 ^aLit., for preserving ^bLit., sons of rebellion ^cNum. 17:4 ^dDeut. 9:7, 24

1 THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying.

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and get from them a rod for each father's household: twelve rods, from all their leaders according to their fathers' households. You shall write each name on his rod.

3 and write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there is one rod for the head of each of their fathers' households.

4 "You shall then deposit them in the tent of meeting in front of ^athe testimony, where I meet with you.

5 "And it will come about that the rod of ^athe man whom I choose will sprout. Thus I shall lessen from upon Myself the grumblings of the sons of Israel, who are grumbling against you."

6 Moses therefore spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their leaders gave him a rod apiece, for each leader according to their fathers' households, twelve rods, with the rod of Aaron among their rods.

7 So Moses deposited the rods before the LORD in ^athe tent of the testimony.

8 ¶ Now it came about on the next day that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, ^athe rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.

9 Moses then brought out all the rods from the presence of the LORD to all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each man took his rod.

10 But the LORD said to Moses, "Put back the rod of Aaron ^abefore the testimony ^bto be kept as a sign against the ^crebels, that you may put an end to their grumblings against Me, so that they should not die."

11 Thus Moses did; just as the

LORD had commanded him, so he did.

12 ¶ Then the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Behold, we perish, we are dying, we are all dying!"

13 "Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, must die. Are we to perish completely?"

CHAPTER 18

SO the LORD said to Aaron, "You and your sons and your father's household with you shall bear the guilt in connection with the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the guilt in connection with your priesthood."

2 "But bring with you also your brothers, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that they may be joined with you and serve you, while you and your sons with you are before the tent of the testimony."

3 "And they shall thus attend to your obligation and the obligation of all the tent, but they shall not come near to the furnishings of the sanctuary and the altar, lest both they and you die."

4 "And they shall be joined with you and attend to the obligations of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the tent; but an outsider may not come near you."

5 "So you shall attend to the obligations of the sanctuary and the obligations of the altar, that there may no longer be wrath on the sons of Israel."

6 "And behold, I Myself have taken your fellow Levites from among the sons of Israel; they are a gift to you, dedicated to the LORD, to perform the service for the tent of meeting."

7 "But you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything concerning the altar and inside the veil, and you are to perform service. I am giving you the priesthood as a

12 ^aNum. 6:5

13 ^aNum. 1:51

1 ^aLit., of the sanctuary
2 ^aLit., of your priesthood
3 ^aEx. 28:38, Lev. 10:17, 22:16

2 ^aNum. 3:5-10

3 ^aNum. 4:15-20
4 ^aNum. 1:51, 18:7

4 ^aLit., a stranger

5 ^aEx. 27:21, Lev. 24:3
6 ^aNum. 18:46

6 ^aLit., brethren the
7 ^aLit., given
8 ^aNum. 3:12, 45
9 ^aNum. 3:9

7 ^aLit., service of gift
8 ^aLit., stranger
9 ^aEx. 29:9
10 ^aNum. 18:20, Deut. 18:2, Matt. 10:8, 1 Pet. 5:2, 3
11 ^aNum. 1:51

8 ^aLit., heave offerings, and so throughout the ch.
9 ^aLev. 6:18, 18, 7:28-34

9 ^aLev. 2:16
10 ^aLev. 6:30

11 ^aNum. 18:1, Deut. 18:3
12 ^aLev. 22:1-16

12 ^aLit., fat
13 ^aDeut. 18:4, 32:14; Ps. 81:16, 147:14

13 ^aEx. 22:29, 23:19, 34:26

14 ^aLev. 27:1-33

15 ^aLit., Everything that opens
16 ^aEx. 13:13, 15; Num. 3:48

16 ^aI.e., A shekel equals approx. one-half oz.

bestowed service, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

8 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, "Now behold, I Myself have given you charge of My offerings, even all the holy gifts of the sons of Israel, I have given them to you as a portion, and to your sons as a perpetual allotment."

9 "This shall be yours from the most holy gifts, reserved from the fire; every offering of theirs, even every grain offering and every sin offering and every guilt offering, which they shall render to Me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons."

10 "As the most holy gifts you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to you."

11 "This also is yours, the offering of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the sons of Israel; I have given them to you and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual allotment. Everyone of your household who is clean may eat it."

12 "All the best of the fresh oil and all the best of the fresh wine and of the grain, the first fruits of those which they give to the LORD, I give them to you."

13 "The first ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, shall be yours; everyone of your household who is clean may eat it."

14 "Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours."

15 "Every first issue of the womb of all flesh, whether man or animal, which they offer to the LORD, shall be yours; nevertheless the first-born of man you shall surely redeem, and the first-born of unclean animals you shall redeem."

16 "And as to their redemption price, from a month old you shall redeem them, by your valuation, five shekels in silver, according

to the ¹shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.

17 "But ^athe first-born of an ox or the first-born of a sheep or the first-born of a goat, you shall not redeem; they are holy. ^bYou shall sprinkle their blood on the altar and shall offer up their fat in smoke as an offering by fire, for a soothing aroma to the LORD.

18 "And their ¹meat shall be yours; it shall be yours like the ^abreast of a wave offering and like the right thigh.

19 "All the offerings of the holy gifts, which the sons of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given to you and your sons and your daughters with you, as a perpetual allotment. It is ^aan everlasting covenant of salt before the LORD to you and your ¹descendants with you."

20 Then the LORD said to Aaron, "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor own any portion among them; ^bI am your portion and your inheritance among the sons of Israel.

21 "And to the sons of Levi, behold, I have given all the ^atithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they perform, the service of the tent of meeting.

22 "And ^athe sons of Israel shall not come near the tent of meeting again, lest they bear sin and die.

23 "Only the Levites shall perform the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall ^abear their iniquity; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations, and among the sons of Israel ^bthey shall have no inheritance.

24 "For the tithe of the sons of Israel, which they offer as an offering to the LORD, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance; therefore I have said concerning them, ^a'They shall have no inheritance among the sons of Israel.'

16 ¹i.e., A shekel equals approx. one-half oz.

17 ^aDeut 15 19 ^bLev 32

18 ¹Lit. flesh ^aLev 7 31

19 ¹Lit. seed ^aNum 18 11 ^b2 Chr 13 5

20 ^aDeut 10 9, 12 12, 14 27, 29 ^bDeut 18 2, Josh 13 33, Ezek 44 28

21 ^aLev 27 30-33 ^bDeut 14 22, 29

22 ^aNum 1 51

23 ^aNum 18 1 ^bNum 18 20

24 ^aDeut 10 9

25 ^aNum 18 21 ^bNeh 10 38

26 ¹Lit. fat ^aLit. its

27 ¹Lit. lifted

28 ¹Lit. lifted ^aLit. fat ^bLev 22 15, 16

29 ¹Lit. come up ^aLev 22 20, 25 ^bDeut 21 3

25 ¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying.

26 "Moreover, you shall speak to the Levites and say to them, 'When you take from the sons of Israel ^athe tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall present an offering from it to the LORD, a ^btithe of the tithe.

27 'And your offering shall be reckoned to you as the grain from the threshing floor or the full produce from the wine vat.

28 'So you shall also present an offering to the LORD from your tithes, which you receive from the sons of Israel; and from it you shall give the LORD's offering to Aaron the priest.

29 'Out of all your gifts you shall present every offering due to the LORD, from all the ¹best of them, ²the sacred part from them.'

30 "And you shall say to them, 'When you have ¹offered from it the best of it, then *the rest* shall be reckoned to the Levites as the product of the threshing floor, and as the product of the wine vat.

31 'And you may eat it anywhere, you and your households, for it is your compensation in return for your service in the tent of meeting.

32 'And you shall bear no sin by reason of it, when you have ¹offered the ²best of it. But you shall not ^aprofane the sacred gifts of the sons of Israel, lest you die.' "

CHAPTER 19

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying.

2 "This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel that they bring you an ^aunblemished red heifer in which is no defect, and ^bon which a yoke has never ¹been placed.

3 'And you shall give it to ^aEleazar the priest, and it shall ^bbe brought outside the camp and be slaughtered in his presence.

4 'Next Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and ^asprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.

5 'Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight; ^aits hide and its flesh and its blood, with its refuse, shall be burned.

6 'And the priest shall take ^acedar wood and hyssop and scarlet material, and cast it into the midst of the ¹burning heifer.

7 'The priest ^ashall then wash his clothes and bathe his ¹body in water, and afterward come into the camp, but the priest shall be unclean until evening.

8 'The one who burns it shall also wash his clothes in water and bathe his ¹body in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

9 'Now a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place, and ¹the congregation of the sons of Israel shall keep it as ^awater to remove impurity; it is ²purification from sin.

10 'And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer ^ashall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening; and it shall be a perpetual statute to the sons of Israel and to the alien who sojourns among them.

11 ¶ 'The one who touches the corpse of any ¹person shall be unclean for seven days.

12 'That one shall ^apurify himself from uncleanness with ¹the water on the third day and on the seventh day, *and then* he shall be clean; but if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he shall not be clean.

13 'Anyone who touches a corpse, the ¹body of a man who has died, and does not purify

3 ^aNum. 3:4 ^bLev. 4:11, 12, 21; Num. 19:9

4 ^aLev. 4:6, 17, 18, 14

5 ^aEx. 29:14, Lev. 4:11, 12

6 ¹Lit., burning of the heifer ^aLev. 14:4

7 ¹Lit., flesh ^aLev. 16:26, 28, 22, 6

8 ¹Lit., flesh

9 ¹Lit., it shall be to the congregation of Israel, for a guarding as water of impurity ²Or, a sin offering ^aNum. 8:7, 31:23

10 ^aNum. 19:7

11 ¹Lit., soul of man ^aLev. 21:1, 11; Num. 5:2, 6:6, Acts 21:26, 27

12 ¹Lit., it ^aNum. 19:19, 31:19

13 ¹Lit., soul ²Lit., dwelling place ³Or, thrown ^aLev. 7:21, 22:3-7 ^bLev. 15:31, 20:3; Num. 19:20 ^cNum. 19:19

15 ¹Lit., cord

16 ^aNum. 31:19

17 ¹Lit., dust ²Lit., burning of the ³Or, sin offering ⁴Lit., living ⁵Lit., put ^aNum. 19:9

19 ^aEzek. 36:25; Heb. 10:22

20 ^aNum. 19:13

21 ^aNum. 19:7

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himself, ^bdefiles the ²tabernacle of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water for impurity was not ³sprinkled on him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.

14 ¶ 'This is the law when a man dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean for seven days.

15 'And every open vessel, which has no covering ¹tied down on it, shall be unclean.

16 'Also, anyone who in the open field touches one who has been slain with a sword or who has died *naturally*, or a human bone or a grave, shall be unclean for seven days.

17 'Then for the unclean person they shall take some of the ¹ashes of the ²burnt ³purification from sin and ⁴flowing water shall be ⁵added to them in a vessel.

18 'And a clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it on the tent and on all the furnishings and on the persons who were there, and on the one who touched the bone or the one slain or the one dying *naturally* or the grave.

19 'Then the clean person ^ashall sprinkle on the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify him from uncleanness, and he shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water and shall be clean by evening.

20 ¶ 'But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself from uncleanness, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he has ^adefiled the sanctuary of the LORD; the water for impurity has not been sprinkled on him, he is unclean.

21 'So it shall be a perpetual statute for them. And he ^awho sprinkles the water for impurity

shall wash his clothes, and he who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening.

22 "Furthermore, anything that the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the person who touches it shall be unclean until evening."

CHAPTER 20

THEN the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to the wilderness of Zin in the first month; and the people stayed at Kadesh. Now Miriam died there and was buried there.

2 ¶ "And there was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron.

3 "The people thus contended with Moses and spoke, saying, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD!

4 "Why then have you brought the LORD's assembly into this wilderness, for us and our beasts to die here?

5 "And why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, nor is there water to drink."

6 Then Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and fell on their faces. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to them;

7 and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

8 "Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink."

9 So Moses took the rod from

before the LORD, just as He had commanded him;

10 and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?"

11 Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank.

12 But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

13 Those were the waters of Meribah, because the sons of Israel contended with the LORD, and He proved Himself holy among them.

14 ¶ From Kadesh Moses then sent messengers to the king of Edom: "Thus your brother Israel has said, 'You know all the hardship that has befallen us;

15 that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we stayed in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our fathers badly.

16 'But when we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out from Egypt; now behold, we are at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

17 'Please let us pass through your land. We shall not pass through field or through vineyard; we shall not even drink water from a well. We shall go along the king's highway, not turning to the right or left, until we pass through your territory.'

18 "Edom, however, said to him, "You shall not pass through us, lest I come out with the sword against you."

22 Lev. 5:2, 3; 7:21; 22:5, 6

1 Num. 13:21, 27:14, 33:38

2 Ex. 17:1 Num. 16:19, 42

3 Ex. 17:2 Num. 14:2, 3 Num. 16:31, 35

4 1 Ex. 17:3

8 1 Ex. 16:14

6 Num. 14:5

8 Ex. 17:3, 6

9 Num. 17:10

10 Ps. 108:33

11 Ps. 78:16; 106:21, 1 Cor. 10:4

12 Num. 20:24, 27:14, Deut. 1:37, 3:28, 27

13 1 e. con-
tention 2 Or,
where
Ex. 17:7; Ps.
95:8

14 Gen. 38:31-39;
Deut. 2:4
Josh. 2:9, 10;
9:9, 10, 24

16 Ex. 2:23;
3:7 Ex. 14:19

17 Num. 21:22

18 1 Ex. 17:2
Num. 24:18

19 Again, the sons of Israel said to him, "We shall go up by the highway, and if I and ^amy livestock do drink any of your water, ^bthen I will ¹pay its price. Let me only pass through on my feet, ²nothing else."

20 But he said, "^aYou shall not pass through." And Edom came out against him with a heavy ¹force, and with a strong hand.

21 ^aThus Edom refused to allow Israel to pass through his territory; ^bso Israel turned away from him.

22 ¶ Now when they set out from ^aKadesh, the sons of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor.

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron at ^aMount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying,

24 "Aaron shall be ^agathered to his people; for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the sons of Israel, because ^byou rebelled against My ¹command at the waters of Meribah.

25 "Take Aaron and his son ^aEleazar, and bring them up to Mount Hor;

26 and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on his son Eleazar. So Aaron will be ^agathered to his people, and will die there."

27 So Moses did just as the LORD had commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And after Moses had stripped Aaron of his garments and ^aput them on his son Eleazar, ^bAaron died there on the mountain top. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had died, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty ^adays.

19 ¹Lit., give
²Or, no great
thing

^aEx 12:38

^bDeut 2:6, 28

20 ¹Lit.,

people

Judg 11:17

21 ¹Judg

11:17 ²Deut

2:8

22 ^aNum

20:1, 14

23 ^aNum

33:37

24 ¹Lit.,

mouth

^aGen 25:8

^bNum 20:5,

10

25 ^aNum

34

26 ^aNum

20:24

28 ^aEx

29:29 ^bNum

33:38, Deut.

10:6, 32:50

29 ^aGen.

15, 50:3, 10,

Deut 34:8

1 ¹Lit.,

South coun-

try ²Or, the

spies

^aNum. 33:40;

Josh. 12:14,

Judg 1:16

2 ¹Lit., de-

voted to de-

struction

^aGen 28:20,

Judg 11:30

3 ¹Lit., de-

voted to de-

struction

2 ¹Lit., a de-

voted thing,

or, Destruc-

tion

^aNum. 14:45

4 ¹Lit., Sea

of Reeds

2 ¹Lit., soul of

the people

was short

^aDeut 2:8

5 ¹Lit.,

bread 2 ¹Lit.,

our soul

loathes

^aNum 14:2, 3

^bNum 11:6

6 ^aDeut.

8:15 ^bJer

8:17 ¹1 Cor

10:9

7 ^aNum.

11:2, Ps.

78:34, Is.

26:16; Hos.

5:15 ^bEx. 8:8,

1 Sam. 12:19;

Acts 8:24

8 ¹Lit.,

Make for

yourself

^aIs. 14:29;

30:6; John

3:14

9 ^a2 Kin.

18:4; John

3:14, 15

CHAPTER 21

WHEN the Canaanite, the king of ^aArad, who lived in the ¹Negev, heard that Israel was coming by the way of ²Atharim, then he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive.

2 So ^aIsrael made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If Thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will ¹utterly destroy their cities."

3 And the LORD heard the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; then they ¹utterly destroyed them and their cities. Thus the name of the place was called ^{2a}Hormah.

4 ¶ Then they set out from Mount Hor by the way of the ¹Red Sea, to ^ago around the land of Edom; and the ²people became impatient because of the journey.

5 And the people spoke against God and Moses, "^aWhy have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no ¹food and no water, and ^{2b}we loathe this miserable food."

6 ^aAnd the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and ^bthey bit the people, so that ^cmany people of Israel died.

7 ^aSo the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you; ^bintercede with the LORD, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people.

8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "¹Make a ^afiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he shall live."

9 And Moses made a ^abronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he

looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.

10 ¶ Now the sons of Israel moved out and camped in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and camped at Iyeab-arim, in the wilderness which is opposite Moab, to the east.

12 From there they set out and camped in Wadi Zered.

13 From there they journeyed and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that comes out of the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the LORD,

"Waheb in Suphah,

And the wadis of the Arnon,

15 And the slope of the wadis That extends to the site of Ar,

And leans to the border of Moab."

16 And from there they continued to Beer, that is the well where the LORD said to Moses, "Assemble the people, that I may give them water."

17 ¶ Then Israel sang this song:

"Spring up, O well! Sing to it!

18 "The well, which the leaders sank,

Which the nobles of the people dug,

With the scepter and with their staffs."

And from the wilderness they continued to Mattanah,

19 and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

20 and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the land of Moab, at the top of Pisgah which overlooks the wasteland.

21 ¶ Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon, king of the Amorites, saying,

10 Num. 33:43, 44

11 Lit. sunrise

12 I.e., a dry ravine except during rainy season
Num. 33:45

13 Num. 22:36, Judg. 11:18

15 Num. 21:28, Deut. 29:18, 29

16 I.e., a well
Num. 33:46-49

17 Ex. 15:1, Ps. 105:2

20 Or, Jeshimon

21 Deut. 2:26-27, Judg. 11:19

22 Num. 20:16, 17

23 Num. 20:21, Deut. 2:32

24 Lit., smote, so with Gr. and Lat. MT reads strong
Amos 2:9
Deut. 2:37

25 Lit., daughters
Amos 2:10

28 Lit., lords of the
Or, Bamoth
Jer. 48:45
Num. 21:15
Num. 22:41, Is. 15:2, 16:12

29 Jer. 48:46, Judg. 11:24, 1 Kin. 11:33, 2 Kin. 23:13, Is. 15:2, 16:2

22 "Let me pass through your land. We will not turn off into field or vineyard; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the king's highway until we have passed through your border."

23 But Sihon would not permit Israel to pass through his border. So Sihon gathered all his people and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and came to Jahaz and fought against Israel.

24 Then Israel struck him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the sons of Ammon; for the border of the sons of Ammon was Jazer.

25 And Israel took all these cities and Israel lived in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all her villages.

26 For Heshbon was the city of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and had taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon.

27 Therefore those who use proverbs say,

"Come to Heshbon! Let it be built!

So let the city of Sihon be established.

28 "For a fire went forth from Heshbon,

A flame from the town of Sihon;

It devoured Ar of Moab, The dominant heights of the Arnon.

29 "Woe to you, O Moab!

You are ruined, O people of Chemosh!

He has given his sons as fugitives,

And his daughters into captivity,

To an Amorite king, Sihon.

30 "But we have cast them down,

Heshbon is ruined as far as
^aDibon,
 Then we have laid waste
 even to Nophah,
 Which reaches to Medeba."

³⁰ ^aNum.
 32:3, 34; Jer.
 48:18, 22

31 Thus Israel lived in the land
 of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out
^aJazer, and they captured its vil-
 lages and dispossessed the Amo-
 rites who were there.

³² ^aNum.
 32:1, 3, 35.
 Jer. 48:32

³³ ¹Lit., he
 and
^aDeut. 3:1-7
^bJosh. 13:12

33 ^c Then they turned and
 went up by the way of Bashan,
 and Og the king of Bashan went
 out ¹with all his people, for battle
 at ^bEdrei.

³⁴ ^aDeut.
 3:2

³⁵ ¹Lit.,
 smote
^aDeut. 3:3, 4

34 But the LORD said to Moses,
 "Do not fear him, for I have giv-
 en him into your hand, and all his
 people and his land; and you
 shall do to him as you did to Si-
 hon, king of the Amorites, who
 lived at Heshbon."

¹ ^aNum.
 33:48, 49

² ^aJudg.
 11:25

³ ^aEx.
 15:15

35 So ^athey ¹killed him and his
 sons and all his people, until
 there was no remnant left him;
 and they possessed his land.

⁴ ¹Lit., as-
 sembly
^aNum. 25:15-
 18; 31:1-3

CHAPTER 22

^a THEN the sons of Israel jour-
 neyed, and camped in the
 plains of Moab beyond the Jor-
 dan opposite Jericho.

⁵ ¹i.e., Eu-
 phrates
^aJosh. 24:9,
 2 Pet. 2:15f.;
 Jude 11
^bDeut. 23:4

2 ^c Now ^aBalak the son of Zip-
 por saw all that Israel had done
 to the Amorites.

⁶ ¹Or, nu-
 merous ²Lit.,
 smile
^aNum. 22:17,
 23:7, 8 ^bNum.
 22:12, 24:9

3 ^aSo Moab was in great fear
 because of the people, for they
 were numerous; and Moab was
 in dread of the sons of Israel.

⁷ ¹Lit.,
 spoke
^aNum. 23:23;
 24:1, Josh.
 13:22

4 And Moab said to the elders
 of ^aMidian, "Now this ¹horde
 will lick up all that is around us,
 as the ox licks up the grass of the
 field." And Balak the son of Zip-
 por was king of Moab at that
 time.

⁹ ^aGen.
 20:3

5 So he sent messengers to
^aBalaam the son of Beor, at ^bPe-
 thor, which is near the ¹River, in
 the land of the sons of his people,
 to call him, saying, "Behold, a
 people came out of Egypt; be-
 hold, they cover the surface of

¹² ^aNum.
 23:8, 24:9
^bGen. 12:2;
 22:17

¹⁵ ¹Lit.,
 these

the land, and they are living op-
 posite me.

6 ^aNow, therefore, please
 come, ^bcurse this people for me
 since they are too ¹mighty for
 me; perhaps I may be able to ²de-
 feat them and drive them out of
 the land. For I know that he
 whom you bless is blessed, and
 he whom you curse is cursed."

7 ¶ So the elders of Moab and
 the elders of Midian departed
 with the fees for ^adivination in
 their hand; and they came to Ba-
 laam and ¹repeated Balak's
 words to him.

8 And he said to them, "Spend
 the night here, and I will bring
 word back to you as the LORD
 may speak to me." And the lead-
 ers of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9 Then ^aGod came to Balaam
 and said, "Who are these men
 with you?"

10 And Balaam said to God,
 "Balak the son of Zippor, king of
 Moab, has sent word to me,

11 'Behold, there is a people
 who came out of Egypt and they
 cover the surface of the land;
 now come, curse them for me;
 perhaps I may be able to fight
 against them, and drive them
 out.'"

12 And God said to Balaam,
 "Do not go with them; ^ayou shall
 not curse the people; for they
^bare blessed."

13 So Balaam arose in the
 morning and said to Balak's
 leaders, "Go back to your land,
 for the LORD has refused to let
 me go with you."

14 And the leaders of Moab
 arose and went to Balak, and
 said, "Balaam refused to come
 with us."

15 ¶ Then Balak again sent
 leaders, more numerous and
 more distinguished than ¹the
 former.

16 And they came to Balaam
 and said to him, "Thus says Ba-
 lak the son of Zippor, 'Let noth-

ing. I beg you, hinder you from coming to me;

17 *Num.
22:6

17 for I will indeed honor you richly, and I will do whatever you say to me. *Please come then, curse this people for me.' "

18 *Lit.,
mouth
*Num. 22:38,
24:13, 1 Kin
22:14, 2 Chr
18:13

18 And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, either small or great, contrary to the command of the LORD my God.

20 *Num.
22:35; 23:5,
12, 18, 26;
24:13

19 "And now please, you also stay here tonight, and I will find out what else the LORD will speak to me."

21 *2 Pet
2:15

20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men have come to call you, rise up and go with them; but *only the word which I speak to you shall you do."

22 *Ex
23:20

21 ¶ *So Balaam arose in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab.

27 *James
1:19

22 But God was angry because he was going, *and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding on his donkey and his two servants were with him.

28 *2 Pet
2:16

23 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand, the donkey turned off from the way and went into the field; but Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back into the way.

29 *Prov
12:10; Matt
15:19

24 Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path of the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side.

31 *Lit., and
prostrated
himself to his
face
*Joah. 5:13-15

25 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pressed herself to the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck her again.

32 *Lit.,
reckless
*2 Pet. 2:15

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn to the right hand or the left.

34 *Num.
14:40

27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so *Balaam was angry and struck the donkey with his stick.

28 And *the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

29 Then Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a mockery of me! If there had been a sword in my hand, *I would have killed you by now."

30 And the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I ever been accustomed to do so to you?" And he said, "No."

31 ¶ Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw *the angel of the LORD standing in the way with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed all the way to the ground.

32 And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out as an adversary, because your way was *contrary to me.

33 "But the donkey saw me and turned aside from me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, I would surely have killed you just now, and let her live."

34 And Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the way against me. Now then, if it is displeasing to you, I will turn back."

35 But the angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but *you shall speak only the word which I shall tell you." So Balaam went along with the leaders of Balak.

36 ¶ When Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab,

38 *Or,
speak to
*Num. 22:30

which is on the Arnon border, ¹at the extreme end of the border.

37 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not urgently send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I really unable to honor you?"

38 So Balaam said to Balak, "Behold, I have come now to you! ^aAm I able to speak anything at all? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak."

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.

40 And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent some to Balaam and the leaders who were with him.

41 ¶ Then it came about in the morning that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to ¹the high places of Baal; and he saw from there ^{2a}a ^bportion of the people.

CHAPTER 23

THEN Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

2 And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

3 Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand beside your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a bare hill.

4 Now God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have set up the seven altars, and I have offered up a bull and a ram on each altar."

5 Then the LORD ^aput a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and you shall speak thus."

6 So he returned to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, he and all the leaders of Moab.

36 ¹Lat., which is at

38 ^aNum 22 18

41 ¹Or, Ba moth-baal ²Lat., the end of the camp ^aNum 21 28 ^bNum 23 13

8 ^aNum 22 20, Deut 18 18, Jer 1 9

7 ¹Lat., pur able ^aNum 22 5, Deut 23 4 ^bNum 22 6

8 ^aNum 22 12

9 ^aDeut 32 8, 33 28

10 ¹Lat., my soul ^aGen 13 16, 28 14 ^bPs 57 1 ^cPs 37 37

11 ^aNeh. 13.2

12 ^aNum. 22:20

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7 And he took up his ¹dis-course and said,

"From ^aAram Balak has brought me,

Moab's king from the mountains of the East,

^bCome curse Jacob for me! And come, denounce Is-rael!"

8 ^a"How shall I curse, whom God has not cursed?

And how can I denounce, whom the LORD has not denounced?

9 "As I see him from the top of the rocks, And I look at him from the hills;

^aBehold, a people who dwells apart,

And shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 ^a"Who can count the dust of Jacob, Or number the fourth part of Israel?

^bLet ¹me die the death of the upright,

^cAnd let my end be like his!"

11 ¶ Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? ^aI took you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have actually blessed them!"

12 And he answered and said, "Must I not be careful to speak ^awhat the LORD puts in my mouth?"

13 ¶ Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from where you may see them, although you will only see the extreme end of them, and will not see all of them; and curse them for me from there."

14 So he took him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

15 And he said to Balak, "Stand here beside your burnt offering, while I myself meet the LORD yonder."

16 Then the LORD met Balaam and ^aput a word in his mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

17 And he came to him, and behold, he was standing beside his burnt offering, and the leaders of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?"

18 Then he took up his ¹discourse and said,

"Arise, O Balak, and hear;
Give ear to me, O son of Zippor!

19 ^a"God is not a man, that He should lie,

Nor a son of man, that He should repent;

^bHas He said, and will He not do it?

Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

20 ^a"Behold, I have received a command to bless;

^aWhen He has blessed, then ^bI cannot revoke it.

21 ^a"He has not observed ¹misfortune in Jacob;

^bNor has He seen trouble in Israel;

^cThe LORD his God is with him,

^dAnd the shout of a king is among them.

22 ^a"God brings them out of Egypt,

He is for them like the ^bhorns of the wild ox.

23 ^a"For there is no omen against Jacob,

Nor is there any divination against Israel;

At the proper time it shall be said to Jacob

And to Israel, what God has done.

24 ^a"Behold, a people rises like a lioness,

And as a lion it lifts itself; It shall not lie down until it

devours the prey, And drinks the blood of the slain."

¹⁶ *Num. 22:20

¹⁸ ¹Lit., parable

¹⁹ ¹Sam. 15:29 ¹Is. 40:8, 55:11

²⁰ *Gen. 12:2, 22:17, Num. 22:12 ¹Is. 43:13

²¹ ¹Or, iniquity

*Num. 14:18, 19:34, Ps. 32:2, 5 ¹Deut. 9:24, 32:5, Jer. 50:20 ¹Ex. 3:12, Deut. 31:23 ¹Deut. 33:5, Ps. 89:15-18

²² *Num. 24:8 ¹Deut. 33:17

²³ *Num. 22:7, 24:1, Josh. 13:22

²⁴ *Gen. 49:9, Nah. 2:11, 12

²⁶ ¹Lit., saying, What ever

²⁷ ¹Lit., right in the sight of God

²⁸ ¹Or, Jeshimon

¹ ¹Lit., was good in the eyes of ¹Lit., encounter *Num. 22:7, 23:23 ¹Num. 23:28

² ¹Lit., dwelling *Num. 11:26, 1 Sam. 19:20, Rev. 1:10

³ ¹Lit., parable, and so throughout the ch. *Num. 24:15, 16

⁴ ¹Lit., saying ¹Heb., Shaddai *Num. 22:30 ¹Gen. 15:1, Num. 12:6

⁶ ¹Or possibly, palm trees

25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Do not curse them at all nor bless them at all!"

26 But Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not tell you, ¹"Whatever the LORD speaks, that I must do?"

27 ¹ Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please come, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will be ¹agreeable with God that you curse them for me from there."

28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor which overlooks the ¹wasteland.

29 And Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

30 And Balak did just as Balaam had said, and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

CHAPTER 24

WHEN Balaam saw that it ¹pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times to ²seek ^aomens but he set his face toward the ^bwilderness.

2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel ¹camping tribe by tribe; and ^athe Spirit of God came upon him.

3 And he took up his ¹discourse and said,

^a"The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,

And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened;

4 The oracle of him who ^ahears the ¹words of God, Who sees the ^bvision of ²the Almighty,

Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered,

5 How fair are your tents, O Jacob,

Your dwellings, O Israel!

6 ^a"Like ¹valleys that stretch out, Like gardens beside the river,

Like ^aaloes planted by the LORD,
Like ^bcedars beside the waters.

7 "Water shall flow from his buckets,

And his seed shall be by many waters,

And his king shall be higher than ^aAgag.

^bAnd his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 "God brings him out of Egypt,

He is for him like the horns of the wild ox.

^bHe shall devour the nations who are his adversaries,

And shall crush their bones in pieces,

And shatter *them* with his ^carrows.

9 "He ¹couches, he lies down as a lion,

And as a ²lion, who ³dares rouse him?

^bBlessed is everyone who blesses you,

And cursed is everyone who curses you."

10 ¶ Then Balak's anger burned against Balaam, and he struck his ¹hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have persisted in blessing them these three times!

11 "Therefore, ¹flee to your place now. I said I would honor you greatly, but behold, the LORD has held you back from honor."

12 And Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not tell your messengers whom you had sent to me, saying,

13 "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything contrary to the ¹command of the LORD, either good or bad, ^aof my own ²accord. ^bWhat the LORD speaks, that I will speak?"

⁶ *Ps. 45:8
^bPs. 1:3

⁷ *Num. 24:20, 1 Sam. 15:8
^bPs. 145:11-13

⁸ *Num. 23:22
^bNum. 23:24, Ps. 2:9
^cPs. 45:5

⁹ ¹Lit., bows down
²Or, lioness
³Lit., shall
^aGen. 49:9;
Num. 23:24
^bGen. 12:3, 27:29

¹⁰ ¹Lit., palms

¹¹ ¹Lit., flee for yourself

¹² *Num. 22:18

¹³ ¹Lit., mouth
²Lit., heart
^aNum. 18:28
^bNum. 22:20

¹⁴ ¹Lit., end of the days
^aNum. 31:8, 16; Josh. 13:22

¹⁵ *Num. 24:3, 4

¹⁶ ¹Lit., sayings
²Heb., Elyon
³Heb., Shaddai

¹⁷ ¹Lit., corners
²Another reading is the crown of the head of ³i.e., tumult
^aGen. 49:10
^bNum. 21:29; Is. 15:1-16:14

¹⁸ *Gen. 27:29; Amos 9:11, 12
^bGen. 32:3

²⁰ ¹Lit., to destroying
^aNum. 24:24

²¹ *Gen. 15:19

14 "And now behold, ^aI am going to my people; come, and I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the ¹days to come."

15 And he took up his discourse and said,

"The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor,

And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened,

16 The oracle of him who hears the ¹words of God And knows the knowledge of the ²Most High,

Who sees the vision of the Almighty,

Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered.

17 "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near A star shall come forth from Jacob,

^aAnd a scepter shall rise from Israel,

^bAnd shall crush through the ¹forehead of Moab,

And ²tear down all the sons of ³Sheth.

18 "And Edom shall be a possession,

^bSeir, its enemies, also shall be a possession,

While Israel performs valiantly.

19 "One from Jacob shall have dominion,

And shall destroy the remnant from the city."

20 And he looked at Amalek and took up his discourse and said,

"Amalek was the first of the nations,

^aBut his end shall be ¹destruction."

21 And he looked at the ^aKenite, and took up his discourse and said,

"Your dwelling place is enduring,

And your nest is set in the cliff.

22 "Nevertheless Kain shall be consumed;
How long shall ^aAsshur
keep you captive?"

23 And he took up his dis-
course and said,

"Alas, who can live except
God has ordained it?"

24 "But ships shall come from
the coast of ^aKittim,
And they shall afflict As-
shur and shall afflict ^bE-
ber;

"So they also shall come to
destruction."

25 Then Balaam arose and de-
parted and returned to ^ahis
place, and Balak also went his
way.

CHAPTER 25

WHILE Israel remained at
^aShittim, the people began
to play the harlot with the
daughters of Moab.

2 For ^athey invited the people
to the sacrifices of their gods,
and the people ate and bowed
down to their gods.

3 So ^aIsrael joined themselves
to ¹Baal of Peor, and the LORD
was angry against Israel.

4 And the LORD said to Moses,
"Take all the leaders of the peo-
ple and execute them ¹in broad
daylight before the LORD, ^aso
that the fierce anger of the LORD
may turn away from Israel."

5 So Moses said to the judges
of Israel, "Each of you ^aslay his
men who have joined them-
selves to ¹Baal of Peor."

6 ^a Then behold, one of the
sons of Israel came and brought
to his ¹relatives a ^aMidianite
woman, in the sight of Moses
and in the sight of all the congre-
gation of the sons of Israel,
^bwhile they were weeping at the
doorway of the tent of meeting.

7 ^aWhen Phinehas the son of
Eleazar, the son of Aaron the
priest, saw it, he arose from the
midst of the congregation, and
took a spear in his hand;

22 ¹Le.
take
^aGen. 10:21.
22

24 ^aGen.
10:4, Ezek.
27:6 ^aGen.
10:21 ^aNum.
24:20

25 ^aNum.
24:14

1 ^aNum.
33:49, Josh.
2:1 ^aNum.
31:16, 1 Cor.
10:8, Rev.
2:14

3 ^aEx.
34:15, Deut.
32:38

3 ^aOr.
Baal-peor
^aPs. 106:28,
29 Hos. 9:10

4 ¹Le. in
front of the
sun
^aDeut. 13:17

8 ^aOr.
Baal-peor
^aEx. 32:27

8 ¹Le.
brothers
^aNum. 22:4
^bIsa. 2:17

7 ^aPs.
106:30

8 ^aOr. in
her room
^aOr. belly
^aNum. 16:46-
48

9 ^aNum.
14:37, 16:48-
50, 31:16

11 ^aPs.
106:30 ^aEx.
20:5

12 ^aPs.
106:30, 31
^aIs. 54:10,
Ezek. 34:25,
37:26

13 ¹Le.
need
^aEx. 29:9
^aNum. 16:46

14 ¹Le.
stricken

18 ¹Le.
stricken ¹Le.
he
^aNum. 25:18
^bNum. 31:8

17 ^aNum.
25:1, 22:4,
31:13

1 ^aCh.
25:19 in
Heb. ^aCh. 26:1
in Heb.
^aNum. 25:9

8 and he went after the man of
Israel into the ¹tent, and pierced
both of them through, the man of
Israel and the woman, through
the ²body. ^aSo the plague on the
sons of Israel was checked.

9 ^aAnd those who died by the
plague were 24,000.

10 ^a Then the LORD spoke to
Moses, saying,

11 ^aPhinehas the son of Elea-
zar, the son of Aaron the priest,
has turned away My wrath from
the sons of Israel, in that he was
jealous with My jealousy among
them, so that I did not destroy
the sons of Israel ¹in My jeal-
ousy.

12 "Therefore say, ^aBehold, I
give him My ^bcovenant of peace;

13 and it shall be for him and
his ¹descendants after him, a
covenant of a ^aperpetual priest-
hood, because he was jealous for
his God, and ^bmade atonement
for the sons of Israel.' "

14 ^a Now the name of the
¹slain man of Israel who was
¹slain with the Midianite
woman, was Zimri the son of
Salu, a leader of a father's house-
hold among the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Mid-
ianite woman who was ¹slain
was ^aCozbi the daughter of ^bZur,
²who was head of the people of a
father's household in Midian.

16 ^a Then the LORD spoke to
Moses, saying,

17 ^aBe hostile to the Midianites
and strike them;

18 for they have been hostile to
you with their tricks, with which
they have deceived you in the af-
fair of Peor, and in the affair of
Cozbi, the daughter of the leader
of Midian, their sister who was
slain on the day of the plague be-
cause of Peor."

CHAPTER 26

¹ THEN it came about after the
^aplague, ²that the LORD
spoke to Moses and to Eleazar

the son of Aaron the priest, saying.

2^a "Take a ¹census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' households, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel."

3 So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them ^ain the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying.

4 "Take a census of the people from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD has commanded Moses."

¶ Now the sons of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt were:

5 Reuben, Israel's first-born, the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites, and those who were numbered of them were ^a43,730.

8 And the son of Pallu: Eliab.

9 And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram who were ^acalled by the congregation, who contended against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against the LORD.

10 and ^athe earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up along with Korah, when that company died, ^bwhen the fire devoured 250 men, so that they became a ¹warning.

11 ^aThe sons of Korah, however, did not die.

12 ¶ The sons of Simeon according to their families: of ¹Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of ²Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

13 of ¹Zerah, the family of the

2 ¹Lit. sum.
^aEx. 30:11-16,
38:25, 26,
Num. 1:2

3 ^aNum.
22:1, 33:48,
35:1

7 ^aNum.
1:21

9 ^aNum.
1:16, 16:2

10 ¹Lit. sign
^aNum. 16:32
^bNum. 16:35,
38

11 ^aNum.
16:27, 33,
Deut. 24:16

12 ¹In Gen.
46:10 and Ex.
6:15, Jemuel
²In 1 Chr.
4:24, Jarth

13 ¹In Gen.
46:10, Zohar

14 ^aNum.
1:23

15 ¹In Gen.
46:16, Ziphion

16 ¹In Gen.
46:16, Ezbon

17 ¹In Gen.
46:16, Arodi

18 ^aNum.
1:25

19 ^aGen.
38:2, 46:12

20 ^aGen.
49:8, 1 Chr.
2:3, Rev. 7:5

22 ^aNum.
1:27

23 ¹In Gen.
46:13, Puv-
vah, in 1 Chr.
7:1, Puah
^aGen. 46:13;
1 Chr. 7:1

24 ¹In Gen.
46:13, Job

25 ^aNum.
1:29

26 ^aGen.
46:14

Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, ^a22,200.

15 ¶ The sons of Gad according to their families: of ¹Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

16 of ¹Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 of ¹Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them, ^a40,500.

19 ¶ The ^asons of Judah were Er and Onan, but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And the ^asons of Judah according to their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.

21 And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These are the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them, ^a76,500.

23 ¶ The ^asons of Issachar according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of ¹Puvah, the family of the Punites;

24 of ¹Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them, ^a64,300.

26 ¶ The ^asons of Zebulun according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those

who were numbered of them, ²⁷ 60,500.

²⁸ ¶ The ²⁸ sons of Joseph according to their families: Manasseh and Ephraim.

²⁹ The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and ²⁹ Machir ²⁹ became the father of Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

³⁰ These are the sons of Gilead: of ³⁰ Hezer, the family of the ³⁰ Hezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

³¹ and of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

³² and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites.

³³ Now Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but only daughters; and ³³ the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

³⁴ These are the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were ³⁴ 52,700.

³⁵ ¶ These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of ³⁵ Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

³⁶ And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

³⁷ These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them, ³⁷ 32,500. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

³⁸ ¶ The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaïtes; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of ³⁸ Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

³⁹ of ³⁹ Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of ³⁹ Hu-

²⁷ Num.
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²⁸ Gen.
46:20; Deut.
33:18

²⁹ 1st. b.
got
*Josh. 17:1,
1 Chr. 7:14f

³⁰ 1st. Josh.
17:2, Abeser
*Judg. 6:11.
24, 34

³³ Num.
27:1

³⁴ Num.
1:35

³⁵ 1st.
1 Chr. 7:20,
Berad

³⁷ Num.
1:33

³⁸ 1st. Gen.
46:21, Eha, in
1 Chr. 8:1.
Aharah

³⁹ 1st. Gen.
46:21, Ashup-
pum, in 1 Chr.
7:12, Shup-
pum. 1st. Gen.
46:21, Ashup-
pum and Shup-
pum

⁴⁰ 1st.
1 Chr. 8:3.
Achier

⁴¹ Num.
1:37

⁴² 1st. Gen.
46:23, Hu-
sham

⁴³ Num.
1:39

⁴⁴ Gen.
46:17, 1 Chr.
7:30

⁴⁷ Num.
1:41

⁴⁸ Gen.
46:24, 1 Chr.
7:13

⁴⁹ 1 Chr.
7:13

⁵⁰ Num.
1:43

⁵¹ Ex.
12:37, 38:26,
Num. 1:48,
11:21

⁵² 1st. To

pham, the family of the Shuphamites.

⁴⁰ And the sons of Bela were ⁴⁰ Ard and Naaman: of ⁴⁰ Ard, the family of the Ardites; of ⁴⁰ Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

⁴¹ These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were ⁴¹ 45,600.

⁴² ¶ These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of ⁴² Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families.

⁴³ All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, were ⁴³ 64,400.

⁴⁴ ¶ The ⁴⁴ sons of Asher according to their families: of ⁴⁴ Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of ⁴⁴ Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of ⁴⁴ Beriah, the family of the Berites.

⁴⁵ Of the sons of Beriah: of ⁴⁵ Heber, the family of the Heberites; of ⁴⁵ Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

⁴⁶ And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.

⁴⁷ These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them, ⁴⁷ 53,400.

⁴⁸ ¶ The ⁴⁸ sons of Naphtali according to their families: of ⁴⁸ Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of ⁴⁸ Guni, the family of the Gunites;

⁴⁹ of ⁴⁹ Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of ⁴⁹ Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

⁵⁰ These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were ⁵⁰ 45,400.

⁵¹ ¶ These are those who were numbered of the sons of Israel, ⁵¹ 601,730.

⁵² ¶ Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

⁵³ ¶ Among these the land shall

be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

54 "To the larger group you shall increase their inheritance, and to the smaller group you shall diminish their inheritance; each shall be given their inheritance according to those who were numbered of them.

55 "But the land shall be ^adivided by lot. They shall ¹receive their inheritance according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

56 "According to the selection by lot, their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller groups."

57 "And ^athese are those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. ^aAnd Kohath ¹became the father of Amram.

59 And the name of Amram's wife ^awas Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram: Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam.

60 ^aAnd to Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 ^aBut Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 And those who were numbered of them were ^a23,000, every male from a month old and upward, for ^bthey were not numbered among the sons of Israel ^csince no inheritance was given to them among the sons of Israel.

63 ¶ These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the

34 ^aNum.
33:34

53 ¹Lit., inher-
itance accord-
ing to
^aNum. 33:54,
34:13

57 ^aGen.
46:11, Ex.
6:16; 1 Chr.
6:1, 16

58 ¹Lit., he-
ritage
^aEx. 6:20

59 ^aEx. 2:1,
2:6, 20

60 ^aNum.
3:2

61 ^aLev.
10:1, 2, Num.
3:4

62 ^aNum.
3:39 ^bNum.
1:47 ^cNum.
18:23, 24

64 ^aNum.
14:29-35,
Deut. 2:14-16,
Heb. 3:17

65 ¹Or, to
^aNum. 14:26-
35, Ps. 90:3-
10; 1 Cor.
10:5 ^bDeut.
1:36; Josh.
14:6-10

1 ^aNum.
26:33, 36:1
^bNum. 26:33

3 ^aNum.
26:64, 65
^bNum. 26:33

5 ^aNum.
9:8; 27:21

7 ^aNum.
36:2; Josh.
17:4

plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

64 ^aBut among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For the LORD had said ¹of them, "They shall surely die in the wilderness." And not a man was left of them, ^bexcept Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 27

THEN ^athe daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph, came near; and these are ^bthe names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah and Hoglah and Milcah and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses and before Eleazar the priest and before the leaders and all the congregation, at the doorway of the tent of meeting, saying,

3 "Our father ^adied in the wilderness, yet he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but he died in his own sin, and ^bhe had no sons.

4 "Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers."

5 ^aAnd Moses brought their case before the LORD.

6 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

7 "The daughters of Zelophehad are right in their statements. You shall surely give them a hereditary possession among their father's brothers, and you shall transfer the inheritance of their father to them.

8 "Further, you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'If a

man dies and has no son, then you shall transfer his inheritance to his daughter.

9 "And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

10 "And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

11 "And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his nearest relative in his own family, and he shall possess it; and it shall be a ^astatutory ordinance to the sons of Israel, just as the LORD commanded Moses." "

12 ¶ "Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up to this ^bmountain of Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the sons of Israel.

13 "And when you have seen it, you too ^ashall be gathered to your people, ^bas Aaron your brother ¹was;

14 for in the wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, ^ayou rebelled against My ¹command ²to treat Me as holy before their eyes at the water." (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

15 ¶ Then Moses spoke to the LORD, saying,

16 "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

17 who ^awill go out ¹and come in before them, and who will lead them out and ²bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be ^blike sheep which have no shepherd."

18 So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man ^ain whom is the Spirit, and ^blay your hand on him;

19 and have him stand before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation; and ^acommission him in their sight.

20 "And you shall put some of

11 *Num. 35:29

12 *Deut. 3:23-27; 32:46-52
*Num. 33:47, 48

13 *Lit. was gathered
*Num. 31:2
*Num. 20:24, 28; Deut. 10:6

14 *Lit. mouth *Lit. for My sanctify
*Num. 20:12, Deut. 32:51, Ps. 108:32

16 *Num. 18:22

17 *Lit. before them and who will
*Lit. who will bring
*Deut. 31:2, 2 Chr. 1:10, *1 Km. 22:17, Ezek. 34:5, Matt. 9:36, Mark 6:34

18 *Lit. Take for yourself/
*Num. 11:25-29; Deut. 34:9
*Num. 27:23

19 *Deut. 32:8, 31:3, 7, 8, 23

20 *Lit. majesty

21 *Lit. mouth
*Ex. 28:30, 1 Sam. 28:6

23 *Lit. by the hand of
*Deut. 31:23

3 *Lit. watch
*Lev. 3:11

3 *Ex. 29:38-42

4 *Lit. between the two evenings

5 *Ex. 16:36; Num. 15:4 *Lev. 2:1

7 *Ex. 29:42

your ¹authority on him, in order that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may obey him.

21 "Moreover, he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him ^aby the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his ¹command they shall go out and at his ¹command they shall come in, both he and the sons of Israel with him, even all the congregation."

22 And Moses did just as the LORD commanded him; and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation.

23 Then he laid his hands on him and ^acommissioned him, just as the LORD had spoken ¹through Moses.

CHAPTER 28

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall ¹be careful to present My offering, My ^afood for My offerings by fire, of a soothing aroma to Me, at their appointed time.'

3 "And you shall say to them, 'This is the offering by fire which you shall offer to the LORD; two male lambs one year old without defect as a continual burnt offering every day.

4 'You shall offer the one lamb in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer ¹at twilight;

5 also ^aa tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a ^bgrain offering, mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

6 'It is a continual burnt offering which was ordained in Mount Sinai as a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

7 'Then the libation with it shall be a fourth of a hin for each lamb, ^ain the holy place you shall pour out a libation of strong drink to the LORD.

8 'And the other lamb you shall offer ¹at twilight; as the grain offering of the morning and as its libation, you shall offer it, an offering by fire, a soothing aroma to the LORD.

9 ¶ 'Then on the sabbath day two male lambs one year old without defect, and two-tenths of an ¹ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and its libation:

10 'This is the burnt offering of every sabbath in addition to the ^acontinual burnt offering and its libation.

11 ¶ 'Then ^aat the beginning of each of your months you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD; two ¹bulls and one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect,

12 ^aand three-tenths of an ¹ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, for each bull; and two-tenths of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with oil, for the one ram;

13 and a tenth of an ¹ephah of fine flour mixed with oil for a grain offering for each lamb, for a burnt offering of a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

14 'And their libations shall be half a hin of wine for a bull and a third of a hin for the ram and a fourth of a hin for a lamb; this is the burnt offering of each month throughout the months of the year.

15 'And one male goat for a sin offering to the LORD; it shall be offered with its libation in addition to the ^acontinual burnt offering.

16 ¶ 'Then on the fourteenth day of the first month shall be the LORD's Passover.

17 'And ^aon the fifteenth day of this month shall be a ^bfeast, unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days.

18 'On the ^afirst day shall be a

8 ¹Lit., between the two evenings

9 ¹I.e., Approx. one bu.

10 *Num. 28:3

11 ¹Lit., bulls of the herd
*Num. 10:10; Ezek. 46:6, 7

12 ¹I.e., Approx. one bu.
*Num. 15:4-12

13 ¹I.e., Approx. one bu.

15 *Num. 28:3

16 *Ex. 12:1-20; Lev. 23:5-8; Deut. 16:1-8

17 *Lev. 23:8; ^bEx. 23:15; 34:18; Deut. 16:3-8

18 *Lev. 23:7

19 ¹Or, bulls of the herd
*Deut. 15:21

20 ¹I.e., Approx. one bu.

21 ¹I.e., Approx. one bu.
²Lit., each lamb

22 *Lev. 16:18; Rom. 8:3; Gal. 4:4f.

23 *Num. 28:3

24 *Lev. 3:11; ^bNum. 28:3

25 *Num. 28:18

26 *Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21; Deut. 16:9-12
^bNum. 28:18

28 ¹I.e., Approx. one bu.

29 ¹Lit., each lamb

31 *Num. 28:3

holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work.

19 'And you shall present an offering by fire, a burnt offering to the LORD: two ¹bulls and one ram and seven male lambs one year old, ^ahaving them without defect.

20 'And for their grain offering, you shall offer fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ¹ephah for a bull and two-tenths for the ram.

21 'A tenth of an ¹ephah you shall offer for ²each of the seven lambs,

22 and one male goat for a ^asin offering, to make atonement for you.

23 'You shall present these besides ^athe burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering.

24 'After this manner you shall present daily, for seven days, ^athe food of the offering by fire, of a soothing aroma to the LORD; it shall be presented with its libation in addition to the ^bcontinual burnt offering.

25 'And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation; ^ayou shall do no laborious work.

26 ¶ 'Also on ^athe day of the first fruits, when you present a new grain offering to the LORD in your *Feast of Weeks*, you shall have a holy convocation; ^byou shall do no laborious work.

27 'And you shall offer a burnt offering for a soothing aroma to the LORD, two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs one year old,

28 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ¹ephah for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

29 a tenth for ¹each of the seven lambs,

30 one male goat to make atonement for you.

31 'Besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offer-

ing, you shall present *them* with their libations. They shall be ¹without defect.

CHAPTER 29

6 ^aNow in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall also have a holy convocation; ^byou shall do no laborious work. It will be to you a day for blowing trumpets.

2 And you shall offer a burnt offering as a soothing aroma to the LORD: one ¹bull, one ram, and seven male lambs one year old without defect;

3 also their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ¹ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,

4 and one-tenth for ¹each of the seven lambs.

5 And offer one male goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you.

6 ^abesides the burnt offering of the new moon, and its grain offering, and the ^bcontinual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations, according to their ordinance, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

7 ¶ Then on ^athe tenth day of this seventh month you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall humble yourselves; you shall not do any work.

8 And you shall present a burnt offering to the LORD as a soothing aroma: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old, ^ahaving them without defect;

9 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ¹ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

10 a tenth for each of the seven lambs;

11 one male goat for a sin offering, besides ^athe sin offering of atonement and ^bthe continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations.

³¹ ¹Lit., without defect to you

¹ ^aEx. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:23-25; ^bNum. 28:26

² ¹Or, bull of a herd, and so throughout the ch

³ ¹e. Approx. one bu

⁴ ¹Lit., each lamb, and so throughout the ch

⁵ ^aNum. 28:27; ^bNum. 28:3

⁷ ^aLev. 16:29-34; 23:26-32

⁸ ^aLev. 22:20; Deut. 15:21; 17:1

⁹ ¹e. Approx. one bu

¹¹ ^aLev. 16:3; ^bNum. 28:3

¹² ^aLev. 23:33-35; Deut. 16:13-15; ^bNum. 29:1

¹⁴ ¹e. Approx. one bu ²Lit., each bull ³Lit., each ram

¹⁶ ^aNum. 28:3

¹⁷ ^aLev. 23:36

¹⁸ ^aLev. 2:16

¹⁹ ^aNum. 28:8

12 ¶ Then on ^athe fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation; you ^bshall do no laborious work, and you shall observe a feast to the LORD for seven days.

13 And you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire as a soothing aroma to the LORD: thirteen bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old, which are without defect,

14 and their grain offering, fine flour mixed with oil, three-tenths of an ¹ephah for ²each of the thirteen bulls, two-tenths for ³each of the two rams,

15 and a tenth for each of the fourteen lambs;

16 and one male goat for a sin offering, ^abesides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

17 ¶ Then on ^athe second day: twelve bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

18 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number ^aaccording to the ordinance;

19 and one male goat for a sin offering, ^abesides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering, and their libations.

20 ¶ Then on the third day: eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

21 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

22 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

23 ¶ Then on the fourth day: ten bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

24 their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for

the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

25 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

26 ¶ Then on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old ^{without defect};

27 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

28 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

29 ¶ Then on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

30 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

31 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libations.

32 ¶ Then on the seventh day: seven bulls, two rams, fourteen male lambs one year old without defect;

33 and their grain offering and their libations for the bulls, for the rams and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

34 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its grain offering and its libation.

35 ¶ On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work.

36 But you shall present a burnt offering, an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs one year old without defect;

37 their grain offering and their libations for the bull, for the ram and for the lambs, by their number according to the ordinance;

38 and one male goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its grain offering and its libation.

39 ¶ You shall present these to the LORD at your appointed times, besides your ^{votive} offerings and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings and for your grain offerings and for your libations and for your peace offerings.' "

40 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel in accordance with all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 30

THEN Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the word which the LORD has commanded.

2 "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

3 "Also if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by an obligation in her father's house in her youth,

4 and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and her father says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand.

5 "But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears of it, none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will forgive her because her father had forbidden her.

6 ¶ However, if she should marry while ^{under} her vows or

28 Heb.
7:26

35 Lev.
23:36

39 Lit.
vows
Lev. 23:2

40 Ch. 30:1
in Heb.

1 Num.
14:16, 7:2

2 Deut.
23:21-23;
Matt. 5:33

4 Lit., is
silent to her,
and so
throughout
the ch.

6 Lit., be
to a husband
Lit., her
vows are on
her

the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself,

6 ¹Lit. is on her

7 and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her on the day he hears it, then her vows shall stand and her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand.

2 ¹Num. 25:1, 16, 17
3 ¹Num. 20:24, 26, 27:13

8 "But if on the day her husband hears of it, he forbids her, then he shall annul her vow which she is under and the rash statement of her lips by which she has bound herself; and the LORD will forgive her.

9 "But the vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, everything by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.

3 ¹Lit. be
4 ¹Lev. 20:25

10 "However, if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound herself by an obligation with an oath,

5 ¹Lit. delivered

11 and her husband heard it, but said nothing to her and did not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she bound herself shall stand.

12 "But if her husband indeed annuls them on the day he hears them, then whatever proceeds out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning the obligation of herself, shall not stand; her husband has annulled them, and the LORD will forgive her.

6 ¹Num. 14:44
7 ¹Num. 10:8, 9

13 "Every vow and every binding oath to humble herself, her husband may confirm it or her husband may annul it.

7 ¹Deut. 20:13, Judg. 21:11, 1 ¹Kin. 11:15, 16

14 "But if her husband indeed says nothing to her from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or all her obligations which are on her; he has confirmed them, because he said nothing to her on the day he heard them.

8 ¹Josh. 13:21
9 ¹Num. 25:15
10 ¹Num. 31:16
11 ¹Josh. 13:22

15 "But if he indeed annuls them after he has heard them, then he shall bear her guilt."

16 ¶ These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, as between a man and his wife, and as between a father

11 ¹Deut. 20:14

and his daughter, while she is in her youth in her father's house.

CHAPTER 31

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Take full vengeance for the sons of Israel on the Midianites; afterward you will be gathered to your people."

3 And Moses spoke to the people, saying, "Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute the LORD's vengeance on Midian.

4 "A thousand from each tribe of all the tribes of Israel you shall send to the war."

5 So there were furnished from the thousands of Israel, a thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them, a thousand from each tribe, to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war with them, and the holy vessels and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.

7 So they made war against Midian, just as the LORD had commanded Moses, and they killed every male.

8 And they killed the kings of Midian along with the rest of their slain: Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the five kings of Midian; they also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

9 And the sons of Israel captured the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle and all their flocks and all their goods, they plundered.

10 Then they burned all their cities where they lived and all their camps with fire.

11 And they took all the spoil and all the prey, both of man and of beast.

12 And they brought the captives and the prey and the spoil to Moses, and to Eleazar the

priest and to the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

13 ¶ And Moses and Eleazar the priest and all the leaders of the congregation went out to meet them outside the camp.

14 And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who had come from service in the war.

15 And Moses said to them, "Have you ¹spared ^aall the women?"

16 "Behold, these ¹caused the sons of Israel, through the ²counsel of ^bBalaam, to ³trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, so the plague was among the congregation of the LORD.

17 "Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man ¹intimately.

18 "But all the ¹girls who have not known man ²intimately, ³spare for yourselves.

19 "And you, camp outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves, you and your captives, on the third day and on the seventh day.

20 "And you shall purify for yourselves every garment and every article of ¹leather and all the work of goats' ¹hair, and all articles of wood."

21 ¶ Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to battle, "This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded Moses:

22 only the gold and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin and the lead,

23 everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the fire, and it shall be clean, but it shall be purified with ^awater for impurity. But whatever can-

18 ¹Lit., ¹live
^aDeut. 20:14

16 ¹Lit., were to ²Lit., word ³Possibly, defect from the Lord
^aNum. 25:1-9
^bNum. 31:8

17 ¹Lit., by lying with a man
^aDeut. 7:2, 20:16-18

18 ¹Lit., female children
²Lit., by lying with a man
³Lit., keep alive

19 ^aNum. 19:11-22

20 ¹Or, skin

23 ^aNum. 19:9, 17

26 ¹Lit., of captives

27 ^aJosh. 22:8

28 ¹Lit., soul from
^aNum. 18:21-30

29 ¹Lit., heave offering, and so throughout the ch.

30 ^aNum. 3:7, 8, 25, 28, 31, 36, 37; 18:3, 4

32 ¹Lit., people

35 ¹Lit., by lying with a man

not stand the fire you shall pass through the water.

24 "And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day and be clean, and afterward you may enter the camp."

25 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

26 "You and Eleazar the priest and the heads of the fathers' households of the congregation, take a count of the booty ¹that was captured, both of man and of animal;

27 and ^adivide the booty between the warriors who went out to battle and all the congregation.

28 "And levy a tax for the LORD from the men of war who went out to battle, one ¹in five hundred of the persons and of the cattle and of the donkeys and of the sheep;

29 take it from their half and give it to Eleazar the priest, as an ¹offering to the LORD.

30 "And from the sons of Israel's half, you shall take one drawn out of every fifty of the persons, of the cattle, of the donkeys and of the sheep, from all the animals, and give them to the Levites who ^akeep charge of the tabernacle of the LORD."

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Now the booty that remained from the spoil which the ¹men of war had plundered was 675,000 sheep,

33 and 72,000 cattle,

34 and 61,000 donkeys,

35 and of human beings, of the women who had not known man ¹intimately, all the persons were 32,000.

36 And the half, the portion of those who went out to war, was as follows: the number of sheep was 337,500,

37 and the LORD's levy of the sheep was 675,

38 and the cattle were 36,000, from which the LORD's levy was 72.

41 *Num.
5:9, 10, 18-19

39 And the donkeys were 30,500, from which the LORD's levy was 61.

42 *Or, divided

40 And the human beings were 16,000, from whom the LORD's levy was 32 persons.

40 *Ex
30:12-16

41 And Moses gave the levy which was the LORD's offering to Eleazar the priest, just ^aas the LORD had commanded Moses.

43 *Num.
31:32, Deut.
20:14

42 ¶ As for the sons of Israel's half, which Moses ¹separated from the men who had gone to war—

43 now the congregation's half was 337,500 sheep,

44 *Ex
30:16

44 and 36,000 cattle,

45 and 30,500 donkeys,

46 and the human beings were 16,000—

1 *Lit. be-
hold, the
place, a place
for
*Ex 12:38
*Num 21:32

47 and from the sons of Israel's half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of animals, and gave them to the Levites, who kept charge of the tabernacle of the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

3 *Num
32:34-38

48 ¶ Then the officers who were over the thousands of the army, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, approached Moses;

4 *Lit.
smoke
*Num 21:34

49 and they said to Moses, "Your servants have taken a census of men of war who are in our charge, and no man of us is missing.

7 *Lit. re-
straining the
hearts of
*Num 13:27
14:4

50 "So we have brought as an offering to the LORD what each man found, articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings, earrings and necklaces, ^ato make atonement for ourselves before the LORD."

8 *Lit.
Thus your fe-
lows
*Num 13:1,
20; Deut.
1:19-25

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from them, all kinds of wrought articles.

9 *Or, words
*Lit., re-
strained the
hearts of
*Num 13:24;
Deut. 1:24

52 And all the gold of the offering which they offered up to the LORD, from the captains of thou-

sands and the captains of hundreds, was 16,750 shekels.

53 ^aThe men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.

54 So Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it to the tent of meeting as ^aa memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD.

CHAPTER 32

NOW the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad had an ^aexceedingly large number of livestock. So when they saw the land of ^bJazer and the land of Gilead, that ¹it was indeed a place suitable for livestock,

2 the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

3 ^a"Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo and Beon,

4 the land ^awhich the LORD ¹conquered before the congregation of Israel, is a land for livestock; and your servants have livestock."

5 And they said, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession; do not take us across the Jordan."

6 ¶ But Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, "Shall your brothers go to war while you yourselves sit here?

7 ^a"Now why are you ¹discouraging the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land which the LORD has given them?

8 ¹"This is what your fathers did when I sent them from ^aKadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 "For when they went up to ^athe ¹valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they ²discouraged the sons of Israel so that they did not

go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 "So the LORD's anger burned in that day, and He swore, saying,

11 "None of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob; for they did not follow Me fully,

12 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have followed the LORD fully.

13 "So the LORD's anger burned against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until the entire generation of those who had done evil in the sight of the LORD was destroyed.

14 "Now behold, you have risen up in your fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to add still more to the burning anger of the LORD against Israel.

15 "For if you turn away from following Him, He will once more abandon them in the wilderness; and you will destroy all these people."

16 ¶ Then they came near to him and said, "We will build here sheepfolds for our livestock and cities for our little ones;

17 but we ourselves will be armed ready to go before the sons of Israel, until we have brought them to their place, while our little ones live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 "We will not return to our homes until every one of the sons of Israel has possessed his inheritance.

19 "For we will not have an inheritance with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has fallen to us on this side of the Jordan toward the east."

20 ¶ So Moses said to them, "If you will do this, if you will

10 *Num. 14:11f.; Deut. 1:34

11 *Num. 14:28-30

12 *Deut. 1:36; Josh. 14:6f

13 *Num. 14:33, 35

14 *Deut. 1:34f

15 *Deut. 30:17, 18; 2 Chr. 7:19, 20

17 *Josh. 4:12, 13

18 *Josh. 22:1-4

19 *Josh. 12:1; 13:8

20 ¶ Lit., this thing *Deut. 3:18

22 *Deut. 3:20

23 *Gen. 4:7; 44:16; Is. 59:12

24 ¶ Lit., that which has come out of your mouth *Num. 30:2

26 ¶ Lit., be *Josh. 1:14

27 *Josh. 4:12

arm yourselves before the LORD for the war.

21 and all of you armed yourselves over the Jordan before the LORD until He has driven His enemies out from before Him.

22 "and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterward you shall return and be free of obligation toward the LORD and toward Israel, and this land shall be yours for a possession before the LORD.

23 "But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.

24 "Build yourselves cities for your little ones, and sheepfolds for your sheep; and do what you have promised."

25 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses saying, "Your servants will do just as my lord commands.

26 "Our little ones, our wives, our livestock and all our cattle shall remain there in the cities of Gilead;

27 while your servants, everyone who is armed for war, will cross over in the presence of the LORD to battle, just as my lord says."

28 ¶ So Moses gave command concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' households of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

29 And Moses said to them, "If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben, everyone who is armed for battle, will cross with you over the Jordan in the presence of the LORD, and the land will be subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession;

30 but if they will not cross over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan."

31 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, say-

ing. "As the LORD has said to your servants, so we will do.

32 "We ourselves will cross over armed in the presence of the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us across the Jordan."

33 ¶ "So Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben and to the half-tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh, the kingdom of Sihon, king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og, the king of Bashan, the land with its cities with their territories, the cities of the surrounding land.

34 And the sons of Gad built Dibon and Ataroth and Aroer, 35 and Atroth-shophan and Jazer and Jogbehah,

36 and Beth-nimrah and Beth-haran as fortified cities, and sheepfolds for sheep.

37 And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon and Elealeh and Kiriathaim,

38 and Nebo and Baal-meon—their names being changed—and Sibmah, and they gave other names to the cities which they built.

39 And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it.

40 So Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he lived in it.

41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took its towns, and called them Havvoth-jair.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath and its villages, and called it Nobah after his own name.

CHAPTER 33

THESE are the journeys of the sons of Israel, by which they came out from the land of Egypt by their armies, under the leadership of Moses and Aaron.

33 ¹Lt. bor-
ders
Deut. 34-17.
Josh. 12 1-6

34 Deut
2 36

36 Num
32 3

38 vs 40 1

39 Gen
50 23

40 Deut
3 12, 13, 15.
Josh. 17 1

41 ¹Lt. Lev
villages 11 e.
the towns of
Jair
Deut. 3 14.
Judg. 10 4

42 2 Sam
18 18. Ps.
69 11

1 ¹Lt.
hand
Ps. 77 20.
105 28. Mic
6 4

2 ¹Lt.
manah

3 ¹Lt.
morrow ¹Lt.
with a high
hand
Ex. 12 37
Ex. 14 8

4 Ex
12 12

5 Ex
12 37

6 Ex
13 20

7 Ex
14 1 2

8 Many
man. read
from Pi-ha-
roth
Ex. 14 22
Ex. 15 22, 23

9 Ex
15 27

10 ¹Lt. Sin
of Rephaim

11 ¹Lt. Sin
of Rephaim
Ex. 16 1

2 And Moses recorded their starting places according to their journeys by the command of the LORD, and these are their journeys according to their starting places.

3 And they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the next day after the Passover the sons of Israel started out boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4 while the Egyptians were burying all their first-born whom the LORD had struck down among them. The LORD had also executed judgments on their gods.

5 ¶ Then the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses, and camped in Succoth.

6 And they journeyed from Succoth, and camped in Etham, which is on the edge of the wilderness.

7 And they journeyed from Etham, and turned back to Pi-hahiroth, which faces Baal-zephon; and they camped before Migdol.

8 And they journeyed from before Hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness; and they went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and camped at Marah.

9 And they journeyed from Marah, and came to Elim; and in Elim there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they camped there.

10 And they journeyed from Elim, and camped by the Red Sea.

11 And they journeyed from the Red Sea, and camped in the wilderness of Sin.

12 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, and camped at Dophkah.

13 And they journeyed from Dophkah, and camped at Alush.

14 And they journeyed from Alush, and camped ^aat Rephidim; now it was there that the people had no water to drink.

15 And they journeyed from Rephidim, and camped in ^athe wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai, and camped at ^aKibroth-hattaavah.

17 ¶ And they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and camped at ^aHazereth.

18 And they journeyed from Hazereth, and camped at Rithmah.

19 And they journeyed from Rithmah, and camped at Rimmon-perez.

20 And they journeyed from Rimmon-perez, and camped at ^aLibnah.

21 And they journeyed from Libnah, and camped at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and camped in Kehelathah.

23 And they journeyed from Kehelathah, and camped at Mount Shepher.

24 And they journeyed from Mount Shepher, and camped at Haradah.

25 And they journeyed from Haradah, and camped at Makheloth.

26 And they journeyed from Makheloth, and camped at Tahath.

27 And they journeyed from Tahath, and camped at Terah.

28 And they journeyed from Terah, and camped at Mithkah.

29 And they journeyed from Mithkah, and camped at Hashmonah.

30 And they journeyed from Hashmonah, and camped at ^aMoseroth.

31 And they journeyed from Moseroth, and camped at Bene-jaakan.

32 And they journeyed from ^aBene-jaakan, and camped at Hor-haggidgad.

14 ^aEx 17:1

15 ^aEx 19:1

16 ^aNum 11:34

17 ^aNum 11:35

20 ^aDeut 1:1

30 ^aDeut 10:6

32 ^aGen 36:27, Deut 10:6, 1 Chr 1:42

33 ^aDeut 10:7

35 ^aDeut 2:8

36 ^aNum 20:1

37 ^aNum 20:22 ^bNum 20:16

38 ^aLit. mouth ^aNum 20:28, Deut 10:6

40 ^aLit. and he 21.e., South country ^aNum 21:1

43 ^aNum 21:10, 11

47 ^aNum 27:12

33 And they journeyed from Hor-haggidgad, and camped at ^aJotbathah.

34 And they journeyed from Jotbathah, and camped at Abro-nah.

35 And they journeyed from Abro-nah, and camped at ^aEzion-geber.

36 And they journeyed from Ezion-geber, and camped in the wilderness of ^aZin, that is, Ka-desh.

37 And they journeyed from Kadesh, and camped at ^aMount Hor, ^bat the edge of the land of Edom.

38 ¶ ^aThen Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the ^ccommand of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the sons of Israel had come from the land of Egypt on the first day in the fifth month.

39 And Aaron was one hundred twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

40 ¶ Now the Canaanite, the king of ^aArad ^bwho lived in the ^cNegev in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the sons of Israel.

41 ¶ Then they journeyed from Mount Hor, and camped at Zalmonah.

42 And they journeyed from Zalmonah, and camped at Punon.

43 And they journeyed from Punon, and camped at ^aOboth.

44 And they journeyed from Oboth, and camped at Iye-abarim, at the border of Moab.

45 And they journeyed from Iyim, and camped at Dibon-gad.

46 And they journeyed from Dibon-gad, and camped at Almon-diblathaim.

47 And they journeyed from Almon-diblathaim, and camped in the mountains of ^aAbarim, before Nebo.

48 And they journeyed from the mountains of Abarim, and

^acamped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

49 And they camped by the Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth as far as ^aAbel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

50 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saying,

51 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

52 then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and ^adestroy all their figured stones, and destroy all their molten images and demolish all their high places;

53 ^aand you shall take possession of the land and live in it, for I have given the land to you to possess it.

54 ^aAnd you shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the larger you shall give more inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give less inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to anyone, that shall be his. You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

55 'But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall come about that those whom you let remain of them will become ^aas pricks in your eyes and as thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land in which you live.

56 'And it shall come about that as I plan to do to them, so I will do to you.' "

CHAPTER 34

THEN the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter ^athe land of Canaan, this is the land that shall fall to you as an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to its borders.

⁴⁸ +Num.
22.1

⁴⁹ +Num.
25.1

⁵¹ +Josh
3.17

⁵² +Ex
23.24; Lev
26.1; Deut
7.5, 12.3, 30;
Ps 106.34-36

⁵³ +Deut
11.31, 17.14;
Josh 21.43

⁵⁴ +Num.
26.53-56

⁵⁵ +Josh
23.13

² +Gen
17.8; Ps
78.54, 55;
106.11

³ +Lx, side
+Lx, be
+Josh 15.1-3
+Josh 15.5

⁴ +Lx,
pass along
+Lx, go along
out, and so
throughout
the ch. +Lx,
go forth to
+Num 32.8

⁵ +Josh
15.4

⁶ +Lx, bor-
der

⁷ +Ezek
47.15-17

⁸ +Or, m-
trance of Ha-
math
+Josh 13.5

¹¹ +Lx,
shoulder
+Q Km 23.33
+Deut 3.17;
Josh 13.27

¹³ +Gen.
15.18; Num.
26.52-56;
Deut. 11.24;
Josh 14.1-5

3 ^aYour southern ¹sector shall ²extend from the wilderness of Zin along the side of Edom, and your southern border shall ²extend from the end of the Salt Sea ^beastward.

4 'Then your border shall turn direction from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and ¹continue to Zin, and its ²termination shall be to the south of ^aKadesh-barnea; and it shall ³reach Hazaraddar, and ¹continue to Azmon.

5 'And the border shall turn direction from Azmon to the brook of Egypt, and its termination shall be at ^athe sea.

6 ¶ 'As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea, that is, its ¹coastline; this shall be your west border.

7 ¶ ^aAnd this shall be your north border: you shall draw your border line from the Great Sea to Mount Hor.

8 'You shall draw a line from Mount Hor to ^athe ¹Lebo-hamath, and the termination of the border shall be at Zedad;

9 and the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and its termination shall be at Hazar-enan. This shall be your north border.

10 ¶ 'For your eastern border you shall also draw a line from Hazar-enan to Shepham,

11 and the border shall go down from Shepham to ^aRiblah on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down and reach to the ¹slope on the east side of the Sea of ^bChinnereth.

12 'And the border shall go down to the Jordan and its termination shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to its borders all around.' "

13 ¶ So Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the land that you are to apportion by lot among you as a possession, which the LORD has commanded to give to the nine and a half tribes.

14" *For the tribe of the sons of Reuben have received *theirs* according to their fathers' households, and the tribe of the sons of Gad according to their fathers' households, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their possession.

15" The two and a half tribes have received their possession across the Jordan opposite Jericho, eastward toward the sunrising."

16 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17" *These are the names of the men who shall apportion the land to you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun.

18" And you shall take one leader of every tribe to apportion the land for inheritance.

19" And these are the names of the men: of the tribe of *Judah, *Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

20" And of the tribe of the sons of *Simeon, Samuel the son of Ammihud.

21" Of the tribe of *Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon.

22" And of the tribe of the sons of Dan a leader, Bukki the son of Jogli.

23" Of the sons of Joseph: of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh a leader, Hanniel the son of Ephod.

24" And of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim a leader, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.

25" And of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun a leader, Elizaphan the son of Parnach.

26" And of the tribe of the sons of Issachar a leader, Paltiel the son of Azzan.

27" And of the tribe of the sons of Asher a leader, Ahihud the son of Shelomi.

28" And of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali a leader, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."

29 These are those whom the LORD commanded to apportion

the inheritance to the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAPTER 35

NOW the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saying,

2" Command the sons of Israel that they give to the Levites from the inheritance of their possession, cities to live in; and you shall give to the Levites pasture lands around the cities.

3" And the cities shall be theirs to live in; and their pasture lands shall be for their cattle and for their herds and for all their beasts.

4 ¶ "And the pasture lands of the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall extend from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits around.

5" You shall also measure out side the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, with the city in the center. This shall become theirs as pasture land for the cities.

6" And the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be the *six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the manslayer to flee to; and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities.

7" All the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be *forty-eight cities, ¹together with their pasture lands.

8" *As for the cities which you shall give from the possession of the sons of Israel, you shall take more from the larger and you shall take less from the smaller; each shall give some of his cities to the Levites in proportion to his possession which he inherits."

9 ¶ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

14 *Num 32:33

17 Josh 14:1, 2

18 *Gen 29:35, Deut 33:7, Ps 60:7
*Num 13:6, 30:28-65, Deut 1:36

20 *Gen 29:33, 49:5, Ezek 48:24

21 *Gen 49:27, Deut 33:12, Ps 68:27

1 *Lev 25:32-34

4 *Lit., and outward

6 *Josh 20:7-9

7 *Lit., them *Josh 21:41

8 *Lev 25:32-34, Num 26:54, 33:54, Josh 21:1-42

10^a *Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

10 *Josh.
20:1-9

11 *then you shall select for yourselves cities to be your ^bcities of refuge, that the manslayer who has ¹killed any person ^cunintentionally may flee there.

11 *Lev.
smote
*Deut. 19:1-
13 *Josh.
20:21 *Ex
21:13, Lev
4:21, 22,
Num. 35:22,
25

12 *And *the cities shall be to you as a refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer may not die until he stands before the congregation for ¹trial.

12 *Lev.
judgment
*Deut. 19:4-6
Josh. 20:2, 3

13 *And the cities which you are to give shall be your six cities of refuge.

14 *Lev., you
shall give in
*Deut. 4:41

14 *You *shall give three cities across the Jordan and three cities ¹in the land of Canaan; they are to be cities of refuge.

18 *Lev.
smote
*Num. 35:11

15 *These six cities shall be for refuge for the sons of Israel, and for the alien and for the sojourner among them; that any one who ¹kills a person ^aunintentionally may flee there.

16 *Ex.
21:12, 14,
Lev. 24:17

16 ¶ *But if he struck him down with an iron object, so that he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 *Num.
35:31

17 *And if he struck him down with a stone in the hand, by which he may die, and as a result he died, he is a murderer; the murderer ^ashall surely be put to death.

20 *Gen.
4:8, 2 Sam.
3:27, 20:10
*Ex. 21:14,
Deut. 19:11

18 *Or if he struck him with a wooden object in the hand, by which he may die, and as a result he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death.

22 *Num.
35:11

19 *The blood avenger himself shall put the murderer to death; he shall put him to death when he meets him.

23 *Lev., by
which he
may die

20 *And *if he pushed him of hatred, or threw something at him ^blying in wait and as a result he died,

24 *Josh.
20:6

21 or if he struck him down with his hand in enmity, and as a result he died, the one who

29 *Num.
27:11

30 *Lev.
smote
*Num. 35:16
*Deut. 17:6,
19:13, Matt.
18:16, John
7:51, 8:17, 18

struck him shall surely be put to death, he is a murderer; the blood avenger shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

22 ¶ *But if he pushed him suddenly without enmity, or threw something at him without lying in wait,

23 or with any ¹deadly object of stone, and without seeing it dropped on him so that he died, while he was not his enemy nor seeking his injury,

24 then *the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the blood avenger according to these ordinances.

25 *And the congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the blood avenger, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge to which he fled; and he shall live in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil.

26 *But if the manslayer shall at any time go beyond the border of his city of refuge to which he may flee,

27 and the blood avenger finds him outside the border of his city of refuge, and the blood avenger kills the manslayer, he shall not be guilty of blood

28 because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return to the land of his possession.

29 ¶ *And these things shall be for a ^astatutory ordinance to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 *If anyone kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death at the ¹evidence of witnesses, but ^bno person shall be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

31 *Moreover, you shall not take ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.

32 'And you shall not take ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge, that he may return to live in the land ¹before the death of the priest.

33 'So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except ^bby the blood of him who shed it.

34 'And you shall not ^adefile the land in which you live, in the midst of which ^bI dwell; for I the LORD am dwelling in the midst of the sons of Israel.' "

CHAPTER 36

AND the heads of the fathers' households of the family of the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses and before the leaders, the heads of the fathers' households of the sons of Israel,

2 and they said, "The LORD commanded my lord to give the land by lot to the sons of Israel as an inheritance, and my lord ^awas commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.

3 "But if they ¹marry one of the sons of the *other* tribes of the sons of Israel, their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of our fathers and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they belong; thus it will be withdrawn from our allotted inheritance.

4 "And when the ^ajubilee of the sons of Israel ¹comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they belong; so their inheritance will be withdrawn from the in-

32 ¹Or, until

33 ^aDeut 21:7, 8, Ps. 106:38 ^bGen. 9:6

34 ^aLev 18:24, 25 ^bNum. 5:3

1 ^aNum. 27:1

2 ^aNum. 27:5-7

3 ¹Lit., become wives to, in this ch

4 ¹Lit., shall be ^aLev 25:10

5 ¹Lit., mouth

6 ¹Lit., the thing which ²Lit., to the good one in their eyes ^aNum. 27:7

7 ¹Lit., turn about ²Lit., cleave ^a1 Kin. 21:3

8 ^a1 Chr 21:22

9 ¹Lit., turn about ²Lit., cleave

11 ^aNum. 26:33

12 ¹Lit., was

13 ^aLev. 25:46; 27:34; Num. 22:1

heritance of the tribe of our fathers."

5 ¶ Then Moses commanded the sons of Israel according to the ¹word of the LORD, saying, "The tribe of the sons of Joseph are right in *their* statements.

6 "This is ¹what the LORD has commanded concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, 'Let them marry ²whom they wish; only they must marry within the family of the tribe of their father.'

7 "Thus ^ano inheritance of the sons of Israel shall ¹be transferred from tribe to tribe, for the sons of Israel shall each ²hold to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 "And every daughter who comes into possession of an inheritance of any tribe of the sons of Israel, shall be wife to one of the family of the tribe of her father, so that the sons of Israel each may possess the inheritance of his fathers.

9 "Thus no inheritance shall ¹be transferred from one tribe to another tribe, for the tribes of the sons of Israel shall each ²hold to his own inheritance."

10 ¶ Just as the LORD had commanded Moses, so the daughters of Zelophehad did:

11 ^aMahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad married their uncles' sons.

12 They married *those* from the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance ¹remained with the tribe of the family of their father.

13 ¶ ^aThese are the commandments and the ordinances which the LORD commanded to the sons of Israel through Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

DEUTERONOMY

Israel's History after the Exodus

THESE are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab.

2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.

3 And it came about in the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD had commanded him to give to them.

4 after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei.

5 Across the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this law, saying,

6 "The LORD our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain.

7 Turn and set your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negev and by the sea-coast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

8 See, I have placed the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their descendants after them."

9 "And I spoke to you at that time, saying, 'I am not able to bear the burden of you alone.

1 Perhaps
Red Sea
Deut. 4:46
Deut. 2:8
2 Ex. 3:1
17:6
Gen. 32:3
Num. 13:26, 32:8
Deut. 9:23
3 Num. 33:26
Deut. 4:1, 2
4 Lit.
omitted
5 So with ancient versions.
MT omits and
Num. 21:21
26, Deut. 2:26-25, Josh. 13:10, Neh. 9:22
Num. 21:33-35, Josh. 13:12
Josh. 12:4
6 Lit.
dwelt
Num. 10:11
13
7 He
South country
Gen. 15:18
Deut. 11:24
Josh. 10:40
Lev. 12:9
8 Lit.
reed
Gen. 12:7
26:3, 28:13
Ex. 23:1
Num. 14:23
32:11, Neh. 6:13, 14
9 Ex. 18:18, 24
Num. 11:14
10 Gen. 15:5, 22:17
Ex. 32:13
Deut. 7:7, 10:22, 26:5, 28:42
11 Lit. you
born to
Deut. 1:8, 10
13 Lit.
Give for yourselves
Ex. 18:21
15 Lit.
gave
Lit.
leaders of
16 Lit.
brothers
Lit.
brother
Deut. 16:18
John 7:24
17 Lit. because of man
Deut. 10:17
18:18, 24:17
2 Chr. 19:5, 8
Prov. 24:23-26
Acts 10:34
James 2:1, 9
Prov. 22:25
Ex. 18:22, 26

10 "The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 "May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand-fold more than you are, and bless you, just as He has promised you!

12 "How can I alone bear the load and burden of you and your strife?

13 "Choose wise and discerning and experienced men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads."

14 "And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have said to do is good.'

15 "So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and appointed them heads over you, leaders of thousands, and of hundreds, of fifties and of tens, and officers for your tribes.

16 "Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear the cases between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him.

17 "You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God's. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it."

18 "And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

19 "Then we set out from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, just as the LORD our God

16 Ex. 18:20

19 Deut. 1:2 Deut. 2:7, 8:12, 32:10, Jer. 2:6 Deut. 1:7

had commanded us; and we came to ^aKadesh-barnea.

20 "And I said to you, 'You have come to the hill country of the Amorites which the LORD our God is about to give us.'

21 'See, the LORD your God has placed the land before you; go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you. ^a'Do not fear or be dismayed.'

22 "Then all of you approached me and said, 'Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we should go up, and the cities which we shall enter.'

23 "And the thing pleased me and I took twelve of your men, one man for each tribe.

24 "And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out.

25 "Then they took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought us back a report and said, 'It is a good land which the LORD our God is about to give us.'

26 "Yet you were not willing to go up, but ^brebelled against the ^ccommand of the LORD your God;

27 and ^ayou grumbled in your tents and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.'

28 'Where can we go up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw ^a'the sons of the Anakim there.'"

29 "Then I said to you, 'Do not be shocked, nor fear them.'

30 'The LORD your God who goes before you will ^aHimself fight on your behalf, just as He

19 ^aDeut 1:2

21 ^aJosh 1:6, 9

22 ^aNum 13:1-3

24 ^aNum 13:21-25

26 ^alit. mouth ^bNum 14:1-4 ^cDeut 9:23

27 ^aDeut 9:28, Ps 106:25

28 ^aNum 13:28, 33, Deut 9:2

30 ^alit. according to all that ^bEx 14:14, Deut 3:22, 20:4, Neh 4:20

31 ^aDeut 32:10-12, Is 40:3, 4, 43:9, Hos 11:3, Acts 13:18

32 ^alit. in this matter ^bNum 14:11, Ps 106:24, Heb 3:19, 4:2, Jude 5

33 ^aEx 13:21, Num 9:15-23, Neh 9:12, Ps 78:14 ^bNum 10:33

34 ^aNum 14:28-30, Heb 3:18

35 ^aPs 95:11, 106:26, Ezek 20:15, 1 Cor 10:5, Heb 3:14-19

36 ^aNum 14:24, Josh 14:9

37 ^aNum 20:12, Deut 3:26, 4:21 ^bNum 27:13, 18

38 ^aNum 14:30 ^bNum 34:17, Deut 3:28, 31:7, Josh 11:23

39 ^aNum 14:3, 31:1 ^bIs 7:15, 16

40 ^alit. Sea of Reeds ^bNum 14:25

41 ^aNum 14:40

did for you in Egypt before your eyes.

31 and in the wilderness where you saw how ^athe LORD your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked, until you came to this place.'

32 "But ^afor all this, you did not trust the LORD your God.

33 ^a'who goes before you on your way, ^bto seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go.'

34 "Then the LORD heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and ^a'took an oath, saying,

35 ^a'Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers,

36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and ^a'to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed the LORD fully.'

37 "The LORD was angry with me also on your account, saying, ^b'Not even you shall enter there.'

38 'Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, ^a'he shall enter there; encourage him, for ^b'he shall cause Israel to inherit it.'

39 'Moreover, ^a'your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have ^b'no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them, and they shall possess it.'

40 'But as for you, ^a'turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way to the ^c'Red Sea.'

41 "Then you answered and said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will indeed go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And every man of you girded on his weapons of war, and regarded it as easy to go up into the hill country.

42^a "And the LORD said to me, 'Say to them, "Do not go up, nor fight, for I am not among you; lest you be ¹defeated before your enemies."'

43^a "So I spoke to you, but you would not listen. Instead ^ayou rebelled against the ¹command of the LORD, and acted presumptuously and went up into the hill country.

44^a "And the Amorites who ¹lived in that hill country came out against you, and chased you ^bas bees do, and crushed you from Seir to Hormah.

45^a "Then you returned and wept before the LORD; but the ^aLORD did not listen to your voice, nor give ear to you.

46^a "So you remained in ^aKadesh many days, ¹the days that you spent *there*.

CHAPTER 2

66^a **T**HEN we turned and set out for the wilderness by the way to the ¹Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and circled ^bMount Seir for many days.

2^a "And the LORD spoke to me, saying,

3^a "You have circled this mountain long enough. Now turn north,

4^a "and command the people, saying, "You will pass through the ^bterritory of your brothers the sons of Esau who live in Seir; and ^cthey will be afraid of you. So be very careful;

5^a do not ¹provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, even as little as a ²footstep ^abecause I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

6^a "You shall buy food from them with money so that you may eat, and you shall also purchase water from them with money so that you may drink.

7^a "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all ¹that you have done; He has known your ²wanderings through this ^agreat wil-

derness. These ^bforty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have not lacked a thing."

8^a "So we passed beyond our brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the ^aArabah road, away from Elath and ^bfrom Ezion-geber. And we turned and passed through by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9^a "Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of ¹their land as a possession, because I have given ^aAr to ^bthe sons of Lot as a possession.

10 (The ^aEmim lived there formerly, a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim.

11 Like the Anakim, they are also regarded as ^aRephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

12 ^aThe Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, ^bjust as Israel did to the land of ¹their possession which the LORD gave to them.)

13^a "Now arise and cross over the ¹brook Zered yourselves.' So we crossed over the ¹brook Zered.

14^a "Now the ¹time that it took for us to come from Kadesh-barnea, until we crossed over the ²brook Zered, was ^athirty-eight years; until ^ball the generation of the men of war perished from within the camp, as ^cthe LORD had sworn to them.

15^a "Moreover the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from within the camp, until they all perished.

16^a "So it came about when ^aall the men of war had finally perished from among the people,

17 that the LORD spoke to me, saying,

42 ¹Le. ^aNum. 14:41
43 ¹Le. ^aNum. 14:40
44 ¹Le. ^aNum. 14:45
45 ¹Le. ^aPs. 118:12
46 ¹Le. ^aJob 27:8, 9; ^aPs. 88:18; ^aJohn 9:31
47 ¹Le. ^aas the days ^aNum. 20:1, 22; ^aDeut. 2:7
14 ¹Le. ^a11:17
1 ¹Le. ^aSee of Roads ^aNum. 21:4
4 ¹Le. ^aNum. 20:14-21
4 ¹Le. ^aGen. 38:8
4 ¹Le. ^aEx. 15:15, 16
8 ¹Le. ^aOr, on edge in strife with Mt. ^atrampling of a sole of a foot ^aGen. 38:8; ^aJosh. 24:4
7 ¹Le. ^athe work of your hand ^aLe. ^aNum. 1:19
4 ¹Le. ^aNum. 14:33, 34, 37, 38
4 ¹Le. ^aDeut. 2:14
8 ¹Le. ^aDeut. 1:1; ^aNum. 33:35, 1; ^aKen. 9:26
9 ¹Le. ^aNum. 21:15, 28; ^aDeut. 2:18, 29; ^aGen. 19:36, 37
10 ¹Le. ^aGen. 14:5
11 ¹Le. ^aGen. 14:5; ^aDeut. 2:30
12 ¹Le. ^aGen. 38:20; ^aDeut. 2:22
13 ¹Le. ^aNum. 21:25, 35
13 ¹Le. ^aOr, wash
14 ¹Le. ^adays in which we went ^aOr, wash
4 ¹Le. ^aDeut. 2:7
4 ¹Le. ^aNum. 14:29, 35, 28-34, 65; ^aPs. 108:28; ^a1 Cor. 10:5
1 ¹Le. ^aDeut. 1:34, 35
13 ¹Le. ^aUde 5
16 ¹Le. ^aDeut. 2:14

18 'You shall cross over ^aAr, the border of Moab, today.

19 'And when you come opposite the ^asons of Ammon, do not harass them nor provoke them, for I will not give you any of the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to ^bthe sons of Lot as a possession.'

20 (It is also regarded as the land of the ^aRephaim, for Rephaim formerly lived in it, but the Ammonites call them Zamzummin,

21 a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they dispossessed them and settled in their place,

22 just as He did for the sons of Esau, who ^alive in Seir, when He destroyed ^bthe Horites from before them; and they dispossessed them, and settled in their place even to this day.

23 And the ^aAvvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the ^{1b}Caphtorim who came from ^{2c}Caphtor, destroyed them and lived in their place.)

24 'Arise, set out, and pass through the ^{1a}valley of Arnon. Look! I have given Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land into your hand; begin to take possession and contend with him in battle.

25 'This day I will begin to put ^athe dread and fear of you ¹upon the peoples ²everywhere under the heavens, who, when they hear the report of you, ^bshall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'

26 ¶ 'So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,

27 'Let me pass through your land, I will ¹travel only on the highway; I will not turn aside to the right or to the left.

28 'You will sell me food for money so that I may eat, and give

18 ^aDeut. 2:9

19 ^aGen. 19:38 ^bDeut. 2:9

20 ^aDeut. 2:11

22 ^aGen. 36:8, Deut. 2:5 ^bDeut. 2:12

23 ¹i.e., Philistines ²i.e., Crete

^aJoah. 13:3 ^bGen. 10:14, 1 Chr. 1:12 ^cJer. 47:4, Amos 9:7

24 ¹Or, wadi ^aNum. 21:13, 14, Judg. 11:18

25 ¹Lit., in front of ²Lit., under all the heavens

^aEx. 23:27; Deut. 11:25; Josh. 2:9 ^bEx. 15:14-16

26 ^aNum. 21:21-32; Deut. 1:4; Judg. 11:19-21

27 ¹Lit., go by the way

28 ¹Lit., my feet ^aNum. 20:19

29 ^aDeut. 2:9

30 ¹Lit., by him ^aNum. 21:23 ^bEx. 4:21; Josh. 11:20

31 ¹Lit., before you ²Lit., possess

32 ¹Lit., he and

33 ¹Lit., before us ²Lit., smote

^aEx. 23:31; Deut. 7:2 ^bDeut. 29:7

34 ¹Or, put under the ban ²Lit., every city of man

^aDeut. 3:6; 7:2

35 ^aDeut. 3:7

36 ¹Or, wadi ²Lit., before us

^aDeut. 3:12; 4:48; Josh. 12:2, 13:9

37 ¹Or, wadi ^aDeut. 2:19 ^bGen. 32:22; Num. 21:24; Deut. 3:16

¹Num. 21:33-35

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me water for money so that may drink, ^aonly let me pass through on ¹foot,

29 just as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in ^aAr did for me, until I cross over the Jordan into the land which the LORD our God is giving to us.'

30 'But ^aSihon king of Heshbon was not willing for us to pass: ¹through his land; for the ^bLORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, in order to deliver him into your hand, as he is today.

31 'And the LORD said to me 'See, I have begun to deliver Sihon and his land ¹over to you. Begin to ²occupy, that you may possess his land.'

32 ¶ 'Then Sihon ¹with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Jahaz.

33 'And ^athe LORD our God delivered him ¹over to us; and we ^{2b}defeated him with his sons and all his people.

34 'So we captured all his cities at that time, and ^{1a}utterly destroyed ²the men, women and children of every city. We left no survivor.

35 'We took ^aonly the animals as our booty and the spoil of the cities which we had captured.

36 'From ^aAroer which is on the edge of the ¹valley of Arnon and from the city which is in the ¹valley, even to Gilead, there was no city that was too high for us; the LORD our God delivered all ²over to us.

37 'So only you did not go near to the land of the sons of Ammon, all along the ¹river ^bJabbok and the cities of the hill country, and wherever the LORD our God had commanded us.

CHAPTER 3

66 ^aTHEN we turned and went up the road to Bashan, and Og, king of Bashan,

1 with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Edrei.

2 "But the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him just as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.'

3 "So the LORD our God delivered Og also, king of Bashan, with all his people into our hand, and we smote them until no survivor was left.

4 "And we captured all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 "All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates and bars, besides a great many unwalled towns.

6 "And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women and children of every city.

7 "But all the animals and the spoil of the cities we took as our booty.

8 "Thus we took the land at that time from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon.

9 (Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir);

10 all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

11 (For only Og king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was an iron bedstead; it is in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. Its length was nine cubits and its width four cubits by ordinary cubit.)

12 "So we took possession of this land at that time. From Aro-

1 ¹ Lit. he and
2 ² Lit. him
3 ³ Lit. left to him
4 ⁴ Deut 3:13, 14.
1 ¹ Kin 4:13
5 ⁵ Or. rural
6 ⁶ Or. put them under the ban ² Or. putting under the ban ³ Lit. every city of men
7 ⁷ Deut. 1:4
8 ⁸ Deut. 2:34
9 ⁹ Deut. 2:35
10 ¹⁰ Or. wadi
11 ¹¹ Num. 32:33, Josh. 12:1-7, 13:8-12
12 ¹² Deut. 4:48, Josh. 11:17, Ps. 42:6, 133:3
13 ¹³ Ps. 29:6
14 ¹⁴ 1 Chr 5:23
15 ¹⁵ Josh. 13:11
16 ¹⁶ Or. couch ¹⁷ Lit. by a man's furrows
18 ¹⁸ Gen. 14:5, Deut. 2:11, 20
19 ¹⁹ 2 Sam. 11:1, 12:26, Jer. 49:2
20 ²⁰ Or. wadi
21 ²¹ Deut. 2:36
22 ²² Num. 32:32
23 ²³ Josh. 13:8-13
24 ²⁴ Lit. them ²⁵ i.e. the towns of Jair
26 ²⁶ Num. 32:41
27 ²⁷ 1 Chr 2:22
28 ²⁸ Num. 32:39, 40
29 ²⁹ Or. wadi
30 ³⁰ Lit. and
31 ³¹ Num. 21:24, Deut. 2:37
32 ³² Lit. and
33 ³³ i.e. the Son of Gilead
34 ³⁴ Lit. under
35 ³⁵ Num. 34:11, Josh. 13:27
36 ³⁶ Josh. 12:3
37 ³⁷ Gen. 14:3, Josh. 3:16
38 ³⁸ Josh. 1:13
39 ³⁹ Num. 32:30, Josh. 4:12, 13
40 ⁴⁰ Josh. 1:14
41 ⁴¹ Ex. 12:30
42 ⁴² Josh. 1:15
43 ⁴³ Josh. 22:4

er, which is by the valley of Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 "And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh, all the region of Argob (concerning all Bashan, it is called the land of Rephaim).

14 "Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called it, that is, Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth-jair, as it is to this day.)

15 "And to Machir I gave Gilead.

16 "And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites, I gave from Gilead even as far as the valley of Arnon, the middle of the valley as a border and as far as the river Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;

17 the Arabah also, with the Jordan as a border, from Chinnereth even as far as the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah on the east.

18 "Then I commanded you at that time, saying, 'The LORD your God has given you this land to possess it; all you valiant men shall cross over armed before your brothers, the sons of Israel.'

19 "But your wives and your little ones and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock), shall remain in your cities which I have given you.

20 "until the LORD gives rest to your fellow countrymen as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God will give them beyond the Jordan. Then you may return every man to his possession, which I have given you.'

21 "And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your

God has done to these two kings; so the LORD shall do to all the kingdoms into which you are about to cross.

22 'Do not fear them, for the LORD your God ^ais the one fighting for you.'

23 'I also pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying,

24 'O Lord ¹God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant ^aThy greatness and Thy strong hand; for what ^bgod is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Thine?

25 'Let me, I pray, cross over and see the ^afair land that is beyond the Jordan, ¹that good hill country and Lebanon.'

26 'But ^athe LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me; and the LORD said to me, 'Enough! Speak to Me no more of this matter.

27 'Go up to the top of ^aPisgah and lift up your eyes to the west and north and south and east, and see it with your eyes, ^bfor you shall not cross over this Jordan.

28 '^aBut charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him; ^bfor he shall go across ¹at the head of this people, and he shall give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.'

29 'So we remained in the valley opposite ^aBeth-peor.

CHAPTER 4

66 'AND now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which ^aI am teaching you to perform, in order that ^byou may live and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

2 '^aYou shall not add to the word which ^bI am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

22 Ex 14 14, Deut 1:30, 20:4, Neh 4:20
24 Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord
Deut 11:2
Ex 8:10;
15:11, 2 Sam 7:22, Ps 71:19, 86:8
25 Lit. this
Deut 4:22
26 Lit. Enough for you
Deut 1:37
27 Num 23:14, 27:12
Deut 1:37
28 Lit. before this people
Num 27:18, Deut 31:3, 7, 8, 23
Deut 1:38
29 Num 25:1-3, Deut 4:46, 34:6
1 Deut 1:3
Lev 18:5, Deut 5:33, 8:1, 16:20, 30:16, 19: Ezek 20:11, Rom 10:5
2 Deut 12:32, Prov 30:6, Rev 22:18
Deut 4:5, 14, 40
3 Lit. hum
Num 25:1-9
5 Lev 26:46, 27:34
6 Deut 30:19, 20, 32:46, 47, Job 28:28, Ps 19:7, 111:10, Prov 1:7, 2 Tim 3:15
7 Deut 4:32-34, 2 Sam 7:23
Ps 34:17, 18, 145:18, 148:14, Is 55:6
Ps 34:18, 85:9
8 Ps 80:14, 97:2, 119:144, 160, 172
9 Deut 4:23, 6:12, 8:11, 14, 19, Prov 4:23, 23:19
Deut 6:2, 12:1, 16:3
Gen 18:19, Deut 4:10, 6:7, 20:25, 11:19, 32:46, Ps 78:5, 6, Prov 22:6, Eph 6:4
10 Or, reverence
Deut 14:23, 17:19, 31:12, 13
Deut 4:9

3 '^aYour eyes have seen what the LORD has done in the case of Baal-peor, for all the men who followed Baal-peor, the LORD your God has destroyed ¹them from among you.

4 'But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today every one of you.

5 'See, I have taught you statutes and judgments ^ajust as the LORD my God commanded me that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it.

6 'So keep and do them, ^afor that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

7 'For ^awhat great nation is there that has a god ^bso near to it as is the LORD our God ^cwhen ever we call on Him?

8 'Or what great nation is there that has ^astatutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

9 'Only ^agive heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart ^ball the days of your life; but ^cmake them known to your sons and your grandsons.

10 'Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words ^aso they may learn to ¹fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may ^bteach their children.'

11 'And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, ^aand the mountain burned with fire to the very heart of the heav-

11 Ex 19:18; Heb. 12:18, 19

ens: darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

12"Then the LORD spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form—only a voice.

13"So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, *that is*, ^athe ten ^bcommandments; and ^bHe wrote them on two tablets of stone.

14"And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you are going over to possess it.

15 ¶"So ^awatch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any ^bform on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire,

16 lest you ^aact corruptly and ^bmake a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of ^aany winged bird that flies in the sky,

18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below the earth.

19"And *beware*, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, ^aall the host of heaven, ^band be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

20"But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of ^athe iron furnace, from Egypt, to ^bbe a people for His own possession, as today.

21"¶Now the LORD was angry with me on your account, and swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

13 ^aLit. words
^aEx. 34:28; Deut. 10:4
^bEx. 31:18; 34:1, 28
^aJosh. 23:11
^bPs. 40:18
^aDeut. 4:23; 9:12; 31:29
^bEx. 20:4; Lev. 26:1; Deut. 5:8, 9; 27:15; Rom. 1:23
^aRom. 1:23
^bGen. 2:1; Deut. 17:3, 2; Kin. 17:16, 21, 3
^aDeut. 13:5, 10; Job 31:28-28
^aKin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4
^bEx. 19:5; Deut. 7:8, 14; 28:18; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9
^aNum. 20:12; Deut. 1:37
^bNum. 27:13, 14
^aDeut. 3:25
^bDeut. 4:9
^aEx. 24:17; Deut. 9:3; Is. 30:27; 33:14; Heb. 12:29
^bDeut. 5:9; 6:15
^aLit. beget
^bDeut. 4:16
^aDeut. 4:23
^bKin. 17:17
^aLit. prolong your days
^bDeut. 30:19; 31:28, 32; 1; Is. 1:2; Mic. 6:2
^aDeut. 7:4, 8; 19; 20
^bLev. 26:33; Deut. 28:64, 29:28; Neh. 1:8
^aDeut. 28:38, 64; Jer. 18:13
^bDeut. 29:17
^aPs. 115:4-8; 135:15-18; Is. 44:12-20
^bDeut. 30:1-3; 10; 2 Chr. 15:4; Is. 55:6; Jer. 29:13
^aDeut. 6:5; 10:12
^bPs. 18:6; 59:16; 107:6; 13
^aDeut. 31:28; Jer. 23:20; Hos. 3:5; Heb. 1:2
^bJer. 4:1, 2

22"For ^aI shall die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you shall cross and take possession of this ^bgood land.

23"So watch yourselves, ^alest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which He made with you, and ^bmake for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything *against* which the LORD your God has commanded you.

24"For the LORD your God is a ^aconsuming fire, a ^bjealous God.

25 ¶"When you ^bbecome the father of children and children's children and have remained long in the land, and ^aact corruptly, and ^bmake an ^aidol in the form of anything, and ^cdo that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God so as to provoke Him to anger,

26 I ^acall heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you shall ^bsurely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not ^blive long on it, but shall be utterly destroyed.

27"And the LORD will ^ascatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where the LORD shall drive you.

28"And ^athere you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, ^bwood and stone, ^cwhich neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

29"¶But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him ^bwith all your heart and all your soul.

30"When you ^aare in distress and all these things have come upon you, ^bin the latter days, ^cyou will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.

31"For the LORD your God is a ^acompassionate God; ^bHe will not fail you nor ^cdestroy you nor

31 ^aEx. 34:6; 2 Chr. 30:9; Neh. 9:31; Ps. 103:8; 111:4; 116:5; Jon. 4:2
^bDeut. 31:6 & Josh. 1:5; 1 Chr. 28:20; Heb. 13:5
^cJer. 30:11

forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.

32 ¶¹Indeed, ^aask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the ^bday that God created ¹man on the earth, and *inquire* ^cfrom one end of the heavens to the other. ^dHas anything been done like this great thing, or has anything been heard like it?

33^aHas any people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard it, and survived?

34^aOr has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within another nation ^bby trials, by signs and wonders and by war and ^cby a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, ¹as the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35^aTo you it was shown that you might know that the LORD, He is God; ^athere is no other besides Him.

36^aOut of the heavens He let you hear His voice ^bto discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire.

37^aBecause He loved your fathers, therefore He chose ²their descendants after them. And He ^{3b}personally brought you from Egypt by His great power,

38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in and ^ato give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today.

39^aKnow therefore today, and take it to your heart, that ^athe LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.

40^aSo you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am ¹giving you today, that ^bit may go well with you and with your children after you, and ^cthat you may ²live long on the

31 ^aLev 26:45.
32 ¹Or, Adam.
^aDeut. 32:7; Job 8:8; ^bGen. 1:27; Is. 45:12.
^cDeut. 28:64; Matt. 24:31.
^dDeut. 4:7; 2 Sam. 7:23.
33 ^aEx. 20:22; Deut. 5:24, 26.
34 ¹Lit., according to all that.
^aEx. 14:30; Deut. 33:29.
^bDeut. 7:19.
^cDeut. 5:15; 6:21; Ps. 136:12.
35 ^aEx. 8:10; 9:14; Deut. 4:39; 32:12; 39:1; Sam. 2:2; Is. 43:10-12; 44:6-8; 45:5-7; Mark 12:32.
36 ^aEx. 19:9; 19:20-18; 22; Deut. 4:33; Neh. 9:13; Heb. 12:25.
^bDeut. 8:5.
37 ¹Lit., And instead, because ²Lit., his seed ³Lit., with His presence.
^aDeut. 7:7, 8; 10:15; 33:3.
^bEx. 33:14; Is. 63:9.
38 ^aNum. 32:4, 34:14, 15.
39 ^aDeut. 4:35; Josh. 2:11.
40 ¹Lit., commanding ²Lit., prolong your days.
^aLev. 22:31; Deut. 4:2; Ps. 105:45; ^bDeut. 4:1; 5:16, 29; 33:6, 3; 18; 12:25, 28; 22:7; ^cEx. 23:28; Deut. 32:47.
41 ¹Lit., sunrise.
^aNum. 35:8; Deut. 19:2-13; Josh. 20:7-9.
42 ^aJosh. 20:8.
43 ¹Lit., smote.
^aDeut. 3:29; ^bNum. 21:21-25.
44 ¹Lit., sunrise.
^aDeut. 1:4; 3:3, 4.
45 ¹Or, wadi.
^aDeut. 2:38; 3:12; ^bDeut. 3:9; Ps. 133:3.

land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

41 ¶^aThen Moses set apart three cities across the Jordan to the ¹east,

42 that a manslayer might flee there, who unintentionally slew his neighbor without having enmity toward him in time past; and by fleeing to one of these cities he might live:

43 ^aBezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

44 ¶ Now this is the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel;

45 these are the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, when they came out from Egypt,

46 across the Jordan, in the valley ^aopposite Beth-peor, in the land of ^bSihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel ¹defeated when they came out from Egypt.

47 And they took possession of his land and the land of ^aOg king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who were across the Jordan to the ¹east,

48 from ^aAroer, which is on the edge of the ¹valley of Arnon, even as far as ^bMount Sion (that is, Hermon),

49 with all the Arabah across the Jordan to the east, even as far as the sea of the Arabah, ¹at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah.

CHAPTER 5

THEN Moses summoned all Israel, and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your ¹hearing, that you may learn them and observe ²them carefully.

49 ¹Lit., under
¹ ¹Lit., ears ²Lit., to do them

2 "The LORD our God made ^aa covenant with us at Horeb.

3 "The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, with all those of ¹us alive here today.

4 "The LORD spoke to you ^aface to face at the mountain ^bfrom the midst of the fire.

5 while ^aI was standing between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; ^bfor you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain. ¹He said,

6 ¶ ^aI am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹slavery.

7 ¶ ^aYou shall have no other gods ¹before Me.

8 ¶ ^aYou shall not make for yourself ¹an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above ²or on the earth beneath ²or in the water under the earth.

9 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, ^avisiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,

10 but ^ashowing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

11 ¶ ^aYou shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not ¹leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.

12 ¶ ^aObserve the sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

13 "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

14 but ^athe seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who ¹stays with

2 *Ex. 19:5.
Mal. 4:4
3 *Lit., us
ourselves
*Jer. 31:32;
Heb. 8:9
4 *Nom.
14:14; Deut.
34:10 *Deut.
4:33
5 *Lit., say-
ing
*Gal. 3:19
*Ex. 19:18,
21:24, 20:18;
Heb. 12:18-21
6 *Lit.,
slaves
*Ex. 20:2-17,
Lev. 28:1,
Deut. 6:4, Ps.
81:10
7 *Or, be-
sides
*Ex. 20:3
8 *Or, a
graven image
*Lit., or what
is
*Ex. 20:4-6,
Lev. 28:1,
Deut. 4:15-18,
27:15, Ps.
97:7
9 *Ex. 34:7,
Num. 14:18,
Deut. 7:10
10 *Num.
14:18, Deut.
7:9, Jer. 32:18
11 *Or, hold
him guiltless
*Ex. 20:7,
Lev. 19:12,
Deut. 6:13,
10:20, Matt.
5:33
12 *Ex.
16:23-30,
20:8-11,
31:13f., Mark
2:27f.
13 *Lit., is
in your gates
*Gen. 2:2,
Heb. 4:4
14 *Ex.
20:11
15 *Ex.
20:12; Lev.
19:3, Deut.
27:16; Matt.
15:4, 19:19,
Mark 7:10,
10:19; Luke
18:20; Eph.
6:2, 3; Col.
3:20 *Deut.
4:40
16 *Gen.
9:6; Ex. 20:13,
Lev. 24:17,
Matt. 5:21f.,
19:18; Mark
10:19; Rom.
13:9; James
2:11
17 *Ex.
20:14; Lev.
20:10; Matt.
5:27f., 19:18;
Mark 10:19;
Luke 18:20;
Rom. 13:9;
James 2:11

you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

15 "And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

16 ¶ ^aHonor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, ^bthat your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you on the land which the LORD your God gives you.

17 ¶ ^aYou shall not murder.

18 ¶ ^aYou shall not commit adultery.

19 ¶ ^aYou shall not steal.

20 ¶ ^aYou shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

21 ¶ ^aYou shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field or his male servant or his female servant, his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

22 ¶ "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. And ^aHe wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

23 "And it came about, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders.

24 "And you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen

19 *Ex. 20:15; Lev. 19:11
20 *Ex. 20:16, 23:1; Matt. 19:18
21 *Ex. 20:17; Rom. 7:7, 13:9
22 *Ex. 24:12, 31:18; Deut. 4:13

today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.

25 ^aNow then why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer, then we shall die.

26 ^aFor ^awho is there of all flesh, who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

27 ⁱGo near and hear all that the LORD our God says; then speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.

28 ^aAnd the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, ^aand the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.

29 ^aOh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me, and ^bkeep all My commandments always, that ^cit may be well with them and with their sons forever!

30 'Go, say to them, "Return to your tents."

31 ^aBut as for you, stand here by Me, that I may speak to you all the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe *them* in the land which I give them to possess.

32 ^aSo you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; ^ayou shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.

33 ^aYou shall walk in all the way which the LORD your God has commanded you, ^bthat you may live, and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.

28 ^aEx.
20:18, 19;
Deut. 18:16

26 ^aDeut.
4:33

27 ⁱLit., Go
yourself!

28 ^aDeut.
18:17

29 ^aPs.
81:13, 14;
48:18 ^bDeut.
11:1 ^cDeut.
5:16, 33

31 ^aEx.
24:12

32 ⁱDeut.
17:20, 28:14;
Josh. 1:7;
23:6, Prov.
4:27

33 ^aDeut.
10:12, Jer.
7:23, Luke 1:6
^bDeut. 4:1,
40:12, 25, 28,
22:7, Eph. 6:3

2 ^aEx.
20:20; Deut.
10:12; Ps.
111:10; 128:1;
Ecc. 12:13
^bDeut. 4:9

3 ⁱLit.,
keep
^aDeut. 5:33
^bEx. 3:8, 17

4 ^aMatt.
22:37; Mark
12:29, 30;
Luke 10:27
^bDeut. 4:35,
39; John
10:30; 1 Cor.
8:4; Eph. 4:6

5 ^aMatt.
22:37; Mark
12:30; Luke
10:27 ^bDeut.
4:29; 10:12

6 ^aDeut.
11:18

7 ^aDeut.
4:9; 11:18;
Eph. 6:4

8 ⁱOr,
frontlet
bands ²Lit.,
between your
eyes

^aEx. 12:14;
13:9, 16;
Deut. 11:18;
Prov. 3:3;
6:21; 7:3

9 ^aDeut.
11:20

10 ^aDeut.
9:1; 19:1;
Josh. 24:13;
Ps. 105:44

CHAPTER 6

“NOW this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do *them* in the land where you are going over to possess it,

2 so that you and your son and your grandson might ^afear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you ^ball the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

3 ^aO Israel, you should listen and ^bbe careful to do it, that ^amay be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, ^bin ^bland flowing with milk and honey.

4 ^aHear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the ^bLORD is one!

5 ^aAnd ^ayou shall love the LORD your God ^bwith all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

6 ^aAnd ^athese words, which I am commanding you today shall be on your heart;

7 and ^ayou shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

8 ^aAnd you shall bind them as sign on your hand and they shall be as ¹frontals ²on your forehead.

9 ^aAnd you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

10 ^aThen it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you ^agreat and splendid cities which you did not build,

11 and houses full of all good

things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be satisfied.

12 then watch yourself, lest you forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

13 "You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him, and swear by His name.

14 "You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you.

15 for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

16 "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah.

17 "You should diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you.

18 "And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to give your fathers.

19 by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

20 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the LORD our God commanded you?'

21 then you shall say to your son, 'We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt; and the LORD brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand.

22 Moreover, the LORD showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our

11 Deut. 8:10, 11:15, 14:29

12 La. slaves Deut. 4:9

13 Or, rev. serve Or, serve Deut. 13:4, Matt. 4:10, Luke 4:8

Deut. 5:11, 10:20, Ps. 63:11, Matt. 5:33

14 Jer. 25:6

15 La. destroy Deut. 4:24, 5:9

16 Matt. 4:7, Luke 4:12 Ex. 17:7

17 Deut. 11:22, Ps. 119:4

18 Deut. 4:40

20 Ex. 13:14

24 Deut. 10:12, Jer. 32:38, Ps. 41:2, Luke 10:28

25 La. keep Deut. 24:13, Rom. 10:3

1 Deut. 20:18-19, Acts 13:19

2 La. surely devote to the ban Num. 31:17, Josh. 11:11, Ex. 23:32, Deut. 7:16, 13:6

3 La. daughter La. his son La. his daughter La. son Ex. 34:15, 16, Josh. 23:12, Ezra 9:2

4 La. he La. son La. after Deut. 4:28

5 La. wooden symbols of a female deity Ex. 23:24, 34:13, Deut. 12:3

6 Ex. 19:2, Deut. 14:2, 21, Ps. 50:3, Jer. 2:3

eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household;

23 and He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.'

24 "So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today.

25 "And it will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.

CHAPTER 7

66 "WHEN the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where you are entering to possess it, and shall clear away many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and stronger than you,

2 and when the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, and you shall defeat them, then you shall utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them and show no favor to them.

3 Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons.

4 "For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will quickly destroy you.

5 "But thus you shall do to them: you shall tear down their altars, and smash their sacred pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD

your God has chosen you to be ^{ba} people for His ¹own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the ²earth.

7^a "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

8 but because the LORD loved you and kept the ^aoath which He swore to your forefathers, ^bthe LORD brought you out by a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of ¹slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9^a "Know therefore that the LORD your God, ^aHe is God, ^bthe faithful God, ^cwho keeps ¹His covenant and ¹His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who ^dlove Him and keep His commandments;

10 but ^arepays those who hate Him to ¹their faces, to destroy ²them; He will not delay ³with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

11^a "Therefore, you shall keep the commandment and the statutes and the judgments which I am commanding you today, to do them.

12 ¶ ^aThen it shall come about, because you listen to these judgments and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you ¹His covenant and ¹His lovingkindness which He swore to your forefathers.

13^a "And He will ^alove you and bless you and ^bmultiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock, ¹in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give you.

14^a "You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall be no male or female ^abarren among you or among your cattle.

6 ¹Or, special treasure
²Lit., ground
^bEx. 19:5; Deut. 4:20; 14:2; 26:18; Ps. 135:4; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 2:9

7 ^aDeut. 4:37

8 ¹Lit., slaves
^aEx. 32:13
^bEx. 13:3

9 ¹Lit., the
^aDeut. 4:35; 39 vs. 49-7; 1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Tim. 2:13
^cEx. 20:6; Dan. 9:4
^dDeut. 5:10

10 ¹Lit., his face
²Lit., to
³Lit., 50:18; Nah. 1:2

12 ¹Lit., the
^aLev. 26:3-13; Deut. 28:1-14

13 ¹Lit., on the ground
^aPs. 146:8; Prov. 15:9; John 14:21
^bLev. 26:9; Deut. 13:17; 30:5

14 ^aEx. 23:26

15 ^aEx. 15:26

16 ^aDeut. 7:2
^bEx. 23:33; Judg. 8:27; Ps. 106:38

17 ^aNum. 33:53

18 ^aPs. 105:5

19 ^aDeut. 4:34

20 ^aEx. 23:28; Josh. 24:12

21 ¹Lit., from before them

^aEx. 29:45; Josh. 3:10
^bDeut. 10:17; Neh. 1:5; 9:32

22 ¹Lit., beasts of the field
^aEx. 23:29; 30

23 ¹Lit., confuse them with

^aEx. 23:27; Josh. 10:10

24 ^aJosh. 6:2; 10:23-25
^bDeut. 11:25; Josh. 1:5; 10:8; 23:9

15^a "And ^athe LORD will remove from you all sickness; and He will not put on you any of the harmful diseases of Egypt which you have known, but He will lay them on all who hate you.

16^a "And you shall consume all the peoples whom the LORD your God will deliver to you; ^ayour eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be ^{ba} snare to you.

17 ¶ "If you should say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I; how can I ^adispossess them?'

18 you shall not be afraid of them; you shall well ^aremember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:

19 ^athe great trials which your eyes saw and the signs and the wonders and the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

20^a "Moreover, the LORD your God will send ^athe horn against them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you perish.

21^a "You shall not dread ¹them for ^athe LORD your God is in your midst, ^{ba} great and awesome God.

22^a "And the LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you will not be able to put an end to them quickly, lest the ¹wild beast grow too numerous for you.

23^a "But the LORD your God shall deliver them before you and will ¹throw them into great confusion until they are destroyed.

24^a "And He will deliver their kings into your hand so that you shall make their name perish from under heaven; ^bno man will be able to stand before you until you have destroyed them.

25^a "The graven images of their

gods you are to ^aburn with fire; you shall ^bnot covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be ^csnared by it, for it is an ^dabomination to the LORD your God.

26^a And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, and like it come under the ^aban; you shall utterly detest it and you shall utterly abhor it, for it is something banned.

CHAPTER 8

6^a **A**LL the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you ^amay live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers.

2^a And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has ^bled you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, ^ctesting you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3^a And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you ^bunderstand that ^aman does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

4^a Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5^a Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.

6^a Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to ^bfear Him.

7^a For ^athe LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;

8 a land of wheat and barley, of

25 ^aEx.
32:20; Deut.
12:3; 1 Chr.
14:12 ^aEx.
20:17 ^aDeut.
7:16; Jude.
8:27 ^aDeut.
17:1

26 ^aLev.
27:28^a

1 ^aDeut.
4:1

2 ^aDeut.
8:16 ^aPs.
136:16; Amos.
2:10 ^aEx.
15:25; 20:20;
2 Chr. 32:31

3 ^aLit.,
know
^aMat. 4:4;
Luke 4:4

4 ^aDeut.
29:5; Neh.
9:21

5 ^aDeut.
4:38; 2 Sam.
7:14; Prov.
3:12; Heb.
12:6; Rev.
3:19

6 ^aOr, rev-
erence

7 ^aDeut.
11:9-12; Jer.
2:7

10 ^aDeut.
8:11

11 ^aLit.,
False head to
yourself/
^aDeut. 4:9

13 ^aProv.
30:9; Hos.
13:6

14 ^aLit.,
lifted up
^aLit., slaves
^aDeut. 8:11;
Ps. 106:21

15 ^aDeut.
1:19; Jer. 2:6
^aNum. 21:6
^aEx. 17:6;
Num. 20:11;
Deut. 32:13;
Ps. 78:15;
114:8

16 ^aLit., of
your end
^aEx. 16:15
^aDeut. 8:2

17 ^aDeut.
9:4

18 ^aProv.
10:22; Hos.
2:8

vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

9 a land where you shall eat food without scarcity, in which you shall not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

10^a When ^ayou have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

11 ^a Beware lest you ^aforget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

12 lest, ^awhen you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,

13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies.

14 then your heart becomes ^bproud, and you ^aforget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of ^bslavery.

15^a He led you through ^athe great and terrible wilderness, with its ^bfiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He ^cbrought water for you out of the rock of flint.

16^a In the wilderness He fed you manna ^awhich your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might ^btest you, to do good for you ^bin the end.

17^a Otherwise, ^ayou may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'

18^a But you shall remember the LORD your God, for ^ait is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

19^a And it shall come about if

you ever forget the LORD your God, and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, ^aI testify against you today that you shall surely perish.

20 "Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so ^ayou shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 9

6 "H^aEAR, O Israel! You are crossing over the Jordan today to go in to dispossess ^anations greater and mightier than you, great cities ^bfortified to heaven.

2 ^aa people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know and of whom you have heard *it said*, '^aWho can stand before the sons of Anak?'

3 "Know therefore today that ^ait is the LORD your God who is crossing over before you as ^ba consuming fire. He will destroy them and He will subdue them before you, so that ^cyou may drive them out and destroy them quickly, just as the LORD has spoken to you.

4 "Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before ¹you, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' but *it is* ^bbecause of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD is dispossessing them before you.

5 "It is ^anot for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm ^bthe ¹oath which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

6 "Know, then, *it is* not because of your righteousness *that* the LORD your God is giving you this

10 ^aDeut. 4:26; 30:18

20 ^aEzek. 5:5-17

1 ¹Lit., and fortified
^aDeut. 4:38; 7:1, 11-23
^bDeut. 1:28

2 ^aNum. 13:22, 28, 33; Josh. 11:21, 22

3 ^aDeut. 31:3; Josh. 3:11
^bDeut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29
^cEx. 23:31; Deut. 7:24

4 ¹Lit., you say
^aDeut. 8:17; 9:7, 24; 31:27
^bLev. 18:3; 24:30; Deut. 12:31; 18:9-14

5 ¹Lit., word
^aTitus 3:5
^bGen. 12:7; 13:15; 15:7; 17:8; 28:4; 28:13

6 ¹Or, stiff-necked
^aDeut. 9:13; 10:16; 31:27

7 ^aEx. 14:10f.; Num. 14:22

8 ^aEx. 32:7; 10; Ps. 106:19

9 ^aEx. 24:18; 34:28; Deut. 8:3; 9:18

10 ^aDeut. 4:13

11 ^aDeut. 9:9

12 ^aEx. 32:7; 8
^bJudg. 2:17

13 ¹Or, stiff-necked
^aEx. 32:9
^bDeut. 10:16; 31:27; 2 Kin. 17:14

14 ^aEx. 32:10
^bPs. 9:5; 109:13

15 ^aEx. 32:15-19

good land to possess, for you are ^aa stubborn people.

7 "Remember, do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness; ^afrom the day that you left the land of Egypt until you arrived at this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 "Even ^aat Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, and the LORD was so angry with you that He would have destroyed you.

9 "When I went up to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD had made with you, then I remained on the mountain forty days and nights; ^aI neither ate bread nor drank water.

10 "And the LORD gave me two tablets of stone ^awritten by the finger of God; and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

11 "And it came about ^aat the end of forty days and nights that the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

12 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down from here quickly, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly. They have ^bquickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made a molten image for themselves.'

13 "The LORD spoke further to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed, it is a ¹stubborn people.'

14 "Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and ^bblot out their name from under heaven; and will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'

15 "So I turned and came down from the mountain while the mountain was burning with fire

and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.

16 "And I saw that you had indeed sinned against the LORD your God. You had made for yourselves a molten calf; you had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you.

17 "And I took hold of the two tablets and threw them from my hands, and smashed them before your eyes.

18 "And I fell down before the LORD, ^{bas} at the first, forty days and nights; ^c I neither ate bread nor drank water, ^d because of all your sin which you had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger.

19 "For ^a I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was wrathful against you in order to destroy you, ^b but the LORD listened to me that time also.

20 "And the LORD was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him; so I also prayed for Aaron at the same time.

21 "And I took your ¹ sinful thing, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it, grinding it very small until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that came down from the mountain.

22 "Again at ^a Taberah and at ^b Massah and at ^c Kibroth-hattavaah you provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 "And when the LORD sent you from ^a Kadesh-barnea, saying, ^b Go up and possess the land which I have given you, ^c then you rebelled against the ¹ command of the LORD your God; ^d you neither believed Him nor listened to His voice.

24 "You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day I knew you.

25 "So I fell down before the LORD the forty days and nights,

18 "Ex.
34:28 "Deut.
10:10 "Deut.
9:9 "Ex. 34:9

19 "Ex.
32:10f. Heb.
12:21 "Ex.
34:10 "Deut.
10:10

21 "Lx. in
"Ex. 32:20

22 "Num.
11:3 "Ex. 17:7
"Num. 11:34

23 "Lx.
mouth
"Deut. 1:2
"Deut. 1:21
"Deut. 1:26.
Ps. 108:24

24 "Deut.
9:7, 31:27

25 "Lx. fell
down
"Deut. 9:18

26 "Ex.
32:11-13.
1 Sam. 7:9.
Jer. 15:1

28 "Lx. spo-
ken to
"Ex. 32:12.
Num. 14:16

29 "Deut.
4:20, 1 Kin.
8:51. Heb.
1:10. Ps.
108:40 "Deut.
4:34

1 "Ex. 34:1
"Ex. 25:10

2 "Deut.
4:13 "Ex.
25:16

3 "Ex. 25:5.
37:1-9 "Ex.
34:4

4 "Lx.
Words
"Ex. 34:28.
Deut. 4:13
"Ex. 20:1
"Deut. 9:10.
18:16

5 "Ex.
34:28 "Ex.
40:20

which I ¹ did because the LORD had said He would destroy you.

26 "And I prayed to the LORD, and said, 'O Lord God, do not destroy Thy people, even Thine inheritance, whom Thou hast redeemed through Thy greatness, whom Thou hast brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 'Remember Thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look at the stubbornness of this people or at their wickedness or their sin.

28 'Otherwise the land from which Thou didst bring us may say, "Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which He had ¹ promised them and because He hated them He has brought them out to slay them in the wilderness."

29 'Yet they are Thy people, even ^a Thine inheritance, whom Thou hast brought out by Thy ^b great power and Thine outstretched arm.'

CHAPTER 10

66 **A**T that time the LORD said to me, ^a Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the former ones, and come up to Me on the mountain, and ^b make an ark of wood for yourself.

2 'And ^a I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered, and ^b you shall put them in the ark.'

3 "So ^a I made an ark of acacia wood and ^b cut out two tablets of stone like the former ones, and went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hand.

4 "And He wrote on the tablets, like the former writing, ^a the Ten ¹ Commandments ^b which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire ^c on the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.

5 "Then I turned and ^a came down from the mountain, and ^b put the tablets in the ark which

I had made; and there they are, as the LORD commanded me."

6 ¶ (Now the sons of Israel set out from ¹Beeroth ²Bene-jaakan to Moserah. ³There Aaron died and there he was buried and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place.

7 ¶ From there they set out to Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water.

8 ¶ At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD ¹to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day.

9 ¶ Therefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God spoke to him.)

10 ¶ "I, moreover, stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights like the first time, and the LORD listened to me that time also; the LORD was not willing to destroy you.

11 ¶ Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, proceed on your journey ahead of the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.'

12 ¶ "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to ¹fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and ²love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with ³all your heart and with all your soul,

13 and to keep the LORD's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

14 ¶ Behold, ¹to the LORD your God belong heaven and the ²highest heavens, ³the earth and all that is in it.

15 ¶ Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their ¹descendants after them, even you

3-1 Kin. 8:9
6 Or, the wells of the sons of Jaakan
Num. 33:30, 31
Num. 20:25-28, 33-38
7 Num. 33:33, 34
8 Num. 36, 18:1-7, Deut. 31:9
Deut. 17:12, 18:5, 21:5
9 Num. 18:20, 24, Deut. 18:1, 2, Ezek. 44:28
10 Ex. 34:28, Deut. 9:18
12 Or, reverence
Mic. 6:8
Deut. 6:5, Matt. 22:37, 1 Tim. 1:5
Deut. 4:29
14 Lit., heaven of heavens
1 Kin. 8:27, Neh. 9:6, Ps. 68:33, 115:18
Ps. 24:1
15 Lit., seed
Deut. 4:37
16 Lit., the forsaking of your heart
Lev. 28:41, Jer. 4:4
Deut. 9:6
17 Josh. 22:22, Ps. 136:2, Dan. 2:47, 1 Tim. 6:15, Rev. 19:16
Rev. 17:14
Deut. 1:17, Acts 10:34, Rom. 2:11, Gal. 2:6, Eph. 6:9
Deut. 18:19
18 Ex. 22:22-24, Ps. 68:5, 146:9
19 Lev. 19:34, Ezek. 47:22, 23
20 Deut. 11:22, 13:4
Deut. 5:11, 6:13, Ps. 63:11
21 Ps. 109:1, 148:14, Jer. 17:14
22 Gen. 48:27
Gen. 15:3, 22:17, Deut. 1:10
1 Deut. 6:5, 10:12
Lev. 18:30, 22:9
2 Or, instruction
Deut. 4:34
3 Ex. 7:8-21

above all peoples, as it is this day.

16 ¶ Circumcise then ¹your heart, and ²stiffen your neck no more.

17 ¶ For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the ¹Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God ²who does not show partiality, nor ³take a bribe.

18 ¶ He executes justice for ¹the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.

19 ¶ So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

20 ¶ You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and ¹cling to Him, and ²you shall swear by His name.

21 ¶ He is ¹your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.

22 ¶ Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

CHAPTER 11

¶ YOU shall therefore ¹love the LORD your God, and always ²keep His charge, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments.

2 ¶ And know this day ¹that I am not speaking with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the ²discipline of the LORD your God—His greatness, His mighty hand, and His outstretched arm,

3 and ¹His signs and His works which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land;

4 and what He did to Egypt's army, to its horses and its chariots, ¹when He made the water of the ²Red Sea to engulf them

4 Lit., Sea of Reeds
Lit., flow over their faces
Ex. 14:28, Deut. 1:40, 2:1

while they were pursuing you, and the LORD ³completely destroyed them;

5 and what He did to you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

6 and ^awhat He did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their households, their tents, and ^bevery living thing that ¹followed them, among all Israel—

7 but your own eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD which He did.

8 ⁹“You shall therefore keep every commandment which I am commanding you today, ^aso that you may be strong and go in and possess the land into which you are about to cross to possess it;

9 ^aso that you may prolong your days on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their ¹descendants, ^{ba} a land flowing with milk and honey.

10“For the land, into which you are entering to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you used to sow your seed and water it with your ¹foot like a vegetable garden.

11“But ^athe land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven, 12 a land for which the LORD your God cares; ^athe eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the ¹beginning even to the end of the year.

13 ⁹“And it shall come about, ^aif you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, ^bto love the LORD your God and to serve Him ^cwith all your heart and all your soul,

14 that ^{1a}He will give the rain for your land in its season, the

⁴ ¹Lit., to this day
⁶ ¹Lit., was at their feet
^aNum. 16:1-35; Ps. 106:16-18
^bNum. 26:10, 11

⁸ ^aDeut. 31:6, 7, 23, Josh. 1:6, 7
⁹ ¹Lit., seed
^aDeut. 4:40; 5:16, 33; 6:2; Prov. 10:27
^bEx. 3:8
¹⁰ ¹It is probably a treadmill
¹¹ ^aDeut. 8:7

¹² ¹Lit., beginning of the year
¹³ ¹Kin. 9:3
¹⁴ ¹Lev. 26:3; Deut. 7:12
¹⁵ ¹Deut. 11:1
¹⁶ ¹Deut. 4:29

¹⁷ ¹So some ancient versions, M.T. reads / ¹It is autumn ¹It is spring
¹⁸ ¹Lev. 26:4; Deut. 28:12
¹⁹ ¹Joel 2:23; James 5:7

²⁰ ¹So some ancient versions, M.T. reads /
²¹ ¹Ps. 104:14
²² ¹Deut. 6:11
²³ ¹Lit., Watch yourselves
²⁴ ¹Job. 31:27

²⁵ ¹Deut. 6:15; 9:19
²⁶ ¹Kin. 8:35; 2 Chr. 6:26; 7:13
²⁷ ¹Deut. 28:24
²⁸ ¹Deut. 4:26

²⁹ ¹Lit., put ²Lit., frontlet bands ³Lit., between your eyes
⁴⁰ ¹Ex. 13:9, 16; Deut. 6:8
⁴¹ ¹Deut. 4:9, 10; 6:7; Prov. 22:6
⁴² ¹Deut. 6:9

⁴³ ¹Lit., the days of the heavens
⁴⁴ ¹Prov. 3:2; 4:10; 9:11
⁴⁵ ¹Ps. 72:5

⁴⁶ ¹Deut. 6:17
⁴⁷ ¹Deut. 11:1
⁴⁸ ¹Deut. 10:20

⁴⁹ ¹Deut. 4:38
⁵⁰ ¹Deut. 9:1

^{2b}early and ³late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil.

15“And ^{1a}He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and ^byou shall eat and be satisfied.

16“^{1a}Beware, lest your hearts be deceived and you turn away and serve other gods and worship them.

17“Or ^athe anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will ^bshut up the heavens ^cso that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and ^dyou will perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

18 ⁹“You shall therefore ¹impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as ²frontals ³on your forehead.

19“^aAnd you shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.

20“^aAnd you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

21 so that ^ayour days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as ^{1b}long as the heavens remain above the earth.

22“For if you are ^acareful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you, to do it, ^bto love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and ^chold fast to Him;

23 then the LORD will ^adrive out all these nations from before you, and you will ^bdispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

24“^aEvery place on which the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours; ^byour border shall be

²⁴ ¹Josh. 1:3; 14:9 ²Gen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31; Deut. 1:7, 8

from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the river, the river Euphrates, as far as ¹the western sea.

25^a "There shall no man be able to stand before you; the LORD your God shall lay the dread of you and the fear of you on all the land on which you set foot, as He has spoken to you.

26 ^a"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:

27 the ^ablessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today;

28 and the ^acurse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, ¹by following other gods which you have not known.

29^a "And it shall come about, when the LORD your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, ^athat you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

30^a "Are they not across the Jordan, west of the way toward the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite ^aGilgal, beside ^bthe ¹oaks of Moreh?

31^a "For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and ^ayou shall possess it and live in it,

32 and you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am setting before you today.

CHAPTER 12

“THESE are the statutes and the judgments which you shall carefully observe in the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess ¹as long as you live on the ²earth.

²⁴ ¹i.e., the Mediterranean

²⁵ ^aEx. 23:27. Deut. 7:24

²⁶ ^aDeut. 30:1, 19

²⁷ ^aDeut. 28:1-14

²⁸ ¹Lit. to follow ^aDeut. 28:15-68

²⁹ ^aDeut. 27:12. Josh. 8:33

³⁰ ¹Lit. Gerizim ^aJosh. 4:19 ^bGen. 12:6

³¹ ^aDeut. 17:14. Josh. 21:43

¹ ¹Lit. all the days ²Lit. ground ^aDeut. 4:9, 10:1. Kin. 8:40

² ^a2 Kin. 16:4, 17:10, 11

³ ¹i.e., wooden symbols of a female deity ^aNum. 33:52. Deut. 7:5. Judg. 2:2 ^bEx. 23:13, Ps. 18:4. Zech. 13:2

⁵ ^aEx. 20:24. Deut. 12:11, 13; 2 Chr. 7:12. Ps. 78:68

⁶ ¹Or, heave offering ^aDeut. 14:22

⁷ ¹Lit. the putting forth of your hand ^aLev. 23:40. Deut. 12:12, 18, 14:28. 28:47. Eccl. 3:12, 13; 5:18-20

⁹ ^aDeut. 3:20; 25:19. Ps. 95:11 ^bDeut. 4:21

¹⁰ ^aJosh. 11:23

¹¹ ^aDeut. 12:5; 15:20; 16:2; 17:8, 18:6

2^a "You shall utterly destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess serve their gods, on the ^ahigh mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

3^a "And ^ayou shall tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars and burn their ¹Asherim with fire, and you shall cut down the engraved images of their gods, and you shall blot out their name from that place.

4^a "You shall not act like this toward the LORD your God.

5^a "But you shall seek the LORD at the place which the LORD your God shall choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.

6^a "And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, ^ayour tithes, the ¹contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the first-born of your herd and of your flock.

7^a "There also you and your households shall eat before the LORD your God, and ^arejoice in all ¹your undertakings in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

8^a "You shall not do at all what we are doing here today, every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes;

9 for you have not as yet come to ^athe resting place and the ¹inheritance which the LORD your God is giving you.

10^a "When you cross the Jordan and live in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and ^aHe gives you rest from all your enemies around you so that you live in security.

11 ^athen it shall come about that the place in which the LORD your God shall choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the

¹contribution of your hand, and all your choice votive offerings which you will vow to the LORD.

12 "And you shall ^arejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the ^bLevite who is within your gates, since ^che has no portion or inheritance with you.

13 "Be careful that you do not offer your burnt offerings in every cultic place you see,

14 but in the place which the LORD chooses in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I command you.

15 "However, you may slaughter and eat meat within any of your gates, ¹whatever you desire, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you; the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of ²the gazelle and the deer.

16 "Only you shall not eat the blood; ^byou are to pour it out on the ground like water.

17 "You are not allowed to eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or new wine, or oil, or the first-born of your herd or flock, or any of your votive offerings which you vow, or your freewill offerings, or the ¹contribution of your hand.

18 "But ^ayou shall eat them before the LORD your God in ^bthe place which the LORD your God will choose, you and your son and daughter, and your male and female servants, and the ^cLevite who is within your gates; and you shall ^drejoice before the LORD your God in all ¹your undertakings.

19 "Be careful that you do not forsake the Levite ¹as long as you live in your land.

20 "When the LORD your God extends your border ^aas He has promised you, and you say, 'I will eat meat,' because ¹you de-

11 ¹Or, have offering

12 ¹Deut. 12:7 ²Deut. 12:18, 19; 26:11-13 ³Deut. 10:9; 14:29

13 ¹Deut. 12:5, 11

15 ¹Lev. in every desire of your soul ²Deut. 12:20, 23 ³Deut. 12:22, 14:5; 15:22

16 ¹Gen. 9:4, Lev. 7:26; 17:10-12; 1 Sam. 14:24; Acts 15:20, 29 ²Deut. 15:23

17 ¹Lev. have offering ²Deut. 12:26

18 ¹Lev. the putting forth of your hand ²Deut. 14:23 ³Deut. 12:5 ⁴Deut. 12:12 ⁵Deut. 12:7; Eccl. 3:12; 5:18-20

19 ¹Lev. all your days upon your land ²Deut. 14:27

20 ¹Lev. your soul desires ²Lev. in every desire of your soul ³Gen. 15:18; Deut. 11:24; 19:8

21 ¹Lev. in every desire of your soul

23 ¹Lev. soul ²Gen. 9:4; Lev. 17:10-14; Deut. 12:16

25 ¹Deut. 4:40; Is. 3:10 ²Ex. 15:26; 1 Kin. 11:36

26 ¹Num. 5:9; 18:19; Deut. 12:17

27 ¹Lev. 1:9; 13 ²Lev. 3:1-17

28 ¹Deut. 4:40; Eccl. 3:12

29 ¹Josh. 23:4

30 ¹Lev. after them

sire to eat meat, then you may eat meat, ²whatever you desire.

21 "If the place which the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, then you may slaughter of your herd and flock which the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates ¹whatever you desire.

22 "Just as a gazelle or a deer is eaten, so you shall eat it; the unclean and the clean alike may eat of it.

23 "Only be sure ^anot to eat the blood, for the blood is the ¹life, and you shall not eat the ¹life with the flesh.

24 "You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the ground like water.

25 "You shall not eat it, in order that ^ait may be well with you and your sons after you, for ^byou will be doing what is right in the sight of the LORD.

26 "Only your holy things which you may have and your votive offerings, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD chooses.

27 "And ^ayou shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, on the altar of the LORD your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of the LORD your God, and ^byou shall eat the flesh.

28 "Be careful to listen to all these words which I command you, in order that ^ait may be well with you and your sons after you forever, for you will be doing what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

29 "When ^athe LORD your God cuts off before you the nations which you are going in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,

30 beware that you are not ensnared ¹to follow them, after they are destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How do these

nations serve their gods, that I also may do likewise?'

31^a "You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for ^bthey even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 ^a "Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; ^byou shall not add to nor take away from it.

CHAPTER 13

66^a **I**f a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, ^a "Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,"

3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is ^a testing you to find out if ^b you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4^a "You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and ^b cling to Him.

5^a But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be ^a put to death, because he has ¹ counseled ² rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of ³ slavery, ^b to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. ^c So you shall purge the evil from among you.

6 ^a "If your brother, your mother's son, or your son or daughter, or the wife ¹ you cherish, or your friend who is as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, ^b "Let us go and serve oth-

er gods' (whom neither you nor your fathers have known,

7 of the gods of the peoples who are around you, near you or far from you, from one end of the earth to the other end).

8 ^a you shall not yield to him or listen to him; ^b and your eye shall not pity him, nor shall you spare or conceal him.

9^a "But you shall surely kill him; ^b your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10^a "So you shall stone him ¹ to death because he has sought ^a to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of ² slavery.

11^a Then ^a all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you.

12 ^a "If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God is giving you to live in, ^a anyone saying ^a that

13 some worthless men have gone out from among you and have seduced the inhabitants of their city, saying, ^a "Let us go and serve other gods' (whom you have not known).

14 then you shall investigate and search out and inquire thoroughly. And if it is true and the matter established that this abomination has been done among you,

15 ^a you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, ¹ utterly destroying it and all that is in it and its cattle with the edge of the sword.

16^a "Then you shall gather all its booty into the middle of its open square and burn the city and all its booty with fire as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God; and it shall be a ¹ ruin forever. It shall never be rebuilt.

31 ^a Deut. 9:5 ^b Lev. 18:21, Deut. 18:10, Ps. 106:37, Jer. 32:35

32 ^a Lit. Everything that ^b Deut. 4:2, Josh. 1:7, ^c Prov. 30:6, Rev. 22:18

1 ^a Ch. 13:12 in Heb. ^b Matt. 24:24, Mark 13:22, 2 Thess. 2:9

2 ^a Deut. 13:6, 13

3 ^a Ex. 20:20, Deut. 8:2, 16:1 Cor. 11:19 ^b Deut. 6:5

4 ^a 2 Kin. 23:3, 2 Chr. 34:31, 2 John 6 ^b Deut. 10:20

5 ^a Lit. spoken ^b Lit. turning aside ^c Lit. slaves

^a Deut. 13:9, 15:17, 1 Kin. 18:40 ^b Deut. 4:19, 13:10 ^c 1 Cor. 5:13

6 ^a Lit. of your bosom ^b Deut. 17:2-7, 29:18 ^c Deut. 13:2

8 ^a Prov. 1:10 ^b Deut. 7:2

9 ^a Deut. 13:5 ^b Lev. 24:14, Deut. 17:7

10 ^a Lit. with stones so that he dies ^b Lit. slaves ^c Deut. 13:5

11 ^a Deut. 19:20

13 ^a Deut. 13:2

15 ^a Or, putting it under the ban ^b Deut. 13:5

16 ^a Lit. mound ^b Deut. 7:25, 28 ^c Josh. 8:28, Is. 17:1, 25:2, Jer. 40:2

17 "And nothing from that which is put under the ban shall cling to your hand, in order that the LORD may turn from ^aHis burning anger and ^bshow mercy to you, and have compassion on you and ^cmake you increase, just ^das He has sworn to your fathers.

18 "If you will listen to the voice of the LORD your God, ²keeping all His commandments which I am commanding you to-day, ³and doing what is right in the sight of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 14

66 "YOU are ^athe sons of the LORD your God; ^byou shall not cut yourselves nor ¹shave your forehead for the sake of the dead.

2 "For you are ^aa holy people to the LORD your God; and the LORD has chosen you to be a ^bpeople for His ¹own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

3 "You shall not eat any detestable thing.

4 "These are the animals which you may eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat,

5 ¹the deer, the gazelle, the roebuck, the wild goat, the ibex, the antelope and the mountain sheep.

6 "And any animal that divides the hoof and has the hoof split in ¹two and ²chews the cud, among the animals, that you may eat.

7 "Nevertheless, you are not to eat of these among those which ¹chew the cud, or among those that divide the hoof in ²two: the camel and the ³rabbit and the rock-badger, for though they ¹chew the cud, they do not divide the hoof; they are unclean for you.

8 "And the pig, because it divides the hoof but does not chew the cud, it is unclean for you. You shall not eat any of their flesh nor touch their carcasses.

17 ^aEx. 32:12; Num. 25:4 ^bDeut. 30:3 ^cDeut. 7:13 ^dGen. 22:17, 28:4, 24:28-14

18 ¹Or, for ²Lit., to keep ³Lit., to do

1 ¹Lit., make a boldness between your eyes ^aRom. 8:16, 9:8, 26; Gal. 3:26, 1 John 3:1 ^bLev. 19:28, 21:5, Jer. 16:6, 41:5

2 ¹Or, special treasure ^aLev. 20:26, Deut. 7:6, Rom. 12:1 ^bEx. 19:5, Deut. 4:20, 28:18, Titus 2:14, 1 Pet. 2:9

3 ^aLev. 4:14

4 ^aLev. 11:2-45; Acts 10:14

5 ¹Exact identification of these animals is uncertain

6 ¹Lit., two hoofs ²Lit., brings up

7 ¹Lit., brings up ²Lit., a cleaving ³Or, have

12 ¹Or, vulture ²Or, black vulture ^aLev. 11:13

16 ¹Or, great horned owl

19 ¹Or, flying insects

21 ¹Lit., gale ^aLev. 17:15, 22:8; Ezek. 4:14, 44:31

^bDeut. 14:2 ^cEx. 23:19, 34:26

23 ¹Lit., your seed ^aLev. 27:30, Deut. 12:6, 17:17, Neh. 10:37

25 ^aDeut. 12:5 ^bDeut. 4:10; Ps. 2:11, 111:10, 147:11, Is. 8:13; Jer. 32:38-40

26 ¹Lit., way ²Lit., carry it ^aDeut. 12:5, 21

9 "These you may eat of all that are in water: anything that has fins and scales you may eat,

10 but anything that does not have fins and scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for you.

11 "You may eat any clean bird.

12 "But ^athese are the ones which you shall not eat: the ¹eagle and the vulture and the ²buzzard,

13 and the red kite, the falcon, and the kite in their kinds,

14 and every raven in its kind,

15 and the ostrich, the owl, the sea gull, and the hawk in their kinds,

16 the little owl, the ¹great owl, the white owl,

17 the pelican, the carrion vulture, the cormorant,

18 the stork, and the heron in their kinds, and the hoopoe and the bat.

19 "And all the ¹teeming life with wings are unclean to you; they shall not be eaten.

20 "You may eat any clean bird.

21 "You shall not eat anything which dies of itself. You may give it to the alien who is in your ¹town, so that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner, for you are ^aa holy people to the LORD your God. ^cYou shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

22 "You ^ashall surely tithe all the produce from ¹what you sow, which comes out of the field every year.

23 "And you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, ^aat the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the first-born of your herd and your flock, in order that you may ^blearn to fear the LORD your God always.

24 "And if the ¹distance is so great for you that you are not able to ²bring the tithe, since the place where the LORD your God chooses ^ato set His name is too

far away from you when the LORD your God blesses you.

25 then you shall ¹exchange it for money, and bind the money in your hand and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.

26 "And you may spend the money for whatever your ¹heart desires, for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your ¹heart ²desires; and ^athere you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household.

27 "Also you shall not neglect ^athe Levite who is in your ¹town, ^bfor he has no portion or inheritance among you.

28 "At the end of every third year you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and shall deposit it in your ¹town.

29 "And the Levite, ^abecause he has no portion or inheritance among you, and ^bthe alien, the ¹orphan and the widow who are in your ²town, shall come and ^ceat and be satisfied, in order that ^dthe LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

CHAPTER 15

66 "AT the end of every seven years you shall ¹grant a remission of debts.

2 "And this is the manner of remission: every creditor shall release what he has loaned to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother, because the LORD's remission has been proclaimed.

3 "From a foreigner you may exact it, but your hand shall release whatever of yours is with your brother.

4 "However, there shall be no poor among you, since ^athe LORD will surely bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess,

25 ¹Lit., give in money

26 ¹Lit., soul
²Lit., asks of you
Deut. 12:7

27 ¹Lit., gates
Deut. 12:12
Num. 18:20
Deut. 10:9, 18:12

28 ¹Lit., gates
Deut. 26:12

29 ¹Or, for the less ²Lit., gates
Deut. 10:9
Deut. 18:11, 14, 24:19-21, 26:12, Ps. 94:6, Is. 1:17
Deut. 6:11
Deut. 15:10, Mal. 3:10

1 ¹Lit., make a release
Deut. 31:10

3 ¹Deut. 23:20

4 ¹Deut. 28:8

6 ¹Deut. 28:12, 13

7 ¹Lit., gates
Lev. 25:35, Deut. 15:11
John 3:17

8 ¹Matt. 5:42, Luke 6:34, Gal. 2:10

9 ¹Lit., word
Deut. 15:1
Matt. 20:15
Ex. 22:23, Deut. 24:15, Job 34:28, Ps. 12:5, James 5:4

10 ¹Lit., the putting forth of your hand
Deut. 14:29, Ps. 41:1, Prov. 22:9

11 ¹Lit., in the midst of
Matt. 26:11, Mark 14:7, John 12:8

12 ¹Lit., brother ²Lit., free from you
Ex. 21:2-6, Lev. 25:39-43, Jer. 34:14

13 ¹Lit., free from you

5 if only you listen obediently to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all this commandment which I am commanding you today.

6 "For the LORD your God shall bless you as He has promised you, and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; and you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

7 "If there is ^aa poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your ¹towns in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, ^byou shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother;

8 but ^ayou shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks.

9 "Beware, lest there is a base thought in your heart, saying, ^aThe seventh year, the year of remission, is near, and ^byour eye is hostile toward your poor brother, and you give him nothing; then he ^cmay cry to the LORD against you, and it will be a sin in you.

10 "You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because ^afor this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all ¹your undertakings.

11 "For the poor will never cease to be ¹in the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.'

12 "If your ¹kinsman, a Hebrew man or woman, is sold to you, then he shall serve you six years, but in the seventh year you shall set him ²free.

13 "And when you set him ¹free, you shall not send him away empty-handed.

14 "You shall furnish him liberally from your flock and from

your threshing floor and from your wine vat; you shall give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you.

15 "And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you ¹this today.

16 "And it shall come about ^aif he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he fares well with you;

17 then you shall take an awl and pierce it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And also you shall do likewise to your maid-servant.

18 "It shall not seem hard to you when you set him ¹free, for he has given you six years with ²double the service of a hired man; so the LORD your God will bless you in whatever you do.

19 "You shall consecrate to the LORD your God all the first-born males that are born of your herd and of your flock; you shall not work with the first-born of your herd, nor shear the first-born of your flock.

20 "You and your household shall eat it every year before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses.

21 "But if it has any ¹defect, such as lameness or blindness, or any serious ¹defect, you shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your God.

22 "You shall eat it within your gates; ^athe unclean and the clean alike may eat it, as ^aa gazelle or a deer.

23 "Only ^ayou shall not eat its blood; you are to pour it out on the ground like water.

CHAPTER 16

66 **O**BERVE ^athe month of Abib and ^{1b}celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the

15 ¹Lit. this thing

16 ^aEx. 21.5, 6

18 ¹Lit. free from you
²Lit. double the amount

19 ^aEx. 13.2, 12

20 ^aLev. 7.15-18, Deut. 12.5, 14.23

21 ¹Lit. blemish
^aLev. 22.19-25, Deut. 17.1

22 ^aDeut. 12.15, 16, 22

23 ^aGen. 9.4, Lev. 7.26, 17.10, 19.26, Deut. 12.16, 23

1 ¹Lit. per-form
^aEx. 12.2
^aNum. 28.18

3 ^aEx. 12.8, 15, 19, 39, 13.3, 34.18
^aDeut. 4.9

4 ^aEx. 12.6, 10, 34.25

5 ¹Lit. gates

6 ^aDeut. 12.5

7 ^aEx. 12.8, 2 Chr. 35.13

8 ^aNum. 28.25 ^aEx. 12.16, 13.6, Lev. 23.8, 36

9 ^aEx. 23.16, 34.22, Lev. 23.15, Num. 28.28

10 ¹Lit. per-form

11 ^aDeut. 12.7

LORD your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

2 "And you shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God from the flock and the herd, in the place where the LORD chooses to establish His name.

3 "You shall not eat leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat with it unleavened bread, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), in order that you may remember ^aall the days of your life the day when you came out of the land of Egypt.

4 "For seven days no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory, and ^anone of the flesh which you sacrifice on the evening of the first day shall remain overnight until morning.

5 "You are not allowed to sacrifice the Passover in any of your ¹towns which the LORD your God is giving you;

6 but ^aat the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name, you shall sacrifice the Passover in the evening at sunset, at the time that you came out of Egypt.

7 "And you shall ^acook and eat it in the place which the LORD your God chooses. And in the morning you are to return to your tents.

8 "Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and ^aon the seventh day there shall be ^aa solemn assembly to the LORD your God; you shall do no work on it.

9 "You shall count seven weeks for yourself; you shall begin to count seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.

10 "Then you shall ¹celebrate the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with a tribute of a free-will offering of your hand, which you shall give just as the LORD your God blesses you;

11 and you shall ^arejoice before the LORD your God, you and

your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and ^bthe Levite who is in your ¹town, and ^cthe stranger and the ²orphan and the widow who are in your midst, in the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

12" And ^ayou shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes.

13 ¶ ^aYou shall ¹celebrate the Feast of Booths seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat;

14 and you shall ^arejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter and your male and female servants and the Levite and the stranger and the ¹orphan and the widow who are in your ²towns.

15" Seven days you shall celebrate a feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you shall be altogether joyful.

16" ^aThree times in a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, at the Feast of Unleavened Bread and at the Feast of Weeks and at the Feast of Booths, and ^bthey shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.

17" Every man ¹shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

18 ¶ ^aYou shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your ¹towns which the LORD your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

19" ^aYou shall not distort justice; ^byou shall not ¹be partial, and ^cyou shall not take a bribe,

¹¹ Lit., gates ¹⁰ Or, fatherless
^b Deut. 12:12
^c Deut. 14:29

¹² Deut. 15:15

¹³ Lit., per-form
^a Lev. 23:34-43

¹⁴ Or, fatherless ¹ Lit., gates
^a Deut. 16:11

¹⁶ Ex. 23:14-17;
34:23, 24 ^b Ex. 34:20

¹⁷ Lit., according to the gift of his hand,

¹⁸ Lit., rules

¹⁹ Lit., regard persons
^a Ex. 23:2, Lev. 19:15, Deut. 1:17, 10:17 ^b Prov. 24:23 ^c Ex. 23:8, Prov. 17:23, Eccl. 7:7

²⁰ Deut. 4:1

²¹ I.e., wooden symbol of a female deity
^a Deut. 7:5; 2 Kin. 17:18; 21:3; 2 Chr. 33:3

²² Lev. 26:1

¹ Lit., evil thing
^a Deut. 15:21

² Lit., gates
^a Deut. 13:8-11

³ Ex. 22:20 ^b Job 31:28-28 ^c Jer. 7:22

⁵ Lit., death with stones
^a Lev. 24:14; Josh. 7:25

⁶ Lit., mouth
^a Num. 35:30; Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; John 8:17; 2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19; Heb. 10:28

⁷ Lev. 24:14; Deut. 13:9

for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

20" Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, that ^ayou may live and possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

21 ¶ ^aYou shall not plant for yourself an ¹Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD your God, which you shall make for yourself.

22" ^aNeither shall you set up for yourself a sacred pillar which the LORD your God hates.

CHAPTER 17

66" **Y**OU shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God an ox or a sheep which has a blemish or any ¹defect, for that is a detestable thing to the LORD your God.

2 ¶ ^aIf there is found in your midst, in any of your ¹towns, which the LORD your God is giving you, a man or a woman who does what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, by transgressing His covenant,

3 and has gone and ^aserved other gods and worshiped them, ^bor the sun or the moon or any of the heavenly host, ^cwhich I have not commanded,

4 and if it is told you and you have heard of it, then you shall inquire thoroughly. And behold, if it is true and the thing certain that this detestable thing has been done in Israel,

5 then you shall bring out that man or that woman who has done this evil deed, to your gates, *that is*, the man or the woman, and ^ayou shall stone them to ¹death.

6" ^aOn the ¹evidence of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the ¹evidence of one witness.

7" ^aThe hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put

him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. ^bSo you shall purge the evil from your midst.

8 ¶ "If any case is too difficult for you to decide, between ¹one kind of homicide or another, between ²one kind of lawsuit or another, and between ³one kind of assault or another, being cases of dispute in your ⁴courts, then you shall arise and go up to ^bthe place which the LORD your God chooses.

9 "So you shall come to ^athe Levitical priest or the judge who is in office in those days, and you shall inquire of them, and they will declare to you the verdict in the case.

10 "And you shall do according to the ¹terms of the verdict which they declare to you from that place which the LORD chooses; and you shall be careful to observe according to all that they teach you.

11 "According to the ¹terms of the law which they teach you, and according to the verdict which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside from the word which they declare to you, to the right or the left.

12 "And the man who acts ^apresumptuously by not listening to the priest who stands there to serve the LORD your God, nor to the judge, that man shall die; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

13 "Then all the people will hear and be afraid, and will not act ^apresumptuously again.

14 ¶ "When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you ^apossess it and live in it, and you say, ^b'I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,'

15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, one ^afrom among your ¹countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you

7 ^{b1} Cor. 5:13

8 ¹ Lit., blood to blood ² Lit., judgment to judgment

³ Lit., stroke to stroke ⁴ Lit., gates ² Chr. 19:10; Hag. 2:11 ^a Deut. 12:5; Ps. 122:5

9 ^a Deut. 19:17

10 ¹ Lit., mouth

11 ¹ Lit., mouth ^a Deut. 25:1

12 ^a Num. 15:30; Deut. 1:43, 17:13, 18:20; Hos. 4:4

13 ^a Deut. 17:12

14 ^a Deut. 11:31; Josh. 21:43 ^{b1} Sam. 8:5, 19:20, 10:19

15 ¹ Lit., brother(s) ^a Jer. 30:21

16 ^{a1} Kin. 4:26; 10:26-29; Ps. 20:7 ^{a1a} 31:1; Ezek. 17:15 ^a Ex. 13:17, 18; Hos. 11:5

17 ¹ Lit., nor ^{a2} Sam. 5:13, 12:11, 1 Kin. 11:3, 4

18 ¹ Lit., from before ^a Deut. 31:24-26

19 ¹ Lit., to keep to do them ^a Deut. 4:9, 10; Josh. 1:8

20 ¹ Lit., brothers ^a Deut. 5:32, 1 Kin. 15:5

1 ^a Or, inheritance ^a Deut. 10:9, 1 Cor. 9:13

2 ¹ Lit., brothers ^a Lit., spoils to ^a Num. 18:20

3 ^a Lev. 7:32-34; Num. 18:11, 12

may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your ¹countryman.

16 "Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he ^bcause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since ^cthe LORD has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

17 "Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, ¹lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself.

18 ¶ "Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll ^{1a}in the presence of the Levitical priests.

19 "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it ^aall the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, ¹by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes.

20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his ¹countrymen ^aand that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left; in order that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

CHAPTER 18

¶ "THE Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the LORD's offerings by fire and His ¹portion.

2 "And they shall have no inheritance among their ¹countrymen; the LORD is their inheritance, as He ²promised them.

3 ¶ "Now this shall be the priests' due from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, either an ox or a sheep, of which they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks and the stomach.

4 "You shall give him the ^afirst fruits of your grain, your new wine, and your oil, and the first shearing of your sheep.

5 "For the LORD your God has chosen him and his sons from all your tribes, to ^bstand ¹and serve in the name of the LORD forever.

6 "Now if a Levite comes from any of your ¹towns throughout Israel where he ^aresides, and comes ²whenever he desires to the place which the LORD chooses.

7 then he shall serve in the name of the LORD his God, like all his fellow Levites who stand there before the LORD.

8 "They shall eat ¹equal portions, except *what they receive* from the sale of their fathers' ¹estates.

9 "When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to ¹imitate the detestable things of those nations.

10 "There shall not be found among you anyone ^awho makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one ^bwho practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

11 or one who casts a spell, ^aor a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

12 "For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and ^abecause of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you.

13 "You shall be ¹blameless before the LORD your God.

14 "For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who ^apractice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do so.

15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your ¹countrymen, you shall listen to him.

4 Num. 18:12
5 ¹Lit., to
Ex. 28:9
Deut. 10:8
6 ¹Lit.,
gates ¹Lit.,
with all the
desire of his
soul
Num. 35:2, 3
7 ¹Lit., por-
tion like por-
tion
Lev. 27:30-
33; Num.
18:21-24;
2 Chr. 31:4;
Neh. 12:44
8 ¹Lit., do
according to
Deut. 9:5
9 ¹Deut.
12:31 ¹Ex.
22:18; Lev.
19:26, 31;
20:8; Jer.
27:9, 10; Mal.
3:5
11 ¹Lev.
19:31
12 ¹Lev.
18:24
13 ¹Lit.,
complete,
perfect, or,
having integ-
rity
Gen. 6:9;
17:1; Matt.
5:48
14 ²Kin.
21:8
15 ¹Lit.,
brothers
Matt. 21:11;
Luke 2:25-34;
7:16; 24:19;
John 1:21, 25;
4:19; Acts
3:22; 7:37
16 ¹Ex.
20:18, 19;
Deut. 5:23-27
17 ¹Lit.,
done well
what they
have spoken
Deut. 5:28
18 ¹Lit.,
brothers
Is. 51:16;
John 17:8
John 4:25;
8:28; 12:49;
50
19 ¹Acts
3:23; Heb.
12:25
20 ¹Lit., and
that
Deut. 13:5;
17:12 ¹Deut.
13:1, 2; Jer.
14:14; Zech.
13:3
21 ¹Lit., if
you say
22 ¹Jer. 28:9
Deut. 18:20
1 ¹Deut.
6:10, 11
2 ¹Lit., pos-
sess it
Deut. 4:41;
Josh. 20:2

16 "This is ^aaccording to all that you asked of the LORD your God in Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, let me not see this great fire anymore, lest I die.'

17 "And the LORD said to me, 'They have ¹spoken well.'

18 'I will raise up a prophet from among their ¹countrymen like you, and ^aI will put My words in his mouth, and ^bhe shall speak to them all that I command him.

19 "And it shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which he shall speak in My name, I Myself will require it of him.

20 "But the prophet who shall speak a word ^apresumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or ^bwhich he shall speak in the name of other gods, ¹that prophet shall die.'

21 "And ¹you may say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'

22 "When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it ^bpresumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

CHAPTER 19

6 "WHEN the LORD your God cuts off the nations, whose land the LORD your God gives you, and you dispossess them and settle in their cities and in their houses,

2 ^ayou shall set aside three cities for yourself in the midst of your land, which the LORD your God gives you to ¹possess.

3 "You shall prepare the ¹roads for yourself, and divide into

3 ¹Lit., road

three parts the territory of your land, which the LORD your God will give you as a possession,² so that any manslayer may flee there.

4 ¶¹Now this is the case of the manslayer who may flee there and live: when he¹ kills his friend unintentionally,² not hating him previously—

5 as when a man goes into the forest with his friend to cut wood, and his hand¹ swings the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron head slips off the² handle and³ strikes his friend so that he dies—he may flee to one of these cities and live;

6 lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer¹ in the heat of his anger, and overtake him, because the way is long, and² take his life, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated him previously.

7¹Therefore, I command you, saying, 'You shall set aside three cities for yourself.'

8¹And if the LORD your God² enlarges your territory, just as He has sworn to your fathers, and gives you all the land which He¹ promised to give your fathers—

9 if you¹ carefully observe all this commandment, which I command you today, ²to love the LORD your God, and to walk in His ways always—³then you shall add three more cities for yourself, besides these three.

10¹So innocent blood will not be shed in the midst of your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and² bloodguiltiness be on you.

11 ¶¹But² if there is a man who hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and strikes¹ him so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities,

12 then the elders of his city shall send and take him from there and deliver him into the

3¹ Lit., and it shall be for every manslayer to flee there

4¹ Lit., unless² Lit., without knowledge³ Lit., and he was not hating him previously⁴ Num. 35:9-34

5¹ Lit., a thrust with² Lit., wood³ Lit., And

6¹ Lit., while his heart is hot² Lit., smite him in the soul

8¹ Lit., spoke² Gen. 15:18

9¹ Lit., keep to do it² Deut. 6:5³ Josh. 20:7

10¹ Num. 35:33, Deut. 21:1-9

11¹ Lit., him in the soul² Ex. 21:12, Num. 35:16, 1 John 3:15

12¹ Lit., Your eye² Deut. 7:2³ 1 Km. 2:31

14¹ Lit., pursue it² Deut. 27:17, Job 24:2, Prov. 22:28, Hos. 5:10

15¹ Lit., in any sin, which he sins² Lit., mouth of two witnesses, or by the mouth of three

³ Num. 35:30, Deut. 17:6, Matt. 18:16, John 8:17, 2 Cor. 13:1, 1 Tim. 5:19, Heb. 10:28

16¹ Lit., testify against² Lit., turning aside³ Ex. 23:1, Ps. 27:12

17¹ Deut. 17:9

18¹ Lit., testified against² Deut. 25:1

19¹ Prov. 19:5

20¹ Deut. 17:13, 21:21

hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13¹ ¶²You shall not pity him, but³ you shall purge the blood of the innocent from Israel, that it may go well with you.

14 ¶¹You shall not move your neighbor's boundary mark, which the ancestors have set, in your inheritance which you shall inherit in the land that the LORD your God gives you to¹ possess.

15 ¶¹A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin¹ which he has committed; on the² evidence of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.

16¹ ¶²If a malicious witness rises up against a man to¹ accuse him of² wrongdoing.

17 then both the men who have the dispute shall stand² before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who will be in office in those days.

18¹ And the judges² shall investigate thoroughly; and if the witness is a false witness and he has¹ accused his brother falsely,

19 then² you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

20¹ And² the rest will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such an evil thing among you.

21¹ Thus² you shall not show pity: ³life for life, ⁴eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAPTER 20

“**W**HEN you go out to battle against your enemies and see² horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, ³do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God,

21¹ Lit., your eye² Deut. 19:13³ Ex. 21:23, Lev. 24:20⁴ Matt. 5:38⁵ 1¹ Deut. 3:22, 7:18, 31:6, & Ps. 20:7, Is. 31:1² Chr. 32:7, & Ps. 23:4, Is. 41:10

who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you.

2 "Now it shall come about that when you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people.

3 "And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be fainthearted. ^aDo not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them,

4 for the LORD your God ^ais the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

5 "The officers also shall speak to the people, saying, 'Who is the man that has built a new house and has not ^adedicated it? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.

6 'And who is the man that has planted a vineyard and has not ¹begun to use its fruit? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man ¹begin to use its fruit.

7 '^aAnd who is the man that is engaged to a woman and has not ¹married her? Let him depart and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man ²marry her.'

8 "Then the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, '^aWho is the man that is afraid and fainthearted? Let him depart and return to his house, so that ¹he might not make his brothers' hearts melt like his heart.'

9 "And it shall come about that when the officers have finished speaking to the people, they shall appoint commanders of armies at the head of the people.

10 " "When you approach a city to fight against it, you shall ¹offer it terms of peace.

11 "And it shall come about, if it ¹agrees to make peace with you and opens to you, then it shall be

3 ^aDeut. 20:1; Josh. 23:10

4 ^aDeut. 1:30; 3:22; Josh. 23:10

5 ^aNeh. 12:27

6 ¹Lit., treat(ed) it as common

7 ¹Lit., taken ²Lit., take ^aDeut. 24:5

8 ¹So with Gr. and other ancient versions ^aJudg. 7:3

10 ¹Lit., call to it for peace

11 ¹Lit., answer peace ^a1 Kin. 9:21

13 ¹Lit., males ^aNum. 31:7

14 ¹Lit., out ^aJosh. 8:2

15 ¹Lit., here

16 ^aEx. 23:31-33; Num. 21:2, 3; Deut. 7:1-5; Josh. 11:14

17 ¹Or, put them under the ban

18 ^aEx. 34:12-16; Deut. 7:4, 9-5; 12:30, 31 ^bEx. 23:33, 2 Kin. 21:3-15; Ps. 106:34-41

19 ¹Read as interrogative with ancient versions ²Lit., come before you in the siege

20 ¹Lit., they are not trees for food

that all the people who are found in it shall become your ^aforced labor and shall serve you.

12 "However, if it does not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it.

13 "When the LORD your God gives it into your hand, ^ayou shall strike all the ¹men in it with the edge of the sword.

14 "Only the women and the children and ^athe animals and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourself; and you shall ¹use the spoil of your enemies which the LORD your God has given you.

15 "Thus you shall do to all the cities that are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations ¹nearby.

16 "^aOnly in the cities of these peoples that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, you shall not leave alive anything that breathes.

17 "But you shall ¹utterly destroy them, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the LORD your God has commanded you.

18 in order that they may not teach you to do ^aaccording to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you would ^bsin against the LORD your God.

19 ¶ "When you besiege a city a long time, to make war against it in order to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees by swinging an axe against them; for you may eat from them, and you shall not cut them down. ¹For is the tree of the field a man, that it should ²be besieged by you?

20 "Only the trees which you know ¹are not fruit trees you shall destroy and cut down, that you may construct siegeworks against the city that is making war with you until it falls.

CHAPTER 21

66 **I**F a slain person is found lying in the open country in the land which the LORD your God gives you to possess, and it is not known who has struck him,

2 then your elders and your judges shall go out and measure the distance to the cities which are around the slain one.

3 "And it shall be that the city which is nearest to the slain man, that is, the elders of that city, shall take a heifer of the herd, which has not been worked and which has not pulled in a yoke;

4 and the elders of that city shall bring the heifer down to a valley with running water, which has not been plowed or sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the valley.

5 "Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near, for the LORD your God has chosen them to serve Him and to bless in the name of the LORD; and every dispute and every assault shall be settled by them.

6 "And all the elders of that city which is nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley;

7 and they shall answer and say, 'Our hands have not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it.

8 "Forgive Thy people Israel whom Thou hast redeemed, O LORD, and do not place the guilt of innocent blood in the midst of Thy people Israel.' And the bloodguiltiness shall be forgiven them.

9 "So you shall remove the guilt of innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the eyes of the LORD.

10 "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and the LORD your God delivers them into your hands, and you take them away captive,

11 and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and have a desire for her and would take her as a wife for yourself.

12 then you shall bring her home to your house, and she shall shave her head and trim her nails.

13 "She shall also remove the clothes of her captivity and shall remain in your house, and mourn her father and mother a full month; and after that you may go in to her and be her husband and she shall be your wife.

14 "And it shall be, if you are not pleased with her, then you shall let her go wherever she wishes; but you shall certainly not sell her for money, you shall not mistreat her, because you have humbled her.

15 "If a man has two wives, the one loved and the other unloved, and both the loved and the unloved have borne him sons, if the first-born son belongs to the unloved,

16 then it shall be in the day he wills what he has to his sons, he cannot make the son of the loved the first-born before the son of the unloved, who is the first-born.

17 "But he shall acknowledge the first-born, the son of the unloved, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; to him belongs the right of the first-born.

18 "If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them,

19 then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his home town.

20 "And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he

1 ¹ Lit. poss-
ess of

3 ³ Lit.
stroke ³ Lit.
shall be ac-
cording to
their mouth
Deut. 17-8
11, 19 17,
1 Chr 23 13

6 ⁶ Lit.
who are
elders 27 24

8 ⁸ Lit.
Cover over
above for
Lit. covered
over, atoned
for
Num. 35-33,
34, Job. 1 14

9 ⁹ Deut.
19 13

10 ¹⁰ Josh
21 44

12 ¹² Lit. do
Lev 14 8, 9
Num. 6 9

13 ¹³ Lit. re-
move from
her
Ps. 65 10

14 ¹⁴ Lit. ac-
cording to
her soul ¹⁴ Lit.
and she
Gen. 34 2

15 ¹⁵ Lit.
hated
Gen. 29 33

16 ¹⁶ Lit.
makes to in-
herit ¹⁶ Lit.
hated

17 ¹⁷ Lit.
hated ¹⁷ Lit., as
found with
him
Gen. 49 3
Gen. 25 31

18 ¹⁸ Ex.
20 12, Lev
19 3, Prov
1 & Eph.
6 1-3

19 ¹⁹ Lit. and
to the gate of
his place

will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.'

21 "Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death; so ^byou shall remove the evil from your midst, and ^call Israel shall hear of it and fear.

22 "And if a man has committed a sin ^aworthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,

23 ^ahis corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for ^bhe who is hanged is ¹accursed of God), so that you ^cdo not defile your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

CHAPTER 22

22 "YOU shall not see your ¹countryman's ox or his sheep straying away, and ²pay no attention to them; you shall certainly bring them back to your countryman.

2 "And if your countryman is not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it home to your house, and it shall remain with you until your countryman looks for it; then you shall restore it to him.

3 "And thus you shall do with his donkey, and you shall do the same with his garment, and you shall do likewise with anything lost by your countryman, which he has lost and you have found. You are not allowed to ¹neglect them.

4 "You shall not see your countryman's donkey or his ox fallen down on the way, and ¹pay no attention to them; you shall certainly help him to raise *them* up.

5 "A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.

6 "If you happen to come upon a bird's nest along the way,

21 ^aLev. 20:2, 27; 24:14-23; Num. 15:25; 36:9; Deut. 19:19; Deut. 13:11

22 ^aDeut. 22:26; Matt. 26:68; Mark 14:64; Acts 23:29

23 ¹Lit., the curse of God ^aJosh. 8:29; 10:26, 27; John 19:31 ^bGal. 3:13 ^cLev. 18:25; Num. 35:34

1 ¹Lit., brother, and so through v 4 ²Lit., hide yourself from them ^aEx. 23:4, 5; Prov. 27:10; Zech. 7:9

3 ¹Lit., hide yourself

4 ¹Lit., hide yourself from them

6 ^aLev. 22:28

7 ^aDeut. 4:40

9 ¹Lit., the fulness ^aLev. 19:19

10 ^a2 Cor. 6:14-16

11 ^aLev. 19:19

12 ^aNum. 15:37-41; Matt. 23:5

13 ¹Lit., hates her ^aGen. 29:21; Deut. 24:1; Judg. 15:1

14 ¹Lit., causes an evil name to go out against her

16 ¹Lit., hated her

17 ¹Lit., these are

in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother sitting on the young or on the eggs, ^ayou shall not take the mother with the young;

7 you shall certainly let the mother go, but the young you may take for yourself, ^ain order that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days.

8 "When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring bloodguilt on your house if anyone falls from it.

9 "You shall not sow your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest ¹all the produce of the seed which you have sown, and the increase of the vineyard become defiled.

10 "You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

11 "You shall not wear a material mixed of wool and linen together.

12 "You shall make yourself tassels on the four corners of your garment with which you cover yourself.

13 "If any man takes a wife and goes in to her and *then* ¹turns against her,

14 and charges her with shameful deeds and ¹publicly defames her, and says, 'I took this woman, *but* when I came near her, I did not find her a virgin,'

15 then the girl's father and her mother shall take and bring out the evidence of the girl's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.

16 "And the girl's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man for a wife, but he ¹turned against her;

17 and behold, he has charged her with shameful deeds, saying, "I did not find your daughter a virgin." But ¹this is the evidence of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city.

18 "So the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him.

19 and they shall fine him a hundred *shekels* of silver and give it to the girl's father, because he publicly defamed a virgin of Israel. And she shall remain his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days.

20 "But if this charge is true, that the girl was not found a virgin,

21 then they shall bring out the girl to the doorway of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death because she has committed an act of folly in Israel, by playing the harlot in her father's house; thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

22 "If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

23 "If there is a girl who is a virgin engaged to a man, and another man finds her in the city and lies with her,

24 then you shall bring them both out to the gate of that city and you shall stone them to death; the girl, because she did not cry out in the city, and the man, because he has violated his neighbor's wife. Thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

25 "But if in the field the man finds the girl who is engaged, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man who lies with her shall die.

26 "But you shall do nothing to the girl; there is no sin in the girl worthy of death, for just as a man rises against his neighbor and murders him, so is this case.

27 "When he found her in the field, the engaged girl cried out, but there was no one to save her.

28 "If a man finds a girl who is a virgin, who is not engaged,

18 Ex. 18:21; Deut. 19:18

19 Lit. caused an evil name to go out against a virgin Lit. send her away

20 Lit. matter Deut. 17:4

21 Lit. with stones so that she dies Gen. 34:7, Lev. 19:29,

21:9; Deut. 23:17, 18, Judg. 20:5-10, 2 Sam. 13:12, 13 Deut. 13:5, 17:7, 19:19

22 Lev. 20:10; Ezek. 16:38, Matt. 5:27, 28, John 8:5, 1 Cor. 6:9, Heb. 13:4

23 Lev. 19:20-22, Matt. 1:18, 19

24 Lit. with stones so that they die

25 Ex. 22:16

26 Ch. 23:1 in Heb. Lev. 18:8, 20:11, Deut. 27:20, 1 Cor. 5:1

1 Lit. wounded by crushing of testicles Lev. 21:20, 22:24

3 Neh. 13:1, 2

4 Lit. bread Heb. Arum-nashum Neh. 13:2

Num. 22:5, 23:7, Josh. 24:9, 2 Pet. 2:15, Jude 11

5 Prov. 26:2 Deut. 4:37

6 Ezra 9:12

7 Gen. 25:24-26, Obad. 10, 12 Ex. 22:21, 23:9; Lev. 19:34, Deut. 10:19

8 Or. a camp

and seizes her and lies with her and they are discovered.

29 then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall become his wife because he has violated her; he cannot divorce her all his days.

30 "A man shall not take his father's wife so that he shall not uncover his father's skirt.

CHAPTER 23

1 "No one who is emasculated, or has his male organ cut off, shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

2 "No one of illegitimate birth shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of his descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

3 "No Ammonite or Moabite shall enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their descendants, even to the tenth generation, shall ever enter the assembly of the LORD.

4 "because they did not meet you with food and water on the way when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

5 "Nevertheless, the LORD your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, but the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because the LORD your God loves you.

6 "You shall never seek their peace or their prosperity all your days.

7 "You shall not detest an Edomite, for he is your brother; you shall not detest an Egyptian, because you were an alien in his land.

8 "The sons of the third generation who are born to them may enter the assembly of the LORD.

9 "When you go out as an army against your enemies, then

you shall keep yourself from every evil thing.

10^a "If there is among you any man who is unclean because of a nocturnal emission, then he must go outside the camp; he may not ¹reenter the camp.

11^a "But it shall be when evening approaches, he shall bathe himself with water, and at sundown he may ¹reenter the camp.

12^a "You shall also have a place outside the camp and go out there.

13 and you shall have a ¹spade among your tools, and it shall be when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and shall turn ²to cover up your excrement.

14^a "Since ^athe LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to ¹defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be ^bholy; and He must not see ²anything indecent among you ³lest He turn away from you.

15 ^a"You shall not hand over to his master a slave who has ¹escaped from his master to you.

16^a "He shall live with you in your midst, in the place which he shall choose in one of your ¹towns where it pleases him; ^ayou shall not mistreat him.

17 ^a"None of the daughters of Israel shall be a cult prostitute, ^bnor shall any of the sons of Israel be a cult prostitute.

18^a "You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a ¹dog into the house of the LORD your God for any votive offering, for both of these are an abomination to the LORD your God.

19^a "You shall not charge interest to your ¹countrymen: interest on money, food, or anything that may be loaned at interest.

20^a "You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your ¹countryman you shall not charge interest, so that ^bthe LORD your God may bless you in all ²that you un-

10 ¹Lat., come to the midst of ^aLev 15:16

11 ¹Lat., come to the midst of

13 ¹Lat., per ²Lat., and

14 ¹Lat., give ²Lat., nakedness of any thing ³Lat., and ^aLev 26:12 ^bEx 3:5

15 ¹Lat., delivered himself ^a1 Sam 30:15

16 ¹Lat., gates ^aEx 22:21, Prov 22:22

17 ^aLev 19:29; Deut 22:21 ^bGen 19:5, 2 Kin 23:7

18 ¹Le., male prostitute, sodomite ^aLev 18:22, 20:13

19 ¹Lat., brothers ^aEx 22:25, Lev 25:35-37, Neh 5:2-7, Ps 15:5

20 ¹Lat., brother ²Lat., the putting forth of your hand ³Lat., possess it ^aDeut 28:12 ^bDeut 15:10

21 ¹Lat., for ^aNum. 30:1, 2, Job 22:27, Ps 61:8, Eccl 5:4, 5; Matt. 5:33

23 ¹Lat., spoken with your mouth

24 ¹Lat., according to your satisfaction of your soul ²Or., vessel

25 ^aMatt. 12:1; Mark 2:23; Luke 6:1

1 ¹Lat., if ^aNum. 5:12, 28; Deut. 22:13-21 ^bMatt. 5:31; 19:7-9; Mark 10:4, 5

3 ¹Lat., hates her

4 ^aJer. 3:1

dertake in the land which you are about to enter to ³possess.

21 ^a"When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for it would be sin in you, ^aand the LORD your God will surely require it of you.

22^a "However, if you refrain from vowing, it would not be sin in you.

23^a "You shall be careful to perform what goes out from your lips, just as you have voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God, what you have ¹promised.

24 ^a"When you enter your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat grapes ¹until you are fully satisfied, but you shall not put any in your ²basket.

25^a "When you enter your neighbor's standing grain, then you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not wield a sickle in your neighbor's standing grain.

CHAPTER 24

“WHEN a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens ¹that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some ^aindecency in her, and ^bhe writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out from his house,

2 and she leaves his house and goes and becomes another man's wife,

3 and if the latter husband ¹turns against her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife,

4 then her ^aformer husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her again to be his wife, since she has been defiled; for that is an abomination before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance.

5 ¶¹When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army, nor be charged with any duty; he shall be free at home one year and shall ^bgive happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

6 ¶¹No one shall take a hand-mill or an upper millstone in pledge, for he would be taking a life in pledge.

7 ¶¹If a man is ¹caught kidnapping any of his ²countrymen of the sons of Israel, and he deals with him violently, or sells him, then that thief shall die; so you shall purge the evil from among you.

8 ¶¹Be careful against ¹an infection of leprosy, that you diligently observe and do according to all that the Levitical priests shall teach you; as I have commanded them, so you shall be careful to do.

9 ¶Remember what the LORD your God did ^ato Miriam on the way as you came out of Egypt.

10 ¶¹When you make your neighbor a loan of any sort, you shall not enter his house to take his pledge.

11 ¶You shall remain outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you.

12 ¶And if he is a poor man, you shall not sleep with his pledge.

13 ¶When the sun goes down you shall surely return the pledge to him, that he may sleep in his cloak and bless you; and ^bit will be righteousness for you before the LORD your God.

14 ¶¹You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your ¹countrymen or one of your ¹aliens who is in your land in your ²towns.

15 ¶¹You shall give him his wages on his day ¹before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his ²heart on it; so that ^bhe may not cry against you to the LORD and it become sin in you.

5 •Deut. 20:7 •Prov. 5:18

7 ¹Lit. found stealing ²Lit. brothers •Ex. 21:16

8 ¹Lit. a mark or stroke •Lev. 13:1-14:57

9 •Num. 12:10

10 •Ex. 22:26, 27

13 •Ex. 22:26 •Deut. 6:25, Ps. 106:31. •Dan. 4:27

14 ¹Lit. brothers ²Lit. guile

•Lev. 19:13, 25:35-43, Deut. 15:7-18, Prov. 14:31, Amos 4:1, 1 Tim. 5:18

18 ¹Lit. that the sun shall not go down on it ²Lit. and

•Lev. 19:13, Jer. 22:13,

James 5:4

•Ex. 22:23, Deut. 15:9,

Job 35:9, James 5:4

16 ¹Or, with ²Kin. 14:6,

2 Chr. 25:4, Jer. 31:29, 30,

Ezek. 18:20

17 ¹Lit. of ²Or, the fatherless

•Ex. 23:9, Lev. 19:33,

Deut. 1:17, 10:17, 16:19,

27:19 •Ex. 22:22

19 ¹Or, fatherless

•Lev. 19:9, 10:23-22

•Deut. 14:29, •Prov. 19:17

20 ¹Lit. of ²Or, fatherless

•Lev. 19:10, •Deut. 24:19

21 ¹Lit. glean it after yourself ²Or, fatherless

1 ¹Lit. the judgment ²Lit. they judge them

•Deut. 17:8, 13:19-17

•Deut. 1:16, 17

16 ¶¹Fathers shall not be put to death ¹for their sons, nor shall sons be put to death ¹for their fathers; everyone shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 ¶¹You shall not pervert the justice ¹due an alien or ²an orphan, nor ^btake a widow's garment in pledge.

18 ¶But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and that the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.

19 ¶¹When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be ^bfor the alien, for the ¹orphan, and for the widow, in order that the LORD your God ^cmay bless you in all the work of your hands.

20 ¶¹When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs ¹again; it shall be ^bfor the alien, for the ²orphan, and for the widow.

21 ¶When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not ¹go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the ²orphan, and for the widow.

22 ¶And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.

CHAPTER 25

66 ¶¹IF there is a dispute between men and they go to ¹court, and ²the judges decide their case, ^band they justify the righteous and condemn the wicked,

2 then it shall be if the wicked man ^{1a}deserves to be beaten, the judge shall then make him lie down and be beaten in his presence with the number of stripes according to his ²guilt.

3 ¹Lit. is a son of beating ²Or, wickedness •Prov. 19:29, Luke 12:48

3^a "He may beat him forty times but no more, lest he beat him with many more stripes than these, and your brother be ^bdegraded in your eyes.

4^a "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing.

5^a "When brothers live together and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the deceased shall not be married outside the family to a strange man. ^aHer husband's brother shall go in to her and take her to himself as wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her.

6^a "And it shall be that the first-born whom she bears shall ^aassume the name of his dead brother, that ^ahis name may not be blotted out from Israel.

7^a "But if the man does not desire to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to establish a name for his brother in Israel; he is not willing to perform the duty of a husband's brother to me.'

8^a "Then the elders of his city shall summon him and speak to him. And if he persists and says, 'I do not desire to take her,'

9^a "then his brother's wife shall come to him in the sight of the elders, and pull his sandal off his foot and ^bspit in his face; and she shall ^adeclare, 'Thus it is done to the man who does not build up his brother's house.'

10^a "And in Israel his name shall be called, 'The house of him whose sandal is removed.'

11^a "If two men, a man and his ^acountryman, are struggling together, and the wife of one comes near to deliver her husband from the hand of the one who is striking him, and puts out her hand and seizes his genitals,

12 then you shall cut off her ^ahand; ^{2a}you shall not show pity.

13^a "You shall not have in

3^a 2 Cor. 11:24; Job 16:3

4^a Prov. 12:10; 1 Cor. 9:9; 1 Tim. 5:18

5^a Matt. 22:24; Mark 12:19; Luke 20:28

6^a Lit., stand on; Ruth 4:5, 10

7^a Ruth 4:5, 6

9^a Lit., answer and say; Ruth 4:7, 8; Num. 12:14

11^a Lit., brother

12^a Lit., palm; ²Lit., your eye; Deut. 7:2; 19:13

13^a Lit., a stone and a stone; Lev. 19:35; 37; Prov. 11:1; 20:23; Ezek. 45:10; Mic. 6:11

14^a Lit., an ephah and an ephah

15^a Lit., ephah; ²Lit., ground; Ex. 20:12

16^a Prov. 11:1

17^a Ex. 17:8-16

18^a Or, reverence; Ps. 36:1; Rom. 3:18

19^a Lit., possess it; Deut. 12:9

2^a Ex. 22:29; 23:16; 18; Num. 18:13; Prov. 3:9; Deut. 12:5

3^a So with Gr., Heb., your

your bag ^adiffering weights, a large and a small.

14^a "You shall not have in your house ^adiffering measures, a large and a small.

15^a "You shall have a full and just weight; you shall have a full and just ^ameasure, ^athat your days may be prolonged in the ²land which the LORD your God gives you.

16^a "For ^aeveryone who does these things, everyone who acts unjustly is an abomination to the LORD your God.

17^a "Remember what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt.

18 how he met you along the way and attacked among you all the stragglers at your rear when you were faint and weary; and he ^adid not ^afear God.

19^a "Therefore it shall come about when the LORD your God has given you ^arest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance to ^apossess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you must not forget.

CHAPTER 26

“**T**HEN it shall be, when you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and you possess it and live in it,

2 that you shall take some of ^athe first of all the produce of the ground which you shall bring in from your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket and ^bgo to the place where the LORD your God chooses to establish His name.

3^a "And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'I declare this day to the LORD ^amy God that I have entered the land which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.

4 "Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

5 "And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God, 'My father was a ¹wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt and ²sojourned there, ^bfew in number; but there he became a ^cgreat, mighty and populous nation.

6 "And the ^aEgyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us.

7 "Then ^awe cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression;

8 ^aand the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with great terror and with signs and wonders;

9 and He has brought us to this place, and has given us this land, ^aa land flowing with milk and honey.

10 "And now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground ^awhich Thou, O LORD hast given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God;

11 and you and ^athe Levite and the alien who is among you shall ^brejoice in all the good which the LORD your God has given you and your household.

12 ¶ "When you have finished ¹paying all the tithe of your increase in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan and to the widow, that they may eat in your ³towns, and be satisfied.

13 "And you shall say before the LORD your God, 'I have removed the sacred portion from my house, and also have given it to the Levite and the alien, the orphan and the widow, according

⁸ ¹Or, perishing ²Or, lived as an alien
^aGen. 43:1-14
^bGen. 46:27
^cDeut. 1:10, 10:22

⁶ ^aEx. 1:8-11

⁷ ^aEx. 23:25, 3:9

⁸ ^aDeut. 4:34, 34:11, 12

⁹ ^aEx. 3:8, 17

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 8:18, Prov. 10:22

¹¹ ^aDeut. 12:12 ^bDeut. 12:7, 16:11, Eccl. 3:12, 13:5 18-20

¹² ¹Lit., ¹Or, fatherless ²Lit., garden ^aLev. 27:30, Num. 18:24, Deut. 14:28, 29: Heb. 7:5, 9:10

¹³ ¹Or, fatherless ^aPs. 119:141, 152, 176

¹⁴ ¹Lit., while in my

¹⁵ ^aPs. 80:14, Is. 63:15, Zech. 2:13 ^bDeut. 26:9

¹⁶ ^aDeut. 4:29

¹⁷ ¹Lit., to walk in ^aPs. 48:14

¹⁸ ¹Lit., to heap all ^aEx. 6:7, 19:5, Deut. 4:20, 7:6, 14:2, 28:9, 29:13, Titus 2:14, 1 Pet. 2:9

¹⁹ ¹Lit., to set you ^aDeut. 4:7, 8, 28:1, 13 ^bEx. 19:6, Deut. 7:6, Is. 62:12, Jer. 2:3, 1 Pet. 2:9

² ^aJosh. 8:30-32

to all Thy commandments which Thou hast commanded me; ^aI have not transgressed or forgotten any of Thy commandments.

14 'I have not eaten of it ¹while mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor offered any of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of the LORD my God; I have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.

15 'Look down from Thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Thy people Israel, and the ground which Thou hast given us, ^ba land flowing with milk and honey, as Thou didst swear to our fathers.'

16 ¶ "This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and ordinances. You shall therefore be careful to do them ^awith all your heart and with all your soul.

17 "You have today declared the LORD to be your God, and ¹that you would walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments and His ordinances, and listen to His voice.

18 "And the LORD has today declared you to be ^aHis people, a treasured possession, as He promised you, and ¹that you should keep all His commandments;

19 and ¹that He shall ^aset you high above all nations which He has made, for praise, fame, and honor; and that you shall be ^ba consecrated people to the LORD your God, as He has spoken."

CHAPTER 27

THEN Moses and the elders of Israel charged the people, saying, "Keep all the commandments which I command you to-day.

2 "So it shall be on the day when you shall cross the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God gives you, that you shall set

up for yourself large stones, and coat them with lime

3 and write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over, in order that you may enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, ^aa land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, ¹promised you.

4 "So it shall be when you cross the Jordan, you shall set up ^aon Mount Ebal, these stones, ¹as I am commanding you today, and you shall coat them with lime.

5 "Moreover, you shall build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you ^ashall not ¹wield an iron tool on them.

6 "You shall build the altar of the LORD your God of ¹uncut stones; and you shall offer on it burnt offerings to the LORD your God;

7 and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and eat there, and you shall ^arejoice before the LORD your God.

8 "And you shall write on the ¹stones all the words of this law very distinctly."

9 ¶ Then Moses and the Levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, O Israel! This day you have become a people for the LORD your God.

10 "You shall therefore ¹obey the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you today."

11 ¶ Moses also charged the people on that day, saying,

12 "When you cross the Jordan, these shall stand on ^aMount Gerizim to bless the people: ^bSimeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 "And for the curse, these shall stand on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 "The Levites shall then an-

3 ¹lit., spoke to
*Deut. 26:9

4 ¹lit., which
*Deut. 11:29; Josh. 8:30

5 ¹lit., lift up
*Ex. 20:25; Josh. 8:31

6 ¹lit., whole
7 *Deut. 26:11

8 ¹lit., stones coated with lime, cf. v. 4

10 ¹lit., listen to the voice of

12 *Deut. 11:29; Josh. 8:33-35

13 ¹Or, a graven image
*Ex. 20:4, 23; 34:17; Lev. 19:4, 26:1;

Deut. 4:16, 23; 5:8; Is. 44:9 ^b1 Cor. 14:16

16 *Ex. 20:12, 21:17; Lev. 19:3;

20:9; Deut. 5:16; Ezek. 22:7

17 *Deut. 19:14; Prov. 22:28

18 *Lev. 19:14

19 ¹Or, fatherless
*Ex. 22:21;

23:9; Lev. 19:33; Deut. 10:18; 24:17

20 *Lev. 18:8; 20:11; Deut. 22:30;

1 Cor. 5:1

21 *Ex. 22:19; Lev. 18:23; 20:15

22 *Lev. 18:9; 20:17

23 *Lev. 20:14

24 *Ex. 21:12; Lev. 24:17; Num. 35:30, 31

25 *Ex. 23:7; Deut. 10:17; Ps. 15:5;

Ezek. 22:12

26 *Ps. 119:21; Jer. 11:3; Gal. 3:10

1 ¹lit., listen to the voice of
*Ex. 15:26; 23:22-27; Lev. 26:3-13; Deut. 7:12-26; 11:13

swer and say to all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

15 ¶ "Cursed is the man who makes ^{1a}an idol or a molten image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' And ^ball the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.'

16 ¶ "Cursed is he who dishonors his father or mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

17 ¶ "Cursed is he who moves his neighbor's boundary mark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

18 ¶ "Cursed is he who misleads a blind person on the road.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

19 ¶ "Cursed is he who distorts the justice due an alien, ¹orphan, and widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

20 ¶ "Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's skirt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

21 ¶ "Cursed is he who lies with any animal.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

22 ¶ "Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or of his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

23 ¶ "Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

24 ¶ "Cursed is he who strikes his neighbor in secret.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

25 ¶ "Cursed is he who accepts a bribe to strike down an innocent person.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

26 ¶ "Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

CHAPTER 28

“N^OW it shall be, if you will diligently ¹obey

the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God ^bwill set you high above all the nations of the earth.

2^a And all these blessings shall come upon you and ^aovertake you, if you will ¹obey the LORD your God.

3^a Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be ^ain the ¹country.

4^a Blessed shall be the ¹offspring of your ²body and the ¹produce of your ground and the ¹offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

5^a Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

6^a Blessed shall you be ^awhen you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

7 ^aThe LORD will cause your enemies who rise up against you to be ¹defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way and shall flee before you seven ways.

8^a The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in ^aall that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

9^a The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you will keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and walk in His ways.

10^a So all the peoples of the earth shall see that ¹you are called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of you.

11^a And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the ¹offspring of your ²body and in the ¹offspring of your beast and in the ¹produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

12^a The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work

¹ Deut. 28:13, 28:19; 1 Chr. 14:2

² Lit., listen to the voice of ^a Zech. 1:6

³ Or, field ^a Gen. 39:5

⁴ Lit., fruit ^a Lit., womb

⁵ Ps. 121:6

⁶ Lit., smitten

⁷ Deut. 15:10

⁸ Ex. 19:5

⁹ Lit., the name of the LORD is called upon you ^a 2 Chr. 7:14

¹⁰ Lit., fruit ^a Or, womb

^a Deut. 28:4; Prov. 10:22

¹¹ Deut. 23:20

¹² Lit., keep and do ^a Deut. 28:1, 44

¹³ Deut. 5:32; Josh. 1:7

¹⁴ Lit., listen to the voice of ^a Lev. 26:14-43; Josh. 23:15; Dan. 9:11

¹⁵ Or, field ^a Deut. 28:3

¹⁶ Deut. 28:5

¹⁷ Lit., fruit ^a Or, womb

^a Deut. 28:4

¹⁸ Deut. 28:6

¹⁹ Lit., the putting forth of your hand which you do ^a Deut. 28:6; Mal. 2:2 ^a Ps. 80:16, 18; 51:20; Job. 15:4 ^a Deut. 4:26

²⁰ Lev. 26:25; Num. 14:12; Jer. 24:10; Amos 4:10

²¹ Another reading is drought ^a Lev. 26:16 ^a Amos 4:9

of your hand; and ^ayou shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

13^a And the LORD shall make you the head and not the tail, and you only shall be above, and you shall not be underneath, if you will listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to ¹observe them carefully.

14 and ^ado not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

15 ^aBut it shall come about, if you will not ¹obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

16^a Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the ¹country.

17^a Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

18^a Cursed shall be the ¹offspring of your ²body and the ¹produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

19^a Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

20 ^aThe LORD will send upon you curses, confusion, and ^brebuke, in all ¹you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and until ^ayou perish quickly, on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken Me.

21^a The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land, where you are entering to possess it.

22^a The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with ¹the sword and ^bwith blight and with

mildew, and they shall pursue you until ^cyou perish.

23^aAnd ¹the heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron.

24^aThe LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25^aThe LORD will cause you to be ¹defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them, but you shall flee seven ways before them, and you shall ^bbe an example of terror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

26^aAnd your carcasses shall be food to all birds of the sky and to the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten *them* away.

27 [¶]The LORD will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with ^btumors and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.

28^aThe LORD will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart;

29 and you shall ^{1a}grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways; but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually, with none to save you.

30^aYou shall betroth a wife, but another man shall violate her; ^byou shall build a house, but you shall not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but you shall not ¹use its fruit.

31^aYour ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be torn away from you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have none to save you.

23 ^cDeut. 4:26

23 ¹Lit., your

24 ^aDeut. 11:17, 28-12

25 ¹Lit., smitten
^aDeut. 28:7, 1a 30:17
^b2 Chr. 29:8; Jer. 15:4, 24:9; Ezek. 23:46

26 ^aJer. 7:33, 16:4, 19:7, 34:20

27 ^aEx. 9:9; Deut. 7:15, 28:60, 61
^b1 Sam. 5:6

28 ¹Lit., he groping
^aEx. 10:21

30 ¹Lit., begin it
^aJob 31:10; Jer. 8:10
^bAmos 5:11

32 ¹Lit., in the power of your hand
^aDeut. 28:41

33 ^aJer. 5:15, 17

34 ¹Lit., your eyes which you

35 ^aDeut. 28:27

36 ^a2 Kin. 17:4, 6; 24:12, 14; 25:7, 11; 2 Chr. 36:1-21; Jer. 39:1-9
^bDeut. 4:28; Jer. 16:13

37 ^a1 Kin. 9:7, 8; Jer. 19:8; 24:9; 25:9; 29:18

38 ^aIs. 5:10; Mic. 6:15; Hag. 1:6
^bEx. 10:4; Joel 1:4

39 ^aIs. 5:10; 17:10, 11

40 ^aJer. 11:16; Mic. 6:15

41 ¹Lit., be-
get
^aDeut. 28:32

42 ^aDeut. 28:38

43 ^aDeut. 28:13

32^aYour sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes shall look on and yearn for them continually; but there shall be nothing ¹you can do.

33^aA people whom you do not know shall eat up the produce of your ground and all your labors, and you shall never be anything but oppressed and crushed continually.

34^aAnd you shall be driven mad by the sight of ¹what you see.

35^aThe LORD will strike you on the knees and legs with sore boils, from which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

36^aThe LORD will bring you and your king, whom you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, ^bwood and stone.

37^aAnd ^ayou shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the LORD will drive you.

38 [¶]You shall bring out much seed to the field but you shall gather in little, for ^bthe locust shall consume it.

39^aYou shall plant and cultivate vineyards, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather *the grapes*, for the worm shall devour them.

40^aYou shall have olive trees throughout your territory but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off.

41^aYou shall ¹have sons and daughters but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity.

42^aThe cricket shall possess all your trees and the produce of your ground.

43^aThe alien who is among you shall rise above you higher

and higher, but you shall go down lower and lower.

44^a "He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; ^bhe shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

45^a "So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you ^auntil you are destroyed, because you would not ¹obey the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

46^a "And they shall become ^aa sign and a wonder on you and your ¹descendants forever.

47^a "Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of all things;

48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD shall send against you, ^ain hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; and He ^bwill put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you.

49 ^a"The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, ^bas the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand,

50 a nation of fierce countenance who shall ^ahave no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.

51^a "Moreover, it shall eat the ¹offspring of your herd and the produce of your ground until you are destroyed, who also leaves you no grain, new wine, or oil, nor the increase of your herd or the young of your flock until they have caused you to perish.

52^a "And it shall besiege you in all your ¹towns until your high and fortified walls in which you trusted come down throughout your land, and it shall besiege you in all your ¹towns throughout your land which the LORD your God has given you.

44 ^aDeut. 28:12 ^bDeut. 28:13

46 ¹Lit., listen to the voice of ^aDeut. 4:25, 26

46 ¹Lit., seed ^aNum. 28:10; Is. 8:18, Ezek. 5:15, 14:8

47 ^aDeut. 12:7, Neh. 9:35-37

48 ^aLam. 4:4-6 ^bJer. 28:13, 14

49 ^aIs. 5:26-30; 7:18-20; Jer. 5:15, 6:22, 23 ^bJer. 48:40; 49:22, Lam. 4:19, Hos. 8:1

50 ^aIs. 47:6

51 ¹Lit., fruit

52 ¹Lit., gates ^aJer. 10:17, 18, Zeph. 1:15, 16

53 ¹Lit., fruit ^aOr, distress ^aLev. 26:29; 2 Kin. 6:28, 29; Jer. 19:9; Lam. 2:20, 4:10

54 ¹Lit., ten der ²Lit., has eye shall be evil toward ³Lit., of his bosom

55 ¹Or, distress ²Lit., gates

56 ¹Lit., ten der ²Lit., ten derness ³Lit., her eye shall be evil toward ⁴Lit., of her bosom ^aLam. 4:10

57 ¹Lit., feet ²Or, distress ³Lit., gates ^a2 Kin. 6:28, 29; Lam. 4:10

58 ¹Or, reverence ²Heb. YHWH ^aPs. 99:3, Mal. 1:14 ^bIs. 42:8

59 ¹Lit., plague on your seed ²Lit., great

60 ^aDeut. 28:27

53^a "Then you shall eat the ¹offspring of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall ²oppress you.

54^a "The man who is ¹refined and very delicate among you ²shall be hostile toward his brother and toward the wife ³he cherishes and toward the rest of his children who remain.

55 so that he will not give even one of them any of the flesh of his children which he shall eat, since he has nothing else left, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall ¹oppress you in all your ²towns.

56^a "The ¹refined and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and ²refinement, ³shall be hostile toward the husband ⁴she cherishes and toward her son and daughter.

57 and toward her afterbirth which issues from between her ¹legs and toward her children whom she bears; for ^ashe shall eat them secretly for lack of anything else, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy shall ²oppress you in your ³towns.

58 ^a"If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to ¹fear this honored and awesome ^bname, ²the LORD your God,

59 then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and ¹your descendants, even ²severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.

60^a "And He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.

61^a "Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in

the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you ^auntil you are destroyed.

62"Then you shall be left few in number, ^awhereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude, because you did not ^bobey the LORD your God.

63"And it shall come about that as the LORD ^adelighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will ^bdelight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you shall be ^ctorn from the land where you are entering to possess it.

64"Moreover, the LORD will ^ascatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall ^bserve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.

65"And ^aamong those nations you shall find no rest, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there ^bthe LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.

66"So your life shall ^bhang in doubt before you; and you shall be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life.

67"^aIn the morning you shall say, 'Would that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Would that it were morning!' because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see.

68"And the LORD will bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way about which I spoke to you, 'You will never see it again!' And there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer."

1a CHAPTER 29

THESE are the words of the covenant which the LORD

61 ^aDeut 4:23, 26

62 ^bLit., listen to the voice of ^aDeut 1:10, Neh 9:23

63 ^aJer 32:41 ^bProv 1:28 ^cJer 12:14, 45:4

64 ^aLev 26:33, Deut 4:27, Neh 1:8 ^bDeut 4:28, 29:26, 32:17

65 ^aI am 1:3 ^bLev 26:36

66 ^bLit., hung for you in front

67 ^aJob 7:4

1 ^bCh 28:69 in Heb. ^aLev 28:46, 27:34 ^bDeut 5:2, 3

2 ^bCh 29:1 in Heb

3 ^aDeut 4:34, 7:19

4 ^aIs 6:9, 10, Ezek 12:2, Matt 13:14, Acts 28:26, 27, Rom 11:8

5 ^aDeut. 8:4

6 ^aDeut. 8:3

7 ^bLit., came to ^aLit., smote ^aNum 21:21-24, 33, 35, Deut 2:26-3:17

8 ^aNum. 32:32, 33; Deut 3:12, 13

9 ^aDeut. 4:6; 1 Kin. 2:3 ^bJosh. 1:7

11 ^aJosh. 9:21, 23, 27

commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the ^bcovenant which He had made with them at Horeb.

2 ¶ ^aAnd Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land;

3 ^athe great trials which your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders.

4"Yet to this day ^athe LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear.

5"And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; ^ayour clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot.

6"^aYou have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or strong drink, in order that you might know that I am the LORD your God.

7"^aWhen you ^breached this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us for battle, but we ²defeated them;

8 and we took their land and ^agave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.

9"^aSo keep the words of this covenant to do them, ^bthat you may prosper in all that you do.

10 ¶ "You stand today, all of you, before the LORD your God: your chiefs, your tribes, your elders and your officers, *even* all the men of Israel,

11 your little ones, your wives, and the alien who is within your camps, from ^athe one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water,

12 that you may enter into the covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath which the LORD your God is making with you today.

13 in order that He may establish you today as His people and that ^aHe may be your God, just as He spoke to you and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

14 ^aNow not with you alone am I ^amaking this covenant and this oath,

15 ^abut both with those who stand here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God and with those who are not with us here today

16 (for you know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed.

17 ^aMoreover, you have seen their abominations and their idols of ^awood, stone, silver, and gold, which *they had with them*);

18 ^alest there shall be among you a man or woman, or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of those nations; lest there shall be among you ^ba root bearing poisonous fruit and wormwood.

19 ^aAnd it shall be when he hears the words of this curse, that he will ^bboast, saying, 'I have peace though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart in order ²to destroy the watered land with the dry.'

20 ^aThe LORD shall never be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and ^aHis jealousy will ^bburn against that man, and every curse which is written in this book will ²rest on him, and the LORD will ^cblot out his name from under heaven.

21 ^aThen the LORD will single him out for ^badversity from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant ^awhich are written in this book of the law.

22 ^aNow the generation to come, your sons who rise up after you and ^athe foreigner who

13 ^aGens. 17:7, Ex. 6:7
14 ^aJer. 31:31; Heb. 8:7, 8

15 ^aActs 2:39
17 ^aEx. 20:23, Deut. 4:28, 28:38

18 ^aDeut. 13:6 ^aDeut. 32:32, Heb. 12:15

19 ^aLat. blame himself in his heart
¹ i.e. to destroy every thing

20 ^aLat. smelter ¹ Lat. lie down
^aPs. 79:5, Ezek. 23:25

^aPs. 74:1, 80:4 ^aEx. 32:33, Deut. 9:14, 2 Kun. 14:27

21 ^aLat. evil
^aDeut. 30:10
22 ^aLat. made it such

^aJer. 19:8, 49:17, 50:13
23 ^aLat. it is not sown and does not cease to sprout

^aGens. 19:24, Is. 34:9, Jer. 17:6, Zeph. 2:9 ^aIs. 1:7, 64:11 ^aJude 7

24 ^aLat. heat
^a1 Kun. 9:8, Jer. 22:8

25 ^a2 Kun. 17:9-23
26 ^aChr. 36:13-21

27 ^aLat. pur. burned
^a77 ^aDan. 9:11

28 ^a2 Chr. 7:20, Ps. 52:5, Prov. 2:22, Ezek. 19:12, 13

29 ^aActs 1:7
^aJude 5:30, Acts 17:11, 2 Tim. 3:16
¹ Lat.

cause them to return to your heart
^aDeut. 11:28, 30:15, 19

^aLev. 26:40-45, Deut. 28:64, 28:28, 1 Kun. 8:47

2 ^aLat. listen to His voice
^aDeut. 4:29, 30, Neh. 1:9
^aDeut. 4:29

comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the LORD has ^bafflicted it, will say,

23 ^aAll its land is ^abrimstone and salt, ^ba burning waste, ^bunsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of ^cSodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and in His wrath.'

24 ^aAnd all the nations shall say, ^aWhy has the LORD done thus to this land? Why this great ^boutburst of anger?

25 ^aThen men shall say, ^aBecause they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

26 ^aAnd they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they have not known and whom He had not ^ballotted to them.

27 ^aTherefore, the anger of the LORD burned against that land, ^ato bring upon it every curse which is written in this book;

28 and ^athe LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and in fury and in great wrath, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.'

29 ^aNow ^aThe secret things belong to the LORD our God, but ^bthe things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

SO it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, ^athe blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you ^bcall them to mind ^bin all nations where the LORD your God has banished you,

2 and you ^areturn to the LORD your God and ^bobey Him ^bwith all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,

3 then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

4 "If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back.

5 "And the LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

6 "Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.

7 "And the LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

8 "And you shall again obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today.

9 "Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

10 "If you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments, and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.

11 "For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach.

12 "It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and

3 ¹Lit., your captivity
²Gen. 28:15, 48:21, Ps. 126:1, 4; Jer. 29:14; Ps. 147:2; Jer. 32:37, Ezek. 34:13; Deut. 4:27

4 ¹Lit., shy
²Lit., take you
³Neh. 1:9, Is. 43:6, 48:20, 62:11

5 ¹Jer. 29:14, 30:3
²Deut. 7:13, 13:17

6 ¹Lit., seed
²Deut. 10:18
³Deut. 6:5

7 ¹Lit., put
²Deut. 7:15

8 ¹Lit., listen to the voice of

9 ¹Lit., make you have excess for good
²Lit., fruit
³Lit., womb
⁴Jer. 31:27, 28; Jer. 32:41

10 ¹Or, for you will
²Lit., listen to the voice of
³Deut. 29:21
⁴Deut. 4:29

11 ¹Lit., far off

12 ¹Lit., to say
²Rom. 10:6-8

13 ¹Lit., to say

15 ¹Lit., good
²Lit., evil
³Deut. 11:26

16 ¹Deut. 6:5
²Deut. 4:1, 30:19

18 ¹Lit., to
²Deut. 4:26; 8:19

19 ¹Lit., seed
²Deut. 4:26
³Deut. 30:1

20 ¹Lit., that
²Lit., to dwell
³Deut. 6:5
⁴Deut. 10:20
⁵Deut. 4:1; 32:47; Acts 17:25, 28
⁶Gen. 12:7; 17:1-8

2 ¹Deut. 34:7
²Num. 27:17; 1 Kin. 3:7

make us hear it, that we may observe it?"

13 "Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it?'"

14 "But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.

15 "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity;

16 in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

17 "But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them,

18 I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You shall not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it.

19 "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants.

20 "By loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

CHAPTER 31

SO Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

2 And he said to them, "I am a hundred and twenty years old today; I am no longer able to come and go, and the LORD has

said to me, "You shall not cross this Jordan."

3 "It is the LORD your God who will cross ahead of you; He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. ^bJoshua is the one who will cross ahead of you, just as the LORD has spoken.

4 "And the LORD will do to them just as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when He destroyed them.

5 "And ^athe LORD will deliver them up before you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6 "Be strong and courageous, ^bdo not be afraid or tremble at them, for ^cthe LORD your God is the one who goes with you. ^dHe will not fail you or forsake you."

7 Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance.

8 "And ^athe LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. ^bHe will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear, or be dismayed."

9 "So Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi ^awho carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

10 Then Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end of every seven years, at the time of ^athe year of remission of debts, at the ^bFeast of Booths,

11 when all Israel comes ^ato appear before the LORD your God at ^bthe place which He will choose, ^cyou shall read this law in front of all Israel in their hearing.

12 "Assemble the people, the men and the women and chil-

2 ^aDeut. 1:37, 3:27

3 ^aDeut. 9:3 ^bNum. 27:18

4 ^aDeut. 7:2

5 ^aJosh. 10:25, 1 Chr. 22:13 ^bDeut. 1:29, 7:18, 20:1 ^cDeut. 20:4 ^dJosh. 15, Heb. 13:5

6 ^aDeut. 1:38, 3:28

7 ^aEx. 13:21, 33:14 ^bDeut. 31:6, Josh. 1:5, Heb. 13:5

8 ^aNum. 4:5, 6:15, Deut. 10:8, 31:25, 26, Josh. 3:3

9 ^aDeut. 15:1, 2 ^bLev. 23:34, Deut. 16:13

10 ^aDeut. 16:16 ^bDeut. 12:5, Josh. 8:34, 2 Kin. 23:2

11 ^aLit. your alien ^bLit. gates ^cDeut. 4:10

12 ^aLit. where ^bLit. possesses it

13 ^aLit. your days to the age ^bNum. 27:12, 13, Deut. 4:22, 32:50 ^cEx. 33:9-11

14 ^aEx. 33:9

15 ^aGen. 15:15 ^bEx. 34:15, Deut. 4:25-28, Judg. 2:11, 12, 17, Judg. 10:6, 1 Kin. 18:18, 19:10, Jer. 2:13

16 ^aJudg. 2:14, 6:13 ^b2 Chr. 15:2, 24:20 ^cPs. 104:29, Is. 8:17 ^dNum. 14:42

17 ^aLit. in their mouths ^bDeut. 31:22

dren and ¹the alien who is in your ²town, in order that they may hear and ^alearn and fear the LORD your God, and be careful to observe all the words of this law.

13 "And their children, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live on the land ¹which you are about to cross the Jordan to ²possess."

14 ^a Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, ¹the time for you to die is near; call Joshua, and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, that I may commission him." ^bSo Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves at the tent of meeting.

15 ^aAnd the LORD appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood at the doorway of the tent.

16 And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, ^ayou are about to lie down with your fathers; and ^bthis people will arise and play the harlot with the strange gods of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and ^cwill forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.

17 "Then My anger will be kindled against them in that day, and ^bI will forsake them and ^chide My face from them, and they shall be consumed, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, ^dIs it not because our God is not among us that these evils have come upon us?"

18 "But I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they will do, for they will turn to other gods.

19 "Now therefore, ^awrite this song for yourselves, and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it ¹on their lips, in order that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel.

20^a "For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and ^bbecome ¹prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant.

21^a "Then it shall come about, ^awhen many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify before them as a witness (for it shall not be forgotten from the ¹lips of their descendants); for ^{b1} I know their intent which they are ²developing today, before I have brought them into the land which I swore."

22 ^aSo Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the sons of Israel.

23 ^a "Then He commissioned Joshua the son of Nun, and said, ^b"Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land which I swore to them, and ^{c1} I will be with you."

24 ^a And it came about, when Moses finished writing the words of this law in a book until they were complete,

25 that Moses commanded the Levites ^awho carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26^a "Take this book of the law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may ¹remain there as a witness against you.

27^a "For I know ^ayour rebellion and ^byour ¹stubbornness; behold, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against the LORD; how much more, then, after my death?

28^a "Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and ^acall the heavens and the earth to witness against them.

²⁰ ¹Lit., for
^aDeut. 6:10-12, 8:10, 19:11-16, 17
^bDeut. 32:15-17

²¹ ¹Lit.,
mouth of its
seed ²Lit.,
making
^aLev. 26:41,
Deut. 4:30
^{b1} Chr. 28:9;
John 2:24, 25

²² ^aDeut.
31:19

²³ ^aNum.
27:23, Deut.
31:7 ^bJosh.
1:6 ^cEx. 3:12

²⁵ ^aDeut.
31:9

²⁶ ¹Lit., be

²⁷ ¹Lit., stiff
neck
^aDeut. 9:7, 24
^bEx. 32:8;
Deut. 9:6, 13

²⁸ ^aDeut.
4:26, 30:19;
32:1

²⁹ ^aJudg.
2:19

¹ ^aDeut.
4:26, Ps. 50:4,
Is. 1:2, Jer.
6:19

² ^aIs.
55:10, 11 ^bPs.
72:6

³ ^aEx.
33:19, 34:5, 6
^bDeut. 3:24;
5:24

⁴ ¹Or,
judgment
^aDeut. 32:15,
18, 30,
2 Sam. 22:31
^bGen. 18:25;
Dan. 4:37
^cDeut. 7:9

⁵ ¹Lit., It
has
^aDeut. 4:25;
31:29 ^bMatt.
17:17

⁶ ^aPs.
116:12 ^bDeut.
32:28 ^cDeut.
1:31; Ps. 74:2;
Is. 63:16
^dDeut. 32:15

29^a "For I know that after my death you will ^aact corruptly and turn from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, for you will do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with the work of your hands."

30 ^a Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were complete:

CHAPTER 32

6^a ^aGIVE ear, O heavens, and let me speak;

And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

2^a "Let my teaching drop as the rain,

My speech distill as the dew,

^bAs the droplets on the fresh grass

And as the showers on the herb.

3^a "For I proclaim the name of the LORD;

^bAscribe greatness to our God!

4^a "The Rock! His work is perfect.

^bFor all His ways are ¹just;

^cA God of faithfulness and without injustice,

Righteous and upright is He.

5^a "They have acted corruptly toward Him,

They are not His children, because of their defect;

^bBut are a perverse and crooked generation.

6^a "Do you thus ^arepay the LORD,

^bO foolish and unwise people?

^cIs not He your Father who has bought you?

^dHe has made you and established you.

7^a "Remember the days of old, Consider the years of all generations.

- *Ask your father, and he will inform you,
Your elders, and they will tell you.**
- 8**When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,
When He separated the sons of ¹man,
He set the boundaries of the peoples**
- ^bAccording to the number of the sons of Israel.**
- 9**For the LORD's portion is His people;
Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.**
- 10**He found him in a desert land,
And in the howling waste of a wilderness;
He encircled him, He cared for him,
He guarded him as ^bthe pupil of His eye.**
- 11**Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,
That hovers over its young,
^bHe spread His wings and caught them,
He carried them on His pinions.**
- 12**The LORD alone guided him,
^bAnd there was no foreign god with him.**
- 13**He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
And he ate the produce of the field;
^bAnd He made him suck honey from the rock,
And oil from the flinty rock.**
- 14 Curds of cows, and milk of the flock,
With fat of lambs,
And rams, the breed of Bashan, and goats,
^aWith the finest of the wheat—
And of the ^bblood of grapes you drank wine.**

⁷ *Ex. 12:28; Ps. 78:5-6

⁸ *Or, Adam
*Acts 17:28
*Num. 23:9;
Deut. 33:28

⁹ *1 Sam. 10:1; 1 Kin. 8:51, 53; Jer. 10:16

¹⁰ *Deut. 1:19; *Ps. 17:8; Prov. 7:2; Zech. 2:8

¹¹ *Ex. 19:4; Deut. 33:12
*Ps. 18:10-18

¹² *Deut. 4:35, 39;
*Deut. 32:30;
Is. 43:12

¹³ *Is. 58:14
*Deut. 8:8;
Ps. 81:16; *Job 29:6

¹⁴ *Ps. 81:16; 147:14
*Gen. 49:11

¹⁵ *I.e., Israel
*Deut. 31:20
*Judg. 10:6
*Deut. 32:6
*Deut. 32:4;
Ps. 89:26

¹⁶ *Ps. 78:58; *Ps. 108:29

¹⁷ *Lev. 17:7; 1 Cor. 10:20
*Deut. 28:64
*Judg. 5:8

¹⁸ *Deut. 32:4; *Ps. 108:21

¹⁹ *Lev. 26:30; Ps. 108:40
*Jer. 44:21-23

²⁰ *Deut. 31:29
*Deut. 32:5; *Deut. 9:23

²¹ *I.e., varieties
*Deut. 32:16;
1 Cor. 10:22
*Deut. 32:17;
1 Kin. 18:13;
26 *Rom. 10:19

²² *I.e., the nether world
*Num. 16:33-35; Ps. 18:7;
8; Lam. 4:11
*Lev. 26:30

- 15 ^aBut ¹Jeshurun grew fat and kicked—
You are grown fat, thick, and sleek—
^bThen he forsook God ^cwho made him,
And scorned ^dthe Rock of his salvation.**
- 16**They made Him jealous with strange gods;
^bWith abominations they provoked Him to anger.**
- 17**They sacrificed to demons who were not God,
^bTo gods whom they have not known,
^cNew gods who came lately,
Whom your fathers did not dread.**
- 18**You neglected ^athe Rock who begot you,
^bAnd forgot the God who gave you birth.**
- 19 ^aAnd the LORD saw this, and spurned them
^bBecause of the provocation of His sons and daughters.**
- 20**Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them,
^aI will see what their end shall be;
^bFor they are a perverse generation,
^cSons in whom is no faithfulness.**
- 21 ^aThey have made Me jealous with what is not God;
They have provoked Me to anger with their ^bidols.
^cSo I will make them jealous with those who are not a people;
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.**
- 22 ^aFor a fire is kindled in My anger,
And burns to the lowest part of ¹Sheol,
^bAnd consumes the earth with its yield,
And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.**

23 ¶ ^aI will heap misfortunes on them;

^bI will use My arrows on them.

24 ^aThey shall be wasted by famine, and consumed by ¹plague

^bAnd bitter destruction;

^cAnd the teeth of beasts I will send upon them.

^dWith the venom of crawling things of the dust.

25 ^aOutside the sword shall bereave,

And inside terror—

^bBoth young man and virgin,

The nursing with the man of gray hair.

26 ^aI would have said, ^aI will cut them to pieces,

^bI will remove the memory of them from men."

27 Had I not feared the provocation by the enemy,

Lest their adversaries should misjudge,

Lest they should say, ^a"Our hand is ¹triumphant,

And the LORD has not done all this."

28 ^a"For they are a nation ¹lacking in counsel,

And there is no understanding in them.

29 ^aWould that they were wise, that they understood this,

^bThat they would discern their ¹future!

30 ^aHow could one chase a thousand,

And two put ten thousand to flight,

Unless their ^bRock had sold them,

And the LORD had given them up?

31 "Indeed their rock is not like our Rock,

^aEven our enemies ¹themselves judge this.

³³ ^aDeut. 29:21 ^bPs. 18:14; 43:3

³⁴ ¹Lit., burning heat ^aDeut. 28:22, 48 ^bPs. 91:6 ^cLev. 26:22 ^dAmos 5:18, 19

³⁵ ^aLam. 1:20, Ezek. 7:15 ^b2 Chr. 36:17, Lam. 2:21

³⁶ ^aDeut. 4:27, 28 ^b4 ^bDeut. 9:14

³⁷ ¹Lit., high ^aNum. 15:30

³⁸ ¹Lit., perishing ^aDeut. 32:6

³⁹ ¹Or, later end ^aDeut. 5:29 ^bDeut. 31:29

⁴⁰ ^aLev. 26:7, 8 ^bDeut. 32:4, Ps. 44:12

⁴¹ ¹Lit., are judges ^aEx. 14:25

⁴² ^aDeut. 29:18

⁴³ ¹Lit., dragons ²Lit., cruel

⁴⁴ ^aJob 14:17, Jer. 44:21

⁴⁵ ^aPs. 94:1, Rom. 12:19, Heb. 10:30 ^bJer. 23:12 ^cEzek. 7:5-10

⁴⁶ ¹Lit., hand ^aPs. 135:14, Heb. 10:30 ^bLev. 26:43, Deut. 30:1-3

⁴⁷ ^aJudg. 10:14, Jer. 2:28

⁴⁸ ^aNum. 25:1, 2 ^bJer. 11:12

⁴⁹ ^aIs. 41:4, 43:10 ^bDeut. 32:12, Is. 45:5 ^c1 Sam. 2:6, Ps. 68:20 ^dPs. 51:8 ^ePs. 50:22

32 "For their vine is from the vine of Sodom,

And from the fields of Gomorrah;

Their grapes are grapes of ^apoison,

Their clusters, bitter.

33 "Their wine is the venom of ¹serpents,

And the ²deadly poison of cobras.

34 ¶ ^aIs it not laid up in store with Me,

Sealed up in My treasures?

35 ^aVengeance is Mine, and retribution,

^bIn due time their foot will slip;

^cFor the day of their calamity is near,

And the impending things are hastening upon them."

36 ^aFor the LORD will vindicate His people,

^bAnd will have compassion on His servants;

When He sees that their ¹strength is gone,

And there is none remaining, bond or free.

37 "And He will say, ^aWhere are their gods,

The rock in which they sought refuge?

38 ^aWho ate the fat of their sacrifices,

And drank the wine of their libation?

^bLet them rise up and help you,

Let them be your hiding place!

39 ^aSee now that I, I am He,

^bAnd there is no god besides Me;

^cIt is I who put to death and give life.

^dI have wounded, and it is I who heal;

^eAnd there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

40 'Indeed, ^aI lift up My hand to heaven,

And say, as I live forever,

41 ^aIf I sharpen My ¹flashing sword,

And My hand takes hold on justice,

^bI will render vengeance on My adversaries,

And I will repay those who hate Me.

42 ^aI will make My arrows drunk with blood,

^bAnd My sword shall devour flesh,

With the blood of the slain and the captives,

From the long-haired ¹leaders of the enemy.'

43 ^a'Rejoice, O nations, with His people;

^bFor He will avenge the blood of His servants,

^cAnd will render vengeance on His adversaries,

^dAnd will atone for His land and His people."

44 ^a Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he, with ¹Joshua the son of Nun.

45 When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

46 he said to them, ^a"Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command ^byour sons to observe ¹carefully, even all the words of this law.

47 ^aFor it is not an idle word for you; indeed ^ait is your life. And ^bby this word you shall prolong your days in the land, ¹which you are about to cross the Jordan to ²possess."

48 ^a And ^athe LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying,

49 ^a"Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab ¹opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession.

⁴⁰ ^aEzek 20:5, 6, 21:4, 5

⁴¹ ¹Or, lightning
^aIs 34:6-8
^bJer 50:28-32

⁴² ¹Lit., head
^aDeut 32:23
^bJer 12:12, 46:10, 14

⁴³ ^aRom 15:10 ²Kin 9:7, Rev 6:10, 19:2 ^aIs 1:24, 25 ^aPs 65:3, 79:9, 85:1

⁴⁴ ¹Lit., Ho shed
^aNum 13:8, 18

⁴⁶ ¹Lit., to do
^aEzek 40:4, 44:5 ^bDeut 4:9

⁴⁷ ¹Lit., where ²Lit., possess it
^aDeut 8:3, 30:20 ^bDeut 4:40, 33:25
⁴⁸ ^aNum 27:12

⁴⁹ ¹Lit., which is opposite
^aNum 27:12, 14, Deut 3:27
⁵⁰ ^aGen 25:8

⁵¹ ^aNum 20:12 ^bNum 27:14
⁵² ^aDeut 34:1-3 ^bDeut 1:17, 3:27

¹Josh 14:6
² ¹Lit., rose to ²Lit., myrads of holiness ¹Or, a nery law

^aEx 19:18, 20, Ps 68:8, 17 ^bJudg 5:4
^cNum 10:12, Hab 3:3
^dDeut 7:10, Acts 7:53
^eEx 23:20-22

³ ¹Lit., peoples ²Lit., His ³Or, lie down at Thy feet

^aDeut 4:37, Mal 1:2
^bDeut 7:6, 14:2 ^cDeut 6:1-9, Luke 10:39

⁴ ^aDeut 4:2, John 7:19
^bPs 119:111
⁵ ^aNum 23:21

50 ^a"Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and be ^agathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,

51 ^abecause you broke faith with Me in the midst of the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the ^bwilderness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of the sons of Israel.

52 ^a"For you shall see the land at a distance, but ^byou shall not go there, into the land which I am giving the sons of Israel."

CHAPTER 33

NOW this is the blessing with which Moses ^athe man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

2 And he said,

^a"The LORD came from Sinai,

^bAnd ¹dawned on them from Seir;

^cHe shone forth from Mount Paran,

And He came from ^dthe ²midst of ten thousand holy ones;

^eAt His right hand there was ³flashing lightning for them.

3 ^a"Indeed, He loves ¹the people;

^bAll ²Thy holy ones are in Thy hand,

^cAnd they ³followed in Thy steps;

Everyone receives of Thy words.

4 ^a"Moses charged us with a law,

^bA possession for the assembly of Jacob.

5 ^a"And He was king in Jeshurun,

When the heads of the people were gathered,

The tribes of Israel together.

6 ^c "May Reuben live and not die,
Nor his men be few."

⁶ *Gen. 49:3, 4

7 ^c "And this regarding Judah; so he said,

⁷ ¹ Lit., him
*Gen. 49:8-12

"Hear, O LORD, the voice of Judah,
And bring him to his people.
With his hands he contended for ¹them;
And mayest Thou be a help against his adversaries."

⁸ ¹ Lit., him
*Ex. 28:30,
Lev. 8:8 ^bPs. 106:16 ^cEx. 17:7, Num. 20:13, 24, Deut. 6:16

8 ^c And of Levi he said,
"Let Thy ^aThummim and Thy Urim belong to ¹Thy ^bgodly man,

⁹ *Ex. 32:27-29
^bMal. 2:5

^cWhom Thou didst prove at Massah,
With whom Thou didst contend at the waters of Meribah;

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., in Thy nostrils
*Lev. 10:11,
Deut. 31:9-13
^bLev. 16:12,
¹³ *Ps. 51:19

9 ^aWho said of his father and his mother,
'I did not consider them';
And he did not acknowledge his brothers,
Nor did he regard his own sons,
For ^bthey observed Thy word,

¹² *Deut. 4:37f.; 12:10
^bDeut. 32:11
^cEx. 28:12

And kept Thy covenant.

10 ^aThey shall teach Thine ordinances to Jacob,
And Thy law to Israel.

¹⁵ ¹ Or, chief
*Hab. 3:6

^bThey shall put incense ¹before Thee,
And ^cwhole burnt offerings on Thine altar.

¹⁶ *Ex. 2:2-6, 3:2, 4

11 "O LORD, bless his substance,
And accept the work of his hands;
Shatter the loins of those who rise up against him,
And those who hate him,
so that they may not rise again."

¹⁷ ¹ Or, together
*Num. 23:22
^b1 Kin. 22:11;
Ps. 44:5

12 ¶ Of Benjamin he said,
"May the beloved of the LORD dwell in security by Him,

¹⁸ *Gen. 49:13-15

¹⁹ *Ex. 15:17;
Ps. 2:6; Is. 2:3
^bPs. 4:5;
51:19

^bWho shields him all the day,
^cAnd he dwells between His shoulders."

13 ¶ And of Joseph he said,
"Blessed of the LORD be his land,

With the choice things of heaven, with the dew,
And from the deep lying beneath,

14 And with the choice yield of the sun,
And with the choice produce of the months.

15 "And with the ¹best things of ^athe ancient mountains,

And with the choice things of the everlasting hills,

16 And with the choice things of the earth and its fullness,

And the favor ^aof Him who dwelt in the bush.

Let it come to the head of Joseph,

And to the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.

17 "As the first-born of his ox, majesty is his,

And his horns are the horns of ^athe wild ox;

With them he shall ^bpush the peoples,

All ¹at once, to the ends of the earth.

And those are the ten thousands of Ephraim,

And those are the thousands of Manasseh."

18 ¶ ^aAnd of Zebulun he said,
"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going forth,

And, Issachar, in your tents.

19 ^a"They shall call peoples to the mountain;

There they shall offer ^bbrighteous sacrifices;

For they shall ¹draw out
²the abundance of the
 seas,
 And the hidden treasures
 of the sand."

20 ¶ ¹And of Gad he said,
 "Blessed is the one who en-
 larges Gad;
 He lies down ²as a ¹lion,
 And tears the arm, also the
 crown of the head.

21 ¶ ¹Then he ¹provided the
 first part for himself,
²For there the ruler's por-
 tion was ²reserved;
³And he came with the
 leaders of the people;
⁴He executed the justice of
 the LORD,
 And His ordinances with
 Israel."

22 ¶ ¹And of Dan he said,
 "Dan is ²a lion's whelp,
 That leaps forth from Ba-
 shan."

23 ¶ And of Naphtali he said,
 "O Naphtali, satisfied with
 favor,
 And full of the blessing of
 the LORD,
 Take possession of the sea
 and the south."

24 ¶ ¹And of Asher he said,
 "More blessed than sons is
 Asher;
 May he be favored by his
 brothers,
²And may he dip his foot in
 oil.

25 ¶ ¹Your locks shall be iron
 and bronze,
²And according to your
 days, so shall your lei-
 surely walk be.

26 ¶ ¹There is none like the
 God of ¹Jeshurun,
²Who rides the heavens ²to
 your help,
 And through the skies in
 His majesty.

19 ¹Lat.
 such
 1s. 60:5
 20 ¹Or, lion-
 and
 Gen. 49:19
 Gen. 49:9
 21 ¹Lat., drew
 Or, covered
 up
 Num. 32:1-5
 Num. 34:14
 Josh. 4:12
 Josh. 22:1-3
 22 ¹Gen.
 49:16 ²Ezek.
 19:2, 3
 23 ¹Gen.
 49:21
 24 ¹Gen.
 49:20 ²Job
 29:6
 25 ¹Ps.
 147:13 ²Deut.
 4:40, 32:47
 26 ¹1.e., Is-
 rael ²Lat., in
 Ex. 15:11,
 Deut. 4:35,
 Ps. 88:8, Jer.
 10:6 ³Deut.
 10:14, Ps.
 68:33, 34,
 104:3, Hab.
 3:8
 27 ¹Or, ref-
 uge
 Ps. 90:1, 2
 Gen. 49:24
 Ex. 34:11,
 Josh. 24:18
 Deut. 7:2
 28 ¹Deut.
 33:12, Jer.
 23:6 ²Num.
 23:9, Deut.
 32:8 ³Gen.
 27:28, 37
 Deut. 33:13
 29 ¹Ps. 1:1,
 32:1, 2 ²Deut.
 4:32, 2 Sam.
 7:23 ³Gen.
 15:1, Ps.
 33:20, 115:9,
 11 ⁴Ps. 68:34
 Ps. 66:3
 Num. 33:52
 1 ¹Deut.
 32:49 ²Deut.
 32:52
 2 ¹1.e.,
 Mediter-
 ranean Sea
 Deut. 11:24
 3 ¹1.e.,
 South coun-
 try
 Judg. 1:16,
 3:13, 2 Chr.
 28:15
 4 ¹Lat.
 sand
 Gen. 12:7,
 26:3, 28:13
 5 ¹Lat.,
 mouth
 Num. 12:7,
 Josh. 1:1, 2
 Deut. 32:50
 6 ¹Deut.
 3:28, 4:46
 Judg. 9

27 ¶ ¹The eternal God is a
¹dwelling place,
²And underneath are the
 everlasting arms;
³And He drove out the ene-
 my from before you,
⁴And said, 'Destroy!'

28 ¶ ¹So Israel dwells in secu-
 rity,
²The fountain of Jacob se-
 cluded,
³In a land of grain and new
 wine;
⁴His heavens also drop
 down dew.

29 ¶ ¹Blessed are you, O Israel;
²Who is like you, a people
 saved by the LORD,
³Who is the shield of your
 help,
⁴And the sword of your
 majesty!
⁵So your enemies shall
 cringe before you,
⁶And you shall tread upon
 their high places."

CHAPTER 34

¹NOW Moses went up from
 the plains of Moab to
 Mount Nebo, to the top of Pis-
 gah, which is opposite Jericho.
 And the LORD ²showed him all
 the land, Gilead as far as Dan,

2 and all Naphtali and the land
 of Ephraim and Manasseh, and
 all the land of Judah as far as the
¹western sea,

3 and the ¹Negev and the plain
 in the valley of Jericho, ²the city
 of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

4 Then the LORD said to him,
 "This is the land which ¹I swore
 to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
 saying, 'I will give it to your ¹de-
 scendants'; I have let you see it
 with your eyes, but you shall not
 go over there."

5 So Moses ²the servant of the
 LORD ³died there in the land of
 Moab, according to the ¹word of
 the LORD.

6 And He buried him in the val-
 ley in the land of Moab, ²oppo-
 site Beth-peor; but ³no man

knows his burial place to this day.

7 Although Moses was ^aone hundred and twenty years old when he died, ^bhis eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

8 So the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.

9 ¶ Now Joshua the son of Nun was ^afilled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Is-

7 ^aDeut. 31:2 ^bGen. 27:1; 48:10

9 ^aNum. 27:18, 23; Is. 11:2

10 ^aDeut. 18:15, 18 ^bEx. 33:11, Num. 12:8, Deut. 5:4

12 ^aLit., hand

rael listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 Since then ^ano prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom ^bthe LORD knew face to face,

11 for all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land,

12 and for all the mighty ¹power and for all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

God's Charge to Joshua

NOW it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' ¹servant, saying,

2 "Moses ^aMy servant is dead; now therefore arise, ^bcross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.

3 "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.

4 "From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun, will be your territory.

5 "No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; ^bI will not fail you or forsake you.

6 "Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people

1 ¹Or, minister

2 ^aNum. 12:7, Deut. 34:5 ^bJosh. 1:11

3 ^aDeut. 11:24

4 ^aGen. 15:18; Num. 34:3

5 ^aDeut. 7:24 ^bDeut. 31:6, 7; Heb. 13:5

6 ^aDeut. 31:6, 7, 23

7 ¹Lit., observe ²Or, act wisely ^aDeut. 5:32

8 ¹Lit., observe ²Or, act wisely ^aDeut. 31:24; Josh. 8:34 ^bDeut. 29:9; Ps. 1:1-3

9 ^aJosh. 1:7 ^bDeut. 31:8

possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

7 "Only be strong and very courageous; ^{1a}be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may ²have success wherever you go.

8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may ^{1b}be careful to do according to all that is written in it; ^bfor then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will ²have success.

9 "Have I not commanded you? ^aBe strong and courageous! ^bDo not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

10 ¶ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions

for yourselves, for within ^athree days you are to cross this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it.' "

12 ¶ ^aAnd to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joshua ¹said,

13 "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, '^aThe LORD your God gives you rest, and will give you this land.'

14 "Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but you shall cross before your brothers in battle array, all your valiant warriors, and shall help them,

15 until the LORD gives your brothers rest, as *He* gives you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them. ^aThen you shall return to ¹your own land, and possess ²that which Moses ^bthe servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

17 "Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you; only ^amay the LORD your God be with you, as *He* was with Moses.

18 "Anyone who rebels against your ¹command and does not obey your words in all that you command him, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous."

CHAPTER 2

THEN Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from ^aShittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and came into the house of ^ba harlot whose name was Rahab, and ¹lodged there.

11 ^aJosh 3:2

12 ¹Lit., said, saying
^aNum 12:20
22

13 ^aDeut 3:18-20

18 ¹Lit., the land of your possession
¹Lit., it
^aJosh 22:4
^bJosh 1:1

17 ^aJosh 15:9

18 ¹Lit., mouth

1 ¹Lit., lay down
^aNum 25:1
Josh 3:1
^aHeb 11:31
James 2:25

4 ^a2 Sam 17:19

6 ^aJames 2:25

8 ¹Lit., them she

9 ¹Or, be come demoralized
^aNum 20:24
Josh 9:24
^aEx 23:27
Deut 2:25
Josh 9:9, 10

10 ¹Lit., Sea of Reeds
¹Or, put under the bun
^aEx 14:21
Num 23:22
24 ^aNum 21:21-35

11 ¹Lit., spirit arose
^aJosh 5:1
7:5, Ps. 22:14, Is. 13:7, 19:1
^aDeut 4:39

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, "Behold, men from the sons of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land."

3 And the king of Jericho sent word to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land."

4 But the ^awoman had taken the two men and hidden them, and she said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.

5 "And it came about when *it* was time to shut the gate, at dark, that the men went out; I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them."

6 But ^ashe had brought them up to the roof and hidden them in the stalks of flax which she had laid in order on the roof.

7 So the men pursued them on the road to the Jordan to the fords; and as soon as those who were pursuing them had gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ¶ Now before they lay down, ¹she came up to them on the roof,

9 and said to the men, "^aI know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the ^bterror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have ¹melted away before you.

10 "^aFor we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the ¹Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and ^bwhat you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you ²utterly destroyed.

11 "And when we heard it, ^aour hearts melted and no ¹courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the ^bLORD your God, *He* is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

12 "Now therefore, please swear to me by the LORD, since I have dealt kindly with you, that you also will deal kindly with my father's household, and give me a ^apledge of ¹truth,

13 and ¹spare my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters, with all who belong to them, and deliver our ²lives from death."

14 So the men said to her, "Our ¹life ²for yours if you do not tell this business of ours; and it shall come about when the LORD gives us the land that we will ^adeal kindly and ³faithfully with you."

15 ^c Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall, so that she was living on the wall.

16 And she said to them, "^aGo to the hill country, lest the pursuers happen upon you, and hide yourselves there for three days, until the pursuers return. Then afterward you may go on your way."

17 And the men said to her, "^aWe shall be free from this oath ¹to you which you have made us swear,

18 ¹unless, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down, and ^agather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and your brothers and all your father's household.

19 "And it shall come about that anyone who goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be free; but anyone who is with you in the house, ^ahis blood shall be on our head, if a hand is laid on him.

20 "But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be free from the oath which you have made us swear."

21 And she said, "According to your words, so be it." So she sent

¹² ¹Or, faithfulness
^aJosh 2 18, 19

¹³ ¹Lat., let live
²Lat., souls

¹⁴ ¹Lat., soul
²Lat., instead of you to die
³Or, truly
^aGen 24:49

¹⁶ ^aJames 2:25

¹⁷ ¹Lat., of yours
^aGen 24:8

¹⁸ ¹Lat., behold
^aJosh 2:12

¹⁹ ^aMatt 27:25

²² ¹Lat., through all the road

²⁴ ¹Or, become demoralized
^aJosh 2:9

¹ ^aJosh. 2:1

² ^aJosh. 1:11

³ ^aDeut. 31:9

⁴ ¹i.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in.

⁵ ^aEx. 19:10, 11; Josh. 7:13

them away, and they departed; and she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

22 ¶ And they departed and came to the hill country, and remained there for three days until the pursuers returned. Now the pursuers had sought *them* ¹all along the road, but had not found *them*.

23 Then the two men returned and came down from the hill country and crossed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they related to him all that had happened to them.

24 And they said to Joshua, "Surely the LORD has given all the land into our hands, and ^aall the inhabitants of the land, moreover, have ¹melted away before us."

CHAPTER 3

THEN Joshua rose early in the morning; and he and all the sons of Israel set out from ^aShittim and came to the Jordan, and they lodged there before they crossed.

2 And it came about ^aat the end of three days that the officers went through the midst of the camp;

3 and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ^aark of the covenant of the LORD your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

4 "However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 ¹cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before."

5 ¶ Then Joshua said to the people, "^aConsecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

6 And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant and cross over

ahead of the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went ahead of the people.

7 ¶ Now the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you.

8 "You shall, moreover, command the priests who are carrying the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' "

9 Then Joshua said to the sons of Israel, "Come here, and hear the words of the LORD your God."

10 And Joshua said, "By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will assuredly dispossess from before you the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite.

11 "Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over ahead of you into the Jordan.

12 "Now then, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man for each tribe.

13 "And it shall come about when the soles of the feet of the priests who carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, and the waters which are flowing down from above shall stand in one heap."

14 ¶ So it came about when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people,

15 and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jor-

dan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest).

16 that the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.

17 And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.

CHAPTER 4

NOW it came about when all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe,

3 and command them, saying, 'Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet are standing firm, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging place where you will lodge tonight.' "

4 So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man from each tribe;

5 and Joshua said to them, "Cross again to the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

6 "Let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?'

7 then you shall say to them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of

7 *Josh.
4:14

10 *Deut.
5:28; 1 Thess.
1:9 *Ex. 33:2;
Deut. 7:1

11 *Job
41:11, Ps
24:1, Zech
6:5

12 *Josh 4:2

13 *Lit.,
going ²lit.,
and they
shall
*Ex. 15:8

14 *Ps.
132:8, Acts
7:44f

15 *1 Chr
12:15, Jer
12:5, 49:19

16 *Lit.,
going
*Ps. 66:6,
74:15, 114:3,
5 *Josh. 3:13
*Deut. 1:1

17 *Ex.
14:21, 22, 29

1 *Deut.
27:2, Josh
3:17

2 *Josh
3:12

3 *Josh
4:20

5 *Lit.,
Cross before
the ark

6 *Lit.,
That this
may be ²lit.,
tomorrow
*Ex. 12:28,
13:14, Josh
4:21

7 *Josh.
3:13

the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.' So these stones shall become a ^bmemorial to the sons of Israel forever."

8 ^c And thus the sons of Israel did, as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, just as the LORD spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel; and they carried them over with them to ^athe lodging place, and put them down there.

9 Then Joshua set up twelve ^astones in the middle of the Jordan at the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant were standing, and they are there to this day.

10 For the priests who carried the ark were standing in the middle of the Jordan until everything was completed that the LORD had commanded Joshua to speak to the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. And the people hurried and crossed;

11 and it came about when all the people had finished crossing, that the ark of the LORD and the priests crossed before the people.

12 ^aAnd the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh crossed over in battle array before the sons of Israel, just as Moses had spoken to them;

13 about 40,000, equipped for war, crossed for battle before the LORD to the desert plains of Jericho.

14 ^aOn that day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; so that they ¹revered him, just as they had ¹revered Moses all the days of his life.

15 ¶ Now the LORD said to ¹Joshua,

16 "Command the priests who carry ^athe ark of the testimony

7 ^bEx.
12:14, Num.
16:40

8 ^aJosh.
4:20

9 ^cGen.
28:18, Josh.
24:26f.,
1 Sam. 7:12

12 ^aNum.
32:17

14 ¹Or,
feared
^aJosh. 3:7

15 ¹Lit.,
Joshua, say-
ing

16 ^aEx.
25:16

18 ¹Lit.,
drawn out

19 ^aDeut.
1:3

20 ¹Lit.,
these
^aJosh. 4:8
^bJosh. 4:3, 8

21 ¹Lit., Is-
rael, saying.

22 ^aJosh.
3:17

23 ¹Lit., Sea
of Reeds
^aEx. 14:21

24 ¹Or, rev-
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all the days
^a1 Kin. 8:42;
2 Kin. 19:19;
Ps. 106:8 ^bEx.
15:16; 1 Chr.
29:12; Ps.
89:13 ^cEx.
14:31; Ps.
78:7f.; Jer.
10:7

¹Other
mss. read we
^aNum. 13:29
^bJosh. 2:10,
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that they come up from the Jordan."

17 So Joshua commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Jordan."

18 And it came about when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come up from the middle of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were ¹lifted up to the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned to their place, and went over all its banks as before.

19 ¶ Now the people came up from the Jordan on the ^atenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho.

20 ^aAnd ¹those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up ^bat Gilgal.

21 And he said to the sons of ¹Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?'

22 then you shall inform your children, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on ^adry ground.'

23 "For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the ¹Red Sea, ^awhich He dried up before us until we had crossed;

24 that ^aall the peoples of the earth may know that the ^bhand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may ¹fear the LORD your God ²forever."

CHAPTER 5

NOW it came about when all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the ^aCanaanites who were by the sea, ^bheard how the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel until ¹they had crossed, that their hearts melted, and there was no

spirit in them any longer, because of the sons of Israel.

2 ¶ At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make for yourself flint knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time."

3 So Joshua made himself flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at ¹Gibeath-haaraloth.

4 And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: ^aall the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness along the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 For all the people who came out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised.

6 For the sons of Israel walked ^aforty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, *that is*, the men of war who came out of Egypt, ¹perished because they did not listen to the voice of the LORD, ^bto whom the LORD had sworn that He would not let them see the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

7 And their children whom He raised up in their place, Joshua ¹circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them along the way.

8 Now it came about when they had finished circumcising all the nation, that they remained in their places in the camp until they were ¹healed.

9 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away ^athe reproach of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called ¹Gilgal to this day.

10 While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal, ^athey observed the Passover on the evening of the ^bfourteenth day of the

2 ^aEx 4:25

3 ¹ ^a ^b ^c ^d ^e ^f ^g ^h ⁱ ^j ^k ^l ^m ⁿ ^o ^p ^q ^r ^s ^t ^u ^v ^w ^x ^y ^z ^{aa} ^{ab} ^{ac} ^{ad} ^{ae} ^{af} ^{ag} ^{ah} ^{ai} ^{aj} ^{ak} ^{al} ^{am} ^{an} ^{ao} ^{ap} ^{aq} ^{ar} ^{as} ^{at} ^{au} ^{av} ^{aw} ^{ax} ^{ay} ^{az} ^{ba} ^{bb} ^{bc} ^{bd} ^{be} ^{bf} ^{bg} ^{bh} ^{bi} ^{bj} ^{bk} ^{bl} ^{bm} ^{bn} ^{bo} ^{bp} ^{bq} ^{br} ^{bs} ^{bt} ^{bu} ^{bv} ^{bw} ^{bx} ^{by} ^{bz} ^{ca} ^{cb} ^{cc} ^{cd} ^{ce} ^{cf} ^{cg} ^{ch} ^{ci} ^{cj} ^{ck} ^{cl} ^{cm} ^{cn} ^{co} ^{cp} ^{cq} ^{cr} ^{cs} ^{ct} ^{cu} ^{cv} ^{cw} ^{cx} ^{cy} ^{cz} ^{da} ^{db} ^{dc} ^{dd} ^{de} ^{df} ^{dg} ^{dh} ^{di} ^{dj} ^{dk} ^{dl} ^{dm} ^{dn} ^{do} ^{dp} ^{dq} ^{dr} ^{ds} ^{dt} ^{du} ^{dv} ^{dw} ^{dx} ^{dy} ^{dz} ^{ea} ^{eb} ^{ec} ^{ed} ^{ee} ^{ef} ^{eg} ^{eh} ^{ei} ^{ej} ^{ek} ^{el} ^{em} ^{en} ^{eo} ^{ep} ^{eq} ^{er} ^{es} ^{et} ^{eu} ^{ev} ^{ew} ^{ex} ^{ey} ^{ez} ^{fa} ^{fb} ^{fc} ^{fd} ^{fe} ^{ff} ^{fg} ^{fh} ^{fi} ^{fj} ^{fk} ^{fl} ^{fm} ^{fn} ^{fo} ^{fp} ^{fq} ^{fr} ^{fs} ^{ft} ^{fu} ^{fv} ^{fw} 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5 "And it shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down ¹flat, and the people will go up every man straight ²ahead."

6 ¶ So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

7 Then ¹he said to the people, "Go forward, and march around the city, and let the armed men go on before the ark of the LORD."

8 And it was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward and blew the trumpets; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and ^athe rear guard came after the ark, while they continued to blow the trumpets.

10 But Joshua commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout nor let your voice be heard, nor let a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout!"

11 So he had the ark of the LORD ¹taken around the city, circling it once; then they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

12 ¶ Now Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And ^athe seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew the trumpets; and the armed men went before them,

⁸ ¹Lit., in its place ²Lit., before himself

⁷ ¹Or, they

⁹ ^aJosh. 6:13, Is. 52:12

¹¹ ¹Lit., to go around

¹³ ^aJosh. 6:4
^bJosh. 6:9

¹⁶ ^{a2} Chr. 13:14f

¹⁷ ¹Lit., she and all
^aLev. 27:28, Deut. 20:17

¹⁸ ¹Lit., devote
^aJosh. 7:1

¹⁹ ^aNum. 31:11, 12, 21-23

²⁰ ¹Or, they ²Lit., in its place ³Lit., before himself
^aHeb. 11:30

²¹ ¹Or, put under the ban
^aDeut. 20:16

and ^bthe rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while they continued to blow the trumpets.

14 Thus the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp; they did so for six days.

15 ¶ Then it came about on the seventh day that they rose early at the dawning of the day and marched around the city in the same manner seven times; only on that day they marched around the city seven times.

16 And it came about at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "'Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.

17 "And the city shall be ^aunder the ban, it and all that is in it belongs to the LORD; only Rahab the harlot ¹and all who are with her in the house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

18 "But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the ban, lest you ¹covet them and ^atake some of the things under the ban, so you would make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it.

19 ^a"But all the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD."

20 So the people shouted, and ¹priests blew the trumpets; and it came about, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout and the ^awall fell down ²flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ³ahead, and they took the city.

21 ^aAnd they ¹utterly destroyed everything in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword.

22 ¶ And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the harlot's house and bring the woman and all she has out of there, as you have sworn to her."

23 So the young men who were spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brothers and all she had; they also brought out all her relatives, and placed them outside the camp of Israel.

24 And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 However, Rahab the harlot and her father's household and all she had, Joshua spared; and she has lived in the midst of Israel to this day, for she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26 ¶ Then Joshua made them take an oath at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD is the man who rises up and builds this city Jericho; with the loss of his first-born he shall lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son he shall set up its gates."

27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

CHAPTER 7

BUT the sons of Israel acted unfaithfully in regard to the things under the ban, for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the things under the ban, therefore the anger of the LORD burned against the sons of Israel.

2 ¶ Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." So the men went up and spied out Ai.

22 *Josh
2:12-19

23 *Heb
11:31

24 *Heb. tab-
ernacle
*Deut. 20:16-18

25 *Lit. let
live
*Heb. 11:31
*Josh. 2:6

26 *1 Kin
16:34

27 *Gen.
39:2. *Judg.
1:19. *Josh.
9:1, 3

1 *Josh
6:17-19

2 *Lit. say
ing. Go.
*Josh. 18:12.
1 Sam. 13:5.
14:23

3 *Lit. and
smile

4 *Lit. be-
fore
*Lev. 26:17.
Deut. 28:25

5 *Heb. be-
fore
*Lev. 26:38.
Josh. 2:11.
Ezek. 21:7.
Nah. 2:10

6 *Job 2:12
*Job 42:6.
Lam. 2:10.
Rev. 18:19

7 *Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD *Lit.
and had
dwelt

8 *Lit.
neck

9 *Ex.
32:12. Deut.
9:28

11 *Josh
6:18, 19

12 *Lit.
necks
*Num. 14:38.
45. *Judg. 2:14

3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up; only about two or three thousand men need go up to Ai; do not make all the people toil up there, for they are few."

4 So about three thousand men from the people went up there, but they fled from the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six of their men, and pursued them from the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent, so the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

6 ¶ Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, both he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.

7 And Joshua said, "Alas, O Lord God, why didst Thou ever bring this people over the Jordan, only to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? If only we had been willing to dwell beyond the Jordan!"

8 "O Lord, what can I say since Israel has turned their back before their enemies?"

9 "For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear of it, and they will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what wilt Thou do for Thy great name?"

10 ¶ So the LORD said to Joshua, "Rise up! Why is it that you have fallen on your face?"

11 "Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. And they have even taken some of the things under the ban and have both stolen and deceived. Moreover, they have also put them among their own things.

12 "Therefore the sons of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn their backs before their enemies, for they have

become accursed. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy the things under the ban from your midst.

13 "Rise up! ^aConsecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, for thus the LORD, the God of Israel, has said, "^bThere are things under the ban in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you have removed the things under the ban from your midst."

14 'In the morning then you shall come near by your tribes. And it shall be that the tribe which ^athe LORD takes by lot shall come near by families, and the family which the LORD takes shall come near by households, and the household which the LORD takes shall come near man by man.

15 'And ^ait shall be that the one who is taken with the things under the ban shall be burned with fire, he and all that belongs to him, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he ^bhas committed a disgraceful thing in Israel.' "

16 ^c So Joshua arose early in the morning and brought Israel near by ¹tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

17 And he brought the family of Judah near, and he took the family of the Zerahites; and he brought the family of the Zerahites near man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

18 And he brought his household near man by man; and ^aAchan, son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I implore you, ^agive glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me."

13 ^aJosh. 3:5
^bJosh. 6:18

14 ^aProv. 16:33

15 ^a1 Sam. 14:38f. ^bGen. 34:7, Judg. 20:6

16 ¹Lit., its tribes

18 ^aNum. 32:23, Acts 5:1-10

19 ^a1 Sam. 6:5, 2 Chr. 30:22; Jer. 13:16; John 9:24

20 ¹Lit., thus and thus I did

21 ^aEph. 5:5; 1 Tim. 6:10

24 ¹Or, cattle ²i.e., trouble ^aJosh. 15:7

25 ¹Lit., him ²Lit., and they stoned ^aJosh. 6:18

26 ¹i.e., trouble ^aIs. 65:10; Hos. 2:15

1 ^aJosh. 1:9; 10:8 ^bJosh. 6:2

20 So Achan answered Joshua and said, "Truly, I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and ¹this is what I did:

21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I ^acoveted them and took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it."

22 ¹ So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was concealed in his tent with the silver underneath it.

23 And they took them from inside the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the sons of Israel, and they poured them out before the LORD.

24 Then Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to ^athe valley of ²Achor.

25 And Joshua said, "Why have you ^atroubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." And all Israel stoned ¹them with stones; and they burned them with fire ²after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called ^athe valley of ¹Achor to this day.

CHAPTER 8

NOW the LORD said to Joshua, "^aDo not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, ^bI have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.

2 "And you shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king; you shall ^atake only its spoil and its cattle as plunder for yourselves. ¹Set an ambush for the city behind it."

² ¹La., Set for yourself/
^aDeut. 20:14.
Josh. 8:27

3 ¶ So Joshua rose with all the people of war to go up to Ai; and Joshua chose 30,000 men, valiant warriors, and sent them out at night.

⁴ ¹La., the city
^aJudg. 20:29

4 And he commanded them, saying, "See, you are ^agoing to ambush the city from behind ¹it. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready.

⁵ ^aJudg. 20:32

5 "Then I and all the people who are with me will approach the city. And it will come about when they come out to meet us as at the first, that ^awe will flee before them.

⁶ ^aDeut. 20:16, 18.
Josh. 8:2

6 "And they will come out after us until we have drawn them away from the city, for they will say, 'They are fleeing before us as at the first.' So we will flee before them.

¹⁰ ^aGen. 22:3

7 "And you shall rise from your ambush and take possession of the city, for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

¹² ¹La., Ai
^aGen. 12:8.
Josh. 18:12

8 "Then it will be when you have seized the city, that you shall set the city on fire. You shall do it ^aaccording to the word of the LORD. See, I have commanded you."

¹⁸ ^aJosh. 15:61, 16:1.
18:12

9 So Joshua sent them away, and they went to the place of ambush and remained between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Joshua spent that night among the people.

¹⁶ ^aJudg. 20:31

10 ¶ Now Joshua ^arose early in the morning and mustered the people, and he went up with the elders of Israel before the people to Ai.

¹⁷ ¹La., open

11 Then all the people of war who were with him went up and drew near and arrived in front of the city, and camped on the north side of Ai. Now there was a valley between him and Ai.

¹⁶ ^aEx. 14:16, 17:9.
13. Josh. 8:26

12 And he took about 5,000 men and set them in ambush between ^aBethel and Ai, on the west side of the ¹city.

13 So they stationed the people, all the army that was on the north side of the city, and its rear guard on the west side of the city, and Joshua spent that night in the midst of the valley.

14 And it came about when the king of Ai saw it, that the men of the city hurried and rose up early and went out to meet Israel in battle, he and all his people at the appointed place before the desert plain. But he did not know that *there* was an ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten before them, and fled ^aby the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them, and they pursued Joshua, and ^awere drawn away from the city.

17 So not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who had not gone out after Israel, and they left the city ¹unguarded and pursued Israel.

18 ¶ Then the LORD said to Joshua, "^aStretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." So Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.

19 And the men in ambush rose quickly from their place, and when he had stretched out his hand, they ran and entered the city and captured it; and they quickly set the city on fire.

20 When the men of Ai turned ¹back and looked, behold, the smoke of the city ascended to the sky, and they had no place to flee this way or that, for the people who had been fleeing to the wilderness turned against the pursuers.

21 When Joshua and all Israel saw that the men in ambush had

²⁰ ¹La., behind them

captured the city and that the smoke of the city ascended, they turned back and ¹slew the men of Ai.

22 And ¹the others came out from the city to encounter them, so that they were *trapped* in the midst of Israel, ²some on this side and some on that side; and they ³slew them until ^ano one was left ⁴of those who survived or escaped.

23 But they took alive the king of Ai and brought him to Joshua.

24 ¶ Now it came about when Israel had finished killing all the inhabitants of Ai in the field in the wilderness where they pursued them, and all of them were fallen by the edge of the sword until they were destroyed, then all Israel returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword.

25 ^aAnd all who fell that day, both men and women, were 12,000—all the ¹people of Ai.

26 For Joshua ^adid not withdraw his hand with which he stretched out the javelin until he had ¹utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 ^aIsrael took only the cattle and the spoil of that city as plunder for themselves, according to the word of the LORD which He had commanded Joshua.

28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it ^aa heap forever, a desolation until this day.

29 ^aAnd he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening; and at sunset Joshua gave command and they took his body down from the tree, and threw it at the entrance of the city gate, and raised over it a great heap of stones *that stands* to this day.

30 ¶ Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in ^aMount Ebal.

31 just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, ^aan

²¹ ¹Lit. smote

²² ¹Lit. these came
²Lit. these these
³Lit. smote
⁴Lit. for it
^aJosh 8:8

²³ ¹Lit. men
^aDeut 20:16-18

²⁶ ¹Or, put under the
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^aEx 17:11, 12

²⁷ ^aJosh 8:2

²⁸ ^aDeut 13:16

²⁹ ^aDeut 21:22, 23

³⁰ ^aDeut 27:2-8

³¹ ^aEx 20:25

³² ¹Lit. Moses
^aDeut 27:2, 3, 8

³³ ^aDeut 27:11-14
^bDeut 11:29

³⁴ ^aJosh 1:8

³⁵ ¹Lit. walking
^aEx 12:38, Deut 31:12, Zech 8:23

¹ ^aNum 13:29; Josh 3:10
^bNum 34:6
^cEx 3:17, 23, 23

² ¹Lit. one mouth
^aPs 83:3, 5

³ ^aJosh 9:17, 22; 10:2, 21, 17

⁴ ¹Lit. went and traveled as
envoys

altar of uncut stones, on which no man had wielded an iron tool; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 And he ^awrote there on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which ¹he had written, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

33 ^aAnd all Israel with their elders and officers and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them *stood* in front of ^bMount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had given command at first to bless the people of Israel.

34 Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in ^athe book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel ^awith the women and the little ones and the strangers who were ¹living among them.

CHAPTER 9

NOW it came about when ^aall the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country and in the lowland and on all the ^bcoast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, ^cthe Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, heard of it.

2 that they gathered themselves together with ¹aone accord to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

3 ¶ When the inhabitants of ^aGibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,

4 they also acted craftily and ¹set out as envoys, and took worn-out sacks on their don-

keys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and ²mended,

5 and worn-out and patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and had become crumbled.

6 And they went to Joshua to the ^acamp at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."

7 And the men of Israel said to the ^aHivites, "Perhaps you are living ¹within our land; ^bhow then shall we make a covenant with you?"

8 But they said to Joshua, "^aWe are your servants." Then Joshua said to them, "Who are you, and where do you come from?"

9 And they said to him, "Your servants have come from ^aa very far country because of the ¹fame of the LORD your God; for ^bwe have heard the report of Him and all that He did in Egypt,

10 and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon and to Og king of Bashan who was at Ash-taroth.

11 "So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them and say to them, "^aWe are your servants; now then, make a covenant with us."'

12 "This our bread was warm when we took it for our provisions out of our houses on the day that we left to come to you; but now behold, it is dry and has become crumbled.

13 "And these wineskins which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and these our clothes and our sandals are worn

4 ¹Lit.
tied up

6 ^aJosh.
5 10

7 ¹Lit.
among us
^aJosh. 9:1.
11 19 ^aEx
23 32, Deut
7:2

8 ^aDeut
20 11, 2 Kin
10:5

9 ^aOr.
name
^aJosh. 9:16.
17 ^aJosh. 2:9.
9:24

11 ^aJosh. 9:8

14 ¹Lit.
mouth
^aNum. 27:21

18 ^aEx
23 32

16 ¹Lit.
among them

17 ^aJosh.
18 25

21 ^aDeut.
29:11

22 ¹Lit.
among us
^aJosh. 9:16

23 ¹Lit., a
servant shall
not be cut off
from you
^aGen. 9:25

out because of the very long journey."

14 So the men of Israel took some of their provisions, and ^adid not ask for the ¹counsel of the LORD.

15 ^aAnd Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore an oath to them.

16 ^a And it came about at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were neighbors and that they were living ¹within their land.

17 Then the sons of Israel set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were ^aGibeon and Chephirah and Beeroth and Kiriath-jearim.

18 And the sons of Israel did not strike them because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD the God of Israel. And the whole congregation grumbled against the leaders.

19 But all the leaders said to the whole congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we cannot touch them.

20 "This we will do to them, even let them live, lest wrath be upon us for the oath which we swore to them."

21 And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became ^ahewers of wood and drawers of water for the whole congregation, just as the leaders had spoken to them.

22 ^a Then Joshua called for them and spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' ^awhen you are living ¹within our land?"

23 "Now therefore, you are ^acursed, and ¹you shall never cease being slaves, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God."

24 So they answered Joshua and said, "Because it was certainly told your servants that the LORD your God had commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land before you; therefore we feared greatly for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.

25 "And now behold, we are in your hands; do as it seems good and right in your sight to do to us."

26 Thus he did to them, and delivered them from the hands of the sons of Israel, and they did not kill them.

27 But Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, in the place which He would choose.

CHAPTER 10

NOW it came about when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured Ai, and had utterly destroyed it (just as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king), and that the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were within their land,

2 that he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

3 Therefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent word to Hopham king of Hebron and to Piram king of Jarmuth and to Japhia king of Lachish and to Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 "Come up to me and help me, and let us attack Gibeon, for it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel."

5 So the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and

24 Josh. 9:9

25 Gen. 16:6

27 Deut. 12:5

1 Or, put under the
2 Lit., among them
3 Josh. 8:21f
4 Josh. 9:15

2 Lit., they
Ex. 15:14-16

3 Josh. 10:23

4 Lit., smile
Josh. 9:15

5 Num. 13:29

6 Lit., slacken your hands from

7 Josh. 8:1

8 Lit., a man
Josh. 1:5, 9

9 Lit., he went up

10 Lit., struck
Deut. 7:23

11 Lit., with
Ps. 18:12f.; Is. 28:2

12 Hab. 3:11

13 Hab. 3:11

the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they with all their armies, and camped by Gibeon and fought against it.

6 ¶ Then the men of Gibeon sent word to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not abandon your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites that live in the hill country have assembled against us."

7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the valiant warriors.

8 And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands; not one of them shall stand before you."

9 So Joshua came upon them suddenly by marching all night from Gilgal.

10 And the LORD confounded them before Israel, and He slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and pursued them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah.

11 And it came about as they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth-horon, that the LORD threw large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

12 ¶ Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

"O sun, stand still at Gibeon,
And O moon in the valley of Aijalon."

13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies.

Is it not written in ^bthe book of Jashar? And ^cthe sun stopped in the middle of the sky, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, when the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for ^athe LORD fought for Israel.

15 Then Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp to Gilgal.

16 ^a Now these ^afive kings had fled and hidden themselves in the cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah."

18 And Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and assign men by it to guard them.

19 but do not stay *there* yourselves; pursue your enemies and ¹attack them in the rear. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand."

20 And it came about when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished ¹slaying them with a very great slaughter, ^auntil they were destroyed, and the survivors who remained of them ²had entered the fortified cities,

21 that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace. No one ¹uttered a word against any of the sons of Israel.

22 ^a Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring these five kings out to me from the cave."

23 And they did so, and ^abrought these five kings out to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

24 And it came about when they brought these kings out to Joshua, that Joshua called for all

the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near, ^aput your feet on the necks of these kings." So they came near and put their feet on their necks.

25 Joshua then said to them, "^aDo not fear or be dismayed! Be strong and courageous, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies with whom you fight."

26 So afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he ^ahanged them on five trees; and they hung on the trees until evening.

27 And it came about at ¹sunset that Joshua commanded, and ^athey took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and put large stones over the mouth of the cave, to this very day.

28 [¶] Now Joshua captured Makkedah on that day, and struck it and its king with the edge of the sword; ^ahe ¹utterly destroyed ²it and every ³person who was in it. He left no survivor. Thus he did to the king of Makkedah ^bjust as he had done to the king of Jericho.

29 [¶] Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Makkedah to ^aLibnah, and fought against Libnah.

30 And the LORD gave it also with its king into the hands of Israel, and he struck it and every person who was in it with the edge of the sword. He left no survivor in it. Thus he did to its king just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31 [¶] And Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Libnah to Lachish, and they camped by it and fought against it.

32 And the LORD gave Lachish into the hands of Israel; and he captured it on the second day, and struck it and every person who was in it with the edge of the

13 [¶] See.
18 [¶] Is. 38:8

14 [¶] Ex.
14:14; Deut.
1:30; Josh.
10:42

16 [¶] Josh.
10:5

19 [¶] Lit.
write their
tail

20 [¶] Lit.
striking [¶] Lit.
and had
[¶] Deut. 20:16

21 [¶] Lit.
sharpened his
tongue

23 [¶] Deut.
7:24

24 [¶] Mai. 4:3

25 [¶] Josh.
10:8

26 [¶] Josh.
8:29

27 [¶] Lit. the
time of the
going of the
sun
[¶] Deut. 21:22,
23

28 [¶] Or, put
under the
ban [¶] Some
ms. read
them [¶] Lit.
saw, and so
throughout
the ch.
[¶] Deut. 20:16
[¶] Josh. 6:21

29 [¶] Josh.
15:42; 21:13

sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 ¶ Then Horam king of ^aGezer came up to help Lachish, and Joshua ¹defeated him and his people until he had left him no survivor.

34 ¶ And Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Lachish to Eglon, and they camped by it and fought against it.

35 And they captured it on that day and struck it with the edge of the sword; and he ¹utterly destroyed that day every person who was in it, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 ¶ Then Joshua and all Israel with him went up from Eglon to ^aHebron, and they fought against it.

37 And they captured it and struck it and its king and all its cities and all the persons who were in it with the edge of the sword. He left no survivor, according to all that he had done to Eglon. And he ¹utterly destroyed it and every person who was in it.

38 ¶ Then Joshua and all Israel with him returned to ^aDebir, and they fought against it.

39 And he captured it and its king and all its cities, and they struck them with the edge of the sword, and ¹utterly destroyed every person who was in it. He left no survivor. Just as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its king, as he had also done to Libnah and its king.

40 ¶ Thus Joshua struck all the land, ^athe hill country and the ¹Negev and the lowland and the slopes and ^ball their kings. He left no survivor, but ^che ²utterly destroyed all who breathed, just as the LORD, the God of Israel, had commanded.

41 And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea even as far as Gaza, and all the country of ^aGoshen even as far as Gibeon.

42 And Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one

³³ ¹Lit., smote
^aJosh. 16:3, 10; Judg. 1:29; 1 Kin. 9:16

³⁵ ¹Or, put under the ban

³⁶ ^aNum. 13:22, Judg. 1:10, 20, 2 Sam. 5:1, 3, 5:13, 2 Chr. 11:10

³⁷ ¹Or, put it under the ban

³⁸ ^aJosh. 15:15, Judg. 1:11, 1 Chr. 6:58

³⁹ ¹Or, put it under the ban

⁴⁰ ¹i.e., South country ²Or, put it under the ban
^aDeut. 1:7
^bDeut. 7:24
^cDeut. 20:16

⁴¹ ^aJosh. 11:16, 15:51

⁴² ^aJosh. 10:14

¹ ^aJosh. 11:10

² ¹i.e., Sea of Galilee
^aOr, Naphtali-dor
^aJosh. 12:3, 13:27

³ ¹Lit., under
^aDeut. 7:1, Judg. 3:3, 5, 1 Kin. 9:20
^bJosh. 11:17, 13:5, 11
^cJosh. 15:38, 18:28

⁴ ^aJudg. 7:12

⁶ ^aJosh. 10:8 ^b2 Sam. 8:4

⁸ ¹Lit., smote
^aJosh. 13:6
^bJosh. 11:3

⁹ ^aJosh. 11:6

time, because ^athe LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.

43 So Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp at Gilgal.

CHAPTER 11

THEN it came about, when Jabin king of ^aHazor heard of it, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon and to the king of Shimron and to the king of Achshaph, ² and to the kings who were of the north in the hill country, and in the ^aArabah—south of ¹Chinneroth and in the lowland and on the ²heights of Dor on the west—

³ to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Jebusite in the hill country, and ^athe Hivite ¹at the foot of ^bHermon in the land of ^cMizpeh.

4 And they came out, they and all their armies with them, ^aas many people as the sand that is on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots.

5 So all of these kings having agreed to meet, came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6 ¶ Then the LORD said to Joshua, ^a"Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow at this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel; you shall ^bhamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire."

7 So Joshua and all the people of war with him came upon them suddenly by the waters of Merom, and attacked them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, so that they ¹defeated them, and pursued them as far as Great Sidon and ^aMisrephoth-maim and the valley of ^bMizpeh to the east; and they struck them until no survivor was left to them.

9 And Joshua did to them as the LORD had told him; he ^ahamstrung their horses, and burned their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ Then Joshua turned back at that time, and captured ^aHazor and struck its king with the sword; for Hazor formerly was the head of all these kingdoms.

11 ^aAnd they struck every person who was in it with the edge of the sword, ¹utterly destroying them; there was no one left who breathed. And he burned Hazor with fire.

12 And Joshua captured all the cities of these kings, and all their kings, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them; just ^aas Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded.

13 However, Israel did not burn any cities that stood on their mounds, except Hazor alone, which Joshua burned.

14 ^aAnd all the spoil of these cities and the cattle, the sons of Israel took as their plunder; but they struck every man with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them. They left no one who breathed.

15 Just as the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

16 ¶ Thus Joshua took all that land: ^athe hill country and all the ¹Negev, all that land of Goshen, the lowland, ^bthe Arabah, the hill country of Israel and its lowland

17 from ^aMount Halak, that rises toward Seir, even as far as Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon ¹at the foot of Mount Hermon. And he captured ^ball their kings and struck them down and put them to death.

18 Joshua waged war a long time with all these kings.

19 There was not a city which made peace with the sons of Israel except ^athe Hivites living in Gibeon; they took them all in battle.

20 ^aFor it was of the LORD to

10 ^aJosh.
11:1

11 ^aOr, putting them under the ban, and so throughout the ch.
^aDeut. 20:16

12 ^aNum.
33:50-52;
Deut. 7:2,
20:16f

14 ^aNum.
31:11, 12

16 ^aHe.
South country
^aJosh. 10:40,
41 ^bJosh. 11:2

17 ^aLat. un-
der
^aJosh. 12:7
^aDeut. 7:24

19 ^aJosh.
9:3, 7

20 ^aLat.
made strong
^aLat. have
^aEx. 14:17
^aDeut. 7:16

21 ^aNum.
13:33, Deut.
9:2

22 ^a1 Sam.
17:4, 1 Kin.
2:39; 1 Chr.
8:13 ^aJosh.
15:48f.
1 Sam. 5:1,
15:20:1

23 ^aDeut.
1:38 ^aDeut.
12:9, 10;
25:19; Heb.
4:8

1 ^aLat.
made
^aNum. 32:33,
Deut. 3:8-17

2 ^aDeut.
2:38

3 ^aHe.
Galilee ^aLat.
the way of
^aLat. under
^aJosh. 11:2
^aJosh. 13:20

4 ^aDeut.
3:11 ^aDeut.
1:4

¹harden their hearts, to meet Israel in battle in order that he might ^butterly destroy them, that they might ²receive no mercy, but that he might destroy them, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

21 ¶ Then Joshua came at that time and cut off ^athe Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab and from all the hill country of Judah and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.

22 There were no Anakim left in the land of the sons of Israel; only in Gaza, in ^aGath, and in ^bAshdod some remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses, and ^aJoshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. ^bThus the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these are the ^akings of the land whom the sons of Israel ¹defeated, and whose land they possessed beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the valley of the Arnon as far as Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah to the east:

2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and ruled ^afrom Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, both the middle of the valley and half of Gilead, even as far as the brook Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;

3 and the ^aArabah as far as the Sea of ¹Chinneroth toward the east, and as far as the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward ²toward ^bBeth-jeshimoth, and on the south, ³at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah;

4 and the territory of Og king of Bashan, one of ^athe remnant of Rephaim, who lived at ^bAshtaroth and at Edrei.

5 and ruled over Mount Hermon and ^aSalekah and all Bashan, as far as ^bthe border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half of Gilead, as far as the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 Moses the servant of the LORD and the sons of Israel ¹defeated them; and ^aMoses the servant of the LORD gave it to the Reubenites and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh as a possession.

7 ^c Now these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the sons of Israel ¹defeated beyond the Jordan toward the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even as far as ^aMount Halak, which rises toward Seir; and Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their divisions.

8 in ^athe hill country, in the lowland, in the Arabah, on the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the ¹Negev; the Hittite, the Amorite and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite:

9 the ^aking of Jericho, one; the ^bking of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one;

10 the ^aking of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of ^aArad, one;

15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;

17 the king of Tappuah, one; the ^aking of Hopher, one;

18 the king of ^aAphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

5 ^aDeut. 3:10; Josh. 13:11, 1 Chr. 5:11 ^bDeut. 3:14; 1 Sam. 27:8

6 ¹Lit., smote ^aNum. 32:33; Deut. 3:12

7 ¹Lit., smote ^aJosh. 11:17

8 ¹Lit., South country ^aJosh. 11:16

9 ^aJosh. 6:2 ^bJosh. 8:29

10 ^aJosh. 10:23

14 ^aNum. 21:1

17 ^a1 Kin. 4:10

18 ^aJosh. 13:4, 2 Kin. 13:17

22 ^aJosh. 19:37; 20:7; 21:32

23 ¹Or., Naphath-dor ^aGen. 14:1

24 ^aDeut. 7:24

1 ^aJosh. 14:10

2 ^aJosh. 13:11, 1 Sam. 27:8

3 ¹Lit., on the face of ^a1 Sam. 6:4, 16

4 ¹Or., from the Teman ^aJosh. 12:18; 19:30; 1 Sam. 4:1; 1 Kin. 20:26, 30 ^bEzek. 16:3; Amos 2:10

5 ¹Lit., sunrise ²Or., the entrance of Hamath ^a1 Kin. 5:18 ^bJosh. 12:7

6 ¹Or., dispossess ^aJosh. 11:8 ^bNum. 33:54

8 ¹Lit., it, the

20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; 21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 the king of ^aKedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one;

23 the king of Dor in the ¹heights of Dor, one; the king of ^aGolim in Gilgal, one;

24 the king of Tirzah, one; ^ain all, thirty-one kings.

CHAPTER 13

NOW ^aJoshua was old and advanced in years when the LORD said to him, "You are old and advanced in years, and very much of the land remains to be possessed.

2 "This is the land that remains: all the regions of the Philistines and all *those of* the ^aGeshurites;

3 from the Shihor which is ¹east of Egypt, even as far as the border of Ekron to the north (it is counted as Canaanite); the ^afive lords of the Philistines: the Gazite, the Ashdodite, the Ashkelonite, the Gittite, the Ekronite; and the Avvite

4 ¹to the south, all the land of the Canaanite, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, as far as ^aAphek, to the border of the ^bAmorite;

5 and the land of the ^aGebalite, and all of Lebanon, toward the ¹east, ^bfrom Baal-gad below Mount Hermon as far as ²Lebo-hamath.

6 "All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon as far as ^aMisrephoth-maim, all the Sidonians, I will ¹drive them out from before the sons of Israel; ^bonly allot it to Israel for an inheritance as I have commanded you.

7 "Now therefore, apportion this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes, and the half-tribe of Manasseh."

8 ^a ¶ With ¹the other half-tribe, the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance which

Moses gave them ^abeyond the Jordan to the east, just as Moses the servant of the LORD gave to them;

9 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, with the city which is in the middle of the valley, and all the plain of Medeba, as far as Dibon;

10 and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the border of the sons of Ammon;

11 and ^aGilead, and the ¹territory of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan as far as Salecah;

12 all the kingdom of ^aOg in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he alone was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for Moses ^bstruck them and dispossessed them.

13 But the sons of Israel did not dispossess the Geshurites or the Maacathites; for Geshur and Maacath live among Israel until this day.

14 ^aOnly to the tribe of Levi he did not give an inheritance; the offerings by fire to the LORD, the God of Israel, are ¹their inheritance, as He spoke to him.

15 ^a So Moses gave an inheritance to the tribe of the sons of Reuben according to their families.

16 And their ¹territory was ^afrom Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, with the city which is in the middle of the valley and all the plain by Medeba;

17 Heshbon, and all its cities which are on the plain: Dibon and Bamoth-baal and Beth-baal-meon,

18 and ^aJahaz and Kedemoth and Mephaath,

19 and ^aKiriathaim and Sibmah and Zereth-shahar on the hill of the valley,

20 and Beth-peor and the

slopes of Pisgah and Beth-jeshimoth,

21 even all the cities of the plain and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses struck with the chiefs of Midian, ^aEvi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who lived in the land.

22 The sons of Israel also killed ^aBalaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with the sword among the rest of their slain.

23 And the border of the sons of Reuben was the ¹Jordan. This was the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 ^a Moses also gave an inheritance to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad, according to their families.

25 And their territory was ^aJazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the sons of Ammon, as far as Aroer which is before Rabbah;

26 and from Heshbon as far as Ramath-mizpeh and Betonim, and from Mahanaim as far as the border of ¹Debir;

27 and in the valley, Beth-haram and Beth-nimrah and Succoth and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, with the Jordan ¹as a border, as far as the lower end of the Sea of ^{2a}Chinnereth beyond the Jordan to the east.

28 This is the inheritance of the sons of Gad according to their families, the cities and their villages.

29 ^a Moses also gave an inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh; and it was for the half-tribe of the sons of Manasseh according to their families.

30 And their territory was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all ^athe ¹towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities;

^a Josh. 12:1-4

¹¹ ^aOr. border
^a Gen. 37:25; Num. 32:29; Josh. 13:25, 17:34.

¹² ^aDeut. 3:11 ^aNum. 21:24

¹⁴ ^aLit. his
^aDeut. 18:1, 2

¹⁶ ^aOr. border
^a Josh. 13:9

¹⁸ ^aNum. 21:23, Judg. 11:20; Is. 15:4, Jer. 48:34

¹⁹ ^aNum. 32:37, Jer. 48:1, 23; Ezek. 25:9

²¹ ^aNum. 31:8

²² ^aNum. 31:8

²³ ^aLit. Jordan and border

²⁵ ^aNum. 21:32, Josh. 21:30; 2 Sam. 24:5; 1 Chr. 6:81; 26:31; Is. 16:8; Jer. 48:32

²⁶ ^aOr. Lachish

²⁷ ^aLit. and border ¹ie. Gabbee
^aNum. 34:11; Deut. 3:17

³⁰ ^aLit. towns
^aNum. 32:41

31 also half of Gilead, with ^aAshtaroth and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh, for half of the sons of Machir according to their families.

32 ¶ These are the territories which Moses apportioned for an inheritance in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho to the east.

33 But ^ato the tribe of Levi, Moses did not give an inheritance; the LORD, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as He had ¹promised to them.

CHAPTER 14

NOW these are the territories which the sons of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which ^aEleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the ¹households of the tribes of the sons of Israel apportioned to them for an inheritance.

2 by the ^alot of their inheritance, as the LORD commanded ¹through Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe.

3 For ^aMoses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan; but ^bhe did not give an inheritance to the Levites among them.

4 For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, ^aManasseh and Ephraim, and they did not give a portion to the Levites in the land, except cities to live in, with their pasture lands for their livestock and for their property.

5 Thus the sons of Israel did just ^aas the LORD had commanded Moses, and they divided the land.

6 ¶ Then the sons of Judah drew near to Joshua in Gilgal, and ^aCaleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know the word which the LORD spoke to Moses the man of God

31 ^aJosh. 9:10; 12:4; 13:12; Judg. 10:8; 1 Sam. 7:3f.; 12:10; 1 Chr. 6:71

33 ¹Lit., spoken to ^aDeut. 18:1f. Josh. 13:14

¹Lit., fathers ^aNum. 34:16, 29

²Lit., by the hand of ^aNum. 26:55, 33:54, 34:13

³Num. 32:33 ^bJosh. 13:14

⁴Gen. 41:51f.; 46:20; 48:1, 5; Num. 26:28, 2 Chr. 30:1

⁵Num. 35:1f. Josh. 21:2

⁶Lit., me and concerning you ^aNum. 13:6, 30; 14:6, 24, 30

⁷Num. 13:1-31

⁸Lit., become demoralized ^aNum. 14:24; Deut. 1:36

⁹Deut. 1:36

¹¹Deut. 34:7 ^bDeut. 31:2

¹²Or, dispossess ^aNum. 13:33

¹³Josh. 22:6 ^bJudg. 1:20; 1 Chr. 6:55f.

¹⁵I.e., the city of Arba ^aJosh. 11:23

concerning ¹you and me in Kadesh-barnea.

7 "I was forty years old when ^aMoses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him as it was in my heart.

8 "Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people ¹melt with fear; but ^aI followed the LORD my God fully.

9 "So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely ^athe land on which your foot has trodden shall be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully.'

10 "And now behold, the LORD has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today.

11 "I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for ^bgoing out and coming in.

12 "Now then, give me this hill country about which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that ^aAnakim were there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the LORD will be with me, and I shall ¹drive them out as the LORD has spoken."

13 ¶ So Joshua ^ablessed him, and ^bgave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

14 Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the LORD God of Israel fully.

15 Now the name of Hebron was formerly ¹Kiriath-arba; for Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim. ^aThen the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

NOW ^athe lot for the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families ¹reached the ^bborder of Edom, southward to the ^cwilderness of Zin at the extreme south.

2 And their south border was from the lower end of the Salt Sea, from the bay that turns to the south.

3 Then it proceeded southward to the ascent of Akrabbim and continued to Zin, then went up by the south of Kadesh-barnea and continued to Hezron, and went up to Addar and turned about to Karka.

4 And it ^acontinued to Azmon and proceeded to the ^{1b}brook of Egypt; and the ^{2b}border ended at the sea. This shall be your south border.

5 And the ^aeast border was the Salt Sea, as far as the ^bmouth of the Jordan. And the ^bborder of the north side was from the bay of the sea at the ^bmouth of the Jordan.

6 Then the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and continued on the north of Beth-arabah, and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

7 And the border went up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and turned northward toward Gilgal which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south of the valley; and the border continued to the waters of En-shemesh, and it ended at En-rogel.

8 Then the border went up the valley of Ben-hinnom to the slope of the Jebusite on the south (that is, Jerusalem); and the border went up to the top of the mountain which is before the valley of Hinnom to the west, which is at the end of the valley of Rephaim toward the north.

9 And from the top of the mountain the border curved to

1 Lit. was
to
• Num. 34 3. 6
• Num. 20 18
• Deut. 12 51

4 Or. wash
Flt. gouge
out of the
border were
• Num. 345
• Gen. 1512
1 Km. 805

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Josh 7:24

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Josh 14 13
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22 Num.
13:33, Deut
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the spring of the waters of Nephtoah and proceeded to the cities of Mount Ephron, then the border curved to ^aBaalah (that is, ^bKiriath-jearim).

10 And the border turned about from Baalah westward to Mount Seir, and continued to the slope of Mount Jearim on the north (that is, Chesalon), and went down to Beth-shemesh and continued through *Timnah.

11 And the border proceeded to the side of Ekron northward. Then the border curved to Shikeron and continued to Mount Baalah and proceeded to Jabneel, and the 'border ended at the sea.

12 And the west border was ^aat the Great Sea, even its ¹coast-line. This is the border around the sons of Judah according to their families.

13 ¶ Now ^ahe gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion ^bamong the sons of Judah, according to the ¹command of the LORD to Joshua, *namely*, ²Kiriath-arba, Arba being the father of Anak (that is, Hebron).

14 And ^aCaleb ^bdrove out from there the three ^bsons of Anak: Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the children of Anak.

15 Then ^ahe went up from there against the inhabitants of Debir; now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher.

16 And Caleb said, "The one who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, ²¹I will give him Achsah my daughter as a wife."

17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it; so he gave him Achsah his daughter as a wife.

18 "And it came about that when she came to him, she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. So she alighted from the donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do you want?"

19 Then she said, "Give me a blessing; since you have given

me the land of the ¹Negev, give me also springs of water." So he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

20 ¶ This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their families.

21 ¶ Now the cities at the extremity of the tribe of the sons of Judah toward the border of Edom in the south were Kabzeel and ^aEder and Jagur.

22 and Kinah and Dimonah and Adadah.

23 and Kedesh and Hazor and Ithnan.

24 Ziph and Telem and Bealoth.

25 and Hazor-hadattah and Kerioth-hezron (that is, Hazor).

26 Amam and Shema and Moladah.

27 and Hazar-gaddah and Heshmon and Beth-pelet.

28 and Hazar-shual and ^aBeer-sheba and Biziothiah.

29 Baalah and Iim and Ezem.

30 and Eltolad and Chesil and Hormah.

31 and ^aZiklag and Madmanah and Sansannah.

32 and Lebaoth and Shilhim and Ain and Rimmon; in all, twenty-nine cities with their villages.

33 ¶ In the lowland: ^aEshtaol and Zorah and Ashnah.

34 and Zanoah and Enganim, Tappuah and Enam.

35 Jarmuth and ^aAdullam, Socoh and Azekah.

36 and Shaaraim and Adithaim and Gederah and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages.

37 ¶ Zenan and Hadashah and Migdal-gad.

38 and Dilean and Mizpeh and Joktheel.

39 ^aLachish and Bozkath and Eglon.

40 and Cabbon and Lahmas and Chitlish.

41 and Gederoth, Beth-dagon

¹⁰ I.e., South country

²¹ ^aGen. 35:21

²⁸ ^aGen. 21:31

³¹ ^a1 Sam. 27:6, 30:1

³³ ^aJudg. 13:25, 16:31

³⁸ ^a1 Sam. 22:1

³⁹ ^aJosh. 10:3; 2 Kin. 14:19

⁴⁸ ^aLit., hand

⁴⁷ ^aOr, wadi
²Lit., border
^aJosh. 15:4

and Naamah and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages.

42 ¶ Libnah and Ether and Ashan.

43 and Iphtah and Ashnah and Nezib.

44 and Keilah and Achzib and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages.

45 ¶ Ekron, with its towns and its villages;

46 from Ekron even to the sea, all that were by the ¹side of Ashdod, with their villages.

47 ¶ Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; as far as ^athe ¹brook of Egypt and the Great Sea, even its ²coastline.

48 ¶ And in the hill country: Shamir and Jattir and Socoh.

49 and Dannah and Kiriath-sannah (that is, Debir).

50 and Anab and Eshtemoah and Anim.

51 and Goshen and Holon and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

52 ¶ Arab and Dumah and Eshan.

53 and Janum and Beth-tappuah and Aphekah.

54 and Humtah and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages.

55 ¶ Maon, Carmel and Ziph and Juttah.

56 and Jezreel and Jokdeam and Zanoah.

57 Kain, Gibeah and Timnah; ten cities with their villages.

58 ¶ Halhul, Beth-zur and Gedor.

59 and Maarath and Beth-anoth and Eltekon; six cities with their villages.

60 ¶ Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with their villages.

61 ¶ In the wilderness: Beth-arabah, Middin and Secacah.

62 and Nibshan and the City of Salt and Engedi; six cities with their villages.

63 ¶ Now as for the ^aJebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah could not ¹drive them out; so the Jebusites live with the sons of Judah at Jerusalem until this day.

63 ¹Or, dispossess them
^aJudg. 1:21;
²Sam. 5:6;
¹Chr. 11:4

1 ^aJosh.
 8:15, 18, 12

CHAPTER 16

THEN the lot for the sons of Joseph went from the Jordan at Jericho to the waters of Jericho on the east into ^athe wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill country to Bethel.

2 ^aJosh.
 18:13

3 ¹Lit., the
 groups out of
 it were
^aJosh. 18:13;
¹Kn. 9:17;
^aJosh. 10:33

2 And it went from Bethel to Luz, and ^acontinued to the border of the Archites at Ataroth.

4 ^aJosh.
 17:14

3 And it went down westward to the territory of the Japhletites, as far as the territory of lower ^aBeth-horon even to ^bGezer, and ¹it ended at the sea.

5 ^aJosh.
 18:13

4 ¶ And the ^asons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.

6 ^aJosh.
 17:7

5 Now this was the territory of the sons of Ephraim according to their families: the border of their inheritance eastward was ^aAtaroth-addar, as far as upper Beth-horon.

7 ¹Chr.
 7:28

6 Then the border went westward at ^aMichmethath on the north, and the border turned about eastward to Taanath-shiloh, and continued *beyond* it to the east of Janoah.

8 ¹Or, wadi
¹Lit., the
 groups out of it
 were
^aJosh. 17:8

7 And it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and to ^aNaarah, then reached Jericho and came out at the Jordan.

10 ¹Or, dispossess
^aJudg. 1:29;
¹Kn. 9:16;
^aJosh. 17:12;
 13

8 From ^aTappuah the border continued westward to the ¹brook of Kanah, and ²it ended at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim according to their families.

11 ¹Lit., and
 there was to
 him
^aGen. 41:51;
 46:20; 48:17

9 *together* with the cities which were set apart for the sons of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

3 ^aNum.
 26:33, 27:1-7

4 ¹Lit.,
 mouth
^aNum. 27:5-7

6 ^aJosh.
 13:30, 31

7 ¹Lit., was

10 ¶ But they did not ¹drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so ^bthe Canaanites live in the midst of Ephraim to this day, and they became forced laborers.

CHAPTER 17

NOW this was the lot for the tribe of ^aManasseh, for he was the first-born of Joseph. To Machir the first-born of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, ¹was allotted Gilead and Bashan, because he was a man of war.

2 So the lot was made for the rest of the sons of Manasseh according to their families: for the sons of Abiezer and for the sons of Helek and for the sons of Asriel and for the sons of Shechem and for the sons of Hephher and for the sons of Shemida; these were the male descendants of Manasseh the son of Joseph according to their families.

3 However, ^aZelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, only daughters; and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest and before Joshua the son of Nun and before the leaders, saying, "The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers." So ^aaccording to the ¹command of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among their father's brothers.

5 Thus there fell ten portions to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan.

6 because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance among his sons. And the ^aland of Gilead belonged to the rest of the sons of Manasseh.

7 ¶ And the border of Manasseh ¹ran from Asher to Michmethath which was east of

Shechem; then the border went ²southward to the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but ^aTappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the sons of Ephraim.

9 And the ^aborder went down to the ¹brook of Kanah, southward of the ¹brook (these cities belonged to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh), and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the ¹brook, and ²it ended at the sea.

10 The south side belonged to Ephraim and the north side to Manasseh, and the sea was ¹their border; and they reached to Asher on the north and to Issachar on the east.

11 And in Issachar and in Asher, ^aManasseh had Bethshean and its towns and Ibleam and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, the third is ^bNapheth.

12 ^aBut the sons of Manasseh could not take possession of these cities, because the Canaanites persisted in living in that land.

13 And it came about when the sons of Israel became strong, ^athey put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not ¹drive them out completely.

14 ^a Then the ^asons of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, "Why have you given me only one lot and one portion for an inheritance, since I am a numerous people whom the LORD has thus far blessed?"

15 And Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go ¹up to the forest and ²clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, since the hill country

7 ²Lit., to the right hand

8 ^aJosh 16:8

9 ¹Or, wadi
²Lit., goings out of it were
^aJosh 16:8f

10 ¹Lit., its

11 ^a1 Chr 7:29
^bJosh 11:2, 12:23

12 ^aJudg 1:27

13 ¹Or, dispossess
^aJosh 16:10

14 ^aNum. 13:7

15 ¹Lit., up for yourself
²Lit., cut down

16 ^aJosh 17:18, Judg 1:19, 4:3, 13

18 ¹Lit., cut it down
²Lit., goings out
³Or, dispossess
^aJosh 17:16

1 ^aJudg 21:19; Jer 7:12; 26:6, 9

3 ^aJudg 18:9

4 ¹Lit., the
²Lit., come

5 ^aJosh. 15:1

of Ephraim is too narrow for you."

16 And the sons of Joseph said, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the valley land have ^achariots of iron, both those who are in Bethshean and its towns, and those who are in the valley of Jezreel."

17 And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, saying, "You are a numerous people and have great power; you shall not have one lot only,

18 but the hill country shall be yours. For though it is a forest, you shall ¹clear it, and to its ²farthest borders it shall be yours; for you shall ³drive out the Canaanites, even though they have ^achariots of iron and though they are strong."

CHAPTER 18

THEN the whole congregation of the sons of Israel assembled themselves at ^aShiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there; and the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the sons of Israel seven tribes who had not divided their inheritance.

3 So Joshua said to the sons of Israel, "^aHow long will you put off entering to take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you?

4 "Provide for yourselves three men from ¹each tribe that I may send them, and that they may arise and walk through the land and write a description of it according to their inheritance; then they shall ²return to me.

5 "And they shall divide it into seven portions; ^aJudah shall stay in its territory on the south, and the house of Joseph shall stay in their territory on the north.

6 "And you shall describe the land in seven divisions, and

bring the description here to me. And I will cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 "For ^athe Levites have no portion among you, because the priesthood of the LORD is ¹their inheritance. Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh also have received their inheritance eastward beyond the Jordan, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them."

8 "Then the men arose and went, and Joshua commanded those who went to describe the land, saying, "Go and walk through the land and describe it, and return to me; then I will cast lots for you here before the LORD in ^aShiloh."

9 So the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities in seven divisions in a book; and they came to Joshua at the camp at Shiloh.

10 And ^aJoshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD, and there Joshua divided the land to the sons of Israel according to their divisions.

11 "Now the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin came up according to their families, and the territory of their lot ¹lay between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph.

12 And ^atheir border on the north side was from the Jordan, then the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill country westward; and ¹it ended at the wilderness of Beth-aven.

13 And from there the border continued to ^aLuz, to the side of Luz (that is, Bethel) southward; and the border went down to Ataroth-addar, near the hill which lies on the south of ^bBlower Beth-horon.

14 And the border extended from there, and turned round on the west side southward, from the hill which lies before Beth-horon southward; and ¹it ended

⁶ Josh.
14:2

⁷ ¹ Lit., his
^a Num. 18:7,
20: Josh.
13:33

⁸ Josh.
18:1

¹⁰ ^a Num.
34:16-20;
Josh. 19:51

¹¹ ¹ Lit.,
went out

¹² ¹ Lit., the
gates out of
it were
^a Josh. 16:1

¹³ ^a Gen.
28:19; Judg.
1:23 ^b Josh.
18:3

¹⁴ ¹ Lit., the
gates out of
it were

¹⁵ Josh.
15:5-8

¹⁶ ^a2 Kin.
23:10

¹⁷ Josh.
15:6

¹⁹ ¹ Lit., go-
ings out of
the border
were

²⁴ ^a Exo.
27:26, Is. 10:29

at Kiriath-baal (that is, Kiriath-jearim), a city of the sons of Judah. This was the west side.

15 Then the ^asouth side was from the edge of Kiriath-jearim, and the border went westward and went to the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border went down to the edge of the hill which is in the ^avalley of Ben-hinnom, which is in the valley of Rephaim northward; and it went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the slope of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En-rogel.

17 And it extended northward and went to En-shemesh and went to Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, and it went down to the ^astone of Bo-han the son of Reuben.

18 And it continued to the side in front of the Arabah northward, and went down to the Arabah.

19 And the border continued to the side of Beth-hoglah northward; and the ¹border ended at the north bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. This was the south border.

20 Moreover, the Jordan was its border on the east side. This was the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, according to their families and according to its borders all around.

21 ¶ Now the cities of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho and Beth-hoglah and Emek-keziz,

22 and Beth-arabah and Zemaraim and Bethel,

23 and Avvim and Parah and Ophrah,

24 and Chephar-ammoni and Ophni and ^aGeba; twelve cities with their villages.

25 Gibeon and Ramah and Beeroth,

26 and Mizpeh and Chephirah and Mozhah,

27 and Rekem and Irpeel and Taralah.

28 and ^aZelah, Haeleph and the Jebusite (that is, Jerusalem), Gibeah, Kiriath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the ^bsons of Benjamin according to their families.

CHAPTER 19

THEN the second lot ¹fell to Simeon, to the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families, and their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Judah.

2 So they had as their inheritance Beersheba and ¹Sheba and Moladah,

3 and Hazar-shual and Balah and Ezem,

4 and Eltolad and Bethul and Hormah,

5 and Ziklag and Beth-marca-both and Hazar-susah,

6 and Beth-lebaoth and Sharuh-en, thirteen cities with their villages;

7 Ain, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan, four cities with their villages;

8 and all the villages which were around these cities as far as Baalath-beer, Ramah of the ¹Negev. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their families.

9 The inheritance of the sons of Simeon was taken from the portion of the sons of Judah, for the share of the sons of Judah was too large for them; so the sons of Simeon received an inheritance in the midst of ¹Judah's inheritance.

10 ^a Now the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their families. And the territory of their inheritance was as far as Sarid.

11 Then their border went up to the west and to Maralah, it then ¹touched Dabbesheth, and reached to the ²brook that is before Jokneam.

12 Then it turned from Sarid to the east toward the sunrise as far as the border of Chisloth-tabor; and it proceeded to Daberath and ¹up to Japhia.

13 And from there it continued eastward toward the sunrise to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin, and it proceeded to Rimmon ¹which stretches to Neah.

14 And the border circled around it on the north to Hannathon, and ¹it ended at the valley of Iphtahel.

15 Included also were Kattah and Nahalal and Shimron and Idalah and Bethlehem; twelve cities with their villages.

16 This was the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 ¶ The fourth lot ¹fell to Issachar, to the sons of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their territory was to Jezreel and included Chesulloth and ^aShunem,

19 and Hapharaim and Shion and Anaharath,

20 and Rabbith and Kishion and Ebez,

21 and Remeth and En-gannim and En-haddah and Beth-pazzez.

22 And the border reached to ^aTabor and Shahazumah and Beth-shemesh, and ¹their border ended at the Jordan; sixteen cities with their villages.

23 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

24 ¶ Now the fifth lot ¹fell to the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families.

25 And their territory was Helkath and Hali and Beten and Achshaph,

26 and Allammelech and Amad and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel on the west and to Shihor-libnath.

²⁸ ^a2 Sam. 21:14 ^bNum. 26:38

¹ Lit., came out

² In Josh 15:26, Shema

⁸ I.e., South country

⁹ Lit., their

¹¹ Or, reached to ²Or, wadi

¹² Lit., went up

¹³ Or, and is marked off

¹⁴ Lit., the goings out of it were

¹⁷ Lit., came out

¹⁸ ^a1 Sam. 28:4, 2 Kin. 4:8

²² Lit., the goings out of their border were ^aJudg. 4:8; Ps. 89:12

²⁴ Lit., came out

27 And it turned toward the east to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtahel northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; then it proceeded on ²north to ^aCabul, 28 and Ebron and Rehob and Hammon and Kanah, as far as Great ^aSidon.

29 And the border turned to Ramah, and to the fortified city of Tyre; then the border turned to Hosah, and ¹it ended at the sea by the region of ^aAchzib.

30 Included also were Ummah, and Aphek and Rehob; twenty-two cities with their villages.

31 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The sixth lot ¹fell to the sons of Naphtali; to the sons of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim and Adami-nekeb and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; and ¹it ended at the Jordan.

34 Then the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and proceeded from there to Hukkok; and it reached to Zebulun on the south and ¹it touched Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the ²east.

35 And the fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer and ^aHammath, Rakkath and ^bChinnereth,

36 and Adamah and Ramah and Hazor,

37 and Kedesh and Edrei and En-hazor,

38 and Yiron and Migdal-el, Horem and Beth-anath and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

40 ¶ The seventh lot ¹fell to the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families.

27 ¹Lit., sunrise ²Lit., from the left hand
^a1 Km. 9:13

28 ^aGen. 10:19; Judg. 13:1; Acts 27:3

29 ¹Lit., the springs out of it were
^aJudg. 1:31

32 ¹Lit., came out

33 ¹Lit., the springs out of it were

34 ¹Or, reached to
²Lit., sunrise

35 ^aGen. 10:18; 1 Km. 8:65; ^bDeut. 3:17

36 ¹Lit., came out

36 ¹Heb., Japhu

47 ¹Lit., from ²Lit., dwell ³Heb., Lash
^aJudg. 18:1
^bJudg. 18:29

38 ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., dwell
^aNum. 13:8; Josh. 24:30

31 ¹Lit., fathers
^aJosh. 18:10

3 ¹Lit., Set for yourselves
^aNum. 35:6; 34; Deut. 4:41-43; 19:28

41 And the territory of their inheritance was Zorah and Eshtaol and Ir-shemesh,

42 and Shaalabbin and Aijalon and Ithlah,

43 and Elon and Timnah and Ekron,

44 and Eltekeh and Gibbethon and Baalath,

45 and Jehud and Bene-berak and Gath-rimmon,

46 and Me-jarkon and Rakkon, with the territory over against ¹Joppa.

47 And the territory of the ^asons of Dan proceeded ¹beyond them; for the sons of Dan went up and fought with Leshem and captured it. Then they struck it with the edge of the sword and possessed it and ²settled in it; and they called ^{3b}Leshem Dan after the name of Dan their father.

48 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 ¶ When they finished apportioning the land for inheritance by its borders, the sons of Israel gave an inheritance in their midst to Joshua the son of Nun.

50 In accordance with the ¹command of the LORD they gave him the city for which he asked, ^aTimnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim. So he built the city and ²settled in it.

51 ¶ ^aThese are the inheritances which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the ¹households of the tribes of the sons of Israel distributed by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the doorway of the tent of meeting. So they finished dividing the land.

CHAPTER 20

THEN the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ¹Designate ^athe cities of

refuge, of which I spoke to you² through Moses.

3 that the manslayer who¹ kills any person unintentionally, without premeditation, may flee there, and they shall become your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 'And he shall flee to one of these cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the^a gate of the city and state his case in the hearing of the elders of that city; and they shall¹ take him into the city to them and give him a place, so that he may dwell among them.

5 'Now^a if the avenger of blood pursues him, then they shall not deliver the manslayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor without premeditation and did not hate him beforehand.

6 'And he shall dwell in that city^a until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the one who is high priest in those days. Then the manslayer shall¹ return to his own city and to his own house, to the city from which he fled.' "

7 ' So they¹ set apart^a Kedesh in² Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in^b the hill country of Judah.

8 And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they¹ designated Bezer in the wilderness on the plain from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.

9 'These were the appointed cities for all the sons of Israel and for the stranger who sojourns among them, that whoever¹ kills any person unintentionally may flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stands before the congregation.

² Lit., by the hand of

³ Lit., smites

⁴ Lit., gather
^aRuth 4:1, Job 5:4, Jer 38:7

⁵ Num 35:12

⁶ Lit., ^aturn and come
^aNum 35:12

⁷ Lit., sanctified
^aHeb., Galil
^aJosh 21:32, 1 Chr 6:78
^bJosh 21:11, Luke 1:39

⁸ Lit., set

⁹ Lit., smites
^aNum 35:13ff

¹ Lit., ^afor them
^aNum 35:1-8

² Lit., by the hand of
^aNum 35:2

³ Lit., mouth

⁴ Lit., had

⁵ Lit., had

⁶ Lit., had

⁷ Lit., had

⁸ Lit., by the hand of
^aGen. 49:5ff.

CHAPTER 21

THEN the heads of¹ house holds of^a the Levites approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of¹ households of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

2 And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan saying, "'The LORD commanded¹ through Moses to give us cities to live in, with their pasture lands for our cattle."

3 So the sons of Israel gave the Levites from their inheritance these cities with their pasture lands, according to the¹ command of the LORD.

4 Then the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites. And the sons of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, ¹received thirteen cities by lot from the tribe of Judah and from the tribe of the Simeonites and from the tribe of Benjamin.

5 And the rest of the sons of Kohath¹ received ten cities by lot from the families of the tribe of Ephraim and from the tribe of Dan and from the half-tribe of Manasseh.

6 And the sons of Gershon¹ received thirteen cities by lot from the families of the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of Asher and from the tribe of Naphtali and from the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan.

7 The sons of Merari according to their families¹ received twelve cities from the tribe of Reuben and from the tribe of Gad and from the tribe of Zebulun.

8 Now the^a sons of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their pasture lands, as the LORD had commanded¹ through Moses.

9 ¶ And they gave these cities which are *here* mentioned by name from the tribe of the sons

of Judah and from the tribe of the sons of Simeon;

10 and they were for the sons of Aaron, one of the families of the Kohathites, of the sons of Levi, for the lot was theirs first.

11 Thus ^athey gave them Kiriath-arba, *Arba* being the ^bfather of Anak (that is, Hebron), in the hill country of Judah, with its surrounding pasture lands.

12 But the fields of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession.

13 ¶ So ^ato the sons of Aaron the priest they gave ^bHebron, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, and ^cLibnah with its pasture lands,

14 and ^aJattir with its pasture lands and ^bEshtemoa with its pasture lands,

15 and ¹Holon with its pasture lands and ^aDebir with its pasture lands,

16 and ¹Ain with its pasture lands and ^aJuttah with its pasture lands and ^bBeth-shemesh with its pasture lands; nine cities from these two tribes.

17 And from the tribe of Benjamin, ^aGibeon with its pasture lands, ^bGeba with its pasture lands,

18 Anathoth with its pasture lands and ¹Almon with its pasture lands; four cities.

19 All the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

20 ¶ Then the cities from the tribe of Ephraim were allotted to the ^afamilies of the sons of Kohath, the Levites, even to the rest of the sons of Kohath.

21 And they gave them ^aShechem, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, in the hill country of Ephraim, and Gezer with its pasture lands,

22 and Kibzaim with its pasture lands and Beth-horon with its pasture lands; four cities.

11 ^aChr 6:56 ^bJosh 14:15; 15:13

13 ^aChr 6:57 ^bJosh 15:54 ^cJosh 15:42

14 ^aJosh 15:48 ^bJosh 15:50

18 ¹In 1 Chr 6:58; ^aHolon ^bJosh 15:40

16 ¹In 1 Chr 6:59; ^aEshtemoa ^bJosh 15:55 ^cJosh 15:10

17 ^aJosh 18:25 ^bJosh 18:24

18 ¹In 1 Chr 6:60; ^aAlmon

20 ^aChr 8:48

21 ^aJosh 20:7

27 ^aChr 6:71

22 ^aJosh 20:7

26 ^aChr 6:77

23 And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its pasture lands, Gibbethon with its pasture lands,

24 Aijalon with its pasture lands, Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands; four cities.

25 And from the half-tribe of Manasseh, they allotted Taanach with its pasture lands and Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands; two cities.

26 All the cities with their pasture lands for the families of the rest of the sons of Kohath were ten.

27 ¶ And ^ato the sons of Gershon, one of the families of the Levites, from the half-tribe of Manasseh, they gave Golan in Bashan, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands, and Be-eshterah with its pasture lands; two cities.

28 And from the tribe of Issachar, they gave Kishion with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands,

29 Jarmuth with its pasture lands, En-gannim with its pasture lands; four cities.

30 And from the tribe of Asher, they gave Mishal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands,

31 Helkath with its pasture lands and Rehob with its pasture lands; four cities.

32 And from the tribe of Naphtali, they gave ^aKedesh in Galilee, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands and Hammoth-dor with its pasture lands and Kartan with its pasture lands; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their pasture lands.

34 ¶ And to the families of the sons of Merari, the rest of the Levites, they gave from the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its pasture lands and Kartah with its pasture lands.

35 Dimnah with its pasture lands, Nahalal with its pasture lands; four cities.

36 And from the tribe of Reuben, they gave ^aBezer with its pasture lands and Jahaz with its pasture lands.

37 Kedemoth with its pasture lands and Mephaath with its pasture lands; four cities.

38 And from the tribe of Gad, they gave ^aRamoth in Gilead, the city of refuge for the manslayer, with its pasture lands and ^bManahaim with its pasture lands.

39 Heshbon with its pasture lands, Jazer with its pasture lands; four cities in all.

40 All these were the cities of the sons of Merari according to their families, the rest of the families of the Levites; and their lot was twelve cities.

41 ¶ ^aAll the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were forty-eight cities with their pasture lands.

42 These cities each had its surrounding pasture lands; thus it was with all these cities.

43 ¶ ^aSo the LORD gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and ^bthey possessed it and lived in it.

44 And the LORD ^agave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and ^bno one of all their enemies stood before them; ^cthe LORD gave all their enemies into their hand.

45 ^aNot ¹one of the good promises which the LORD had ²made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.

CHAPTER 22

^a**T**HEN Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 2 and said to them, "You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, ^aand

³⁶ ^aDeut. 4:43; Josh. 20:8

³⁸ ^aDeut. 4:43; 1 Kin. 4:13 ^bGen. 32:2, 2 Sam. 2:8

⁴¹ ^aNum. 35:7

⁴³ ^aDeut. 34:4 ^bNum. 33:53; Deut. 11:31, 17:14

⁴⁴ ^aJosh. 1:13, 23:1 ^bDeut. 7:24 ^cEx. 23:31

⁴⁸ ¹Lit., a word from every good word ²Lit., spoken ^aJosh. 23:14; 1 Kin. 8:56

¹ ^aNum. 32:20-22

² ^aJosh. 1:12-18

⁴ ^aNum. 32:18; Deut. 3:20

⁵ ^aDeut. 5:10 ^bDeut. 4:29

⁶ ^aGen. 47:7; Josh. 14:13, 2 Sam. 6:18; Luke 24:50

⁷ ^aNum. 32:33 ^bJosh. 17:1-13

⁸ ¹Lit., them, saying, ²Return ^aNum. 31:27; 1 Sam. 30:16

⁹ ¹Lit., mouth ²Lit., by the hand of ^aNum. 32:1, 26, 29

have listened to my voice in all that I commanded you.

3 "You have not forsaken your brothers these many days to this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

4 "And now ^athe LORD your God has given rest to your brothers as He spoke to them; therefore turn now and go to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan.

5 "Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to ^alove the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him ^bwith all your heart and with all your soul."

6 So Joshua ^ablessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

7 ¶ Now ^ato the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan, but ^bto the other half Joshua gave a possession among their brothers westward beyond the Jordan. So when Joshua sent them away to their tents, he blessed them.

8 and said to ¹them, "Return to your tents with great riches and with very much livestock, with silver, gold, bronze, iron, and with very many clothes; ^adivide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers."

9 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned home and departed from the sons of Israel at Shiloh which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the ^aland of Gilead, to the land of their possession which they had possessed, according to the ¹command of the LORD ²through Moses.

10 ¶ And when they came to the region of the Jordan which is

in the land of Canaan, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built an altar there by the Jordan, a large altar in appearance.

11 And the sons of Israel heard it ¹said, "Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have ^abuilt an altar at the ²frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region of the Jordan, on the side *belonging to the sons of Israel.*"

12 And when the sons of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves at ^aShiloh, to go up against them in war.

13 ^a Then the sons of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, ^aPhinehas the son of Eleazar the priest,

14 and with him ten chiefs, one chief for each father's household from each of the tribes of Israel; and ^aeach one of them was the head of his father's household among the ¹thousands of Israel.

15 And they came to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them saying,

16 "Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD, 'What is this unfaithful act which you have committed against the God of Israel, turning away from following the LORD this day, by ^abuilding yourselves an altar, to rebel against the LORD this day?

17 'Is not ^athe iniquity of Peor enough for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves to this day, although a plague came on the congregation of the LORD,

18 that you must turn away this day from following the LORD? And it will come about if you rebel against the LORD to-day, that ^aHe will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel tomorrow.

11 ¹Lat., saying ²Lat., front
^aDeut. 12:5
Josh 22 19

12 ^aJosh 18:1

13 ^aNum 25:7, 11, 31:6

14 ^aOr, families
^aNum 1:4

16 ^aJosh 22:11

17 ¹Lat., lit
He for us
^aNum 25:1:9

18 ^aNum 16:22

19 ¹Lat., cross for yourselves
²Lat., abides
^aJosh 22:11

20 ^aJosh 7:1:26

21 ¹Lat., thousands

22 ^aDeut. 10:17-19
Kin. 8:36
Job 10:7
Ps 44:21

23 ^aDeut 12:11

24 ¹Lat., from ²Lat., none, saying

26 ¹Lat., prepare to build for ourselves

27 ^aGen. 31:46
Josh. 24:27
^aDeut. 12:4, 11, 20:1

19 'If, however, the land of your possession is unclean, then ¹cross into the land of the possession of the LORD, where the LORD's tabernacle ²stands, and take possession among us. Only do not rebel against the LORD, or rebel against us by ^abuilding an altar for yourselves, besides the altar of the LORD our God.

20 'Did not ^aAchan the son of Zerah act unfaithfully in the things under the ban, and wrath fall on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.' "

21 ^a Then the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke to the heads of the ¹families of Israel.

22 "The ^aMighty One, God, the LORD, the Mighty One, God, the LORD! ^bHe knows, and may Israel itself know. If it was in rebellion, or if in an unfaithful act against the LORD do not Thou save us this day!

23 "If we have built us an altar to turn away from following the LORD, or if to ^aoffer a burnt offering or grain offering on it, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings on it, may the LORD Himself require it.

24 "But truly we have done this out of concern, ¹for a reason, saying, 'In time to come your sons may say to our ²sons, "What have you to do with the LORD, the God of Israel?

25 "For the LORD has made the Jordan a border between us and you, you sons of Reuben and sons of Gad; you have no portion in the LORD." So your sons may make our sons stop fearing the LORD.'

26 ^a Therefore we said, 'Let us ¹build an altar, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice;

27 rather it shall be ^aa witness between us and you and between our generations after us, that we are to ^bperform the

service of the LORD before Him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings, that your sons may not say to our sons in time to come, "You have no portion in the LORD."

28 "Therefore we said, 'It shall also come about if they say this to us or to our generations in time to come, then we shall say, "See the copy of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, not for burnt offering or for sacrifice; rather it is a witness between us and you."'

29 "Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD and turn away from following the LORD this day, by ^abuilding an altar for burnt offering, for grain offering or for sacrifice, besides the altar of the LORD our God which is before His ¹tabernacle."

30 ¶ So when Phinehas the priest and the leaders of the congregation, even the heads of the ¹families of Israel who were with him, heard the words which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them.

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Manasseh, "Today we know that the ^aLORD is in our midst, because you have not committed this unfaithful act against the LORD; now you have delivered the sons of Israel from the hand of the LORD."

32 Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest and the leaders returned from the sons of Reuben and from the sons of Gad, from the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel, and brought back word to them.

33 And the word pleased the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel ^ablessed God; and they did

²⁸ ¹Lit., dwelling place
^aDeut. 12:13f

³⁰ ¹Lit., thousands

³¹ ^aEx. 25:8, Lev. 26:11f., 2 Chr. 15:2

³³ ^a1 Chr. 29:20, Dan. 2:19, Luke 2:28

³⁴ ^aGen. 31:47-49

¹ ¹Lit., from mind about
^aJosh. 21:44

² ^aJosh. 24:1

³ ^aDeut. 1:30

⁴ ^aEx. 23:30

⁵ ¹Or, dispossess ²Lit., spoke to
^aEx. 23:20
^bNum. 33:53

⁶ ^aDeut. 5:32, Josh. 1:7

⁷ ¹Lit., go among
^aEx. 23:13; Ps. 18:4
^bDeut. 6:13; 10:20
^cEx. 20:5

not speak of going up against them in war, to destroy the land in which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad were living.

34 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad ^acalled the altar Witness; "For," *they said*, "it is a witness between us that the LORD is God."

CHAPTER 23

NOW it came about after many days, when the LORD had given ^arest to Israel from all their enemies ¹on every side, and Joshua was old, advanced in years,

2 that ^aJoshua called for all Israel, for their elders and their heads and their judges and their officers, and said to them, "I am old, advanced in years.

3 "And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for ^athe LORD your God is He who has been fighting for you.

4 "See, ^aI have apportioned to you these nations which remain as an inheritance for your tribes, with all the nations which I have cut off, from the Jordan even to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun.

5 "And the LORD your God, He shall thrust them out from before you and ¹drive them from before you; and ^byou shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God ²promised you.

6 "Be very firm, then, to keep and do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you may not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left,

7 in order that you may not ¹associate with these nations, these which remain among you, or ^amention the name of their gods, or ^bmake anyone swear by them, or ^cserve them, or bow down to them.

8 "But you are to cling to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.

CHAPTER 24

9 "For the LORD has driven out great and strong nations from before you; and as for you, no man has stood before you to this day.

10 "One of your men puts to flight a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, just as He promised you.

11 "So take diligent heed to yourselves to love the LORD your God.

12 "For if you ever go back and cling to the rest of these nations, these which remain among you, and intermarry with them, so that you associate with them and they with you,

13 know with certainty that the LORD your God will not continue to drive these nations out from before you; but they shall be a snare and a trap to you, and a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

14 "Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed.

15 "And it shall come about that just as all the good words which the LORD your God spoke to you have come upon you, so the LORD will bring upon you all the threats, until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

16 "When you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down to them, then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which He has given you."

9 Or, dispossessed
Ex 23 23, 30
Deut 7 24

10 Lit. spoke to
Lev 26 8, Deut 28 7, 32 20
Deut 3 22, Josh 23 3

11 Lit. among
Ex 34 15, 16, Ps. 108 34, 35
Deut 7 3, 4, Ezra 9 2, Neh 13 25

13 Or, dispossess
Ex 23 33, 34 12, Deut 7 18

14 Lit. came Lit. one word
1 Kin. 2 2
Josh 21 45

15 Lev 26 14 33, Deut 28 15

16 Deut. 4 25, 26

1 Josh 23 2

2 He. Euphrates
Gen 11 27 32

3 He. Euphrates Lit. seed
Gen 12 1, 24 7
Gen 15 5
Gen 21 3

4 Gen 25 25, 26
Gen 36 8, Deut 2 5
Gen 46 6, 7

5 Lit. according to
Ex 4 14-17

6 Lit. Sea of Reeds
Ex 14 2-31

7 Deut. 1 46, 2 14

8 Num. 21 21-32

9 Num. 22 2-8

THEN Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel and for their heads and their judges and their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'From ancient times your fathers lived beyond the River, namely, Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods.

3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him through all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants and gave him Isaac.

4 And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau, and to Esau I gave Mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt.

5 Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt by what I did in its midst; and afterward I brought you out.

6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and Egypt pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea.

7 But when they cried out to the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them; and your own eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness for a long time.

8 Then I brought you into the land of the Amorites who lived beyond the Jordan, and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land when I destroyed them before you.

9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel, and he sent

and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to curse you.

10 'But I ^awas not willing to listen to Balaam. So he had to bless you, and I delivered you from his hand.

11 'And ^ayou crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho; and the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and ^bthe Amorite and the Perizzite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Gergashite, the Hivite and the Jebusite. Thus ^cI gave them into your hand.

12 'Then I ^asent the hornet before you and it ^ddrove out the two kings of the Amorites from before you, but ^enot by your sword or your bow.

13 'And ^aI gave you a land on which you had not labored, and cities which you had not built, and you have lived in them; you are eating of vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.'

14 "'Now, therefore, ¹fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and ²truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the ³River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

15 "And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or ^athe gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

16 ¶ And the people answered and said, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;

17 for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of ¹bondage, and who did these great signs in our sight and preserved us through all the way in which we went and among all the peoples through whose midst we passed.

10 ^aDeut 32:3

11 ^aJosh 3:14-17 ^bEx 23:23, 28 ^cDeut 7:1 ^dEx 23:31

12 ¹Lit. drove them out ^eEx 23:28 ^dDeut 7:20 ^ePs 44:3

13 ^aDeut 6:10, 11

14 ¹Or, reverence ²Or, faithfulness ³E. Euphrates ^dDeut 10:12, 18:13, 1 Sam 12:24

15 ^aJudg 6:10

17 ¹Lit. bondmen

19 ^aLev 19:2, 20:7, 28 ^bEx 20:5, 34:14 ^cEx 23:21

20 ^aDeut 4:25, 28

22 ^aPs 119:173

23 ^a1 Kin. 8:57, 58; Ps 119:36, 141:4

24 ¹Lit. listen to ^dEx 19:8, 24:3, 7; Deut. 5:27

25 ^aEx 24:8

26 ^aDeut. 31:24

27 ¹Lit. with ^aJosh 22:27, 34

18 "And the LORD drove you from before us all the peoples even the Amorites who lived in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He is our God."

19 ¶ Then Joshua said to the people, "You will not be able to serve the LORD, ^afor He is a holy God. He is ^ba jealous God; ^cHe will not forgive your transgression or your sins.

20 "If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then ^dHe will turn and do you harm and consume you after He has done good to you."

21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD."

22 And Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that ^ayou have chosen for yourselves the LORD, serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses."

23 "Now therefore, put away the foreign gods which are in your midst, and ^aincline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

24 ^aAnd the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and we will ^bobey His voice."

25 ^aSo Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joshua ^awrote the words in the book of the law of the LORD; and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, ^athis stone shall be for a witness against us, ^bfor it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us; thus it shall be for a witness against you, lest you deny your God."

28 Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to his inheritance.

29 ¶ And it came about

These things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, did, being one hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of Mount Gaash.

31 And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

29 Josh.
12:20

28 L.A. pro
largest days
after
Josh. 2:11

27 Josh.
Josh. 24
25 Ex. 12:19
Josh. 24:12
John 4:2
Acts 7:12

26 Josh. on
the hill
Josh. 22:13

32 ¶ Now they buried the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the piece of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of money; and they became the inheritance of Joseph's sons.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him at Gibeah of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Jerusalem Is Captured

NOW it came about after the death of Joshua that the sons of Israel inquired of the LORD, saying, "Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?"

2 And the LORD said, "Judah shall go up; behold, I have given the land into his hand."

3 Then Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me to the territory allotted me, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I in turn will go with you into the territory allotted you." So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up, and the LORD gave the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hands; and they defeated ten thousand men at Bezek.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek at Bezek and fought against him, and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued him and caught

1 Josh.
7:21-22
1:27-23:25
31:4

2 Josh.
1:14

3 L.A. say
at L.A. 1
Josh. 1:14
Josh. 1:14

4 L.A.
Josh. 1:14
Josh. 1:14

5 L.A.
Josh. 1:14

6 L.A.
Josh. 1:14
Josh. 1:14

7 Josh.
1:14

8 Josh.
1:14
Josh. 1:14

9 L.A.
Josh. 1:14
Josh. 1:14

10 Josh.
1:14
Josh. 1:14

11 Josh.
1:14
Josh. 1:14

him and cut off his thumbs and big toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to gather up scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me." So they brought him to Jerusalem and he died there.

8 ¶ Then the sons of Judah fought against Jerusalem and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.

9 And afterward the sons of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites living in the hill country and in the Negev and in the lowland.

10 ¶ So Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba); and they struck Sheshai and Ahiman and Tamai.

11 ¶ Then from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir (now the name of Debir formerly was Kiriath-sepher).

12 And Caleb said, "The one

who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will even give him my daughter Achsah for a wife."

13 And ^aOthniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, captured it; so he gave him his daughter Achsah for a wife.

14 Then ^ait came about when she came to him, that she persuaded him to ask her father for a field. Then she alighted from ¹her donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What ²do you want?"

15 And she said to him, "Give me a blessing, since you have given me the land of the ¹Negev, give me also springs of water." So Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

16 ¶ And the ¹descendants of ^athe Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up from the ^bcity of palms with the sons of Judah, to the wilderness of Judah which is in the south of ^cArad; and they went and lived with the people.

17 Then Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they struck the Canaanites living in Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. So the name of the city was called ^aHormah.

18 And Judah took ^aGaza with its territory and Ashkelon with its territory and Ekron with its territory.

19 Now the LORD was with Judah, and they took possession of the hill country; but they could not ¹drive out the inhabitants of the valley because they had ^airon chariots.

20 Then they gave Hebron to Caleb, ^aas Moses had ¹promised; and he drove out from there ^bthe three sons of Anak.

21 ^aBut the sons of Benjamin did not drive out the ^bJebusites who lived in Jerusalem; so the Jebusites have lived with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

22 ¶ Likewise the house of Joseph went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them.

13 ^aJudg. 3:9

14 ¹Lit., the ²Lit., for yourself ^aJosh. 15:18

15 ¹i.e., South country

16 ¹Lit., sons ^aNum. 10:29; 32; Judg. 4:11 ^bDeut. 34:3; Judg. 3:13 ^cNum. 21:1

17 ^aNum. 21:3

18 ^aJosh. 11:22

19 ¹Or, dia-possess ^aJosh. 17:16; Judg. 4:3, 13

20 ¹Lit., spoken ^aJosh. 14:9; ^bJosh. 15:14; Judg. 1:10

21 ^aJosh. 15:63; Judg. 1:8 ^bChr. 11:4

23 ^aGen. 28:19

24 ^aJosh. 2:12

25 ^aJosh. 6:25

26 ¹Lit., it

27 ^aJosh. 17:12 ^bJudg. 1:1

29 ^aJosh. 16:10

23 And the house of Joseph spied out Bethel (^anow the name of the city was formerly Luz).

24 And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they said to him, "Please show us the entrance to the city and ^awe will treat you kindly."

25 So he showed them the entrance to the city, and they struck the city with the edge of the sword, ^abut they let the man and all his family go free.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites and built a city and named it Luz ¹which is its name to this day.

27 ¶ ^aBut Manasseh did not take possession of Beth-shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; so ^bthe Canaanites persisted in living in that land.

28 And it came about when Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not drive them out completely.

29 ¶ ^aNeither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who were living in Gezer; so the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

30 ¶ Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol; so the Canaanites lived among them and became subject to forced labor.

31 ¶ Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of Ahlab, or of Achzib, or of Helbah, or of Aphik, or of Rehob.

32 So the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out.

33 ¶ Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-she-mesh, or the inhabitants of Beth-

anath, but lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; and the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and Beth-anath became forced labor for them.

34 ¶ Then the Amorites forced the sons of Dan into the hill country, for they did not allow them to come down to the valley;

35 yet the Amorites persisted in living in Mount Heres, in Ajalon and in Shaalbim; but when the power of the house of Joseph grew strong, they became forced labor.

36 And the border of the Amorites ran from the ascent of Ak-rabbim, from Sela and upward.

CHAPTER 2

NOW the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, "I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, 'I will never break My covenant with you,

2 and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.' But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done?

3 "Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall become as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.'"

4 And it came about when the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, that the people lifted up their voices and wept.

5 So they named that place Bochim; and there they sacrificed to the LORD.

6 ¶ When Joshua had dismissed the people, the sons of Israel went each to his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who

34 ¹ Lx. pressed

35 ¹ Lx. dwelling
² Lx. loved
³ Lx. was heavy

36 ¹ Josh 15:3

1 ¹ Judg. 6:11, 13 2:21
² Judg. 2:5
³ Ex. 20:2
⁴ Gen. 17:7, 8
⁵ Lev. 26:42, 44, Deut. 7:9

2 ¹ Lx. listened to my voice
² Ex. 23:32, Deut. 7:2, 5
³ Ex. 34:12, 13

3 ¹ Some ancient mss. read be as variations, and
² Josh. 23:13
³ Num. 33:56

8 ¹ Lx. weepers

6 ¹ Josh. 24:28-31

7 ¹ Lx. prolonged days after

9 ¹ Josh. 19:48

10 ¹ Ex. 5:2, 1 Sam. 2:12

11 ¹ Or. war shaped
² Judg. 3:7, 12, 4:1, 6:1
³ Judg. 6:25, 8:33, 10:6

12 ¹ Deut. 31:16

13 ¹ Josh. 10:6

14 ¹ Deut. 31:17, Ps. 108:40-42
² Deut. 28:25, 32:30

15 ¹ Lev. 26:14-38, Deut. 28:15-68

16 ¹ Lx. and they
² Ps. 108:43-45

survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

8 Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of one hundred and ten.

9 And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

10 And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.

11 ¶ Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals,

12 and they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus they provoked the LORD to anger.

13 So they forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtarothe.

14 And the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He gave them into the hands of plunderers who plundered them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies around them, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

15 Wherever they went, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had spoken and as the LORD had sworn to them, so that they were severely distressed.

16 Then the LORD raised up judges who delivered them from the hands of those who plundered them.

17 And yet they did not listen to their judges, for they played the harlot after other gods and bowed themselves down to them. They turned aside quickly

from the way ^ain which their fathers had walked in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do as *their fathers*.

18 And when the LORD raised up judges for them, ^athe LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was ^bmoved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them.

19 But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways.

20 ^aSo the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not listened to My voice,

21 ^aI also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died,

22 in order to ^atest Israel by them, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk in it as their fathers ¹did, or not."

23 So the LORD allowed those nations to remain, not driving them out quickly; and He did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAPTER 3

^a**N**OW these are the nations which the LORD left, to test Israel by them (*that is*, all who had not ¹experienced any of the wars of Canaan;

2 only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might ¹be taught war, ²those who had not ³experienced it formerly).

3 *These nations are:* the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians

17 ^aJudg. 2:7

18 ^aJosh. 1:5
^bDeut. 32:36;
Ps. 106:44

20 ^aJudg. 2:14

21 ^aJosh. 23:4, 5, 13

22 ^alit., kept
^bDeut. 8:2, 13:3

1 ^alit., known
^aJudg. 1:1, 2:21, 22

2 ^alit., know, to teach them
¹lit., only
²lit., known

3 ^aOr, the entrance of Hamath
^aJosh. 9:7, 11:19

4 ^alit., testing by them
¹lit., hear
²lit., by the hand of
^aDeut. 8:2

5 ^aPs. 106:35

6 ^aEx. 34:15, 16;
Deut. 7:3, 4;
Josh. 23:12

7 ^alit., wooden symbol of a female deity
^aJudg. 2:11
^bDeut. 4:9
^cJudg. 2:13

8 ^aHeb., Aram-naharaim

9 ^aJudg. 1:13

10 ^aHeb., Aram
¹lit., his hand was strong
^aNum. 11:25-29; 24:2

12 ^aJudg. 2:11
^bJudg. 2:14

and ^athe Hivites who lived in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as ¹Lebo-hamath.

4 And they were for ¹testing Israel, to find out if they would ²obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers ³through Moses.

5 And ^athe sons of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites;

6 and ^athey took their daughters for themselves as wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the sons of Israel did ^awhat was evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^bforgot the LORD their God, and ^cserved the Baals and the ¹Asheroth.

8 Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, so that He sold them into the hands of Cushan-rishathaim king of ¹Mesopotamia; and the sons of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years.

9 And when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel to deliver them, ^aOthniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

10 And ^athe Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel. When he went out to war, the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of ¹Mesopotamia into his hand, so that ²he prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim.

11 Then the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 ¶ Now the sons of Israel again ^adid evil in the sight of the LORD. So ^bthe LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he gathered to himself the sons of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and ¹defeated Israel, and they possessed ^athe city of the palm trees.

¹³ ¹Lt., smoke
^aDeut. 34:3;
Judg. 1:16

14 And the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

¹⁴ ¹Lt., his hand
^aPs. 78:34

15 ¶ But when the sons of Israel ^acried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. And the sons of Israel sent tribute by ¹him to Eglon the king of Moab.

¹⁵ ¹Lt., covering his feet
^a1 Sam. 24:3

16 And Ehud made himself a sword which had two edges, a cubit in length; and he bound it on his right thigh under his cloak.

¹⁶ ¹Lt., were ashamed
¹Lt., earth

17 And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And it came about when he had finished presenting the tribute, that he sent away the people who had carried the tribute.

¹⁸ ^aJudg. 6:34, 1 Sam. 13:3

19 But he himself turned back from the idols which were at Gilgal, and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he said, "Keep silence." And all who attended him left him.

¹⁹ ^aJudg. 7:24, 12:5

20 And Ehud came to him while he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat.

²⁰ ^aJudg. 5:6

21 And Ehud stretched out his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh and thrust it into his belly.

²¹ ^aJudg. 2:19

22 The handle also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the sword out of his belly; and the refuse came out.

²² ^aJosh. 11:1, 10
^aJudg. 4:13, 16

23 Then Ehud went out into the vestibule and shut the doors of the roof chamber behind him, and locked them.

24 ¶ When he had gone out, his servants came and looked, and behold, the doors of the roof

²⁴ ^aJudg. 1:19

chamber were locked; and they said, "He is only ¹relieving himself in the cool room."

25 And they waited until they ¹became anxious; but behold, he did not open the doors of the roof chamber. Therefore they took the key and opened them, and behold, their master had fallen to the ²floor dead.

26 ¶ Now Ehud escaped while they were delaying, and he passed by the idols and escaped to Seirah.

27 And it came about when he had arrived, that ^ahe blew the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was in front of them.

28 And he said to them, "Pursue them, for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hands." So they went down after him and seized ^athe fords of the Jordan opposite Moab, and did not allow anyone to cross.

29 And they struck down at that time about ten thousand Moabites, all robust and valiant men; and no one escaped.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land was undisturbed for eighty years.

31 ¶ And after him came ^aShamgar the son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad; and he also saved Israel.

CHAPTER 4

THEN ^athe sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of ^aJabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; and the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in ^bHarosheth-hagoyim.

3 And the sons of Israel cried to the LORD; for he had nine hundred ^airon chariots, and he

oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years.

4 • Now Deborah, a ¹prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

5 And she used to ¹sit under the ^apalm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the sons of Israel came up to her for judgment.

6 Now she sent and summoned ^aBarak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali, and said to him, "Behold, the LORD, the God of Israel, has commanded, 'Go and march to Mount Tabor, and take with you ten thousand men from the sons of Naphtali and from the sons of Zebulun.'

7 'And I will draw out to you Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his ¹many troops to the river Kishon; and ^aI will give him into your hand.' "

8 Then Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go."

9 And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the honor shall not be yours on the journey that you are about to take, ^afor the LORD will sell Sisera into the hands of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 And Barak called ^aZebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh, and ten thousand men went up ^{1b}with him; Deborah also went up with him.

11 ¶ Now Heber ^athe Kenite had separated himself from the Kenites, from the sons of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far away as the ¹oak in ^bZaanannim, which is near Kedesh.

12 ¶ Then they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera called together all his chariots, ^anine hundred

⁴ ¹Lit., woman prophetess

³ ¹Or, live ^aGen. 35:8

⁶ ¹Or, Has not commanded ^aHeb. 11:32

⁷ ¹Lit., multitude ^aPs. 83:9

⁹ ^aJudg. 4:21

¹⁰ ¹Lit., at his feet ^aJudg. 5:18 ^bJudg. 4:14; 5:15

¹¹ ¹Or, tenth ^aJudg. 1:16 ^bJosh. 19:33

¹³ ^aJudg. 4:3 ^bJudg. 4:2

¹⁴ ¹Or, has not the LORD gone ^aDeut. 8:3; 2 Sam. 5:24; Ps. 68:7

¹⁵ ¹Lit., confused ^aDeut. 7:23; Josh. 10:10

¹⁶ ^aEx. 14:28; Ps. 83:9

¹⁸ ¹Or, blanket

¹⁹ ¹i.e., skin container ^aJudg. 5:24-27

²¹ ¹Lit., placed ^aJudg. 5:26

iron chariots, and all the people who were with him, from ^bHarosheth-hagoyim to the river Kishon.

14 And Deborah said to Barak, "Arise! For this is the day in which the LORD has given Sisera into your hands; ¹behold, ^athe LORD has gone out before you." So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him.

15 ^aAnd the LORD ¹routed Sisera and all his chariots and all his army, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from his chariot and fled away on foot.

16 But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth-hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; ^anot even one was left.

17 ¶ Now Sisera fled away on foot to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite, for *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn aside, my master, turn aside to me! Do not be afraid." And he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a ¹rug.

19 ^aAnd he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a ¹bottle of milk and gave him a drink; then she covered him.

20 And he said to her, "Stand in the doorway of the tent, and it shall be if anyone comes and inquires of you, and says, 'Is there anyone here?' that you shall say, 'No.' "

21 But Jael, Heber's wife, ^atook a tent peg and ¹seized a hammer in her hand, and went secretly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went through into the ground; for he was sound asleep and exhausted. So he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." And he entered ¹with her, and behold Sisera was lying dead with the tent peg in his temple.

23 ¶ So ^aGod subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the sons of Israel.

24 And the hand of the sons of Israel pressed heavier and heavier upon Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had ¹destroyed Jabin the king of Canaan.

CHAPTER 5

¹**T**HEN Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying,

2 "That ¹the leaders led in Israel,

That ^bthe people volunteered,

Bless the LORD!

3 "Hear, O kings; give ear, O rulers!

^aI—to the LORD, I will sing,
I will sing praise to the LORD, the God of Israel.

4 "LORD, when Thou didst go out from Seir,

When Thou didst march from the field of Edom,

^bThe earth quaked, the heavens also dripped,

Even the clouds dripped water.

5 "The mountains ¹quaked at the presence of the LORD,

^bThis Sinai, at the presence of the LORD, the God of Israel.

6 ¶ "In the days of ^aShamgar the son of Anath,

In the days of ^bJael, the highways ¹were deserted,

And travelers ²went by ³roundabout ways.

7 "The peasantry ceased, they ceased in Israel,

22 ¹Lat. 10

23 ^aNeb. 9:24; Ps. 18:47

24 ¹Lat., cut off

1 ^aEx. 15:1

2 ¹Or, locks hung loose in
^aJudg. 5:9
^aPs. 110:3

3 ^aPs. 27:6

4 ^aDeut. 32:2; Ps. 68:7
^aPs. 68:8, 9

5 ¹Lat. flowed
^aEx. 19:18
^aPs. 68:8

6 ¹Lat., had ceased ²Lat., walked ¹Lat., trusted
^aJudg. 3:31
^aJudg. 4:17

8 ^aDeut. 32:17

9 ^aJudg. 5:2

10 ¹Or, lowly ²Or, declare it
^aJudg. 10:4, 12:14

11 ¹Or, rural dwellers
^aGen. 24:11, 29:2, 3
^a1 Sam. 12:7; Mic. 6:3
^aJudg. 5:8

12 ¹Or, utter
^aPs. 57:8 ^aPs. 68:18; Eph. 4:8

14 ¹Lat., the scribe
^aJudg. 12:15

Until I, Deborah, arose,
Until I arose, a mother in Israel.

8 "New gods were chosen;
Then war was in the gates.
Not a shield or a spear was seen

Among forty thousand in Israel.

9 "My heart goes out to ^athe commanders of Israel,
The volunteers among the people;

Bless the LORD!

10 "You who ride on ¹white donkeys,

You who sit on rich carpets,

And you who travel on the road—²sing!

11 "At the sound of those who divide *flocks* among ^athe watering places,

There they shall recount ^bthe righteous deeds of the LORD,

The righteous deeds for His ¹peasantry in Israel.

Then the people of the LORD went down ^cto the gates.

12 ¶ "Awake, awake, Deborah;

Awake, awake, ¹sing a song!

Arise, Barak, and ^btake away your captives, O son of Abinoam.

13 "Then survivors came down to the nobles;

The people of the LORD came down to me as warriors.

14 "From Ephraim those whose root is ^ain Amalek came down,

Following you, Benjamin, with your peoples;

From Machir commanders came down,

And from Zebulun those who wield the staff of ¹office.

- 15 "And the ¹princes of Issachar were with Deborah;
As was Issachar, so was Barak;
Into the valley they rushed
^aat his ²heels;
Among the divisions of Reuben
There were great resolves of heart.
- 16 "Why did you sit among
^athe ¹sheepfolds,
To hear the piping for the flocks?
Among the divisions of Reuben
There were great searchings of heart.
- 17 "Gilead ¹remained across the Jordan;
And why did Dan stay in ships?
Asher sat at the seashore,
And ¹remained by its landings.
- 18 "Zebulun was a people who despised their lives even to death,
And Naphtali also, on the high places of the field.
- 19 ¶ "The kings came and fought;
Then fought the kings of Canaan
^bAt Taanach near the waters of Megiddo;
^cThey took no plunder in silver.
- 20 "The stars fought from heaven,
From their courses they fought against Sisera.
- 21 "The torrent of Kishon swept them away,
The ancient torrent, the torrent Kishon.
^aO my soul, march on with strength.
- 22 "Then the horses' hoofs beat
From the dashing, the dashing of his ¹valiant steeds.
- 23 'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the LORD,
'Utterly curse its inhabitants;
^aBecause they did not come to the help of the LORD,
To the help of the LORD against the warriors.'
- 24 ¶ "Most blessed of women is Jael,
The wife of Heber the Kenite;
Most blessed is she of women in the tent.
- 25 "He asked for water and she gave him milk;
In a magnificent bowl she brought him curds.
- 26 "She reached out her hand for the tent peg,
And her right hand for the workmen's hammer.
Then she struck Sisera,
she smashed his head;
And she shattered and pierced his temple.
- 27 "Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay;
Between her feet he bowed, he fell;
Where he bowed, there he fell ¹dead.
- 28 ¶ "Out of the window she looked and lamented,
The mother of Sisera through the ¹lattice,
'Why does his chariot delay in coming?
Why do the ²hoofbeats of his chariots tarry?'
- 29 "Her wise princesses would answer her,
Indeed she repeats her words to herself,
- 30 "Are they not finding, are they not dividing the spoil?
A maiden, two maidens for every warrior;
To Sisera a spoil of dyed work,
A spoil of dyed work embroidered,

¹⁵ ¹So with ancient versions. Heb. My princes
²Lit., feet
^aJudg. 4:10

¹⁶ ¹Or, saddlebags
^aNum. 32:1, 2, 24, 36

¹⁷ ¹Or, dwell
^aJosh. 22:9

¹⁸ ^aJudg. 4:6, 10

¹⁹ ^aJosh. 11:1-5; Judg. 4:13
^bJudg. 1:27
^cJudg. 5:30

²⁰ ^aJosh. 10:12-14

²¹ ^aEx. 15:2; Ps. 44:3

²² ¹Lit., mighty ones
^aJob 39:19-25

²³ ^aJudg. 5:13

²⁴ ^aJudg. 4:19-21

²⁷ ¹Lit., devastated

²⁸ ¹Or, window
²Lit., steps

³⁰ ^aEx. 15:9

Dyed work of double embroidery on the neck of the spoiler?"

31 "Thus let all Thine enemies perish, O LORD;

But let those who love Him be like the rising of the sun in its might."

And the land was undisturbed for forty years.

CHAPTER 6

THEN the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.

2 And the power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.

3 For it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites would come up with the Amalekites and the sons of the east and go against them.

4 So they would camp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel as well as no sheep, ox, or donkey.

5 For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, they would come in like locusts for number, both they and their camels were innumerable; and they came into the land to devastate it.

6 So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.

7 Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD on account of Midian,

8 that the LORD sent a prophet to the sons of Israel, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'It was I who brought you up from Egypt, and brought you out from the house of slavery.

²⁸ ¹Lit., necks of the spoil

³¹ ^aPs. 68:2, 32-9 ^bPs. 19:4-6, 89:36, 37

¹ ^aJudg. 2:11 ^bNum. 22:4, 25:15-18, 31:13

² ¹Lit., hand ^a1 Sam. 13:6, Heb. 11:38

³ ¹Lit., go up

⁴ ¹Lit., until your coming to ^aLev. 26:16, ^bDeut. 28:31

⁵ ^aJudg. 7:12, 8:10

⁶ ^aDeut. 28:43

⁸ ¹Lit., slaves ^aJudg. 2:1, 2

¹⁰ ¹Lit., listened to My voice ^a2 Kin. 17:35, Jer. 10:2

¹¹ ¹Or, rebirth ^aJudg. 2:1, 6:14, 13:3 ^bJosh. 17:2, Judg. 6:15 ^cHeb. 11:32

¹³ ^aJudg. 6:1, Ps. 44:9

¹⁴ ¹Or, turned toward ^aHeb. 11:32, 34

¹⁵ ¹Lit., with what ^aEx. 3:11 ^bJudg. 6:11

¹⁶ ¹Lit., smite ^aEx. 3:12, Josh. 1:5

¹⁷ ¹Lit., he ^aJudg. 6:37, Is. 38:7, 8

9 And I delivered you from the hands of the Egyptians and from the hands of all your oppressors, and dispossessed them before you and gave you their land,

10 and I said to you, "I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not obeyed Me."

11 Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save it from the Midianites.

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."

13 Then Gideon said to him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

14 And the LORD looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?"

15 And he said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."

16 But the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as one man."

17 So Gideon said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Thy sight, then show me a sign that it is Thou who speakest with me.

18 "Please do not depart from here, until I come back to Thee, and bring out my offering and lay it before Thee." And He said, "I will remain until you return."

19 ¶ Then Gideon went in and ^aprepared a kid and unleavened bread from an ¹ephah of flour; he put the meat in a basket ²and the broth in a pot, and brought them out to him under the ³oak, and presented them.

20 And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.

21 Then the angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and ^afire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the angel of the LORD ¹vanished from his sight.

22 ^aWhen Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD, ¹he said, "Alas, O Lord ²God! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face."

23 And the LORD said to him, "Peace to you, do not fear; you shall not die."

24 Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and named it ¹The LORD is Peace. To this day it is still ^ain Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 ¶ Now the same night it came about that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull ¹and a second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal which belongs to your father, and cut down the ^{2a}Asherah that is beside it;

26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of this stronghold in an orderly manner, and take a second bull and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down."

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had spoken to him; and it came about, because he was too afraid of his father's household

19 ¹i.e., approx. one bu.
²lit., and he put ³Or, tent-birth
^aGen. 18:6-8

21 ¹Or, departed
^aLev. 9:24

22 ¹lit., Gideon
²Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord
^aGen. 32:30; Ex. 33:20; Judg. 13:21, 22

24 ¹Heb., Yahweh-shalom
^aJudg. 8:32

25 ¹Or, even
²i.e., wooden symbol of a female deity, also vv. 26, 28, 30
^aEx. 34:13

31 ¹Or, contend

32 ^aJudg. 7:1

33 ^aJosh. 17:16

34 ¹lit., clothed
^aJudg. 3:10
^bJudg. 3:27

35 ^aJudg. 4:6, 10; 5:18
^bJudg. 7:3

36 ^aJudg. 6:14, 16, 17

and the men of the city to do it by day, that he did it by night.

28 ¶ When the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was torn down, and the Asherah which was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar which had been built.

29 And they said to one another, "Who did this thing?" And when they searched about and inquired, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash did this thing."

30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has torn down the altar of Baal, and indeed, he has cut down the Asherah which was beside it."

31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal, or will you deliver him? Whoever will ¹plead for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because someone has torn down his altar."

32 Therefore on that day he named him ^aJerubbaal, that is to say, "Let Baal contend against him," because he had torn down his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the sons of the east assembled themselves; and they crossed over and camped in ^athe valley of Jezreel.

34 So ^athe Spirit of the LORD ¹came upon Gideon; and he ^bblew a trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called together to follow him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout Manasseh, and they also were called together to follow him; and he sent messengers to Asher, ^aZebulun, and Naph-tali, and ^bthey came up to meet them.

36 ¶ Then Gideon said to God, "^aIf Thou wilt deliver Israel

¹through me, as Thou hast spoken.

²⁶ ¹Lit. by my hand

³⁷ behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I will know that Thou wilt deliver Israel ¹through me, as Thou hast spoken."

³⁷ ¹Lit. by my hand

³⁸ And it was so. When he arose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece, he drained the dew from the fleece, a bowl full of water.

²⁸ ¹Gen. 18:32

³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Do not let Thine anger burn against me that I may speak once more; please let me make a test once more with the fleece, let it now be dry only on the fleece, and let there be dew on all the ground."

¹ ¹Or. En. Harod ²Lit. him ³Judg. 6:32 ⁴Gen. 12:6, Deut. 11:30

⁴⁰ And God did so that night; for it was dry only on the fleece, and dew was on all the ground.

² ¹Lit. glorify itself against me ²Lit. hand ³Deut. 8:17, 18

³ ¹Or. please ²Deut. 20:8

CHAPTER 7

THEN ¹Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him, rose early and camped beside ¹the spring of Harod; and the camp of Midian was on the north side of ²them by the hill of ³Moreh in the valley.

⁴ ¹Sam. 14:6

² ¹ And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, ¹lest Israel ¹become boastful, saying, 'My own ²power has delivered me.'"

⁷ ¹Lit. place ²1 Sam. 14:6

⁸ ¹Lit. they ²Lit. he

⁹ ¹Josh. 2:24, 10:8, 11:6

³ "Now therefore ¹come, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is afraid and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gil-ead.' " So 22,000 people returned, but 10,000 remained.

¹¹ ¹Lit. extremity of the battle array ²Judg. 7:15, 1 Sam. 14:9, 10

⁴ ¹ Then the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water and I will test them for you there. Therefore it shall be that he of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go

¹² ¹Judg. 6:5, 6:10 ²Josh. 11:4

¹³ ¹Lit. dreamed ²Lit. and behold, a loaf

with you; but everyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

⁵ So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "You shall separate everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, as well as everyone who kneels to drink."

⁶ Now the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was 300 men; but all the rest of the people kneeled to drink water.

⁷ And the LORD said to Gideon, "I will deliver you ¹with the 300 men who lapped and will give the Midianites into your hands; so let all the other people go, each man to his ¹home."

⁸ So ¹the 300 men took the people's provisions and their trumpets into their hands. And ²Gideon sent all the other men of Israel, each to his tent, but retained the 300 men; and the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

⁹ ¹ Now the same night it came about that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, ¹for I have given it into your hands."

¹⁰ "But if you are afraid to go down, go with Purah your servant down to the camp."

¹¹ and you will hear what they say; and ¹afterward your hands will be strengthened that you may go down against the camp." So he went with Purah his servant down to the ¹outposts of the army that was in the camp.

¹² Now the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the sons of the east were lying in the valley ¹as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, ²as numerous as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ When Gideon came, behold, a man was relating a dream to his friend. And he said, "Behold, I ¹had a dream; ²a loaf of

barley bread was tumbling into the camp of Midian, and it came to the tent and struck it so that it fell, and turned it ³upside down so that the tent lay flat."

14 And his friend answered and said, "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given Midian and all the camp ^ainto his hand."

15 ¶ And it came about when Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, that he bowed in worship. He returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the camp of Midian into your hands."

16 And he divided the 300 men into three ¹companies, and he put trumpets and empty pitchers into the hands of all of them, with torches inside the pitchers.

17 And he said to them, "Look at me, and do likewise. And behold, when I come to the outskirts of the camp, ¹do as I do.

18 "When I and all who are with me blow the trumpet, then you also blow the trumpets all around the camp, and say, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'"

19 ¶ So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and smashed the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 When the three ¹companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers, they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing, and cried, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"

21 And each stood in his place around the camp; and ^aall the ¹army ran, crying out as they fled.

22 And when they blew 300 trumpets, the ^aLORD set the

13 ³Lit., upwards

14 ^aJoash. 2:9

16 ¹Lit., heads

17 ¹Lit., if shall come about that just as I do, so you shall do

20 ¹Lit., heads

21 ¹Or, camp
^a2 Kin 7:7

22 ¹Or, camp
^a1 Sam. 14:20
^b1 Kin 4:12, 19:18

23 ^aJudg. 6:35

24 ¹Lit., to meet
^aJudg. 3:28

25 ^aPs 83:11; Is. 10:26
^bJudg. 8:4

1 ^aJudg. 12:1

3 ¹Lit., spirit
²Lit., thus thing

4 ^aJudg. 7:25

5 ^aGen. 33:17

sword of one against another even throughout the whole ¹army; and the ¹army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the edge of ^bAbel-meholah, by Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel were summoned from ^aNaphtali and Asher and all Manasseh, and they pursued Midian.

24 ¶ And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down ¹against Midian and ^atake the waters before them, as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan." So all the men of Ephraim were summoned, and they took the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan.

25 And they captured the two leaders of Midian, ^aOreb and Zeeb, and they killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and they killed Zeeb at the wine press of Zeeb, while they pursued Midian; and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon ^bfrom across the Jordan.

CHAPTER 8

THEN the men of Ephraim said to him, "What is this thing you have done to us, not calling us when you went to fight against Midian?" And they contended with him vigorously.

2 But he said to them, "What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?"

3 "God has given the leaders of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb into your hands; and what was I able to do in comparison with you?" Then their ¹anger toward him subsided when he said ²that.

4 ¶ Then Gideon and the 300 men who were with him came ^ato the Jordan and crossed over, weary yet pursuing.

5 And he said to the men of ^aSuccoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who are fol-

lowing me, for they are weary, and I am pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian."

6 And the leaders of Succoth said, "Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hands, that we should give bread to your army?"

7 And Gideon said, "All right, when the LORD has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will thrash your bodies with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers."

8 And he went up from there to Penuel, and spoke similarly to them; and the men of Penuel answered him just as the men of Succoth had answered.

9 So he spoke also to the men of Penuel, saying, "When I return safely, I will tear down this tower."

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their armies with them, about 15,000 men, all who were left of the entire army of the sons of the east; for the fallen were 120,000 swordsmen.

11 And Gideon went up by the way of those who lived in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and attacked the camp, when the camp was unsuspecting.

12 When Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued them and captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and routed the whole army.

13 Then Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle by the ascent of Heres.

14 And he captured a youth from Succoth and questioned him. Then the youth wrote down for him the princes of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.

15 And he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom you taunted me, saying, 'Are the hands of Zebah and

6 ¹Lit. in the palm
²Judg. 8:15

7 ¹Lit. For this ²Or. trample ³Lit. flesh
⁴Judg. 7:15

8 ¹In Gen. 32:30, Peniel
²Gen. 32:31

9 ¹Judg. 8:17

10 ¹Or. camps ²Or. camp ³Lit. men who drew sword
⁴Judg. 6:5, 7:12, 15:9-4

11 ¹Lit. smote ²Or. secure

12 ¹Or. camp

13 ¹Or. from

14 ¹Lit. of the men of

15 ¹Lit. in the palm
²Judg. 8:6

16 ¹Lit. made the men to know

17 ¹Judg. 8:9

18 ¹Lit. like the form of the sons

21 ¹Ps. 83:11 ²Judg. 8:26

23 ¹I Sam. 8:7, 10:19, 12:12; Ps. 10:16

24 ¹Lit. request a request ²Or. a noise ring
³Gen. 25:13-16

Zalmunna already in your hand, that we should give bread to your men who are weary?"

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and he disciplined the men of Succoth with them.

17 And he tore down the tower of Penuel and killed the men of the city.

18 Then he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What kind of men were they whom you killed at Tabor?" And they said, "They were like you, each one resembling the son of a king."

19 And he said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if only you had let them live, I would not kill you."

20 So he said to Jether his first-born, "Rise, kill them." But the youth did not draw his sword, for he was afraid, because he was still a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise up yourself, and fall on us; for as the man, so is his strength." So Gideon arose and killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescent ornaments which were on their camels' necks.

22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, "Rule over us, both you and your son, also your son's son, for you have delivered us from the hand of Midian."

23 But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you."

24 Yet Gideon said to them, "I would request of you, that each of you give me an earring from his spoil." (For they had gold earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.)

25 And they said, "We will surely give them." So they spread out a garment, and every one of them threw an earring there from his spoil.

26 And the weight of the gold earrings that he requested was 1,700 shekels of gold, besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and the purple robes which were on the kings of Midian, and besides the neck bands that were on their camels' necks.

27 And Gideon made it into ^aan ephod, and placed it in his city, Ophrah, and all Israel played the harlot with it there, so that it became a snare to Gideon and his household.

28 So Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel, and they did not lift up their heads anymore. And the land was undisturbed for forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 ¶ Then ^aJerubbaal the son of Joash went and lived in his own house.

30 Now Gideon had ^aseventy sons who ¹were his direct descendants, for he had many wives.

31 And his concubine who was in Shechem also bore him a son, and he ¹named him Abimelech.

32 And Gideon the son of Joash died at a ripe old age and was buried in the tomb of his father Joash, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 ¶ Then it came about, as soon as Gideon was dead, ^athat the sons of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals, and made ^bBaal-berith their god.

34 Thus the sons of Israel ^adid not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side;

35 ^anor did they show kindness to the household of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon), in accord with all the good that he had done to Israel.

CHAPTER 9

AND ^aAbimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to his mother's ¹relatives,

²⁷ ^aEx. 28:6-35; Judg. 17:5; 18:14-20

²⁹ ^aJudg. 7:1

³⁰ ¹Lit., came from his loins ^aJudg. 9:2, 5

³¹ ¹Lit., appointed his name

³³ ^aJudg. 2:11, 12 ^bJudg. 9:4, 27:46

³⁴ ^aDeut. 4:9; Judg. 3:7

³⁵ ^aJudg. 9:16-18

¹ ¹Lit., brothers ^aJudg. 8:31, 35

² ^aJudg. 8:30; 9:5, 18 ^bGen. 29:14

³ ¹Lit., brothers ²Lit., their hearts inclined after ³Lit., brother ^aGen. 29:15

⁴ ^aJudg. 8:33

⁵ ^a2 Kin. 11:1, 2 ^bJudg. 8:30; 9:2, 18

⁶ ¹Or, the house of Millo ²Or, Berebith

⁷ ^aDeut. 11:29, 30

⁹ ¹Lit., which by me

and spoke to them and to the whole clan of the household of his mother's father, saying,

2 "Speak, now, in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem, 'Which is better for you, that ^aseventy men, all the sons of Jerubbaal, rule over you, or that one man rule over you?' Also, remember that I am ^byour bone and your flesh."

3 And his mother's ¹relatives spoke all these words on his behalf in the hearing of all the leaders of Shechem; and ²they were inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is ^aour ³relative."

4 And they gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of ^aBaal-berith with which Abimelech hired worthless and reckless fellows, and they followed him.

5 Then he went to his father's house at Ophrah, and ^akilled his brothers the sons of Jerubbaal, ^bseventy men, on one stone. But Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem and all ¹Beth-millo assembled together, and they went and made Abimelech king, by the ²oak of the pillar which was in Shechem.

7 ¶ Now when they told Jotham, he went and stood on the top of ^aMount Gerizim, and lifted his voice and called out. Thus he said to them, "Listen to me, O men of Shechem, that God may listen to you.

8 "Once the trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us!'

9 "But the olive tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my fatness with ¹which God and men are honored, and go to wave over the trees?'

10 "Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come, reign over us!'

11 "But the fig tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my sweetness and my good ¹fruit, and go to wave over the trees?'

12 "Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come, reign over us!'

13 "But the vine said to them, 'Shall I leave my new wine, which cheers God and men, and go to wave over the trees?'

14 "Finally all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come, reign over us!'

15 "And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in ¹truth you are anointing me as king over you, come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, may fire come out from the bramble and consume the cedars of Lebanon.'

16 ¶ "Now therefore, if you have dealt in ¹truth and integrity in making Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with ^aJerubbaal and his house, and ²have dealt with him ³as he deserved—

17 for my father fought for you and ¹risked his life and delivered you from the hand of Midian;

18 but you have risen against my father's house today and have killed ^ahis sons, seventy men, on one stone, and have made Abimelech, ^bthe son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your ¹relative—

19 if then you have dealt in ¹truth and integrity with Jerubbaal and his house this day, rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you.

20 "But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and consume the men of Shechem and ¹Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem and from ¹Beth-millo, and consume Abimelech."

21 Then Jotham escaped and fled, and went to Beer and remained there because of Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ Now Abimelech ruled over Israel three years.

11 ¹Or, produce

18 ¹Or, sincerity

16 ¹Or, sincerity ²Lit., if you have ³Lit., according to the dealing of his hands ^aJudge 8:35

17 ¹Lit., cast his soul in front

18 ¹Lit., brother ^aJudge 9:30; 9:2, 5 ^bJudge 8:31

19 ¹Or, sincerity

20 ¹Or, the house of Millo

23 ^a1 Sam. 16:14, 16; 19:2, 14 ^b1 Sam. 31:1

24 ¹Lit., of the seventy ^aDeut. 27:25; Judge 9:56, 57 ^bNum. 35:33

25 ¹Lit., serves in wait for

26 ¹Lit., brothers

27 ¹Lit., rejoicing ^aJudge 8:33, 9:46

28 ¹Lit., overreaser ^aGen. 34:2

29 ¹Lit., And who will give them people into my hand ^a2 Sam. 15:4

31 ¹Or, in Tormah ²Lit., brothers ³Lit., besieging

23 "Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem ^bdealt treacherously with Abimelech.

24 "in order that the violence ¹done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and ²their blood might be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.

25 And the men of Shechem set ¹men in ambush against him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all who might pass by them along the road; and it was told to Abimelech.

26 ¶ Now Gaal the son of Ebed came with his ¹relatives, and crossed over into Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their trust in him.

27 And they went out into the field and gathered the grapes of their vineyards and trod them, and held a ¹festival; and they went into the house of ^atheir god, and ate and drank and cursed Abimelech.

28 Then Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and is Zebul not his ¹lieutenant? Serve the men of ^aHamor the father of Shechem; but why should we serve him?"

29 "Would, therefore, that this people were under my authority! Then I would remove Abimelech." And he said to Abimelech, "Increase your army, and come out."

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger burned.

31 And he sent messengers to Abimelech ¹deceitfully, saying, "Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his ²relatives have come to Shechem; and behold, they are ³stirring up the city against you.

32 "Now therefore, arise by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in wait in the field.

33 "And it shall come about in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, that you shall rise early and rush upon the city; and behold, when he and the people who are with him come out against you, you shall ^{do to them} ^{whatever you can.}"

34 "So Abimelech and all the people who were with him arose by night and lay in wait against Shechem in four ^{companies}.

35 Now Gaal the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the city gate; and Abimelech and the people who were with him arose from the ambush.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, "^{Look}, people are coming down from the tops of the mountains." But Zebul said to him, "You are seeing the shadow of the mountains as if they were men."

37 And Gaal spoke again and said, "Behold, people are coming down from ^{the} ^{highest part of the land}, and one ^{company} comes by the way of ^{the} ^{diviners'} ^{oak.}"

38 Then Zebul said to him, "Where is your ^{boasting} now with which you said, 'Who is Abimelech that we should serve him?' Is this not the people whom you despised? Go out now and fight with them!"

39 So Gaal went out before the leaders of Shechem and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him; and many fell wounded up to the entrance of the gate.

41 Then Abimelech remained at Arumah, but Zebul drove out Gaal and his ^{relatives} so that they could not remain in Shechem.

33 ¹Lit., as your hand can find
¹1 Sam 10:7

34 ¹Lit., heads

36 ¹Lit., Be hold

37 ¹Or, center ²Lit., head
¹Heb., Elom-meeonenim
¹Or, terebinth
¹Ezek 38:12

38 ¹Lit., mouth

41 ¹Lit., brothers

43 ¹Lit., the
²Lit., heads
¹Lit., behold
²Lit., smote

44 ¹Singular with Gr., Heb plural, heads ²Lit., heads ³Lit., smote

45 ¹2 Kin 3:25

46 ¹Lit., house
¹Judg 8:33

48 ¹Lit., the axes ²Lit., like me
¹Ps. 68:14

42 ¶ Now it came about the next day, that the people went out to the field, and it was told to Abimelech.

43 So he took ^{his} people and divided them into three ^{companies}, and lay in wait in the field; when he looked and ^{saw} the people coming out from the city, he arose against them and ^{slew} them.

44 Then Abimelech and the ^{company} who was with him dashed forward and stood in the entrance of the city gate; the other two ^{companies} then dashed against all who were in the field and ^{slew} them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and he captured the city and killed the people who were in it; then he ^{razed} the city and sowed it with salt.

46 ¶ When all the leaders of the tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered the inner chamber of the ^{temple of} ^{El-berith}.

47 And it was told Abimelech that all the leaders of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 So Abimelech went up to Mount ^{Zalmon}, he and all the people who were with him; and Abimelech took ^{an} axe in his hand and cut down a branch from the trees, and lifted it and laid it on his shoulder. Then he said to the people who were with him, "What you have seen me do, hurry and do ^{likewise}."

49 And all the people also cut down each one his branch and followed Abimelech, and put them on the inner chamber and set the inner chamber on fire over those inside, so that all the men of the tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he camped against Thebez and captured it.

51 But there was a strong tower in the center of the city, and all the men and women with all the leaders of the city fled there and shut themselves in; and they went up on the roof of the tower.

52 So Abimelech came to the tower and fought against it, and approached the entrance of the tower to burn it with fire.

53 But ^aa certain woman threw an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, crushing his skull.

54 Then ^ahe called quickly to the young man, his armor bearer, and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest it be said of me, 'A woman slew him.' " So ¹the young man pierced him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, each departed to his ¹home.

56 Thus ^aGod repaid the wickedness of Abimelech, which he had done to his father, in killing his seventy brothers.

57 Also God returned all the wickedness of the men of Shechem on their heads, and the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal came ¹upon them.

CHAPTER 10

NOW after Abimelech died, Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, ^aarose to save Israel; and he lived in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim.

2 And he judged Israel twenty-three years. Then he died and was buried in Shamir.

3 ^a And after him, Jair the Gileadite arose, and judged Israel twenty-two years.

4 And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys, and they had thirty cities ¹in the land of Gilead ^athat are called ²Havvoth-jair to this day.

5 And Jair died and was buried in Kamon.

53 ^a2 Sam 11:21

54 ¹Lt., has ^a1 Sam 31:4

56 ¹Lt., place

56 ^aGen. 9:5, 8, Ps 94:23

57 ¹Lt., to

¹Judg 2:16

4 ¹Lt., which are in ²1e, the towers of Jair ^aNum 32:41

6 ^aJudg 2:13 ^bJudg 11:24 ^aDeut 31:16, 17, 32:15

7 ^a1 Sam 12:9

8 ¹Lt., shattered ²Lt., in that ³Lt., which is in

10 ^a1 Sam 12:10

11 ^aJudg 2:12 ^aNum 21:21-25 ^aJudg 3:13

12 ^aPs 108:42

13 ^aJer 2:13

14 ^aDeut 32:37

15 ^a1 Sam 3:18

16 ¹Lt., His soul was shut with the masonry ^aJosh. 24:23 ^aDeut. 32:38

6 ¹ Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aserved the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, ^bthe gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; thus ^cthey forsook the LORD and did not serve Him.

7 And the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He ^asold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the sons of Ammon.

8 And they ¹afflicted and crushed the sons of Israel ²that year, for eighteen years they ^aafflicted all the sons of Israel who were beyond the Jordan ³in Gilead in the land of the Amorites.

9 And the sons of Ammon crossed the Jordan to fight also against Judah, Benjamin, and the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was greatly distressed.

10 ¹ Then the ^asons of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against Thee, for indeed, we have forsaken our God and served the Baals."

11 And the LORD said to the sons of Israel, "Did I not deliver you ^afrom the Egyptians, ^bthe Amorites, ^cthe sons of Ammon, and the Philistines?

12 "Also when the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites ^aoppressed you, you cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their hands.

13 "Yet ^ayou have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will deliver you no more.

14 "Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress."

15 And the sons of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned, ^ado to us whatever seems good to Thee; only please deliver us this day."

16 ^aSo they put away the foreign gods from among them, and served the LORD; and ^{1b}He could

bear the misery of Israel no longer.

17 ¶ Then the sons of Ammon were summoned, and they camped in Gilead. And the sons of Israel gathered together, and camped in ^aMizpah.

18 And the people, the leaders of Gilead, said to one another, "Who is the man who will begin to fight against the sons of Ammon? He shall become head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

CHAPTER 11

NOW ^aJephthah the Gileadite was a ¹valiant warrior, but he was the son of a harlot. And Gilead ²was the father of Jephthah.

2 And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove Jephthah out and said to him, "You shall not have an inheritance in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman."

3 So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of ^aTob; and worthless fellows gathered themselves ¹about Jephthah, and they went out with him.

4 ¶ And it came about after a while that ^athe sons of Ammon fought against Israel.

5 And it happened when the sons of Ammon fought against Israel that the elders of Gilead went to get Jephthah from the land of Tob;

6 and they said to Jephthah, "Come and be our chief that we may fight against the sons of Ammon."

7 Then Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "^aDid you not hate me and drive me from my father's house? So why have you come to me now when you are in trouble?"

8 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "For this reason we have now returned to you, that you may go with us and fight

with the sons of Ammon and ^abecome head over all the inhabitants of Gilead."

9 So Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you take me back to fight against the sons of Ammon and the LORD gives them up ¹to me, will I become your head?"

10 And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "^aThe LORD is ¹witness between us; surely we will do ²as you have said."

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD at ^aMizpah.

12 ¶ Now Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying, "What is between you and me, that you have come to me to fight against my land?"

13 And the king of the sons of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Israel ^atook away my land when they came up from Egypt, from the Arnon as far as the ^bJabbok and the Jordan; therefore, return them peaceably now."

14 But Jephthah sent messengers again to the king of the sons of Ammon,

15 and they said to him, "Thus says Jephthah, 'Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the sons of Ammon.

16 ¹For when they came up from Egypt, and Israel ^awent through the wilderness to the ¹Red Sea and ^bcame to Kadesh.

17 then Israel ^asent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please let us pass through your land," but the king of Edom would not listen. ^bAnd they also sent to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained at Kadesh.

18 ¹Then they went through the wilderness and ^aaround the land of Edom and the land of Moab,

17 ^aJudg. 11:29

1 ¹Or, mighty man of valor ²Lit. hegat ^aHeb. 11:32

3 ¹Lit. 10 ^a2 Sam. 10:6, 8

4 ^aJudg. 10:9, 17

7 ^aGen. 26:27

8 ^aJudg. 10:18

9 ¹Lit. be-fore

10 ¹Lit. hearer ²Lit. according to your word ^aGen. 31:50; Jer. 29:23; 42:5; Mic. 1:2

11 ^aJudg. 10:17, 11:29; 20:1; 1 Sam. 10:17

13 ^aNum. 21:24 ^bGen. 32:22

16 ¹Lit. Sea of Reeds ^aNum. 14:25; Deut. 1:40 ^bNum. 20:1, 4-21

17 ^aNum. 20:14-21 ^bJosh. 24:9

18 ^aNum. 21:4; Deut. 2:8

and came to the east side of the land of Moab, and they camped beyond the Arnon; but they ^bdid not enter the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab.

19 'And Israel sent ^amessengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him, "Please let us pass through your land to our place."

20 'But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory; so Sihon gathered all his people and camped in Jahaz, and fought with Israel.

21 'And the LORD, the God of Israel, gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they ¹defeated them; so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 ^a"So they possessed all the territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and from the wilderness as far as the Jordan.

23 'Since now the LORD, the God of Israel, drove out the Amorites from before His people Israel, are you then to possess it?

24 'Do you not possess what ^aChemosh your god gives you to possess? So whatever the LORD our God has driven out before us, we will possess it.

25 'And now are you any better than ^aBalak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive with Israel, or did he ever fight against them?

26 ^a"While Israel lived in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are on the banks of the Arnon, three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time?

27 'I therefore have not sinned against you, but you are doing me wrong by making war against me; ^amay the LORD, the Judge, judge today between the

sons of Israel and the sons of Ammon.' "

28 But the king of the sons of Ammon ¹disregarded the message which Jephthah sent him.

29 ^a Now ^athe Spirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, so that he passed through Gilead and Manasseh; then he passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he went on to the sons of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If Thou wilt indeed give the sons of Ammon into my hand,

31 then it shall be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon, it shall be the LORD's, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering."

32 So Jephthah crossed over to the sons of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD gave them into his hand.

33 And he struck them with a very great slaughter from Aroer ¹to the entrance of ^aMinnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramim. So the sons of Ammon were subdued before the sons of Israel.

34 ^a When Jephthah came to his house at ^aMizpah, behold, his daughter was coming out to meet him ^bwith tambourines and with dancing. Now she was his one and only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter.

35 And it came about when he saw her, that he tore his clothes and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are among those who trouble me; for I have ¹given my word to the LORD, and ^aI cannot take it back."

36 So she said to him, "My father, you have ¹given your word to the LORD; ^ado to me ²as you have said, since the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the sons of Ammon."

¹⁸ ^aDeut. 2:9, 18, 19

¹⁹ ^aNum. 21:21-32; Deut. 2:26-36

²¹ ^aLat. ^{errate} ^aNum. 21:24; Deut. 2:32-34

²² ^aDeut. 2:36, 37

²⁴ ^aNum. 21:29; 1 Kin. 11:7

²⁵ ^aNum. 22:2, Josh. 24:9, Mic. 6:5

²⁶ ^aNum. 21:25, 26; Deut. 2:36

²⁷ ^aGen. 16:5, 18:25, 31:53, 1 Sam. 24:12, 15

²⁸ ^aLat. ^{did not listen to the words}

²⁹ ^aJudg. 3:10

³³ ^aLat. ^{even until you are coming to} ^aEzek. 27:17

³⁴ ^aJudg. 10:17, 11:11; ^aEx. 15:20; 1 Sam. 18:6; Jer. 31:4

³⁵ ^aLat. ^{opened my mouth} ^aNum. 30:2; Eccl. 5:4, 5

³⁶ ^aLat. ^{opened your mouth} ^aLat. ^{according to what has proceeded from your mouth} ^aNum. 30:2

37 And she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me; let me alone two months, that I may go to the mountains and weep because of my virginity, I and my companions."

37 ¹Lit. go and go down on
Gen 30:23.
Luke 1:25

38 Then he said, "Go." So he sent her away for two months; and she left with her companions, and wept on the mountains because of her virginity.

38 ¹Lit. knew no man

39 And it came about at the end of two months that she returned to her father, who did to her according to the vow which he had made; and she had no relations with a man. Thus it became a custom in Israel,

40 ¹Lit. to count, ancient versions, lament

40 that the daughters of Israel went yearly to commemorate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in the year.

1 ¹Or, northward
Judg 8:1

CHAPTER 12

THEN the men of Ephraim were summoned, and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight against the sons of Ammon without calling us to go with you? We will burn your house down on you."

3 ¹Lit. put my soul in my palm
1 Sam. 19:5.
28:21, Job 13:14

2 And Jephthah said to them, "I and my people were at great strife with the sons of Ammon; when I called you, you did not deliver me from their hand.

4 ¹Lit. smote

3 "And when I saw that you would not deliver me, I took my life in my hands and crossed over against the sons of Ammon, and the LORD gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day, to fight against me?"

5 ¹Judg. 3:28

4 Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought Ephraim; and the men of Gilead defeated Ephraim, because they said, "You are fugitives of Ephraim, O Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim and in the midst of Manasseh."

6 ¹Lit. speak so

5 And the Gileadites captured the fords of the Jordan opposite

9 ¹Lit. sent outside

1 ¹Judg. 2:11

Ephraim. And it happened when any of the fugitives of Ephraim said, "Let me cross over," the men of Gilead would say to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No,"

6 then they would say to him, "Say now, 'Shibboleth.'" But he said, "Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce it correctly. Then they seized him and slew him at the fords of the Jordan. Thus there fell at that time 42,000 of Ephraim.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

8 ¶ Now Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel after him.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters whom he gave in marriage outside the family, and he brought in thirty daughters from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then Ibzan died and was buried in Bethlehem.

11 ¶ Now Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel after him; and he judged Israel ten years.

12 Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

13 ¶ Now Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel after him.

14 And he had forty sons and thirty grandsons who rode on seventy donkeys; and he judged Israel eight years.

15 Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

CHAPTER 13

NOW the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, so that the LORD gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.

2 ¶ And there was a certain man of ^aZorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no children.

3 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman, and said to her, "Behold now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son."

4 "Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing."

5 ¶ For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a ^bNazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

6 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, "A man of God came to me and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. And I did not ask him where he came from, nor did he tell me his name."

7 "But he said to me, 'Behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and now you shall not drink wine or strong drink nor eat any unclean thing, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.'"

8 ¶ Then Manoah entreated the LORD and said, "O Lord, please let ^athe man of God whom Thou hast sent come to us again that he may teach us what to do for the boy who is to be born."

9 And God listened to the voice of Manoah; and ^athe angel of God came again to the woman as she was sitting in the field, but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 So the woman ran quickly and told her ¹husband, "Behold, ^athe man who ²came the other day has appeared to me."

² Josh. 19:41

³ Judg. 6:11, 14, 13:6, 8, 10, 11, Luke 1:11-13

⁴ Num. 6:2, 3, Luke 1:15

⁵ Luke 1:15, Num. 6:2-5

⁶ Judg. 6:11, 13:6, 10:11

⁸ Judg. 13:3, 7

⁹ Judg. 13:8

¹⁰ Lit. husband, and said to him
¹¹ Lit. came to me
¹² Judg. 13:9

¹¹ Judg. 13:8

¹³ Lit. from
¹⁴ Judg. 13:11
¹⁵ Judg. 13:4

¹⁴ Num. 6:4

¹⁵ Judg. 13:3

¹⁶ Lit. bread
¹⁷ Judg. 6:20

¹⁷ Gen. 32:29

¹⁸ I.e. incomprehensible
¹⁹ vs. 9-6

¹⁹ Judg. 6:20, 21

²⁰ Lev. 24:1, Chr. 21:16, Ezek. 1:28, Matt. 17:8

²¹ Judg. 13:16

11 Then Manoah arose and followed his wife, and when he came to the man he said to him, "Are you ^athe man who spoke to the woman?" And he said, "I am."

12 And Manoah said, "Now when your words come to pass, what shall be the boy's mode of life and his vocation?"

13 So ^athe angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Let the woman pay attention ¹to all that I said."

14 "She should not eat anything that comes from the ^avine nor drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; let her observe all that I commanded."

15 ¶ Then Manoah said to ^athe angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain you so that we may prepare a kid for you."

16 And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Though you detain me, ^aI will not eat your food, but if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD." For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that when your words come to pass, we may honor you?"

18 But the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is ^awonderful?"

19 So ^aManoah took the kid with the grain offering and offered it on the rock to the LORD, and He performed wonders while Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came about when the flame went up from the altar toward heaven, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. When Manoah and his wife saw this, they ^afell on their faces to the ground.

21 Now the angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah or his wife. ^aThen Manoah knew

that he was the angel of the LORD.

22 So Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, for we have seen God."

23 But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have ^ashown us all these things, nor would He have let us hear things like this at this time."

24 ^a Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him Samson; and the ^achild grew up and the LORD blessed him.

25 And ^athe Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in ^{1b}Mahanehdan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

CHAPTER 14

THEN Samson went down to Timnah and saw a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 So he came ^{1b}back and told his father and ²mother, "I saw a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife."

3 Then his father and his mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your ^{1a}relatives, or among all ²our people, that you go to ^btake a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she ³looks good to me."

4 However, his father and mother did not know that ^ait was of the LORD, for He was seeking an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines were ruling over Israel.

5 ¹ Then Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came as far as the vineyards of Timnah; and behold, a young lion came roaring toward him.

6 And ^athe Spirit of the LORD ¹came upon him mightily, so that

^bhe tore him as one tears a kid though he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.

7 So he went down and talked to the woman; and she ¹looked good to Samson.

8 When he returned later to take her, he turned aside to look at the carcass of the lion; and behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the body of the lion.

9 So he scraped ¹the honey into his ²hands and went on, eating as he went. When he came to his father and mother, he gave ^{some} to them and they ate it; but he did not tell them that he had scraped the honey out of the body of the lion.

10 ¹ Then his father went down to the woman; and Samson made a feast there, for the young men customarily did this.

11 And it came about when they saw him that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 Then Samson said to them, "Let me now ^apropound a riddle to you; if you will indeed tell it to me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen wraps and thirty ^bchanges of clothes.

13 "But if you are unable to tell me, then you shall give me thirty linen wraps and thirty changes of clothes." And they said to him, "Propound your riddle, that we may hear it."

14 So he said to them,

"Out of the eater came something to eat,
And out of the strong came something sweet."

But they could not tell the riddle in three days.

15 ¹ Then it came about on the ¹fourth day that they said to Samson's wife, "^aEntice your husband, that he may tell us the riddle, ^blest we burn you and your father's house with fire.

²² ^aGen. 32:30; Deut. 5:26; Judg. 6:22

²³ ^aPs. 25:14

²⁴ ^a1 Sam. 3:19; Luke 1:80

²⁵ ^aI.e., the camp of Dan ^aJudg. 3:10 ^aJudg. 18:11, 12

² ^aLit., up ^aLit., mother, saying.

³ ^aLit., brothers ^aLit., my ^aLit., is right in my eyes ^aGen. 24:3, 4 ^aEx. 34:18, Deut. 7:3

⁴ ^aJosh. 11:20

⁶ ^aLit., rushed upon ^aJudg. 3:10 ^a1 Sam. 17:34-36

⁷ ^aLit., was right in Samson's eyes

⁹ ^aLit., it ^aLit., palms

¹² ^aEzek. 17:2 ^aGen. 45:22; 2 Kin. 5:22

¹⁵ ^aSo with some ancient versions; Heb., seventh ^aJudg. 18:5 ^aJudg. 15:6

16 • Judge
16:15

19 'Lt.,
rushed upon
Judge 3 10.
13 25

20 10r. bust
man
• Judge 152

1 Gen
38 17

2 L.L., but
let 2 L.L. in-
stead of her
*Judge 14.20

8 Lit.
(over)

61 e. the
Turnate
•Judg. 14.15

8 1/2 Lit. legs
on thigh

11:4 Lev
26:25; Deut.
28:43f.; Judg.
13:1, 14:4; Ps.
108:40-42

12 And they said to him, "We have come down to bind you so that we may give you into the

2 And her father said, "I really thought that you hated her intensely; so I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger

hands of the Philistines." And Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not ¹kill me."

13 So they said to ¹him, "No, but we will bind you fast and give you into their hands; yet surely we will not kill you." Then they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock.

14 * When he came to Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him. And ^athe Spirit of the LORD ¹came upon him mightily so that the ropes that were on his arms were as flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds ²dropped from his hands.

15 And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, so he ¹reached out and took it and ²killed ^aa thousand men with it.

16 Then Samson said,
"With the jawbone of a donkey,

¹Heaps upon heaps,
With the jawbone of a donkey

I have ²killed a thousand men."

17 And it came about when he had finished speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his hand; and he named that place ¹Ramath-lehi.

18 Then he became very thirsty, and he ^acalled to the LORD and said, "Thou hast given this great deliverance by the hand of Thy servant, and now ¹shall I die of thirst ²and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?"

19 But God split the hollow place that is in Lehi so that water came out of it. When he drank, ^ahis ¹strength returned and he revived. Therefore, he named it ²En-hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

20 So ^ahe judged Israel twenty years in ^bthe days of the Philistines.

¹² Lit., fall upon me yourselves

¹³ Lit., him, saying

¹⁴ Lit., rushed upon
¹ Lit., were melted
^a Judg. 14:19,
1 Sam. 11:6

¹⁵ Lit., stretched out his hand
² Lit., smote
^a Lev. 26:8,
Josh. 23:10

¹⁶ Lit., Heap, two heaps, Heb. is same root as donkey
² Lit., smitten

¹⁷ I.e., the high place of the jawbone

¹⁸ Or, I shall uncircumcised
^a Or, or
^a Judg. 16:28

¹⁹ Lit., spirit 21.e., the spring of him who called
^a Is. 40:29

²⁰ Judg. 16:31; Heb. 11:32
^b Judg. 13:1

¹ Judg. 15:47

² 1 Sam. 23:26; Ps. 118:10-12

⁵ Lit., by what
^a Josh. 13:3
^b Judg. 14:15

⁶ Lit., by what

⁹ Lit., smells

CHAPTER 16

NOW Samson went to ^aGaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her.

2 When it was told to the Gazites, saying, "Samson has come here," they ^asurrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. And they kept silent all night, saying, "Let us wait until the morning light, then we will kill him."

3 Now Samson lay until midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the city gate and the two posts and pulled them up along with the bars; then he put them on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of the mountain which is opposite Hebron.

4 ¶ After this it came about that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

5 And the ^alords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, "^bEntice him, and see where his great strength lies and ¹how we may overpower him that we may bind him to afflict him. Then we will each give you eleven hundred pieces of silver."

6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength is and ¹how you may be bound to afflict you."

7 And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh cords that have not been dried, then I shall become weak and be like any other man."

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh cords that had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

9 Now she had men lying in wait in an inner room. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he snapped the cords as a string of tow snaps when it ¹touches fire. So his strength was not discovered.

10 ¶ Then Delilah said to Samson, "Behold, you have deceived me and told me lies; now please tell me, how you may be bound."

11 And he said to her, "If they bind me tightly with new ropes which have not been used, then I shall become weak and be like any other man."

12 So Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" For the men were lying in wait in the inner room. But he snapped the ropes from his arms like a thread.

13 ¶ Then Delilah said to Samson, "Up to now you have deceived me and told me lies; tell me how you may be bound." And he said to her, "If you weave the seven locks of my hair with the web and fasten it with a pin, then I shall become weak and be like any other man."

14 So while he slept, Delilah took the seven locks of his hair and wove them into the web. And she fastened it with the pin, and said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he awoke from his sleep and pulled out the pin of the loom and the web.

15 ¶ Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have deceived me these three times and have not told me where your great strength is."

16 And it came about when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death.

17 So he told her all that was in his heart and said to her, "A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I shall become weak and be like any other man."

10 Lit. by what

11 Lit. with which work has not been done

12 Lit. them

13 Lit. by what Lit. head The passage in brackets is found in Gr but not in any Heb mss

14 Lit. head

15 Judg 14 16

16 Lit. im putted to the pound of

17 Num 6. 2. 5. Judg 13 5

18 Lit. head

20 Num. 14 42, 43. Josh. 7:12. 1 Sam. 16:14

23 1 Sam. 5:2

24 1 Sam 31:9. 1 Chr. 10:9. Ps. 97:7

25 Lit. their heart was pleasant Lit. made sport before them

18 ¶ When Delilah saw that he had told her all that was in his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all that is in his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought the money in their hands.

19 And she made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his hair. Then she began to afflict him, and his strength left him.

20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

21 Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains, and he was a grinder in the prison.

22 However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaved off.

23 ¶ Now the lords of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice, for they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hands."

24 When the people saw him, they praised their god, for they said,

"Our god has given our enemy into our hands,

Even the destroyer of our country,

Who has slain many of us."

25 It so happened when they were in high spirits, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may amuse us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars.

26 Then Samson said to the boy who was holding his hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them."

27 Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines were there. And about 3,000 men and women were on the roof looking on while Samson was amusing them.

28 ¶ Then Samson called to the LORD and said, "O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes."

29 And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and braced himself against them, the one with his right hand and the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he bent with all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life.

31 Then his brothers and all his father's household came down, took him, brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. ¶ Thus he had judged Israel twenty years.

CHAPTER 17

NOW there was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

2 And he said to his mother, "The eleven hundred pieces of silver which were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse in my hearing, behold, the silver is with me; I took it." And his mother said, "Blessed be my son by the LORD."

3 He then returned the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his

mother, and his mother said, "I wholly dedicate the silver from my hand to the LORD for my son to make a graven image and a molten image; now therefore, I will return them to you."

4 So when he returned the silver to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver and gave them to the silver-smith who made them into a graven image and a molten image, and they were in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had a shrine and he made an ephod and household idols and consecrated one of his sons, that he might become his priest.

6 In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.

7 ¶ Now there was a young man from Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he was staying there.

8 Then the man departed from the city, from Bethlehem in Judah, to stay wherever he might find a place; and as he made his journey, he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah.

9 And Micah said to him, "Where do you come from?" And he said to him, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to stay wherever I may find a place."

10 Micah then said to him, "Dwell with me and be a father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten pieces of silver a year, a suit of clothes, and your maintenance." So the Levite went in.

11 And the Levite agreed to live with the man; and the young man became to him like one of his sons.

12 So Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest and lived in the house of Micah.

28 Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord
Judg. 15:18
Jer. 15:15

28 Lit. strength

31 Judg. 15:20

2 Lit. and also spoke it in my ears

3 Lit. it
Ex. 20:4, 23:34-17

4 Lit. it
Lit. it was

5 Lit. house of gods
Heb. teraphim
Lit. filled the hand of
Judg. 18:24
Judg. 8:27
18:14 Gen. 31:19 Num. 3:10

6 Judg. 18:1; 18:1
Deut. 12:8; Judg. 21:25

7 Or, sojourning
Judg. 19:1; Ruth 1:1, 2; Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:1

8 Or, sojourning
Josh. 24:33

9 Or, sojourning

10 Judg. 18:19

12 Lit. filled the hand of
Lit. was
Num. 18:10; 18:1-7

13 Then Micah said, "Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, seeing I have a Levite as priest."

CHAPTER 18

IN those days there was no king of Israel; and ^bin those days the tribe of the Danites was seeking an inheritance for themselves to live in, for until that day ¹an inheritance had not ²been allotted to them as a possession among the tribes of Israel.

2 So the sons of Dan sent from their family five men out of their whole number, ¹valiant men from ^aZorah and Eshtaol, to spy out the land and to search it; and they said to them, "Go, search the land." And they came to ^bthe hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there.

3 When they were near the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young man, the Levite; and they turned aside there, and said to him, "Who brought you here? And what are you doing in this place? And what do you have here?"

4 And he said to them, "Thus and so has Micah done to me, and he has hired me, and ^aI have become his priest."

5 And they said to him, "Inquire of God, please, that we may know whether our way on which we are going will be prosperous."

6 And the priest said to them, "Go in peace; your way in which you are going ¹has the LORD's approval."

7 ¶ Then the five men departed and came to ^aLaish and saw the people who were in it living in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; for there was no ¹ruler humiliating them for anything in the land, and they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.

¹ ¹Lit., if
² ¹Lit., follow
Judg. 17:6;
19:1 ¹Josh.
19:40-48

² ¹Lit.,
men, sons of
valor
Judg. 13:25
Judg. 17:1

⁴ ^aJudg.
17:12

⁶ ¹Lit., is
before the
Lord

⁷ ¹Lit., pos-
sessor of re-
mains
Josh. 19:47;
Judg. 18:29

⁹ ¹Lit., he

¹⁰ ^aDeut.
8:9

¹² ¹Lit., the
camp of Dan
²Lit., behind
Judg. 13:25

¹⁴ ¹Heb.,
terrapium
Judg. 17:5

¹⁷ ¹Heb.,
terrapium
Gen. 31:19;
30:14, 41:28;
Mic. 5:13

8 When they came back to their brothers at Zorah and Eshtaol, their brothers said to them, "What do you report?"

9 And they said, "Arise, and let us go up against them; for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good. And will you ¹sit still? Do not delay to go, to enter, to possess the land.

10 "When you enter, you shall come to a secure people with a spacious land; for God has given it into your hand, ^aa place where there is no lack of anything that is on the earth."

11 ¶ Then from the family of the Danites, from Zorah and from Eshtaol, six hundred men armed with weapons of war set out.

12 And they went up and camped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. Therefore they called that place ¹Mahaneh-dan to this day; behold, it is ²west of Kiriath-jearim.

13 And they passed from there to the hill country of Ephraim and came to the house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Laish answered and said to their kinsmen, "Do you know that there are in these houses ^aan ephod and ¹household idols and a graven image and a molten image? Now therefore, consider what you should do."

15 And they turned aside there and came to the house of the young man, the Levite, to the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare.

16 And the six hundred men armed with their weapons of war, who were of the sons of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate.

17 Now the five men who went to spy out the land went up and entered there, and took ^athe graven image and the ephod and ¹household idols and the molten image, while the priest stood by

the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men armed with weapons of war.

18 And when these went into Micah's house and took the graven image, the ephod and ¹household idols and the molten image, the priest said to them, "What are you doing?"

19 And they said to him, "Be silent, ^aput your hand over your mouth and come with us, and be to us ^{ba} father and a priest. Is it better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or to be priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod and ¹household idols and the graven image, and went among the people.

21 ¶ Then they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the livestock and the valuables in front of them.

22 When they had gone some distance from the house of Micah, the men who were in the houses near Micah's house assembled and overtook the sons of Dan.

23 And they cried to the sons of Dan, who turned ¹around and said to Micah, "What is the matter with you, that you have assembled together?"

24 And he said, "You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and have gone away, and what do I have besides? So how can you say to me, 'What is the matter with you?' "

25 And the sons of Dan said to him, "Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest ¹fierce men fall upon you and you ²lose your life, with the lives of your household."

26 So the sons of Dan went on their way; and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

18 ¹Heb. teraphim

19 ^aJob 21:5, 29:9; 40:4 ^bJudg. 17:10

20 ¹Heb. teraphim

23 ¹Lit. their faces

25 ¹Lit. betrayer of soul ²Lit. gather

27 ^aJosh. 19:47; Judg. 18:7

28 ^a2 Sam. 10:6

29 ^aJosh. 19:47

30 ¹Some ancient versions read Moses ^aJudg. 17:3, 5 ^bEx. 2:22; 18:3 ^cJudg. 17:3, 5

31 ^aJosh. 18:1

¹Or, sojourning ^aJudg. 18:1

³Lit. to her heart ²Lit. and ^aGen. 34:3; 50:21

27 ¶ Then they took what Micah had made and the priest who had belonged to him, and came to ^aLaish, to a people quiet and secure, and struck them with the edge of the sword; and they burned the city with fire.

28 And there was no one to deliver them, because it was far from Sidon and they had no dealings with anyone, and it was in the valley which is near ^aBeth-rehob. And they rebuilt the city and lived in it.

29 And ^athey called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father who was born in Israel; however, the name of the city formerly was Laish.

30 And the sons of Dan set up for themselves ^athe graven image; and Jonathan, the son of ^bGershom, the son of ¹Manasseh, ^che and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 So they set up for themselves Micah's graven image which he had made, all the time that the ^ahouse of God was at Shiloh.

CHAPTER 19

NOW it came about in those days, when ^athere was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite ¹staying in the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim, who took a concubine for himself from Bethlehem in Judah.

2 But his concubine played the harlot against him, and she went away from him to her father's house in Bethlehem in Judah, and was there for a period of four months.

3 Then her husband arose and went after her to ^aspeak ¹tenderly to her in order to bring her back, ²taking with him his servant and a pair of donkeys. So she brought him into her father's house, and when the girl's father

saw him, he was glad to meet him.

4 And his father-in-law, the girl's father, detained him; and he remained with him three days. So they ate and drank and lodged there.

5 Now it came about on the fourth day that they got up early in the morning, and he ¹prepared to go; and the girl's father said to his son-in-law, "^aSustain ²yourself with a piece of bread, and afterward you may go."

6 So both of them sat down and ate and drank together; and the girl's father said to the man, "Please be willing to spend the night, and ^alet your heart be merry."

7 Then the man arose to go, but his father-in-law urged him so that he spent the night there again.

8 And on the fifth day he arose to go early in the morning, and the girl's father said, "Please sustain ¹yourself, and wait until ²afternoon"; so both of them ate.

9 When the man arose to go along with his concubine and servant, his father-in-law, the girl's father, said to him, "Behold now, the day has drawn ¹to a close; please spend the night. Lo, the day is ²coming to an end; spend the night here that your heart may be merry. Then tomorrow you may arise early for your journey so that you may go ³home."

10 ^a But the man was not willing to spend the night, so he arose and departed and came to a place opposite ^aJebus (that is, Jerusalem). And there were with him a pair of saddled donkeys; his concubine also was with him.

11 When they were near Jebus, the day was almost gone; and ^athe servant said to his master, "Please come, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites and spend the night in it."

12 However, his master said to

⁸ ¹Lit., arose ²Lit., your heart
^aGen. 18:5; Judg. 19:8

⁶ ¹Judg. 16:25; 19:9, 22; Ruth 3:7; 1 Kin. 21:7; Eccl. 1:10

⁸ ¹Lit., your heart
²Lit., the day declines

⁹ ¹Lit., toward evening
²Lit., declining
³Lit., to your tent

¹⁰ ¹Chr. 11:4, 5

¹¹ ¹Judg. 19:19

¹³ ¹So with Gr. M.T. he

¹⁶ ¹Or, sojourning
²Judg. 19:1
³Judg. 19:14

¹⁸ ¹Heb., the house of the Lord, cf. v. 29

¹⁹ ¹Le., my concubine
²Judg. 19:11

²⁰ ¹Gen. 43:23; Judg. 6:23

²¹ ¹Gen. 44:32, 33

him, "We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners who are not of the sons of Israel; but we will go on as far as Gibeah."

13 And he said to his servant, "Come and let us approach one of these places; and we will spend the night in Gibeah or Ramah."

14 So they passed along and went their way, and the sun set on them near Gibeah which belongs to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside there in order to enter and lodge in Gibeah. When ¹they entered, ¹they sat down in the open square of the city, for no one took them into his house to spend the night.

16 ^a Then behold, an old man was coming out of the field from his work at evening. Now the man was from ^athe hill country of Ephraim, and he was ¹staying in Gibeah, but the men of the place ^bwere Benjamites.

17 And he lifted up his eyes and saw the traveler in the open square of the city; and the old man said, "Where are you going, and where do you come from?"

18 And he said to him, "We are passing from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote part of the hill country of Ephraim, for I am from there, and I went to Bethlehem in Judah. But I am now going to ¹my house, and no man will take me into his house.

19 "Yet there is both straw and fodder for our donkeys, and also bread and wine for me, ¹your maidservant, and ^athe young man who is with your servants; there is no lack of anything."

20 And the old man said, "^aPeace to you. Only let me take care of all your needs; however, do not spend the night in the open square."

21 ^aSo he took him into his house and gave the donkeys fodder, and they washed their feet and ate and drank.

22 ¶ While they were ¹making merry, behold, ^athe men of the city, certain ^{2b}worthless fellows, surrounded the house, pounding the door; and they spoke to the owner of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came into your house that we may have ³relations with him."

23 Then the man, the owner of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my fellows, please do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, ^ado not commit this act of folly.

24 ^a"Here is my virgin daughter and his concubine. Please let me bring them out that you may ravish them and do to them ¹whatever you wish. But do not commit such an act of folly against this man."

25 But the men would not listen to him, so the man seized his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they raped her and abused her all night until morning, then let her go at the approach of dawn.

26 ¹As the day began to dawn, the woman came and fell down at the doorway of the man's house where her master was, until full daylight.

27 ¶ When her master arose in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way, then behold, his concubine was lying at the doorway of the house, with her hands on the threshold.

28 And he said to her, "Get up and let us go," ^abut there was no answer. Then he placed her on the donkey; and the man arose and went to his ¹home.

29 When he entered his house, he took a knife and laid hold of his concubine and ^acut her in twelve pieces, limb by limb, and sent her throughout the territory of Israel.

30 And it came about that all who saw *it* said, "Nothing like

22 ¹Lit., making their hearts merry
²Lit., sons of Belial
³Lit., intercourse
^aGen. 19:4, 5; Ezek. 16:46-48
^bDeut. 13:13; 1 Sam. 2:12; 1 Kin. 21:10; 2 Cor. 6:15

23 ^aGen. 34:7; Deut. 22:21; Judg. 20:6, 2 Sam. 13:12

24 ¹Lit., the good in your eyes
^aGen. 19:8

26 ¹Lit., At the turning of the morning

28 ¹Lit., place
^aJudg. 20:5

29 ^a1 Sam. 11:7

30 ^aJudg. 20:7; Prov. 13:10

1 ^a1 Sam. 7:5

2 ¹Lit., cornerstones
²Lit., men
^aJudg. 8:10

8 ^aJudg. 19:22
^bJudg. 19:25f.

8 ^aJudg. 19:29
^bGen. 34:7; Josh. 7:15

7 ^aJudg. 19:30

this has ever happened or been seen from the day when the sons of Israel came up from the land of Egypt to this day. Consider it, ^atake counsel and speak up!"

CHAPTER 20

THEN all the sons of Israel from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead, came out, and the congregation assembled as one man to the Lord at ^aMizpah.

2 And the ¹chiefs of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, took their stand in the assembly of the people of God, 400,000 foot ²soldiers ^awho drew the sword.

3 (Now the sons of Benjamin heard that the sons of Israel had gone up to Mizpah.) And the sons of Israel said, "Tell us, how did this wickedness take place?"

4 So the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered and said, "I came with my concubine to spend the night at Gibeah which belongs to Benjamin.

5 "But the ^amen of Gibeah rose up against me and surrounded the house at night because of me. They intended to kill me; instead, they ^bravished my concubine so that she died.

6 "And I ^atook hold of my concubine and cut her in pieces and sent her throughout the land of Israel's inheritance; for ^bthey have committed a lewd and disgraceful act in Israel.

7 "Behold, all you sons of Israel, ^agive your advice and counsel here."

8 ¶ Then all the people arose as one man, saying, "Not one of us will go to his tent, nor will any of us return to his house.

9 "But now this is the thing which we will do to Gibeah; we will go up against it by lot.

10 "And we will take 10 men out of 100 throughout the tribes of Israel, and 100 out of 1,000, and

1,000 out of 10,000 to ¹supply food for the people, that when they come to ²Gibeah of Benjamin, they may ³punish them for all the disgraceful acts that they have committed in Israel."

11 Thus all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, united as one man.

12 ¶ Then the tribes of Israel sent men through the entire ¹tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What is this wickedness that has taken place among you?"

13 "Now then, deliver up the men, the ¹worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and ²remove this wickedness from Israel." But the sons of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.

14 And the sons of Benjamin gathered from the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the sons of Israel.

15 And from the cities on that day the ¹sons of Benjamin were ¹numbered, 26,000 men who draw the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah who were ¹numbered, 700 choice men.

16 Out of all these people 700 "choice men were left-handed; each one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

17 ¶ Then the men of Israel besides Benjamin were ¹numbered, 400,000 men who draw the sword; all these were men of war.

18 Now the sons of Israel arose, went up to Bethel, and ¹inquired of God, and said, "Who shall go up first for us to battle against the sons of Benjamin?" Then the LORD said, "Judah shall go up first."

19 ¶ So the sons of Israel arose in the morning and camped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin, and the men of Israel arrayed for battle against them at Gibeah.

10 ¹Lt., take ²Heb., do

12 ¹Lt., tribes

13 ¹Lt., sons of Bethel
2 Cor. 6:15
2 Tim. 1:5
17:12, 1 Cor. 5:13

15 ¹Or, man
terred
1 Num. 1:36
37:2, 23
28:41

16 ¹Judg.
3:15, 1 Chr.
12:2

17 ¹Or, man
terred

18 ¹Num.
27:21, Judg.
20:23, 27

21 ¹Lt., de-
stroyed
Judg. 20:25

23 ¹Josh.
7:6, 7
Judg.
20:18

24 ¹Lt., ap-
proached

25 ¹Lt., to
meet ²Lt.,
destroyed

26 ¹Judg.
20:23, 21:2

27 ¹Judg.
20:18

28 ¹Judg.
7:9

29 ¹Josh. 8:4

21 Then the sons of Benjamin came out of Gibeah and ¹felled to the ground on that day 22,000 men of Israel.

22 But the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and arrayed for battle again in the place where they had arrayed themselves the first day.

23 ¹And the sons of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and ²inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall we again draw near for battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up against him."

24 ¶ Then the sons of Israel ¹came against the sons of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went out ¹against them from Gibeah the second day and ²felled to the ground again 18,000 men of the sons of Israel; all these drew the sword.

26 Then ¹all the sons of Israel and all the people went up and came to Bethel and wept; thus they remained there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening. And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the sons of Israel ¹inquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

28 and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, Aaron's son, stood before it to minister in those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And the LORD said, "Go up, ¹for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand."

29 ¶ ¹So Israel set men in ambush around Gibeah.

30 And the sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day and arrayed themselves against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 ^aAnd the sons of Benjamin went out ¹against the people and were drawn away from the city, and they began to strike ²and kill some of the people, as at other times, on the highways, one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah, and in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

32 And the sons of Benjamin said, "They are struck down before us, as at the first." But the sons of Israel said, "Let us flee that we may draw them away from the city to the highways."

33 Then all the men of Israel arose from their place and arrayed themselves at Baal-tamar; ^aand the men of Israel in ambush broke out of their place, even out of Maareh-geba.

34 When ten thousand choice men from all Israel came against Gibeah, the battle became ¹fierce; ^abut ²Benjamin did not know that ³disaster was ⁴close to them.

35 And the LORD struck Benjamin before Israel, so that the sons of Israel destroyed 25,100 men of Benjamin that day, all ¹who draw the sword.

36 ¶ So the sons of Benjamin saw that they were ¹defeated. ^aWhen the men of Israel gave ²ground to Benjamin because they relied on the men in ambush whom they had set against Gibeah.

37 ^athe men in ambush hurried and rushed against Gibeah; the men in ambush also deployed and struck all the city with the edge of the sword.

38 Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the men in ambush was ^athat they should make a great cloud of smoke rise from the city.

39 Then the men of Israel turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to strike ¹and kill about thirty men of Israel, ^afor they said, "Surely they are ²de-

31 ¹Lit., to meet ²Lit., slain ones
^aJosh. 8:16

33 ^aJosh. 8:19

34 ¹Lit., heavy ²Lit., they ³Lit., evil ⁴Lit., touching
^aJosh. 8:14, Job 21:13

35 ¹Lit., these

36 ¹Lit., smitten ²Lit., place
^aJosh. 8:15

37 ^aJosh. 8:19

38 ^aJosh. 8:20

39 ¹Lit., slain ones ²Lit., smitten
^aJudg. 20:32

40 ^aJosh. 8:20

41 ¹Lit., evil ²Lit., touching
^aProv. 5:22, 11:5, 6; 29:6

42 ^aJosh. 8:15, 24

43 ¹Lit., sunrise
^aHos. 9:9; 10:9

45 ¹So with Gr.; Heb., And they ²Lit., gleaned ³Lit., as far as ⁴Lit., smole
^aJudg. 21:13

¹Lit., for a wife
^aJudg. 21:7, 18

feated before us, as in the first battle."

40 But when the cloud began to rise from the city in a column of smoke, Benjamin looked ^abehind them; and behold, the whole city was going up in smoke to heaven.

41 Then the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were terrified; for they saw that ¹a disaster was ²close to them.

42 Therefore, they turned their backs before the men of Israel ^atoward the direction of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them while those who came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst of them.

43 ^aThey surrounded Benjamin, pursued them without rest and trod them down opposite Gibeah toward the ¹east.

44 Thus 18,000 men of Benjamin fell; all these were valiant warriors.

45 ¹The rest turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of ^aRimmon, but they ²caught 5,000 of them on the highways and overtook them ³at Gidom and ⁴killed 2,000 of them.

46 So all of Benjamin who fell that day were 25,000 men who draw the sword; all these were valiant warriors.

47 But 600 men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and they remained at the rock of Rimmon four months.

48 The men of Israel then turned back against the sons of Benjamin and struck them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city with the cattle and all that they found; they also set on fire all the cities which they found.

CHAPTER 21

NOW the men of Israel ^ahad sworn in Mizpah, saying, "None of us shall give his daughter to Benjamin ¹in marriage."

2 *So the people came to Bethel and sat there before God until evening, and lifted up their voices and wept ¹bitterly.

² ¹ Lit. with great weeping
*Judg. 20:26

3 And they said, "Why, O LORD, God of Israel, has this come about in Israel, so that one tribe should be *missing* today in Israel?"

⁴ *Deut. 12:5; 2 Sam. 24:25

4 And it came about the next day that the people arose early and built ^aan altar there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

⁸ ¹ Lit. there was a great oath
*Judg. 5:23

5 ¶ Then the sons of Israel said, "Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up in the assembly to the LORD?" For ¹they had taken a great oath concerning him ^awho did not come up to the LORD at Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death."

⁷ *Judg. 21:1

6 And the sons of Israel were sorry for their brother Benjamin and said, "One tribe is cut off from Israel today.

⁹ ¹ Or. mustered

7 "What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have ^asworn by the LORD not to give them any of our daughters in marriage?"

¹⁰ *Num. 31:17; Judg. 5:23; 1 Sam. 11:7

8 ¶ And they said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel who did not come up to the LORD at Mizpah?" And behold, no one had come to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

¹¹ ¹ Lit. known lying with
*Num. 31:17

9 For when the people were ¹numbered, behold, not one of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead was there.

¹² ¹ Lit. a male

10 And the congregation sent 12,000 of the valiant warriors there, and commanded them, saying, "Go and ^astrike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones.

¹³ *Judg. 20:47; *Deut. 20:10

11 "And this is the thing that you shall do: you ^ashall utterly destroy every man and every woman who has ¹lain with a man."

¹⁴ ¹ Lit. did not And it so

¹⁶ *Judg. 21:1

¹⁹ *Josh. 18:1; Judg. 18:31; 1 Sam. 13

²¹ ¹ Lit. dance
*Ex. 15:20; Judg. 11:34

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead 400 young virgins who had not known a man by lying with ¹him; and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 ¶ Then the whole congregation sent word and spoke to the sons of Benjamin who were ^aat the rock of Rimmon, and ^bproclaimed peace to them.

14 And Benjamin returned at that time, and they gave them the women whom they had kept alive from the women of Jabesh-gilead; yet they ¹were not enough for them.

15 And the people were sorry for Benjamin because the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ Then the elders of the congregation said, "What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?"

17 And they said, "There must be an inheritance for the survivors of Benjamin, that a tribe may not be blotted out from Israel.

18 "But we cannot give them wives of our daughters." For the sons of Israel ^ahad sworn, saying, "Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin."

19 ¶ So they said, "Behold, there is a feast of the LORD from year to year in ^aShiloh, which is on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south side of Lebonah."

20 And they commanded the sons of Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in wait in the vineyards,

21 and watch; and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to ¹take part in the dances, then you shall come out of the vineyards and each of you shall catch

his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 "And it shall come about, when their fathers or their brothers come to complain to us, that we shall say to them, 'Give them to us voluntarily, because we did not take for each man of Benjamin ¹a wife in battle, ²nor did you give them to them, else you would now be guilty.' "

23 And the sons of Benjamin did so, and took wives according

²² ¹Lit., his
²Lit., because
Judg. 21:1,
18

²³ ¹Judg.
20:48

²³ ¹Judg.
17:6, 18:1,
19:1

to their number from those who danced, whom they carried away. And they went and returned to their inheritance, and ^arebuilt the cities and lived in them.

24 And the sons of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and family, and each one of them went out from there to his inheritance.

25 ¶ ^aIn those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

THE BOOK OF RUTH

Naomi Widowed

NOW it came about in the days ^awhen the judges ¹governed, that there was ^ba famine in the land. And a certain man ^cof Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the land of Moab ²with his wife and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi; and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. Now they ^aentered the land of Moab and remained there.

3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.

4 And they took for themselves Moabite women as wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years.

5 Then ¹both Mahlon and Chilion also died; and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.

¹ ¹Or,
judges ²Lit.,
he, and
^aJudg. 2:18-
18 ^bGen.
12:10, 26:1,
2 Kin. 8:1
^cJudg. 17:8;
Mic. 5:2

² ¹Judg.
3:30

³ ¹Lit.,
both of them

⁴ ^aEx. 4:31;
Jer. 29:10,
Zeph. 2:7 ^bPs.
132:15; Matt.
6:11

⁵ ^a2 Tim.
1:16

¹¹ ^aGen.
38:11; Deut.
25:5

6 ¶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the land of Moab, for she had heard in the land of Moab that the LORD had ^avisited His people in ^bgiving them food.

7 So she departed from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. ^aMay the LORD deal kindly with you as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

9 "May the LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

10 And they said to her, "No, but we will surely return with you to your people."

11 But Naomi said, "Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb, that ^athey may be your husbands?

12 "Return, my daughters! Go, for I am too old to have a hus-

band. If I said I have hope, if I should even have a husband tonight and also bear sons,

13 ¹Lit. more bitter
*Judg. 2:15;
Job 19:21; Ps.
32:4

13 would you therefore wait until they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters; for it is ¹harder for me than for you, for ¹the hand of the LORD has gone forth against me."

15 ¹Josh.
24:15; Judg.
11:24

14 And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

17 ¹1 Sam
3:17; 2 Kin
6:31

15 ¹ Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her ¹gods; return after your sister-in-law."

18 ¹Lit. ceased to speak
*Acts 21:14

16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

19 ¹Lit. they
*Matt. 21:10

17 "Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may ¹the LORD do to me, and worse, if ¹anything but death parts you and me."

20 ¹Lit. pleasant
*1 Pet. 2:11; Heb.
Shaddai
*Ex. 6:3; Job
6:4

18 When ¹she saw that she was determined to go with her, she ¹said no more to her.

21 ¹Heb.
Shaddai
*Job 1:21

19 ¹ So they both went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came about when they had come to Bethlehem, that ¹all the city was stirred because of them, and ¹the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

22 ¹Ex. 9:31
Lev. 23:10, 11

20 And she said to them, "Do not call me ¹Naomi; call me ²Mara, for ³the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

1 ¹Or, an acquaintance
*Job, mighty,
valiant man
*Ruth 1:2

21 ¹ I went out full, but ¹the LORD has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has witnessed against me and ¹the Almighty has afflicted me?"

2 ¹Lit.
19:9, 10;
23:22; Lev.
24:19; Ruth
2:7

22 ¹ So Naomi returned, and with her Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, who returned from the land of Moab. And they

3 ¹Lit. her
chance
chanced
upon

4 ¹Judg.
8:12; Ps.
129:6; Luke
1:28; 3 Thess.
3:16

5 ¹Lit. ap-
pointed over

6 ¹Lit.
who was ap-
pointed over

7 ¹Lit.
Have you not
heard

8 ¹Lit. ves-
sels

came to Bethlehem at ¹the beginning of barley harvest.

CHAPTER 2

NOW Naomi had ¹a kinsman of her husband, a ²man of great wealth, of the family of ¹Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field and ¹glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3 So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and ¹she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, "¹May the LORD be with you." And they said to him, "May the LORD bless you."

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was ¹in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

6 And the servant ¹in charge of the reapers answered and said, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab.

7 "And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' Thus she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while."

8 ¹ Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.

9 "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the ¹water jars and drink from what the servants draw."

10 Then she ^afell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

10 ^a Sam. 25:23

11 And Boaz answered and said to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.

12 ^a Sam. 24:19 ^b Ruth 1:16; Ps. 17:8; 36:7, 57:1; 61:4; 63:7; 91:4

12 "May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."

13 ^a Lit., to the heart of your

13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken ¹kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

14 ^a Lit., Draw near ^b Lit., held out to ^c Ruth 2:18

14 ^c And at mealtime Boaz said to her, "¹Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he ²served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied ^aand had some left.

18 ^a Lit., her ^b Lit., her satiety ^c Ruth 2:14

15 When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.

19 ^a Ps. 41:1

16 "And also you shall purposely pull out for her some grain from the bundles and leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."

20 ^a Lit., near to us ^b Lit., redeemers ^c 2 Sam. 2:5

17 ^c So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

21 ^a Lit., Also that

18 And she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also took it out and ^agave ¹Naomi what she had left after ²she was satisfied.

23 ^a Deut. 16:9

1 ^a Lit., rest

2 ^a Or, acquaintance ^b Deut. 25:5-10

4 ^a Lit., know

19 Her mother-in-law then said to her, "Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who ^atook notice of you be blessed." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."

20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "^aMay he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead." Again Naomi said to her, "The man is ¹our relative, he is one of our ²closest relatives."

21 Then Ruth the Moabitess said, "¹Furthermore, he said to me, 'You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.'"

22 And Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, lest ^aothers fall upon you in another field."

23 So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until ^athe end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

CHAPTER 3

THEN Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek ¹security for you, that it may be well with you?

2 "And now is not Boaz ^aour ¹kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.

3 "Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your ^abest clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; ^bbut do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 "And it shall be when he lies down, that you shall ¹notice the place where he lies, and you shall

go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do."

5 And she said to her, "All that you say I will do."

6 ¶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.

7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down.

8 And it happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet.

9 And he said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a close relative."

10 Then he said, "May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.

11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.

12 "And now it is true I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.

13 "Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until morning."

14 ¶ So she lay at his feet until morning and rose before one could recognize another; and he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

15 Again he said, "Give me the cloak that is on you and hold it."

5 ¹Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20

7 ¹Judg. 19:6, 9; 2 Sam. 13:28; 1 Kin. 21:7; Eccl. 1:10

8 ¹Lit., turned him- self

9 ¹Or, redeemer

10 ¹Ruth 2:20

11 ¹Lit., say ²Lit., gate ³Prov. 12:4, 31:10

12 ¹Or, redeemer

13 ¹Or, act as close relative to ²Deut. 25:5; Matt. 23:24; ³Judg. 8:19; Jer. 4:2, 12:16

14 ¹Rom. 14:18, 2 Cor. 8:21

15 ¹So with many men, M.T., he

16 ¹Lit., Who are you?

18 ¹Lit., falls ²Lit., finished the matter

1 ¹Or, redeemer ²Lit., a certain one ³Ruth 3:12

2 ¹1 Kin. 21:8; Prov. 31:23

3 ¹Lit., redeemer ²Lev. 25:25

4 ¹Lit., uncover your ear ²Lit., no one will redeem ³Jer. 32:7; ⁴Lev. 25:25

5 ¹Gen. 38:8; Deut. 25:5f.; Matt. 22:24

6 ¹Lit., redeemer ²Lev. 25:25

So she held it, and he measured six measures of barley and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.

16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done for her.

17 And she said, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said, 'Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'"

18 Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today."

CHAPTER 4

NOW Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, "Turn aside, friend, sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.

3 Then he said to the closest relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the land of Moab, has to sell the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.

4 "So I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it before those who are sitting here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if not, tell me that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am after you.'" And he said, "I will redeem it."

5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance."

6 And the closest relative

said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I²jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself; you may have my right of redemption, for I cannot redeem it."

7 ¶ Now this was ^athe custom in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange of land to confirm any matter: a man removed his sandal and gave it to another; and this was the manner of attestation in Israel.

8 So the ¹closest relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." And he removed his sandal.

9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.

10 "Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so ^athat the name of the deceased may not be cut off from his brothers or from the ¹court of his birth place; you are witnesses today."

11 And all the people who were in the ¹court, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home ^alike Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve ²wealth in Ephrathah and ³become famous in Bethlehem.

6 ¹Lit., ruin

7 ^aDeut. 25:8-10

8 ¹Lit., redeemer

10 ¹Lit., gate ^aDeut. 25:6

11 ¹Lit., gate ²Or, power ³Lit., call the name in ^aGen. 29:25-30

12 ¹Lit., seed ^aGen. 38:29; 46:12; Ruth 4:18

13 ¹Lit., gave her conception ^aGen. 29:31; 33:5

14 ¹Or, closest relative ²Lit., he called in ^aLuke 1:58

15 ¹Lit., who ^aRuth 1:16, 17; 2:11, 12

16 ¹Lit., as her own

18 ¹Lit., begot, and so through v. 22 ^aMatt. 1:3-6

12 "Moreover, may your house be like the house of ^aPerez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the ¹offspring which the LORD shall give you by this young woman."

13 ¶ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And ^athe LORD ¹enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

14 Then the ^awomen said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a ¹redeemer today, and may his name ²become famous in Israel.

15 "May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you ^{1a}and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."

16 Then Naomi took the child ¹and laid him in her lap, and became his nurse.

17 And the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 ¶ Now these are the generations of Perez: ^ato Perez ¹was born Hezron,

19 and to Hezron was born Ram, and to Ram, Amminadab,

20 and to Amminadab was born Nahshon, and to Nahshon, Salmon,

21 and to Salmon was born Boaz, and to Boaz, Obed,

22 and to Obed was born Jesse, and to Jesse, David.

THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL

Elkanah and His Wives

NOW there was a certain man from ^aRamathaim-zophim from the ^bhill country of Ephraim, and his name was ^cElkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.

2 And he had ^atwo wives: the name of one was ^bHannah and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 Now this man would go up from his city ^ayearly ^bto worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in ^cShiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas were priests to the LORD there.

4 And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he ^awould give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters;

5 but to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, ^abut the LORD had closed her womb.

6 Her rival, however, ^awould provoke her bitterly to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb.

7 And it happened year after year, as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she would provoke her, so she wept and would not eat.

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat and why is your heart sad? ^aAm I not better to you than ten sons?"

9 ^a Then Hannah rose after eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on

1 ^a1 Sam.
1:19 ^bJosh.
17:17, 18.
24:33 ^c1 Chr.
6:22-28, 33-38

2 ^aDeut.
21:15-17
^bLuke 2:36

3 ^aEx.
34:23, 1 Sam.
1:21, Luke
2:41 ^bEx.
23:14, Deut.
12:5-7, 16:16
^cJosh. 18:1

4 ^aDeut.
12:17, 18

5 ^aGen.
16:1, 30:1

6 ^aJob
24:21

8 ^aRuth
4:15

9 ^a1 Sam.
3:3

10 ^aLat., but
ter of soul

11 ^aLat.,
seed of man
^bNum. 30:6

11 ^aGen.
29:32 ^bNum.
6:5, Judg.
13:5

12 ^aLat.,
multiplied

13 ^aGen.
24:42-45

14 ^aActs 2:4,
13

15 ^aLat., se-
vere
^bJob 30:16;
Ps. 42:4, 82:8,
Lam. 2:19

16 ^aLat., give
^bLat., my
provocation

17 ^aJudg.
18:6, 1 Sam.
25:33, 2 Kin.
5:18, Mark
5:34, Luke
7:50 ^bPs.
20:3-5

18 ^aGen.
33:15, Ruth
2:13 ^bRom.
15:13

the seat by the doorpost of ^athe temple of the LORD.

10 And she, ^agreatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly.

11 And she ^amade a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed ^blook on the affliction of Thy maidservant and remember me, and not forget Thy maidservant, but wilt give Thy maidservant a ^cson, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and ^aa razor shall never come on his head."

12 ^a Now it came about, as she ^bcontinued praying before the LORD, that Eli was watching her mouth.

13 As for Hannah, ^ashe was speaking in her heart, only her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard. So Eli thought she was drunk.

14 Then Eli said to her, "^aHow long will you make yourself drunk? Put away your wine from you."

15 But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman ^boppressed in spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I ^ahave poured out my soul before the LORD.

16 "Do not ^bconsider your maidservant as a worthless woman; for I have spoken until now out of my great concern and ^cprovocation."

17 Then Eli answered and said, "^aGo in peace; and may the God of Israel ^bgrant your petition that you have asked of Him."

18 And she said, "^aLet your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and ^bher face was no longer sad.

19 ¶ Then they arose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned again to their house in ^aRamah. And Elkanah ¹had relations with Hannah his wife, and ^bthe LORD remembered her.

20 And it came about ¹in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son; and she named him Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked him of the LORD."

21 ¶ Then the man Elkanah ^awent up with all his household to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and pay his vow.

22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "I will not go up until the child is weaned; then I will ^abring him, that he may appear before the LORD and ^bstay there forever."

23 And ^aElkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best ¹to you. Remain until you have weaned him; only ^bmay the LORD confirm His word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him.

24 Now when she had weaned him, ^ashe took him up with her, with a three-year-old bull and one ephah of flour and a jug of wine, and brought him to ^bthe house of the LORD in Shiloh, although the child was young.

25 Then ^athey slaughtered the bull, and ^bbrought the boy to Eli.

26 And she said, "Oh, my lord! ^aAs your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the LORD.

27 "For this boy I prayed, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him.

28 "So I have also ¹dedicated him to the LORD; as long as he lives he is ¹dedicated to the LORD." And ^bhe worshiped the LORD there.

CHAPTER 2

THEN Hannah ^aprayed and said,

¹⁰ ¹Lit. knew.
^a1 Sam. 1:1;
²11 ^bGen. 21:1; 30:22.
²⁰ ¹Lit., at the circuit of the days.
^aGen. 41:51, 52; Ex. 2:10, 22; Matt. 1:21.
²¹ ^aDeut. 12:11; 1 Sam. 1:3.
²² ^aLuke 2:22 ^b1 Sam. 1:11, 28.
²³ ¹Lit., in your eyes.
^aNum. 30:7, 10, 11.
^b1 Sam. 1:17.
²⁴ ^aNum. 15:9, 10; Deut. 12:5, 8; Josh. 18:1.
¹Sam. 4:3, 4.
²⁵ ^aLev. 1:5.
^bLuke 2:22.
²⁶ ^a2 Kin. 2:2, 4, 6, 4:30.
²⁷ ^a1 Sam. 1:11-13; Ps. 6:9; 66:19, 20.
²⁸ ¹Lit., lent.
^a1 Sam. 1:11.
²² ^bGen. 24:26, 52.
¹Lit., strength ¹Lit., is enlarged.
^a1 Sam. 2:1-10; Luke 1:46-55.
^bDeut. 33:17; Job 16:15; Ps. 75:10; 89:17, 24; 92:10; 112:9; ^cPs. 9:14; 13:5; 35:9; Is. 12:2, 3.
² ^aEx. 15:11; Lev. 19:2; Ps. 66:8.
^b2 Sam. 22:32.
^cDeut. 32:30, 31.
³ ¹Lit., Talk much.
^aProv. 8:13.
^b1 Sam. 16:7.
¹Kin. 8:39.
^cProv. 16:2, 24:12.
⁴ ^aPs. 37:15; 46:9; ^bPs. 18:39; Heb. 11:32-34.
⁵ ^aRuth 4:15; Ps. 113:9; ^bJer. 15:9.
⁶ ¹Lit., the nether world.
^aDeut. 32:39; 2 Kin. 5:7; Rev. 1:18 ^bIs. 28:19.
⁷ ^aDeut. 8:17, 18; ^bJob 5:11; Ps. 75:7; James 4:10.

"My heart exults in the LORD;
 My ¹horn is exalted in the LORD,
 My mouth ²speaks boldly against my enemies,
 Because ¹I rejoice in Thy salvation.
 2 "There is no one holy like the LORD,
 Indeed, ^bthere is no one besides Thee,
 Nor is there any rock like our God.
 3 "Boast no more so very proudly,
 Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth;
 For the LORD is a God of knowledge,
 And with Him actions are weighed.
 4 "The bows of the mighty are shattered,
 But the feeble gird on strength.
 5 "Those who were full hire themselves out for bread
 But those who were hungry cease to hunger.
 Even the barren give birth to seven,
 But ^bshe who has many children languishes.
 6 "The LORD kills and makes alive;
 He brings down to ¹Sheol and raises up.
 7 "The LORD makes poor and rich;
 He brings low, He also exalts.
 8 "He raises the poor from the dust,
 He lifts the needy from the ash heap
 To make them sit with nobles,
 And inherit a seat of honor;
 For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S,

⁸ ^aJob 42:10-12; Ps. 75:7; 113:7 ^b2 Sam. 7:8; Dan. 2:48; James 2:5 ^cJob 36:7; Ps. 113:8 ^dJob 38:4-6; Ps. 75:3; 104:5.

And He set the world on them.

9 "He keeps the feet of His godly ones,

^bBut the wicked ones are silenced in darkness;

^cFor not by might shall a man prevail.

10 "Those who contend with the LORD will be shattered;

^bAgainst them He will thunder in the heavens.

^cThe LORD will judge the ends of the earth;

^dAnd He will give strength to His king,

^eAnd will exalt the ¹horn of His anointed."

11 ^e Then Elkanah went to his home at ^aRamah. ^bBut the boy ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.

12 ^e Now the sons of Eli were ¹aworthless men; they did not know the LORD

13 ^aand the custom of the priests with the people. When any man was offering a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand.

14 Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. Thus they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there.

15 Also, before ^athey burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give the priest meat for roasting, as he will not take boiled meat from you, only raw."

16 And if the man said to him, "They must surely ¹burn the fat first, and then take as much as ³you desire," then he would say, "No, but you shall give it to me now; and if not, I will take it by force."

17 Thus the sin of the young men was very great before the

9 ^aPs. 91:11, 12; 121:2; Prov. 3:26, 1 Pet. 1:5 ^bMatt. 8:12 ^cPs. 33:16, 17 ^d11e, strength ^eEx. 15:6, Ps. 29:1 ^fSam. 7:10, 2 Sam. 22:14, Ps. 18:13, 14 ^gPs. 95:13, 98:9; Matt. 25:31, 32 ^hPs. 21:1, 7 ⁱPs. 89:24 ^j11 ^kSam. 1:1, 19 ^l1 Sam. 1:28, 2:18, 3:1 ^m12 ⁿLit., wine of Belial ^oJer. 2:8, 9:3, 6:2 ^pCor. 6:15 ^q13 ^rLev. 7:29-34 ^s15 ^tLev. 3:3, 5:16 ^u16 ^vLit., offer up in smoke ^wLit., like the day ^xLit., your soul ^y17 ^zMai. 2:7-9 ^{aa}18 ^{ab}Lit., graded with ^{ac}1 ^{ad}Sam. 2:11, 3:1 ^{ae}1 ^{af}Sam. 2:28, 22:18, 2 ^{ag}Sam. 6:14, 1 ^{ah}Chr. 15:27 ^{ai}10 ^{aj}Ex. 28:31 ^{ak}1 ^{al}Sam. 13:21 ^{am}20 ^{an}Lit., seed ^{ao}Lit., the one unbred for which was land ^{ap}Lit., place ^{aq}Luke. 2:34 ^{ar}1 ^{as}Sam. 1:11, 27, 28 ^{at}21 ^{au}Gen. 21:1 ^{av}Judg. 13:24, 1 ^{aw}Sam. 2:26, 3:19-21, Luke 1:80, 2:40 ^{ax}22 ^{ay}1 ^{az}Sam. 2:13-17 ^{ba}Ex. 38:8 ^{bb}24 ^{bc}Or, making the LORD's people transgress ^{bd}1 ^{be}Kin. 15:28 ^{bf}25 ^{bg}Deut. 1:17 ^{bh}Num. 15:30, 1 ^{bi}Sam. 3:14, Heb. 10:28, 27 ^{bj}Josh. 11:20 ^{bk}28 ^{bl}Lit., was going on both good and good ^{bm}1 ^{bn}Sam. 2:21, Luke 2:52

LORD, for the men ^adespised the offering of the LORD.

18 ^e Now ^aSamuel was ministering before the LORD, as a boy ¹wearing a linen ephod.

19 And his mother would make him a little ^arobe and bring it to him from year to year when she would come up with her husband to offer ^bthe yearly sacrifice.

20 Then Eli would ^abless Elkanah and his wife and say, "May the LORD give you ¹children from this woman in place of ²the one she ^bdedicated to the LORD." And they went to their own ³home.

21 And ^athe LORD visited Hannah; and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And ^bthe boy Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 ^e Now Eli was very old; and he heard ^aall that his sons were doing to all Israel, and how they lay with ^bthe women who served at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

23 And he said to them, "Why do you do such things, the evil things that I hear from all these people?"

24 "No, my sons; for the report is not good ^awhich I hear ¹the LORD's people circulating.

25 "If one man sins against another, ^aGod will mediate for him; but ^bif a man sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the ^cLORD desired to put them to death.

26 Now the boy ^aSamuel ¹was growing in stature and in favor both with the LORD and with men.

27 ^e Then ^aa man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, ^bDid I not indeed reveal Myself to the house of your

27 ^aDeut. 33:1, Judg. 13:6 ^bEx. 4:14-16; 12:1, 43

father when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house?

28 'And ^adid I not choose them from all the tribes of Israel to be My priests, to go up to My altar, to burn incense, to carry an ephod before Me; and did I not ^bgive to the house of your father all the fire offerings of the sons of Israel?

29 'Why do you ^akick at My sacrifice and at My offering ^bwhich I have commanded in My dwelling, and ^dhonor your sons above Me, by making yourselves fat with the ¹choicest of every offering of My people Israel?

30 'Therefore the LORD God of Israel declares, '^aI did indeed say that your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever'; but now the LORD declares, '^aFar be it from Me—for ^bthose who honor Me I will honor, and those ^cwho despise Me will be lightly esteemed.

31 'Behold, ^athe days are coming when I will break your ¹strength and the ¹strength of your father's house so that there will not be an old man in your house.

32 'And you will see ^athe distress of My dwelling, in spite of all that ¹I do good for Israel; and an ^bold man will not be in your house forever.

33 'Yet I will not cut off every man of yours from My altar ¹that your eyes may fail from weeping and your soul grieve, and all the increase of your house will die ²in the prime of life.

34 'And this will be ^athe sign to you which shall come concerning your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas: ^bon the same day both of them shall die.

35 'But ^aI will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul; and ^bI will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before ^cMy anointed always.

28 ^aEx. 28:1-4; 30:7, 8; Lev. 8:7, 8; Lev. 7:33, 36

29 ¹Or, first ^a1 Sam. 2:13-17 ^bDeut. 12:5-9 ^cPs. 26:8 ^dMatt. 10:37

30 ^aEx. 28:9; Num. 23:13 ^bPs. 50:23 ^cMal. 2:9

31 ¹Or, arm ^a1 Sam. 4:11; 18:22; 17:20

32 ¹Lit., He does ^a1 Kin. 2:26; 27 ^bZech. 8:4

33 ¹Lit., to waste away your eyes and to grieve your soul ²Lit., as men

34 ^a1 Sam. 10:7-9; 1 Kin. 13:3 ^b1 Sam. 4:11, 17

35 ^a1 Sam. 3:1; 7:9; 9:12; 13 ^b1 Sam. 8:3-5; 25:28; 2 Sam. 7:11; 27; 1 Kin. 11:38 ^c1 Sam. 10:9; 10:12, 13; 18:13

36 ¹Or, payment ²Lit., attach

¹Lit., no vision spread abroad ^a1 Sam. 2:11; 18 ^bPs. 74:9; Ezek. 7:26; Amos 8:11, 12

²Gen. 27:1; 48:10; 1 Sam. 4:15

³Ex. 25:31-37; Lev. 24:2, 3

⁴Is. 6:6

⁶Lit., said

⁷Acts 19:2; 1 Cor. 13:11

36 'And it shall come about that everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a ¹piece of silver or a loaf of bread, and say, "Please ²assign me to one of the priest's offices so that I may eat a piece of bread."'

CHAPTER 3

NOW ^athe boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli. And ^bword from the LORD was rare in those days, ¹visions were infrequent.

2 And it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place, (now ^ahis eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well),

3 and ^athe lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was,

4 that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, "^aHere I am."

5 Then he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, lie down again." So he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he ¹answered, "I did not call, my son, lie down again."

7 ^aNow Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor had the word of the LORD yet been revealed to him.

8 So the LORD called Samuel again for the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli discerned that the LORD was calling the boy.

9 And Eli said to Samuel, "Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Thy servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 ¶ Then the LORD came and stood and called as at other

CHAPTER 4

imes, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Thy servant is listening."

11 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle."

12 "In that day I will carry out against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end."

13 "For I have told him that I am about to judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons brought a curse on themselves and he did not rebuke them."

14 "And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

15 ¶ So Samuel lay down until morning. Then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. But Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am."

17 And he said, "What is the word that He spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. May God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the words that He spoke to you."

18 So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD; let Him do what seems good to Him."

19 ¶ Thus Samuel grew and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fail.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, because the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

11-12 Km.
21-12, Jer.
19-3

12-1 Sam.
2-27-36

13-1 Sam.
2-29-31

14-1 Sam. 2-22
15-1 Sam. 2-12
17-22 Deut.
17-12, 21-18

14-Lev.
15-31, Is.
22-14

15-1 Chr.
15-23-1 Sam.
3-10

17-2 Sam.
3-35

18-Ex. 34-5
7, Lev. 10-3,
Job 2-10, Is.
39-8

19-1st. fall
to the ground
1 Sam. 2-21
Gen. 21-22,
28-15, 39-2
1 Sam. 9-6

20-Judg.
20-1

21-Gen.
12-7-1 Sam.
3-10

1-1 Sam.
7-12-Josh.
12-18, 1 Sam.
29-1

2-1st.
smitten

3-Or, he
Josh. 7-7, 8
Num. 10-35,
Josh. 8-6

4-Ex.
25-22, 2 Sam.
6-2, Ps. 80-1

8-Josh.
6-3, 20

7-Ex.
15-14

THUS the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out to meet the Philistines in battle and camped beside Ebenezer while the Philistines camped in Aphek.

2 And the Philistines drew up in battle array to meet Israel. When the battle spread, Israel was defeated before the Philistines who killed about four thousand men on the battlefield.

3 When the people came into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the LORD defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us take to ourselves from Shiloh the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that it may come among us and deliver us from the power of our enemies."

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, and from there they carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts who sits above the cherubim; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 ¶ And it happened as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, that all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth resounded.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, "What does the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews mean?" Then they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, "God has come into the camp." And they said, "Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before."

8 "Woe to us! Who shall deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods who smote the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness."

9 "Take courage and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews, ^{bas} they have been slaves to you; therefore, be men and fight."

10 So the Philistines fought and ^aIsrael was ¹defeated, and ^bevery man fled to his tent, and the slaughter was very great; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers.

11 And the ark of God was taken; and ^athe two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

12 ¶ Now a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh the same day with ^ahis clothes torn and ¹dust on his head.

13 When he came, behold, ^aEli was sitting on his seat ¹by the road eagerly watching, because his heart was trembling for the ark of God. So the man came to tell *it* in the city, and all the city cried out.

14 When Eli heard the noise of the outcry, he said, "What does the noise of this commotion mean?" Then the man came hurriedly and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old, and ^ahis eyes were set so that he could not see.

16 And the man said to Eli, "I am the one who came from the battle line. Indeed, I escaped from the battle line today." And he said, "^aHow did things go, my son?"

17 Then the one who brought the news answered and said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines and there has also been a great slaughter among the people, and your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been taken."

18 And it came about when he mentioned the ark of God that ^{1a}Eli fell off the seat backward beside the gate, and his neck was broken and he died, for ²he was

⁹ ^a1 Cor. 16:13 ^bJudg. 13:1, 1 Sam. 14:21

¹⁰ ¹Lit., smitten ^aDeut. 28:15, 25; 1 Sam. 4:2 ^b2 Sam. 18:17; 19:8, 2 Kin. 14:12, 2 Chr. 25:22

¹¹ ^a1 Sam. 2:34; Ps. 78:56-64

¹² ¹Lit., ground ^aJosh. 7:6, 2 Sam. 1:2, 15:32, Neh. 9:1, Job 2:12

¹³ ¹Gr. version reads beside the gate watching the road ^a1 Sam. 1:9, 4:18

¹⁵ ^a1 Sam. 3:2, 1 Kin. 14:4

¹⁶ ^a2 Sam. 1:4

¹⁸ ¹Lit., he ²Lit., the man ^a1 Sam. 4:13

²⁰ ^aGen. 35:16-19

²¹ ¹I.e., No glory ^aPs. 28:8; Jer. 2:11 ^b1 Sam. 4:11

¹ ^a1 Sam. 4:1, 7:12 ^bJosh. 13:3

² ^aJudg. 16:23-30, 1 Chr. 10:8-10

³ ^aIs. 19:1, 46:1, 2 ^bIs. 46:7

⁴ ¹So with ancient versions, Heb., only Dagon ^aEzek. 6:4, 6; Mic. 1:7

⁵ ^aZeph. 1:9

old and heavy. Thus he judged Israel forty years.

19 ¶ Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was pregnant and about to give birth; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken and that her father-in-law and her husband had died, she kneeled down and gave birth, for her pains came upon her.

20 And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "^aDo not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer or pay attention.

21 And she called the boy ¹Ichabod, saying, "^aThe glory has departed from Israel," because ^bthe ark of God was taken and because of her father-in-law and her husband.

22 And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God was taken."

CHAPTER 5

NOW the Philistines took the ark of God and ^abrought it from Ebenezer to ^bAshdod.

2 Then the Philistines took the ark of God and brought it to ^athe house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 When the Ashdodites arose early the next morning, behold, ^aDagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon and ^bset him in his place again.

4 But when they arose early the next morning, behold, ^aDagon had fallen on his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD. And the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off on the threshold; ¹only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon nor all who enter Dagon's house ^atread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

6 * Now ^athe hand of the LORD was heavy on the Ashdodites, and ^bHe ravaged them and smote them with ^ctumors, both Ashdod and its territories.

7 When the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, "The ark of the God of Israel must not remain with us, for His hand is severe on us and on Dagon our god."

8 So they sent and ^agathered all the lords of the Philistines to them and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?" And they said, "Let the ark of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath." And they brought the ark of the God of Israel around.

9 And it came about that after they had brought it around, ^athe hand of the LORD was against the city with very great confusion; and He smote the men of the city, both young and old, so that ^btumors broke out on them.

10 So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it happened as the ark of God came to Ekron that the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought the ark of the God of Israel around to ¹us, to kill ¹us and ²our people."

11 They ^asent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines and said, "Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to its own place, that it may not kill ¹us and ²our people." For there was a deadly confusion throughout the city; ^bthe hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men who did not die were smitten with tumors and ^athe cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAPTER 6

NOW the ark of the LORD had been in the ¹country of the Philistines seven months.

2 And ^athe Philistines called for the priests and the diviners,

8 *Ex. 9:2;
1 Sam. 5:7;
11; Ps. 32:4;
145:20; 147:6;
Acts 13:11
*1 Sam. 6:5
*Deut. 28:27;
Ps. 78:66

8 *1 Sam.
5:11; 29:6-11

9 *Deut.
2:15; 1 Sam.
5:11; 7:13;
12:15 *1 Sam.
5:8

10 *1 Lt. me
*1 Lt. my

11 *1 Lt. me
*1 Lt. my
*1 Sam. 5:8
*1 Sam. 5:8, 9

12 *Ex.
12:30; Is. 15:3

1 *1 Lt.
field

2 *1 Or. with
what
*Gen. 41:8;
Ex. 7:11; Is.
2:6

3 *Ex.
23:15; Deut.
16:16 *Lev.
5:15; 16

4 *1 Lt.
them
*1 Sam. 5:8;
9:12; 6:17
*Josh. 13:3;
Judg. 3:3;
1 Sam. 6:17;
18

5 *Josh.
7:19; 1 Chr.
16:28; 29:15;
42:12; Jer.
13:16; John
9:24; Rev.
14:7 *1 Sam.
5:8, 11
*1 Sam. 5:3;
4:7

6 *1 Lt.
them
*Ex. 7:13;
8:15; 32:9-34;
14:17 *Ex.
12:31

7 *Q Sam.
6:3 *Num.
19:2; Deut.
21:3, 4

8 *1 Sam.
6:4, 5 *1 Sam.
6:3

9 *Josh.
15:10; 21:16
*1 Sam. 6:3

saying, "What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us ¹how we shall send it to its place."

3 And they said, "If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, ^ado not send it empty; but you shall surely ^breturn to Him a guilt offering. Then you shall be healed and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you."

4 Then they said, "What shall be the guilt offering which we shall return to Him?" And they said, "Five golden ^atumors and five golden mice ^baccording to the number of the lords of the Philistines, for one plague was on all of ¹you and on your lords.

5 "So you shall make likenesses of your tumors and likenesses of your mice that ravage the land, and ^ayou shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps ^bHe will ease His hand from you, ^cyour gods, and your land.

6 "Why then do you harden your hearts ^aas the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had severely dealt with them, ^bdid they not allow ¹the people to go, and they departed?

7 "Now therefore take and ^aprepare a new cart and two milch cows on which there ^bhas never been a yoke; and hitch the cows to the cart and take their calves home, away from them.

8 "And take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart; and put ^athe articles of gold which you return to Him as ^ba guilt offering in a box by its side. Then send it away that it may go.

9 "And watch, if it goes up by the way of its own territory to ^aBeth-shemesh, then He has done us this great evil. But if not, then ^bwe shall know that it was not His hand that struck us; it happened to us by chance."

10 ¶ Then the men did so, and took two milch cows and hitched

them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home.

11 And they put the ark of the LORD on the cart, and the box with the golden mice and the likenesses of their tumors.

12 And the cows took the straight way in the ¹direction of ^aBeth-shemesh; they went along ^bthe highway, lowing as they went, and did not turn aside to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines followed them to the border of Beth-shemesh.

13 Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley, and they raised their eyes and saw the ark and were glad to see it.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite and stood there where there was a large stone; and they split the wood of the cart and ^aoffered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD.

15 And ^athe Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold, and put them on the large stone; and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to the LORD.

16 And when the ^afive lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned to Ekron that day.

17 ¶ And ^athese are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a guilt offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron;

18 and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, ^aboth of fortified cities and of country villages. ^bThe large ¹stone on which they set the ark of the LORD is a witness to this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.

19 ¶ And ^aHe struck down some of the men of Beth-she-

12 ¹Jt. way
^a1 Sam. 6:9
^bNum. 20:19

14 ^a2 Sam.
24:22; 1 Kin.
19:21

15 ^aJosh. 3:3

16 ^aJosh.
13:3; Judg.
3:3

17 ^a1 Sam.
6:4

18 ¹So some
mss. and ver-
sions; Heb.,
Abel
^aDeut. 3:5
^b1 Sam. 6:14;
15

19 ^aEx.
19:21; Num.
4:5, 15, 20;
2 Sam. 6:7

20 ^aLev.
11:44, 45;
2 Sam. 6:9;
Mal. 3:2; Rev.
6:17

21 ^aJosh.
9:17, 15:9, 60;
1 Chr. 13:5, 6

1 ^a2 Sam.
6:3, 4

3 ^a1 Kin.
8:48; Is. 55:7;
Hos. 8:1; Joel
2:12-14 ^bGen.
35:2; Josh.
24:14, 23;

Judg. 10:16;
^cJudg. 2:13;
1 Sam. 31:10
^dDeut. 13:4;
2 Chr. 19:3;
^eDeut. 6:13;
10:20; 13:4;
Josh. 24:14;
Matt. 4:10;
Luke 4:8

5 ^aJudg.
10:17, 20:1
^b1 Sam. 8:6;
12:17-19

6 ^a1 Sam.
1:15; Ps. 62:8;
Lam. 2:19
^bLev. 16:29;
Neh. 9:1
^cJudg. 10:10;
1 Kin. 8:47;
Ps. 106:6

mesh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck down of all the people, 50,070 men, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?"

21 So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of ^aKiriath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come down and take it up to you."

CHAPTER 7

AND the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took the ark of the LORD and ^abrought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came about from the day that the ark remained at Kiriath-jearim that the time was long, for it was twenty years; and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 ¶ Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD with all your heart, ^bremove the foreign gods and the ^cAshtaroth from among you and ^ddirect your hearts to the LORD and ^eserve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines."

4 So the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroth and served the LORD alone.

5 ¶ Then Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to ^aMizpah, and ^bI will pray to the LORD for you."

6 And they gathered to Mizpah, and drew water and ^apoured it out before the LORD, and ^bfasted on that day, and said there, "We have sinned against

the LORD." And Samuel judged the sons of Israel at Mizpah.

7 Now when the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the sons of Israel heard it, ^athey were afraid of the Philistines.

8 Then the sons of Israel said to Samuel, "^aDo not cease to cry to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines."

9 And Samuel took ^aa suckling lamb and offered it for a whole burnt offering to the LORD; and Samuel cried to the LORD for Israel and ^bthe LORD answered him.

10 Now Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, and the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But ^athe LORD thundered with a great ¹thunder on that day against the Philistines and ^bconfused them, so that they were ²routed before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and struck them down as far as below Beth-car.

12 ¶ Then Samuel ^atook a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it ¹Eben-ezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us."

13 ^aSo the Philistines were subdued and ^bthey did not come anymore within the border of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and Israel delivered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. So there was peace between Israel and ^athe Amorites.

15 ¶ Now Samuel ^ajudged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he used to go annually

on circuit to ^aBethel and ^bGilgal and ^cMizpah, and he judged Israel in all these places.

17 Then his return was to ^aRamah, for his house was there, and there he judged Israel; and he ^bbuilt there an altar to the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

AND it came about when Samuel was old that ^ahe appointed his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his first-born was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judging in ^aBeersheba.

3 His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and ^atook bribes and perverted justice.

4 ¶ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at ^aRamah;

5 and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now ^aappoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations."

6 But the thing was ¹displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And ^bSamuel prayed to the LORD.

7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for ^athey have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.

8 "Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.

9 "Now then, listen to their voice; ^ahowever, you shall solemnly ¹warn them and tell them of ^bthe ²procedure of the king who will reign over them."

7 ^a1 Sam. 13:6, 17:11

8 ^a1 Sam. 12:19-24, 1a. 37:4

9 ^aLev. 22:27 ^bPs 99:6, Jer 15:1

10 ¹Lit. voice ²Lit. smitten

^a1 Sam. 2:10, 2 Sam. 22:14, 15, Ps 29:3, 4 ^bJoah 10:10, Ps 18:14

12 ¹i.e. The stone of help ^aGen 35:14, Joah 4:9, 24:26

13 ^aJudg. 13:1-15 ^b1 Sam 13:5

14 ^aNum 13:29, Joah 10:5-10

15 ^a1 Sam. 7:6

16 ^aGen. 28:19, 35:6 ^bJoah 5:9, 10 ^c1 Sam 7:5

17 ^a1 Sam. 11:19, 2:11 ^bJudg. 21:4

1 ^aDeut 16:18, 19

2 ^aGen. 22:18, 1 Kin. 19:3, Armos 5:5

3 ^aEx. 23:6, 8, Deut 16:19

4 ^a1 Sam. 7:17

5 ^aDeut 17:14, 15

6 ^aOr. evil ^b1 Sam 12:17 ^c1 Sam. 15:11

7 ^aEx. 16:8, 1 Sam. 10:19

9 ¹Lit. testify to ²Lit. custom ^aExod. 3:18 ^b1 Sam. 8:11, 18:10, 25

10 ¶ So Samuel spoke all the words of the LORD to ^athe people who had asked of him a king.

11 And he said, "This will be the ¹procedure of the king who will reign over you: ^bhe will take your sons and place *them* for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and ^cthey will run before his chariots.

12 "And ^ahe will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and some to ¹do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

13 "He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers.

14 "And ^ahe will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves, and give *them* to his servants.

15 "And he will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give to his officers and to his servants.

16 "He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys, and ¹use *them* for his work.

17 "He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants.

18 "Then ^ayou will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but ^bthe LORD will not answer you in that day."

19 ¶ Nevertheless, the people ^arefused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, "No, but there shall be a king over us,

20 ^athat we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

21 Now after Samuel had heard all the words of the people, ^ahe repeated them in the LORD's hearing.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice, and

10 ^a1 Sam. 8:4

11 ¹Lit. custom
Deut. 17:14-20; 1 Sam. 10:25 ^b1 Sam. 14:52 ^c2 Sam. 15:1

12 ¹Lit. plow his plowing
Num. 31:14; 1 Sam. 22:7

14 ^a1 Kin. 21:7, Ezek. 46:18

16 ¹Lit. make

18 ^aIsa. 8:21
Prov. 1:25-28; Is. 1:15; Mic. 3:4

19 ^aIsa. 66:4; Jer. 44:16

20 ^a1 Sam. 8:5

21 ¹Judg. 11:11

22 ¹Lit. cause a king to reign for them
1 Sam. 8:7

1 ¹Or, wealth or influence
1 Sam. 14:51; 1 Chr. 8:33; 9:38-39

2 ^a1 Sam. 10:24 ^b1 Sam. 10:23

4 ^aJosh. 24:33 ^b2 Kin. 4:42 ^cJosh. 19:42

5 ^a1 Sam. 1:1 ^b1 Sam. 10:2

6 ^aDeut. 33:1; 1 Kin. 13:1; 2 Kin. 5:8 ^b1 Sam. 3:19 ^cGen. 24:42

7 ^a1 Kin. 14:3; 2 Kin. 5:15; 8:8, 9; Ezek. 13:19

¹appoint them a king." So Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

CHAPTER 9

NOW there was a man of Benjamin whose name was ^aKish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of ¹val-
or.

2 And he had a son whose name was Saul, a ^achoice and handsome *man*, and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; ^bfrom his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.

3 Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to his son Saul, "Take now with you one of the servants, and arise, go search for the donkeys."

4 And he passed through ^athe hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of ^bShalishah, but they did not find *them*. Then they passed through the land of ^cShaalim, but they were not *there*. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find *them*.

5 ¶ When they came to the land of ^aZuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, and let us return, ^blest my father cease to be concerned about the donkeys and become anxious for us."

6 And he said to him, "Behold now, there is ^aa man of God in this city, and the man is held in honor; ^ball that he says surely comes true. Now let us go there ^cperhaps he can tell us about our journey on which we have set out."

7 Then Saul said to his servant "But behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the breac is gone from our sack and there is ^ano present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

8 And the servant answered Saul again and said, "Behold, I have in my hand a fourth of a shekel of silver; I will give it to the man of God and he will ^atell us our way."

9 (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he used to say, "Come, and let us go to the seer"; for he who is called a prophet now was formerly called ^aa seer.)

10 Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

11 ⁹ As they went up the slope to the city, ^athey found young women going out to draw water, and said to them, "Is the seer here?"

12 And they answered them and said, "He is; ¹see, he is ahead of you. Hurry now, for he has come into the city today, for ^athe people have a sacrifice on ^bthe high place today.

13 "As soon as you enter the city you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat, for the people will not eat until he comes, because ^ahe must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now therefore, go up for you will find him at once."

14 So they went up to the city. As they came into the city, behold, Samuel was coming out toward them to go up to the high place.

15 ⁹ Now a day before Saul's coming, ^athe LORD had ¹revealed this to Samuel saying,

16 "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and ^ayou shall anoint him to be prince over My people Israel; and he shall deliver My people from the hand of the Philistines. For ^bI have regarded My people, because their cry has come to Me."

17 When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD ¹said to him, "^aBehold, the

man of whom I spoke to you! This one shall rule over My people."

18 Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate, and said, "Please tell me where the seer's house is."

19 And Samuel answered Saul and said, "I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and in the morning I will let you go, and will tell you all that is on your mind.

20 "And ^aas for your donkeys which were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And ^bfor whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's household?"

21 And Saul answered and said, "^aAm I not a Benjamite, of ^bthe smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the ¹tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me in this way?"

22 ⁹ Then Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them into the hall, and gave them a place at the head of those who were invited, who were about thirty men.

23 And Samuel said to the cook, "¹Bring the portion that I gave you, concerning which I said to you, 'Set it ²aside.'"

24 Then the cook ^atook up the leg with what was on it and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, "Here is what has been reserved! Set it before you and eat, because it has been kept for you until the appointed time, ¹since I said I have invited the people." So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

25 ⁹ When they came down from the high place into the city, Samuel spoke with Saul ^aon the roof.¹

26 And they arose early; and it came about at daybreak that Samuel called to Saul on the

⁸⁻¹ Sam. 9:6

⁹⁻² Sam. 24:11, 2:13; 1 Chr. 9:22, 26:28; 29:29; Is. 30:10; Amos 7:12

¹¹ Gen. 24:11, 15; 29:8, 9; Ex. 2:18

¹² Or. be-hold
^aGen. 31:54; Num. 28:11; 15:1; 1 K. 3:2; ^b1 Sam. 7:17; 10:5

¹³ Luke 9:16; John 6:11

¹⁸ Lat. un-covered the ear
^a1 Sam. 15:1; Acts 13:21

¹⁶ ^a1 Sam. 10:1; ^bEx. 3:7, 9

¹⁷ Lat. un-answered
^a1 Sam. 16:12

²⁰ ^a1 Sam. 9:3; ^b1 Sam. 8:5; 12:13

²¹ So some ancient versions, Heb. tribes
^a1 Sam. 15:17; ^bJudg. 20:46-48

²³ Lat. Give ¹Lat. with you

²⁴ Lat. say-ing
^aEx. 28:22; 27: Lev. 7:32; 33; Num. 18:18

²⁵ Gr. adds and they spread a bed for Saul on the roof and he slept.
^aDeut. 22:8; Luke 5:19; Acts 10:9

roof, saying, "Get up, that I may send you away." So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

27 As they were going down to the edge of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Say to the servant that he might go ahead of us and pass on, but you remain standing now, that I may proclaim the word of God to you."

CHAPTER 10

THEN ^aSamuel took the flask of oil, poured it on his head, ^bkissed him and said, "Has not ^cthe LORD anointed you a ruler over ^dHis inheritance?"

2 "When you go from me today, then you will find two men close to ^aRachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, ^bThe donkeys which you went to look for have been found. Now behold, your father has ^cceased to be concerned about the donkeys and is anxious for you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"

3 "Then you will go on further from there, and you will come as far as the ^aoak of Tabor, and there three men going up ^bto God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three kids, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a jug of wine;

4 and they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from their hand.

5 "Afterward you will come to ^athe hill of God where the Philistine garrison is; and it shall be as soon as you have come there to the city, that you will meet ^ba group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and a lyre before them, and ^cthey will be prophesying.

6 "Then ^athe Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and ^byou shall prophesy with

them and be changed into another man.

7 "And it shall be when these signs come to you, ^ado for yourself what ^bthe occasion requires; for ^bGod is with you.

8 "And ^ayou shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and ^bsacrifice peace offerings. "You shall wait seven days until I come to you and show you what you should do."

9 ¶ Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God ^achanged ^bhis heart; and all those signs came about on that day.

10 ^aWhen they came to ^bthe hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them.

11 And it came about, when all who knew him previously saw that he prophesied now with the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What has happened to the son of Kish? ^aIs Saul also among the prophets?"

12 And a man there answered and said, "Now, who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "^aIs Saul also among the prophets?"

13 When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 ¶ Now ^aSaul's uncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "^bTo look for the donkeys. When we saw that they could not be found, we went to Samuel."

15 And Saul's uncle said "Please tell me what Samuel said to you."

16 So Saul said to his uncle "^aHe told us plainly that the donkeys had been found." But he did not tell him about the matter of the kingdom which Samuel had mentioned.

1 ^aEx. 30:23-33;
1 Sam. 16:13;
2 Kin. 9:3, 6
bPs. 2:12
c1 Sam. 16:13, 28:9;
2 Sam. 1:14
dDeut. 32:9;
Ps. 78:71

2 ^aLit., abandoned the matter of
cGen. 35:16-20; 48:7
b1 Sam. 9:3-5

3 ^aOr, love birth
cGen. 35:8
dGen. 28:19, 35:1, 3, 7

4 ^aOr, Gib-euth anointed him
b1 Sam. 13:2, 3
c1 Sam. 19:20, 2 Kin. 2:3, 5, 15
d2 Kin. 3:15, 1 Chr. 25:1-6, 1 Cor. 14:1

5 ^aNum. 11:25, 29;
Judg. 14:6
b1 Sam. 10:10, 19:23, 24

7 ^aLit., your hand finds
bEcc. 9:10
cJosh. 1:5, Judg. 6:12, 11:13

8 ^a1 Sam. 11:14, 13:8
b1 Sam. 11:15
c1 Sam. 13:8

9 ^aLit., for him another heart
b1 Sam. 10:6

10 ^aOr, Gib-euth
b1 Sam. 10:5, 6; 19:20

11 ^a1 Sam. 19:24; Amos 7:14, 15;
Matt. 13:54-57; John 7:15

12 ^a1 Sam. 19:23, 24

14 ^a1 Sam. 14:50
b1 Sam. 9:3-6

16 ^a1 Sam. 9:20

17 ¶ Thereafter Samuel called the ^apeople together to the LORD at Mizpah;

18 and he said to the sons of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought Israel up from Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the ¹power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.'

19 "But you ^atoday rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have ¹said, 'No, but set a king over us!' Now therefore, ^bpresent yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans."

20 Thus Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot.

21 Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the Matrite family was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they looked for him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore ^athey inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "Behold, he is hiding himself by the baggage."

23 So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, ^ahe was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him ^awhom the LORD has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people." So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"

25 Then Samuel told the people ^athe ordinances of the kingdom, and wrote ^{them} in the book and ^bplaced it before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his house.

26 And Saul also went ^ato his house at Gibeah; and the valiant

men whose hearts God had touched went with him.

27 But certain ^{1a}worthless men said, "How can this one deliver us?" And they despised him and ^bdid not bring him any present. But he kept silent.

CHAPTER 11

NOW ^aNahash the Ammonite came up and ¹besieged ^bJabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make ^acovenant with us and we will serve you."

2 But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "I will make it with you on this condition, ^athat I will gouge out the right eye of every one of you, thus I will make it ^areproach on all Israel."

3 And ^athe elders of Jabesh said to him, "Let us alone for seven days, that we may send messengers throughout the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to deliver us, we will come out to you."

4 Then the messengers came ^ato Gibeah of Saul and spoke these words in the hearing of the people, and all the people ^blifted up their voices and wept.

5 Now behold, Saul was coming from the field ^abehind the oxen; and ¹he said, "What is ^athe matter with the people that they weep?" So they related to him the words of the men of Jabesh.

6 ¶ Then ^athe Spirit of God came upon Saul mightily when he heard these words, and ¹he became very angry.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen and ^acut them in pieces, and sent ^{them} throughout the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "^bWhoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen." Then the dread of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out ^aas one man.

8 And he ¹numbered them in ^aBezek; and the ^bsons of Israel

17 ^aJudg. 20:1; 1 Sam 7:5
18 ¹Lat. hand
^aJudg. 6:8, 9
19 ¹So with several men and versions; M.T. said to him
^a1 Sam 8:6, 7, 12, 12
^aJosh. 7:14-18, 24-1
Prov. 16:33
22 ^a1 Sam 23:2, 4
23 ^a1 Sam 9:2
24 ¹Lat. May the king live
^aDeut. 17:15, 2 Sam 21:6
^a1 Kin. 1:25, 34, 39
25 ^aDeut. 17:14-20;
1 Sam 8:11
18 ^aDeut. 31:26
26 ^a1 Sam 11:4, 15, 34
27 ¹Lat. sons of Israel, cf. 2 Cor 6:15
^aDeut. 13:13, 1 Sam 25:17
^a1 Kin. 10:25, 2 Chr 17:5
1 ¹Lat. carried against
^a1 Sam 12:12
^aJudg. 21:8, 1 Sam 31:11
^aGen. 26:28, 1 Kin. 20:34, Job 41:4, Ezek. 17:13
2 ^aNum. 16:14
^a1 Sam 17:28, Ps. 44:13
3 ^a1 Sam 8:4
4 ^a1 Sam 10:26, 15:34
^aGen. 27:38, Judg. 2:4, 20:23, 26, 21:2, 1 Sam 30:4
5 ¹Lat. Saul
^a1 Kin. 19:19
6 ¹Lat. his anger burned exceedingly
^aJudg. 3:10, 6:34, 11:29, 13:25, 14:6, 1 Sam 10:10, 16:13
7 ^aJudg. 19:28
^aJudg. 21:5, 8
8 ¹Lat. mustered
^aJudg. 1:5
^aJudg. 20:2

were 300,000, and the men of Judah 30,000.

9 And they said to the messengers who had come, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have deliverance.'" So the messengers went and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

10 Then the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do to us whatever seems good to you."

11 And it happened the next morning that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp at the morning watch, and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it came about that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

12 ¶ Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is he that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death."

13 But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has accomplished deliverance in Israel."

14 ¶ Then Samuel said to the people, "Come and let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there."

15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they also offered sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAPTER 12

THEN Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and I have appointed a king over you.

2 "And now, here is the king walking before you, but I am old and gray, and behold cmy sons

10 ¹Lit. in your sight.
1 Sam. 11:3

11 ¹Judg. 7:16, 20

12 ¹Lit. Give
1 Sam. 10:27
1 Luke 19:27

13 ¹1 Sam. 10:27, 2 Sam. 19:22
1 Ex. 14:13, 30;
1 Sam. 19:5

14 ¹1 Sam. 7:16, 10:8
1 Sam. 10:25

15 ¹1 Sam. 10:17
1 Sam. 10:8

1 ¹Lit. made
1 Sam. 8:7, 9:22
1 Sam. 10:24, 11:14, 15

2 ¹1 Sam. 8:20
1 Sam. 8:1, 5
1 Sam. 8:3, 5
1 Sam. 3:10, 19, 20

3 ¹1 Sam. 10:1, 24:6;
2 Sam. 1:14
1 Ex. 20:17;
Num. 16:15;
Acts 20:33
1 Ex. 23:8;
Deut. 16:19

5 ¹Acts 23:9, 24:20
1 Ex. 22:4

6 ¹Lit. made
1 Ex. 6:26;
Mic. 6:4

7 ¹Ezek. 20:35;
Mic. 6:1-5

8 ¹Lit., and they brought
1 Gen. 46:5, 6
1 Ex. 2:23-25
1 Ex. 3:10;
4:14-16
1 Sam. 10:18

9 ¹Deut. 32:18;
Judg. 3:7
1 Judg. 4:2
1 Judg. 3:31;
10:7, 13:1
1 Judg. 3:12-30

10 ¹Judg. 10:10
1 Judg. 2:13; 3:7
1 Judg. 10:15, 16

11 ¹Judg. 6:31, 32; 7:1

are with you. And I have walked before you from my youth even to this day.

3 "Here I am; bear witness against me before the LORD and His anointed. Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? I will restore it to you."

4 And they said, "You have not defrauded us, or oppressed us, or taken anything from any man's hand."

5 And he said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day that you have found nothing in my hand." And they said, "He is witness."

6 ¶ Then Samuel said to the people, "It is the LORD who appointed Moses and Aaron and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt.

7 "So now, take your stand that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD which He did for you and your fathers.

8 "When Jacob went into Egypt and your fathers cried out to the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron who brought your fathers out of Egypt and settled them in this place.

9 "But they forgot the LORD their God, so He sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the king of Moab and they fought against them.

10 "And they cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned because we have forsaken the LORD and have served the Baal and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve Thee.'

11 "Then the LORD sent Jerub-

baal and ^{1b}Bedan and ^cJephthah and ^dSamuel, and delivered you from the hands of your enemies all around, so that you lived in security.

12 "When you saw ^athat Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came against you, you said to me, ^bNo, but a king shall reign over us,' ^calthough the LORD your God was your king.

13 "Now therefore, ^ahere is the king whom you have chosen, ^bwhom you have asked for, and behold, the LORD has set a king over you.

14 "If you will fear the LORD and serve Him, and listen to His voice and not rebel against the ¹command of the LORD, then both you and also the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God.

15 "And ^aif you will not listen to the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the ¹command of the LORD, then ^bthe hand of the LORD will be against you, ^cas it was against your fathers.

16 "Even now, ^atake your stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 "Is it not the wheat harvest today? ^bI will call to the LORD, that He may send ¹thunder and rain. Then you will know and see that ^cyour wickedness is great which you have done in the sight of the LORD by asking for yourselves a king."

18 So Samuel called to the LORD, and the LORD sent ¹thunder and rain that day; and ^aall the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 ¶ Then all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, so that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins ^bthis evil by asking for ourselves a king."

20 And Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have com-

mitted all this evil, yet ^ado not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart.

21 "And you must not turn aside, for then you would go after ^afutile things which can not profit or deliver, because they are futile.

22 "For ^athe LORD will not abandon His people ^bon account of His great name, because the LORD ^chas been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

23 "Moreover, as for me, ^afar be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you; but ^bI will instruct you in the good and right way.

24 "Only ¹fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider ^bwhat great things He has done for you.

25 "But if you still do wickedly, ^bboth you and your king ^cshall be swept away."

CHAPTER 13

SAUL was forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-two years over Israel.

2 Now Saul chose for himself 3,000 men of Israel, of which 2,000 were with Saul in ^aMichmash and in the hill country of Bethel, while 1,000 were with Jonathan at ^bGibeah of Benjamin. But he sent away the rest of the people, each to his tent.

3 And Jonathan smote ^athe garrison of the Philistines that was in ^bGeba, and the Philistines heard of it. Then Saul ^cblew the trumpet throughout the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear."

4 And all Israel heard ¹the news that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel ^ahad become odious to the Philistines. The people were then summoned ²to Saul at Gilgal.

^a 1 Lx., saying ² Lx., after ^cGen. 34:30 Ex. 5:21. 2 Sam. 10:6

11 Gr. and Syr. read ^aBarah
Judg. 4:6, 11
Judg. 11:29
1 Sam. 3:20
12 1 Sam. 11:2
1 Sam. 8:6
19 Judg. 8:23
1 Sam. 8:7
13 1 Sam. 10:24 1 Sam. 8:5, 12, 17, 19
Hos. 13:11
14 Lx.
month
Josh. 24:14
18 Lx.
month
Lev. 26:14, 15, Josh. 24:20, Is. 1:20
1 Sam. 5:9
1 Sam. 12:9
16 Ex. 14:13, 31
17 Lx.
month
Prov. 28:1
1 Sam. 7:9, 10, James 5:16
1 Sam. 8:7
18 Lx.
month
Ex. 14:31
19 Ex. 9:28
1 Sam. 12:23
Jer. 15:1
1 John 5:16
1 Sam. 12:17, 20
20 Deut. 11:16
31 Deut. 11:16, Is. 41:29, Hab. 2:18
22 Deut. 31:6, 1 Km. 8:13 Ex. 32:12, Num. 14:13, Josh. 7:9, Ps. 108:8
Jer. 14:21
Deut. 7:6-11
1 Pet. 2:9
23 Rom. 1:8, 1 Cor. 10:16, Col. 1:9
1 Thim. 3:10
2 Thim. 1:3
1 Km. 8:36, Ps. 34:11
Prov. 4:11
24 Or. reverence
Eccl. 12:13
Deut. 10:21, Is. 5:12
25 Ex. 1:20, 3:11 Josh. 24:20 1 Sam. 31:1-5, Hos. 10:3
1 Sam. 13:5, 14:31
1 Sam. 10:26
1 Sam. 10:5 1 Sam. 13:18, 14:5
Judg. 3:27, 8:34

5 ¶ Now the Philistines assembled to fight with Israel, 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen, and ^apeople like the sand which is on the seashore in abundance; and they came up and camped in Michmash, east of ^bBeth-aven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait (for the people were hard-pressed), then ^athe people hid themselves in caves, in thickets, in cliffs, in cellars, and in pits.

7 Also some of the Hebrews crossed the Jordan into the land of ^aGad and Gilead. But as for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 ¶ Now ^ahe waited seven days, according to the appointed time set by Samuel, but Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattering from him.

9 So Saul said, "Bring to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings." And ^ahe offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came about as soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, that behold, Samuel came; and ^aSaul went out to meet him and to ¹greet him.

11 But Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the appointed days, and that ^athe Philistines were assembling at Michmash,

12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering."

13 And Samuel said to Saul, "^aYou have acted foolishly; ^byou have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have estab-

lished your kingdom ¹over Israel ^cforever.

14 "But ^anow your kingdom shall not endure. ^bThe LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

15 ¶ Then Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal to ^aGibeath of Benjamin. And Saul ¹numbered the people who were present with him, ^babout six hundred men.

16 Now Saul and his son Jonathan and the people who were present with them were staying in ^aGeba of Benjamin while the Philistines camped at Michmash.

17 And ^athe ¹raiders came from the camp of the Philistine in three ²companies; one ³company turned ⁴toward ^bOphrah, to the land of Shual,

18 and another ¹company turned ²toward ^aBeth-horon and another ¹company turned ²toward the border which overlooks the valley of ^bZeboim toward the wilderness.

19 ¶ Now ^ano blacksmith could be found in all the land of Israel, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make ^bswords or spears."

20 So all Israel went down to the Philistines, each to sharpen his plowshare, his mattock, his axe, and his hoe.

21 And the charge was ¹two-thirds of a shekel for the plowshares, the mattocks, the forks and the axes, and to fix the hoes.

22 So it came about on the day of battle that ^aneither sword nor spear was found in the hands of any of the people who were with Saul and Jonathan, but they were found with Saul and his son Jonathan.

23 And ^athe garrison of the

5 ^aJosh.
11:4; ^bJosh.
18:12; 1 Sam.
14:23

6 ^aJudg.
6:2

7 ^aNum.
32:33

8 ^a1 Sam.
10:8

9 ^aDeut.
12:5-14;
2 Sam. 24:25;
1 Kin. 3:4

10 ^aLit.,
Neh.
^a1 Sam. 15:13

11 ^a1 Sam.
13:2, 5, 10, 23

13 ^aLit., to
^a2 Chr. 10:9;
^b1 Sam.
15:11, 22, 28;
^c1 Sam. 1:22

14 ^a1 Sam.
15:28; ^bActs
7:46, 13:22

18 ^aLit.,
mustered;
^a1 Sam. 13:2;
^b1 Sam. 13:2,
6, 7, 14:2

10 ^a1 Sam.
13:2, 3

17 ^aLit., de-
stroyers; ^bLit.,
heads; ^cLit.,
head; ^dLit.,
toward the
direction of
^a1 Sam. 14:15;
^bJosh. 18:23

18 ^aLit.,
head; ^bLit.,
the direction
of
^aJosh. 18:3;
18:13, 14;
^bNeh. 11:34

19 ^aLit.,
sword or
spear;
^aJudg. 5:8;
2 Kin. 24:14;
Jer. 24:1; 29:2;
^bJudg. 5:8

21 ^aHeb.,
pim

22 ^aJudg.
5:8

23 ^a1 Sam.
14:1; 2 Sam.
23:14

Philistines went out to ^bthe pass of Michmash.

23 ¹ Sam.
14:4, 5; 15
10:28

CHAPTER 14

NOW the day came that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the Philistines' garrison that is on yonder side." But he did not tell his father.

2 ¹ Sam.
13:15, 16 ⁴ Sa.
10:28 ¹ Sam.
13:15

2 And Saul was staying in the outskirts of ^aGibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in ^bMigron. And the people who were with him were ^cabout six hundred men.

3 ¹ La., cor-
rupt
¹ Sam. 22:9
12:20
¹ Sam. 4:21
¹ Sam. 1:3
¹ Sam. 2:28

3 and Ahijah, the ^ason of Ahitub, ^bIchabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of the LORD at ^cShiloh, ^dwas ^ewearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

4 ¹ Sam.
13:23

4 And ^abetween the passes by which Jonathan sought to cross over to the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp crag on the one side, and a sharp crag on the other side, and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 ¹ Sam.
17:26, 36, Jer
9:25, 26
Judg. 7:4, 7,
1 Sam. 17:46,
47, Ps. 115:3,
135:6, Zach.
4:6, Matt.
19:26

5 The one crag rose on the north opposite Michmash, and the other on the south opposite Geba.

7 ¹ La.,
corrupt

6 ^a Then Jonathan said to the young man who was carrying his armor, "Come and let us cross over to the garrison of ^athese uncircumcised; perhaps the LORD will work for us, for ^bthe LORD is not restrained to save by many or by few."

8 ¹ Judg.
7:9-14

9 ¹ La., very
thick

7 And his armor bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart; turn yourself, and here I am with you according to your ^adesire."

10 ¹ La., very
thick
^a Gen. 24:14,
Judg. 6:36

8 Then Jonathan said, "^aBehold, we will cross over to the men and reveal ourselves to them.

11 ¹ Sam.
13:6, 14:22

12 ¹ La., un-
covered
¹ Sam.
17:43, 44
² Sam. 5:24

9 "If they ^asay to us, 'Wait until we come to you'; then we will

13 ¹ La.,
trembling of
God
¹ Sam.
13:17, 18
¹ Sam. 7:10
^a Gen. 35:3,
2 Kin. 7:6

17 ¹ La.,
mustered

18 ¹ Sam.
23:9, 30:7

stand in our place and not go up to them.

10 "But if they ^asay, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for the LORD has given them into our hands; and ^athis shall be the sign to us."

11 And when both of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines, the Philistines said, "Behold, ^aHebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves."

12 So the men of the garrison ^ahailed Jonathan and his armor bearer and said, "Come up to us and ^awe will tell you something." And Jonathan said to his armor bearer, "Come up after me, for ^bthe LORD has given them into the hands of Israel."

13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his armor bearer behind him; and they fell before Jonathan, and his armor bearer put some to death after him.

14 And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor bearer made was about twenty men within about half a furrow in an acre of land.

15 And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. Even the garrison and ^athe raiders trembled, and ^bthe earth quaked so ^cthat it became a ^dgreat trembling.

16 ^a Now Saul's watchmen in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude melted away; and they went here and there.

17 And Saul said to the people who were with him, "^aNumber now and see who has gone from us." And when they had ^anumbered, behold, Jonathan and his armor bearer were not there.

18 Then Saul said to Ahijah, "^aBring the ark of God here." For the ark of God was at that time with the sons of Israel.

19 And it happened ^awhile Saul talked to the priest, that the commotion in the camp of the Philistines continued and increased; so Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."

20 Then Saul and all the people who were with him rallied and came to the battle; and behold, ^aevery man's sword was against his fellow, and there was very great confusion.

21 Now the Hebrews who were with the Philistines previously, who went up with them all around in the camp, even ^athey also turned to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan.

22 When all the ^amen of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines had fled, even they also pursued them closely in the battle.

23 So ^athe LORD delivered Israel that day, and the battle ¹spread beyond ^bBeth-aven.

24 ¶ Now the men of Israel were hard-pressed on that day, for Saul had ^aput the people under oath, saying, "Cursed be the man who eats food ¹before evening, and until I have avenged myself on my enemies." So none of the people tasted food.

25 And all the people of the land entered the forest, and there was honey on the ground.

26 When the people entered the forest, behold, ^athere was a flow of honey; but no man put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan had not heard when his father put the people under oath; therefore, ^ahe put out the end of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth, and ^bhis eyes brightened.

28 Then one of the people answered and said, "Your father strictly put the people under

19 ^aNum. 27:21

20 ^aJudg. 7:22, 2 Chr. 20:23

21 ^a1 Sam. 29:4

22 ^a1 Sam. 13:6

23 ¹Lit., passed over
^aEx. 14:30;
1 Sam. 10:19;
14:23, 1 Chr. 11:14, 2 Chr. 32:22, Ps. 44:7 ^b1 Sam. 13:5

24 ¹Lit., until
^aJosh. 6:26

26 ^aMatt. 3:4

27 ^a1 Sam. 14:43 ^b1 Sam. 30:12

29 ^aJosh. 7:25; 1 Kin. 18:18

31 ^a1 Sam. 14:5 ^bJosh. 10:12

32 ¹Lit., did with regard to the spoil
^a1 Sam. 15:19
^bGen. 9:4; Lev. 3:17; 17:10-14; 19:26; Deut. 12:16, 23; Acts 15:20

33 ^aLev. 7:26, 27; 19:26; Deut. 12:16, 23-25; 15:23

34 ¹Lit., in his hand

35 ^a1 Sam. 7:12, 17; 2 Sam. 24:25; James 4:8

36 ¹Lit., in your eyes
^a1 Sam. 14:3, 18, 19

37 ^a1 Sam. 10:22

oath, saying, 'Cursed be the man who eats food today.' " And the people were weary.

29 Then Jonathan said, "^aMy father has troubled the land. See now, how my eyes have brightened because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 "How much more, if only the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found! For now the slaughter among the Philistines has not been great."

31 ¶ And they struck among the Philistines that day from ^aMichmash to ^bAijalon. And the people were very weary.

32 And ^athe people ¹rushecd greedily upon the spoil, and took sheep and oxen and calves, and slew *them* on the ground; and the people ate *them* ^bwith the blood.

33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Behold, the people are ^asinning against the LORD by eating with the blood." And he said, "You have acted treacherously; roll a great stone to me today."

34 And Saul said, "Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, 'Each one of you bring me his ox or his sheep, and slaughter *it* here and eat; and do not sin against the LORD by eating with the blood.' " So all the people that night brought each one his ox ¹with him, and slaughtered *it* there.

35 And ^aSaul built an altar to the LORD; it was the first altar that he built to the LORD.

36 ¶ Then Saul said, "Let us go down after the Philistines by night and take spoil among them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them." And they said, "Do whatever seems good ¹to you." So ^athe priest said, "Let us draw near to God here."

37 And Saul ^ainquired of God: "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Wilt Thou give them into

the hand of Israel?" But ^bHe did not answer him on that day.

38 And Saul said, "Draw near here, all you ¹chiefs of the people, and investigate and see how this sin has happened today.

39 "For ^aas the LORD lives, who delivers Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die." But not one of all the people answered him.

40 Then he said to all Israel, "You shall be on one side and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side." And the people said to Saul, "Do what seems good ¹to you."

41 Therefore, Saul said to the LORD, the God of Israel, "Give a perfect lot." And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people escaped.

42 And Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son." And Jonathan was taken.

43 ¶ Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." So Jonathan told him and said, "I indeed tasted a little honey with the end of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am, I must die!"

44 And Saul said, "May God do ¹this to me and more also, for you shall surely die, Jonathan."

45 But the people said to Saul, "Must Jonathan die, who has brought about this great deliverance in Israel? Far from it! As the LORD lives, ^athere shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for ^bhe has worked with God this day." So the people rescued Jonathan and he did not die.

46 Then Saul went up from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 ¶ Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, ^athe sons of Ammon, Edom, ^bthe kings of Zobah, and ^cthe Philis-

tines; and wherever he turned, he inflicted punishment.

48 And he acted valiantly and defeated the Amalekites, and delivered Israel from the hands of ²those who plundered them.

49 ¶ Now ^athe sons of Saul were Jonathan and Ishvi and Malchi-shua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the first-born ^bMerab and the name of the younger ^cMichal.

50 And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And ^athe name of the captain of his army was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 ^aAnd Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 ¶ Now the war against the Philistines was severe all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any mighty man or any valiant man, he attached him to ²his staff.

CHAPTER 15

THEN Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore, listen to the ¹words of the LORD.

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek ^afor what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt.

3 "Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.' "

4 ¶ Then Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, 200,000 foot soldiers and 10,000 men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and set an ambush in the valley.

6 And Saul said to ^athe Kenites, "Go, depart, go down from

37 ^a1 Sam. 28:6
38 ¹Lat., copy
^aJosh. 7:11, 12.
1 Sam. 10:19, 20
39 ^a1 Sam. 14:24, 44.
2 Sam. 12:5
40 ¹Lat., in your eyes
41 ^aActs 1:24
42 ^aJosh. 7:19 ^b1 Sam. 14:27
43 ¹Lat., thus
^aRuth 1:17.
1 Sam. 25:22
^b1 Sam. 14:30
44 ¹Lat., worried ¹Lat., rejoiced
45 ²Sam. 14:11, 1 Kan. 1:52, Luba 21:18, Acts 27:34 ^a2 Cor 6:1
46 ¹Lat., of
47 ^aOr, con-
demned
^b1 Sam. 11:13 ^a2 Sam. 8:3-10
^c1 Sam. 14:52
48 ¹Lat., avenged ¹Lat., its plunderers
^b1 Sam. 15:3, 7
49 ^a1 Sam. 31:2, 1 Chr 8:33, 10:2
^b1 Sam. 18:17-19
^c1 Sam. 18:20, 27, 19:12.
2 Sam. 6:20-23
50 ^a2 Sam. 2:8
51 ^b1 Sam. 9:1, 21
52 ¹Lat., gathered ¹Lat., humbly/
^b1 Sam. 8:11
^c1 Lat., round of the words
^b1 Sam. 9:10, 10:1
^c2 Or, void
^aEx. 17:8-10; Num. 24:20; Deut. 25:17-19
^c3 ^aNum. 24:20; Deut. 20:18-18, Josh. 6:17-21
^b1 Sam. 22:19
^c1 Lat., murdered
^aJosh. 15:24
^b8 ^aNum. 24:21; Judg. 1:10, 4:11

among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for ^byou showed kindness to all the sons of Israel when they came up from Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 So ^aSaul ¹defeated the Amalekites, from ^bHavilah as you go to ^cShur, which is ²east of Egypt.

8 And he captured ^aAgag the king of the Amalekites alive, and ^butterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people ^aspared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to destroy them utterly; but everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

10 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying,

11 "I regret that I have made Saul king, for ^bhe has turned back from ¹following Me, and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was distressed and ^ccried out to the LORD all night.

12 And Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul; and it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul came to ^aCarmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself, then turned and proceeded on ¹down to ^bGilgal."

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have carried out the command of the LORD."

14 But Samuel said, "What then is this ¹bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the ¹lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for ^athe people spared the best of the sheep and oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; but the rest we have utterly destroyed."

6 ^bEx. 18:9, 10; Num. 10:29-32
7 ¹Lit., smote ²Lit., before
8 ^a1 Sam. 14:48
9 ^bGen. 25:18
10 ^cGen. 16:7; Ex. 15:22; 1 Sam. 27:8
11 ^aNum. 24:7; 1 Sam. 15:20; Eath. 3:1; 1 Sam. 27:8, 9, 30, 1; 2 Sam. 8:12
12 ^b1 Sam. 15:3, 15, 19
13 ¹Lit., after
14 ^aGen. 6:6, 7; Ex. 32:14; 1 Sam. 15:35; 2 Sam. 24:16
15 ^bJosh. 22:16; 1 Sam. 13:13; 1 Kin. 9:6, 7
16 ^cEx. 32:11-13; Luke 6:12
17 ¹Lit., and went down
18 ^aJosh. 15:55; 1 Sam. 25:2
19 ^b1 Sam. 13:12, 15
20 ^cGen. 14:19; Judg. 17:2; Ruth 3:10; 2 Sam. 2:5
21 ¹Lit., sound
22 ^aEx. 32:21-24
23 ^bGen. 3:12, 13; Ex. 32:22, 23; 1 Sam. 15:9, 21
24 ^c1 Sam. 9:21; 10:22
25 ¹Lit., way
26 ^a1 Sam. 15:3
27 ^b1 Sam. 14:32
28 ^c1 Sam. 15:13
29 ¹Ex. 32:22, 23; 1 Sam. 15:15
30 ^aPs. 40:8; 51:16, 17; Is. 1:11-15; Mic. 6:6-8; Heb. 10:6-9
31 ^bJer. 7:22, 23; Hos. 6:6; Matt. 12:7; Mark 12:33
32 ^cDeut. 18:10
33 ^aGen. 31:19, 34
34 ^b1 Sam. 13:14
35 ¹Lit., mouth
36 ^aNum. 22:34; 2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 51:4
37 ^bProv. 29:25; Is. 51:12, 13

16 Then Samuel said to Saul "Wait, and let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak!"

17 ¶ And Samuel said, "Is it not true, ^athough you were little in your own eyes, you were ^{made} the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel,

18 and the LORD sent you on a ¹mission, and said, ^a"Go and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are exterminated."

19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, ^abut rushed upon the spoil and did what was evil in the sight of the LORD?"

20 ¶ Then Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the ¹mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 "But ^athe people took ^{some} of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

22 And Samuel said,

"Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices

As in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, ^bto obey is better than sacrifice,

And to heed than the fat of rams.

23 "For rebellion is as the sin of ^adivination,

And insubordination is a ^biniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected ^cthe word of the LORD,

^cHe has also rejected you from ^{being} king."

24 ¶ Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned; ^bI have indeed transgressed the ¹com-

mand of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.

25 "Now therefore, ^aplease pardon my sin and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for ^ayou have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

27 And as Samuel turned to go, ^aSaul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore.

28 So Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to your neighbor who is better than you."

29 "And also the ^{1a}Glory of Israel ^bwill not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."

30 Then he said, "I have sinned; ^abut please honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and go back with me, ^bthat I may worship the LORD your God."

31 So Samuel went back following Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.

32 ¹ Then Samuel said, "Bring me Agag, the king of the Amalekites." And Agag came to him ¹cheerfully. And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

33 But Samuel said, "^aAs your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hewed Agag to pieces before the LORD at Gilgal.

34 ¹ Then Samuel went to Ramah, but Saul went up to his house at ^bGibeah of Saul.

35 And ^aSamuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death; for Samuel ^bgrieved over Saul. And the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

25 ^aEx. 10:17

26 ^a1 Sam. 13:14, 16-1

27 ^a1 Kin. 11:30, 31

28 ^a1 Sam. 28:17, 18, 1 Kin. 11:31

29 ^aOr, *Emancipation*
^a1 Chr. 29:11
^bNum. 23:19; Ezek. 24:14; Titus 1:2

30 ^aJohn 5:44, 12:43
^bIs. 29:13

32 ^aOr, *in bonds*

33 ^aGen. 9:6, Judg. 1:7; Matt. 7:2

34 ^a1 Sam. 7:17 ^b1 Sam. 11:4

35 ^a1 Sam. 19:24 ^b1 Sam. 16:1

1 ^a1 Sam. 15:35 ^b1 Sam. 13:13, 14; 15:23 ^c1 Sam. 9:16, 10:1; 2 Kin. 9:1
^aRuth 4:17, 22
^bPs. 78:70, 71; Acts 13:22

2 ^a1 Sam. 20:29

3 ^aLat. *may* to you
^bEx. 4:15; Acts 9:6
^cDeut. 17:14, 15; 1 Sam. 9:16

4 ^aGen. 48:7; Luke 2:4
^b1 Kin. 2:13; 2 Kin. 9:22; 1 Chr. 12:17, 18

5 ^aGen. 35:2; Ex. 19:10

6 ^a1 Sam. 17:13

7 ^aSo with Gr., Heb., He does not see what man men
^b1 Sam. 2:3; 1 Kin. 8:38; 1 Chr. 28:9; Luke 10:15

8 ^a1 Sam. 17:13

9 ^aIb.
2 Sam. 13:3; Shammai, in 1 Chr. 2:13; Shammai
^b1 Sam. 17:13

CHAPTER 16

NOW the LORD said to Samuel, "^aHow long will you grieve over Saul, since ^bI have rejected him from being king over Israel? ^cFill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to ^dJesse the Bethlehemite, for I have ^eselected a king for Myself among his sons."

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? When Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "^aTake a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"

3 "And you shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and ^aI will show you what you shall do; and ^byou shall anoint for Me the one whom I ^cdesignate to you."

4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to ^aBethlehem. And the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and said, "^bDo you come in peace?"

5 And he said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. ^aConsecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 ¹ Then it came about when they entered, that he looked at ^aEliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him."

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for ^aGod sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, ^bbut the LORD looks at the heart."

8 Then Jesse called ^aAbinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

9 Next Jesse made ^aShammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

14 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him.

15 Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you."

16 "Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play the harp with his hand, and you will be well."

17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me."

18 Then one of the young men answered and said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him."

19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the flock."

11 ¹Lit. take
¹Sam. 17:12;
2 Sam. 13:3

12 ¹Gen. 39:6; Ex. 2:2;
Acts 7:20
¹Sam. 9:17

13 ¹Sam. 10:1
¹Num. 27:18; 1 Sam. 10:6, 9, 10

14 ¹Judg. 16:20; 1 Sam. 11:6, 18:12;
28:15
¹Judg. 9:23; 1 Sam. 16:15, 16;
18:10, 19:9;
1 Kin. 22:19-22

16 ¹Sam. 18:10, 19:9;
2 Kin. 3:15

18 ¹Sam. 17:32-36
¹Sam. 3:19

20 ¹Sam. 10:4, 27;
Prov. 18:16

21 ¹Lit. stood before him
²Lit. he
¹Gen. 41:46;
Prov. 22:29

23 ¹Sam. 16:14-16

1 ¹Sam. 13:5
¹Josh. 15:35; 2 Chr. 28:18
¹Josh. 10:10
¹Chr. 11:13

2 ¹Sam. 21:9

4 ¹Lit. One cubit equals approx. 18 in.
²Sam. 21:19
¹Josh. 11:22

5 ¹Lit. and the weight of the armor was

6 ¹Or. shin guards
¹Sam. 17:45

7 ²Sam. 21:19; 1 Chr. 11:23
¹Sam. 17:41

20 And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread and a jug of wine and a young goat, and sent them to Saul by David his son.

21 Then David came to Saul and attended him, and Saul loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David now stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight."

23 So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

CHAPTER 17

NOW the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; and they were gathered at Socoh which belongs to Judah, and they camped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and camped in the valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array to encounter the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on the mountain on one side while Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with the valley between them.

4 Then a champion came out from the armies of the Philistines named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5 And he had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was clothed with scale-armor which weighed five thousand shekels of bronze.

6 He also had bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze javelin slung between his shoulders.

7 And the shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and the head of his spear weighed six hundred shekels of iron; his

shield-carrier also walked before him.

8 And he stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, and said to them, "Why do you come out to draw up in battle array? Am I not the Philistine and you ^aservants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.

9 "If he is able to fight with me and ¹kill me, then we will become your servants; but if I prevail against him and ¹kill him, then you shall become our servants and serve us."

10 Again the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man that we may fight together."

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

12 ¶ Now David was ^athe son of ^bthe Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse, and ^che had eight sons. And ²Jesse was old in the days of Saul, advanced in years among men.

13 And the three older sons of Jesse had ¹gone after Saul to the battle. And ^athe names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the first-born, and the second to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

14 And ^aDavid was the youngest. Now the three oldest followed Saul,

15 ^abut David went back and forth from Saul ^bto tend his father's flock at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine came ¹forward morning and evening for forty days, and took his stand.

17 ¶ Then Jesse said to David his son, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this roasted grain and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to your brothers.

18 "Bring also these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of

⁸ 1 Sam. 8:17

⁹ 1 Lk., write
² 2 Sam. 2:12-16

¹⁰ 1 Sam. 17:28, 36, 46;
² 2 Sam. 21:21

¹² 1 Lk., this
² Lk., the man
^a Ruth 4:22,
¹ 1 Sam. 16:18
^c Gen. 35:19
¹ 1 Sam. 16:10, 11
¹ Chr. 2:13-15

¹³ 1 Lk., gone, they went
¹ 1 Sam. 16:8, 9

¹⁴ 1 Sam. 16:11

¹⁶ 1 Sam. 16:21, 23
¹ 1 Sam. 16:11, 19

¹⁸ 1 Lk., near

¹⁷ 1 Sam. 25:18

¹⁸ 1 Lk., their plough
¹ 1 Sam. 16:20
^c Gen. 37:13, 14

²⁰ 1 Sam. 26:5, 7

²² 1 Lk., hand
^a Judg. 16:21,
¹ Is. 10:28

²³ 1 Sam. 17:8-10

²⁵ 1 Lk., free from taxes and public service
^a Josh. 15:16

²⁸ 1 Sam. 11:2
¹ 2 Sam. 14:6, 17:36,
^{Jer.} Jer. 9:25, 28
¹ 1 Sam. 17:10
^a Deut. 5:28;
² Kin. 19:4,
^{Jer.} Jer. 10:10

²⁷ 1 Lk., send to
¹ 1 Sam. 17:25

their thousand, ^band look into the welfare of your brothers, and bring back ¹news of them.

19 "For Saul and they and all the men of Israel are in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines."

20 ¶ So David arose early in the morning and left the flock with a keeper and took ^{the} supplies and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the ^acircle of the camp while the army was going out in battle array shouting the war cry.

21 And Israel and the Philistines drew up in battle array, army against army.

22 Then David left his ^abaggage in the ¹care of the baggage keeper, and ran to the battle line and entered in order to greet his brothers.

23 As he was talking with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine from Gath named Goliath, was coming up from the army of the Philistines, and he spoke ^athese same words; and David heard ^{them}.

24 When all the men of Israel saw the man, they fled from him and were greatly afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and ^awill give him his daughter and make his father's house ¹free in Israel."

26 ¶ Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away ^athe reproach from Israel? For who is this ^buncircumcised Philistine, that he should ^ctaunt the armies of ^athe living God?"

27 And the people ¹answered him in accord with this word, saying, "Thus it will be done for the man who kills him."

28 ¶ Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and ^aEliab's anger burned against David and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle."

29 But David said, "What have I done now? Was it not just a ¹question?"

30 Then he turned ¹away from him to another and ^asaid the same thing; and the people answered the same thing as ²before.

31 ¶ When the words which David spoke were heard, they told *them* ¹to Saul, and he sent for him.

32 And David said to Saul, "^aLet no man's heart fail on account of him; ^byour servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

33 Then Saul said to David, "^aYou are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are *but* a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,

35 I went out after him and ¹attacked him, and ^arescued *it* from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized *him* by his beard and ¹struck him and killed him.

36 "Your servant has ¹killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God."

37 And David said, "^aThe LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And

²⁸ ^aGen. 37:4, 8-36; Prov. 18:19; Matt. 10:36

²⁹ ¹Lit., word

³⁰ ¹Lit., from beside him ²Lit., the former word ^a1 Sam. 17:26, 27

³¹ ¹Lit., before

³² ^aDeut. 20:1-4 ^b1 Sam. 16:18

³³ ^aNum. 13:31

³⁵ ¹Lit., smote ^aAmos 3:12

³⁶ ¹Lit., smitten

³⁷ ^a2 Cor. 1:10; 2 Tim. 4:17, 18 ^b1 Sam. 20:13; 1 Chr. 22:11, 16

³⁹ ¹Lit., off from himself

⁴⁰ ^aJudg. 20:18

⁴² ^aPs. 123:4; Prov. 18:18 ^b1 Sam. 16:12

⁴³ ^a1 Sam. 24:14; 2 Sam. 3:8; 2 Kin. 8:13 ^b1 Kin. 20:10

⁴⁴ ^a1 Sam. 17:46

⁴⁵ ^a2 Sam. 22:35; 2 Chr. 32:8; Ps. 124:8; Heb. 11:32-34

⁴⁶ ^aDeut. 28:28 ^bJosh. 4:24; 1 Kin. 8:43; 18:36; 2 Kin. 19:19; Is. 37:20

Saul said to David, "^bGo, and may the LORD be with you."

38 Then Saul clothed David with his garments and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armor.

39 And David girded his sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested *them*. So David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested *them*." And David took them ¹off.

40 And he took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in *his* pouch, and ^ahis sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

41 ¶ Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him.

42 When the Philistine looked and saw David, ^ahe disdained him; for he was *but* a youth, and ^bruddy, with a handsome appearance.

43 And the Philistine said to David, "^aAm I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And ^bthe Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 The Philistine also said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh ^ato the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field."

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, ^abut I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.

46 "This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the ^adead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, ^bthat all the

earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 and that all this assembly may know that ^athe LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; ^bfor the battle is the LORD's and He will give you into our hands."

48 Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that ^aDavid ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

49 And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground.

50 ¶ Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand.

51 Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and ^atook his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. ^bWhen the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted and pursued the Philistines ^aas far as the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the slain Philistines lay along the way to ^bShaaraim, even to Gath and Ekron.

53 And the sons of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines and plundered their camps.

54 Then David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his weapons in his tent.

55 ¶ Now when Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is ^athis young man?" And Abner said, "By your life, O king, I do not know."

56 And the king said, "You inquire whose son the youth is."

47 ^a1 Sam. 14:8; 2 Chr. 14:11, 20:15; Ps. 44:6; Hos. 1:7; Zech. 4:8
^b2 Chr. 20:15

48 ^aPs. 27:3

51 ^a1 Sam. 21:9, 2 Sam. 23:21 ^bHeb. 11:34

52 ^a1 Lit., until your coming to ^b1 Lit., fell
^cJosh. 15:11
^dJosh. 15:36

56 ^a1 Sam. 16:12, 21:22

57 ^a1 Sam. 17:54

58 ^a1 Sam. 17:12

1 ^aGen. 44:30 ^bDeut. 13:6, 1 Sam. 20:17, 2 Sam. 1:26

2 ^a1 Sam. 17:15

3 ^a1 Sam. 20:8-17

4 ^aGen. 41:42, 1 Sam. 17:38, Eccl. 6:8

5 ^aOr, acted wisely

6 ^a1 e., triangles, or, three-stringed instruments
^bEx. 15:20, 21; Judg. 11:34; Ps. 68:25; 149:3

7 ^aOr, danced
^bEx. 15:21, 1 Sam. 21:11, 28:5 ^c1 Sam. 21:11 ^d2 Sam. 18:3

8 ^a1 Lit., was evil in his eyes
^b1 Sam. 15:28

57 So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and ^abrought him before Saul with the Philistine's head in his hand.

58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "^aI am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

CHAPTER 18

NOW it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that ^athe soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and ^bJonathan loved him as himself.

2 And Saul took him that day and ^adid not let him return to his father's house.

3 Then ^aJonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

4 And ^aJonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and ^aprospered; and Saul set him over the men of war. And it was pleasing in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 ¶ And it happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that ^athe women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with ^bmusical instruments.

7 And the women ^asang as they played, and said,

"^bSaul has slain his thousands,

^cAnd David his ten thousands."

8 Then Saul became very angry, for this saying ^adispleased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now ^awhat more can he have but the kingdom?"

9 And Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.

10 ^c Now it came about on the next day that ^aan evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and ^bhe raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing *the harp* with his hand, ^{1c} as usual; and ^{2d} a spear was in Saul's hand.

11 And ^aSaul hurled the spear for he thought, "I will ¹pin David to the wall." But David ²escaped from his presence twice.

12 Now ^aSaul was afraid of David, ^bfor the LORD was with him but ^chad departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from ¹his presence, and appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and ^ahe went out and came in before the people.

14 And David was ¹prospering in all his ways for ^athe LORD was with him.

15 When Saul saw that he was ¹prospering greatly, he dreaded him.

16 But ^aall Israel and Judah loved David, and he went out and came in before them.

17 ^c Then Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife, only be a valiant man for me and fight ^bthe LORD's battles." For Saul thought, "My hand shall not be against him, but ^clet the hand of the Philistines be against him."

18 But David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be the king's son-in-law?"

19 So it came about at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to ^aAdriel ^bthe Meholathite for a wife.

20 ^c Now ^aMichal, Saul's daughter, loved David. When they told Saul, the thing was agreeable ¹to him.

¹⁰ ¹Lit., day by day ²Lit., the

^a1 Sam. 16:14
^b1 Sam. 19:23, 24

^c1 Sam. 16:23
^d1 Sam. 19:9

¹¹ ¹Lit., strike David and the wall

²Lit., turned about

¹² ¹Sam. 19:10, 20, 33

¹³ ¹Sam. 18:15, 29
^a1 Sam. 16:13, 18

^c1 Sam. 16:14, 28, 15

¹⁴ ¹Lit., with him
^aNum. 27:17

¹Sam. 18:16
²Sam. 5:2

¹⁵ ¹Or, act
^{ing} wisely

^aGen. 39:2, 3, 23, Josh. 6:27, 1 Sam. 18:18

¹⁶ ¹Or, act
^{ing} very wisely

¹⁷ ¹Sam. 18:5

¹⁸ ¹Sam. 17:25
^bNum. 21:14, 1 Sam. 17:36, 47,

25:28
^c1 Sam. 18:21, 25

¹⁹ ¹Sam. 9:21, 18:23,
²Sam. 7:18

²⁰ ¹Sam. 21:8
^bJudg. 7:22, 1 Kin. 19:16

²¹ ¹Lit., in his sight
^a1 Sam. 18:28

²² ¹Sam. 18:17
^b1 Sam. 18:26

²³ ¹Lit., in the ears of
^aGen. 29:20, 34, 12

²⁴ ¹Lit., by saying according

²⁵ ^aGen. 34:12, Ex. 22:17
^b1 Sam. 14:24
^c1 Sam. 18:17

²⁶ ¹Lit., it was agreeable in the sight of ²Lit., And the days had not expired

^a1 Sam. 18:21
²⁷ ^a1 Sam. 18:17
^b2 Sam. 2:14

²⁸ ^a2 Sam. 11:1

21 And Saul thought, "I will give her to him that she may become a snare to him, and ^athat the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David, "For a second time you may be my son-in-law today."

22 Then Saul commanded his servants, "Speak to David secretly, saying, 'Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you; now therefore become the king's son-in-law.'"

23 So Saul's servants spoke these words ¹to David. But David said, "Is it trivial in your sight to become the king's son-in-law since I am a poor man and lightly esteemed?"

24 And the servants of Saul reported to him ¹according to these words which David spoke.

25 Saul then said, "Thus ye shall say to David, 'The king does not desire any dowry except hundred foreskins of the Philistines, ^bto take vengeance on the king's enemies.' " Now Saul planned to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 When his servants told David these words, ¹it pleased David to become the king's son-in-law. ^{2a}Before the days had expired

27 David rose up and went, ^ahe and his men, and struck down two hundred men among the Philistines. Then ^bDavid brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king that he might become the king's son-in-law. So Saul gave him Michal his daughter for a wife.

28 When Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him,

29 then Saul was even more afraid of David. Thus Saul was David's enemy continually.

30 ^c Then the commanders of the Philistines ^awent out to battle, and it happened as often as

they went out, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul. So his name was highly esteemed.

CHAPTER 19

NOW Saul told Jonathan his son and all his servants to put David to death. But Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly delighted in David.

2 So Jonathan told David saying, "Saul my father is seeking to put you to death. Now therefore, please be on guard in the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide yourself.

3 "And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you; if I find out anything, then I shall tell you."

4 Then Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you.

5 "For he took his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, by putting David to death without a cause?"

6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death."

7 Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as formerly.

8 "When there was war again, David went out and fought with the Philistines, and defeated them with great slaughter, so that they fled before him.

9 Now there was an evil spirit from the LORD on Saul as he was

sitting in his house with his spear in his hand, and David was playing the harp with his hand.

10 And Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, so that he stuck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.

11 Then Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, in order to put him to death in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death."

12 So Michal let David down through a window, and he went out and fled and escaped.

13 And Michal took the household idol and laid it on the bed, and put a quilt of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with clothes.

14 When Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."

15 Then Saul sent messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me on his bed, that I may put him to death."

16 When the messengers entered, behold, the household idol was on the bed with the quilt of goats' hair at its head.

17 So Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" And Michal said to Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I put you to death?'"

18 Now David fled and escaped and came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah."

20 Then Saul sent messengers to take David, but when they

20 ¹ Sam. 18:5

1 ¹ Sam. 18:8, 9
2 ¹ Sam. 18:1-3

3 ¹ Lit. see
4 ¹ Sam. 20:9, 13

4 ¹ Lit. and
5 ¹ Sam. 20:32, Prov. 31:8, 9
6 ¹ Gen. 42:22, Prov. 17:13; Jer. 18:20

8 ¹ Judg. 9:17, 1 Sam. 17:40, 50; 28:21, Ps. 119:109
9 ¹ Sam. 11:13, 1 Chr. 11:14
10 ¹ Deut. 19:10, 13, 1 Sam. 20:32, Ps. 84:21, Matt. 27:4

7 ¹ Sam. 16:21, 18:2, 10, 13

8 ¹ Lit. smile

9 ¹ Sam. 16:14, 18:10, 11
10 ¹ Sam. 18:10
11 ¹ Sam. 16:16

10 ¹ Lit. strike David and the wall
11 ¹ Lit. struck
12 ¹ Sam. 18:11, 20:33, Prov. 1:16

11 ¹ Judg. 16:2, Ps. 50: title

12 ¹ Josh. 2:15, Acts 9:25, 2 Cor. 11:33

13 ¹ Heb. teraphim
14 ¹ Gen. 31:19, Judg. 18:14, 17

14 ¹ Josh. 2:5

15 ¹ Lit. the

16 ¹ Heb. teraphim

17 ¹ 2 Sam. 2:22

18 ¹ Sam. 7:17
19 ¹ Sam. 19:22, 23

20 ¹ Sam. 19:11, 14; John 7:32

saw ^bthe company of the prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing and presiding over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul; and ^cthey also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. So Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied.

22 Then he himself went to Ramah, and came as far as the large well that is in Secu; and he asked and said, "Where are Samuel and David?" And someone said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah."

23 And he ¹proceeded there to Naioth in Ramah; and ^athe Spirit of God came upon him also, so that he went along prophesying continually until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he also stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and ¹lay down ²naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "^bIs Saul also among the prophets?"

CHAPTER 20

THEN David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and ^asaid ¹to Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin before your father, that he is seeking my life?"

2 And he said to him, "Far from it, you shall not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small ¹without disclosing it to me. So why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so!"

3 Yet David ^avowed again, ¹saying, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your sight, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly ^bas the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is ²hardly a step between me and death."

²⁰ ^b1 Sam. 10:5, 6, 10
^cNum. 11:25; Joel 2:28

²³ ¹Lit., went
^a1 Sam. 10:10

²⁴ ¹Lit., fell
²I.e., without outward garments
^a2 Sam. 6:20; Is. 20:2; Mic. 1:8
^b1 Sam. 10:10-12

¹ ¹Lit., he fore
^a1 Sam. 24:9

² ¹Lit., and he does not uncover my ear

³ ¹Lit., and said
²Lit., about
^aDeut. 8:13
^b1 Sam. 25:28; 2 Kin. 2:6

⁴ ¹Lit., your soul says

⁵ ^aNum. 10:10; 28:11-15; Amos 8:5
^b1 Sam. 20:24, 27
^c1 Sam. 19:2

⁶ ^a1 Sam. 17:58
^bDeut. 12:5; 1 Sam. 9:12

⁷ ¹Lit., says thus
^a1 Sam. 25:17

⁸ ^a1 Sam. 18:3; 23:18
^b2 Sam. 14:32

¹⁰ ¹Lit., or what

¹² ¹Lit., uncover your ear

¹³ ¹Lit., uncover your ear
^aRuth 1:17; 1 Sam. 3:17
^bJosh. 1:5; 1 Sam. 17:37; 18:12; 1 Chr. 22:11, 16

4 Then Jonathan said to David "Whatever ¹you say, I will do for you."

5 So David said to Jonathan "Behold, tomorrow is ^athe new moon, and I ought ^bto sit down to eat with the king. But let me go ^cthat I may hide myself in the field until the third evening.

6 "If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me to run to ^aBethlehem his city, because it ^bthe yearly sacrifice there for the whole family.'

7 "If he ¹says, 'It is good,' your servant shall be safe; but if he is very angry, ^aknow that he has decided on evil.

8 "Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for ^ayou have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is iniquity in me, put me to death yourself; for why the should you bring me to your father?"

9 And Jonathan said, "Far be from you! For if I should indeed learn that evil has been decided by my father to come upon you then would I not tell you about it?"

10 Then David said to Jonathan, "Who will tell me ¹if your father answers you harshly?"

11 And Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." So both of them went out to the field.

12 ¶ Then Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, *be witness!* When I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, *or* the third day, behold, if there is good feeling toward David, shall I not then send to you and ¹make known to you?

13 "If it please my father to do you harm, ^amay the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not ¹make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And ^bmay the LORD be

with you as He has been with my father.

14 "And if I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die?"

15 "And ^ayou shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD require it at the hands of David's enemies."

17 And Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because ^ahe loved him as he loved his own life.

18 ¶ Then Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow is the new moon, and you will be missed because your seat will be empty."

19 "When you have stayed for three days, you shall go down quickly and come to the place where you hid yourself on that eventful day, and you shall remain by the stone Ezel."

20 "And I will shoot three arrows to the side, as though I shot at a target."

21 "And behold, I will send the lad, saying, 'Go, find the arrows.' If I specifically say to the lad, 'Behold, the arrows are on this side of you, get them,' then come; for there is safety for you and ¹no harm, as the LORD lives."

22 "But if I ¹say to the youth, 'Behold, the arrows are beyond you,' go, for the LORD has sent you away."

23 "As for the ¹agreement of which you and I have spoken, behold, ^bthe LORD is between you and me forever."

24 ¶ So David hid in the field; and when the new moon came, the king sat down to eat food.

25 And the king sat on his seat as usual, the seat by the wall; then Jonathan rose up and Ab-

18 ^a2 Sam. 9:1, 3

16 ^aDeut. 23:21; 1 Sam. 25:22

17 ^a1 Sam. 18:1

18 ^a1 Sam. 20:5, 25

21 ¹Lit. there is nothing

22 ¹Lit. say that ^a1 Sam. 20:37

23 ¹Lit. word ^a1 Sam. 20:14, 15 ^bGen. 31:40, 53; 1 Sam. 20:42

25 ^a1 Sam. 20:18

26 ^aLev. 7:20, 21, 15:5; 1 Sam. 16:5

28 ^a1 Sam. 20:6

29 ¹Lit. send me away

31 ¹Lit. all the days which ¹Lit. is a sign of death ^a2 Sam. 12:5

33 ^aGen. 31:36; 1 Sam. 19:5; Prov. 31:9; Matt. 27:23

33 ^a1 Sam. 18:11; 19:10 ^b1 Sam. 20:7

ner sat down by Saul's side, but ^aDavid's place was empty.

26 Nevertheless Saul did not speak anything that day, for he thought, "It is an accident, ^ahe is not clean, surely he is not clean."

27 And it came about the next day, the second day of the new moon, that David's place was empty; so Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to the meal, either yesterday or today?"

28 Jonathan then answered Saul, "David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem,

29 for he said, 'Please ¹let me go, since our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to attend. And now, if I have found favor in your sight, please let me get away that I may see my brothers.' For this reason he has not come to the king's table."

30 ¶ Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

31 "For ¹as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for ^ahe ²must surely die."

32 But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?"

33 Then ^aSaul hurled his spear at him to strike him down; ^bso Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death.

34 Then Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved over David because his father had dishonored him.

35 ¶ Now it came about in the morning that Jonathan went out into the field for the appointment with David, and a little lad was with him.

36 And he said to his lad, "Run, find now the arrows which I am about to shoot." As the lad was running, he shot an arrow past him.

37 When the lad reached the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan called after the lad, and said, "Is not the arrow beyond you?"

38 And Jonathan called after the lad, "Hurry, be quick, do not stay!" And Jonathan's lad picked up the arrow and came to his master.

39 But the lad was not aware of anything; only Jonathan and David knew about the matter.

40 Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad and said to him, "Go, bring them to the city."

41 When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times. And they kissed each other and wept together, but David more.

42 And Jonathan said to David, "Go in safety, inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD will be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever.'" Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city.

CHAPTER 21

THEN David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest; and Ahimelech became trembling to meet David, and said to him, "Why are you alone and no one with you?"

2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commissioned me with a matter, and

36 ¹Lit., the
^a1 Sam.
20:20, 21

37 ^a1 Sam.
20:22

41 ^aGen.
42:6 ^b1 Sam.
18:3

42 ¹Lit.,
sawd K'h.
21:1 in Heb.
^a1 Sam. 20:22
^b1 Sam.
20:15, 16, 23

1 ^a1 Sam.
22:19; Neh.
11:32, 34.
10:32 ^b1 Sam.
16:4

2 ^aPs.
141:3

3 ¹Lit., *is*
under your
*hand? ²Lit.,
*in my hand**

4 ¹Lit., *under*
my hand
^aEx. 25:30;
Lev. 24:5-9;
Matt. 12:4
^bEx. 19:13

5 ¹Lit., *it*
be holy in the
vessel
^aEx. 19:14, 15
^b1 Thess. 4:4

6 ^aMatt.
12:3, 4; Luke
6:3, 4 ^bLev.
24:3-9

7 ^a1 Sam.
14:47; 22:9;
Ps. 52: *title*
^b1 Chr. 27:29,
31

8 ¹Lit., *under*
your
hand ²Lit., *in*
my hand

9 ¹Lit.,
smote
^a1 Sam.
17:51, 54
^b1 Sam. 17:2

10 ^aPs. 34:
title

has said to me, 'Let no one know anything about the matter or which I am sending you and with which I have commissioned you and I have directed the young men to a certain place.'

3 "Now therefore, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever can be found."

4 And the priest answered David and said, "There is no ordinary bread on hand, but there is consecrated bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women."

5 And David answered the priest and said to him, "Surely women have been kept from us as previously when I set out and the vessels of the young men were holy, though it was an ordinary journey; how much more then today will their vessels be holy?"

6 So the priest gave him consecrated bread; for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence which was removed from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread in its place when it was taken away.

7 ¶ Now one of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg the Edomite the chief of Saul's shepherds.

8 ¶ And David said to Ahimelech, "Now is there not a spear or a sword on hand? For I brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's matter was urgent."

9 Then the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine whom you killed in the valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if you would take it for yourself, take it. For there is no other except it here." And David said, "There is none like it; give it to me."

10 ¶ Then David arose and fled that day from Saul, and went to Achish king of Gath.

11 But the ^aservants of Achish said to him, "Is this not David the king of the land? ^bDid they not sing of this one as they danced, saying,

'Saul has slain his thousands,

And David his ten thousands?'"

12 And David ^atook these words ¹to heart, and greatly feared Achish king of Gath.

13 So he ^adisguised his sanity before them, and acted insanely in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down into his beard.

14 Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man behaving as a madman. Why do you bring him to me?"

15 "Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this one to act the madman in my presence? Shall this one come into my house?"

CHAPTER 22

SO David departed from there and ^aescaped to ^bthe cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him.

2 And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who ¹was in debt, and everyone who was ²discontented, gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were ^aabout four hundred men with him.

3 ^a And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother come and stay with you until I know what God will do for me."

4 Then he left them with the king of Moab; and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

5 And ^athe prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah." So David de-

parted and went into the forest of Hereth.

6 ^a Then Saul heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered. Now ^aSaul was sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk tree on the height with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing around him.

7 And Saul said to his servants who stood around him, "Hear now, O Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse also give to all of you fields and vineyards? ^aWill he make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?"

8 "For all of you have conspired against me so that there is no one who ¹discloses to me ^awhen my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you ^bwho is sorry for me or ¹discloses to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me to lie in ambush, as it is this day."

9 Then ^aDoeg the Edomite, who was ¹standing by the servants of Saul, answered and said, "I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to ^aAhimelech the son of Ahitub.

10 "And ^ahe inquired of the LORD for him, ^bgave him provisions, and ^cgave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."

11 ^a Then the king sent someone to summon Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's household, the priests who were in Nob; and all of them came to the king.

12 And Saul said, "Listen now, son of Ahitub." And he ¹answered, "Here I am, my lord."

13 Saul then said to him, "Why have you and the son of Jesse conspired against me, in that you have given him bread and a sword and have inquired of God for him, that he should rise up against me ^aby lying in ambush as it is this day?"

11 ^aPs. 56:1-3
De. 31: Sam.
18:7, 29:5

12 ¹Lit., in his
^aLuke 2:19

13 ^aPs. 34:11-12

1 ^aPs. 57:11
the ^bJosh.
12:15, 15:35,
2 Sam. 23:13,
Ps. 142:11

2 ¹Lit., had a creditor
²Lit., bitter of soul
^a1 Sam.
23:13, 25:11

3 ^a2 Sam.
24:11, 1 Chr.
21:9, 29:29,
2 Chr. 29:25

8 ^aJudg.
4:5, 1 Sam.
14:2

7 ^a1 Sam.
8:12, 1 Chr.
12:16-18

8 ¹Lit., uncover my
sur
^a1 Sam. 18:3,
20:16 ^a1 Sam.
23:21

9 ¹Or, set over
^aPs. 52:1-3
^b1 Sam. 21:1
^c1 Sam. 14:3,
21:1

10 ^aNum.
27:21, 1 Sam.
10:22 ^b1 Sam.
21:6 ^c1 Sam.
21:9

12 ¹Lit., said

13 ^a1 Sam.
22:8

14 ^aThen Ahimelech answered the king and said, "And who among all your servants is as faithful as David, even the king's son-in-law, who ¹is captain over your guard, and is honored in your house?"

15 "Did I just begin ^ato inquire of God for him today? Far be it from me! ^bDo not let the king impute anything to his servant or to any of the household of my father, for your servant knows nothing ¹at all of this whole affair."

16 But the king said, "You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father's household!"

17 And ^athe king said to the ¹guards who were attending him, "Turn around and put the priests of the LORD to death, because their hand also is with David and because they knew that he was fleeing and did not ²reveal it to me." But the ^bservants of the king were not willing to put forth their hands to ³attack the priests of the LORD.

18 Then the king said to Doeg, "You turn around and ¹attack the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned around and ²attacked the priests, and ^ahe killed that day eighty-five men ^bwho wore the linen ephod.

19 And ^ahe struck Nob the city of the priests with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and infants; also oxen, donkeys, and sheep, *he struck with the edge of the sword.*

20 ¶ But ^aone son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, ^bescaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of the LORD.

22 Then David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when ^aDoeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have brought about *the death of*

14 ¹So with Gr.: Heb., turns aside to ^a1 Sam. 19:4, 5, 20:32

15 ¹Lit., small or great ^a2 Sam. 3:19, 23 ^b2 Sam. 19:18, 19

17 ¹Lit., runners ²Lit., uncover my ³Lit., fall upon ^a2 Kin. 10:25 ^bEx. 1:17

18 ¹Lit., smile ²Lit., smote ^a1 Sam. 2:31 ^b1 Sam. 2:18

19 ^a1 Sam. 15:3

20 ^a1 Sam. 23:6, 9, 30:7, 1 Kin. 2:26, 27 ^b1 Sam. 23:6

22 ^a1 Sam. 21:7

23 ¹Lit., a charge ^a1 Kin. 2:26

1 ^aJosh. 15:44; Neh. 3:17, 18

2 ¹Lit., smile ^a1 Sam. 23:4, 6, 9-12; 2 Sam. 5:19, 23

4 ^aJosh. 8:7; Judg. 7:7

6 ^a1 Sam. 22:20

7 ¹Lit., alienated

9 ^a1 Sam. 22:20 ^b1 Sam. 23:6, 30:7

every person in your father's household.

23 "Stay with me, do not be afraid, for ^ahe who seeks my life seeks your life; for you are ¹safe with me."

CHAPTER 23

THEN they told David, saying, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against ^aKeilah, and are plundering the threshing floors."

2 So David ^ainquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and ¹attack these Philistines?" And the LORD said to David, "Go and ¹attack the Philistines, and deliver Keilah."

3 But David's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the ranks of the Philistines?"

4 Then David inquired of the LORD once more. And the LORD answered him and said, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for ^aI will give the Philistines into your hand."

5 So David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines; and he led away their livestock and struck them with ^aa great slaughter. Thus David delivered the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 ¶ Now it came about, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech ^afled to David at Keilah, *that he came down with an ephod in his hand.*

7 When it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah, Saul said, "God has ¹delivered him into my hand, for he shut himself in by entering a city with double gates and bars."

8 So Saul summoned all the people for war, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

9 Now David knew that Saul was plotting evil against him; so he said to ^aAbiathar the priest, "^bBring the ephod here."

10 Then David said, "O LORD God of Israel, Thy servant has heard for certain that Saul is seeking to come to Keilah to destroy the city on my account."

11 "Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down just as Thy servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I pray, tell Thy servant." And the LORD said, "He will come down."

12 Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the LORD said, "They will surrender you."

13 Then David and his men, ^aabout six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went ^bwherever they could go. When it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah, he ¹gave up the pursuit.

14 And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of ^aZiph. And Saul sought him every day, but ^bGod did not deliver him into his hand.

15 [¶] Now David ¹became aware that Saul had come out to seek his life while David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh.

16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and ^{1a}encouraged him in God.

17 Thus he said to him, "^aDo not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father shall not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and ^bSaul my father knows that also."

18 So ^athe two of them made a covenant before the LORD; and David stayed at Horesh while Jonathan went to his house.

19 [¶] Then ^aZiphites came up to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with us in the strongholds at Horesh, on ^bthe

hill of Hachilah, which is on the ¹south of ²Jeshimon?"

20 "Now then, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to ¹do so; and ^aour part shall be to surrender him into the king's hand."

21 And Saul said, "May you be blessed of the LORD; ^afor you have had compassion on me."

22 "Go now, make more sure, and investigate and see his place where his ¹haunt is, and who has seen him there; for I am told that he is very cunning."

23 "So look, and learn about all the hiding places where he hides himself, and return to me with certainty, and I will go with you; and it shall come about if he is in the land that I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah."

24 [¶] Then they arose and went to Ziph before Saul. Now David and his men were in the wilderness of ^aMaon, in the Arabah to the ¹south of ²Jeshimon.

25 When Saul and his men went to seek him, they told David, and he came down to the rock and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard it, he pursued David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain; and David was hurrying to get away from Saul, for Saul and his men ^awere surrounding David and his men to seize them.

27 But a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid on the land."

28 So Saul returned from pursuing David, and went to meet the Philistines; therefore they called that place ¹the Rock of Escape.

29 ¹And David went up from there and stayed in the strongholds of ^aEngedi.

12 ^aJude.
15:10-13;
1 Sam. 23:20

13 ¹Lit.,
ceased going
out
1 Sam. 22:2;
25:13 ²2 Sam.
15:20

14 ^aJosh.
15:56; 2 Chr.
11:8 ^bPs. 32:7

15 ¹Lit., saw

16 ¹Lit.,
strengthened
his hand
1 Sam. 30:6,
Neh. 2:18

17 ^aPs. 27:1,
3:11 & 6, 16
54:17, Heb.
13:6 ^b1 Sam.
20:31, 24:20

18 ^a1 Sam.
18:3, 20:12-
17, 42,
2 Sam. 9:1,
21:7

19 ¹Lit.,
right side
2 Chr. the des-
ert
1 Sam. 28:1,
Ps. 54: title
1 Sam. 26:3

20 ¹Lit.,
came down
1 Sam. 23:12

21 ^a1 Sam.
22:8

22 ¹Lit., four

23 ¹Lit.,
right side
2 Chr. the des-
ert
Josh. 15:55,
1 Sam. 25:2

24 ^aPs. 17:9

25 ¹Heb.,
Sela-ham-
mahlebut

26 ¹Chr. 24:1
in Heb.
Josh. 15:62;
2 Chr. 20:2

CHAPTER 24

NOW it came about ^awhen Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, ^bhe was told, saying, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi."

2 Then ^aSaul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men in front of the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

3 And he came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there was a cave; and Saul ^awent in to ^brelieve himself. Now ^bDavid and his men were sitting in the inner recesses of the cave.

4 And the men of David said to him, "Behold, ^athis is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold; ^bI am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good ¹to you.' " Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe secretly.

5 And it came about afterward that ^aDavid's ¹conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's robe.

6 So he said to his men, "^aFar be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD's anointed."

7 And David ¹persuaded his men with *these* words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, ²left the cave, and went on *his* way.

8 ^c Now afterward David arose and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, ^aDavid bowed with his face to the ground and prostrated himself.

9 And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of men, saying, 'Behold, David seeks ¹to harm you'?"

10 "^aBehold, this day your eyes

1 ^a1 Sam 23:28, 29
^b1 Sam 23:19

2 ^a1 Sam 26:2

3 ¹Lat., cover his feet
^aJudg. 3:24
^bPs. 57: title, 142: title

4 ¹Lat., in your sight
^a1 Sam. 23:17, 25:28, 30
^b1 Sam 26:8, 11

5 ¹Lat., heart struck
^a2 Sam 24:10

6 ^a1 Sam 26:11

7 ¹Lat., tore apart ²Lat., from

8 ^a1 Sam 23:23, 24, 1 Kin 1:31

9 ¹Lat., your hurt

10 ^aPs. 7:3, 4
^b1 Sam 24:4

11 ¹Lat., transgression
^a2 Kin. 5:13
^b1 Sam. 23:14, 23, 26:20

12 ¹Lat., me and you
^aGen. 18:5, 31:53; Judg. 11:27; 1 Sam. 26:10, 23

13 ^aMatt. 7:16-20

14 ^a2 Sam 9:8
^b1 Sam 26:20

15 ¹Lat., me and you ²Lat., vindicate
^a1 Sam. 24:12
^bPs. 35:1, 43:1, 119:154; Mic. 7:9

16 ^a1 Sam. 26:17

17 ^a1 Sam. 26:21
^bMatt. 5:44

18 ^a1 Sam. 26:23

19 ¹Lat., on a good road
^a1 Sam. 23:17

have seen that the LORD had given you today into my hand in the cave, and ^bsome said to kill you but my eye had pity on you; and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.'

11 "Now, ^amy father, see! In deed, see the edge of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the edge of your robe and did not kill you, know and perceive that there is no evil or ¹rebellion in my hands, and I have not sinned against you, though you have been lying in wait for my life to take it.

12 "^aMay the LORD judge between ¹you and me, and may the LORD avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you.

13 "As the proverb of the ancients says, '^aOut of the wicked comes forth wickedness'; but my hand shall not be against you.

14 "After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom are you pursuing? ^aA dead dog, ^ba single flea?

15 "^aThe LORD therefore be judge and decide between ¹you and me; and may He see and ^bplead my cause, and ²deliver me from your hand."

16 ¶ Now it came about when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "^aIs this your voice, my son David?" Then Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

17 ^aAnd he said to David, "You are more righteous than I; for ^byou have dealt well with me while I have dealt wickedly with you.

18 "And you have declared today that you have done good to me, that ^athe LORD delivered me into your hand and yet you did not kill me.

19 "For if a man ^afinds his enemy, will he let him go away ¹safely? May the LORD therefore reward you with good in return

for what you have done to me this day.

20 "And now, behold, ^aI know that you shall surely be king, and that ^bthe kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21 "So now ^aswear to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my ¹descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's household."

22 And David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his home, but David and his men went up to ^athe stronghold.

CHAPTER 25

^aTHEN Samuel died; and all Israel gathered together and ^bmourned for him, and ^cburied him at his house in Ramah. And David arose and went down to the ^dwilderness of Paran.

2 ¶ Now there was a man in ^aMaon whose business was in ^bCarmel; and the man was very ¹rich, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And it came about while ^che was shearing his sheep in Carmel

3 (now the man's name was Nabal, and his ^awife's name was Abigail. And the woman was ¹intelligent and beautiful in appearance, but the man was harsh and evil in his dealings, and he was ^aCalebite).

4 that David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.

5 So David sent ten young men, and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, ¹visit Nabal and greet him in my name;

6 and thus you shall say, '¹Have a long life, ^apeace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.

7 'And now I have heard ^athat you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us and we have not insulted them, ^bnor have they missed anything all the days they were in Carmel.

²⁰⁻²¹ Sam. 23:17-18
²¹ 1 Sam. 13:14

²¹ 1 Lt. read
^a Gen. 21:23, 1 Sam. 20:14
^{17, 2} Sam. 21:6-8

²²⁻²³ 1 Sam. 23:29

¹⁻² 1 Sam. 28:3
²⁰⁻²⁹ Num. 20:29
²⁴⁻²⁵ 2 Kin. 21:18, 2 Chr. 33:20
^a Gen. 21:21, Num. 10:12, 13:3

² 1 Lt. read
^a 1 Sam. 23:24
^b Josh. 15:55
^c Gen. 38:13, 2 Sam. 13:23

³ 1 Lt. of good understanding
^a Prov. 31:10
^b Josh. 15:13, 1 Sam. 30:14

⁵ 1 Lt. go into

⁶ 1 Lt. To life
¹ Chr. 12:18, Ps. 122:7, Luke 10:5

⁷⁻²² 2 Sam. 13:23, 24
²¹ 1 Sam. 25:15, 21

⁸ 1 Lt. good
^a Neh. 8:10-12, Eccl. 9:19, 22

¹⁰ Judg. 9:28

¹¹ 1 Lt. from where they are
^a Judg. 8:6, 15

¹⁸⁻²¹ 1 Sam. 23:13-21
²¹ 1 Sam. 30:24

¹⁴ 1 Lt. bless
^a 1 Sam. 13:10, 15:13

¹⁸ 1 Lt. all the days
^a 1 Sam. 25:7, 21

¹⁶⁻²² Ex. 14:22, Job 1:10

¹⁷ 1 Lt. see 1 Lt. son of Nabal

8 'Ask your young men and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come on ^aa festive day. Please give whatever you find at hand to your servants and to your son David.' "

9 ¶ When David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in David's name; then they waited.

10 But Nabal answered David's servants, and said, "^aWho is David? And who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants today who are each breaking away from his master.

11 "Shall I then ^atake my bread and my water and my meat that I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men ¹whose origin I do not know?"

12 So David's young men retraced their way and went back; and they came and told him according to all these words.

13 And David said to his men, "Each of you gird on his sword." So each man girded on his sword. And David also girded on his sword, and about ^afour hundred men went up behind David while two hundred ^bstayed with the baggage.

14 ¶ But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Behold, David sent messengers from the wilderness to ¹greet our master, and he scorned them.

15 "Yet the men were very good to us, and we were not ^ainsulted, nor did we miss anything ¹as long as we went about with them, while we were in the fields.

16 "^aThey were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the time we were with them tending the sheep.

17 "Now therefore, know and ¹consider what you should do, for evil is plotted against our master and against all his household; and he is such a ²worthless

man that no one can speak to him."

18 ¶ Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves of bread and two jugs of wine and five sheep already prepared and five measures of roasted grain and a hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys.

19 And she said to her young men, "Go on before me; behold, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

20 And it came about as she was riding on her donkey and coming down by the hidden part of the mountain, that behold, David and his men were coming down toward her; so she met them.

21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have guarded all that this man has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; and he has returned me evil for good.

22 "May God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, if by morning I leave as much as one male of any who belong to him."

23 ¶ When Abigail saw David, she hurried and dismounted from her donkey, and fell on her face before David, and bowed herself to the ground.

24 And she fell at his feet and said, "On me alone, my lord, be the blame. And please let your maidservant speak to you, and listen to the words of your maidservant.

25 "Please do not let my lord pay attention to this worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

26 "Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, since the LORD has re-

18-22 Sam. 16:1; 1 Chr. 12:40

19 Gen. 32:16, 20

21 Ps. 109:5; Prov. 17:13

22 Lit., who urinates against the wall
21 Sam. 3:17, 20; 13; 1 Kin. 14:10

23 21 Sam. 20:41

24 Lit., even me
21 Lit., in your ears

25 Lit., set his heart to
21 Lit., man of Belial
21 e., Fool

26 Lit., coming in with blood
21 Lit., saving
21 Heb. 10:30
22 Sam. 18:32

27 Lit., blessing
21 Lit., walk at the feet of
21 Gen. 33:11; 1 Sam. 30:26

28 21 Sam. 25:24; 21 Sam. 22:14; 2 Sam. 7:11, 16
21 Sam. 18:17
21 Sam. 24:11; Ps. 7:3

29 Lit., soul
21 Lit., in the midst
21 Jer. 10:18

30 21 Sam. 13:14

31 Lit., become staggering to you or a stumbling of the heart
21 Lit., saved
21 Gen. 40:14; 1 Sam. 25:30

32 Ex. 18:10; 1 Kin. 1:48; Ps. 41:13; 72:18; 106:48; Luke 1:68

33 Lit., coming in with blood
21 Lit., saving
21 Sam. 25:26

34 Lit.,
21 Sam. 25:26

strained you from shedding blood, and from avenging yourself by your own hand, now then let your enemies, and those who seek evil against my lord, be as Nabal.

27 "And now let this gift which your maidservant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who accompany my lord.

28 "Please forgive the transgression of your maidservant; for the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the LORD, and evil shall not be found in you all your days.

29 "And should anyone rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the LORD your God; but the lives of your enemies He will sling out as from the hollow of a sling.

30 "And it shall come about when the LORD shall do for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and shall appoint you ruler over Israel.

31 that this will not cause grief or a troubled heart to my lord, both by having shed blood without cause and by my lord having avenged himself. When the LORD shall deal well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

32 ¶ Then David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me,

33 and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed, and from avenging myself by my own hand.

34 "Nevertheless, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from harming you, unless you had come quickly to meet me, surely there would not

have been left to Nabal until the morning light as much as one male."

35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and he said to her, "Go up to your house in peace. See, I have listened to you and granted your request."

36 Then Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so she did not tell him anything at all until the morning light.

37 But it came about in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him so that he became as a stone.

38 And about ten days later, it happened that the LORD struck Nabal, and he died.

39 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the LORD, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept back His servant from evil. The LORD has also returned the evildoing of Nabal on his own head." Then David sent a proposal to Abigail, to take her as his wife.

40 When the servants of David came to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, "David has sent us to you, to take you as his wife."

41 And she arose and bowed with her face to the ground and said, "Behold, your maidservant is a maid to wash the feet of my lord's servants."

42 Then Abigail quickly arose, and rode on a donkey, with her five maidens who attended her; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David had also taken

34 Lit., who urinates against the wall

35 Lit., your voice
Lit., lifted up your face
1 Sam. 20:42, 2 Kin 5:19
Gen 19:21

36 Lit., small or large
2 Sam 13:28
Prov 20:1, Is 5:11, Hos 4:11
1 Sam 25:19

38 1 Sam 26:10, 2 Sam 6:7, Ps 104:29

38 Lit., and spoke
1 Sam 24:15, Prov 22:23
1 Sam 25:28, 34
Song 8:8

41 1 Sam 25:23
Mark 1:7

42 Lit., walked at her feet
Gen 24:61
67

43 Josh. 15:56
1 Sam 27:3, 30:5

44 1 Sam 18:27, 2 Sam 3:14
Hs. 10:30

1 Or, the desert
1 Sam 23:19, Ps 54 title

2 1 Sam 13:2, 24:2

3 Or, the desert
1 Sam 24:3
1 Sam 23:15

5 1 Sam 14:50, 51:17
55

6 Gen. 23:3, 28:34; Josh. 3:10; 1 Kin. 10:29; 2 Kin. 7:6
1 Chr. 2:10
Judg. 7:10, 11

Ahinoam of Jezreel, and they both became his wives.

44 Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

CHAPTER 26

THEN the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is not David hiding on the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?"

2 So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having with him three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul camped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, beside the road, and David was staying in the wilderness. When he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness,

4 David sent out spies, and he knew that Saul was definitely coming.

5 David then arose and came to the place where Saul had camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army; and Saul was lying in the circle of the camp, and the people were camped around him.

6 Then David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you."

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people were lying around him.

8 Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand; now therefore, please let me strike

him with the spear ¹to the ground with one stroke, and I will not ²strike him the second time."

9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for ^awho can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be without guilt?"

10 David also said, "As the LORD lives, ^asurely the LORD will strike him, or ^bhis day will come that he dies, or ^che will go down into battle and perish.

11 ^aThe LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jug of water, and let us go."

12 So David took the spear and the jug of water from *beside* Saul's head, and they went away, but no one saw or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because ^aa sound sleep from the LORD had fallen on them.

13 ¶ Then David crossed over to the other side, and stood on top of the mountain at a distance with a large area between them.

14 And David called to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner answered and said, "Who are you who calls to the king?"

15 So David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came to destroy the king your lord.

16 "This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, *all* of you ¹must surely die, because you did not guard your lord, the LORD's anointed. And now, see where the king's spear is, and the jug of water that was at his head."

17 ¶ Then Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And

8 ¹Lit., even into
²Lit., repeat with respect to him

9 ^a1 Sam. 24:6, 7;
2 Sam. 1:14, 16

10 ^aDeut. 32:35, 1 Sam. 25:26, 38;
Rom. 12:19;
Heb. 10:30;
^bGen. 47:29;
Deut. 31:14;
Ps. 37:13;
^c1 Sam. 31:6

11 ^a1 Sam. 24:6, 12;
Rom. 12:17;
19:1 Pet. 3:9

12 ^aGen. 2:21; 15:12;
Is. 29:10

16 ¹Lit., are surely sons of death
^a1 Sam. 20:31

17 ^a1 Sam. 24:16

18 ^a1 Sam. 24:9, 11-14

19 ¹Lit., smell
²Lit., sons of men
^a2 Sam. 16:11
^bGen. 8:21
^c1 Sam. 24:9
^dJosh. 22:25-27

20 ^a1 Sam. 24:14

21 ^aEx. 8:27;
1 Sam. 15:24;
30:24:17

23 ^a1 Sam. 24:19; Ps. 7:8;
18:20; 62:12
^b1 Sam. 24:12

24 ^a1 Sam. 18:30
^bPs. 54:7

25 ^a1 Sam. 24:19
^b1 Sam. 24:22

David said, "It is my voice, my lord the king."

18 He also said, "Why then is my lord pursuing his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand?"

19 "Now therefore, please let my lord the king listen to the words of his servant. If ^athe LORD has stirred you up against me, ^blet Him ¹accept an offering; but ^cif it is ²men, cursed are they before the LORD, for ^dthey have driven me out today that I should have no attachment with the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'

20 "Now then, do not let my blood fall to the ground away from the presence of the LORD; for the king of Israel has come out to search for ^aa single flea, just as one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

21 ¶ Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will not harm you again because my life was precious in your sight this day. Behold, I have played the fool and have committed a serious error."

22 And David answered and said, "Behold the spear of the king! Now let one of the young men come over and take it.

23 "And ^athe LORD will repay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into my hand today, but ^bI refused to stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 "Now behold, as your life was ^ahighly valued in my sight this day, so may my life be highly valued in the sight of the LORD, and may He ^bdeliver me from all distress."

25 Then Saul said to David, "Blessed are you, my son David; you will both accomplish much and surely prevail." So ^bDavid went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAPTER 27

THEN David said ¹to himself, "Now I will perish one day by the hand of Saul. ²There is nothing better for me than ³to escape into the land of the Philistines. Saul then will despair of searching for me anymore in all the territory of Israel, and I will escape from his hand."

2 So David arose and crossed over, he and ⁴the six hundred men who were with him, to ⁵Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath.

3 And David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, ⁶each with his household, even David with ⁷his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's ⁸widow.

4 Now it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, so he no longer searched for him.

5 ⁹ Then David said to Achish, "If now I have found favor in your sight, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the country, that I may live there; for why should your servant live in the royal city with you?"

6 So Achish gave him Ziklag that day; therefore ¹⁰Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day.

7 And the number of days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was ¹¹a year and four months.

8 ¹² Now David and his men went up and raided ¹³the Geshurites and the Girzites and ¹⁴the Amalekites; for they were the inhabitants of the land from ancient times, as you come to ¹⁵Shur even as far as the land of Egypt.

9 And David ¹⁶attacked the land and did not leave a man or a woman alive, and he ¹⁷took away the sheep, the cattle, the donkeys, the camels, and the clothing. Then he returned and came to Achish.

10 Now Achish said, "Where

¹ Lit., in his heart
² Lit., that I should surely escape
³ 1 Sam. 26:19

⁴ 1 Sam. 25:13
⁵ 1 Sam. 21:10; 1 Kin. 2:39

⁶ Lit., wife
⁷ 1 Sam. 30:3
⁸ 2 Sam. 2:3
⁹ 1 Sam. 25:42, 43

¹⁰ Josh. 15:31, 19:5
Neh. 11:28

¹¹ 1 Sam. 29:3

¹² Josh. 13:2, 13:17
¹³ 8:1 Sam. 15:7, 8:1 Ex. 15:22

¹⁴ Lit., smole
¹⁵ 1 Sam. 15:3
Job 1:3

¹⁶ 11:1 e
South country
¹⁷ 1 Sam. 23:27
¹⁸ 1 Sam. 30:29; 1 Chr. 2:9, 25
Judg. 1:16, 4:11

¹⁹ 1 Sam. 29:1

²⁰ Lit., keeper of my head
²¹ 1 Sam. 1:22, 28

²² 1 Sam. 25:1
²³ 1 Sam. 7:17; Lev. 19:31; 20:27; Deut. 18:10; 1 Sam. 15:23

²⁴ Josh. 19:18; 1 Sam. 28:4, 1 Kin. 13, 2 Kin. 4:8
²⁵ 1 Sam. 31:1

²⁶ 1 Chr. 10:13, 14
²⁷ 1 Sam. 14:37; Prov. 1:24-31
²⁸ Num. 12:6; Joel 2:28
Ex. 28:30; Num. 27:21

have you ²⁹made a raid today?" And David said, "Against the ³⁰Negev of Judah and against the ³¹Negev of ³²the Jerahmeelites and against the ³³Negev of ³⁴the Kenites."

11 And David did not leave a man or a woman alive, to bring to Gath, saying, "Lest they should tell about us, saying, 'So has David done and so has been his practice all the time he has lived in the country of the Philistines.'"

12 So Achish believed David, saying, "He has surely made himself odious among his people Israel; therefore he will become my servant forever."

CHAPTER 28

NOW it came about in those days that ¹the Philistines gathered their armed camps for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, "Know assuredly that you will go out with me in the camp, you and your men."

2 And David said to Achish, "Very well, you shall know what your servant can do." So Achish said to David, "Very well, I will make you ²my bodyguard ³for life."

3 ⁴ Now ⁵Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him and buried him ⁶in Ramah his own city. And Saul had removed from the land those who ⁷were mediums and spiritists.

4 So the Philistines gathered together and came and camped ⁸in Shunem; and Saul gathered all Israel together and they camped in ⁹Gilboa.

5 When Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, he was afraid and his heart trembled greatly.

6 ¹⁰ When Saul inquired of the LORD, ¹¹the LORD did not answer him, either by ¹²dreams or by ¹³Urim or by prophets.

7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman

who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, ^athere is a woman who is a medium at ^bEn-dor."

8 ¶ Then Saul ^adisguised himself by putting on other clothes, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night; and he said, "^bConjure up for me, please, and ^cbring up for me whom I shall ^dname to you."

9 But the woman said to him, "Behold, you know ^awhat Saul has done, how he has cut off those who are mediums and spiritists from the land. Why are you then laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?"

10 And Saul vowed to her by the LORD, saying, "As the LORD lives, there shall no punishment come upon you for this thing."

11 Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me."

12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul."

13 And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid; but what do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a ^ddivine being coming up out of the earth."

14 And he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and ^ahe is wrapped with a robe." And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and ^bhe bowed with his face to the ground and did homage.

15 ¶ Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" And Saul answered, "I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and ^aGod has departed from me and ^banswers me no more, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called you, that

7 ^aActs 16:16 ^bJosh. 17:11, Ps. 83:10

8 ¹Lit., say ²Chr. 18:29, 35:22 ³Chr. 10:13, Is. 8:19 ⁴Deut. 18:10, 11

9 ^a1 Sam. 28:3

13 ¹Or, god

14 ^a1 Sam. 15:27 ^b1 Sam. 24:8

18 ^a1 Sam. 18:14, 18:12 ^b1 Sam. 28:6

17 ¹Lit., for himself ^a1 Sam. 15:28

18 ¹Lit., listen to the voice of ^a1 Sam. 15:20, 28:1 Kin. 20:42

19 ^a1 Sam. 31:2, Job 3:17-19

20 ¹Lit., bread

21 ¹Lit., listened to your voice ²Lit., pul ^aJudg. 12:3, 1 Sam. 19:5, Job 13:14

23 ¹Lit., their voices ^a1 Kin. 21:4 ²2 Kin. 5:13 ^cEzek. 1:6, Ezek. 23:41

24 ^aGen. 18:7, Luke 15:23, 27, 30

you may make known to me what I should do."

16 And Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has departed from you and has become your adversary?"

17 "And the LORD has done ^aaccordingly ^aas He spoke through me; for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David."

18 "As ^ayou did not ^bobey the LORD and did not execute His fierce wrath on Amalek, so the LORD has done this thing to you this day."

19 "Moreover the LORD will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; therefore tomorrow ^ayou and your sons will be with me. In deed the LORD will give over the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines!"

20 ¶ Then Saul immediately fell full length upon the ground and was very afraid because of the words of Samuel; also there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no ^dfood all day and all night.

21 And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was terrified, and said to him, "Behold, your maidservant has ^bobeyed you, and ^aI have ²taken my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me."

22 "So now also, please listen to the voice of your maidservant and let me set a piece of bread before you that you ^amay eat and have strength when you go on your way."

23 But he refused and said, "^awill not eat." ^bHowever, his servants together with the woman urged him, and he listened to ^dthem. So he arose from the ground and sat on ^cthe bed.

24 And the woman had a ^afat-tened calf in the house, and she quickly slaughtered it; and she

took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread from it. 25 And she brought it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they arose and went away that night.

CHAPTER 29

NOW the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek, while the Israelites were camping by the spring which is in Jezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines were proceeding on by hundreds and by thousands, and David and his men were proceeding on in the rear with Achish.

3 Then the commanders of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews doing here?" And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or rather these years, and I have found no fault in him from the day he deserted to me to this day?"

4 But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him, and the commanders of the Philistines said to him, "Make the man go back, that he may return to his place where you have assigned him, and do not let him go down to battle with us, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For with what could this man make himself acceptable to his lord? Would it not be with the heads of these men?"

5 "Is this not David, of whom they sing in the dances, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands?'"

6 Then Achish called David and said to him, "As the LORD lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army are pleasing in my sight; for I have not

found evil in you from the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, you are not pleasing in the sight of the lords.

7 "Now therefore return, and go in peace, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines."

8 And David said to Achish, "But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant from the day when I came before you to this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

9 But Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you are pleasing in my sight, like an angel of God; nevertheless the commanders of the Philistines have said, 'He must not go up with us to the battle.'"

10 "Now then arise early in the morning with the servants of your lord who have come with you, and as soon as you have arisen early in the morning and have light, depart."

11 So David arose early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

CHAPTER 30

THEN it happened when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid on the Negev and on Ziklag, and had overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire;

2 and they took captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great, without killing anyone, and carried them off and went their way.

3 And when David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted their

24 Gen. 18:6

1 Sam. 28:1
Josh. 12:18, 19:20
1 Sam. 4:1
1 Kin. 20:30
1 Kin. 21:1
2 Kin. 9:30

2 Sam. 28:1, 2

3 1 Sam. 27:7
1 Sam. 27:1
6 1 Chr. 12:19, 20
Dan. 6:5

4 1 Sam. 27:6
1 Sam. 14:21

8 1 Sam. 18:7, 21:11

6 2 Sam. 3:25, 2 Kin. 19:27
1 Sam. 27:8-12, 28:3

8 1 Sam. 27:10-12

9 2 Sam. 14:17, 20, 19:27
1 Sam. 28:4

10 1 Chr. 12:19, 22

1 1 Chr. South country
1 1 Sam. 28:4
11 1 Sam. 15:7, 27:8-10
1 Sam. 27:8, 8

2 1 Chr. they did not kill
1 Sam. 27:11

4 Num. 14:1

voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep.

5 Now ^aDavid's two wives had been taken captive. Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 Moreover David was greatly distressed because ^athe people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were ¹embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But ^bDavid strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

7 ¶ Then ^aDavid said to ^bAbiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Please bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David.

8 And ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, saying, "^bShall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?" And He said to him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them, ^cand you shall surely rescue all."

9 So David went, ^ahe and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those left behind remained.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men, for ^atwo hundred who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor, remained behind.

11 ¶ Now they found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David, and gave him bread and he ate, and they provided him water to drink.

12 And they gave him a piece of fig cake and two clusters of raisins, and he ate; ^athen his spirit ¹revived. For he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights.

13 And David said to him, "To whom do you belong? And where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man of Egypt, a servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind when I fell sick three days ago.

⁵ ¹Lit., wife
^a1 Sam. 25:42, 43;
2 Sam. 2:2

⁶ ¹Lit., bitter in soul
^aEx. 17:4;
John 8:59
^b1 Sam. 23:16, Ps. 18:2, 27:14, 31:24, 71:4, 5, Rom. 4:20

⁷ ^a1 Sam. 23:8, 9
^b1 Sam. 22:20-23

⁸ ^a1 Sam. 23:2, 4, Ps. 50:15, 91:15
^bEx. 15:9
^c1 Sam. 30:18

⁹ ^a1 Sam. 27:2

¹⁰ ^a1 Sam. 30:9, 21

¹² ¹Lit., returned to him
^aJudg. 15:19

¹⁴ ¹Lit., South country
^a1 Sam. 30:1, 16, 2 Sam. 8:18, 1 Kin. 1:38, 44; Ezek. 25:16; Zeph. 2:5
^bJosh. 14:13, 15:13, 21:12
^c1 Sam. 30:1

¹⁶ ¹Lit., left
²Lit., keeping a pilgrim-feast
^aLuke 12:19, 17:27
^b1 Sam. 30:14

¹⁷ ¹Lit., smote
²Lit., even until
³Lit., their
^a1 Sam. 11:11
^bJudg. 7:12;
1 Sam. 15:3

¹⁸ ¹Lit., David rescued
^aGen. 14:16

¹⁹ ^a1 Sam. 30:8

²⁰ ¹Lit., taken
²Lit., those livestock
^a1 Sam. 30:28-31

²¹ ^a1 Sam. 30:10

²² ¹Lit., me

14 "We made a raid on ^athe Negev of the Cherethites, and on that which belongs to Judah and on ^bthe Negev of Caleb, and ^cwe burned Ziklag with fire."

15 Then David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this band?" And he said, "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this band."

16 ¶ And when he had brought him down, behold, they were ¹spread over all the land ^aeating and drinking and ²dancing because of ^ball the great spoil that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.

17 And David ¹slaughtered them ^afrom the twilight ²until the evening of ³the next day; and not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on ^bcamels and fled.

18 So David ^arecovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and ¹rescued his two wives.

19 But nothing of theirs was missing, whether small or great sons or daughters, spoil or anything that they had taken for themselves; ^aDavid brought it all back.

20 So David had ¹captured all the sheep and the cattle which the people drove ahead of ²the other livestock, and they said "This is David's spoil."

21 ¶ When ^aDavid came to the two hundred men who were too exhausted to follow David, who had also been left at the brook Besor, and they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him, then David approached the people and greeted them.

22 Then all the wicked and worthless men among those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with ¹us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have re-

covered, except to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away and depart."

23 Then David said, "You must not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD has given us, who has kept us and delivered into our hand the band that came against us.

24 "And who will listen to you in this matter? For ^aas his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage; they shall share alike."

25 And so it has been from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

26 ¶ Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Behold, ^aa gift for you from the spoil of ^bthe enemies of the LORD:

27 to those who were in ^aBeth-el, and to those who were in ^bRamoth of the ¹Negev, and to those who were in ^cJattir,

28 and to those who were in ^aAroer, and to those who were in Siphmoth, and to those who were in ^bEshtemoa,

29 and to those who were in Racal, and to those who were in the cities of ^athe Jerahmeelites, and to those who were in the cities of ^bthe Kenites,

30 and to those who were in ^aHormah, and to those who were in ^bBor-ashan, and to those who were in Athach,

31 and to those who were in ^aHebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to ^bgo."

CHAPTER 31

^aNOW the Philistines were fighting against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell slain ^bon Mount Gilboa.

24 ^aNumb.
31:27; Josh.
22:8

26 ¹Lit.
blaming
^a1 Sam. 25:27
^b1 Sam.
18:17; 25:28

27 ¹Lit.
South coun-
try
^aGen. 12:8,
Josh. 7:2, 8:9,
16:1 ^bJosh.
19:8 ^cJosh.
15:48, 21:14

28 ^aJosh.
13:16, 1 Chr
11:44 ^bJosh.
15:50

29 ^a1 Sam.
27:10 ^bJudg.
1:16, 1 Sam.
15:6

30 ^aNumb.
14:45, 21:3,
Josh. 12:14,
15:30; 19:4,
Judg. 1:17
^bJosh. 15:42,
19:7

31 ^aNumb.
13:22, Josh.
14:13-15,
21:11, 13,
2 Sam. 2:1
^b1 Sam. 23:22

1 ^a1 Chr
10:1-12
^b1 Sam. 28:4

2 ¹Lit.
uncle
^a1 Chr. 8:33f

3 ¹Lit.
found
^a2 Sam. 1:6

4 ^aJudg.
9:54, 1 Chr
10:4 ^bJudg.
14:3, 1 Sam.
14:6, 17:26,
36 ^c2 Sam.
1:6, 10

8 ¹Lit.
morrow

8 ¹Lit., into
around
^a2 Sam. 1:20
^bJudg. 16:23,
24

10 ¹Lit.
house
^aJudg. 2:13,
1 Sam. 7:3
^b1 Sam.
31:12,
2 Sam. 21:12
^cJosh. 17:11

11 ¹Lit.
about here
where
^a1 Sam. 11:1,
13

12 ^a2 Sam.
2:4-7

2 And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons; and the Philistines ¹killed ^aJonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua the sons of Saul.

3 And ^athe battle went heavily against Saul, and the archers ¹hit him; and he was badly wounded by the archers.

4 ^aThen Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and pierce me through with it, lest ^bthese uncircumcised come and pierce me through and make sport of me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. ^cSo Saul took his sword and fell on it.

5 And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died with him.

6 Thus Saul died with his three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men on that day together.

7 ¶ And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, with those who were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the cities and fled; then the Philistines came and lived in them.

8 And it came about on the ¹next day when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his weapons, and sent them ¹throughout the land of the Philistines, ^ato carry the good news ^bto the house of their idols and to the people.

10 And they put his weapons in the ¹temple of ^aAshtaroath, and ^bthey fastened his body to the wall of ^cBeth-shan.

11 Now when ^athe inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard ¹what the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 ^aall the valiant men rose and walked all night, and took the

body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and they came to Jabesh, and ^bburned them there.

13 ¹² Chr. 16:14
13 ² Sam. 21:12-14
¹ Sam. 22:6
² Sam. 1:12

13 And they took their bones and ^aburied them under ^bthe tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and ^cfasted seven days.

THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

David Learns of Saul's Death

NOW it came about after ^athe death of Saul, when David had returned from ^bthe slaughter of the Amalekites, that David remained two days in Ziklag.

2 And it happened on the third day, that behold, ^aa man came out of the camp from Saul, ^bwith his clothes torn and ^cdust on his head. And it came about when he came to David that ^che fell to the ground and prostrated himself.

3 Then David said to him, "From where do you come?" And he said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel."

4 And David said to him, "How did things go? Please tell me." And he said, "The people have fled from the battle, and also many of the people have fallen and are dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."

5 So David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?"

6 And the young man who told him said, "By chance I happened to be on ^aMount Gilboa, and behold, ^bSaul was leaning on his spear. And behold, the chariots and the horsemen pursued him closely.

7 "And when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I said, 'Here I am.'

8 "And he said to me, 'Who are

1 ¹ Sam. 31:6
¹ Sam. 30:1, 17, 26

2 ¹ Lit., ground
² Sam. 4:10
¹ Sam. 4:12
¹ Sam. 25:23

4 ¹ Sam. 4:16

6 ¹ Sam. 28:4, 31:1-6
1 Chr. 10:4-10
¹ Sam. 31:2-4

8 ¹ Lit., said to
¹ Sam. 15:3, 30:1, 13, 17

9 ¹ Lit., whole life is still in me

10 ¹ Judg. 9:54
² Kin. 11:12

11 ¹ Gen. 37:29, 34;
Josh. 7:6;
2 Chr. 34:27;
Ezra 9:3

12 ² Sam. 3:35

13 ¹ Lit., said
² Sam. 1:8

14 ¹ Sam. 24:6, 26:9, 11, 16

15 ¹ Lit., fall upon him
² Sam. 4:10, 12

16 ¹ Sam. 26:9, 2 Sam. 3:28, 29;
1 Kin. 2:32
² Sam. 1:10;
Luke 19:22

you?' And I ¹answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'

9 "Then he said to me, 'Please stand beside me and kill me; for agony has seized me because my ¹life still lingers in me.'

10 "So I stood beside him ^aand killed him, because I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. And ^bI took the crown which was on his head and the bracelet which was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord."

11 ¶ Then ^aDavid took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so also did all the men who were with him.

12 And they mourned and wept and ^afasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan and for the people of the LORD and the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

13 And David said to the young man who told him, "Where are you from?" And he ¹answered, "I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite."

14 Then David said to him, "How is it you were not afraid ^ato stretch out your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?"

15 And David called one of the young men and said, "Go, ¹cut him down." ^aSo he struck him and he died.

16 And David said to him, "Your blood is on your head, for ^byour mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD's anointed.'"

17 ¶ Then David ^achanted with this lament over Saul and Jonathan his son.

18 and he told *them* to teach the sons of Judah *the song of the bow*; behold, it is written in ^athe book of Jashar.

19 "Your beauty, O Israel, is slain on your high places! ^aHow have the mighty fallen!

20 "Tell it not in Gath, Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; Lest ^bthe daughters of the Philistines rejoice, Lest the daughters of ^cthe uncircumcised exult.

21 "O mountains of Gilboa, ^bLet not dew or rain be on you, nor fields of offerings;

For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, The shield of Saul, not ^canointed with oil.

22 "From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty,

^bThe bow of Jonathan did not turn back, And the sword of Saul did not return empty.

23 "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant in their life,

And in their death they were not parted;

^aThey were swifter than eagles,

^bThey were stronger than lions.

24 "O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, Who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,

Who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

25 "How have the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan is slain on your high places.

26 "I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;

17 ^aChr. 25:25

18 ^aJosh. 10:13

19 ^aLit. The ^a2 Sam. 1:25, 27

20 ^a1 Sam. 31 8-13; Mic. 1:10 ^bLit. 15:20, 21, 1 Sam. 18:6 ^c1 Sam. 14:6

21 ^a1 Sam. 31 1 ^b2 Sam. 31 15 ^c1a 21:5

22 ^aDavid 32 42; 1a 34:6 ^b1 Sam. 18:4

23 ^aJer. 4:13 ^bJudg. 14:18

24 ^a2 Sam. 1:19, 27

25 ^a1 Sam. 18:1-4

27 ^a2 Sam. 1:19, 25 ^b1a 13:5

1 ^a1 Sam. 25:2, 4, 9-12 ^bJosh. 14:13, 1 Sam. 30:31

2 ^aLit. wife ^b1 Sam. 25:42, 43

3 ^a1 Sam. 30:9, 1 Chr. 12:1

4 ^a1 Sam. 16:13, 2 Sam. 5:3, 5 ^b1 Sam. 31:11-13

5 ^aLit. done ^b1 Sam. 23:21, Ps. 115:15

6 ^aLit. do ^bEx. 34:6, 2 Tim. 1:16

7 ^aLit. none of valor

8 ^aLit. man of shame; cf. 1 Chr. 8:33, Eshbani ^b1 Sam. 14:50 ^cGen. 32:2, 2 Sam. 17:24

You have been very pleasant to me.

^aYour love to me was more wonderful

Than the love of women.

27 "How have the mighty fallen,

And ^bthe weapons of war perished!"

CHAPTER 2

THEN it came about afterwards that ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah?" And the LORD said to him, "Go up." So David said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said, "^bTo Hebron."

2 So David went up there, and ^ahis two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite.

3 And ^aDavid brought up his men who were with him, each with his household; and they lived in the cities of Hebron.

4 Then the men of Judah came and there ^aanointed David king over the house of Judah.

¶ And they told David, saying, "It was ^bthe men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul."

5 And David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, "^aMay you be blessed of the LORD because you have ^bshown this kindness to Saul your lord, and have buried him.

6 "And now ^amay the LORD ^bshow lovingkindness and truth to you; and I also will ^bshow this goodness to you, because you have done this thing.

7 "Now therefore, let your hands be strong, and be ^bvaliant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

8 ¶ But ^aAbner the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken ^bIsh-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to ^bMahanaim.

9 And he made him king over ^aGilead, over the ^bAshurites, over ^cJezreel, over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, even over all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he became king over Israel, and he was king for two years. The house of Judah, however, followed David.

11 And ^athe ¹time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12 ¶ Now Abner the son of Ner, went out from Mahanaim to ^aGibeon with the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul.

13 And ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah and the servants of David went out and met ¹them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, ²one on the one side of the pool and ²the other on the other side of the pool.

14 Then Abner said to Joab, "Now let the young men arise and ¹hold a contest before us." And Joab said, "Let them arise."

15 So they arose and went over by count, twelve for Benjamin and Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And each one of them seized his ¹opponent by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his ²opponent's side; so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called ³Helkath-haz-zurim, which is in Gibeon.

17 And that day the battle was very severe, and ^aAbner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

18 ¶ Now ^athe three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab and Abishai and Asahel; and Asahel was ^bas ¹swift-footed as one of the gazelles which is in the field.

19 And Asahel pursued Abner and did not ¹turn to the right or to the left from following Abner.

⁹ Josh. 22:9 ^b Judg. 1:32 ^c 1 Sam. 29:1

¹¹ Lit., number of days
^{a2} Sam. 5:5

¹² Josh. 10:12; 18:25

¹³ Lit., them together
¹ Lit., these
^{a2} Sam. 8:16; 1 Chr. 2:16; 11:6

¹⁴ Lit., make sport
^{a2} Sam. 2:16; 17

¹⁶ Lit., fellow 2 Lit., fellow's 3 Lit., the field of sword-edges

¹⁷ ^{a2} Sam. 3:1

¹⁸ Lit., light in his feet
^{a1} Chr. 2:16
^{b1} Chr. 12:8; Hab. 3:19

¹⁹ Lit., turn to go to

²¹ Lit., Turn for yourself

²² Lit., aside for yourself
^{a2} Sam. 3:27

²³ ^{a2} Sam. 20:12

²⁶ Lit., not tell the people

²⁸ ^{a2} Sam. 3:1

Abner and Joab. Asahel Killed.

20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, "Is that you, Asahel?" And he answered, "It is I."

21 So Abner said to him, "¹Turn to your right or to your left, and take hold of one of the young men for yourself, and take for yourself his spoil." But Asahel was not willing to turn aside from following him.

22 And Abner repeated again to Asahel, "Turn ¹aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? ^aHow then could I lift up my face to your brother Joab?"

23 However, he refused to turn aside; therefore Abner struck him in the belly with the butt end of the spear, so that the spear came out at his back. And he fell there and died on the spot. And it came about that all who came to the place where ^aAsahel had fallen and died, stood still.

24 ¶ But Joab and Abishai pursued Abner, and when the sun was going down, they came to the hill of Ammah, which is in front of Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 And the sons of Benjamin gathered together behind Abner and became one band, and they stood on the top of a certain hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab and said, "Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the end? How long will you ¹refrain from telling the people to turn back from following their brothers?"

27 And Joab said, "As God lives, if you had not spoken, surely then the people would have gone away in the morning, each from following his brother."

28 So Joab blew the trumpet; and all the people halted and pursued Israel no longer, ^anor did they continue to fight anymore.

29 Abner and his men then went through the Arabah all that

night; so they crossed the Jordan, walked all morning, and came to ^aMahanaim.

30 ¶ Then Joab returned from following Abner; when he had gathered all the people together, ¹nineteen of David's servants besides Asahel were missing.

31 But the servants of David had struck down many of Benjamin and Abner's men, so that three hundred and sixty men died.

32 And they took up Asahel and buried him ^ain his father's tomb which was in Bethlehem. Then Joab and his men went all night until the day ¹dawned at Hebron.

CHAPTER 3

NOW ^athere was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; and David grew steadily stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker continually.

2 ¶ ^aSons were born to David at Hebron: his first-born was Amnon, by ^bAhinoam the Jezreelitess;

3 and his second, Chileab, by Abigail the ¹widow of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of ^aMaacah, the daughter of Talmi, king of ^bGe-shur;

4 and the fourth, ^aAdonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

5 and the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David at Hebron.

6 ¶ And it came about while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David that ^aAbner was making himself strong in the house of Saul.

7 Now Saul had a concubine whose name was ^aRizpah, the daughter of Aiah; and ¹Ish-bosheth said to Abner, "Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?"

29 ² Sam. 2:8

30 ¹ Lit., runaway men

32 ¹ Lit., lighted on them
Gen. 47:29, 30; Judg. 8:32

1 ¹ Kin. 14:30; Ps. 46:9

3 ¹ Chr. 3:1-3 ¹ Sam. 25:42, 43

3 ¹ Lit., wife
¹ Sam. 27:8, 1 Chr. 3:2
² Sam. 14:32; 15:8

4 ¹ Kin. 15

6 ² Sam. 2:8, 9

7 ¹ So some ancient mss. and versions, M.T., he
² Sam. 21:8-11

8 ¹ Sam. 24:14, 2 Sam. 9:8

9 ¹ Kin. 19:2 ¹ Sam. 15:28

10 ¹ Sam. 15:28 ¹ Sam. 3:20

13 ¹ Lit., saying ¹ Lit., my face
Gen. 43:3
¹ Sam. 18:20; 19:11

14 ¹ Sam. 18:25, 27

15 ¹ In 1 Sam. 25:44, Palti

16 ² Sam. 16:5; 18:16

17 ¹ Lit., a word
¹ Sam. 8:4

8 Then Abner was very angry over the words of Ish-bosheth and said, "Am I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show kindness to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hands of David; and yet today you charge me with a guilt concerning the woman.

9 "May God do so to Abner, and more also, if ^bas the LORD has sworn to David, I do not accomplish this for him.

10 ^ato transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to establish the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, ^bfrom Dan even to Beersheba."

11 And he could no longer answer Abner a word, because he was afraid of him.

12 ¶ Then Abner sent messengers to David in his place, saying, "Whose is the land? Make your covenant with me, and behold, my hand shall be with you to bring all Israel over to you."

13 And he said, "Good! I will make a covenant with you, but I demand one thing of you, ¹namely, ^ayou shall not see my face unless you ^bfirst bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see ²me."

14 So David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, to whom I was betrothed ^afor a hundred foreskins of the Philistines."

15 And Ish-bosheth sent and took her from her husband, from ¹Paltiel the son of Laish.

16 But her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her as far as ^aBahurim. Then Abner said to him, "Go, return." So he returned.

17 ¶ Now Abner had ¹consultation with ^athe elders of Israel, saying, "In times past you were seeking for David to be king over you.

18 "Now then, do it! For the LORD has spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of My servant David I will save My people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and from the hand of all their enemies.' "

19 And Abner also spoke in the hearing of Benjamin; and in addition Abner went to speak in the hearing of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and to the whole house of Benjamin.

20 ¶ Then Abner and twenty men with him came to David at Hebron. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him.

21 And Abner said to David, "Let me arise and go, and gather all Israel to my lord the king that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may be king over all that your soul desires." So David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And behold, the servants of David and Joab came from a raid and brought much spoil with them; but Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the army that was with him arrived, they told Joab, saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace."

24 Then Joab came to the king and said, "What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you; why then have you sent him away and he is already gone?"

25 "You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you and to learn of your going out and coming in, and to find out all that you are doing."

26 ¶ When Joab came out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah; but David did not know it.

18 ¹So many ancient mss. and versions: M.T., he
*1 Sam. 9:16; 15:28

19 *1 Sam 10:20, 21; 1 Chr 12:29

21 *2 Sam 3:10, 12
*1 Kin 11:37

22 *1 Sam 27:8

23 *Deut. 28:6; 1 Sam. 29:6, 1s. 37:28

27 *2 Sam. 2:23, 20:9, 10; 1 Kin 2:5

29 ¹Lit., whirl
*Deut. 21:6-9; 1 Kin. 2:31-33
*Lev. 13:46

30 *2 Sam. 2:23

31 *Gen. 37:34; Judg. 11:35

32 *Job 31:28, 29; Prov. 24:17

33 *2 Sam. 1:17; 2 Chr. 35:25

34 ¹Lit., sons of wickedness

35 ¹Lit., cause
*2 Sam. 12:17
*1 Sam. 3:17
*2 Sam. 1:12

27 So when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the middle of the gate to speak with him privately, and there he struck him in the belly so that he died on account of the blood of Asahel his brother.

28 And afterward when David heard it, he said, "I and my kingdom are innocent before the LORD forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner.

29 "May it fall on the head of Joab and on all his father's house; and may there not fail from the house of Joab one who has a discharge, or who is a leper, or who takes hold of a distaff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread."

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner because he had put their brother Asahel to death in the battle at Gibeon.

31 ¶ Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, "Tear your clothes and gird on sackcloth and lament before Abner." And King David walked behind the bier.

32 Thus they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.

33 And the king chanted a lament for Abner and said,

"Should Abner die as a fool dies?"

34 "Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put in fetters;

As one falls before the wicked, you have fallen."

And all the people wept again over him.

35 Then all the people came to persuade David to eat bread while it was still day; but David vowed, saying, "May God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else before the sun goes down."

36 Now all the people took note of it, and it ¹pleased them, just as everything the king did ²pleased all the people.

37 So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been *the will* of the king to put Abner the son of Ner to death.

38 Then the king said to his servants, "Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?"

39 "And I am ^aweak today, though anointed king; and these men ^bthe sons of Zeruah are too difficult for me. 'May the LORD repay the evildoer according to his evil.'"

CHAPTER 4

NOW when ¹Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that ^aAbner had died in Hebron, ^{2b}he lost courage, and all Israel was disturbed.

2 And Saul's son had two men who were commanders of bands: the name of the one was Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin (for ^aBeeroth is also considered ^bpart of Benjamin).

3 and the Beerothites fled to ^aGittaim, and have been aliens there until this day).

4 ¹ Now ^aJonathan, Saul's son, had a son crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the ^breport of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and became lame. And his name was ^{1c}Mephibosheth.

5 ¹ So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, departed and came to the house of ^aIsh-bosheth in the heat of the day while he was taking his mid-day rest.

6 ¹ And they came to the middle of the house as ²if to get wheat, and ^athey struck him in

³⁶ ¹Lit., was good in their eyes ²Lit., was good in the eyes of all

³⁷ ¹Chr. 29:1, 2 Chr. 13:7 ²Sam. 19:5-7 ¹Kin. 2:32-34

¹ So some ancient mss. M T, he ²Lit., his hands dropped ²Sam. 3:27 ¹Sam. 4:4

² Josh. 9:17 ¹Josh. 18:25

³ Neh. 11:33

⁴ ¹e. Merib-baal ²Sam. 9:3, 6 ¹Sam. 31:1 ⁴ ¹Chr. 8:34, 9:40

⁵ ²Sam. 2:8

⁶ ¹Lit., And here ¹Lit., stalks of wheat ²Sam. 2:23

⁷ ¹Lit., went ²Sam. 2:29

⁸ ¹Lit., seed ¹Sam. 24:4, 25:28

⁹ ¹Gen. 48:16, 1 Kin. 1:29, Ps. 31:7

¹⁰ ¹Lit., he was as a bearer of good news in his own eyes ²Sam. 1:2, 4:15

¹¹ ¹Lit., burn ¹Gen. 9:5, Ps. 9:12

¹² ²Sam. 1:15 ²Sam. 3:32

¹ ¹Lit., said, saying ¹Chr. 11:1-3 ²Sam. 19:13

² ¹Sam. 18:3, 13, 16 ¹Gen. 48:24, 2 Sam. 7:7

the belly; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 Now when they came into the house, as he was lying on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and killed him and beheaded him. And they took his head and ^{1a}traveled by way of the Arabah all night.

8 Then they brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron, and said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth, ^athe son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; thus the LORD has given my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and his ¹descendants."

9 ¹ And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "As the LORD lives, ^awho has redeemed my life from all distress,

10 ^awhen one told me, saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and ¹I thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him in Zikiag, which was the reward I gave him for his news.

11 "How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now ^arequire his blood from your hand, and ¹destroy you from the earth?"

12 Then ^aDavid commanded the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet, and hung them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth ^band buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

CHAPTER 5

^a **T**HEN all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and ¹said, "Behold, we are ^byour bone and your flesh.

2 "Previously, when Saul was king over us, ^ayou were the one who led Israel out and in. And the LORD said to you, ^bYou will

shepherd My people Israel, and you will be ^aa ruler over Israel.' "

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David ^amade a covenant with them before the LORD at Hebron; then ^bthey anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was ^athirty years old when he became king, and ^bhe reigned forty years.

5 At Hebron ^ahe reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 ¶ ^aNow the king and his men went to ^bJerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, and they said to ¹David, "You shall not come in here, but the blind and lame shall turn you away"; ²thinking, "David cannot enter here."

7 Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, that is ^athe city of David.

8 And David said on that day, "Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him reach the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul, through the water tunnel." Therefore they say, "The blind or the lame shall not come into the house."

9 So David lived in the stronghold, and called it ^athe city of David. And David built all around from the ^bMillo and inward.

10 And ^aDavid became greater and greater, for the LORD God of hosts was with him.

11 ¶ ^aThen Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees and carpenters and stonemasons; and ^bthey built a house for David.

12 And David realized that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

13 ¶ Meanwhile ^aDavid took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came

3 ^{c1} Sam. 25:30

3 ^{a2} Sam. 3:21 ^{b1} Sam. 16:13, 2 Sam. 2:4

4 ^a Gen. 41:46, Num. 4:3, Luke 3:23 ^{b1} Kin. 2:11, 1 Chr. 26:31

5 ^{a2} Sam. 2:11, 1 Chr. 3:4, 29:27

6 ¹ Lit., David, saying ² Lit., saying ^{a1} Chr. 11:4-9 ^b Josh. 15:63, 18:28, Judg. 1:21

7 ^{a2} Sam. 6:12, 18, 1 Kin. 2:10, 9:24

8 ¹ I.e., citadel ^{a2} Sam. 5:7 ^{b1} Kin. 9:15, 24

10 ^{a2} Sam. 3:1

11 ^{a1} Kin. 5:1, 10:18, 1 Chr. 14:1 ^b Ps. 30:little

13 ^a Deut. 17:17, 1 Chr. 3:9

14 ^{a1} Chr. 3:5-8

17 ^{a1} Sam. 29:1 ^{a2} Sam. 23:14, 1 Chr. 11:18

18 ^a Gen. 14:5, Josh. 15:8, 17:15, 18:18

19 ^{a1} Sam. 23:2 ^{a2} Sam. 2:1

20 ¹ Lit., David smote ² I.e., the master of breakthrough ^{a1} Chr. 14:11, Is. 28:21

21 ^{a1} Chr. 14:12

22 ^{a2} Sam. 5:18

23 ¹ Or, baka-shrubs ^{a2} Sam. 5:19

24 ¹ Or, baka-shrubs ^{a2} Kin. 7:6 ^b Judg. 4:14

from Hebron; and more sons and daughters were born to David.

14 Now ^athese are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

15 Ibhaz, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,

16 Elishama, Eliada and Eliph-elet.

17 ¶ When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, ^aall the Philistines went up to seek out David; and when David heard of it, he went down to the ^bstronghold.

18 Now the Philistines came and spread themselves out in ^athe valley of Rephaim.

19 Then ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Wilt Thou give them into my hand?" And ^bthe LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand."

20 So David came to ^aBaal-perazim, and ¹defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like the breakthrough of waters." Therefore he named that place ²Baal-perazim.

21 And they abandoned their idols there, so ^aDavid and his men carried them away.

22 ¶ Now ^athe Philistines came up once again and spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when ^aDavid inquired of the LORD, He said, "You shall not go *directly* up; circle around behind them and come at them in front of the ¹balsam trees.

24 "And it shall be, when ^ayou hear the sound of marching in the tops of the ¹balsam trees, then you shall act promptly, for then ^bthe LORD will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

25 Then David did so, just as the LORD had commanded him,

and struck down the Philistines from ^{1a}Geba ^{2a}as far as ^bGezer.

CHAPTER 6

NOW David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to ^{1a}Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the ^bName, the very name of the LORD of hosts who is ^{2a}enthroned above the cherubim.

3 And they ^{1a}placed the ark of God on ^aa new cart that they might bring it from the house of Abinadab which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were leading the new cart.

4 So ^athey brought it with the ark of God from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Ahio was walking ahead of the ark.

5 Meanwhile, David and all the house of Israel ^awere celebrating before the LORD ^bwith all kinds of instruments made of ^{1a}fir wood, and with lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets and cymbals.

6 ^aBut when they came to the ^athreshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah ^bbreached out toward the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen nearly upset it.

7 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and ^aGod struck him down there for ^{1a}his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God.

8 And David became angry because ^{1a}of the LORD's outburst against Uzzah, and that place is called ^{2a}Perez-uzzah to this day.

9 So ^aDavid was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?"

10 And David was unwilling to move the ark of the LORD into the city of David with him; but David

28 ^{1a}In
1 Chr. 14. 16.
Gibson ^{2a}Lit.
until you are
coming to
1a. 28. 21
Josh. 12. 12.
21. 21

1 ^{1a}Chr
13. 5-14

2 ^{1a}Chr. Kur
with-jerusalem
1a. 15. 9.
10. 1. Sam
7. 1. 1a. 22
24. 16. 1a. 22

3 ^{1a}Lit.
caused to
ride
Num. 7. 4. 9.
1. Sam. 6. 7

4 ^{1a}Chr
7. 1. 1. Chr
13. 7

5 ^{1a}Chr. cy-
prus
1. Sam. 18. 6.
7. 1. 1. Chr. 13. 8

6 ^{1a}Chr
13. 9. Num.
4. 15. 19. 20

7 ^{1a}Lit. the
1. Sam. 6. 19

8 ^{1a}Lit. the
LORD broke
through a
breakthrough
1a. the
breakthrough
of Uzzah

9 ^{1a}Ps
119. 120. Luke
5. 8

10 ^{1a}Chr
26. 4-8

11 ^{1a}Gen.
30. 27. 39. 5

12 ^{1a}Chr
15. 25-16. 3
1. Kin. 8. 1

13 ^{1a}Num.
4. 15. Josh.
3. 3. 1. Chr
15. 2. 15
1. Kin. 8. 5

14 ^{1a}Lit.
grinded with
Ex. 15. 20.
21. Judg.
11. 34. Ex.
19. 6. 1. Sam.
2. 18. 28

15 ^{1a}Chr
3. 14

16 ^{1a}Chr
15. 1. 2. Chr
1. 4. 1. Kin.
8. 62-65

17 ^{1a}Chr
8. 14. 15

took it aside to the house of ^aObed-edom the Gittite.

11 Thus the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD ^ablessed Obed-edom and all his household.

12 ^aNow it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, on account of the ark of God." ^aAnd David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into ^bthe city of David with gladness.

13 And so it was, that when the ^abearers of the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ^box and a fatling.

14 And ^aDavid was dancing before the LORD with all his might, and David was ^{1a}wearing a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouting and the sound of the trumpet.

16 Then it happened as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David that ^aMichal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17 So they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it ^ain its place inside the tent which David had pitched for it; and ^bDavid offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18 And when David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offering, ^ahe blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19 Further, he distributed to all the people, to all the multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a cake of bread and one of dates and one of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed each to his house.

20 ^aBut when David returned to bless his household, Michal

the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, "How the king of Israel distinguished himself today! ^aHe uncovered himself today in the eyes of his servants' maids as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers himself!"

21 So David said to Michal, "^aIt was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will celebrate before the LORD.

22 "And I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished."

23 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

CHAPTER 7

^a **N**OW it came about when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,

2 that the king said to ^aNathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in ^ba house of cedar, but the ark of God ^cdwells within tent curtains."

3 And Nathan said to the king, "^aGo, do all that is in your mind, for the LORD is with you."

4 But it came about in the same night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,

5 "Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD, "^aAre you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?

6 "For ^aI have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about ^bin a tent, even in a ^ctabernacle.

7 "^aWherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, ^bwhich I commanded to

20 ^a2 Sam. 6:14, 16; Eccl. 7:17 ^bJudg. 9:4

21 ^a1 Sam. 13:14, 15:28

1 ^a1 Chr. 17:1-27

2 ^a2 Sam. 7:17, 12:1

1 Kin. 1:22; 1 Chr. 29:29

2 Chr. 9:29

2 Sam. 5:11

Ex. 26:1

3 ^a1 Kin. 8:17, 18; 1 Chr. 22:7

5 ^a1 Kin. 5:3, 4; 8:19

8 ^aLit., dwelling place

^aJosh. 18:1; 1 Kin. 8:16

^bEx. 40:18, 34

7 ^aLev. 26:11, 12

2 Sam. 5:2

8 ^a1 Sam. 16:11, 12; Ps. 78:70, 71

2 Sam. 6:21

9 ^a1 Sam. 5:10 ^bPs. 18:37-42

10 ^aLit., sons of wickedness

^aEx. 15:17; Is. 5:2, 7 ^bPs. 89:22, 23; Is. 60:18

11 ^aJudg. 2:14-16; 1 Sam. 12:9

11 ^a2 Sam. 7:1 ^c1 Sam. 25:28, 2 Sam. 7:27

12 ^aLit., seed ^bLit., your bowels

^a1 Kin. 2:1

^bDeut. 31:16; Acts 13:36

^c1 Kin. 8:20; Ps. 132:11

13 ^a1 Kin. 6:12, 8:19 ^bIs. 9:7, 49:8

14 ^aPs. 89:26, 27; 2 Cor. 8:18; Heb. 1:5

^b1 Kin. 11:34; Ps. 89:30-33

15 ^a1 Sam. 15:23; 16:14

16 ^aSo with Gr. and some ancient mss.; M.T., you

^a2 Sam. 7:13; Ps. 89:36, 37

shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' " "

8 "Now therefore, thus you shall say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "^aI took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, ^bthat you should be ruler over My people Israel.

9 "And ^aI have been with you wherever you have gone and ^bhave cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a great name, like the names of the great men who are on the earth.

10 "I will also appoint a place for My people Israel and ^awill plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, ^bnor will the ^cwicked afflict them any more as formerly.

11 even ^afrom the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and ^bI will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also declares to you that ^cthe LORD will make a house for you.

12 "^aWhen your days are complete and you ^blie down with your fathers, ^cI will raise up your ^ddescendant after you, who will come forth from ^eyou, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 "^aHe shall build a house for My name, and ^bI will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

14 "^aI will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; ^bwhen he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, ^aas I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

16 "And ^ayour house and your kingdom shall endure before ^bMe forever; your throne shall be established forever." " "

17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

18 ¶ Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD, and he said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that Thou hast brought me this far?"

19 "And yet this was insignificant in Thine eyes, O Lord God, for Thou hast spoken also of the house of Thy servant concerning the distant future. And this is the custom of man, O Lord God.

20 "And again what more can David say to Thee? For Thou knowest Thy servant, O Lord God!

21 "For the sake of Thy word, and according to Thine own heart, Thou hast done all this greatness to let Thy servant know.

22 "For this reason Thou art great, O Lord God; for there is none like Thee, and there is no God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 "And what one nation on the earth is like Thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people and to make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for Thee and awesome things for Thy land, before Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed for Thyself from Egypt, from nations and their gods?

24 "For Thou hast established for Thyself Thy people Israel as Thine own people forever, and Thou, O LORD, hast become their God.

25 "Now therefore, O LORD God, the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant and his house, confirm it forever, and do as Thou hast spoken,

26 that Thy name may be magnified forever, by saying, 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel'; and may the house of Thy

servant David be established before Thee.

27 "For Thou, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, hast made a revelation to Thy servant, saying, 'I will build you a house'; therefore Thy servant has found courage to pray this prayer to Thee.

28 "And now, O Lord God, Thou art God, and Thy words are truth, and Thou hast promised this good thing to Thy servant.

29 "Now therefore, may it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may continue forever before Thee. For Thou, O Lord God, hast spoken; and with Thy blessing may the house of Thy servant be blessed forever."

CHAPTER 8

NOW after this it came about that David defeated the Philistines and subdued them; and David took control of the chief city from the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he defeated Moab, and measured them with the line, making them lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.

3 ¶ Then David defeated Hadadezer, the son of Rehob king of Zobah, as he went to restore his rule at the River.

4 And David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers; and David hamstringed the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for 100 chariots.

5 And when the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobah, David killed 22,000 Arameans.

6 Then David put garrisons among the Arameans of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to David, bringing

18 Heb. YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch.

*Ex. 3. 11.

1 Sam. 18. 18

19 *Or, low

*2 Sam. 7. 11.

16. 1 Chr

17. 17 *He

55. 8. 9

20 *1 Sam.

16. 7. John

21. 17

21 *1 Chr

17. 19. Eph.

4. 32

22 *Deut

3. 24. Ps. 48. 1.

88. 10 *Ex

15. 11. 1 Sam

22. *Ex. 102.

Ps. 44. 1

23 *Deut

4. 32. 38

*Deut. 10. 21

*Deut. 15. 15

*Deut. 9. 26

24 *Deut

32. 6 *Gen

17. 7. & Ex

6. 7

25 *Ps.

72. 18. 19.

Matth. 6. 9

27 *Lxx, un-

covered the

ear of *Lxx.

his heart

*2 Sam. 7. 13

28 *Or, spu-

rit

*Ex. 34. 6.

John. 17. 17

29 *Num

6. 24. 26

1 *Lxx.

made *Lxx.

the bridle of

the mother

cub

*1 Chr. 18

2 *Lxx.

made

*Num. 24. 17

*1 Sam. 22. 3.

4. 2 Sam. 8. 6.

1 Km. 4. 21

*2 Km. 3. 4.

17. 3

3 *Lxx.

made *Lxx.

hand *He.

Euphrates

*1 Sam.

14. 47. 2 Sam.

10. 16. 19

*2 Sam.

10. 13. 19

4 *Job.

11. 6. 9

5 *Lxx.

made

*1 Km. 11. 23.

25

6 *2 Sam.

8. 2

tribute. And ^bthe LORD helped David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold which were ¹carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from ¹Betah and from ^aBerothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a very large amount of bronze.

9 ^c Now when Toi king of ^aHamath heard that David had ¹defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

10 Toi sent ¹Joram his son to King David to ²greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and ³defeated him; for Hadadezer ⁴had been at war with Toi. And ⁵Joram brought with him articles of silver, of gold and of bronze.

11 King David also ^adedicated these to the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued:

12 from ¹Aram and ^aMoab and ^bthe sons of Ammon and ^cthe Philistines and ^dAmalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

13 ¶ So ^aDavid made a name for himself when he returned from ¹killing 18,000 ²Arameans in ^bthe Valley of Salt.

14 And he put garrisons in Edom. In all Edom he put garrisons, and ^aall the Edomites became servants to David. And ^bthe LORD helped David wherever he went.

15 ¶ So David reigned over all Israel; and David ¹administered justice and righteousness for all his people.

16 And ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and ^bJehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was ^crecorder.

17 And ^aZadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were ^bpriests, and Seraiah was ^csecretary.

6 ² Sam. 3:18

7 ¹ Lit., on

8 ¹ In

1 Chr 18:8, 19:1

^a Ezek 47:18

9 ¹ Lit.,

smitten

^a 1 Kin 8:65,

2 Chr 8:4

10 ¹ In

1 Chr 18:10,

Hadoram

² Lit., ask him

of his welfare

³ Lit., smitten

⁴ Lit., was a

man of wars

⁵ Lit., there

were in his

hand

11 ^a 1 Kin

7:51

12 ¹ Some

mas read

Edom

^a 2 Sam 8:2

^b 2 Sam 10:14

^c 2 Sam 5:17,

25 ^a 1 Sam.

27:8, 30:17-20

13 ¹ Lit.,

smiling

² Some mas

read Edom

^a 2 Sam 7:9

^b 2 Kin 14:7

14 ^a Gen

27:37-40;

Num 24:17,

18 ^b 2 Sam

8:6

15 ¹ Lit., was

doing

16 ^a 1 Chr

11:6 ^b 1 Kin

4:3 ^c 2 Kin

18:18, 37

17 ^a 1 Chr

6:4-8 ^b 1 Chr

16:39, 40

^c 2 Kin 18:18

18 ¹ Lit., and

the Chereth-

ites ² Lit.,

priests

^a 1 Kin 4:4

^b 1 Sam.

30:14;

2 Sam 15:18;

20:7, 23;

1 Kin 1:38,

44 ^c 1 Chr

18:17

1 ¹ Lit., he

who is

^a 1 Sam.

20:14-17, 42

2 ^a 2 Sam.

16:1-4; 19:17,

29

3 ^a 1 Sam.

20:14 ^b 2 Sam.

4:4

4 ^a 2 Sam.

17:27-29

6 ^a 2 Sam.

16:4; 19:24-30

^b 1 Sam. 25:23

18 And ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada ¹was over the ^bCherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were ^{2c}chief ministers.

CHAPTER 9

THEN David said, "Is there yet ¹anyone left of the house of Saul, ^athat I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David; and the king said to him, "Are you ^aZiba?" And he said, "I am your servant."

3 And the king said, "Is there not yet anyone of the house of Saul to whom I may show the ^akindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "^bThere is still a son of Jonathan who is crippled in both feet."

4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is ^ain the house of Machir the son of Ammiel in Lo-debar."

5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar.

6 And ^aMephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, came to David and ^bfell on his face and prostrated himself. And David said, "Mephibosheth." And he said, "Here is your servant!"

7 And David said to him, "Do not fear, for ^aI will surely show kindness to you for the sake of your father Jonathan, and ^bwill restore to you all the ¹land of your ²grandfather Saul; and ^cyou shall ³eat at my table regularly."

8 Again he prostrated himself and said, "What is your servant, that you should regard ^aa dead dog like me?"

9 ¶ Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba, and said to him,

7 ¹ Lit., field ² Lit., father ³ Lit., eat bread ^a 2 Sam 9:1,

3 ^b 2 Sam 12:8 ^c 2 Sam 19:28; 1 Kin 2:7; 2 Kin 25:29

8 ^a 2 Sam 16:9; 24:14

"All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's ¹grandson.

10 "And you and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in the produce so that your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless ^aMephibosheth your master's grandson ^bshall eat at my table regularly." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According ^ato all that my lord the king commands his servant so your servant will do." So Mephibosheth ate at ¹David's table as one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica. And all who lived in the house of Ziba were servants to Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for ^ahe ate at the king's table regularly. Now ^bhe was lame in both feet.

CHAPTER 10

^aNOW it happened afterwards that ^bthe king of the Ammonites died, and Hanun his son became king in his place.

2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of ^aNahash, just as his father showed kindness to me." So David sent ¹some of his servants to console him concerning his father. But when David's servants came to the land of the Ammonites,

3 the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, "Do you think that David is honoring your father because he has sent consolors to you? ^aHas David not sent his servants to you in order to search the city, to spy it out and overthrow it?"

4 So Hanun took David's servants and ^ashaved off half of their beards, and ^bcut off their

⁹ ¹Lt., son
² ²Sam. 16:4;
19:29

¹⁰ ¹Lt., eat
bread
² ²Sam. 9:7,
11, 13
² ²Sam.
19:28,
1 Kin. 2:7

¹¹ ¹Lt., my
² ²Sam. 16:1,
4, 19:24-30

¹³ ² ²Sam.
9:7, 11
² ²Sam. 9:3

¹ ¹ ¹Chr.
19:1-19
² ²Sam. 11:1

² ¹Lt., by
the hand of
² ²Sam. 11:1

³ ¹Lt., in
your eyes is
David honoring
ing
² ²Sam. 42:9, 16

⁴ ² ²Ma. 15:2,
Jer. 41:5 ²Ma.
20:4

⁸ ¹Lt., Re-
turn to

⁸ ² ²Gen.
34:30; 1 Sam.
27:12 ² ²Sam.
8:3, 5, 2 Kin.
7:6 ² ²Judg.
18:28 ² ²Sam.
8:3 ² ²Deut.
3:14

⁸ ¹Lt.,
gate
² ²Chr. 19:9
² ²Judg. 11:3, 5

⁹ ¹Lt., the
fates of the
battle were
against

¹² ² ²Deut.
31:6; Josh.
1:6; 1 Cor.
16:13 ² ²Sam.
3:18

¹³ ² ²1 Kin.
20:13-21

garments in the middle as far as their hips, and sent them away.

5 When they told it to David, he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, "Stay at Jericho until your beards grow, and then return."

6 ¶ Now when the sons of Ammon saw that ^athey had become odious to David, the sons of Ammon sent and ^bhired the Arameans of ^cBeth-rehob and the ^dArameans of Zobah, 20,000 foot soldiers, and the king of ^aMaacah with 1,000 men, and the men of Tob with 12,000 men.

7 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men.

8 And the sons of Ammon came out and drew up in battle array ^aat the entrance of the ¹city, while the Arameans of Zobah and of Rehob and the men of ^bTob and Maacah were by themselves in the field.

9 ¶ Now when Joab saw that ¹the battle was set against him in front and in the rear, he selected from all the choice men of Israel, and arrayed them against the Arameans.

10 But the remainder of the people he placed in the hand of Abishai his brother, and he arrayed them against the sons of Ammon.

11 And he said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you shall help me, but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come to help you.

12 "Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and ^bmay the LORD do what is good in His sight."

13 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Arameans, and ^athey fled before him.

14 When the sons of Ammon saw that the Arameans fled, they

also fled before Abishai and entered the city. ^aThen Joab returned from *fighting* against the sons of Ammon and came to Jerusalem.

15 ¶ When the Arameans saw that they had been ¹defeated by Israel, they gathered themselves together.

16 ^aAnd Hadadezer sent and brought out the Arameans who were beyond the ¹River, and they came to Helam; and ^bShobach the commander of the army of Hadadezer ²led them.

17 Now when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together and crossed the Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Arameans arrayed themselves to meet David and fought against him.

18 But the Arameans fled before Israel, and David killed ^a700 charioteers of the Arameans and 40,000 horsemen and struck down Shobach the commander of their army, and he died there.

19 When all the kings, servants of Hadadezer, saw that they were ¹defeated by Israel, ^athey made peace with Israel and served them. So the Arameans feared to help the sons of Ammon anymore.

CHAPTER 11

^a**T**HEN it happened ^{1b}in the spring, at the time when kings go out to *battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and ^cbesieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.

2 ¶ Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on ^athe roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance.

3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not ^aBathsheba, the

Bathsheba, David's Great Sin.

daughter of Eliam, the wife of ^bUriah the Hittite?"

4 And David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, ^ahe lay with her; ^band when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house.

5 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "^aI am pregnant."

6 ¶ Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 When Uriah came to him, ^aDavid asked concerning the welfare of Joab and ¹the people and the state of the war.

8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and ^awash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and a present from the king ¹was sent out after him.

9 But Uriah slept ^aat the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

10 Now when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

11 And Uriah said to David, "^aThe ark and Israel and Judah are staying in ¹temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and ^bthe servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing."

12 Then David said to Uriah, "^aStay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the ¹next.

13 Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he ^amade him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his

14 ^{a2} Sam. 11:1

15 ¹ Lit., smitten before

16 ¹ e., Ephraim ² Lit., before ^{a2} Sam. 8:3-8 ^{b1} Chr. 19:16

18 ^{a1} Chr. 19:18

19 ¹ Lit., smitten before ^{a2} Sam. 8:6

1 ¹ Lit., at the return of the year ^{a1} Chr. 20:1 ^{a2} Sam. 10:14; 1 Kin. 20:22, 26 ^{a2} Sam. 12:26-29; Jer. 49:2, 3; Amos 1:14

2 ^a Deut. 22:8; 1 Sam. 9:25; Matt. 24:17; Acts 10:9

3 ^{a1} Chr. 3:5 ^{a2} Sam. 23:39

4 ^a Ps. 51:1; James 1:14, 15 ^b Lev. 12:2-5; 15:18-28; 18:19

5 ^a Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22

7 ¹ Lit., welfare of ^a Gen. 37:14; 1 Sam. 17:22

8 ¹ Lit., went out ^a Gen. 43:24; Luke 7:44

9 ^{a1} Kin. 14:27, 28

11 ¹ Or, booths ^{a2} Sam. 7:2, 6 ^{b2} Sam. 20:6

12 ¹ Lit., tomorrow ^a Job 20:12-14

13 ^a Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35

bed ^bwith his lord's servants, but he did not go down to his house.

14 ¶ Now it came about in the morning that David ^awrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 And ^ahe had written in the letter, saying, "Place Uriah in the front line of the ²fiercest battle and withdraw from him, ^bso that he may be struck down and die."

16 So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there were valiant men.

17 And the men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and ^aUriah the Hittite also died.

18 Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war.

19 And he charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king,

20 and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, 'Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?'

21 'Who ^astruck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?'—then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.' "

22 ¶ So the messenger departed and came and reported to David all that Joab had sent him to tell.

23 And the messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us and came out against us in the field, but we ¹pressed them as far as the entrance of the gate.

24 "Moreover, the archers shot at your servants from the wall;

12 ² Sam. 11:9

14 ¹ Kun. 21:8-10

18 ¹ Lit. Give ² Lit. strong ^a Eccl. 8:11. Jer. 17:9 ² 2 Sam. 12:9

17 ² Sam. 11:21

21 ^a Jude. 9:50-54

23 ¹ Lit. were upon

25 ¹ Lit. be evil in your sight

26 ^a Gen. 50:10. Deut. 34:8. 1 Sam. 31:13

27 ¹ Lit. gathered ² 2 Sam. 12:9 ^a Ps. 51:4, 5

1 ¹ Lit. said to him ² 2 Sam. 7:2. 4. 17 ^a Ps. 51: title

3 ¹ Lit. mural ² 2 Sam. 11:3

4 ¹ Lit. spared

so some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead."

25 Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'Do not let this thing ¹displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it'; and so encourage him."

26 ¶ Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, ^ashe mourned for her husband.

27 When the time of mourning was over, David sent and ¹brought her to his house and ^ashe became his wife; then she bore him a son. But ^bthe thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.

CHAPTER 12

THEN the LORD sent ^aNathan to David. And ^bhe came to him, and ¹said,

"There were two women in one city, the one rich and the other poor.

2 "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds.

3 "But the poor man had nothing except ^aone little ewe lamb

Which he bought and nourished;

And it grew up together with him and his children.

It would eat of his ¹bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom.

And was like a daughter to him.

4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man,

And he ¹was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd,

To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him;

Rather he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

5 Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this ^{1a}deserves to die.

6 "And he must make restitution for the lamb ^afourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion."

7 "Nathan then said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ^bIt is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul.

8 "I also gave you ^ayour master's house and your master's wives into your ¹care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if *that had been* too little, I would have added to you many more things like these!

9 "Why ^ahave you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? ^bYou have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, ^chave taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.

10 "Now therefore, ^athe sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."

11 "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; ^aI will even take your wives before your eyes, and give *them* to your companion, and he shall lie with your wives in ¹broad daylight.

12 "Indeed ^ayou did it secretly, but ^bI will do this thing before all Israel, and ¹under the sun."

13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has ^{1b}taken away your sin; you shall not die.

⁸ ¹Lit., it is a son of death
^a1 Sam. 26:16

⁶ ^aEx. 22:1; Luke 19:8

⁷ ^a1 Kin. 20:42 ^b1 Sam. 16:13

⁸ ¹Lit., house
^a2 Sam. 9:7

⁹ ^a1 Sam. 15:23, 26
^b2 Sam. 11:14-17
^c2 Sam. 11:27

¹⁰ ^a2 Sam. 13:28, 18:14, 1 Kin. 2:25

¹¹ ¹Lit., the sight of this sun
^aDeut. 28:30; 2 Sam. 16:21, 22

¹² ¹Lit., before
^a2 Sam. 11:4
^b2 Sam. 16:22

¹³ ¹Lit., caused your sin to pass away
^a1 Sam. 15:24, 30; 2 Sam. 24:10; Luke 18:13
^bLev. 20:10; 24:17; Prov. 28:13; Mic. 7:18

¹⁴ ^aIs. 52:5; Rom. 2:24

¹⁵ ¹Lit., wife

¹⁶ ^aNeh. 1:4
^b2 Sam. 13:31

¹⁷ ^aGen. 24:2

²⁰ ^aRuth 3:3; Matt. 6:17 ^bPs. 95:8-9; 103:1; 8-17; Prov. 3:7

²¹ ¹Lit., On account of

²² ^aIs. 38:1; 3 ^bJon. 3:9

14 "However, because by this deed you have ^agiven occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die."

15 So Nathan went to his house.

¶ Then the LORD struck the child that Uriah's ¹widow bore to David, so that he was very sick.

16 David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David ^afasted and went and ^blay all night on the ground.

17 And ^athe elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them.

18 Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was *still* alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he might do *himself* harm!"

19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

20 So David arose from the ground, ^awashed, anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and ^bworshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

21 Then his servants said to him, "What is this thing that you have done? ¹While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food."

22 And he said, "While the child was *still* alive, ^aI fasted and wept; for I said, ^bWho knows,

the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.'

23 "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? ^aI shall go to him, but ^bhe will not return to me."

24 ¶ Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her; and she gave birth to a son, and ¹he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him

25 and sent word through Nathan the prophet, and he named him ¹Jedidiah for the LORD's sake.

26 ¶ ^aNow Joab fought against ^bRabbah of the sons of Ammon, and captured the royal city.

27 And Joab sent messengers to David and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, I have even captured the city of waters.

28 "Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together and camp against the city and capture it, lest I capture the city myself and it be named after me."

29 So David gathered all the people and went to Rabbah, fought against it, and captured it.

30 Then ^ahe took the crown of ¹their king from his head; and its weight was a talent of gold, and in it ²was a precious stone; and it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city in great amounts.

31 He also brought out the people who were in it, and ^aset them under saws, sharp iron instruments, and iron axes, and made them pass through the brickkiln. And thus he did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 13

NOW it was after this that ^aAbsalom the son of David had a beautiful sister whose

name was ^bTamar, and ^cAmnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so frustrated because of his sister Tamar that he made himself ill, for she was a virgin, and it seemed ¹hard to Amnon to do anything to her.

3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab, the son of ¹aShimeah, David's brother; and Jonadab was a very shrewd man.

4 And he said to him, "O son of the king, why are you so depressed morning after morning? Will you not tell me?" Then Amnon said to him, "I am in love with Tamar, the sister of my brother Absalom."

5 Jonadab then said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill; when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me some food to eat, and let her prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat from her hand.'"

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and ^amake me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

7 ¶ Then David sent to the house for Tamar, saying, "Go now to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him."

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, and he was lying down. And she took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.

9 And she took the pan and ¹dished them out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "^aHave everyone go out from me." So everyone went out from him.

10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the ¹bedroom, that I may eat from your

23 ^aGen. 37:35 ^bJob 7:8-10

24 ¹Some mss. read she ^a1 Chr 22:9; Matt. 1:6

28 ¹e. beloved of the Lord

28 ^a1 Chr 20:1-3 ^bDeut 3:11

28 ¹Or, Mal cum; c f Zeph. 1:5

²Or, were precious stones ^a1 Chr 20:2

31 ^a1 Chr 20:3; Heb 11:37

1-2 Sam 3:2, 3; 1 Chr 3:2 ^a1 Chr 3:9-2 Sam 3:2

3 ¹Lit. hard in Amnon's eyes

3 ¹In 1 Sam. 16:9, Shammah, in 1 Chr 2:13, Shuman ^a1 Sam 16:9

8 ^aGen. 18:6

9 ¹Lit. poured ^aGen. 45:1

10 ¹Or, inner room

hand." So Tamar took the cakes which she had made and brought them into the bedroom to her brother Amnon.

11 When she brought *them* to him to eat, he ^atook hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

12 But she answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for ^asuch a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this ^bdisgraceful thing!

13 "As for me, where could I ¹get rid of my reproach? And as for you, you will be like one of the ²fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for ^ahe will not withhold me from you."

14 However, he would not listen to ¹her; since he was stronger than she, he ^aviolated her and lay with her.

15 ¶ Then Amnon hated her with a very great hatred; for the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up, go away!"

16 But she said to him, "No, because this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you have done to me!" Yet he would not listen to her.

17 Then he called his young man who attended him and said, "Now throw this woman out of my *presence*, and lock the door behind her."

18 Now she had on ^aa ¹long-sleeved garment; for in this manner the virgin daughters of the king dressed themselves in robes. Then his attendant took her out and locked the door behind her.

19 And ^aTamar put ¹ashes on her head, and ^btore her ²long-sleeved garment which was on her; and ^cshe put her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went.

20 ¶ Then Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon

11 ^aGen. 39:12

12 ^aLev. 20:17 ^bJudg. 19:23; 20:6

13 ¹Lit., *cause to go*
²Or, *disgraceful ones*
^aGen. 20:12

14 ¹Lit., *her voice*
^aLev. 18:9, Deut. 22:25, 27:22; 2 Sam. 12:11

18 ¹Lit., *a varicolored tunic*
^aGen. 37:3, 23

19 ¹Or, *duet*
²Lit., *varicolored tunic*
^a1 Sam. 4:12; Ezech. 4:1
^bGen. 37:29; 2 Sam. 1:11
^cJer. 2:37

22 ^aGen. 31:24 ^bLev. 19:17; 1 John 2:9, 11, 3:10, 12, 15

23 ^a1 Sam. 25:7

25 ¹Lit., *broke through*

26 ^a2 Sam. 3:27; 11:13-15

27 ¹Lit., *broke through*

28 ¹Lit., *sons of valor*
^aJudg. 19:6, 9, 22; 1 Sam. 25:36-38

29 ^a2 Sam. 18:9; 1 Kin. 1:33, 38

your brother been with you? But now keep silent, my sister, he is your brother; do not take this matter to heart." So Tamar remained and was desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

21 Now when King David heard of all these matters, he was very angry.

22 But Absalom did not speak to Amnon ^aeither good or bad; for ^bAbsalom hated Amnon because he had violated his sister Tamar.

23 ¶ Now it came about after two full years that Absalom ^ahad sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 And Absalom came to the king and said, "Behold now, your servant has sheepshearers; please let the king and his servants go with your servant."

25 But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, we should not all go, lest we be burdensome to you." Although he ¹urged him, he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then ^aAbsalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"

27 But when Absalom ¹urged him, he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 ¶ And Absalom commanded his servants, saying, "See now, ^awhen Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then put him to death. Do not fear; have not I myself commanded you? Be courageous and be ¹valiant."

29 And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose and each mounted ^ahis mule and fled.

30 ¶ Now it was while they were on the way that the report came to David, saying, "Absa-

lom has struck down all the king's sons, and not one of them is left."

31 Then the king arose, ^atore his clothes and ^blay on the ground; and all his servants were standing by with clothes torn.

32 And ^aJonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, ¹responded, "Do not let my lord ²suppose they have put to death all the young men, the king's sons, for Amnon alone is dead; because by the ³intent of Absalom this has been determined since the day that he violated his sister Tamar.

33 "Now therefore, do not let my lord the king ^atake the report to ¹heart, namely, ¹'all the king's sons are dead,' for only Amnon is dead."

34 ¶ Now ^aAbsalom had fled. And ^bthe young man who was the watchman raised his eyes and looked, and behold, many people were coming from the road behind him by the side of the mountain.

35 And Jonadab said to the king, "Behold, the king's sons have come; according to your servant's word, so it happened."

36 And it came about as soon as he had finished speaking, that behold, the king's sons came and lifted their voices and wept; and also the king and all his servants wept ¹very bitterly.

37 ¶ Now ^aAbsalom fled and went to ^bTalmai the son of Ammihud, the king of ^cGeshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

38 ^aSo Absalom had fled and gone to Geshur, and was there three years.

39 And the heart of King David longed to go out to Absalom; for ^ahe was comforted concerning Amnon, since he was dead.

CHAPTER 14

NOW Joab the son of Zeruah perceived that ^athe king's

heart was inclined toward Absalom.

2 So Joab sent to ^aTekoa and ¹brought a wise woman from there and said to her, "Please pretend to be a mourner, and put on mourning garments now, and do not ^banoint yourself with oil, but like a woman who has been mourning for the dead many days;

3 then go to the king and speak to him in this manner." So Joab put ^athe words in her mouth.

4 ¶ Now when the woman of Tekoa ¹spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and ^aprostrated herself and said, "^bHelp, O king."

5 And the king said to her, "What is your trouble?" And she ¹answered, "Truly I am a widow, for my husband is dead.

6 "And your maidservant had two sons, but the two of them struggled together in the field, and there was no ¹one to separate them, so one struck the other and killed him.

7 "Now behold, ^athe whole family has risen against your maidservant, and they say, 'Hand over the one who struck his brother, that we may put him to death for the life of his brother whom he killed, ^band destroy the heir also.' Thus they will extinguish my coal which is left, so as to ¹leave my husband neither name nor remnant on the face of the earth."

8 ¶ Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you."

9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "O my lord, the king, ^athe iniquity is on me and my father's house, but ^bthe king and his throne are guiltless."

10 So the king said, "Whoever speaks to you, bring him to me, and he will not touch you any more."

31 ^a2 Sam. 1:11 ^a2 Sam. 12:16

32 ¹1 Lit., answered and said ²1 Lit., say ³1 Lit., mouth ^a2 Sam. 13:3-5

33 ¹1 Lit., his heart ^a2 Sam. 19:19

34 ^a2 Sam. 13:37, 38 ^a2 Sam. 18:24

36 ¹1 Lit., with a very great weeping

37 ^a2 Sam. 13:34 ^a2 Sam. 13:34 ^a2 Sam. 14:23, 32

38 ^a2 Sam. 13:34

39 ^a2 Sam. 12:19-23

1 ^a2 Sam. 13:39

2 ¹1 Lit., look ^a2 Sam. 23:26; 2 Chr. 11:6; Amos 1:1 ^a2 Sam. 12:20

3 ^a2 Sam. 14:19

4 ¹1 Many mss. and ancient versions read came ^a1 Sam. 25:23 ^a2 Kin. 6:28-28

5 ¹1 Lit., said

6 ¹1 Lit., deliverer between

7 ¹1 Lit., not ^aNum. 35:19; Deut. 19:12, 13 ^a1 Sam. 21:30

9 ^aGen. 43:9; 1 Sam. 25:24 ^a1 Kin. 2:33

11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember the LORD your God, ^aso that the avenger of blood may not continue to destroy, lest they destroy my son." And he said, "^bAs the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

12 ¶ Then the woman said, "Please let your maidservant speak a word to my lord the king." And he said, "Speak."

13 And the woman said, "^aWhy then have you planned such a thing against the people of God? For in speaking this word the king is as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring back ^bhis banished one."

14 "For ^awe shall surely die and are ^blike water spilled on the ground which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away life, but plans ¹ways so that ^cthe banished one may not be cast out from him."

15 "Now ¹the reason I have come to speak this word to my lord the king is because the people have made me afraid; so your maidservant said, 'Let me now speak to the king, perhaps the king will perform the ²request of his maidservant.'

16 'For the king will hear ¹and deliver his maidservant from the ²hand of the man who would destroy ³both me and my son from ^athe inheritance of God.'

17 "Then your maidservant said, 'Please let the word of my lord the king be ¹comforting, for as ^athe angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and evil. And may the LORD your God be with you.' "

18 ¶ Then the king answered and said to the woman, "Please do not hide anything from me that I am about to ask you." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king please speak."

19 So the king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?" And the woman answered

11 ^aNum. 35:19, 21; Deut. 19:4-10
^b1 Sam. 14:45; 1 Kin. 1:32; Matt. 10:30

13 ^a2 Sam. 12:7, 1 Kin. 20:40-42
^b2 Sam. 13:37, 38

14 ¹Lit., de-
vices
^aJob 30:23;
34:15; Heb.
9:27 ^bPs. 58:7
^cNum. 35:15,
25, 28

15 ¹Lit., that
²Lit., word

16 ¹Lit., to
²Lit., palm
³Lit., together
^aDeut. 32:9;
1 Sam. 26:19

17 ¹Lit., for
rest
^a1 Sam. 29:9;
2 Sam. 14:20,
19:27

19 ^a2 Sam. 14:3

20 ^a2 Sam. 14:17, 19:27

21 ^a2 Sam. 14:11

22 ¹Lit.,
word

23 ^aDeut. 3:14; 2 Sam. 13:37, 38

24 ^a2 Sam. 13:20

25 ^aDeut. 28:35; Job 2:7; Is. 1:6

26 ^aEzek. 44:20

27 ^a2 Sam. 18:18 ^b2 Sam. 13:1

28 ^a2 Sam. 14:24

and said, "As your soul lives, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken. Indeed, it was ^ayour servant Joab who commanded me, and it was he who put all these words in the mouth of your maidservant;

20 in order to change the appearance of things your servant Joab has done this thing. But my lord is wise, ^alike the wisdom of the angel of God, to know all that is in the earth."

21 ¶ Then the king said to Joab, "Behold now, ^aI will surely do this thing; go therefore, bring back the young man Absalom."

22 And Joab fell on his face to the ground, prostrated himself and blessed the king; then Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, O my lord, the king, in that the king has performed the ¹request of his servant."

23 So Joab arose and went to ^aGeshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 However the king said, "Let him turn to ^ahis own house, and let him not see my face." So Absalom turned to his own house and did not see the king's face.

25 ¶ Now in all Israel was no one as handsome as Absalom, so highly praised; ^afrom the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no defect in him.

26 And when he ^acut the hair of his head (and it was at the end of every year that he cut it, for it was heavy on him so he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head at 200 shekels by the king's weight.

27 And ^ato Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter whose name was ^bTamar; she was a woman of beautiful appearance.

28 ¶ Now Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, ^aand did not see the king's face.

29 Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. So he sent again a second time, but he would not come.

30 Therefore he said to his servants, "See, ^aJoab's ¹field is next to mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the ¹field on fire.

31 Then Joab arose, came to Absalom at his house and said to him, "Why have your servants set my ¹field on fire?"

32 And Absalom answered Joab, "Behold, I sent for you, saying, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, to say, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me still to be there." ' Now therefore, let me see the king's face; ^aand if there is iniquity in me, let him put me to death."

33 So when Joab came to the king and told him, he called for Absalom. Thus he came to the king and prostrated himself on his face to the ground before the king, and ^athe king kissed Absalom.

CHAPTER 15

NOW it came about after this that ^aAbsalom provided for himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men as runners before him.

2 And Absalom used to rise early and ^astand beside the way to the gate; and it happened that when any man had a suit to come to the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And he would say, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel."

3 Then Absalom would say to him, "See, ^ayour ¹claims are good and right, but no man listens to you on the part of the king."

4 Moreover, Absalom would say, "^aOh that one would ap-

²⁸ ¹Lit. por-
tion
^aJudg. 15:3-5

³¹ ¹Lit. por-
tion

³² ¹Lit. send
to
^a1 Sam 20:8,
Prov 28:13

³³ ^aGen.
23:4, Luke
15:20

¹ ^a1 Kin.
1:5

³ ^aRuth
4:1, 2 Sam
19:8

³ ¹Lit.
words
^aProv 12:2

⁴ ^aJudg.
9:28

⁸ ^a2 Sam.
14:33, 20:9

⁸ ^aRom.
16:18

⁷ ¹Some
ancient ver-
sions render
four
^a2 Sam 3:2, 3

⁸ ^a2 Sam.
13:37, 38
^aGen. 28:20,
21

¹⁰ ^a1 Kin.
1:34, 2 Kin.
9:13

¹¹ ¹Lit. in
their integrity
^a1 Sam 9:13
^a1 Sam. 22:15

¹² ^a2 Sam.
15:31 ^aJosh.
15:51 ^aPs. 3:1

¹³ ¹Lit. of-
fer
^aJudg. 9:3,
2 Sam. 15:6

¹⁴ ^a2 Sam.
12:11; Ps.
3:7

point me judge in the land, then every man who has any suit or cause could come to me, and I would give him justice."

5 And it happened that when a man came near to prostrate himself before him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and ^akiss him.

6 And in this manner Absalom dealt with all Israel who came to the king for judgment; ^aso Absalom stole away the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 ¶ Now it came about at the end of ¹forty years that Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed to the LORD, in ^aHebron.

8 "For your servant ^avowed a vow while I was living at Geshur in Aram, saying, '^bIf the LORD shall indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.' "

9 And the king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.

10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, '^aAbsalom is king in Hebron.' "

11 Then two hundred men went with Absalom from Jerusalem, ^awho were invited and ^bwent ¹innocently, and they did not know anything.

12 And Absalom sent for ^aAhithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city ^bGiloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for ^cthe people increased continually with Absalom.

13 ¶ Then a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are ¹with Absalom."

14 And David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "^aArise and let us flee, for otherwise none of us shall escape from Absalom. Go

in haste, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down calamity on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

15 Then the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king chooses."

16 So the king went out and all his household ¹with him. But ^athe king left ten concubines to keep the house.

17 And the king went out and all the people ¹with him, and they stopped at the last house.

18 Now all his servants passed on beside him, ^aall the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, ^bsix hundred men who had come ¹with him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 ¶ Then the king said to ^aIttai the Gittite, "Why will you also go with us? Return and remain with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile; return to your own place.

20 "You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander with us, while ^aI go where I will? Return and take back your brothers; ^bmercy and ¹truth be with you."

21 But Ittai answered the king and said, "As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely ^awherever my lord the king may be, whether for death or for life, there also your servant will be."

22 Therefore David said to Ittai, "Go and pass over." So Ittai the Gittite passed over with all his men and all the little ones who were with him.

23 While all the country was weeping with a loud voice, all the people passed over. The king also passed over ^athe brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward ^bthe way of the wilderness.

24 ¶ Now behold, ^aZadok also came, and all the Levites with him ^bcarrying the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down

16 ¹Lit., at his feet
^a2 Sam. 16:21, 22

17 ¹Lit., at his feet

18 ¹Lit., at his feet
^a2 Sam. 8:18
^b1 Sam. 23:13, 25:13, 30:1, 9

19 ^a2 Sam. 18:2

20 ¹Or, faithfulness
^a1 Sam. 23:13
^b2 Sam. 2:6

21 ^aRuth 1:16, 17; Prov. 17:17

23 ^a1 Kin. 15:13, 2 Chr. 29:16
^b2 Sam. 15:28, 16:2

24 ^a2 Sam. 8:17, 20:25
^bNum. 4:15;
1 Sam. 4:4, 5
^c1 Sam. 22:20

25 ^aPs. 43:3
^bEx. 15:13;
Jer. 25:30

26 ¹Lit., in his sight
^a2 Sam. 11:27; 1 Chr. 21:7
^b1 Sam. 3:18

27 ^a1 Sam. 9:6-9
^b2 Sam. 17:17

28 ^aJosh. 5:10, 2 Sam. 17:16

30 ^aEzek. 6:12; Ezek. 24:17, 23
^bIsa. 20:2-4

31 ^a2 Sam. 15:12
^b2 Sam. 16:23; 17:14, 23

32 ¹Or, tunic
^aLit., ground
^bJosh. 18:2

33 ^a2 Sam. 19:35

34 ^a2 Sam. 18:19

the ark of God, and ^aAbiathar came up until all the people had finished passing from the city.

25 And the king said to Zadok, "Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the LORD, then ^aHe will bring me back again, and show me both it and ^bHis habitation.

26 "But if He should say thus, ^aI have no delight in you, behold, here I am, ^blet Him do to me as seems good ¹to Him."

27 The king said also to Zadok the priest, "Are you not ^aa seer? Return to the city in peace and your ^btwo sons with you, your son Ahimaaz and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

28 "See, I am going to wait ^aat the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me."

29 Therefore Zadok and Abiathar returned the ark of God to Jerusalem and remained there.

30 ¶ And David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went, and ^ahis head was covered and he walked ^bbarefoot. Then all the people who were with him each covered his head and went up weeping as they went.

31 Now someone told David, saying, "^aAhithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, I pray, ^bmake the counsel of Ahithophel foolishness."

32 It happened as David was coming to the summit, where God was worshiped, that behold, Hushai the ^aArchite met him with his ¹coat torn, and ²dust on his head.

33 And David said to him, "If you pass over with me, then you will be ^aa burden to me.

34 "But if you return to the city, and ^asay to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant in time past, so I will now be your

servant,' then you can thwart the counsel of Ahithophel for me.

35 "And are not Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? So it shall be that ^awhatever you hear from the king's house, you shall report to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 "Behold ^atheir two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son and Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and ^bby them you shall send me everything that you hear."

37 So Hushai, ^aDavid's friend, came into the city, and ^bAbsalom came into Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 16

NOW when David had passed ^aa little beyond the summit, behold, ^bZiba the servant of Mephibosheth met him ^cwith a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them were two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred clusters of raisins, a hundred summer fruits, and a jug of wine.

2 And the king said to Ziba, "Why do you have these?" And Ziba said, "^aThe donkeys are for the king's household to ride, and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine, ^bfor whoever is faint in the wilderness to drink."

3 Then the king said, "And where is ^ayour master's son?" And ^bZiba said to the king, "Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.'"

4 So the king said to Ziba, "Behold, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And Ziba said, "I prostrate myself; let me find favor in your sight, O my lord, the king!"

5 ¶ When King David came to ^aBahurim, behold, there came out from there a man of the family of the house of Saul ^bwhose

name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out ^ccursing continually as he came.

6 And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were at his right hand and at his left.

7 And thus Shimei said when he cursed, "Get out, get out, ^ayou man of bloodshed, and worthless fellow!"

8 "^aThe LORD has returned upon you all ^bthe bloodshed of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. And behold, you are *taken* in your own evil, for you are a man of bloodshed!"

9 ¶ Then ^aAbishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should ^bthis dead dog ^ccurse my lord the king? Let me go over now, and ^dcut off his head."

10 But the king said, "^aWhat have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah? ^bIf he curses, and if the LORD has told him, 'Curse David,' ^cthen who shall say, 'Why have you done so?'"

11 Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, ^amy son who came out from ^bme seeks my life; how much more now this Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, ^bfor the LORD has told him.

12 "Perhaps the LORD will look on my affliction and ^areturn good to me instead of his cursing this day."

13 So David and his men went on the way; and Shimei went along on the hillside parallel with him and as he went he cursed, and cast stones and threw dust at him.

14 And the king and all the people who were with him arrived weary and he refreshed himself there.

26 ^a2 Sam.
17:15, 16

26 ^a2 Sam.
15:27 ^a2 Sam.
17:17

27 ^a2 Sam.
16:16; 1 Chr
27:33 ^a2 Sam.
16:15

1 ^a2 Sam.
15:32 ^a2 Sam.
9:2-13
1 Sam. 25:18

2 ^aJudg.
10:4 ^a2 Sam.
17:29

3 ^a2 Sam.
9:9, 10
^a2 Sam.
19:26, 27

8 ^a2 Sam.
3:16, 17-18
^a2 Sam.
19:16-23,
1 Kin. 2:8, 9,
44 ^aEx. 22:28,
1 Sam. 17:43

7 ^a2 Sam.
12:9

8 ^a2 Sam.
21:1-9
^a2 Sam. 1:16;
3:28, 29; 4:11,
12

9 ^a1 LXX.
LXX off
1 Sam. 26:8,
2 Sam. 19:21,
LXX 9:54
^a2 Sam. 9:8
^aEx. 22:28

10 ^a2 Sam.
3:39; 19:27
^aJohn 18:11
^aRom. 9:20

11 ^a1 LXX. my
body
^a2 Sam. 12:11
^aGen. 45:5,
1 Sam. 26:19

12 ^a1 LXX. the
LORD will re-
turn
^aDeut. 23:5,
Rom. 8:28

15 ¶ Then Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, entered Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 Now it came about when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?"

18 Then Hushai said to Absalom, "No! For whom the LORD, this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him I will remain.

19 "And besides, whom should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in your presence."

20 ¶ Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give your advice. What shall we do?"

21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself odious to your father. The hands of all who are with you will also be strengthened."

22 So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if one inquired of the word of God; so was all the advice of Ahithophel regarded by both David and Absalom.

CHAPTER 17

FURTHERMORE, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Please let me choose 12,000 men that I may arise and pursue David tonight.

2 "And I will come upon him while he is weary and exhausted and will terrify him so

15 ¶ 2 Sam.
15:12, 37

16 ¶ 2 Sam.
15:37 ¶ 2 Sam.
15:34 ¶ 1 Sam.
10:24; 2 Kin.
11:12

17 Or, kindness
2 Sam. 18:25

18 ¶ 2 Sam.
15:34

21 ¶ 2 Sam.
15:16, 20, 3

22 ¶ 2 Sam.
15:16, 20, 3
2 Sam.
12:11, 12

23 Lit., advised
2 Sam.
17:14, 23
2 Sam. 15:12

2 Lit., slack of hands
2 Sam. 16:14
1 Kin. 22:31

3 Lit., like the return of the whole is the man whom you seek
Jer. 8:14

4 Lit., word was pleasing in the sight of

5 Lit., in his mouth—even he
2 Sam.
15:32-34

6 Lit., him, saying
Lit., according to this word
Lit., do his word

7 Lit., advised
2 Sam. 16:21

8 Lit., bitter of soul
Lit., man of war
Hos. 13:8

9 Lit., pits
Lit., according to a falling among them

10 Lit., melt
Josh. 2:9-11

11 Lit., your face go
1 Sam. 3:20
Gen. 22:17;
1 Sam. 13:5

12 Lit., settle down

that all the people who are with him will flee. Then I will strike down the king alone.

3 and I will bring back all the people to you. The return of everyone depends on the man you seek; then all the people shall be at peace."

4 So the plan pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

5 ¶ Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he has to say."

6 When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom said to him, "Ahithophel has spoken thus. Shall we carry out his plan? If not, you speak."

7 So Hushai said to Absalom, "This time the advice that Ahithophel has given is not good."

8 Moreover, Hushai said, "You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men and they are fierce, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is an expert in warfare, and will not spend the night with the people.

9 "Behold, he has now hidden himself in one of the caves or in another place; and it will be when he falls on them at the first attack, that whoever hears it will say, 'There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.'

10 "And even the one who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will completely lose heart; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man and those who are with him are valiant men.

11 "But I counsel that all Israel be surely gathered to you, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea in abundance, and that you personally go into battle.

12 "So we shall come to him in one of the places where he can be found, and we will fall on him

*as the dew falls on the ground; and of him and of all the men who are with him, not even one will be left.

13 "And if he withdraws into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city, and we will *drag it into the ¹valley until not even a small stone is found there."

14 Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For *the LORD had ordained to thwart the good counsel of Ahithophel, in order that the LORD might bring calamity on Absalom.

15 ¶ Then *Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, "This is what Ahithophel counseled Absalom and the elders of Israel, and ¹this is what I have counseled.

16 "Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, "Do not spend the night at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means cross over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be ¹destroyed."

17 *Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at ^bEn-rogel, and a maidservant would go and tell them, and they would go and tell King David, for they could not be seen entering the city.

18 But a lad did see them, and told Absalom; so the two of them departed quickly and came to the house of a man *in Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard, and they went down ¹into it.

19 And *the woman ¹took a covering and spread it over the well's mouth and scattered grain on it, so that nothing was known.

20 Then Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house and said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" And *the woman said to them, "They have crossed the brook of water."

12 *Ps.
110:3.

13 ¹Or, wash
*Mic. 1:6

14 *2 Sam.
15:31, 34; Ps.
9:15, 16

15 ¹Lit.,
Thus and thus

*2 Sam.
15:35, 36

16 ¹Lit.,
unfollowed up
*2 Sam. 15:28

17 *2 Sam.
15:27, 30
*Josh. 15:7,
16:16

18 ¹Lit.,
there
*2 Sam. 3:16,
16:5

19 ¹Lit.,
took and
spread the
covering
*Josh. 2:4-6

20 *Lev.
19:11, Josh.
2:3-5; 1 Sam.
19:12-17

21 *2 Sam.
17:15, 16

22 ¹Lit., the
light of the
morning

23 ¹Lit.,
done ²Lit.,
bound ³Lit.,
gave charge
to

*2 Sam. 15:12
*2 Kin. 20:1
*Matt. 27:5

24 *Gen.
32:2, 10;
2 Sam. 2:8

25 ¹In
1 Chr. 2:17,
Jether the
Ismaelite
*2 Sam.
19:13, 20:9-
12; 1 Kin. 2:5,
32 *1 Chr.
2:16

27 *1 Sam.
11:1, 2 Sam.
10:1, 2

*2 Sam.
12:28, 29
*2 Sam. 9:4
*2 Sam.
19:31-39;
1 Kin. 2:7

28 *Prov.
11:25; Matt.
5:7

29 *2 Sam.
16:2, 14;
Prov. 21:20;
Eccl. 11:1;
Rom. 12:13

And when they searched and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 ¶ And it came about after they had departed that they came up out of the well and went and told King David; and they said to David, "Arise and cross over the water quickly for thus Ahithophel has counseled against you."

22 Then David and all the people who were with him arose and crossed the Jordan; and by ¹dawn not even one remained who had not crossed the Jordan.

23 Now when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not ¹followed, he ²saddled his donkey and arose and went to his home, to ^ahis city, and ^{3b}set his house in order, and ^cstrangled himself; thus he died and was buried in the grave of his father.

24 ¶ Then David came to *Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom set *Amasa over the army in place of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man whose name was ¹Ithra the Israelite, who went in to Abigail the daughter of ^bNahash, sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother.

26 And Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ Now when David had come to Mahanaim, Shobi *the son of Nahash from ^bRabbah of the sons of Ammon, ^cMachir the son of Ammiel from Lo-debar, and ^dBarzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

28 brought *beds, basins, pottery, wheat, barley, flour, parched grain, beans, lentils, parched seeds,

29 honey, curds, sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David and for the people who were with him, *to eat; for they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

CHAPTER 18

THEN David ¹numbered the people who were with him and ²set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds.

2 And David sent the people out, ³one third under the ¹command of Joab, one third under the ¹command of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one third under the ¹command of ¹Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, "I myself will surely go out with you also."

3 But the people said, "You should not go out; for if we indeed flee, they will not care about us, even if half of us die, they will not care about us. But ¹you are worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that you *be ready* to help us from the city."

4 Then the king said to them, "Whatever seems best to you I will do." So ²the king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and thousands.

5 And the king charged Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And ²all the people heard when the king charged all the commanders concerning Absalom.

6 ¶ Then the people went out into the field against Israel, and the battle took place in ²the forest of Ephraim.

7 And the people of Israel were ¹defeated there before the servants of David, and the slaughter there that day was great, 20,000 men.

8 For the battle there was spread over the whole countryside, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 ¶ Now Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. For Absalom was riding on his

¹ Lit., mustered
² Ex. 18:25; Num. 31:14; 1 Sam. 22:7

³ Lit., hand
¹ Judg. 7:16; 1 Sam. 11:11
² 2 Sam. 15:19-22

³ So with some ancient versions, M.T., for now there are ten thousand like us
² 2 Sam. 21:17

⁴ 2 Sam. 18:24

⁵ 2 Sam. 18:12

⁶ Joab 17:15, 18; 2 Sam. 17:28

⁷ Lit., smitten

⁸ Lit., placed
² 2 Sam. 14:28

¹² So with some mss and the ancient versions; M.T., Take care whoever you are of
² 2 Sam. 18:5

¹³ 2 Sam. 14:19, 20

¹⁴ Lit., carry thus
² Lit., heart
² 2 Sam. 14:30

¹⁶ 2 Sam. 2:28, 20:22

¹⁷ Lit., the great
¹ Deut. 21:20, 21; Josh. 7:28; 8:29
² 2 Sam. 18:8, 20:1, 22

¹⁸ 1 Sam. 15:12
¹ Gen. 14:17
² 2 Sam. 14:27

mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. And ²his head caught fast in the oak, so he was ¹left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him kept going.

10 When a certain man saw it, he told Joab and said, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak."

11 Then Joab said to the man who had told him, "Now behold, you saw *him*! Why then did you not strike him there to the ground? And I would have given you ten pieces of silver and a belt."

12 And the man said to Joab, "Even if I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, I would not put out my hand against the king's son; for ²in our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Protect for me the young man Absalom!'

13 "Otherwise, if I had dealt treacherously against his life (and ²there is nothing hidden from the king), then you yourself would have stood aloof."

14 Then Joab said, "I will not ¹waste time here with you." ²So he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom while he was yet alive in the ²midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men who carried Joab's armor gathered around and struck Absalom and killed him.

16 ¶ Then ²Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab restrained the people.

17 And they took Absalom and cast him into ¹a deep pit in the forest and ²erected over him a very great heap of stones. And ²all Israel fled, each to his tent.

18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and ²set up for himself a pillar which is in ²the King's Valley, for he said, "I

have no son ¹to preserve my name." So he named the pillar after his own name, and it is called Absalom's monument to this day.

19 ¶ Then ^aAhimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Please let me run and bring the king news ^bthat the LORD has ¹freed him from the hand of his enemies."

20 But Joab said to him, "You are not the man to carry news ¹this day, but you shall carry news another day; however, you shall carry no news today because the king's son is dead."

21 Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." So the Cushite bowed to Joab and ran.

22 Now Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said once more to Joab, "But whatever happens, please let me also run after the Cushite." And Joab said, "Why would you run, my son, since ^ayou will have no reward for going?"

23 "But whatever happens," he said, "I will run." So he said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain and passed up the Cushite.

24 ¶ Now ^aDavid was sitting between the two gates; and ^bthe watchman went up to the roof of the gate by the wall, and raised his eyes and looked, and behold, a man running by himself.

25 And the watchman called and told the king. And the king said, "If he is by himself there is good news in his mouth." And he came nearer and nearer.

26 Then the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, "Behold, another man running by himself." And the king said, "This one also is bringing good news."

27 And the watchman said, "I think the running of the first one ^ais like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king

18 ¹Lit., for the sake of remembering

19 ¹Lit., vindicated
2 Sam 15:38
2 Sam 18:31

22 2 Sam 18:29

24 2 Sam 19:8
2 Sam 13:34
2 Kin 9:17

27 ¹Lit., see
2 Kin 9:20
1 Kin 1:42

28 ¹Lit., Poor
1 Sam 25:23
2 Sam 14:4
1 Sam 17:46

29 2 Sam 20:9
2 Kin 4:26
2 Sam 18:22

31 ¹Lit., via dictated
Judg 5:31
2 Sam 18:19

32 2 Sam 18:29
1 Sam 25:28

33 1 Ch 18:1
in Heb.
2 Sam 19:4
Ex 32:32
Rom 9:3

1 2 Sam 18:3, 14

2 ¹Lit., valuation

said, "This is a good man and comes with good news."

28 ¶ And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, "All is well." And ^ahe prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground. And he said, "Blessed is the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted their hands against my lord the king."

29 And the king said, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, and your servant, I saw a great tumult, but ^bI did not know what it was."

30 Then the king said, "Turn aside and stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

31 ¶ And behold, the Cushite arrived, and the Cushite said, "Let my lord the king receive good news, for ^athe LORD has ¹freed you this day from the hand of all those who rose up against you."

32 Then the king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And the Cushite answered, "Let the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up against you for evil, be as that young man!"

33 ¹And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! ^bWould I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

CHAPTER 19

THEN it was told Joab, "Behold, ^athe king is weeping and mourns for Absalom."

2 And the ¹victory that day was turned to mourning for all the people, for the people heard it said that day, "The king is grieved for his son."

3 So the people went by stealth into the city that day, as people

who are humiliated steal away when they flee in battle.

4 And the king ^acovered his face and ¹cried out with a loud voice, "bO my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

5 Then Joab came into the house to the king and said, "To-day you have covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who today have saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines,

6 by loving those who hate you, and by hating those who love you. For you have shown to-day that ¹princes and servants are nothing to you; for I know this day that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead to-day, then ²you would be pleased.

7 "Now therefore arise, go out and speak ¹kindly to your servants, for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, surely ^anot a man will pass the night with you, and this will be worse for you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now."

8 So the king arose and sat in the gate. When they told all the people, saying, "Behold, the king is ^asitting in the gate," then all the people came before the king.

¶ Now ^bIsrael had fled, each to his tent.

9 And all the people were quarreling throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "aThe king delivered us from the ¹hand of our enemies and ^bsaved us from the ¹hand of the Philistines, but now c he has fled out of the land from Absalom.

10 "However, Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. Now then, why are you silent about bringing the king back?"

11 ¶ Then King David sent to ^aZadok and Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of

4 ¹Lit., the king cried
42 Sam. 18:30
42 Sam. 18:33

8 ¹Or, commanders
²Lit., it would be right in your eyes

7 ¹Lit., to the heart
a Prov. 14:28

8 42 Sam. 15:2, 18:24
42 Sam. 18:17

9 ¹Lit., palm
42 Sam. 8:1
14 42 Sam. 5:20, 8:1
42 Sam. 15:14

11 42 Sam. 15:29

12 42 Sam. 5:1

13 42 Sam. 17:25 a1 Kin. 18:2 c2 Sam. 8:18 42 Sam. 3:27-39; 19:5-7

14 aJudg. 20:1

15 aJosh. 5:9; 1 Sam. 11:14, 15

16 42 Sam. 16:5-13; 1 Kin. 2:8

17 42 Sam. 16:1-4; 19:26, 27

19 ¹Lit., set
a1 Sam. 22:15; 2 Sam. 16:6-8

20 42 Sam. 16:5

Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the word of all Israel has come to the king, even to his house?'

12 'You are my brothers; ^ayou are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?'

13 'And say to ^aAmasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? ^bMay God do so to me, and more also, if you will not be ^ccommander of the army before me continually ^din place of Joab.' "

14 Thus he turned the hearts of all the men of Judah ^aas one man, so that they sent word to the king, saying, "Return, you and all your servants."

15 The king then returned and came as far as the Jordan. And Judah came to ^aGilgal in order to go to meet the king, to bring the king across the Jordan.

16 ¶ Then ^aShimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite who was from Bahurim, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

17 And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, with ^aZiba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they rushed to the Jordan before the king.

18 Then they kept crossing the ford to bring over the king's household, and to do what was good in his sight. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king as he was about to cross the Jordan.

19 So he said to the king, "aLet not my lord consider me guilty, nor remember what your servant did wrong on the day when my lord the king came out from Jerusalem, so that the king should ¹take it to heart.

20 "For your servant knows that I have sinned; therefore behold, I have come today, ^athe first of all the house of Joseph to

go down to meet my lord the king."

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, "Should not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?"

22 David then said, "What have I to do with you, O sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be an adversary to me? Should any man be put to death in Israel today? For do I not know that I am king over Israel today?"

23 And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." Thus the king swore to him.

24 ¶ Then Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither cared for his feet, nor trimmed his mustache, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace.

25 And it was when he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?"

26 So he answered, "O my lord, the king, my servant deceived me; for your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself that I may ride on it and go with the king,' because your servant is lame.

27 Moreover, he has slandered your servant to my lord the king; but my lord the king is like the angel of God, therefore do what is good in your sight.

28 For all my father's household was nothing but dead men before my lord the king; yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right do I have yet that I should complain anymore to the king?"

29 So the king said to him, "Why do you still speak of your affairs? I have decided, 'You and Ziba shall divide the land.' "

21 ¶ 2 Sam. 16:7, 8; Ex. 22:28

22 ¶ 2 Sam. 3:39, 16:9, 10; 1 Sam. 11:13

23 ¶ 1 Kin. 2:8

24 ¶ 1 e. grandson
¶ Lit., done
¶ 2 Sam. 9:6
10:2; 2 Sam. 12:20; Ex. 19:10

25 ¶ 2 Sam. 16:17

26 ¶ 2 Sam. 9:3

27 ¶ 2 Sam. 16:3, 4
¶ 2 Sam. 14:17, 20

28 ¶ Lit., cry out
¶ 2 Sam. 21:6
9:2; 2 Sam. 9:7, 10:13

29 ¶ Lit., said

31 ¶ Lit., send
¶ 2 Sam. 17:27-29;
1 Kin. 2:7

32 ¶ Or, provided food for
¶ 2 Sam. 17:27-29

33 ¶ Or, provide food for

34 ¶ Lit., are the days of the years of my life
¶ Gen. 47:8

35 ¶ Lit., to-day
¶ Ps. 90:10
¶ Eccl. 2:8, 14
5:11, 12
¶ 2 Sam. 15:33

37 ¶ 2 Sam. 19:40; 1 Kin. 2:7; Jer. 41:17

38 ¶ Lit., choose

39 ¶ Gen. 31:55; Ruth 1:14, 2 Sam. 14:33

30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Let him even take it all, since my lord the king has come safely to his own house."

31 ¶ Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim; and he went on to the Jordan with the king to escort him over the Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was very old, being eighty years old; and he had sustained the king while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very great man.

33 And the king said to Barzillai, "You cross over with me and I will sustain you in Jerusalem with me."

34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How long have I yet to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"

35 "I am now eighty years old. Can I distinguish between good and bad? Or can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Or can I hear anymore the voice of singing men and women? Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?"

36 "Your servant would merely cross over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king compensate me with this reward?"

37 "Please let your servant return, that I may die in my own city near the grave of my father and my mother. However, here is your servant Chimham, let him cross over with my lord the king, and do for him what is good in your sight."

38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall cross over with me, and I will do for him what is good in your sight; and whatever you require of me, I will do for you."

39 All the people crossed over the Jordan and the king crossed too. The king then kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his place.

40 ¶ Now the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him; and all the people of Judah and also ^ahalf the people of Israel ¹accompanied the king.

41 And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king and said to the king, "Why had our brothers ^bthe men of Judah stolen you away, and brought the king and his household and all David's men with him over the Jordan?"

42 Then all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because ^athe king is a close relative to ¹us. Why then ²are you angry about this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's expense, or has ³anything been taken for us?"

43 But the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said, "We have ten parts in the king, therefore ¹we also have more claim on David than you. Why then did you treat us with contempt? Was it not ¹our advice first to bring back ¹our king?" Yet the words of the men of Judah were harsher than the words of the men of Israel.

CHAPTER 20

NOW ^aa worthless fellow happened to be there whose name was Sheba, the son of ^bBichri, a Benjamite; and he blew the trumpet and said,

"We have no portion in David,

Nor do we have inheritance in ^dthe son of Jesse; ^eEvery man to his tents, O Israel!"

2 So all the men of Israel ¹withdrew from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah ²remained steadfast to their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 ¶ Then David came to his house at Jerusalem, and ^athe king took the ten women, the concubines whom he had left to

⁴⁰ ¹Lit., crossed over with
²2 Sam. 19:9, 10

⁴¹ ¹Judg. 8:1, 12:1
²2 Sam. 19:11, 12

⁴² ¹Lit., me
²Lit., is it hot to you
³Or, a gift
²2 Sam. 19:12

⁴³ ¹Singular in Heb.
²2 Sam. 5:1, 1 Kin. 11:30, 31

¹2 Sam. 16:7
²Gen. 46:21
²2 Sam. 19:43, 1 Kin. 12:16
⁴1 Sam. 22:7-8

¹1 Sam. 13:2, 2 Sam. 18:17, 2 Chr. 10:16

² ¹Lit., went up
²Lit., clung to

³2 Sam. 15:18, 16:21, 22

⁴2 Sam. 17:25, 19:13

⁵1 Sam. 13:8

⁶2 Sam. 21:17
²2 Sam. 11:11, 1 Kin. 1:33

⁷2 Sam. 8:18, 1 Kin. 1:38

⁸ ¹Lit., before
²Lit., girded with military garment as clothing
²2 Sam. 2:13, 3:30

⁹ ¹Matt. 28:49

¹⁰2 Sam. 2:23, 3:27, 1 Kin. 2:5

¹¹2 Sam. 20:13

keep the house, and placed them under guard and provided them with sustenance, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up until the day of their death, living as widows.

4 ¶ Then the king said to ^aAmasa, "Call out the men of Judah for me within three days, and be present here yourself."

5 So Amasa went to call out the men of Judah, but he ^adelayed longer than the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said to ^aAbishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom; ^btake your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he find for himself fortified cities and escape from our sight."

7 So Joab's men went out after him, ^aalong with the Cherethites and the Pelethites and all the mighty men; and they went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they were at the large stone which is in ^aGibeon, Amasa came ¹to meet them. Now Joab was ²dressed in his military attire, and over it was a belt with a sword in its sheath fastened at his waist; and as he went forward, it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" And ^aJoab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa was not on guard against the sword which was in Joab's hand so ^ahe struck him in the belly with it and poured out his inward parts on the ground, and did not strike him again; and he died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 Now there stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, "Whoever favors Joab and whoever is for David, ^alet him follow Joab."

12 But Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the middle of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he ¹removed Amasa from the highway into the field and threw a garment over him when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still.

13 As soon as he was removed from the highway, all the men passed on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 Now he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel even to Beth-maacah and all the Berites; and they were gathered together and also went after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in ^aAbel Beth-maacah, and ^bthey ¹cast up a mound against the city, and it stood by the rampart; and all the people who were with Joab were wreaking destruction in order to topple the wall.

16 Then ^aa wise woman called from the city, "Hear, hear! Please tell Joab, 'Come here that I may speak with you.'"

17 So he approached her, and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" And he answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Listen to the words of your maidservant." And he answered, "I am listening."

18 Then she spoke, saying, "Formerly they used to say, 'They will surely ask advice at Abel,' and thus they ended the dispute.

19 "I am of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. ^aYou are seeking to destroy a city even a mother in Israel. Why would you swallow up ^bthe inheritance of the LORD?"

20 And Joab answered and said, "Far be it, far be it from me that I should swallow up or destroy!

21 "Such is not the case. But a man from ^athe hill country of Ephraim, ^bSheba the son of Bichri

12 ¹Lit., caused to turn

18 ¹Lit., poured out
1 Kin. 15:20;
2 Kin. 15:29
2 Kin. 19:32;
Ezek. 4:2

18 ²Sam 14:2

19 ^aDeut 20:10 ¹Sam 28:19; 2 Sam 14:16, 21:3

21 ¹Josh 24:33 ²Sam 20:2

22 ²Sam 20:18; Ecc1 9:13-16
²Sam 20:1

22 ²Sam 8:16-18;
1 Kin 4:3-6

24 ¹1 Kin 4:3

25 ¹1 Kin 4:4

1 ^aGen. 12:10; 26:1;
42:5 ^bNum. 27:21

2 ¹Lit., had sworn to
²Lit., smite
¹Josh. 9:3, 15:20

3 ¹1 Sam. 26:19; 2 Sam. 20:19

4 ^aNum. 33:31, 32

by name, has lifted up his hand against King David. Only hand him over, and I will depart from the city." And the woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head will be thrown to you over the wall."

22 Then the woman ^awisely came to all the people. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it to Joab. So ^bhe blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, each to his tent. Joab also returned to the king at Jerusalem.

23 ^aNow Joab was over the whole army of Israel, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites;

24 and Adoram was over the forced labor, and ^aJehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;

25 and Sheva was scribe, and Zadok and ^aAbiathar were priests;

26 and Ira the Jairite was also a priest to David.

CHAPTER 21

NOW there was ^aa famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and ^bDavid sought the presence of the LORD. And the LORD said, "It is for Saul and his bloody house, because he put the Gibeonites to death."

2 So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the sons of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites, and ^athe sons of Israel ¹made a covenant with them, but Saul had sought to ²kill them in his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah).

3 Thus David said to the Gibeonites, "What should I do for you? And how can I make atonement that you may bless ^athe inheritance of the LORD?"

4 Then the Gibeonites said to him, "^aWe have no concern of silver or gold with Saul or his

house, nor is it for us to put any man to death in Israel." And he said, "I will do for you whatever you say."

5 So they said to the king, "The man who consumed us, and who planned ¹to exterminate us from remaining within any border of Israel,

6 let seven men from his sons be given to us, and we will ¹hang them ^abefore the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, ^bthe chosen of the LORD." And the king said, "I will give them."

7 ^c But the king spared ^aMephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, ^bbecause of the oath of the LORD which was between them, between David and Saul's son Jonathan.

8 So the king took the two sons of ^aRizpah the daughter of Aiah, Armoni and Mephibosheth whom she had born to Saul, and the five sons of ^{1b}Merab the daughter of Saul, whom she had born to Adriel the son of Barzillai the ^cMeholathite.

9 Then he gave them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they ¹hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, so that the seven of them fell together; and they were put to death in the first days of harvest at ^athe beginning of barley harvest.

10 ^c ^aAnd Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until ¹it rained on them from the sky; and ^bshe ²allowed neither the birds of the sky to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 When it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done,

12 then David went and took ^athe bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had stolen them from the open square of

⁸ ¹Lat., against us that we should be exterminated
^a2 Sam 21:1

⁸ ¹Lat., exposed them
^aNum 25:4
^b1 Sam 10:24

⁷ ^a2 Sam 4:4, 9-10
^b1 Sam 18:3, 20-22, 23-18, 2 Sam 9:1-7

⁸ ¹So Gr and Heb mss
^a2 Sam 3:7
^b1 Sam 18:19
^c1 Kin 19:16

⁹ ¹Lat., exposed them
^aEx 9:31, 32

¹⁰ ¹Lat., water was poured ²Lat., gave
^aDeut 21:23
^b1 Sam 17:44, 46

¹² ^a1 Sam 31:11-13
^bJosh 17:11
^c1 Sam 31:10
^d1 Sam 31:3, 4

¹³ ¹Lat., exposed

¹⁴ ^aJosh 18:28 ^bJosh 7:26, 2 Sam 24:25

¹⁵ ^a2 Sam 5:17-25

¹⁶ ¹Heb., Raphah ²Lat., and he was ¹Lat., said
^aNum 13:22, 28, Josh 15:14, 2 Sam 21:18-22

¹⁷ ^a2 Sam 20:6-10
^b2 Sam 18:3
^c2 Sam 22:29
^d1 Kin. 11:36

¹⁸ ¹Heb., Raphah
^a1 Chr 20:4-8
^b1 Chr 11:29, 27:11

¹⁹ ¹Lat., smote ²In 1 Chr 20:5, Lahmi, the brother of Goliath
^a1 Sam 17:7

^bBeth-shan, ^cwhere the Philistines had hanged them on the day ^dthe Philistines struck down Saul in Gilboa.

13 And he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there, and they gathered the bones of those who had been ¹hanged.

14 And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in ^aZela, in the grave of Kish his father; thus they did all that the king commanded, and after that ^bGod was moved by entreaty for the land.

15 ¶ Now when ^athe Philistines were at war again with Israel, David went down and his servants with him; and as they fought against the Philistines, David became weary.

16 Then Ishbi-benob, who was ^aamong the descendants of the ¹giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred *shekels* of bronze in weight, ²was girded with a new sword, and he ³intended to kill David.

17 But ^aAbishai the son of Zeruiah helped him, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, "^bYou shall not go out again with us to battle, that you may not extinguish ^cthe lamp of Israel."

18 ¶ ^aNow it came about after this that there was war again with the Philistines at Gob; then ^bSibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was among the descendants of the ¹giant.

19 And there was war with the Philistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite ¹killed ²Goliath the Gittite, ^athe shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

20 And there was war at Gath again, where there was a man of *great* stature who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on

each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also had been born to the giant.

21 And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, struck him down.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 22

AND David spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2 And he said,

"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

3 My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge;
My savior, Thou dost save me from violence.

4 "I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised;
And I am saved from my enemies.

5 "For the waves of death encompassed me;
The torrents of destruction overwhelmed me;
6 The cords of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of death confronted me.

7 "In my distress I called upon the LORD,
Yes, I cried to my God;
And from His temple He heard my voice,
And my cry for help came into His ears.

8 "Then the earth shook and quaked,
The foundations of heaven were trembling
And were shaken, because He was angry.

20 Heb. Raphael
2 Sam. 21:16, 18
22 Heb. Raphael
1 Chr. 20:8
1 Lit. palm
+Ps. 18:2-50
+Ex. 15:1
Deut. 31:30
2 Lit. crag
1 Sam. 23:25, 24:2
Ps. 31:3, 71:3
3 Lit. God of my rock
+Deut. 32:4, 37, 1 Sam. 2:2
+Gen. 15:1, Deut. 32:29
+Luke 1:69
+Ps. 68:1, 98:4
8 Heb. Belial
+Or. terrified
+Ps. 80:4, Job. 2:3
+Ps. 69:14, 15
6 i.e., the nether world
+Ps. 116:3
7 Or. called
+Ps. 116:4, 120:1
8 +Judg. 5:4, Ps. 97:4
+Job 26:11
9 Or. in His wrath
+Ps. 97:3, Heb. 12:29
+2 Sam. 22:13
10 +Ex. 19:10, 1 Km. 8:12, Ps. 97:2, Nah. 1:3
11 Many men read speed
+2 Sam. 6:2
+Ps. 104:3
12 Or. provisions
+Job 26:29
13 +2 Sam. 22:9
14 +Job 37:2-5, Ps. 28:3
18 Lit. confused
+Deut. 32:23, Job. 10:10, 1 Sam. 7:10
16 Or. uncovered
+Ex. 15:8, Nah. 1:4
17 +Ps. 144:7
+Ex. 2:10
18 +Ps. 23:4
20 +Ps. 31:8, 118:5
+2 Sam. 15:26
21 +1 Sam. 26:25, 1 Km. 8:32

9 "Smoke went up out of His nostrils,

And fire from His mouth devoured;

Coals were kindled by it.

10 "He bowed the heavens also, and came down
With thick darkness under His feet.

11 "And He rode on a cherub and flew;
And He appeared on the wings of the wind.

12 "And He made darkness canopies around Him,
A mass of waters, thick clouds of the sky.

13 "From the brightness before Him

Coals of fire were kindled.

14 "The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered His voice.

15 "And He sent out arrows, and scattered them,
Lightning, and routed them.

16 "Then the channels of the sea appeared,
The foundations of the world were laid bare,
By the rebuke of the LORD,
At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

17 "He sent from on high, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters.

18 "He delivered me from my strong enemy,
From those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.

19 "They confronted me in the day of my calamity,
But the LORD was my support.

20 "He also brought me forth into a broad place;
He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

21 "The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness;

- ^bAccording to the cleanliness of my hands He has recompensed me.
- 22 ^a"For I have kept the ways of the LORD.
And have not acted wickedly against my God.
- 23 ^a"For all His ordinances were before me;
And as for His statutes, I did not depart from ¹them.
- 24 ^a"I was also ¹blameless toward Him,
And I kept myself from my iniquity.
- 25 ^a"Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to my cleanliness before His eyes.
- 26 ^a"With the ¹kind Thou dost show Thyself ¹kind,
With the ²blameless Thou dost show Thyself ²blameless;
- 27 ^aWith the pure Thou dost show Thyself pure,
^bAnd with the perverted Thou dost show Thyself ¹astute.
- 28 ^a"And Thou dost save an afflicted people;
^bBut Thine eyes are on the haughty whom Thou dost abase.
- 29 ^a"For Thou art my lamp, O LORD;
And the LORD illumines my darkness.
- 30 ^a"For by Thee I can ¹run upon a troop;
By my God I can leap over a wall.
- 31 ^a"As for God, His way is ¹blameless;
^bThe word of the LORD is tested;
^cHe is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
- 32 ^a"For who is God, besides the LORD?
^bAnd who is a rock, besides our God?

21 ^aPs. 24:4
22 ^aGen. 18:19; Ps. 128:1; Prov. 8:32
23 ¹Lit., if
^aDeut. 6:6-9; Ps. 119:30, 102
24 ¹Lit., complete, or, having integrity
^aGen. 6:9, 7:1; Eph. 1:4; Col. 1:21, 22
25 ^a2 Sam. 22:21
26 ¹Or, loyal
¹Lit., complete, or, having integrity
^aMatt. 5:7
27 ¹Lit., twisted
^aMatt. 5:8, 1 John 3:3
^bLev. 26:23
28 ^aEx. 3:7, 8; Ps. 72:12, 13
^bIs. 2:11, 12, 17; 5:15
29 ^a2 Sam. 21:17; 1 Kin. 11:36; Ps. 27:1
30 ¹Or, crush a troop
^a2 Sam. 5:6-8
31 ¹Lit., complete, or, having integrity
^aDeut. 32:4; Matt. 5:48
^bPs. 12:6, 119:140; Prov. 30:5
^a2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 84:9
32 ^a1 Sam. 2:2 ^a2 Sam. 22:2
33 ¹Or, sets free
¹Lit., complete, or, having integrity
^aAnother reading is my
^a2 Sam. 22:2; Ps. 31:3, 4
34 ¹Another reading is His
^a2 Sam. 2:18; Hab. 3:19
^bDeut. 32:13
35 ^aPs. 144:1
^bJob 20:24
36 ¹Lit., answering
^aEph. 6:16, 17
37 ¹Lit., angles
^a2 Sam. 22:20; Prov. 4:12
38 ^aEx. 15:9
39 ^aMal. 4:3
40 ¹Lit., caused to bow down
^aPs. 44:5

- 33 ^a"God is my strong fortress;
And He ¹sets the ²blameless in ³His way.
- 34 ^a"He makes ¹my feet like hinds' feet,
^bAnd sets me on my high places.
- 35 ^a"He trains my hands for battle,
^bSo that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- 36 "Thou hast also given me
^athe shield of Thy salvation,
And Thy ¹help makes me great.
- 37 ^a"Thou dost enlarge my steps under me,
And my ¹feet have not slipped.
- 38 "I pursued my enemies and
^adestroyed them,
And I did not turn back until they were consumed.
- 39 "And I have devoured them and shattered them, so that they did not rise;
And ^athey fell under my feet.
- 40 "For Thou hast girded me with strength for battle;
Thou hast ¹subdued under me ^athose who rose up against me.
- 41 "Thou hast also ^amade my enemies turn *their* backs to me,
And I ¹destroyed those who hated me.
- 42 ^a"They looked, but there was none to save;
^bEven to the LORD, but He did not answer them.
- 43 ^a"Then I pulverized them as the dust of the earth,
^bI crushed and stamped them as the mire of the streets.
- 44 ^a"Thou hast also delivered me from the contentions of my people;

41 ¹Or, silenced
^aEx. 23:27; Josh. 10:24
42 ^aIs. 17:7, 8
^b1 Sam. 28:6; Is. 1:15
43 ^a2 Kin. 13:7
^bIs. 10:4; Mic. 7:10
44 ^a2 Sam. 3:1; 19:9, 14

- bThou hast kept me as
 head of the nations;
 cA people whom I have not
 known serve me.
 45 "aForeigners pretend obe-
 dience to me;
 As soon as they hear, they
 obey me.
 46 "Foreigners lose heart,
 aAnd come trembling out
 of their fortresses.
 47 "The LORD lives, and
 blessed be my rock;
 And exalted be bGod, the
 rock of my salvation,
 48 aThe God who executes
 vengeance for me,
 bAnd brings down peoples
 under me,
 49 Who also brings me out
 from my enemies;
 Thou dost even lift me
 above athose who rise up
 against me;
 bThou dost rescue me from
 the violent man.
 50 "aTherefore I will give
 thanks to Thee, O LORD,
 among the nations,
 And I will sing praises to
 Thy name.
 51 "aHe is a tower of bdeliver-
 ance to His king,
 And bshows lovingkind-
 ness to His anointed,
 cTo David and his dde-
 scendants forever."

CHAPTER 23

NOW these are the last words
 of David.

David the son of Jesse de-
 clares,

aAnd the man who was
 raised on high declares,

bThe anointed of the God
 of Jacob,

And the sweet psalmist of
 Israel,

- 2 "aThe Spirit of the LORD
 spoke by me,
 And His word was on my
 tongue.

- 3 "The God of Israel said,
 aThe Rock of Israel spoke
 to me,

bHe who rules over men
 righteously,

cWho rules in the fear of
 God,

- 4 aIs as the light of the morn-
 ing when the sun rises,
 A morning without clouds,
 When the tender grass
 springs out of the earth,
 Through sunshine after
 rain.

- 5 "Truly is not my house so
 with God?

For aHe has made an ever-
 lasting covenant with
 me,

Ordered in all things, and
 secured;

For all my salvation and all
 my desire,

Will He not indeed make it
 grow?

- 6 "aBut the worthless, every
 one of them will be thrust
 away like thorns,

Because they cannot be
 taken in hand;

- 7 But the man who touches
 them

Must be barmed with iron
 and the shaft of a spear,

And athey will be com-
 pletely burned with fire
 in their place."

8 a These are the names of
 the mighty men whom David
 had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tah-
 chemonite, chief of the bcap-
 tains, he was called Adino the
 Eznite, because of eight hundred
 slain by him at one time;

9 and after him was Eleazar
 the son of aDodo the bAhohite,
 one of the three mighty men with
 David when they bdefied the Phi-
 listines who were gathered there
 to battle and the men of Israel
 had bwithdrawn.

10 aHe arose and struck the
 Philistines until his hand was
 weary and bclung to the sword,
 and bthe LORD brought about a

44 2 Sam.
 8:1-14
 1a. 56:5
 46 aPs. 68:3,
 81:15
 46 1Lit., lan-
 guish 2Lit.,
 guard them-
 selves 3Lit.,
 fortresses
 41 Sam.
 14:11; Mic.
 7:17
 47 1Lit., the
 God of the
 rock
 2 Sam. 22:3,
 Ps. 80:26
 48 1 Sam.
 24:12, 25:39;
 2 Sam. 4:8,
 Ps. 84:1 aPs.
 144:2
 49 aPs. 44:5
 bPs. 140:1, 4,
 11
 50 aRom.
 15:9
 51 1a., vic-
 tories, lit.,
 salvation
 2Lit., and
 aPs. 144:10
 bPs. 80:24
 c2 Sam. 7:12
 16
 1 2 Sam.
 7:8, 9; Ps.
 78:70, 71
 2 Sam.
 16:12, 13; Ps.
 89:20
 3 aMatt.
 22:43, 2 Pet.
 1:21
 4 2 Sam.
 22:2, 3, 32
 aPs. 72:1-3,
 Is. 11:1-5
 5 Chr.
 19:7, 9
 6 aJudg.
 5:31; Ps. 72:6
 7 2 Sam.
 7:12-16; Ps.
 89:28; Is. 55:3
 8 aMatt.
 13:41
 9 1Lit.,
 filled 2Lit.,
 sitting
 aMatt. 3:10;
 13:30; Heb.
 6:8
 10 Or,
 three
 11 Chr. 11:11
 47
 9 1Lit., re-
 proached
 2Lit., gone up
 1 Chr. 27:4
 1 Chr. 8:4
 10 1Lit., his
 hand hung
 1 Chr. 11:13
 11 Sam.
 11:13; 18:5

great ²victory that day; and the people returned after him only to strip the slain.

11 ¶ Now after him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered ¹into a troop, where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the people fled from the Philistines.

12 But he took his stand in the midst of the plot, defended it and struck the Philistines; and ^athe LORD brought about a great ¹victory.

13 ¶ Then three of the thirty chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time to the ^acave of Adullam, while the troop of the Philistines was camping in ^bthe valley of Rephaim.

14 And David was then ^ain the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

15 ^aAnd David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!"

16 ^aSo the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but ^bpoured it out to the LORD;

17 and he said, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. ^aShall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

18 ¶ And ^aAbishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was ^bchief of the ¹thirty. And he swung his spear against three hundred ²and killed them, and had a name as well as the three.

19 He was most honored of the thirty, therefore he became their

10 ^aLit., salvation

11 ^aProbably, at Lehi
2 Sam. 23:33

12 ^aLit., salvation
2 Sam. 23:10

13 ^a1 Sam. 22:1
2 Sam. 5:18

14 ^a1 Sam. 22:4, 5

15 ^a1 Chr. 11:17

16 ^a1 Chr. 11:18
Gen. 35:14

17 ^aLev. 17:10

18 ^aSo two Heb. mss. and Syriac, M.T., three
2 Lit., slain ones
2 Sam. 10:10, 14;
18:2
1 Chr. 11:20, 21

20 ^aLit., smote
2 Or, two iron-like heroes
2 Sam. 8:18;
20:23
Josh. 15:21

21 ^aLit., smote
2 Lit., a man of appearance
2 Sam. 23:20

22 ^a2 Sam. 23:20

23 ^a2 Sam. 23:18; 1 Chr. 27:7

24 ^a1 Chr. 11:27
Judg. 7:1

25 ^a2 Sam. 14:2

26 ^aJosh. 21:18

27 ^a2 Kin. 25:23

28 ^a1 Chr. 11:30
Josh. 18:28

29 ^aJudg. 12:13, 15
Josh. 24:30

30 ^a2 Sam. 3:18

31 ^aJosh. 19:42

32 ^a2 Sam. 23:11

33 ^a2 Sam. 10:6, 8; 20:14
2 Sam. 11:3
2 Sam. 15:12

commander; however, he did not attain to the three.

20 ¶ Then ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of ^bKabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, ¹killed the ²two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.

21 And he ¹killed an Egyptian, ²an impressive man. Now the Egyptian ^ahad a spear in his hand, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

22 These things ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

23 He was honored among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three. And David appointed him over his guard.

24 ¶ ^aAsahel the brother of Joab was among the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

25 ^aShammah the ^bHarodite, Elikah the Harodite,

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the ^aTekoite,

27 Abiezer the ^aAnathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the ^aNetophathite,

29 ^aHeleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of ^bGibeah of the sons of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah a ^aPirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of ^bGaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the ^aBarhumite,

32 Eliahba the ^aShaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

33 ^aShammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of ^athe Maacathite, ^bEliam the son of ^cAhithophel the Gilonite,

35 ^aHezro the ^bCarmelite, Paa-
rai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of
^aZobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Na-
harai the ^aBeerothite, armor
bearers of Joab the son of
Zeruiah,

38 Ira the ^aIthrite, Gareb the
Ithrite,

39 ^aUriah the Hittite; thirty-
seven in all.

CHAPTER 24

NOW ^again the anger of the
LORD burned against Is-
rael, and it incited David against
them to say, "Go, number Israel
and Judah."

2 And the king said to Joab the
commander of the army who
was with him, "Go about now
through all the tribes of Israel,
^afrom Dan to Beersheba, and
^bregister the people, that I may
know the number of the people."

3 But Joab said to the king,
"Now may the LORD your God
add to the people a hundred
times as many as they are, while
the eyes of my lord the king still
see; but why does my lord the
king delight in this thing?"

4 Nevertheless, the king's
word prevailed against Joab and
against the commanders of the
army. So Joab and the com-
manders of the army went out
from the presence of the king, to
^bregister the people of Israel.

5 And they crossed the Jordan
and camped in ^aAroer, on the
right side of the city that is in the
middle of the valley of Gad, and
toward ^bJazer.

6 Then they came to Gilead
and to ^bthe land of Tahtim-hod-
shi, and they came to Dan-jaan
and around to ^aSidon,

7 and came to the ^afortress of
Tyre and to all the cities of the
^bHivites and of the Canaanites,
and they went out to the south of
Judah, to ^aBeersheba.

8 So when they had gone about

35 ^aChr
11:37 ^bJoab
15:55

36 ^a2 Sam
8:3

37 ^a2 Sam
4:2

38 ^a1 Chr
2:53

39 ^a2 Sam
11:3, 6

1 ^a1 Chr
21:1 ^b2 Sam
21:1, 2

1 ^aChr 27:23
24

2 ^a1 Chr
muster

^aJudg 20:1,
2 Sam 3:10

3 ^aDeut
1:11

4 ^a1 Chr
muster

5 ^aDeut
2:36, Josh
13:9, 16

^bNum 21:32,
32:35

6 ^aChr, Ko-
dash in the
land of the
Hittite

^aJosh 19:28,
Judg 1:31

7 ^aJosh
19:29 ^bJosh
11:3, Judg
1:3 ^cGen
21:22, 33

8 ^a1 Chr
muster

^aNum 1:44
46 ^b1 Chr
21:5

9 ^a1 Chr
muster

10 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
muster to pass
over

11 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
muster

12 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
muster

13 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
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14 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
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15 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
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19 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
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20 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
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21 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
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22 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
muster

23 ^a1 Chr
muster ^b1 Chr
muster

through the whole land, they
came to Jerusalem at the end of
nine months and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave ^athe number
of the ^bregistration of the people
to the king; and there were in Is-
rael ^beight hundred thousand
valiant men who drew the
sword, and the men of Judah
were five hundred thousand
men.

10 ^a Now ^aDavid's heart
^btroubled him after he had num-
bered the people. So David said
to the LORD, "I have sinned
greatly in what I have done. But
now, O LORD, please ^btake away
the iniquity of Thy servant, for I
have acted very foolishly."

11 When David arose in the
morning, the word of the LORD
came to ^athe prophet Gad, Da-
vid's ^bseer, saying,

12 "Go and speak to David,
Thus the LORD says, "I am offer-
ing you three things; choose for
yourself one of them, which I
may do to you." "

13 So Gad came to David and
told him, and said to him, "Shall
^aseven years of famine come to
you in your land? Or will you flee
three months before your foes
while they pursue you? Or shall
there be three days' pestilence in
your land? Now consider and see
what answer I shall return to
Him who sent me."

14 Then David said to Gad, "I
am in great distress. Let us now
fall into the hand of the LORD ^afor
His mercies are great, but do not
let me fall into the hand of man."

15 ^a So ^athe LORD ^bsent a pes-
tilence upon Israel from the
morning until the appointed
time; and seventy thousand men
of the people ^bfrom Dan to Beer-
sheba died.

16 ^aWhen the angel stretched
out his hand toward Jerusalem
to destroy it, ^bthe LORD relented
from the calamity, and said to
the angel who destroyed the peo-
ple, "It is enough! Now relax

your hand!" And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

17 Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking down the people, and said, "Behold, ^ait is I who have sinned, and it is I who have done wrong; but ^bthese sheep, what have they done? Please let Thy hand be against me and against my father's house."

18 ¶ So Gad came to David that day and said to him, "^aGo up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of ¹Araunah the Jebusite."

19 And David went up according to the word of Gad, just as the LORD had commanded.

20 And Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king.

21 Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you,

17 ^{a2} Sam. 24:10 ^{a2} Sam. 7:8, Ps. 74:1

18 ¹ In 2 Chr. 3:1, Ornan ^{a1} Chr. 21:18

21 ^a Num. 16:44-50

22 ^{a1} Sam. 6:14, 1 Kin. 19:21

23 ^a Ezek. 20:40, 41

24 ¹ Lit., gratuitously ^a Mal. 1:13, 14 ¹ Chr. 21:24, 25

25 ^{a2} Sam. 21:14

in order to build an altar to the LORD, ^athat the plague may be held back from the people."

22 And Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, ^athe oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood.

23 "Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God ^aaccept you."

24 However, the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for ^aI will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God ¹which cost me nothing." So ^bDavid bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25 And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. ^aThus the LORD was moved by entreaty for the land, and the plague was held back from Israel.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS

David in Old Age

NOW King David was old, advanced in age; and they covered him with clothes, but he could not keep warm.

2 So his servants said to him, "Let them seek a young virgin for my lord the king, and let her ¹attend the king and become his nurse; and let her lie in your bosom, that my lord the king may keep warm."

3 So they searched for a beautiful girl throughout all the terri-

2 ¹ Lit., stand before

3 ^a Josh. 19:18; 1 Sam. 28:4

4 ¹ Lit., know her

5 ^{a2} Sam. 3:4 ^{a2} Sam. 15:1

6 ¹ Lit., pained him

tory of Israel, and found Abishag the ^aShunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the girl was very beautiful; and she became the king's nurse and served him, but the king did not ¹cohabit with her.

5 ¶ Now ^aAdonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king." So ^bhe prepared for himself chariots and horsemen with fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had never ¹crossed him at any time by ask-

ing. "Why have you done so?" And he was also a very handsome man; and ²he was born after Absalom.

7 And ¹he had conferred with ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah and with ^bAbiathar the priest; and following ^cAdonijah they helped him.

8 But ^aZadok the priest, ^bBenaiah the son of Jeholada, ^cNathan the prophet, ^dShimei, Rei, and ^ethe mighty men who belonged to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and oxen and fatlings by the ¹stone of Zohemoth, which is beside ^aEn-rogel; and he invited all his brothers, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants.

10 But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, and ^aSolomon his brother.

11 ^aThen Nathan spoke to ^aBathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, "Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and David our lord does not know it?"

12 "So now come, please let me ^agive you counsel and save your life and the life of your son Solomon.

13 "Go ¹at once to King David and say to him, 'Have you not, my lord, O king, sworn to your maidservant, saying, "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?"

14 "Behold, while you are still there speaking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words."

15 ^aSo Bathsheba went in to the king in the bedroom. Now ^athe king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering to the king.

16 Then Bathsheba bowed and prostrated herself ¹before the

⁶ ¹Lat. she gave him birth
² 2 Sam. 3.3, 4

⁷ ¹Lat. his words were
¹ 1 Chr. 11.6
¹ 1 Sam. 22.20, 23;
2 Sam. 20.25
¹ 1 Kin. 2.22

⁸ ² 2 Sam. 20.25, 1 Chr. 18.30 ² 2 Sam. 8.18 ² 2 Sam. 12.1 ⁴ 1 Kin. 4.18 ² 2 Sam. 23.8-30

⁹ ¹Or. Gliding or Serpent Stone
^aJosh. 15.7,
18.16, 2 Sam. 17.17

¹⁰ ² 2 Sam. 12.24

¹¹ ² 2 Sam. 12.24

¹² ^aProv. 15.22

¹³ ¹Lat. and order
¹ 1 Kin. 1.30,
1 Chr. 22.9-13

¹⁴ ¹ 1 Kin. 1.1

¹⁵ ¹Lat. to ¹Lat. to you

¹⁷ ¹ 1 Kin. 1.13

¹⁹ ¹ 1 Kin. 1.9

²¹ ¹Lat. my name
^aDeut. 31.16,
2 Sam. 7.12,
1 Kin. 2.10

²³ ¹Lat. to

²⁵ ¹ 1 Kin. 1.9 ¹ 1 Sam. 10.24

²⁶ ¹ 1 Kin. 1.8, 10

king. And the king said, "What ²do you wish?"

17 And she said to him, "My lord, you swore to your maidservant by the LORD your God, saying, 'Surely your son Solomon shall be king after me and he shall sit on my throne.'

18 "And now, behold, Adonijah is king; and now, my lord the king, you do not know it.

19 "And ^ahe has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the sons of the king and Abiathar the priest and Joab the commander of the army; but he has not invited Solomon your servant.

20 "And as for you now, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are on you, to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 "Otherwise it will come about, ^aas soon as my lord the king sleeps with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon will be considered ¹offenders."

22 ^aAnd behold, while she was still speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, "Here is Nathan the prophet." And when he came in before the king, he prostrated himself ¹before the king with his face to the ground.

24 Then Nathan said, "My lord the king, have you said, 'Adonijah shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne'?"

25 "For he has gone down today and has sacrificed oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's sons and the commanders of the army and Abiathar the priest, and behold, they are eating and drinking before him; and they say, 'Long live King Adonijah!'

26 "But me, even me your servant, and Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and your servant Solomon, he has not invited.

27 "Has this thing been done by my lord the king, and you have not shown to your ¹servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

28 ¶ Then King David answered and said, "Call Bathsheba to me." And she came into the king's presence and stood before the king.

29 And the king vowed and said, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress,

30 surely as ^aI vowed to you by the LORD the God of Israel, saying, 'Your son Solomon shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place'; I will indeed do so this day."

31 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and prostrated herself ¹before the king and said, "May my lord King David live forever."

32 ¶ Then King David said, "Call to me ^aZadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." And they came into the king's presence.

33 And the king said to them, "Take with you ^athe servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to ^bGihon.

34 "And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet ^aanoint him there asking over Israel, and ^bblow the trumpet and say, 'Long live King Solomon!'

35 "Then you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne and be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Judah."

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, "Amen! Thus may the LORD, the God of my lord the king, say.

37 "As the LORD has been with my lord the king, so may He be with Solomon, and ^bmake his

27 ¹Some mss. read servants

28 ^a2 Sam 4:9

30 ^a1 Kin 1:13, 17

31 ¹Lat. to ^a1 Sam 2:4, 3:9

32 ^a1 Kin 1:8

33 ^a2 Sam 20:6, 7
^b2 Chr 32:30, 33:14

34 ^a1 Sam 10:1, 16:3, 12:2
^b2 Sam 5:3, 1 Kin 19:16, 2 Kin 9:3
^c2 Sam 15:10
^d1 Kin 1:25

37 ^aJosh 15:17,
1 Sam 20:13
^b1 Kin 1:47

38 ^a1 Kin 1:8
^b2 Sam 8:18
^c1 Kin 1:33

38 ^aEx 30:23-32, Ps 89:20
^b1 Chr 29:22
^c1 Kin 1:34
^d1 Sam 10:24

40 ¹Lat. fluting
²Lat. was split

41 ¹Lat. is the sound of the city an uproar

42 ^a2 Sam 15:27, 36, 17:17
^b2 Sam 18:27

45 ^a1 Kin 1:40

46 ^a1 Chr 29:23

throne greater than the throne of my lord King David!"

38 ¶ So ^aZadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, ^bthe Cherethites, and the Pelethites went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and brought him to ^cGihon.

39 Zadok the priest then ^atook the horn of oil from the tent and ^banointed Solomon. Then they ^cblew the trumpet, and all the people said, "Long live King Solomon!"

40 And all the people went up after him, and the people ¹were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth ²shook at their noise.

41 ¶ Now Adonijah and all the guests who were with him heard ^{it}, as they finished eating. When Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, "Why ¹is the city making such an uproar?"

42 While he was still speaking, behold, ^aJonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. Then Adonijah said, "Come in, for ^byou are a valiant man and bring good news."

43 But Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, "No! Our lord King David has made Solomon king.

44 "The king has also sent with him Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and they have made him ride on the king's mule.

45 "And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon, and they have come up from there rejoicing, ^aso that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise which you have heard.

46 "Besides, ^aSolomon has even taken his seat on the throne of the kingdom.

47 "And moreover, the king's servants came to bless our lord

King David, saying, 'May ^ayour God make the name of Solomon better than your name and his throne greater than your throne!' And ^bthe king bowed himself on the bed.

48 "The king has also said thus, 'Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who ^ahas granted one to sit on my throne today while my own eyes see it.' "

49 ¶ Then all the guests of Adonijah were terrified; and they arose and each went on his way.

50 And Adonijah was afraid of Solomon, and he arose, went and ^atook hold of the horns of the altar.

51 Now it was told Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon, for behold, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.' "

52 And Solomon said, "If he will be a worthy man, ^anot one of his hairs will fall to the ground; but if wickedness is found in him, he will die."

53 So King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and prostrated himself ¹before King Solomon, and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

CHAPTER 2

AS David's ¹time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 "I am going the way of all the earth. ^bBe strong, therefore, and ¹show yourself a man.

3 "And keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, ^aaccording to what is written in the law of Moses, that ^byou may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn,

47 ^a1 Kin. 1:37 ^bGen. 47:31

48 ^a2 Sam. 7:12; 1 Kin. 3:6

50 ^aEx. 27:2; 30:10; 1 Kin. 2:28

52 ^a1 Sam. 14:45; 2 Sam. 14:11; Acts 27:34

53 ^a1 Lt. 1:1 Lt.

days ^aGen. 47:29; Deut. 31:14

2 ^a1 Lt. become a man ^aJosh. 23:14

^aDeut. 31:7; 23; Josh. 1:6, 7

3 ^aDeut. 17:18-20

^a1 Chr. 22:12, 13

4 ^aOr, faithfulness ^a1 Lt. there shall not be cast off to you a man from before me

^a2 Sam. 7:25

^aPs. 132:12

^a2 Kin. 20:3

^a2 Sam. 7:12; 13; 1 Kin. 8:25; 9:5

8 ^a1 Lt. made ^a1 Lt. that was about ^a1 Lt. that were on

^a2 Sam. 2:13; 18 ^a2 Sam. 3:27; 1 Kin. 2:32 ^a2 Sam. 20:10

9 ^a1 Lt. the northern world ^a1 Kin. 2:9

7 ^a1 Lt. came near to

^a2 Sam. 19:31-38

^a2 Sam. 9:7; 10 ^a2 Sam. 17:27-29

8 ^aOr, grievous ^a2 Sam. 16:5

^a2 Sam. 19:18-23

9 ^a1 Lt. the northern world ^a1 Kin. 2:6

10 ^aActs 2:28; 13:36

^a2 Sam. 3:7; 1 Kin. 3:1

11 ^a2 Sam. 5:4, 5; 1 Chr. 3:4; 29:28, 27

^a2 Sam. 5:5

12 ^a1 Chr. 29:23; 2 Chr. 1:1

4 so that ^athe LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, ^b'If your sons are careful of their way, ^cto walk before Me in ¹truth with all their heart and with all their soul, ^dyou shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

5 "Now you also know what Joab the ^ason of Zeruiah did to me, what he did to the two commanders of the armies of Israel, to ^bAbner the son of Ner, and to ^cAmasa the son of Jether, whom he killed; he also ¹shed the blood of war in peace. And he put the blood of war on his belt ²about his waist, and on his sandals ³on his feet.

6 "So act according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray hair go down to ¹Sheol in peace.

7 "But ^ashow kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and ^blet them be among those who eat at your table; ^cfor they ¹assisted me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

8 "And behold, ^athere is with you Shimei the son of Gera the Benjamite, of Bahurim; now it was he who cursed me with a ¹violent curse on the day I went to Mahanaim. But when ^bhe came down to me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.'

9 "Now therefore, do not let him go unpunished, ^afor you are a wise man; and you will know what you ought to do to him, and you will bring his gray hair down to ¹Sheol with blood."

10 ¶ Then ^aDavid slept with his fathers and was buried in ^bthe city of David.

11 And ^athe days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: ^bseven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.

12 And ^aSolomon sat on the throne of David his father, and

his kingdom was firmly established.

13 ¶ Now Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, "Do you come peacefully?" And he said, "Peacefully."

14 Then he said, "I have something to say to you." And she said, "Speak."

15 So he said, "You know that the kingdom was mine and that all Israel expected me to be king; however, the kingdom has turned about and become my brother's, for it was his from the LORD.

16 "And now I am making one request of you; do not refuse me." And she said to him, "Speak."

17 Then he said, "Please speak to Solomon the king, for he will not refuse you, that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as a wife."

18 And Bathsheba said, "Very well; I will speak to the king for you."

19 ¶ So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. And the king arose to meet her, bowed before her, and sat on his throne; then he had a throne set for the king's mother, and she sat on his right.

20 Then she said, "I am making one small request of you; do not refuse me." And the king said to her, "Ask, my mother, for I will not refuse you."

21 So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as a wife."

22 And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "And why are you asking Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Ask for him also the kingdom—for he is my older brother—even for him, for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah!"

13 *1 Sam. 16:4

18 *Lit., set their faces on me

*2 Sam. 3:3, 4; 1 Kin. 2:22
*1 Kin. 1:5-23
*1 Kin. 1:38-50
*1 Chr. 22:9, 10; 28:5-7

16 *Lit., turn away my face

17 *Lit., turn away your face
*1 Kin. 1:3, 4

19 *1 Kin. 15:13
*Ps. 45:9

20 *Lit., turn away my face
*Lit., turn away your face
*1 Kin. 2:16

21 *1 Kin. 1:3, 4

22 *2 Sam. 12:8
*1 Kin. 1:6; 2:15; 1 Chr. 3:2, 5
*1 Kin. 1:7

23 *Lit., soul
*Ruth 1:17

24 *2 Sam. 7:11, 13; 1 Chr. 22:10

25 *2 Sam. 8:18

26 *Lit., are a man of death
*Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD
*Joab. 21:18; Jer. 1:1
*1 Sam. 26:16
*1 Sam. 23:6; 2 Sam. 15:24
*1 Sam. 22:20-23; 23:8, 9

27 *1 Sam. 2:27-36

28 *1 Kin. 1:7
*2 Sam. 17:25; 18:2
*1 Kin. 1:50

29 *1 Kin. 2:25
*Ex. 21:14

31 *Ex. 21:14

23 Then King Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, "May God do so to me and more also, if Adonijah has not spoken this word against his own life."

24 "Now therefore, as the LORD lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me a house as He promised, surely Adonijah will be put to death today."

25 So King Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him so that he died.

26 ¶ Then to Abiathar the priest the king said, "Go to Anathoth to your own field, for you deserve to die; but I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the LORD God before my father David, and because you were afflicted in everything with which my father was afflicted."

27 So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being priest to the LORD, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD, which He had spoken concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ¶ Now the news came to Joab, for Joab had followed Adonijah, although he had not followed Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of the LORD and took hold of the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told King Solomon that Joab had fled to the tent of the LORD, and behold, he is beside the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, fall upon him."

30 So Benaiah came to the tent of the LORD, and said to him, "Thus the king has said, 'Come out.'" But he said, "No, for I will die here." And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, "Thus spoke Joab, and thus he answered me."

31 And the king said to him, "Do as he has spoken and fall

upon him and bury him, ^bthat you may remove from me and from my father's house the blood which Joab shed without cause.

32 "And ^athe LORD will return his blood on his own head, ^bbecause he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he and killed them with the sword, while my father David did not know it: ^cAbner the son of Ner, commander of the army of Israel, and ^dAmasa the son of Jether, commander of the army of Judah.

33 "So shall their blood return on the head of Joab and on the head of his ¹descendants forever; but to David and his ¹descendants and his house and his throne, may there be peace from the LORD forever."

34 Then ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada went up and fell upon him and put him to death, and he was buried at his own house ^bin the wilderness.

35 And ^athe king appointed Benaiah the son of Jehoiada over the army in his place, and the king appointed ^bZadok the priest ^cin the place of Abiathar.

36 ¶ Now the king sent and called for ^aShimei and said to him, "Build for yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, and do not go out from there to any place.

37 "For it will happen on the day you go out and ^across over the ¹brook Kidron, you will know for certain that you shall surely die; ^byour blood shall be on your own head."

38 Shimei then said to the king, "The word is good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do." So Shimei lived in Jerusalem many days.

39 ¶ But it came about at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away ^ato Achish son of Maacah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei,

31 ^aWags.
30:33; David.
19:13; 21:2, 9

32 ^aGen.
9:6; Judg.
9:24, 57; Ps.
7:16 ^b2 Chr
21:13, 14
^c2 Sam. 3:27
^d2 Sam. 20:9,
10

33 ¹Lt.
need
^c2 Sam. 3:29

34 ^a1 Kin.
2:25 ^bJosh.
15:61; Matt.
3:1

35 ^a1 Kin.
4:4 ^b1 Chr
6:53, 24:3,
29:22 ¹1 Kin.
2:27

36 ^a2 Sam.
16:5, 1 Kin.
2:8

37 ^aOr, weath
^c2 Sam.
15:23, 2 Kin.
23:6; John
18:1 ^bJosh.
2:19; 2 Sam.
1:16; Ezek.
18:13

38 ^a1 Sam.
27:2

39 ¹Lt.
commanded

40 ¹Lt.
your heart
acknowledges
^c2 Sam. 16:5
13 ^b1 Sam.
25:38; 2 Kin.
11:1, 12:18;
Ps. 7:16

41 ^a2 Sam.
7:13; Prov
25:5

42 ^a1 Kin.
2:25, 36
^b1 Kin. 2:12,
2 Chr. 1:1

43 ¹Lt.
made himself
a son-in-law
of Pharaoh
^a1 Kin. 7:8,
9:16, 24,
2 Chr. 8:11
^b1 Kin. 9:24
^c1 Kin. 7:1,
9:10 ^d1 Kin.
9:15

44 ^aLv.
17:3-5; David.
12:2, 13, 14;
1 Kin. 22:43

saying, "Behold, your servants are in Gath."

40 Then Shimei arose and saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish to look for his servants. And Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned.

42 So the king sent and called for Shimei and said to him, "Did I not make you swear by the LORD and solemnly warn you, saying, 'You will know for certain that on the day you depart and go anywhere, you shall surely die'? And you said to me, 'The word which I have heard is good.'"

43 "Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD, and the command which I have laid on you?"

44 The king also said to Shimei, "You know all the evil which ¹you acknowledge in your heart, which you did to my father David; therefore ^bthe LORD shall return your evil on your own head.

45 "But King Solomon shall be blessed, and ^athe throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever."

46 ^aSo the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell upon him so that he died. ^bThus the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon.

CHAPTER 3

THEN ^aSolomon ¹formed a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter ^band brought her to the city of David, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the LORD and ^cthe wall around Jerusalem.

2 ^aThe people were still sacrificing on the high places, because there was no house built

for the name of the LORD until those days.

3 ¶ Now ^aSolomon loved the LORD, ^bwalking in the statutes of his father David, except he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 ^aAnd the king went to ^bGibeon to sacrifice there, ^cfor that was the great high place; Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5 ^aIn Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon ^bin a dream at night; and God said, "Ask what you wish me to give you."

6 Then Solomon said, "^aThou hast shown great lovingkindness to Thy servant David my father, ^baccording as he walked before Thee in ¹truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward Thee; and ^cThou hast ²reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that Thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7^aAnd now, O LORD my God, ^aThou hast made Thy servant king in place of my father David, yet ^bI am but a little child; ^cI do not know how to go out or come in.

8^aAnd ^aThy servant is in the midst of Thy people which Thou hast chosen, ^ba great people who cannot be numbered or counted for multitude.

9^aSo ^agive Thy servant ¹an understanding heart to judge Thy people ^bto discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this ²great people of Thine?"

10 ¶ And ¹it was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing.

11 And God said to him, "Because you have asked this thing and have ^anot asked for yourself ¹long life, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself ²discernment to understand justice,

3 ^aDeut. 6:5; 10:12, 13; 11:13; 30:16; Ps. 31:23; 145:20; 1 Cor. 8:3; ^b1 Kin. 2:3; 9:4; 11:4, 6, 38

4 ^a2 Chr. 1:3; ^bJoah. 18:21-25; ^c1 Chr. 16:39; 21:29

5 ^a1 Kin. 9:2; 11:9; ^bNum. 12:6; Matt. 1:20; 2:13; ^cJohn 15:7

6 ¹Or, faithfulness; ²Lit., kept; ^a2 Sam. 7:8-17; ^b2 Chr. 1:8; ^c1 Kin. 9:4; ^d1 Kin. 1:48

7 ^a1 Chr. 22:9-13; ^b1 Chr. 29:1; Jer. 1:6, 7; ^cNum. 27:17

8 ^aEx. 19:6; Deut. 7:6; ^bGen. 15:5; 22:17

9 ¹Lit., a hearing; ²Lit., heavy; ^a2 Chr. 1:10; Ps. 72:1, 2; Prov. 2:3-9; James 1:5; ^b2 Sam. 14:17; Heb. 5:14

10 ¹Lit., the thing

11 ¹Lit., many days; ²Lit., hearing; ^aJames 4:3

12 ^a1 John 5:14, 15; ^b1 Kin. 4:29-31; 5:12; 10:23, 24; Eccl. 1:16

13 ^a1 Kin. 4:21-24; 10:23, 27; Matt. 6:33; Eph. 3:20; ^bProv. 3:16

14 ^a1 Kin. 3:6; ^bPs. 91:16; Prov. 3:2

15 ^aGen. 41:7; ^b1 Kin. 8:65

17 ¹Lit., I and this woman

12 behold, ^aI have done according to your words. Behold, ^bI have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you.

13^aAnd I have also given you what you have not asked, both ^briches and honor, so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days.

14^aAnd ^aif you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will ^bprolong your days."

15 ¶ Then ^aSolomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and made peace offerings, and ^bmade a feast for all his servants.

16 ¶ Then two women who were harlots came to the king and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, "Oh, my lord, ¹this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth to a child while she was in the house.

18^aAnd it happened on the third day after I gave birth, that this woman also gave birth to a child, and we were together. There was no stranger with us in the house, only the two of us in the house.

19^aAnd this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on it.

20^aSo she arose in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your maid-servant slept, and laid him in her bosom, and laid her dead son in my bosom.

21^aAnd when I rose in the morning to nurse my son, behold, he was dead; but when I looked at him carefully in the morning, behold, he was not my son, whom I had borne."

22 Then the other woman said, "No! For the living one is my son, and the dead one is your son." But ¹the first woman said, "No! For the dead one is your son, and the living one is my son." Thus they spoke before the king.

23 ¶ Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who is living, and your son is the dead one'; and ¹the other says, 'No! For your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.'"

24 And the king said, "Get me a sword." So they brought a sword before the king.

25 And the king said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other."

26 Then the woman whose child was the living one spoke to the king, for ¹she was deeply stirred over her son and said, "Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him." But the other said, "He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him!"

27 Then the king answered and said, "Give ¹the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him. She is his mother."

28 When all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had ¹handed down, they feared the king; for ¹they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to ²administer justice.

CHAPTER 4

NOW King Solomon was king over all Israel.

2 And these were his officials: Azariah the son of Zadok was ¹the priest;

3 Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha were secretaries; ¹Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;

4 and ¹Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army; and Zadok and ²Abiathar were priests;

22 ¹Lat. this one was saying

23 ¹Lat. this one

26 ¹Lat. her compassion grew warm
Gen. 43:30; Is. 49:15; Jer. 31:20; Hos. 11:8

27 ¹Lat. her the living child

28 ¹Lat. judged ²Lat. do

¹1 Kin. 3:9, 11, 12, Dan. 1:17, Col. 2:2, 3

3 ¹1 Chr. 6:10

3 ²2 Sam. 8:16

4 ¹1 Kin. 2:35 ²1 Kin. 2:27

5 ¹1 Kin. 4:7

7 ¹Lat. nourished ²Lat. nourish

8 ¹Josh. 24:33

9 ¹Josh. 1:35 ²Josh. 21:16

10 ¹Josh. 15:35 ²Josh. 12:17

11 ¹Or. No pharaoh-dur ²Josh. 11:1, 2

12 ¹Josh. 5:19 ²Josh. 17:11 ³Josh. 3:16 ⁴1 Kin. 19:16 ⁵1 Chr. 6:68

13 ¹1 Kin. 22:3-15 ²Nam. 32:41 ³Deut. 3:4

14 ¹Josh. 13:28

15 ²2 Sam. 15:27

16 ¹Or. in Aloth ²2 Sam. 15:32

18 ¹1 Kin. 1:8

19 ¹Deut. 3:8-10

5 and Azariah the son of Nathan was over ¹the deputies; and Zabud the son of Nathan, a priest, was the king's friend;

6 and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the men subject to forced labor.

7 ¶ And Solomon had twelve deputies over all Israel, who ¹provided for the king and his household; each man had to ²provide for a month in the year.

8 And these are their names: Ben-hur, in the ¹hill country of Ephraim;

9 Ben-deker in Makaz and ¹Shaalbim and ²Beth-shemesh and Elonbeth-hanan;

10 Ben-hesed, in Arubboth (¹Socoh was his and all the land of ²Hepher);

11 Ben-abinadab, in all ¹the ²height of Dor (Taphath the daughter of Solomon was his wife);

12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in ¹Taanach and Megiddo, and all ²Beth-shean which is beside ³Zarethan below Jezreel, from Beth-shean to ⁴Abel-meholah as far as the other side of ⁵Jokmeam;

13 Ben-geber, in ¹Ramoth-gilead (²the towns of Jair, the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead were his; ³the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars were his);

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in ¹Mahanaim;

15 ¹Ahimaaz, in Naphtali (he also married Basemath the daughter of Solomon);

16 Baana the son of ¹Hushai, in Asher and ²Bealoth;

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar;

18 ¹Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin;

19 Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, ¹the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and he was

the only deputy who was in the land.

20 ¶ ^aJudah and Israel were as numerous as the sand that is on the ¹seashore in abundance; they were eating and drinking and rejoicing.

21 ¶ ¹Now Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms ^bfrom the ²River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt; ^cthey brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 And Solomon's ¹provision for one day was thirty ²kors of fine flour and sixty ²kors of meal,

23 ten fat oxen, twenty ¹pasture-fed oxen, a hundred sheep besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl.

24 For he had dominion over everything ¹west of the ²River, from Tiphseh even to ^aGaza, ^bover all the kings ¹west of the ²River; and ^che had peace on all sides around about him.

25 ^aSo Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and his fig tree, ^bfrom Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 ^aAnd Solomon had ¹40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots, and 12,000 horsemen.

27 And those deputies ¹provided for King Solomon and all who came to King Solomon's table, each in his month; they left nothing lacking.

28 They also brought barley and straw for the horses and ^aswift steeds to the place where it should be, each according to his charge.

29 ¶ Now ^aGod gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of ¹mind, ^blike the sand that is on the seashore.

30 And Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all ^athe sons of the east and ^ball the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For ^ahe was wiser than all men, than ^bEthan the Ezrahite,

²⁰ ¹Lit., sea
^aGen. 22:17;
32:12, 1 Kin.
3:8

²¹ ¹Ch. 5:1
in Heb. ²He.
Euphrates
²Chr. 9:26
^aGen. 15:18,
Josh. 1:4
²Sam. 8:2, 6

²² ¹Lit.,
bread ²He.
1 kor equals
approx. 10
bu

²³ ¹Lit.,
oxen of the
pasture

²⁴ ¹Lit., be-
yond ²He.
Euphrates
^aJudg. 1:18
^bPs. 72:11
¹Chr. 22:9

²⁵ ^aJer.
23:6, Mic. 4:4;
Zech. 3:10
^b1 Sam. 3:20

²⁶ ¹One ms.
reads 4000,
cf. 2 Chr.
9:25

²⁷ ¹Or, 10:26;
2 Chr. 1:14

²⁸ ¹Or,
nourished

²⁸ ^aEath.
8:10, 14, Mic.
1:13

²⁹ ¹Lit.,
heart

³⁰ ¹Kin. 3:12
^b1 Kin. 4:20

³⁰ ^aGen.
29:1; Judg.
6:33 ^bIsa.
19:11, Acts
7:22

³¹ ¹In
1 Chr. 2:6,
Darda ²Lit.,
name

³¹ ¹Kin. 3:12
^b1 Chr. 15:19;
Ps. 89:11
¹Chr. 2:6

³² ^aProv.
1:1, 10:1;
25:1; Eccl.
12:9; Song
1:1

³⁴ ¹Lit.,
they

³¹ ¹Kin. 10:1;
2 Chr. 9:23

¹ ¹Ch. 5:15
in Heb. ²Lit.,
all the day
²Chr. 2:3
²Sam. 5:11;
1 Chr. 14:1
2 ²Chr.
2:3

³ ²Sam.
7:5; 1 Chr.
28:2, 3

⁴ ¹Lit., evil
occurrence
¹Kin. 4:24;
1 Chr. 22:9

Heman, ^aCalcol and ¹Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his ²fame was known in all the surrounding nations.

32 ^aHe also spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs were 1,005.

33 And he spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even to the hyssop that grows on the wall; he spoke also of animals and birds and creeping things and fish.

34 And ¹men ^acame from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

1a **N**OW Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for ^bHiram had ²always been a friend of David.

2 Then ^aSolomon sent word to Hiram, saying,

3 "You know that ^aDavid my father was unable to build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the wars which surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 "But now ^athe LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor ¹misfortune.

5 "And behold, ^aI ¹intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, he will build the house for My name.'

6 "Now therefore, command that they cut for me ^acedars from Lebanon, and my servants will be with your servants; and I will give you wages for your servants according to all that you say, for you know that there is no one

³ ¹Lit., say ²Sam. 7:12, 13; 1 Chr. 17:12; 22:10; 28:6;
2 Chr. 2:4
⁶ ²Chr. 2:8

among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians."

7 ¶ And it came about when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and said, "Blessed be the LORD today, who has given to David a wise son over this great people."

8 So Hiram sent word to Solomon, saying, "I have heard the message which you have sent me; I will do ¹what you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber.

9 "My servants will bring them down from Lebanon to the sea; and I will make them into rafts to go by sea ^ato the place where you ¹direct me, and I will have them broken up there, and you shall carry them away. Then ^byou shall accomplish my desire by giving food to my household."

10 So ¹Hiram ²gave Solomon ³as much as he desired of the cedar and cypress timber.

11 ^aSolomon then gave Hiram 20,000 ¹kors of wheat as food for his household, and twenty ¹kors of beaten oil; thus Solomon would give Hiram year by year.

12 And ^athe LORD gave wisdom to Solomon, just as He ¹promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

13 ¶ Now ^aKing Solomon ¹levied forced laborers from all Israel; and the forced laborers ²numbered 30,000 men.

14 And he sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month in relays; they were in Lebanon a month and two months at home. And ^aAdoniram was over the forced laborers.

15 Now ^aSolomon had 70,000 ¹transporters, and 80,000 hewers of stone in the mountains,

16 ^abesides Solomon's 3,300 chief deputies who were over the ¹project and who ruled over the people who were doing the work.

8 ¹Lit., all your pleasure

9 ¹Lit., send
^a2 Chr. 2:16
^bEzra 3:7,
Ezek. 27:17

10 ¹Heb., Hiram ²Lit., was giving
^aLit., all his desire

11 ¹Lit., I for equals
approx. 10 bu
^a2 Chr. 2:10

12 ¹Lit., spoke to
^a1 Kin. 3:12

13 ¹Lit., raised up
^aLit., was
^a1 Kin. 4:8,
9:15

14 ^a1 Kin. 4:6, 12:18

15 ¹Or, burden bearers
^a1 Kin. 9:20,
22, 2 Chr. 2:17, 18

16 ¹Lit., work
^a1 Kin. 9:23

17 ^a1 Kin. 6:7, 1 Chr. 22:2

18 ¹Heb., Hiram's ²Or, headed
^aJosh. 13:5,
Ezek. 27:9

1 ¹Lit., built
^a2 Chr. 3:1, 2

2 ¹Lit., One cubit equals approx. 18 in.

3 ¹Lit., in its length
^aLit., on the face of ^aLit., width

4 ^aEzek. 40:16, 41:16

5 ^aEzek. 41:6 ^b1 Kin. 6:16, 19, 20
^aEzek. 41:5

6 ¹Lit., gave ^aLit., take hold

7 ¹Lit., finished
^aEx. 20:25,
Deut. 27:5, 6

17 Then ^athe king commanded, and they quarried great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with cut stones.

18 So Solomon's builders and ¹Hiram's builders and ^athe Gebalites ²cut them, and prepared the timbers and the stones to build the house.

CHAPTER 6

^aNOW it came about in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv which is the second month, that he ¹began to build the house of the LORD.

2 As for the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length was sixty ¹cubits and its width twenty cubits and its height thirty cubits.

3 And the porch in front of the nave of the house was twenty cubits ¹in length, ²corresponding to the width of the house, and its ³depth along the front of the house was ten cubits.

4 Also for the house ^ahe made windows with artistic frames.

5 And ^aagainst the wall of the house he built stories encompassing the walls of the house around both the nave and the ^binner sanctuary; thus he made ^cside chambers all around.

6 The lowest story was five cubits wide, and the middle was six cubits wide, and the third was seven cubits wide; for on the outside he ¹made offsets in the wall of the house all around in order that the beams should not ²be inserted in the walls of the house.

7 And ^athe house, while it was being built, was built of stone ¹prepared at the quarry, and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any iron tool heard in the house while it was being built.

8 The doorway for the ¹lowest side chamber was on the right side of the house; and they would go up by winding stairs to the middle story, and from the middle to the third.

9 So ^ahe built the house and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and ¹planks of cedar.

10 He also built the stories against the whole house, each five ¹cubits high; and they ²were fastened to the house with timbers of cedar.

11 ¶ Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon saying,

12 "Concerning this house which you are building, ^aif you will walk in My statutes and execute My ordinances and keep all My commandments by walking in them, then I will carry out My word with you which I spoke to David your father.

13 "And ^aI will dwell among the sons of Israel, and ^bwill not forsake My people Israel."

14 ¶ ^aSo Solomon built the house and finished it.

15 Then he ^abuilt the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house to the ¹ceiling he overlaid *the walls* on the inside with wood, and he overlaid the floor of the house with boards of cypress.

16 ^aAnd he built twenty cubits on the rear part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the ¹ceiling; he built *them* for it on the inside as an inner sanctuary, even as ^bthe most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the nave in front of *the inner sanctuary*, was forty ¹cubits long.

18 And there was cedar on the house within, carved *in the shape of* ^agourds and open flowers; all was cedar, there was no stone seen.

19 Then he prepared an inner sanctuary within the house in or-

8 ¹So with Gr. and versions; M.T., middle

9 ¹Lit., rows
^a1 Kin. 6:14, 38

10 ¹i.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in.
²Lit., took hold

12 ^a2 Sam. 7:5-16; 1 Kin. 9:4

13 ^aEx. 25:8; 29:45; Lev. 26:11; ^bDeut. 31:6; Josh. 1:5; Heb. 13:5

14 ^a1 Kin. 6:9, 38

15 ¹Lit., walls of ceiling
^a1 Kin. 7:7

16 ¹Lit., walls
^a2 Chr. 3:8; ^bEx. 26:33, 34; Lev. 16:2; 1 Kin. 8:6; Heb. 9:3

17 ¹i.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in.

18 ^a1 Kin. 7:24

20 ¹Lit., before

22 ^aEx. 30:1, 3, 6

23 ^aEx. 37:7-9; 2 Chr. 3:10-12

27 ^aEx. 25:20; 37:9; 1 Kin. 8:7

der to place there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And ¹the inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in height, and he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid the altar with cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold. And he drew chains of gold across the front of the inner sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until all the house was finished. Also ^athe whole altar which was by the inner sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

23 ¶ ^aAlso in the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub and five cubits the other wing of the cherub; from the end of one wing to the end of the other wing were ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub was ten cubits; both the cherubim were of the same measure and the same form.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other cherub.

27 And he placed the cherubim in the midst of the inner house, and ^athe wings of the cherubim were spread out, so that the wing of the one was touching the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall. So their wings were touching each other in the center of the house.

28 He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

29 ¶ Then he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, inner and outer sanctuaries.

30 And he overlaid the floor of the house with gold, inner and outer sanctuaries.

31 And for the entrance of the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood, the lintel and five-sided doorposts.

32 So he made two doors of olive wood, and he carved on them carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

33 So also he made for the entrance of the nave four-sided doorposts of olive wood

34 and ^atwo doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of the one door turned on pivots, and the two leaves of the other door turned on pivots.

35 And he carved on it cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold evenly applied on the engraved work.

36 And ^ahe built the inner court with three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams.

37 ¶ ^aIn the fourth year the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid, in the month of Ziv.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished throughout all its parts and according to all its plans. So he was seven years in building it.

CHAPTER 7

NOW ^aSolomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

2 And ^ahe built the house of the forest of Lebanon; its length was 100 cubits and its width 50 cubits and its height 30 cubits, on four rows of cedar pillars with cedar beams on the pillars.

3 And it was paneled with cedar above the side chambers

34 ¹So with Gr. M.T. curtains ^aEzek. 41:23-25

36 ¹1 Kin. 7:12; Jer 36:10

37 ¹1 Kin. 6:1

1 ¹1 Kin. 3:1; 9:10; 2 Chr 8:1

2 ¹1 e. One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ¹1 Kin. 10:17; 21:2 Chr 9:16

6 ¹1 Kin. 7:12 ^aEzek. 41:25, 26

7 ^aPh. 122:5; Prov 20:8 ¹1 Kin. 6:15, 16

8 ¹1 Kin. 9:24; 2 Chr 8:11 ¹1 Kin. 3:1

12 ¹1 Kin. 6:36 ¹1 Kin. 7:6

13 ¹2 Chr. 2:13; 14:4-11

14 ¹2 Chr. 2:14 ^aEx. 28:3; 31:3-5; 35:31; 36:1

which were on the 45 pillars, 15 in each row.

4 And there were artistic window frames in three rows, and window was opposite window in three ranks.

5 And all the doorways and doorposts had squared artistic frames, and window was opposite window in three ranks.

6 Then he made ^athe hall of pillars; its length was 50 cubits and its width 30 cubits, and a porch was in front of them and pillars and a ^bthreshold in front of them.

7 And he made the hall of the ^athrone where he was to judge, the hall of judgment, and ^bit was paneled with cedar from floor to floor.

8 And his house where he was to live, the other court inward from the hall, was of the same workmanship. ^aHe also made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, ^bwhom Solomon had married.

9 ¶ All these were of costly stones, of stone cut according to measure, sawed with saws, inside and outside; even from the foundation to the coping, and so on the outside to the great court.

10 ¶ And the foundation was of costly stones, even large stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.

11 And above were costly stones, stone cut according to measure, and cedar.

12 So ^athe great court all around had three rows of cut stone and a row of cedar beams even as the inner court of the house of the LORD, and ^bthe porch of the house.

13 ¶ Now ^aKing Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre.

14 ^aHe was a widow's son from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in bronze; and ^bhe was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill for doing any work in

bronze. So he came to King Solomon and ^cperformed all his work.

15 ¶ And he fashioned ^athe two pillars of bronze; ^beighteen cubits was the height of one pillar, and a line of twelve cubits ¹measured the circumference of both.

16 He also made two capitals of molten bronze to set on the tops of the pillars; the height of the one capital was five ¹cubits and the height of the other capital was five cubits.

17 *There were* nets of network and twisted threads of chain-work for the capitals which were on the top of the pillars; seven for the one capital and seven for the other capital.

18 So he made the pillars, and two rows around on the one network to cover the capitals which were on the top of the pomegranates; and so he did for the other capital.

19 And the capitals which were on the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily design, four cubits.

20 And *there were* capitals on the two pillars, even above and close to the ¹rounded projection which was beside the network; and ^athe pomegranates *numbered* two hundred in rows around ²both capitals.

21 ^aThus he set up the pillars at the ^bporch of the nave; and he set up the right pillar and named it ¹Jachin, and he set up the left pillar and named it ²Boaz.

22 And on the top of the pillars was lily design. So the work of the pillars was finished.

23 ¶ ^aNow he made the sea of ^bcast metal ten cubits from brim to brim, circular in form, and its height was five cubits, and ¹thirty cubits in circumference.

24 And under its brim ^agourds went around encircling it ten to a cubit, ^bcompletely surrounding

14 ^cChr. 4:11-16

15 ¹Lit., went around the other pillar

^a2 Kin. 25:17; 2 Chr. 3:15; 4:12; Jer. 52:21 ^b1 Kin. 7:41

16 ¹I.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in

20 ¹Lit., bel-ly ²Lit., on the other capital ^a1 Kin. 7:42; 2 Chr. 3:16; 4:13; Jer. 52:23

21 ¹I.e., he shall establish ²I.e., in it is strength ^a2 Chr. 3:17; ^b1 Kin. 6:3

23 ¹Lit., a line of 30 cubits went around it ^a2 Chr. 4:2; ^b2 Kin. 16:17; 25:13

24 ¹Lit., in its casting ^a1 Kin. 6:18; ^b2 Chr. 4:3

25 ^a2 Chr. 4:4; 5: Jer. 52:20

27 ^a1 Kin. 7:38; 2 Kin. 25:13; 2 Chr. 4:14

28 ¹Or, crossbars

29 ¹Or, crossbars

the sea; the gourds were in two rows, cast ¹with the rest.

25 ^aIt stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east; and the sea was set on top of them, and all their rear parts *turned inward*.

26 And it was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, as a lily blossom; it could hold two thousand baths.

27 ¶ Then ^ahe made the ten stands of bronze; the length of each stand was four cubits and its width four cubits and its height three cubits.

28 And this was the design of the stands: they had borders, even borders between the ¹frames,

29 and on the borders which were between the ¹frames were lions, oxen and cherubim; and on the ¹frames there was a pedestal above, and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work.

30 Now each stand had four bronze wheels with bronze axles, and its four feet had supports; beneath the basin were cast supports with wreaths at each side.

31 And its opening inside the crown at the top was a cubit, and its opening was round like the design of a pedestal, a cubit and a half; and also on its opening *there were* engravings, and their borders were square, not round.

32 And the four wheels were underneath the borders, and the axles of the wheels were on the stand. And the height of a wheel was a cubit and a half.

33 And the workmanship of the wheels was like the workmanship of a chariot wheel. Their axles, their rims, their spokes, and their hubs were all cast.

34 Now *there were* four supports at the four corners of each

stand; its supports were part of the stand itself.

35 And on the top of the stand there was a circular form half a cubit high, and on the top of the stand its stays and its borders were part of it.

36 And he engraved on the plates of its stays and on its borders, cherubim, lions and palm trees, according to the clear space on each, with wreaths all around.

37 He made the ten stands like this: all of them had one casting, one measure and one form.

38 And he made ten basins of bronze, one basin held forty baths; each basin was four cubits, and on each of the ten stands was one basin.

39 Then he set the stands, five on the right side of the house and five on the left side of the house; and he set the sea of cast metal on the right side of the house eastward toward the south.

40 Now Hiram made the basins and the shovels and the bowls. So Hiram finished doing all the work which he performed for King Solomon in the house of the LORD:

41 the two pillars and the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the pillars;

42 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the tops of the pillars;

43 and the ten stands with the ten basins on the stands;

44 and the one sea and the twelve oxen under the sea;

45 and the pails and the shovels and the bowls; even all these utensils which Hiram made for

26 1/2. One cubit equals approx. 18 in. 2 L.A. hands

37 2 Chr. 4:14

38 2 Chr. 30:18, 2 Chr. 4:6

41 1 Kin. 7:17, 18

42 1 Kin. 7:20

44 1 Kin. 7:23, 25

45 2 Chr. 27:3, 2 Chr. 4:16

46 2 Chr. 4:17, 1 Chr. 33:17, 1 Chr. 33:27, 1 Chr. 3:18

47 1 Chr. 22:3, 14

48 2 Chr. 30:1, 37:10-20, 2 Chr. 4:8, 2 Chr. 25:30

49 2 Chr. 25:31-38

50 2 Chr. 27:3, 2 Kin. 25:15

51 2 Chr. 31:1, 2 Sam. 6:11, 1 Chr. 18:11, 2 Chr. 3:1

1 2 Chr. 5:2-10, 1 Num. 1:4, 7:2, 2 Sam. 6:12, 17:1, 1 Chr. 15:25-29, 2 Sam. 5:7

2 1 Chr. 23:34, 1 Kin. 8:85, 2 Chr. 7:8-10

King Solomon in the house of the LORD were of polished bronze.

46 In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan.

47 And Solomon left all the utensils unweighed, because they were too many; the weight of the bronze could not be ascertained.

48 And Solomon made all the furniture which was in the house of the LORD: the golden altar and the golden table on which was the bread of the Presence;

49 and the lampstands, five on the right side and five on the left, in front of the inner sanctuary, of pure gold; and the flowers and the lamps and the tongs, of gold;

50 and the cups and the snuffers and the bowls and the spoons and the firepans, of pure gold; and the hinges both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, that is, of the nave, of gold.

51 Thus all the work that King Solomon performed in the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things dedicated by his father David, the silver and the gold and the utensils, and he put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' households of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the city of David, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to King Solomon at the feast, in the

month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 Then all the elders of Israel came, and ^athe priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD and ^athe tent of meeting and all the holy utensils, which were in the tent, and the priests and the Levites brought them up.

5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, ^awere with him before the ark, sacrificing ¹so many sheep and oxen they could not be counted or numbered.

6 Then ^athe priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD ^bto its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the most holy place, ^cunder the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its poles from above.

8 But ^athe poles were so long that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place before the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; they are there to this day.

9 ^aThere was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, where ^bthe LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that ^athe cloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

12 ¶ ^aThen Solomon said,

"The LORD has said that ^bHe would dwell in the thick cloud.

3 ^aNum. 7:9; Deut. 31:9; Josh. 3:3, 6
4 ^a1 Kin. 3:4; 2 Chr. 1:3

5 ^aLit., sheep and oxen numbered for multitude
2 Sam. 6:13; 2 Chr. 1:6
6 ^a1 Kin. 8:3; ^b1 Kin. 6:19; ^c1 Kin. 6:27

8 ^aEx. 25:13, 15; 37:4, 5
9 ^aEx. 25:16, 21; Deut. 10:2-5; Heb. 9:4 ^bEx. 24:7, 8; 40:20; Deut. 4:13

10 ^aEx. 40:34, 35; 2 Chr. 7:1, 2
11 ^a2 Chr. 6:1; ^bLev. 16:2; Ps. 18:11; 97:2
12 ^a2 Sam. 7:13; ^bEx. 15:17; Ps. 132:14

14 ^aLit., turned his face about
2 Sam. 6:18; 1 Kin. 8:35
15 ^a1 Chr. 29:10, 20; Neh. 9:5; Luke 1:68
16 ^a2 Sam. 7:12; 1 Chr. 22:10

17 ^a2 Sam. 7:4, 5; 1 Chr. 17:3-10; 2 Chr. 6:5
18 ^aDeut. 12:5; 11 ^a1 Sam. 16:1; 2 Sam. 7:8

17 ^aLit., with
2 Sam. 7:2; 3; 1 Chr. 17:1, 2
18 ^aLit., with

19 ^aLit., is to come forth from your loins
2 Sam. 7:5; 12; 13; 1 Kin. 5:3, 5; 1 Chr. 17:11, 12; 22:8-10

20 ^aLit., spoke
1 Chr. 28:5, 6
21 ^aDeut. 31:26; 1 Kin. 8:9

22 ^a1 Kin. 8:54; 2 Chr. 6:12; ^bEx. 9:33; Ezra 9:3

13 ^a"I have surely built Thee a lofty house,

^bA place for Thy dwelling forever."

14 Then the king ¹ faced about and ^a blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

15 And he said, "^a Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, ^b who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled it with His hand, saying,

16 ^a "Since the day that I brought My people Israel from Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house that ^b My name might be there, but ^c I chose David to be over My people Israel."

17 ^a "Now it was ¹ in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

18 "But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was ¹ in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was ¹ in your heart.

19 ^a "Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who ¹ shall be born to you, he shall build the house for My name.'

20 "Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for ^a I have risen in place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD ¹ promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

21 "And there I have set a place for the ark, ^a in which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with our fathers when He brought them from the land of Egypt."

22 ¶ Then ^a Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and ^b spread out his hands toward heaven.

23 And he said, "O LORD, the

God of Israel, ^athere is no God like Thee in heaven above or on earth beneath, ^bwho art keeping covenant and showing loving-kindness to Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart.

24 who hast kept with Thy servant, my father David, that which Thou hast ¹promised him; indeed, Thou hast spoken with Thy mouth and hast fulfilled it with Thy hand as it is this day.

25 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father that which Thou hast ¹promised him, saying, ^{2a}You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way to walk before Me as you have walked.'

26 "Now therefore, O God of Israel, let Thy word, I pray Thee, be confirmed ^awhich Thou hast spoken to Thy servant, my father David.

27 ¹"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, ^aheaven and the ¹highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!

28 "Yet have regard to the ^aprayer of Thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee today;

29 ^athat Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward ^bthe place of which Thou hast said, 'My name shall be there,' to listen to the prayer which Thy servant shall pray toward this place.

30 "And ^alisten to the supplication of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, ^bwhen they pray toward this place; hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place; hear and ^cforgive.

31 ¹"If a man sins against his neighbor and is made to take an

oath, and he comes and takes an oath before Thine altar in this house,

32 then hear Thou in heaven and act and judge Thy servants, ^acondemning the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

33 ¹"When Thy people Israel are ¹defeated before an enemy, because they have sinned against Thee, ^bif they turn to Thee again and confess Thy name and pray and make supplication to Thee in this house,

34 then hear Thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy people Israel, and bring them back to the land which Thou didst give to their fathers.

35 ¹"When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain, because they have sinned against Thee, and they pray toward this place and confess Thy name and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them,

36 then hear Thou in heaven and forgive the sin of Thy servants and of Thy people Israel, ^aindeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And ^bsend rain on Thy land, which Thou hast given Thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¹"If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or grasshopper, if their enemy besieges them in the land of their ¹cities, whatever plague, whatever sickness there is,

38 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Thy people Israel, ¹each knowing the ^{2a}affliction of his own heart, and spreading his ³hands toward this house;

39 then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive and act and render to each according to all his ways, ^awhose heart Thou knowest, for ^bThou

23 ^a1 Sam. 2:2; 2 Sam. 7:22 ^bDeut. 7:9; Neh. 1:5; 9:32; Dan. 9:4

24 ¹Lit., spoken to

25 ¹Lit., spoken to ²Lit., There shall not be cut off to you a man from before Me.

^a1 Kin. 2:4

26 ^a2 Sam. 7:25

27 ¹Lit., heaven of heavens

^a2 Chr. 2:6; Ps. 139:7-10; Is. 66:1; Jer. 23:24; Acts 7:49

28 ^aPhil. 4:6

29 ^a2 Chr. 7:15; Neh. 1:6 ^bDeut. 12:11

30 ^aNeh. 1:6 ^bDan. 8:10 ^cEx. 34:6, 7; Ps. 85:2; Dan. 9:9; 1 John 1:9

31 ^aEx. 22:6-11

32 ^aDeut. 25:1

33 ¹Lit., smitten ^aLev. 26:17; 25; Deut. 28:25, 48 ^bLev. 26:40-42

34 ^aLev. 26:19; Deut. 11:16, 17; 2 Sam. 24:10-13

35 ^a1 Sam. 12:23; Ps. 5:8; 25:4, 5; 27:11; 88:11; 119:133; Jer. 8:16 ^b1 Kin. 18:1; 41-45; Jer. 14:22

36 ¹Lit., gates ^aLev. 26:16; 25, 28; Deut. 28:21-23; 38-42

37 ¹Lit., who shall know each ²Lit., plagues ³Lit., plagues

38 ^a1 Sam. 2:3; 10:7 ^b1 Chr. 28:9; Ps. 11:4; Jer. 17:10; John 2:24, 25; Acts 1:24

alone dost know the hearts of all the sons of men.

40 that they may ¹fear Thee all the days that they live ²in the land which Thou hast given to our fathers.

41 ¹"Also concerning the foreigner who is not of Thy people Israel, when he comes from a far country for Thy name's sake

42 (for they will hear of Thy great name ^aand Thy mighty hand, and of Thine outstretched arm); when he comes and prays toward this house,

43 hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to Thee, in order ^athat all the peoples of the earth may know Thy name, to ¹fear Thee, as do Thy people Israel, and that they may know that ²this house which I have built is called by Thy name.

44 ¹"When Thy people go out to battle against ¹their enemy, by whatever way Thou shalt send them, and ^athey pray to the LORD ²toward the city which Thou hast chosen and the house which I have built for Thy name,

45 then hear in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ¹cause.

46 ¹"When they sin against Thee (for ^athere is no man who does not sin) and Thou art angry with them and dost deliver them to an enemy, so that ¹they take them away captive ^bto the land of the enemy, far off or near;

47 ^aif they ¹take thought in the land where they have been taken captive, and repent and make supplication to Thee in the land of those who have taken them captive, saying, ^b"We have sinned and have committed iniquity, we have acted wickedly";

48 ^aif they return to Thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who have taken them captive, and ^bpray to Thee toward their

40 ¹Or, re-
verse ²Lit., on
the face of
the land
48 ^aEx. 13:3;
Deut. 3:24

49 ¹Or, re-
verse ²Lit.,
Thy name is
called upon
this house
which I have
built

^aJosh. 4:23;
24. 1 Sam.
17:46; Ps.
67:2

44 ¹Lit., his
²Lit., in the
way of

^a2 Chr. 14:11
48 ¹Lit.,
right or just-
ice

46 ¹Lit.,
their captors
take them
captive

^aPs. 130:3, 4;
143:2; Prov.
20:9; Eccl.
7:20; Rom.
3:23, 1 John
1:8-10 ^bLev.
26:34-39;
2 Kin. 17:6,
18; 25:21

47 ¹Lit., re-
turn to their
heart

^aLev. 26:40-
42; Neh. 9:2
^bEzra 9:8, 7;
Neh. 1:6; Ps.
108:8; Dan.
9:5

48 ^aDeut.
4:29; 1 Sam.
7:3, 4; Neh.
1:9 ^bDan.
6:10; Jon. 2:4

49 ¹Lit.,
judgment
50 ^a2 Chr.
30:9; Ps.
108:46; Acts
7:10

51 ^aEx.
32:11, 12;
Deut. 9:26-29
^bDeut. 4:20;
Jer. 11:4

52 ^a1 Kin.
8:29

53 ¹Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
Lord

^aEx. 19:5, 6;
Deut. 9:26-29
54 ¹Lit.,
palms

^a2 Chr. 7:1
52 Chr. 6:13
55 ^aNum.
6:23-26;
2 Sam. 6:18;
1 Kin. 8:14

56 ¹Lit.,
spoke ²Lit.,
fallen ³Lit.,
word

^aDeut. 12:10
^bJosh. 21:45;
23:14, 15

land which Thou hast given to their fathers, the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name;

49 then hear their prayer and their supplication in heaven Thy dwelling place, and maintain their ¹cause,

50 and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against Thee, and ^amake them objects of compassion before those who have taken them captive, that they may have compassion on them

51 (^afor they are Thy people and Thine inheritance which Thou hast brought forth from Egypt, ^bfrom the midst of the iron furnace),

52 ^athat Thine eyes may be open to the supplication of Thy servant and to the supplication of Thy people Israel, to listen to them whenever they call to Thee.

53 "For Thou hast separated them from all the peoples of the earth as Thine inheritance, ^aas Thou didst speak through Moses Thy servant, when Thou didst bring our fathers forth from Egypt, O Lord ¹God."

54 ¹"And it came about that when Solomon had finished praying this entire prayer and supplication to the LORD, ^bhe arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his ¹hands spread toward heaven.

55 And he stood and ^ablessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

56 "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, ^aaccording to all that He ¹promised; ^bnot one word has ²failed of all His good ³promise, which He ¹promised through Moses His servant.

57 "May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fa-

thers; ^amay He not leave us or forsake us,

58 that ^aHe may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers.

59 "And may these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that He may maintain the ¹cause of His servant and the ¹cause of His people Israel, ²as each day requires,

60 so ^athat all the peoples of the earth may know that ^bthe LORD is God; there is no one else.

61 "Let your heart therefore be ¹wholly devoted to the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day."

62 ¶ ^aNow the king and all Israel with him ^boffered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. ^aSo the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 On the same day the king consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD, because there he ^boffered the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings; for ^athe bronze altar that was before the LORD was too small to hold the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 So ^aSolomon observed the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly ^bfrom the entrance of Hamath ^cto the brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, for seven days and seven more days, even fourteen days.

87 ^aDeut. 31:6, 17; Josh. 1:5; 1 Sam. 12:22; Rom. 8:31; Heb. 13:5
88 ^aPs. 119:36; Jer. 31:33
89 ¹Lit., judgment
90 ¹Lit., the thing of a day in its day
91 ^aJosh. 4:24; 1 Sam. 17:46; 1 Kin. 8:43; 2 Kin. 19:19
92 ^aDeut. 4:35; 1 Kin. 18:39; Jer. 10:10-12
93 ¹Lit., complete with
94 ^aDeut. 18:13; 1 Kin. 11:4; 2 Kin. 20:3
95 ^a2 Chr. 7:4-10
96 ^a2 Sam. 6:17; 19; Ezra 6:16, 17
97 ^aEzra 6:15-18; Neh. 12:27
98 ¹Lit., made
99 ^a2 Chr. 4:1
100 ^aLev. 23:34-42; 1 Kin. 8:2
101 ^aNumb. 34:8; Josh. 13:5; Judg. 3:3; 2 Kin. 14:25
102 ^aGen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31; Numb. 34:5; Josh. 13:3
103 ¹Lit., done
104 ¹Lit., Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do
105 ^a2 Chr. 7:11
106 ^a1 Kin. 7:1, 2
107 ^a2 Chr. 8:6
108 ^a1 Kin. 3:5, 11-9; 2 Chr. 1:7
109 ^a3 Chr. 20:5; Ps. 10:17; 34:17
110 ^a1 Kin. 8:29
111 ^aDeut. 11:12; 2 Chr. 6:40
112 ^a4 Kin. 3:6, 14; 11:4, 6, 8; 2 Kin. 20:3; Ps. 128:1
113 ¹Lit., spoke
114 ¹Lit., There shall not be cut off to you a man
115 ^a2 Sam. 7:12; 16; 1 Kin. 2:4; 6:12; 1 Chr. 22:10
116 ^a2 Chr. 7:14-16; 1 Chr. 28:2; Ps. 80:30B
117 ¹Lit., and
118 ^aLev. 18:24-28; Deut. 4:28; 2 Kin. 17:23
119 ^aJer. 7:4-14

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away and they blessed the king. Then they went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had ¹shown to David His servant and ^oIsrael His people.

CHAPTER 9

^a NOW it came about when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD, and ^bthe king's house, and ^call ¹that Solomon desired to do,

2 that ^athe LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said to him, "^aI have heard your prayer and your supplication, which you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built ^bby putting My name there forever, and ^cMy eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

4 "And as for you, ^aif you will walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you and will keep My statutes and My ordinances,

5 then ^aI will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, just as I ¹promised to your father David, saying, ²You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel."

6 "But if you or your sons shall indeed turn away from following Me, and shall not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you and shall go and serve other gods and worship them,

7 ^athen I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and ^bthe house which I have consecrated for My name, I will ¹cast out of My sight. So

Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

8 "And this house will become ¹a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be astonished and hiss and say, ²"Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?"

9 "And they will say, ³"Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore the LORD has brought all this adversity on them."

10 ¶ And it came about ⁴at the end of twenty years in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house

11 (Hiram king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and cypress timber and gold according to all his desire), then King Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

12 So Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they ⁵did not please him.

13 And he said, "What are these cities which you have given me, my brother?" So ⁶they were called the land of ⁷2a Cabul to this day.

14 ⁸And Hiram sent to the king 120 talents of gold.

15 ¶ Now this is the account of the forced labor which King Solomon ⁹levied to build the house of the LORD, his own house, the ¹⁰Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, ¹¹Hazor, ¹²Megiddo, and ¹³Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and captured Gezer, and burned it with fire, and killed the ¹⁴Canaanites who lived in the city, and had ¹⁵given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.

17 So Solomon rebuilt Gezer and the lower ¹⁶Beth-horon

7 ¹Deut. 28:37; Ps. 44:14; Jer. 24:9
8 ¹Heb., high
9 ²Kin. 25:9; 2 Chr. 36:19
10 ³Deut. 29:24; 2 Chr. 7:21; Jer. 22:6, 9, 28
11 ⁴Deut. 29:25-28; Jer. 2:10-13
12 ⁵2 Chr. 8:1; ⁶1 Kin. 6:37, 38, 7:1; 9:1
13 ⁷Lit., were not right in his sight
14 ⁸Lit., he called them
15 ⁹e., as good as nothing
16 ¹⁰Josh. 19:27
17 ¹¹1 Kin. 9:11
18 ¹²Lit., cities
19 ¹³1 Kin. 5:13
20 ¹⁴Sam. 5:9; 1 Kin. 9:24
21 ¹⁵Josh. 11:1; 19:36
22 ¹⁶Josh. 17:11
23 ¹⁷Josh. 1:29
24 ¹⁸Josh. 18:10
25 ¹⁹1 Kin. 3:1; 7:8
26 ²⁰Josh. 10:10; 18:3; 21:22, 2 Chr. 8:5
27 ²¹Josh. 19:44
28 ²²Lit., the desire of Solomon which he desired to build in Jerusalem
29 ²³Lit., of
30 ²⁴1 Kin. 10:26; 2 Chr. 1:14
31 ²⁵1 Kin. 4:26
32 ²⁶1 Kin. 9:1
33 ²⁷Judg. 1:21-29; 3:1
34 ²⁸Josh. 15:63; 17:12, 13
35 ²⁹Judg. 1:28; 35
36 ³⁰Gen. 9:25; 26; Ezra 2:55, 58
37 ³¹Lev. 25:39
38 ³²Or, officers of the deputies
39 ⁴⁰2 Chr. 8:10
41 ⁴¹1 Kin. 5:16
42 ⁴²24
43 ⁴³1 Kin. 3:1; 7:8
44 ⁴⁴2 Sam. 5:9; 1 Kin. 9:15; 11:27; 2 Chr. 32:5
45 ⁴⁵Ex. 23:14-17; Deut. 16:16

18 and ¹⁷Baalath and Tamar in the wilderness, in the land of Judah.

19 and all the storage cities which Solomon had, even ¹⁸the cities for ¹⁹his chariots and the cities for ²⁰his horsemen, and ²¹all that it pleased Solomon to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land ²²under his rule.

20 As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, who were not of the sons of Israel,

21 ²³their descendants who were left after them in the land ²⁴whom the sons of Israel were unable to destroy utterly, ²⁵from them Solomon levied ²⁶forced laborers, even to this day.

22 But Solomon ²⁷did not make slaves of the sons of Israel; for they were men of war, his servants, his princes, his captains, his chariot commanders, and his horsemen.

23 ¶ These were the ²⁸chief officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, ²⁹who ruled over the people doing the work.

24 ¶ As soon as ³⁰Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her house which Solomon had built for her, ³¹then he built the Millo.

25 ¶ Now ³²three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to the LORD, burning incense with them ³³on the altar which was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

26 ¶ King Solomon also built a ³⁴fleet of ships in ³⁵Ezion-geber, which is near Elath on the shore of the ³⁶Red Sea, in the land of Edom.

27 ³⁷And Hiram sent his servants with the fleet, sailors who

28 ³⁸Lit., Sea of Reeds
29 ³⁹1 Kin. 22:48
30 ⁴⁰Num. 33:35; Deut. 2:8; 1 Kin. 22:48
31 ⁴¹1 Kin. 5:6, 9; 10:11

knew the sea, along with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they went to ^aOphir, and took four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

CHAPTER 10

NOW when the ^aqueen of ^bSheba heard about the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came ^cto test him with difficult questions.

2 So she came to Jerusalem with a very large retinue, with camels ^acarrying spices and very much gold and precious stones. When she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon ^aanswered all her questions; nothing was hidden from the king which he did not ²explain to her.

4 When the queen of Sheba perceived all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built,

5 the food of his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cupbearers, and ¹his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her.

6 Then she said to the king, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

7 "Nevertheless I did not believe the ¹reports, until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. You exceed in wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard.

8 "How ^ablessed are your men, how blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom.

9 "Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel; ^bbecause the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore He made you

king, ^cto do justice and righteousness."

10 And ^ashe gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great amount of spices and precious stones. Never again did such abundance of spices come in as that which the queen of Sheba gave King Solomon.

11 ¹ And also the ships of Hiram, which brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir a very great number of almag trees and precious stones.

12 And ^athe king made of the almag trees supports for the house of the LORD and for the king's house, also lyres and harps for the singers; such almag trees have not come in again, nor have they been seen to this day.

13 ¹ And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she requested, besides what he gave her according to ¹his royal bounty. Then she turned and went to her own land ²together with her servants.

14 ¹ Now the weight of gold which came in to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold.

15 besides ^athat from the traders and the ¹wares of the merchants and all the kings of the ^aArabs and the governors of the country.

16 And ^aKing Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold, ¹using 600 shekels of gold on each large shield.

17 And he made ^a300 shields of beaten gold, ¹using three minas of gold on each shield, and ^bthe king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

18 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ^aivory and overlaid it with refined gold.

19 There were six steps to the throne and a round top to the throne at its rear, and ¹arms ²on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the ¹arms.

28 ^a Chr. 29:4; 2 Chr. 8:18

1 ^a Chr. 9:1; Matt. 12:42; Luke 11:31 ^a Gen. 10:7, 28; Ps. 72:10, 15 ^a Judg. 14:12; 14; Ps. 49:4

2 ^a 1 Kin. 10:10

3 ¹ Lit., told her all her words ² Lit., tell her

8 ^a Or, has burnt offering which he offered

7 ¹ Lit., words

8 ^a Prov. 8:34

9 ^a 1 Kin. 5:7 ^a 1 Chr. 17:22, 2 Chr. 2:11 ^a 2 Sam. 8:15, 23:3; Ps. 72:2

10 ^a 1 Kin. 10:2

11 ^a 1 Kin. 9:27, 28; Job 22:24

12 ^a 2 Chr. 9:11

13 ¹ Lit., the hand of King Solomon ² Lit., she and

14 ^a 2 Chr. 9:13-28

15 ^a Or, traf-
fic ^a 2 Chr. 9:14

16 ¹ Lit., he brought up ^a 1 Kin. 14:26; 28; 2 Chr. 12:9, 10

17 ¹ Lit., he brought up ^a 1 Kin. 14:26 ^a 1 Kin. 7:2

18 ^a 1 Kin. 10:22; 2 Chr. 9:17; Ps. 45:8

19 ¹ Lit., hands ² Lit., on this side and on this at the place of the seat

20 And twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on the one side and on the other; nothing like it was made for any other kingdom.

21 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None was of silver; it was not considered ¹valuable in the days of Solomon.

22 For ^athe king had at sea the ships of Tarshish with the ships of Hiram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks.

23 ¹ So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.

24 And all the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, ^ato hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

25 And ^athey brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

26 ¹ Now Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he ¹stationed them in the ^bchariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

27 ^aAnd the king made silver as common as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamore trees that are in the ¹lowland.

28 ^aAlso Solomon's import of horses was from Egypt and Kue, and the king's merchants procured *them* from Kue for a price.

29 And a chariot ¹was imported from Egypt for 600 *shekels* of silver, and a horse for 150; and ²by the same means they exported them ^ato all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of the Arameans.

²¹ ¹Lit., anything

²² ^a1 Kin. 9:26-28; 22:48; 2 Chr. 20:36

²³ ^a1 Kin. 3:12, 13; 4:30

²⁴ ^a1 Kin. 3:9, 12, 28

²⁵ ^aPs. 68:29

²⁶ ¹So with ancient versions, Heb., *led*

^a1 Kin. 4:26; 2 Chr. 1:14-17; 9:25
^b1 Kin. 9:19

²⁷ ¹Heb., *Shephelah*
^aDeut. 17:17; 2 Chr. 1:15

²⁸ ^aDeut. 17:16; 2 Chr. 1:16; 9:28

²⁹ ¹Lit., *came up and went out from 21 Lit., in like manner by their hand*
^a2 Kin. 7:6, 7

¹ ^aDeut. 17:17; Neh. 13:23-27

² ¹Lit., *go among*
^aEx. 23:31-33; 34:12-16; Deut. 7:3

³ ^a2 Sam. 5:13-16

⁴ ¹Lit., *complete with*
^a1 Kin. 9:4

⁵ ¹In Jer. 49:1, 3, *Malcam*
^aJudg. 2:13; 10:6; 1 Sam. 7:3, 4
^b1 Kin. 11:7

⁷ ¹Lit., *before*
^aNum. 21:29; Judg. 11:24; 2 Kin. 23:13
^bLev. 20:2-5; 2 Kin. 23:10; Acts 7:43

⁹ ^aPs. 90:7
^b1 Kin. 11:2; 4 ^c1 Kin. 3:5; 9:2

¹⁰ ^a1 Kin. 6:12; 9:6, 7

CHAPTER 11

NOW ^aKing Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "^aYou shall not ¹associate with them, neither shall they ¹associate with you for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love.

3 ^aAnd he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away.

4 For it came about when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods and ^ahis heart was not ¹wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father *had been*.

5 For Solomon went after ^aAshtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after ^bMilcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father *had done*.

7 Then Solomon built a high place for ^aChemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is ¹east of Jerusalem, and for ^bMolech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.

8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

9 ¹ Now ^athe LORD was angry with Solomon ^bbecause his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, ^cwho had appeared to him twice,

10 and ^ahad commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods;

but he did not observe what the LORD had commanded.

11 So the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

12 "Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

13 "However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

14 ¶ Then the LORD raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the royal line in Edom.

15 For it came about, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had struck down every male in Edom

16 (for Joab and all Israel stayed there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom),

17 that Hadad fled to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, while Hadad was a young boy.

18 And they arose from Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house and assigned him food and gave him land.

19 Now Hadad found great favor before Pharaoh, so that he gave him in marriage the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore his son Genubath, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh.

11 ¹Lit., this is with you
1 Sam. 2:30;
1 Kin. 11:29-31; 12:15, 16;
20; 2 Kin. 17:15, 21

13 ²Sam. 7:15; 1 Chr. 17:13; Ps. 89:33 ³1 Kin. 11:32, 36;
12:20 ⁴1 Kin. 8:29

14 ¹Lit., king's seed

15 ²Sam. 8:14; 1 Chr. 18:12, 13
³Deut. 20:13

17 ¹Lit., to go into

18 ¹Num. 10:12; Deut. 1:1

19 ¹Lit., in the sight of

21 ¹1 Kin. 2:10

22 ¹Lit., send me away

23 ¹1 Kin. 11:14 ²2 Sam. 8:3, 10-16

24 ¹Lit., in ²2 Sam. 10:8, 18

26 ¹Lit., lifted up a hand
²1 Kin. 11:11, 28; 12:2, 20;
2 Chr. 13:6
³2 Sam. 20:21

27 ¹Lit., lifted up a hand ²1 e. citadel
³1 Kin. 9:15, 24

28 ¹Lit., a door of work
²Lit., burden
³Prov. 22:29

29 ¹Lit., he
²1 Kin. 12:15; 14:2; 2 Chr. 9:29

21 But when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, that I may go to my own country."

22 Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that behold, you are seeking to go to your own country?" And he answered, "Nothing; nevertheless you must surely let me go."

23 ¶ God also raised up another adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered men to himself and became leader of a marauding band, after David slew them of Zobah; and they went to Damascus and stayed there, and reigned in Damascus.

25 So he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, along with the evil that Hadad did; and he abhorred Israel and reigned over Aram.

26 ¶ Then Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king.

27 Now this was the reason why he rebelled against the king: Solomon built the Millo, and closed up the breach of the city of his father David.

28 Now the man Jeroboam was a valiant warrior, and when Solomon saw that the young man was industrious, he appointed him over all the forced labor of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had clothed himself with a new

cloak; and both of them were alone in the field.

30 Then ^aAhijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, ^aI will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes

32 (^abut he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, ^bthe city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel),

33 because they have forsaken Me, and ^ahave worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, ^bChemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did.

34 'Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ¹ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of My servant David whom I chose, who observed My commandments and My statutes;

35 but ^aI will take the kingdom from his son's hand and give it to you, even ten tribes.

36 'But ^ato his son I will give one tribe, ^bthat My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, ^cthe city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name.

37 'And I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever ¹you desire, and you shall be king over Israel.

38 'Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then ^aI will be with you and ^bbuild you an enduring

³⁰ ^a1 Sam 15:27, 28

³¹ ^a1 Kin 11:11, 12

³² ^a1 Kin 11:13, 12:21
^b1 Kin 11:13, 14:21

³³ ^a1 Sam 7:3, 1 Kin 11:5-8
^bNum 21:29, Jer 48:7, 13

³⁴ ^cOr, prince

³⁵ ^a1 Kin 11:12, 12:16, 17

³⁶ ^a1 Kin 11:13
^b1 Kin 15:4, 2 Kin 8:19, Ps 132:17
^c1 Kin 11:13

³⁷ ^aLit., your soul desires

³⁸ ^aDeut. 31:8, Josh 1:5
^b2 Sam 7:11, 27

³⁹ ^aLit., seed

⁴⁰ ^a1 Kin 14:25, 2 Chr 12:2-9

⁴¹ ^a2 Chr 9:29

⁴² ^a2 Chr 9:30

⁴³ ^a1 Kin 2:10, 2 Chr 9:31
^b1 Kin 14:21, Matt 1:7

⁴⁴ ^a2 Chr 10:1
^bJudg 9:6

⁴⁵ ^aLit., Jeroboam
^b1 Kin 11:26, 40

⁴⁶ ^a1 Sam 8:11-18, 1 Kin 4:7, 21:25, 9:15

⁴⁷ ^aLit., yet three
^b1 Kin 12:12

⁴⁸ ^aLit., stood before
^b1 Kin 4:1-6, Job 12:12, 32:7

house as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.

39 'Thus I will afflict the ¹descendants of David for this, but not always.' "

40 Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death; but Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt to ^aShishak king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ ^aNow the rest of the act of Solomon and whatever he did and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 Thus ^athe time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years.

43 And Solomon ^aslept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David, and his son ^bRehoboam reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 12

^a THEN Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel has come to ^bShechem to make him king.

2 Now it came about ^awhen Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, that ¹he was living in Egypt (for he was yet in Egypt where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon).

3 Then they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 "Your father made our yoke hard; now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

5 Then he said to them, "Depart for three days, then return to me." So the people departed.

6 ¶ And King Rehoboam ^aconsulted with the elders who had ¹served his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying "How do you counsel me to answer this people?"

7 Then they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to this people today, will serve them, I grant them their petition, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

8 But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him and served him.

9 So he said to them, "What counsel do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"

10 And the young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, now you make it lighter for us!' But you shall speak to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins!'

11 'Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'"

12 ¶ Then Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day as the king had directed, saying, "Return to me on the third day."

13 And the king answered the people harshly, for he forsook the advice of the elders which they had given him,

14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

15 So the king did not listen to the people; for it was a turn of events from the LORD, that He might establish His word, which the LORD spoke through Ahijah

7 ¹Lt., answer them
2 Chr. 10:7; Prov. 15:1

8 ¹Lt., who stood before

12 ¹Lt., spoken
1 Kin. 12:5

13 ¹Lt., advised

14 ²Ex. 1:13; 14:3-9; 16:18

15 ¹Deut. 2:30; Judg. 14:4; 1 Kin. 12:24; 2 Chr. 10:15; 1 Kin. 11:11, 31

16 ²Sam. 20:1

17 ¹1 Kin. 11:13, 36

18 ¹Lt., with stones that he died
2 Sam. 20:24; 1 Kin. 4:6; 5:14

19 ²2 Kin. 17:21

20 ¹1 Kin. 11:13, 32, 36

21 ²2 Chr. 11:1

22 ²2 Chr. 11:2; 12:5-7

23 ¹1 Kin. 12:17

24 ¹Lt., brothers
1 Kin. 12:15

the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ When all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying,

"What portion do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse;

*To your tents, O Israel!

Now look after your own house, David!"

So Israel departed to their tents.

17 But as for the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the forced labor, and all Israel stoned him to death. And King Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

20 And it came about when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. None but the tribe of Judah followed the house of David.

21 ¶ Now when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180,000 chosen men who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22 But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin and to the rest of the people, saying,

24 Thus says the LORD, "You must not go up and fight against your relatives the sons of Israel; return every man to his house, for this thing has come from

Me." " So they listened to the word of the LORD, and returned and went *their way* according to the word of the LORD.

25 ¶ Then ^aJeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived ¹there. And he went out from there and built ^bPenuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

27 "¶ If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

28 So the king ¹consulted, and ^amade two golden ^bcalves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; ^cbehold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt."

29 And he set ^aone in ^bBethel, and the other he put in ^cDan.

30 Now ^athis thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.

31 And ^ahe made houses on high places, and ^bmade priests from among ¹all the people who were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ¹instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, ^alike the feast which is in Judah, and he ²went up to the altar; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made. And he stationed in Bethel ^bthe priests of the high places which he had made.

33 Then he ¹went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had ^{2a}devised ³in his own heart; and he ²instituted a feast for the sons of Israel, and ¹went up to the altar ^bto burn ^aincense.

38 ¹Lit., in
if
Gen. 12:6;
Judg. 9:45-49
Gen. 32:30,
31; Judg. 8:8,
17

27 ^aDeut.
12:5-7, 14

28 ¹Lit.,
took counsel
2 Kin. 10:29,
17:18; Hos.
8:4-7; Hos.
10:5; Ex.
32:4, 8

29 ^aHos.
10:5; Gen.
28:19; Judg.
18:26, 31

30 ^a1 Kin.
13:34, 2 Kin.
17:21

31 ¹Or, ex-
tremities of
1 Kin. 13:32
1 Kin. 13:33,
2 Kin. 17:32,
2 Chr. 11:15,
13:9

32 ¹Lit.,
made ²Or, of-
fered upon
Lev. 23:33,
34; Num.
29:12; 1 Kin.
8:2, 5; Amos
7:10-13

33 ¹Or, of-
fered upon
1 Lit., made
1 Lit., from
Or, sacri-
fices

Num. 15:39
1 Kin. 13:1
1 Kin.
12:22; 2 Kin.
23:17; 1 Kin.
12:33

2 ^a1 Kin.
13:32; 2 Kin.
23:15, 16

3 ¹Lit.,
wonder 2 Lit.,
ashes of fat
Ex. 4:1-5;
Judg. 6:17; Is.
38:7; John
2:18; 1 Cor.
1:22

5 ¹Lit.,
ashes of fat
2 Lit., wonder

6 ¹Lit.,
soften the
face of 2 Lit.,
softened the
face of

Ex. 8:8, 28;
9:28; 10:17;
Acts 8:24;
James 5:16
b Luke 8:27,
28

7 ^a1 Sam.
9:7, 8; 2 Kin.
5:15

8 ^aNum.
22:18; 24:13;
1 Kin. 13:10,
17

CHAPTER 13

NOW behold, there came ^aa man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD while Jeroboam was standing by the altar ^bto burn incense.

2 And ^ahe cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, ^bJosiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.'"

3 Then he gave a ¹sign the same day, saying, "¶ This is the ¹sign which the LORD has spoken, 'Behold, the altar shall be split apart and the ²ashes which are on it shall be poured out.'"

4 Now it came about when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, that Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." But his hand which he stretched out against him dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.

5 The altar also was split apart and the ¹ashes were poured out from the altar, according to the ²sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please ^{1a}entreat the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So ^bthe man of God ²entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and it became as it was before.

7 Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and ^aI will give you a reward."

8 But the man of God said to the king, "¶ If you were to give me half your house I would not go

with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place.

9 "For so ¹it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came.' "

10 So he went another way, and did not return by the way which he came to Bethel.

11 ¶ Now ^aan old prophet was living in Bethel; and his ¹sons came and told him all the deeds which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they related to their father.

12 And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" Now his sons ²had seen the way which the man of God who came from Judah had gone.

13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it.

14 So he went after the man of God and found him sitting under ¹an oak; and he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

15 Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

16 And he said, "^aI cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.

17 "For a command came to me ^aby the word of the LORD, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came.' "

18 And he said to him, "^aI also am a prophet like you, and ¹an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.' " But ^che lied to him.

19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water.

9 ¹Lit. he commanded me

11 ¹Lit. son
^a1 Kin. 13:25,
2 Kin. 23:18

12 ¹Lit. Where is the way he went
²Some ancient versions read showed him

14 ¹Or, a terrabuth

16 ^a1 Kin. 13:8, 9

17 ^a1 Kin. 20:35

18 ^aMat. 7:15, 1 John 4:1
^bGal. 1:8
^cProv. 12:18, 22, 19:5, Jer. 29:31, 32, Ezek. 13:8, 9, 1 Tim. 4:1, 2

21 ¹Lit. re-buffed against
²Lit. mouth

24 ^a1 Kin. 20:38

26 ^a1 Kin. 13:11

28 ¹Lit. re-buffed against
²Lit. mouth

20 ¶ Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;

21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have ¹disobeyed the ²command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you,

22 but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, 'Eat no bread and drink no water'; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers.' "

23 And it came about after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 Now when he had gone, ^aa lion met him on the way and killed him, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body.

25 And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and told it in the city where ^athe old prophet lived.

26 ¶ Now when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard it, he said, "It is the man of God, who ¹disobeyed the ²command of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him."

27 Then he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it.

28 And he went and found his body thrown on the road with the donkey and the lion standing beside the body; the lion had not

eaten the body nor torn the donkey.

29 So the prophet took up the body of the man of God and laid it on the donkey, and brought it back and he came to the city of the old prophet to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his body in his own grave, and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!"

31 And it came about after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I die, bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones."

32 "For the thing shall surely come to pass which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria."

33 ¶ After this event Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but again he made priests of the high places from among all the people; many who would, he ordained, to be priests of the high places.

34 And this event became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to blot it out and destroy it from off the face of the earth.

CHAPTER 14

AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.

2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise now, and disguise yourself so that they may not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh; behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who spoke concerning me that I would be king over this people."

3 "And take ten loaves with you, some cakes and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will happen to the boy."

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose and went to Shiloh,

30 Jer.
22:18

31 Ruth
1:17, 2 Kin
23:17, 18

32 1 Kin.
13:2 Lev.
26:30, 1 Kin.
12:31 1 Kin
16:24, John
4:5, Acts 8:14

33 Or, ex
terminates of
1 Kin. 12:31,
12 Judg
17:5

34 Lit., by
this thing he
became
1 Kin. 12:30,
2 Kin. 17:21
1 Kin. 14:10,
15:28, 30

2 1 Sam
24:8, 2 Sam
14:2, 2 Chr
18:29 Josh
18:1 1 Kin.
11:29-31

3 1 Sam
9:7, 8, 1 Kin
13:7, 2 Kin
4:42

4 Lit., set
1 Kin. 14:2
1 Kin. 11:29
1 Sam. 3:2,
4:15

5 Lit.,
seek a word
from
2 Sam. 14:2

7 2 Sam.
12:7, 1 Kin
11:28-31, 16:2

8 1 Kin
11:31 1 Kin
11:33, 38
1 Kin. 15:5

9 1 Kin.
12:28, 2 Chr
11:15 Ex
34:17 Neh.
9:28, Ps.
50:17, Ezek.
23:35

10 Lit., him
who urinates
against the
wall
1 Kin. 21:21,
2 Kin. 9:8
Deut. 32:36,
2 Kin. 14:26
1 Kin. 15:29

11 1 Kin.
16:4, 21:24

and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see for his eyes were dim because of his age.

5 Now the LORD had said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to inquire of you concerning her son, for he is sick. You shall say thus and thus to her, for it will be when she arrives that she will pretend to be another woman."

6 ¶ And it came about when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming in the doorway, that he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam, why do you pretend to be another woman? For I am sent to you with a harsh message."

7 "Go, say to Jeroboam, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over My people Israel,

8 and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you—but yet you have not been like My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in My sight;

9 you also have done more evil than all who were before you and have gone and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger and have cast Me behind your back—

10 therefore behold, I am bringing calamity on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male person, both bond and free in Israel, and I will make a clear sweep of the house of Jeroboam as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.

11 "Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat. And he who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat; for the LORD has spoken it."

12 "Now you arise, go to your house. ^aWhen your feet enter the city the child will die.

13 "And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for ¹he alone of Jeroboam's family shall come to the grave, because in him ^asomething good was found toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

14 "Moreover, ^athe LORD will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam this day ¹and from now on.

15 "For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and ^aHe will uproot Israel from ^bthis good land which He gave to their fathers, and ^cwill scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, ^dbecause they have made their ¹Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 "And He will give up Israel ^aon account of the sins of Jeroboam, which he ¹committed and with which he made Israel to sin."

17 [¶] Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed and came to ^aTirzah. ^bAs she was entering the threshold of the house, the child died.

18 ^aAnd all Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

19 [¶] Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, ^ahow he made war and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

20 And the time that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two years; and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

21 [¶] Now Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, ^bthe city which the LORD

had chosen from all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

22 ^aAnd Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they ^bprovoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with ¹the sins which they ²committed.

23 For they also built for themselves ^ahigh places and sacred ^bpillars and ^{1c}Asherim on every high hill and ^dbeneath every luxuriant tree.

24 And there were also ^amale cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

25 [¶] Now it came about in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and ^ahe took everything, ^beven taking all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

27 So King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and ^acommitted them to the ¹care of the commanders of the ²guard who guarded the doorway of the king's house.

28 Then it happened as often as the king entered the house of the LORD, that the ¹guards would carry them and would bring them back into the ¹guards' room.

29 [¶] Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

30 ^aAnd there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and ^ahis mother's name was

12 ^a 1 Kin. 14:17
13 ¹ Lat. the one
14 ¹ Lat. and what even now?
15 ^a 1 Kin. 15:27-29
16 ¹ e. wooden symbols of a female deity
17 ^a 2 Kin. 29:28, 2 Kin. 17:6, Ps. 52:5
18 ^a 1 Kin. 23:15, 16 ² 2 Kin. 15:29 ^a Ex. 34:13, 14, Deut. 12:3, 4
19 ¹ Lat. unruled
20 ^a 1 Kin. 12:30, 13:34, 15:30, 34, 16:2
21 ^a 1 Kin. 15:21, 33, 16:6-8, 15, 23, Song 8:4
22 ^a 1 Kin. 14:12, 18 ¹ 1 Kin. 14:13
23 ^a 1 Kin. 14:30, 2 Chr. 13:2, 20
24 ^a 2 Chr. 12:13 ^a 1 Kin. 11:32, 36
25 ¹ Lat. unruled
26 ^a 2 Chr. 12:1, 14 ^a Deut. 32:21, Ps. 78:58, 1 Cor. 10:22
27 ¹ e. wooden symbols of a female deity
28 ^a Deut. 12:2, Ezek. 16:24
29 ^a Deut. 16:22
30 ^a 1 Kin. 14:15
31 ^a 2 Kin. 17:10, Is. 57:5, Jer. 2:20
32 ^a Gen. 19:5, Deut. 23:17, 1 Kin. 15:12, 22:46, 2 Kin. 23:7
33 ^a 1 Kin. 11:40, 2 Chr. 12:2, 9
34 ¹ Lat. and he took away
35 ^a 1 Kin. 15:18, 2 Chr. 12:9
36 ^a 1 Kin. 10:17, 2 Chr. 9:15, 16
37 ¹ Lat. unruled
38 ^a 1 Sam. 8:11, 22:17
39 ¹ Lat. unruled
40 ^a 2 Chr. 12:15, 16
41 ^a 1 Kin. 12:21, 15:6
42 ^a 1 Kin. 14:21

Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 15

NOW in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ^{1a}Maacah the daughter of ^{2b}Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father which he had committed before him; and ^ahis heart was not ¹wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David.

4 But for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a ^alamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem;

5 ^abecause David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, ^bexcept in the case of Uriah the Hittite.

6 ^aAnd there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 ¶ Now ^athe rest of the acts of Abijam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? ^bAnd there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

8 ^aAnd Abijam slept with his fathers and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son became king in his place.

9 ¶ So in the twentieth year of Jeroboam the king of Israel, Asa began to reign as king of Judah.

10 And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem; and ^ahis mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And ^aAsa did what was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father.

12 ^aHe also put away the male cult prostitutes from the land,

¹ ^{a2} Chr. 13:1

² ¹ In

² Chr. 13:2.

Micaiah, the

daughter of

Uriah ² In

² Chr. 11:20.

Abishalom

^{a2} Chr. 13:2

^{b2} Chr. 11:21

³ ¹ Lit.,

complete

with

^{a1} Kin. 11:4.

Ps. 119:80

⁴ ^{a2} Sam.

21:17; ¹ Kin.

11:36; ² Chr.

21:7

⁸ ^{a1} Kin.

9:4; 14:8;

Luke 1:6

^{b2} Sam.

11:3f.; 15:17;

12:9, 10

⁶ ^{a1} Kin.

14:30; ² Chr.

12:15-13:20

⁷ ^{a2} Chr.

13:2, 21, 22

^{b2} Chr. 13:3

20

⁸ ^{a2} Chr.

14:1

¹⁰ ^{a1} Kin

15:2

¹¹ ^{a2} Chr.

14:2

¹² ^aDeut.

23:17; ¹ Kin.

14:24; 22:46

^{b1} Kin. 11:7;

8; 14:23;

² Chr. 14:2-5

¹³ ¹ Lit., also

Maacah his

mother and

he removed

her ² Or, for

Asherah

^{a2} Chr. 15:16-

18 ^b Ex. 32:20

¹⁴ ¹ Lit.,

complete

with

^{a1} Kin. 22:43;

² Kin. 12:3

^{b1} Kin. 8:61;

15:3

¹⁵ ^{a1} Kin.

7:51

¹⁶ ^{a1} Kin.

15:32

¹⁷ ¹ Lit.,

built

^{a2} Chr. 18:1-6

^b Josh. 18:25;

¹ Kin. 15:21.

22 ^{a1} Kin.

12:26-29

¹⁸ ^{a1} Kin.

14:26; 15:15

^{b2} Kin. 12:17;

18; ² Chr.

18:2 ^c Gen.

14:15; ¹ Kin.

11:23, 24

¹⁹ ¹ Lit., me

and you

^{a2} Chr. 16:7

and ^bremoved all the idols which his fathers had made.

13 ^aAnd ¹he also removed Maacah his mother from being queen mother, because she had made a horrid image ²as an Asherah; and Asa cut down her horrid image and ^bburned it in the brook Kidron.

14 ^aBut the high places were not taken away; nevertheless ^bthe heart of Asa was ¹wholly devoted to the LORD all his days.

15 And ^ahe brought into the house of the LORD the dedicated things of his father and his own dedicated things: silver and gold and utensils.

16 ¶ ^aNow there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 ^aAnd Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and ^bfortified Ramah ^cin order to prevent anyone from going out or coming in to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then ^aAsa took all the silver and the gold which were left in the treasuries of the house of the LORD and the treasuries of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants. And ^bKing Asa sent them to Ben-hadad the son of Tabrimmon the son of Hezion, king of Aram who lived in ^cDamascus, saying

19 "Let there be a ^atreaty between ¹you and me, as between my father and your father. Hold, I have sent you a present of silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so that he will withdraw from me."

20 So Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and ¹conquered ^aIjon, ^bDan, ^cAbel-ber-maacah and all ^dChinneroth, sides all the land of Naphtali

²⁰ ¹ Lit., smote ^{a2} Kin. 15:29 ^b Judg. 18:29; ¹ Kin.

^{a2} Sam. 20:15; ² Kin. 15:29 ^d Josh. 11:2; 12:3

21 And it came about when Baasha heard of it that he ceased fortifying Ramah, and remained in Tirzah.

22 Then King Asa made a proclamation to all Judah—none was exempt—and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had built. And King Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah.

23 ¶ Now the rest of all the acts of Asa and all his might and all that he did and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

25 Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father and in his sin which he made Israel sin.

27 Then Baasha the son of Ahijah of the house of Issachar conspired against him, and Baasha struck him down at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon.

28 So Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.

29 And it came about, as soon as he was king, he struck down all the household of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam any persons alive, until he had destroyed them, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite.

30 and because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and

21 1 Lk.
building
1 Kin. 15:17
1 Kin. 14:17;
16:15-18

22 Josh.
18:24; 21:17

23 2 Chr.
16:11-14

24 1 Kin.
22:41-44;
2 Chr. 17:1;
Matt. 1:8

25 1 Kin.
14:20

26 1 Kin.
12:28-33;
13:33, 34;
1 Kin. 14:16;
15:30, 34

27 1 Kin.
14:14; Josh.
19:44, 21:23;
1 Kin. 16:15

28 1 Lk., only
breath
1 Kin. 14:9-16

29 1 Kin.
15:26

30 1 Kin.
14:19

31 1 Kin.
15:16

32 1 Kin.
15:26

1 1 Kin.
16:7, 2 Chr.
19:2, 20:34;
2 Chr. 16:7;
10

2 1 Sam.
2:8, 1 Kin.
14:7; 1 Kin.
15:34

3 1 Kin.
14:10, 21:21;
1 Kin. 16:11;
1 Kin. 15:20

4 1 Kin.
14:11, 21:24

5 1 Kin.
14:19, 15:31

6 1 Kin.
14:17, 15:21

7 1 Kin.
16:1

which he made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Nadab and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

33 ¶ In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel at Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years.

34 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin which he made Israel sin.

CHAPTER 16

NOW the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

2 "Inasmuch as I exalted you from the dust and made you leader over My people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam and have made My people Israel sin, provoking Me to anger with their sins,

3 behold, I will consume Baasha and his house, and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

4 "Anyone of Baasha who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat."

5 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Baasha and what he did and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

6 And Baasha slept with his fathers and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his son became king in his place.

7 Moreover, the word of the LORD through the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani also came

against Baasha and his household, both because of all the evil which he did in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger with ^bthe work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because ^che struck ¹it.

8 ¶ In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha became king over Israel at Tirzah, and reigned two years.

9 And his servant ^aZimri, commander of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he was at Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, ^bwho was over the household at Tirzah.

10 Then Zimri went in and struck him and put him to death, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and became king in his place.

11 And it came about, when he became king, as soon as he sat on his throne, that ^ahe ¹killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave ²a single male, neither of his ³relatives nor of his friends.

12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the household of Baasha, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD, which He spoke against Baasha through ^bJehu the prophet.

13 for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned and which they made Israel sin, ^aprovoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their ¹idols.

14 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Elah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

15 ¶ In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days at Tirzah. Now the people were camped against ^aGibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

16 And the people who were camped heard ¹it said, "Zimri has conspired and has also

7 ¹Or, him
^aPs. 115:4; Is.
2:8 ¹Kin.
14:14, 15:27,
29

9 ^a2 Kin.
9:30-33 ^aGen.
24:2, 39:4,
1 Kin. 18:3

11 ¹Lit.,
smile ²Lit.,
him who ur-
nates against
the wall ³Lit.,
redeemers
^a1 Kin. 15:29;
16:3

12 ^a1 Kin.
16:3 ^b2 Chr.
19:2, 20:34

13 ¹Lit.,
vanities
^aDeut. 32:21;
1 Kin. 15:30

14 ^a1 Kin.
16:5

15 ^a1 Kin.
15:27

16 ¹Lit., say-
ing

18 ^a1 Sam.
31:4, 5;
2 Sam. 17:23

19 ^a1 Kin.
12:28; 14:18;
15:28

20 ¹Lit.,
conspired
^a1 Kin. 16:5,
14, 27

23 ^a1 Kin.
15:21

24 ¹Heb.,
Shomer
^a1 Kin. 18:28,
29, 32

25 ^aMic.
6:16 ^b1 Kin.
14:9, 16:30-33

26 ¹Lit.,
vanities
^a1 Kin. 16:19

struck down the king." Therefore all Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.

17 Then Omri and all Israel with him went up from Gibbethon, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came about, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house and burned the king's house over him with fire, and ^adied.

19 because of his sins which he sinned, doing evil in the sight of the LORD, ^awalking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, making Israel sin.

20 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Zimri and his conspiracy which he ¹carried out, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

21 ¶ Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; the other half followed Omri.

22 But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. And Tibni died and Omri became king.

23 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel, and reigned twelve years; he reigned six years at ^aTirzah.

24 And he bought the hill ¹Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and named the city which he built ¹aSamaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.

25 And ^aOmri did evil in the sight of the LORD, and ^bacted more wickedly than all who were before him.

26 For he ^awalked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and in his sins which he made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel with their ¹idols.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did and his might

which he ¹showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son became king in his place.

29 ¶ Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD ^amore than all who were before him.

31 And it came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that ^ahe married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the ^bSidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him.

32 So he erected an altar for Baal in ^athe house of Baal, which he built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab also made ^athe ¹Asherah. Thus ^bAhab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

34 ^aIn his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the loss of Abiram his first-born, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 17

NOW Elijah the Tishbite, who was of ^{1a}the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "^bAs the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely ^cthere shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

2 And the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

27 ¹Lt., did

30 ^a1 Kin. 14 9, 16 25

31 ^aDeut. 7 1-5 ^bJudg. 18 7, 1 Kin. 11 1-5; 2 Kin. 10 18, 17 16

32 ^a2 Kin. 10 21, 26, 27

33 ¹Or, wooden symbol of a female deity ^a2 Kin. 13 6 ^b1 Kin. 14 9, 16 29, 30, 21 25

34 ^aJosh. 6 26

¹Or, Tishbe in Gilead ^aJudg. 12 4 ^b1 Kin. 18 10, 22 14, 2 Kin. 3 14, 5 20 ^c1 Kin. 18 1, Luke 4 25, James 5 17

3 ¹Lt., before

4 ^a1 Kin. 17 9

5 ¹Lt., before

9 ^aObad. 20, Luke 4 26 ^b1 Kin. 17 4

10 ¹Or, vessel ^aGen. 24 17, John 4 7

12 ¹Lt., cake ²Lt., pitcher ³Lt., two ^a1 Kin. 17 1 ^b2 Kin. 4 2-7 ^cGen. 21 15, 16

13 ¹Lt., there

3 "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is ¹east of the Jordan.

4 "And it shall be that you shall drink of the brook, and ^aI have commanded the ravens to provide for you there."

5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is ¹east of the Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook.

7 And it happened after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

8 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

9 "Arise, go to ^aZarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, ^bI have commanded a widow there to provide for you."

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and ^ahe called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a ¹jar, that I may drink."

11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand."

12 But she said, "^aAs the LORD your God lives, ^bI have no ¹bread, only a handful of flour in the ²bowl and a little oil in the jar, and behold, I am gathering ^{3a}a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and ^cdie."

13 Then Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from ¹it first, and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son.

14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The ¹bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil ²be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth.' "

15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16 The ¹bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil ²become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.

17 ¶ Now it came about after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe, that there was no breath left in him.

18 So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O ¹man of God? ¹You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance, and to put my son to death!"

19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed.

20 And he called to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, hast Thou also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am ¹staying, by causing her son to die?"

21 ^aThen he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the LORD, and said, "O LORD my God, I pray Thee, let this child's life return ¹to him."

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah, ^aand the life of the child returned ¹to him and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down from the upper room into the house and gave him to his mother; and Elijah said, "See, your son is alive."

24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a

¹⁴ ¹Lit., pitcher ²Lit., lock

¹⁶ ¹Lit., pitcher ²Lit., lock

¹⁸ ¹Or, Have you come death? ²Sam. 16:10; 2 Kin. 3:13; Luke 4:34; John 2:4 ¹Kin. 12:22

²⁰ ¹Lit., an-
mourning

²¹ ¹Lit., upon his in-
ward part ²Kin. 4:34, 35; Acts 20:10

²² ¹Lit., upon his in-
ward part ^aLuke 7:14; Heb. 11:35

²⁴ ^aJohn 2:11; 3:2; 16:30

¹ ^aKin. 17:1; Luke 4:25; James 5:17 ^bDeut. 28:12

³ ¹Or, re-
vered ^a1 Kin. 18:9 ^bNeh. 7:2; Job 28:28

⁴ ¹Lit., cut
off ^a1 Kin. 18:13 ^bMatt. 10:40-42

⁵ ¹Lit., cut
off

⁶ ¹Lit., pass through

⁷ ¹Lit., to meet ²2 Kin. 1:6-8

⁹ ¹Lit., have I sinned

¹⁰ ^a1 Kin. 17:1

man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

CHAPTER 18

NOW it came about ^aafter many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and ^bI will send rain on the face of the earth."

2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah ^awho was over the household. (Now Obadiah ^bfeared the LORD greatly;

4 for it came about, ^awhen Jezebel ¹destroyed the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave, and ^bprovided them with bread and water.)

5 Then Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys; perhaps we will find grass and keep the horses and mules alive, and not ¹have to kill some of the cattle."

6 So they divided the land between them to ¹survey it; Ahab went one way by himself and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 ¶ Now as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah ¹met him, ^aand he recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is this you, Elijah my master?"

8 And he said to him, "It is I. Go, say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah is here.' "

9 And he said, "What ¹sin have I committed, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Ahab, to put me to death?"

10 ^aAs the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent to search for you; and when they said, 'He is not ¹here,' he made the kingdom or nation

swear that they could not find you.

11 "And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah is here."'

12 "And it will come about when I leave you ^athat the Spirit of the LORD will carry you where I do not know; so when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have ¹fear^{ed} the LORD from my youth.

13 "Has it not been told to my master what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, that I hid ^{1a}a hundred prophets of the LORD by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water?

14 "And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah is here"': he will then kill me."

15 And Elijah said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today."

16 ¶ So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 And it came about, when Ahab saw Elijah that ^aAhab said to him, "Is this you, you troubler of Israel?"

18 And he said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, because ^ayou have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and ^byou have followed the Baals.

19 "Now then send and gather to me all Israel at ^aMount Carmel, ^btogether with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of ^cthe Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

20 ¶ So Ahab sent a message among all the sons of Israel, and brought the prophets together at Mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long will you ¹hesitate between two opinions? ^bIf the LORD is God,

12 ¹Or, reserved
2 Kin. 2:16;
Ezek. 3:12;
14; Acts 8:30

13 ¹Lit., a hundred men of the prophets
1 Kin. 18:4

15 ¹1 Kin. 17:1

17 ¹Josh. 7:25; 1 Kin. 21:20

18 ¹1 Kin. 9:9; 2 Chr. 15:2
1 Kin. 18:31, 21:25, 28

19 ¹Josh. 19:28; 2 Kin. 2:25
1 Kin. 18:22
1 Kin. 18:33

21 ¹Lit., limp on the two divided opinions
2 Kin. 17:41; Matt. 8:24
Josh. 24:15

22 ¹1 Kin. 19:10, 14
1 Kin. 18:19

24 ¹Lit., The matter is good
1 Kin. 18:35

26 ¹Lit., he gave
2 Lit., limped, i.e., a type of ceremonial dance
3 So some read, and the ancient versions, M. T., he
4 Ps. 115:4, 5; Jer. 10:5

28 ¹Lev. 19:28; Deut. 14:1

29 ¹Lit., prophesied
2 Lit., attentiveness
3 Ex. 28:39, 41

follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word.

22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I ^aalone am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are ^b450 men.

23 "Now let them give us two oxen; and let them choose one ox for themselves and cut it up, and place it on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other ox, and lay it on the wood, and I will not put a fire *under it*.

24 "Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD, and ^athe God who answers by fire, He is God." And all the people answered and said, "That is a good idea."

25 ¶ So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one ox for yourselves and prepare it first for you are many, and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*."

26 Then they took the ox which ¹was given them and they prepared it and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon saying, "O Baal, answer us." But there was ^ano voice and no one answered. And they ²leaped about the altar which ³they made.

27 And it came about at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened."

28 So they cried with a loud voice and ^acut themselves according to their custom with swords and lances until the blood gushed out on them.

29 And it came about when midday was past, that they ¹raved ^auntil the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice; but there was no voice, no one answered, and no ²one paid attention.

30 ¶ Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And ^ahe repaired the altar of the LORD which had been torn down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name."

32 So with the stones he built an altar in ^athe name of the LORD, and he made a trench around the altar, large enough to hold two ¹measures of seed.

33 ^aThen he arranged the wood and cut the ox in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, "Fill four pitchers with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood."

34 And he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. And he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time.

35 And the water flowed around the altar, and he also filled the trench with water.

36 Then it came about ^aat the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "^bO LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that ^cThou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and ^dthat I have done all these things at Thy word.

37 "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that Thou, O LORD, art God, and *that* Thou hast turned their heart back again."

38 Then the ^afire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God."

30 ^a1 Kin. 19:10, 14; 2 Chr. 33:18

31 ^aGen. 32:28; 35:10; 2 Kin. 17:34

32 ¹Heb., *seahs*, i.e., one *seah* equals approx. 11 qts. ^aCol. 3:17

33 ^aGen. 22:9; Lev. 17:8

34 ^a1 Kin. 18:29 ^bGen. 28:13; Ex. 3:6; 4:5; Matt. 22:32 ^c1 Kin. 8:43 ^dNumb. 16:28-32

35 ^aGen. 15:17; Lev. 9:24; 10:1; 2; Judg. 6:21; 2 Kin. 1:12; 1 Chr. 21:28; 2 Chr. 7:1; Job 1:16

36 ^a1 Kin. 18:21, 24

37 ^aJudg. 4:7; 5:21 ^bDeut. 13:5; 18:20; 2 Kin. 10:24, 25

38 ^a1 Kin. 18:19, 20 ^bJames 5:18

39 ^aLit., *Tie harness* ^bLuke 12:54

40 ^aJosh. 17:18; Judg. 6:33

41 ^aLit., *ran before* ^bLit., *until you are coming to* ^c2 Kin. 3:15; Is. 8:11; Ezek. 3:14 ^d2 Kin. 4:29; Jer. 1:17; 1 Pet. 1:13

42 ^aLit., *all about how* ^b1 Kin. 18:40

43 ^aLit., *soul* ^bRuth 1:17; 1 Kin. 20:10; 2 Kin. 6:31

44 ^aReading of many mss.; Heb. text may read *saw* ^bLit., *soul* ^cGen. 21:31

40 Then Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape." So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to ^athe brook Kishon, ^band slew them there.

41 ¶ Now Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of the roar of a heavy shower."

42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. But Elijah went up to the top of ^aCarmel; and he ^bcrouched down on the earth, and put his face between his knees.

43 And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go back" seven times.

44 And it came about at the seventh time, that he said, "Behold, ^aa cloud as small as a man's hand is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, '¹Prepare your chariot and go down, so that the heavy shower does not stop you.'"

45 So it came about in a little while, that the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy shower. And Ahab rode and went to ^aJezreel.

46 Then ^athe hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and ^bhe girded up his loins and ¹outran Ahab ²to Jezreel.

CHAPTER 19

NOW Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and ¹how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "^aSo may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your ¹life as the ¹life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

3 And he ¹was afraid and arose and ran for his ²life and came to ^aBeersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a ¹juniper tree; and ^ahe requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take my ²life, for I am not better than my fathers."

5 And he lay down and slept under a ¹juniper tree; and behold, there was ^aan angel touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat."

6 Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake *baked on* hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you."

8 So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food ^aforty days and forty nights to ^bHoreb, the mountain of God.

9 ¶ Then he came there to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, ^athe word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, ^btorn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And ^cI alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

11 So He said, "Go forth, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD was passing by! And ^ba great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

4 ¹Or, broom-tree
²Lit., soul
^aNumb. 11:15;
Jer. 20:14-18;
Jon. 4:3, 8

5 ¹Or, broom-tree
^aGen. 28:12

8 ^aEx. 24:18, 34:28;
Deut. 9:9-11;
18, Matt. 4:2
^bEx. 3:1, 4:27

9 ^aEx. 33:21, 22

10 ^aEx. 20:5,
34:14 ^bRom. 11:3, 4
^c1 Kin. 18:22

11 ^aEx. 19:20, 24:12,
18 ^bEzek. 1:4

12 ^aJob 4:16; Zach. 4:6

13 ^aEx. 3:6
^b1 Kin. 19:9

14 ^a1 Kin. 19:10

15 ^a2 Kin. 8:8-15

16 ^a2 Kin. 9:1-10 ^b1 Kin. 19:19-21;
2 Kin. 2:9, 15

17 ^a2 Kin. 8:12; 13:3, 22
^b2 Kin. 9:14-10:25

18 ^aRom. 11:4 ^bHeb. 13:2

19 ^a1 Sam. 28:14; 2 Kin. 2:8, 13, 14

20 ^aMatt. 8:21, 22; Luke 9:61, 62; Acts 20:37

12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire ^aa sound of a gentle blowing.

13 And it came about when Elijah heard it, that ^ahe wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, ^ba voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 Then he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."

15 ¶ And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, ^ayou shall anoint Hazael king over Aram;

16 and ^aJehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and ^bElisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

17 "And it shall come about, the ^aone who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu ^bshall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.

18 "Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not ^bkissed him."

19 ¶ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw ^ahis mantle on him.

20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Please ^alet me kiss my father and my mother, then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"

21 So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and ^aboiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and ministered to him.

CHAPTER 20

NOW ^aBen-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army, ^band there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and ^cbesieged Samaria, and fought against it.

2 Then he sent messengers to the city to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him, "Thus says Ben-hadad,

3 'Your silver and your gold are mine; your most beautiful wives and children are also mine.' "

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, "It is according to your word, my lord, O king; I am yours, and all that I have."

5 Then the messengers returned and said, "Thus says ¹Ben-hadad, 'Surely, I sent to you saying, "You shall give me your silver and your gold and your wives and your children,"

6 but about this time tomorrow I will send my servants to you, and they will search your house and the houses of your servants; and it shall come about, ¹whatever is desirable in your eyes, they will ²take in their hand and carry away.' "

7 ¶ Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, "Please observe and ^asee how this man is looking for trouble; for he sent to me for my wives and my children and my silver and my gold, and I did not refuse him."

8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, "Do not listen or consent."

21 ^aSam. 24:22

1 ^a1 Kin. 15:18, 20;
2 Kin. 6:24
1 Kin. 22:31
1 Kin. 16:24;
2 Kin. 6:24

9 ¹Lit., Ben-hadad, saying

6 ¹Lit., all the desire of your eyes
²Lit., put

7 ^a2 Kin. 5:7

10 ¹Lit., are at my feet
1 Kin. 19:2;
2 Kin. 6:31

11 ^aProv. 27:1

12 ¹Lit., he and ²Or, booths
1 Kin. 16:9;
Prov. 31:4, 5

13 ^a1 Kin. 20:28 ¹1 Kin. 18:36

14 ¹Lit., and ²Lit., said

16 ¹Or, booths ²Lit., he and the 32 kings
1 Kin. 16:9;
20:12; Prov. 20:1

9 So he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I cannot do.' " And the messengers departed and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad sent to him and said, "May ^athe gods do so to me and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who ¹follow me."

11 Then the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell him, ^aLet not him who girds on his armor boast like him who takes it off.' "

12 And it came about when Ben-hadad heard this message, as ^ahe was drinking ¹with the kings in the ²temporary shelters, that he said to his servants, "Station yourselves." So they stationed themselves against the city.

13 ¶ Now behold, a prophet approached Ahab king of Israel and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, ^aI will deliver them into your hand today, and ^byou shall know that I am the LORD.' "

14 And Ahab said, "By whom?" So he said, "Thus says the LORD, 'By the young men of the rulers of the provinces.' " Then he said, "Who shall ¹begin the battle?" And he ²answered, "You."

15 Then he mustered the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and there were 232; and after them he mustered all the people, even all the sons of Israel, 7,000.

16 ¶ And they went out at noon, while ^aBen-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the ¹temporary shelters ²with the thirty-two kings who helped him.

17 And the young men of the rulers of the provinces went out

first; and Ben-hadad sent out and they told him, saying, "Men have come out from Samaria."

18 ^aThen he said, "If they have come out for peace, take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take them alive."

19 So these went out from the city, the young men of the rulers of the provinces, and the army which followed them.

20 And they ¹killed each his man; and the Arameans fled, and Israel pursued them, and Ben-hadad king of Aram escaped on a horse with horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out and ¹struck the horses and chariots, and ¹killed the Arameans with a great slaughter.

22 ¶ Then ^athe prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself and observe and see what you have to do; for ^bat the turn of the year the king of Aram will come up against you."

23 Now the servants of the king of Aram said to him, "^aTheir gods are gods of the mountains, therefore they were stronger than we; but rather let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they."

24 "And do this thing: remove the kings, each from his place, and put captains in their place,

25 and ¹muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot. Then we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they." And he listened to their voice and did so.

26 ¶ So it came about ^aat the turn of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to ^bAphek to fight against Israel.

27 And the sons of Israel were mustered and were provisioned and went to meet them; and the sons of Israel camped before

them like two little flocks of goats, ^abut the Arameans filled the country.

28 Then ^aa man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because the Arameans have said, "^bThe LORD is a god of the mountains, but He is not a god of the valleys"; therefore ^cI will give all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.'"

29 So they camped one over against the other seven days. And it came about that on the seventh day, the battle was joined, and the sons of Israel ¹killed of the Arameans 100,000 foot soldiers in one day.

30 But the rest fled to ^aAphek into the city, and the wall fell on 27,000 men who were left. And Ben-hadad fled and came into the city ^binto an inner chamber.

31 ¶ And ^ahis servants said to him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings, please let us ^bput sackcloth on our loins and ropes on our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will save your ¹life."

32 So ^athey girded sackcloth on their loins and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel and said, "^bYour servant Ben-hadad says, 'Please let me live.'" And he said, "Is he still alive? He is my brother."

33 Now the men ¹took this as an omen, and quickly ²catching his word said, "Your brother Ben-hadad." Then he said, "Go, bring him." Then Ben-hadad came out to him, and he ³took him up into the chariot.

34 And Ben-hadad said to him, "^aThe cities which my father took from your father I will restore, and you shall make streets for yourself in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria." Ahab said, "And I will let you go with

18 ^a2 Kin.
14:8-12

20 ¹Lit.,
smote

21 ¹Lit.,
smote

22 ^a1 Kin.
20:13 ^b2 Sam.
11:1, 1 Kin.
20:26

22 ^a1 Kin.
14:23, Jer.
16:19-21,
Rom. 1:21-23

25 ¹Lit.,
number

26 ^a1 Kin.
20:22 ^b2 Kin.
13:17

27 ^aJudg.
6:3-5, 1 Sam.
13:5-8

28 ^a1 Kin.
17:18 ^b1 Kin.
20:23 ^c1 Kin.
20:13

29 ¹Lit.,
smote

30 ^a1 Kin.
20:26 ^b1 Kin.
22:25, 2 Chr.
18:24

31 ¹Lit., ^aand
^a1 Kin. 20:23
26 ^bGen.
37:34, 2 Sam.
3:31

32 ^a1 Kin.
20:31 ^b1 Kin.
20:3-8

33 ¹Lit., ^adi-
vised ^bLit.,
caught from
him ^cLit.,
caused him
to come up

34 ^a1 Kin.
15:20

this covenant." So he made a covenant with him and let him go.

35 ¶ Now a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to another by the word of the LORD, "Please strike me." But the man refused to strike him.

36 Then he said to him, "Because you have not listened to the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as you have departed from me, a lion will kill you." And as soon as he had departed from him a lion found him, and killed him.

37 Then he found another man and said, "Please strike me." And the man struck him, wounding him.

38 So the prophet departed and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with a bandage over his eyes.

39 And as the king passed by, he cried to the king and said, "Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me and said, 'Guard this man; if for any reason he is missing, then your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.'

40 "And while your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." And the king of Israel said to him, "So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it."

41 Then he hastily took the bandage away from his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized him that he was of the prophets.

42 And he said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have let go out of your hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.'"

43 So the king of Israel went to his house sullen and vexed, and came to Samaria.

35 ¹Lit., his neighbor
⁴² Kin. 2:3-7
⁴¹ Kin. 13:17, 18

36 ¹Lit., smite
²Lit., smote
⁴¹ Kin. 13:24

37 ¹Lit., smite
²Lit., smote
³Lit., striking and wounding

38 ⁴¹ Kin. 14:2

39 ⁴² Kin. 10:24

42 ¹Lit., soul
⁴¹ Kin. 20:39

43 ⁴¹ Kin. 21:4

¹ Judg. 6:33; 1 Kin. 18:45, 46

² ¹Lit., it is good in your eyes
²Lit., this
⁴¹ Sam. 8:14

³ ⁴Lev. 25:23; Num. 36:7; Ezek. 46:18

⁴ ¹Lit., bread
⁴¹ Kin. 20:43

⁵ ¹Lit., bread

⁷ ¹Lit., exercise king-ship
⁴¹ Sam. 8:14

⁸ ⁴Ezek. 3:12; 8:8, 10
⁴¹ Kin. 20:7

CHAPTER 21

NOW it came about after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden because it is close beside my house, and I will give you a better vineyard than it in its place; if you like, I will give you the price of it in money."

3 But Naboth said to Ahab "The LORD forbid me that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers."

4 So Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no food.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "How is it that your spirit is so sullen that you are not eating food?"

6 So he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you a vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

7 And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now reign over Israel? Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and sent letters to the elders and to the nobles who were living with Naboth in his city.

9 Now she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and

seat Naboth at the head of the people;

10 and seat two ^aworthless men before him, and let them testify against him, saying, ^b"You cursed God and the king." Then take him out and ^cstone him ¹to death."

11 ¶ So the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them, just as it was written in the letters which she had sent them.

12 They ^aproclaimed a fast and seated Naboth at the head of the people.

13 Then the two worthless men came in and sat before him; and the worthless men testified against him, even against Naboth, before the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." ^aSo they took him outside the city and stoned him ¹to death with stones.

14 Then they sent word to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned, and is dead."

15 And it came about when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth, the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

16 And it came about when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, ^awho is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth where he has gone down to take possession of it.

19 "And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD,

10 ¹Lt., so that he dies
1 Sam. 2:12;
2 Sam. 20:1
Ex. 22:28;
Lev. 24:15;
16; Acts 8:11
1 Lev. 24:14

12 ^aIs. 58:4

13 ¹Lt., with stones so that he died
2 Kin. 9:28;
2 Chr. 24:21;
Acts 7:58, 59;
Heb. 11:37

18 ¹Kin. 16:29

19 ²Sam. 12:9 ¹Kin. 22:28, 2 Kin. 9:28

20 ¹Lt., read
1 Kin. 16:17
1 Kin. 21:25;
2 Kin. 17:17;
Rom. 7:14

21 ¹Kin. 14:10; 2 Kin. 9:8

22 ¹Kin. 15:20 ¹Kin. 16:3, 11
1 Kin. 12:30;
13:34, 14:16

23 ¹Lt., por-
tents, some
men read
rampart
2 Kin. 9:10;
30:37

24 ¹Kin. 14:11, 16:4

25 ¹Or,
whom Jezebel
has wife in-
cited
1 Kin. 16:30-
33, 21:20

26 ¹Kin. 15:12, 2 Kin. 17:12 ^aGen. 15:16, Lev. 18:25-30;
2 Kin. 21:11

27 ¹Lt., sackcloth on his flesh ¹Or,
siftly
Gen. 37:34;
2 Sam. 3:31;
2 Kin. 6:30

^a"Have you murdered, and also taken possession?" ¹And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, ^b"In the place where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth the dogs shall lick up your blood, even yours."'"

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, ^a"Have you found me, O my enemy?" And he ¹answered, "I have found you, ^bbecause you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 "Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and ^awill utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free in Israel;

22 and ^aI will make your house ^blike the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and because you ^chave made Israel sin.

23 "And of Jezebel also has the LORD spoken, saying, ^a"The dogs shall eat Jezebel in the ¹district of Jezreel."

24 ^a"The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs shall eat, and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven shall eat."

25 ¶ ^aSurely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, ¹because Jezebel his wife incited him.

26 And ^ahe acted very abominably in following idols, ^bac-
cording to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel.

27 ¶ And it came about when Ahab heard these words, that ^ahe tore his clothes and put ¹on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about ²de-
spondently.

28 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, say-
ing,

29 "Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, but I will bring the evil upon his house ^ain his son's days."

CHAPTER 22

AND ¹three years passed without war between Aram and Israel.

2 ^aAnd it came about in the third year, that ^bJehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

3 Now the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that ^aRamoth-gilead belongs to us, and we ¹are still doing nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Aram?"

4 And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "^aI am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

5 ¶ Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire ¹first for the word of the LORD."

6 Then ^athe king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king."

7 But ^aJehoshaphat said, "Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of him?"

8 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. He is Micaiah son of Imlah." But Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so."

29 ^a2 Kin.
9:25-37

1 ¹Lit.,
they sat for
three years

3 ^a2 Chr
18:2 ^b1 Kin.
15:24

3 ¹Lit., are
silent as as
not
^aDeut. 4:43,
Josh. 21:38,
1 Kin. 4:13

4 ^a2 Kin.
3:7

5 ¹Lit., as
the day

6 ^a1 Kin.
18:19

7 ^a2 Kin.
3:11

8 ¹Lit.,
Hasten Mica-
iah

10 ^a1 Kin.
22:6

11 ^aZech.
1:18-21
^bDeut. 33:17

14 ^a1 Kin.
18:10, 15
^bNum. 22:18;
24:13

15 ¹Lit., said
to
^a1 Kin. 22:12

17 ^aNum.
27:17; 1 Kin.
22:34-36;
2 Chr. 18:16;
Matt. 9:36;
Mark 6:34

9 Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "¹Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah."

10 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and ^aall the prophets were prophesying before them.

11 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made ^ahorns of iron for himself and said, "Thus says the LORD, ^b'With these you shall gore the Arameans until they are consumed.'"

12 And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prosper, for the LORD will give it into the hand of the king."

13 ¶ Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably."

14 But Micaiah said, "^aAs the LORD lives, what ^bthe LORD says to me, that I will speak."

15 When he came to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?" And he ¹answered him, "^aGo up and succeed, and the LORD will give it into the hand of the king."

16 Then the king said to him, "How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

17 So he said,

"I saw all Israel
Scattered on the moun-
tains,

^aLike sheep which have no
shepherd.

And the LORD said, 'These
have no master.

Let each of them return to
his house in peace.'"

18 Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

19 And Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left.

20 "And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that.

21 "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.'

22 "And the LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice him and also prevail. Go and do so.'

23 "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."

24 ¶ Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?"

25 And Micaiah said, "Behold, you shall see on that day when you enter an inner room to hide yourself."

26 Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son;

27 and say, 'Thus says the king, "Put this man in prison, and feed him sparingly with bread and water until I return safely."'

28 And Micaiah said, "If you indeed return safely the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Listen, all you people."

29 ¶ So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up against Ramoth-gilead.

18-1 Kin. 22:8

19-1 Kin. 22:8-10; 2 Kin. 1:28-29; Dan. 7:9, 10; Job 1:6, 2:1; Ps. 103:20, 21; Dan. 7:10; Matt. 18:10; Heb. 1:7, 14

22-Judg. 9:23, 1 Sam. 16:14, 18:10; 19:9; Ezek. 14:9, 2 Thess. 2:11

23-Ezek. 14:9

24-1 Kin. 22:11, Matt. 5:39; Acts 23:2, 3; 2 Chr. 18:23

25-1 Kin. 20:30

27-1 Kin. with bread of affliction and water of affliction; 2 Chr. 18:10; 18:25-27

28-Deut. 18:22; Mic. 1:2

29-1 Kin. 22:3, 4

30-2 Chr. 35:22

31-1 Kin. 20:1, 18:24, 2 Chr. 18:30

34-1 Kin. between the scale-armor and the breastplate; 1 Kin. your hand; 1 Kin. camp; 2 Chr. 35:23

35-1 Kin. went up

36-1 Kin. land; 2 Kin. 14:12

39-1 Kin. 21:19

39-Amon 3:15

30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into the battle, but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle.

31 Now the king of Aram had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, "Do not fight with small or great, but with the king of Israel alone."

32 So it came about, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "Surely it is the king of Israel," and they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

33 Then it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

34 ¶ Now a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel in a joint of the armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around, and take me out of the fight; for I am severely wounded."

35 And the battle raged that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot in front of the Arameans, and died at evening, and the blood from the wound ran into the bottom of the chariot.

36 Then a cry passed throughout the army close to sunset, saying, "Every man to his city and every man to his country."

37 ¶ So the king died and was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood (now the harlots bathed themselves there), according to the word of the LORD which He spoke.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab and all that he did and the ivory house which he built and all the cities which he built, are

they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his son became king in his place.

41 ¶ Now Jehoshaphat the son of Asa became king over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the way of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD. However, the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense on the high places.

44 Jehoshaphat also made peace with the king of Israel.

45 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might which he showed and how he warred, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of the sodomites who remained in the

41-42 Chr.
20:31

43-42 Chr.
17:3-11 Kin.
15:14; 2 Kin.
12:3

44-41 Kin.
22:2; 2 Kin.
8:16, 18;
2 Chr. 19:2

45-42 Chr.
20:34

46-1st.
consumed
Gen. 19:5,
Deut. 23:17,
1 Kin. 14:24,
15:12, Jude 7

47-42 Sam.
8:14; 2 Kin.
3:9

48-41 Kin.
10:22; 2 Chr.
20:38-41 Kin.
9:28-42 Chr.
20:37-41 Kin.
9:28

49-42 Chr.
21:1

51-41 Kin.
22:40

52-41 Kin.
15:26; 21:25

53-4 Judg.
2:11; 1 Kin.
16:30-32

days of his father Asa, he expelled from the land.

47 Now there was no king in Edom; a deputy was king.

48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold but they did not go for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber.

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat was not willing.

50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

53 So he served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger according to all that his father had done.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS

Ahaziah's Messengers Meet Elijah

NOW Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber which was in Samaria, and became ill. So he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron,

1-42 Sam.
8:2; 2 Kin. 3:5

2-42 Kin.
1:3; 6; 16;
Matt. 10:23;
Mark 3:22;
42 Kin. 8:7-10

3-41 Kin.
17:1; 21:17;
42 Kin. 1:2

whether I shall recover from this sickness."

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?'

4 "Now therefore thus says the LORD, 'You shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" Then Elijah departed.

5 ¶ When the messengers returned to him he said to them, "Why have you returned?"

6 And they said to him, "A man came up to meet us and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you and say to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.''"

7 And he said to them, "What kind of man was he who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?"

8 And they answered him, "He was a hairy man with a leather girdle bound about his loins." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

9 ¶ Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'"

10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

11 So he again sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, thus says the king, 'Come down quickly.'"

12 And Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God

4 ¹ Lit. The bed where you went up, you shall not come down from it.
2 Kin. 1:6, 16

5 ¹ Lit. What is this that you have returned?

6 ¹ IV 4, note 1
2 Kin. 1:2

8 ¹ Lit. said
Or, part
Zech. 13:4,
Matt. 3:4,
Mark 1:6

9 ² Kin. 1:13, 14

10 ¹ Kin. 18:36-38,
Luke 9:54
Job 1:16

13 ¹ Kin. 1:15,
Jer. 5:3

14 ¹ Lit. said

15 ² Kin. 1:13-14, 51:12,
Jer. 1:17,
Ezek. 2:6

16 ¹ IV 4, note 1
2 Kin. 1:3

17 ² Kin. 1:11, 8:16

1 ¹ Or, windstorm
Gen. 5:24,
Heb. 11:5
1 Kin. 18:16,
21:1 Josh. 4:19

2 ¹ Ruth 1:15-16 Kin. 12:28, 29
1 Sam. 1:28,
2 Kin. 2:4, 6

came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

13 So he again sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. When the third captain of fifty went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and said to him, "O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight."

14 Behold fire came down from heaven, and consumed the first two captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in your sight."

15 And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king.

16 Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron—is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word?—therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.'"

17 ¶ So Ahaziah died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And because he had no son, Jehoram became king in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

CHAPTER 2

AND it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD

lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

3 Then ^athe sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over ¹you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still."

4 And Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please ^astay here, for the LORD has sent me to ^bJericho." But he said, "^cAs the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

5 And ^athe sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "^bDo you know that the LORD will take away your master from over ¹you today?" And he ²answered, "Yes, I know; be still."

6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please ^astay here, for the LORD has sent me to ^bthe Jordan." And he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

7 ¶ Now ^afifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite *them* at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

8 And Elijah ^atook his mantle and folded it together and ^bstruck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

9 Now it came about when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a ^adouble portion of your spirit be upon me."

10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you ^asee me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

3 ¹Lit.,
your head
²Kin. 4:1,
38, 5:22

4 ²Kin.
2:2 ^bJoah.
6:26 ²Kin.
2:2

5 ¹Lit.,
your head
²Lit., said
²Kin. 2:3
²Kin. 2:3

6 ²Kin.
2:2 ^bJoah. 3:8,
15:17

7 ²Kin.
2:15, 16

8 ¹Kin.
19:13, 19 ^bEx.
14:21, 22,
2 Kin. 2:14

9 ^aNum.
11:17-25;
Deut. 21:17

10 ^aActs
1:10

11 ¹Or,
windstorm
²Kin. 6:17

12 ¹Lit.,
chariot
²Kin. 13:14
^bGen. 37:34;
Job 1:20

14 ²Kin.
2:8

15 ²Kin.
2:7

16 ¹Lit., last
^aKin. 18:12;
Acts 8:39

17 ²Kin.
8:11

11 Then it came about as they were going along and talking, that behold, *there appeared* ^aa chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two *off* them. And Elijah went up by ^aa whirlwind to heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it and cried out, "^aMy father, my father, the ¹chariots of Israel and its horse-men!" And he saw him no more. Then ^bhe took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and struck the waters and said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he also had ^astruck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over.

15 ¶ Now when ^athe sons of the prophets who were at Jericho opposite *him* saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 And they said to him, "Behold now, there are with you servants fifty strong men, please let them go and search for your master; ¹perhaps ^athe Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him on some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send."

17 But when ^athey urged him until he was ashamed, he said, "Send." They sent therefore fifty men; and they searched three days, but did not find him.

18 And they returned to him while he was staying at Jericho; and he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go?'"

19 ¶ Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold now, the situation of this city is pleasant,

as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the land ¹is unfruitful."

20 And he said, "Bring me a new jar, and put salt ¹in it." So they brought it to him.

21 And he went out to the spring of water, and ^athrew salt ¹in it and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'I have ²purified these waters; there shall not be from there death or ³unfruitfulness any longer.'"

22 So the waters have been ¹purified to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

23 ¶ Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up by the way, young lads came out from the city and ^amocked him and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead; go up, you baldhead!"

24 When he looked behind him and saw them, he ^acurled them in the name of the LORD. Then two female bears came out of the woods and tore up forty-two lads of ¹their number.

25 And he went from there to ^aMount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

CHAPTER 3

NOW Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria ^ain the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, though not like his father and his mother; for ^ahe put away the sacred pillar of Baal ^bwhich his father had made.

3 Nevertheless, ^ahe clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, ^bwhich he made Israel sin; he did not depart from them.

4 ¶ Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep breeder, and ^aused to pay the king of Israel 100,000 lambs and the wool of 100,000 rams.

19 ¹Lt. common bear reverse

20 ¹Lt. there

21 ¹Lt. there ²Lt. holed ³Lt. barrenness ^aEx. 15:25, 26, 2 Kin. 4:41, 46

22 ¹Lt. holed

23 ²Chr. 35:16, Ps. 31:17, 18

24 ¹Lt. them ^aNeh. 13:25-27

25 ¹Kin. 18:19, 20; 2 Kin. 4:25

1 ²Kin. 1:17

2 ^aEx. 23:24, 2 Kin. 10:18, 26-28 ^b1 Kin. 16:31, 32

3 ¹Kin. 12:28-32 ^b1 Kin. 14:9, 16

4 ²Sam. 6:2, Is. 16:1, 2

5 ²Kin. 1:1

6 ¹Lt. in that day

7 ¹Kin. 22:4

8 ¹Lt. said

9 ²Kin. 3:1 ²Kin. 3:7 ¹Kin. 22:47

11 ¹Kin. 22:7 ²Kin. 2:25 ¹Kin. 19:21; John 13:4, 5, 13, 14

13 ¹Kin. 18:18; 22:6, 11, 22-25

14 ¹Kin. 17:1; 3 Kin. 5:16

5 But it came about, ^awhen Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

6 And King Jehoram went out of Samaria ¹at that time and mustered all Israel.

7 Then he went and sent word to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?" And he said, "I will go up; ^aI am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

8 And he said, "Which way shall we go up?" And he ¹answered, "The way of the wilderness of Edom."

9 So ^athe king of Israel went with ^bthe king of Judah and ^cthe king of Edom; and they made a circuit of seven days' journey, and there was no water for the army or for the cattle that followed them.

10 Then the king of Israel said, "Alas! For the LORD has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab."

11 But Jehoshaphat said, "^aIs there not a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?" And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, "^bElisha the son of Shaphat is here, ^cwho used to pour water on the hands of Elijah."

12 And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 ¶ Now Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What do I have to do with you? ^aGo to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother." And the king of Israel said to him, "No, for the LORD has called these three kings together to give them into the hand of Moab."

14 And Elisha said, "^aAs the LORD of hosts lives, before

whom I stand, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look at you nor see you.

15 "But now ^abring me a minstrel." And it came about, when the minstrel played, that ^bthe hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said, "Thus says the LORD, 'Make this valley full of trenches.'

17 "For thus says the LORD, 'You shall not see wind nor shall you see rain; yet that valley ^ashall be filled with water, so that you shall drink, both you and your cattle and your beasts.

18 'And this is but a ^aslight thing in the sight of the LORD; He shall also give the Moabites into your hand.

19 'Then you shall strike every fortified city and every choice city, and fell every good tree and stop all springs of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.' "

20 And it happened in the morning ^aabout the time of offering the sacrifice, that behold, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 ¶ Now all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them. And all who were able to ¹put on armor and older were summoned, and stood on the border.

22 And they rose early in the morning, and the sun shone on the water, and the Moabites saw the water opposite *them* as red as blood.

23 Then they said, "This is blood; the kings have surely fought together, and they have slain one another. Now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!"

24 But when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites arose and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them;

15 ^{a1} Sam. 16:23; 1 Chr. 25:1 ^{b1} Kin. 18:46; Ezek. 1:3

17 ^aPs. 107:35

18 ^aJer. 32:17, 27; Mark 10:27; Luke 1:37

19 ^{a2} Kin. 3:25

20 ^aEx. 29:39, 40

21 ¹ Lit., gird themselves with a belt

24 ¹ Lit., into it ² Lit., smiting

25 ^{a2} Kin. 3:19 ^{b1s} 16:7; Jer. 48:31, 36

27 ^aAmos 2:1; Mic. 6:7

1 ¹ Lit., Elisha, saying ^{a2} Kin. 2:3 ^b Lev. 25:39-41, 48; 1 Sam. 22:2; Neh. 5:2-5

2 ^{a1} Kin. 17:12

and they went forward ¹into the land, ²slaughtering the Moabites.

25 ^aThus they destroyed the cities; and each one threw a stone on every piece of good land and filled it. So they stopped all the springs of water and felled all the good trees, until in ^bKir-hareseth only they left its stones; however, the slingers went about it and struck it.

26 When the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him 700 men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom; but they could not.

27 Then he took his oldest son who was to reign in his place and ^aoffered him as a burnt offering on the wall. And there came great wrath against Israel, and they departed from him and returned to their own land.

CHAPTER 4

NOW a certain woman of the wives of ^athe sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD; and ^bthe creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves."

2 And Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house except ^aa jar of oil."

3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels at large for yourself from all your neighbors, even empty vessels; do not get a few.

4 "And you shall go in and shut the door behind you and you sons, and pour out into all these vessels; and you shall set aside what is full."

5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons; they were bringing the vessels to her and she poured.

6 And it came about when ^athe vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not one vessel more." And the oil stopped.

7 Then she came and told ^athe man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons can live on the rest."

8 ^a Now there came a day when Elisha passed over to ^aShunem, where there was a ¹prominent woman, and she persuaded him to eat ²food. And so it was, as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat ²food.

9 And she said to her husband, "Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy ^aman of God passing by us continually.

10 "Please, let us ^amake a little walled upper chamber and let us set a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; and it shall be, when he comes to us, *that* he can turn in there."

11 ¹One day he came there and turned in to the upper chamber and ²rested.

12 Then he said to ^aGehazi his servant, "Call this Shunamite." And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Behold, you have been ¹careful for us with all this ²care; what can I do for you? Would you be spoken for to the king or to the captain of the army?' " And she ³answered, "I live among my own people."

14 So he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi ¹answered, "Truly she has no son and her husband is old."

15 And he said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway.

16 Then he said, "^aAt this season ¹next year you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord, O man of God, ^bdo not lie to your maidservant."

6 ^aMatt. 14:20

7 ^a1 Kin. 12:22

8 ¹Lit., great ²Lit., bread ^aJosh 19:18

9 ^a2 Kin. 4:7

10 ^aMatt 10:41, 42; 25:40; Rom 12:13

11 ¹Lit., Now a day came *that* ²Lit., lay there

12 ^a2 Kin. 4:29-31; 5:20; 27:8, 4, 5

13 ¹Lit., fearful ²Lit., fear ³Lit., said

14 ¹Lit., said

16 ¹Lit., when the time revives ^aGen. 18:14 ^a2 Kin. 4:28

17 ¹Lit., when the time revives

20 ¹Lit., knows

21 ^a2 Kin. 4:32 ^a2 Kin. 4:7

23 ^aNum. 10:10, 28, 11; 1 Chr 23:31

24 ¹Lit., and ing

28 ¹Lit., this Shunammite ^a2 Kin. 2:25

30 ¹Lit., said

37 ¹Lit., better ^a2 Kin. 4:25

17 And the woman conceived and bore a son at that season ¹the next year, as Elisha had said to her.

18 ¹ When the child was grown, the day came that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said to his father, "My head, my head." And he said to his servant, "Carry him to his mother."

20 When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her ¹lap until noon, and *then* died.

21 And she went up and ^alaid him on the bed of ^bthe man of God, and shut *the* door behind him, and went out.

22 Then she called to her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and return."

23 And he said, "Why will you go to him today? It is neither ^anew moon nor sabbath." And she said, "*It will be well.*"

24 Then she saddled a donkey and said to her servant, "Drive and go forward; do not slow down ¹the pace for me unless I tell you."

25 So she went and came to the man of God to ^aMount Carmel. And it came about when the man of God saw her at a distance, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, ¹yonder is the Shunamite.

26 "Please run now to meet her and say to her, 'Is it well with you? Is it well with your husband? Is it well with the child?' " And she ¹answered, "It is well."

27 When she came to the man of God ^ato the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away; but the man of God said, "Let her alone, for her soul is ¹troubled within her; and the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me."

28 Then she said, "Did I ask for a son from my lord? Did I not say, 'Do not deceive me?'"

29 ¶ Then he said to Gehazi, "Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand, and go your way; if you meet any man, do not salute him, and if anyone salutes you, do not answer him; and lay my staff on the lad's face."

30 And the mother of the lad said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." And he arose and followed her.

31 Then Gehazi passed on before them and laid the staff on the lad's face, but there was neither sound nor response. So he returned to meet him and told him, "The lad has not awakened."

32 When Elisha came into the house, behold the lad was dead and laid on his bed.

33 So he entered and shut the door behind them both, and prayed to the LORD.

34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth and his eyes on his eyes and his hands on his hands, and he stretched himself on him; and the flesh of the child became warm.

35 Then he returned and walked in the house once back and forth, and went up and stretched himself on him; and the lad sneezed seven times and the lad opened his eyes.

36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Take up your son."

37 Then she went in and fell at his feet and bowed herself to the ground, and she took up her son and went out.

38 ¶ When Elisha returned to Gilgal, there was a famine in the land. As the sons of the prophets were sitting before

him, he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and boil stew for the sons of the prophets."

39 Then one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine and gathered from it his lap full of wild gourds, and came and sliced them into the pot of stew, for they did not know what they were.

40 So they poured it out for the men to eat. And it came about as they were eating of the stew, that they cried out and said, "O man of God, there is death in the pot." And they were unable to eat.

41 But he said, "Now bring meal." And he threw it into the pot, and he said, "Pour it out for the people that they may eat." Then there was no harm in the pot.

42 ¶ Now a man came from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, "Give them to the people that they may eat."

43 And his attendant said, "What, shall I set this before a hundred men?" But he said, "Give them to the people that they may eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left over.'"

44 So he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

NOW Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, but he was a leper.

2 Now the Arameans had gone out in bands, and had taken captive a little girl from the land of

28-32 Kin.
4:16

29-31 Kin.
18:46; 2 Kin.
9:1-10; Ex. 4:17;
2 Kin. 2:14
1 Luke 10:4
4 Ex. 7:19, 20;
14:16

30-32 Kin.
2:2, 4

31-32 Lit., at-
tentiveness
1 Lit., him,
saying
John 11:11

33-32 Kin.
4:4, Matt. 8:6,
Luke 8:51

34-31 Kin.
17:21-23

35-31 Kin.
17:21

37-31 Heb.
11:35

38-31 Lit.,
And
2 Kin. 2:1
2 Kin. 8:1
2 Kin. 2:3
1 Luke 10:39;
Acts 22:3
Ezek. 11:3,
7, 11, 24:3

40-31 Ex.
10:17

41-31 Ex.
15:25; 2 Kin.
2:21

42-31 Matt.
14:16-21;
15:32-38

43-31 Luke
9:13; John 6:9

44-31 Matt.
14:20; 15:37;
John 6:13

1-31 Lit., be-
fore
1 Luke 4:27

2-31 Kin.
6:23; 13:20

Israel; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy."

4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Israel."

5 Then the king of Aram said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." And he departed and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand shekels of gold and ten changes of clothes.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "And now as this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 And it came about when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man is sending word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? But consider now, and see how he is seeking a quarrel against me."

8 And it happened when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent word to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Now let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots, and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman was furious and went away and said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and

2 ¹Lit. was before

3 ¹Lit. before

4 ¹Lit. he

5 ¹Lit. on-ly

6 ¹Sam 9:7, 2 Kin 4:42, Judg. 14:12, 2 Kin 5:22, 23

7 ¹Lit. on occasion

8 ¹Gen 37:29, Gen 30:2, 1 Sam 2:6, 1 Kin 20:7, Luke 11:54

9 ¹1 Kin 12:22

10 ¹John 9:7

11 ¹Lit. and

12 ¹Another reading is Amarah

13 ¹Prov 14:17, 16:32, 19:11

14 ¹1 Sam 28:23, 2 Kin 2:12, 6:21, 8:9

15 ¹2 Kin 5:10, Job 33:25, Luke 4:27, 5:13

16 ¹Lit. he and ¹Lit. blaming

17 ¹Josh 2:11, 1 Sam 17:46, 47, 2 Kin 5:8, 1 Sam 25:27

18 ¹2 Kin 3:14, Gen 14:22, 23, 2 Kin 5:20, 26

19 ¹Ex 20:24

20 ¹2 Kin 7:2, 17

21 ¹Ex 4:18, 1 Sam 1:17, Mark 5:34

call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper."

12 "Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 "Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'"

14 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 ¶ When he returned to the man of God with all his company, and came and stood before him, he said, "Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel; so please take a present from your servant now."

16 But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will take nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, "If not, please let your servant at least be given two mules' load of earth; for your servant will no more offer burnt offering nor will he sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.

18 "In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter."

19 And he said to him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him some distance.

20 ¶ But ^aGehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, ¹thought, "Behold, my master has spared this Naaman the Aramean, ²by not receiving from his hands what he brought. ^bAs the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him."

21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw one running after him, he came down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?"

22 And he said, "^aAll is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Behold, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from ^bthe hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and ^ctwo changes of clothes.'"

23 And Naaman said, "^aBe pleased to take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags with two changes of clothes, and gave them to two of his servants; and they carried *them* before him.

24 When he came to the ¹hill, he took them from their hand and ^adeposited them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed.

25 But he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "^aYour servant went nowhere."

26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go *with you*, when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? ^aIs it a time to receive money and to receive clothes and olive groves and vineyards and sheep and oxen and male and female servants?"

27 "Therefore, the leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you and to your ¹descendants forever." So he went out from his presence ^aa leper as white as snow.

20 ¹Lit., said
¹Lit., from
²2 Kin. 4:12,
31, 36 ^bEx.
20:7; 2 Kin.
6:31

22 ²2 Kin.
4:26 ^bJosh.
24:33 ²2 Kin.
5:5

23 ²2 Kin.
6:3

24 ¹Lit.,
Ophel
^aJosh. 7:1, 11,
12, 21; 1 Kin.
21:16

25 ²2 Kin.
5:22

26 ²2 Kin.
5:16

27 ¹Lit.,
said
^aEx. 4:6,
Num. 12:10

1 ²2 Kin.
2:3

3 ¹Lit., said

5 ¹Lit., as
for the iron,
it fell

6 ^aEx.
15:25; 2 Kin.
2:21; 4:41

8 ¹Lit.,
took counsel

9 ²2 Kin.
4:1, 7; 6:12

10 ¹Lit., not
once or twice

CHAPTER 6

NOW ^athe sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Behold, now, the place before you where we are living is too limited for us."

2 "Please let us go to the Jordan and each of us take from there a beam, and let us make a place there for ourselves where we may live." So he said, "Go."

3 Then one said, "Please be willing to go with your servants." And he ¹answered, "I shall go."

4 So he went with them; and when they came to the Jordan they cut down trees.

5 But as one was felling a beam, ¹the axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, my master! For it was borrowed."

6 Then the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And when he showed him the place, ^ahe cut off a stick, and threw it in there, and made the iron float.

7 And he said, "Take it up for yourself." So he put out his hand and took it.

8 ¶ Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he ¹counseled with his servants saying, "In such and such a place shall be my camp."

9 And ^athe man of God sent word to the king of Israel saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Arameans are coming down there."

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus he warned him, so that he guarded himself there, ¹more than once or twice.

11 Now the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you tell me which of us is for the king of Israel?"

12 And one of his servants said, "No, my lord, O king; but

Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him." And it was told him, saying, "Behold, he is in ^aDothan."

14 And he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

15 ¶ Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! ¹What shall we do?"

16 So he ¹answered, "^aDo not fear, for ^bthose who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 Then Elisha prayed and said, "^aO LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of ^bhorses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said, "Strike this ¹people with blindness, I pray." So He ^astruck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

19 Then Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city; follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he brought them to Samaria.

20 ¶ And it came about when they had come into Samaria, that Elisha said, "^aO LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.

21 Then the king of Israel when he saw them, said to Elisha, "^aMy father, shall I ¹kill them? Shall I ¹kill them?"

¹³ ^aGen. 37:17

¹⁵ ¹Lit. How

¹⁶ ¹Lit., said
^aEx. 14:13
^b2 Chr. 32:7,
8, Rom. 8:31

¹⁷ ^a2 Kin. 6:20
^b2 Kin. 2:11, Ps. 68:17, Zech. 6:1-7

¹⁸ ¹Lit., no
tion
^aGen. 19:11

²⁰ ^a2 Kin. 6:17

²¹ ¹Lit.,
smile
^a2 Kin. 2:12,
5:13, 8:9

²² ¹Lit., said
¹Lit., smile
^aDeut. 20:11,
16, 2 Chr. 28:6-15
^bRom. 12:20

²³ ^a2 Kin. 5:2, 24:2

²⁴ ^a1 Kin. 20:1

²⁵ ¹Lit., one
has equals
approx. 2 qts.
^aLev. 26:26

²⁷ ¹Lit., No,
let the Lord
help you

²⁸ ¹Lit., to
you ¹Lit.,
said
^aJudg. 18:23

²⁹ ^aLev. 24:27-29,
Deut. 28:52,
33, 37, Lam. 4:10

³⁰ ¹Lit.,
within ¹Lit.,
Amh.
^a1 Kin. 21:27

22 And he ¹answered, "You shall not ²kill them. Would you ^{2a}kill those you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? ^bSet bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."

23 So he prepared a great feast for them; and when they had eaten and drunk he sent them away, and they went to their master. And ^athe marauding bands of Arameans did not come again into the land of Israel.

24 ¶ Now it came about after this, that ^aBen-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army and went up and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great ^afamine in Samaria; and behold, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty *shekels* of silver, and a fourth of a ¹kab of dove's dung for five *shekels* of silver.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!"

27 And he said, "¹If the LORD does not help you, from where shall I help you? From the threshing floor, or from the wine press?"

28 And the king said to her, "^aWhat ¹is the matter with you?" And she ²answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'"

29 "^aSo we boiled my son and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."

30 And it came about when the king heard the words of the woman, that ^ahe tore his clothes—now he was passing by on the wall—and the people looked, and behold, he had sackcloth ¹beneath on his ²body.

31 Then he said, "May ^aGod do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat ¹remains on him today."

32 ¶ Now Elisha was sitting in his house, and ^athe elders were sitting with him. And the king sent a man from his presence; but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you ^bsee how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door and ¹hold the door shut against him. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?"

33 And while he was still talking with them, behold, the messenger came down to him, and he said, "^aBehold, this evil is from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

CHAPTER 7

THEN Elisha said, "Listen to the word of the LORD; thus says the LORD, '^aTomorrow about this time a ¹measure of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'"

2 And ^athe royal officer on whose hand the king was leaning answered the man of God and said, "Behold, ^bif the LORD should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" Then he said, "Behold you shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat ¹of it."

3 ¶ Now there were four ^aleperous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why do we sit here until we die?"

4 "If we say, 'We will enter the city,' then the famine is in the city and we shall die there; and if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us ¹go over to ^athe camp of the Arameans. If they spare us, we shall

live; and if they kill us, we shall but die."

5 And they arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Arameans; when they came to the outskirts of the camp of the Arameans, behold, there was no one there.

6 For ^athe Lord had caused the army of the Arameans to hear a sound of chariots and a sound of horses, even the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us ^bthe kings of the Hittites and ^cthe kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us."

7 Therefore they ^aarose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents and their horses and their donkeys, even the camp just as it was, and fled for their life.

8 When these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they entered one tent and ate and drank, and ^acarried from there silver and gold and clothes, and went and hid ^{them}; and they returned and entered another tent and carried from there ^{also}, and went and hid ^{them}.

9 ¶ Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent; if we wait until morning light, punishment will ¹overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household."

10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and they told them, saying, "We came to the camp of the Arameans, and behold, there was no one there, nor the voice of man, only the horses tied and the donkeys tied, and the tents just as they were."

11 And the gatekeepers called, and told ^{it} within the king's household.

12 Then the king arose in the night and said to his servants, "I will now tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They

31 ¹Lit. stands
^aRuth 1:17.
¹Kin 19:2

32 ¹Lit. pressed him with the door
^aEzek 8:1.
14:1, 20:1
^b1 Kin 18:4, 13, 14; 21:10, 13

33 ^aIs 8:21

¹Heb. seah
^a2 Kin 7:18

2 ¹Lit. from there
^a2 Kin 5:18, 7:17, 19
^aGen 7:11, Mal 3:10

3 ^aLev 13:45, 46;
Num 5:2-4;
12:10-14

4 ¹Lit. fall
^a2 Kin 6:24

6 ^a2 Sam 5:24
^b1 Kin 10:29
^c2 Chr 12:2, 3; Is 31:1, 36:9

7 ^aPs 48:4
6: Prov. 28:1

8 ^aJosh. 7:21

9 ¹Lit. find

know that ^awe are hungry; therefore they have gone from the camp ^bto hide themselves in the field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we shall capture them alive and get into the city.' "

13 And one of his servants answered and said, "Please, let some men take five of the horses which remain, which are left ¹in the city. Behold, they will be in any case like all the multitude of Israel who are left in it; behold, they will be in any case like all the multitude of Israel who have already perished, so let us send and see."

14 They took therefore two chariots with horses, and the king sent after the army of the Arameans, saying, "Go and see."

15 And they went after them to the Jordan, and behold, all the way was full of clothes and equipment, which the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. Then the messengers returned and told the king.

16 ^a So the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. Then a ¹measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel and two ¹measures of barley for a shekel, ^aaccording to the word of the LORD.

17 Now the king appointed ^athe royal officer on whose hand he leaned ¹to have charge of the gate; but the people trampled on him at the gate, and he died just as the man of God had said, ^bwho spoke when the king came down to him.

18 And it came about just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two ¹measures of barley for a shekel and a ¹measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be sold tomorrow about this time at the gate of Samaria."

19 Then the royal officer answered the man of God and said,

12 ^a2 Kin. 6:25-29 ^bJosh. 8:4-12

13 ¹Lit., in

16 ¹Heb. seah, i.e., one seah equals approx. 11 qts. ^a2 Kin. 7:1

17 ¹Lit., over the gate ^a2 Kin. 7:2 ^b2 Kin. 6:32

18 ¹Heb. seah, i.e., one seah equals approx. 11 qts. ^a2 Kin. 7:1

19 ¹Lit., from there ^a2 Kin. 7:2

1 ¹Lit., you and your ^a2 Kin. 4:18, 31-35, ^bPs. 105:18, Hag. 1:11 ^cGen. 41:27, 34

3 ¹Lit., cry out

4 ^a2 Kin. 4:12 ^b2 Kin. 4:27

5 ¹Lit., cried out ^a2 Kin. 4:35

"Now behold, ^aif the LORD should make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?" And he said, "Behold, you shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat ¹of it."

20 And so it happened to him, for the people trampled on him at the gate, and he died.

CHAPTER 8

NOW ^aElisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go ¹with your household, and sojourn wherever you can sojourn; for the ^bLORD has called for a famine, and ^cit shall even come on the land for seven years."

2 So the woman arose and did according to the word of the man of God, and she went with her household and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

3 And it came about at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went out to ¹appeal to the king for her house and for her field.

4 Now the king was talking with ^aGehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please relate to me all the great things that Elisha has done."

5 And it came about, as he was relating to the king ^ahow he had restored to life the one who was dead, that behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life, ¹appealed to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life."

6 When the king asked the woman, she related it to him. So the king appointed for her a certain officer, saying, "Restore all that was hers and all the produce of the field from the day that she left the land even until now."

7 ¶ Then Elisha came to ^aDamascus. Now ^bBen-hadad king of Aram was sick, and it was told him, saying, "^cThe man of God has come here."

8 And the king said to ^aHazael, "^bTake a gift in your hand and go to meet the man of God, and ^cinquire of the LORD by him, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a gift in his hand, even every kind of good thing of Damascus, forty camels' loads; and he came and stood before him and said, "^aYour son Ben-hadad king of Aram has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I recover from this sickness?'"

10 Then Elisha said to him, "^aGo, say to him, 'You shall surely recover,' but the ^bLORD has shown me that he will certainly die."

11 And he ¹fixed his gaze steadily on him ^auntil he was ashamed, and ^bthe man of God wept.

12 And Hazael said, "Why does my lord weep?" Then he ¹answered, "Because ^aI know the evil that you will do to the sons of Israel: their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword, and their little ones you ^bwill dash in pieces, and their women with child you will rip up."

13 Then Hazael said, "But what is your servant, ^awho is but a dog, that he should do this great thing?" And Elisha ¹answered, "^bThe LORD has shown me that you will be king over Aram."

14 So he departed from Elisha and returned to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he ¹answered, "He told me that ^ayou would surely recover."

15 And it came about on the morrow, that he took the cover

7 ^a1 Kin. 11:24 ^b2 Kin. 6:24 ^c2 Kin. 5:20

8 ^a1 Kin. 19:15, 17 ^b1 Kin. 14:3 ^c2 Kin. 1:2

9 ^a2 Kin. 5:13

10 ^a2 Kin. 8:14 ^b2 Kin. 8:15

11 ¹Lit., made his face stand fast and he wept ^a2 Kin. 2:17 ^b1 Luke 19:41

12 ¹Lit., said ^a2 Kin. 10:32, 33, 12:17, 13:3, 7 ^b2 Kin. 15:16, Nah. 3:10

13 ¹Lit., said ^a1 Sam. 17:43; 2 Sam. 9:8 ^b1 Kin. 19:15

14 ¹Lit., said ^a2 Kin. 8:10

15 ^a2 Kin. 8:10

16 ^a2 Kin. 1:17, 3:1

17 ^a2 Chr. 21:5-10

18 ^a2 Kin. 8:27

19 ¹Lit., said ^a1.e., descendant on the throne ^b2 Sam. 7:12-15, 1 Kin. 11:36

20 ^a1 Kin. 22:47; 2 Kin. 3:9, 26, 27; 8:22

21 ¹Lit., the people ^a2 Sam. 18:17; 19:8

22 ¹Lit., from under the hand of ^aGen. 27:40 ^bJosh. 21:13; 2 Kin. 19:8

24 ^a2 Chr. 21:20 ^b2 Chr. 21:1, 7

25 ^a2 Chr. 22:1-6

and dipped it in water and spread it on his face, ^aso that he died. And Hazael became king in his place.

16 ¶ Now in the fifth year of ^aJoram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then the king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah became king.

17 He was ^athirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for ^athe daughter of Ahab became his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 However, the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David His servant, ^asince He had ¹promised him to give a ²lamp to him through his sons always.

20 ¶ In his days ^aEdom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

21 Then Joram crossed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him. And it came about that he arose by night and struck the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; ^abut his ¹army fled to their tents.

22 ^aSo Edom revolted ¹against Judah to this day. Then ^bLibnah revolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

24 So Joram slept with his fathers, and ^awas buried with his fathers in the city of David; and ^bAhaziah his son became king in his place.

25 ¶ ^aIn the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

26 *Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And *he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab had done, because he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

28 Then he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against *Hazeel king of Aram at ^bRamoth-gilead, and the Arameans ¹wounded Joram.

29 So *King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had ¹inflicted on him at ^bRamah, when he fought against Hazeel king of Aram. Then ^cAhaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel because he was sick.

CHAPTER 9

NOW Elisha the prophet called one of *the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Gird up your loins, and ^ctake this flask of oil in your hand, and go to ^dRamoth-gilead.

2 "When you arrive there, ¹search out *Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in and ^{2b}bid him arise from among his brothers, and bring him to an inner room.

3 "Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, 'Thus says the LORD, "I have anointed you king over Israel." ' Then open the door and flee and do not wait."

4 So *the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 When he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting, and he said, "I have a word for you, O captain." And Jehu said, "For which one of us?"

26 ²Chr. 22:2

27 ²Chr. 22:3

28 ¹Lat. wrote

² Km. 8:15

¹ Km. 22:3

29

28 ¹Lat. struck

² Km. 9:15

² Km. 8:28

2 Chr. 22:5, 6

² Km. 9:16

1 ² Km. 2:3

4:29 ¹ Sam. 10:1, 16:1

1 Km. 1:30

² Km. 8:28

29

3 ¹Lat. and look there for

¹Lat. cause him to

¹ Km. 19:16

17, 2 Km. 9:14, 20

² Km. 9:5

11

3 ²Chr. 22:7

4 ² Km. 9:1

8 ¹Lat. To whom of us all?

6 ¹ Sam. 2:7, 8, 1 Km. 19:16, 2 Km. 9:3, 2 Chr. 22:7

7 ²Chr. 22:35, 43

¹ Km. 18:4

21:15, 21:25

² Km. 9:32

37

8 ¹ Km. 21:21, 2 Km. 10:17

¹ Sam. 25:22

²Chr. 22:36, 2 Km. 14:20

9 ¹ Km. 14:10, 11

15:29 ¹ Km. 16:3-5, 11, 12

10 ¹ Km. 21:23, 2 Km. 9:35, 36

11 ² Km. 9:17, 18, 22

¹Jer. 29:28

Hos. 8:7

Mark 3:21

13 ¹Matt. 21:7, 8

¹ Km. 11:7, 8

² Sam. 15:10, 1 Km. 1:34, 39

14 ¹Lat. he and ¹Lat. keeping

¹ Km. 22:3

2 Km. 8:28

18 ¹Heb. Je-horam ¹Lat. struck

² Km. 8:29

And he said, "For you, O captain."

6 And he arose and went into the house, and he poured the oil on his head and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.

7 'And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, ^athat I may avenge ^bthe blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, ^cat the hand of Jezebel.

8 'For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and ^aI will cut off from Ahab ^bevery male person ^cboth bond and free in Israel.

9 'And ^aI will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and ^blike the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.

10 'And ^athe dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury her.' " Then he opened the door and fled.

11 ¶ Now Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, "Is all well? Why did this ^bmad fellow come to you?" And he said to them, "You know very well the man and his talk."

12 And they said, "It is a lie, tell us now." And he said, "Thus and thus he said to me, 'Thus says the LORD, "I have anointed you king over Israel." ' "

13 Then ^athey hurried and each man took his garment and placed it under him on the bare steps, and ^bblew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king!"

14 ¶ So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. ^aNow Joram ¹with all Israel was ²defending Ramoth-gilead against Hazeel king of Aram.

15 but *King ¹Joram had returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds which the Arameans had ²inflicted on him when he

fought with Hazael king of Aram. So Jehu said, "If this is your mind, then let no one escape or³ leave the city to go tell it in Jezreel."

16 Then Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was lying there. ^aAnd Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

17 ¶ Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel and he saw the ¹company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a ¹company." And Joram said, "Take a horseman and send him to meet them and let him say, 'Is it peace?'"

18 So a horseman went to meet him and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu said, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me." And the watchman ¹reported, "The messenger came to them, but he did not return."

19 Then he sent out a second horseman, who came to them and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu ¹answered, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me."

20 And the watchman ¹reported, "He came even to them, and he did not return; and ^athe driving is like the driving of ^bJehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously."

21 ¶ Then ¹Joram said, "²Get ready." And they made his chariot ready. ^aAnd ¹Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu and found him in the ^{3b}property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came about, when ¹Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" And he ²answered, "What peace, ^aso long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?"

23 So ¹Joram ²reined about and fled and said to Ahaziah,

18 ³Lit., go out from

16 ^a2 Kin. 8:29

17 ¹Lit., multitude

18 ¹Lit., told, saying ^a2 Kin. 9:18, 22

19 ¹Lit., said

20 ¹Lit., told, saying ^a2 Sam. 18:27 ^b1 Kin. 19:17

21 ¹Heb., Jehoram ²Lit., Yoke the chariot ³Lit., portion ^a2 Chr. 22:7 ^b1 Kin. 21:1, 7, 15-18; 2 Kin. 9:26

22 ¹Heb., Jehoram ²Lit., said ^a1 Kin. 16:30-33; 18:19; 2 Chr. 21:13

23 ¹Heb., Jehoram ²Lit., turned his hands ^a2 Kin. 11:14

24 ¹Lit., filled his hand with the bow ²Lit., smote ³Heb., Jehoram ⁴Lit., out at ^a1 Kin. 22:34

25 ¹Lit., portion ²Lit., I and you ^a1 Kin. 21:1 ^b1 Kin. 21:19, 24-29 ^cIs. 13:1

26 ¹Lit., portion ^a1 Kin. 21:13, 19 ^b2 Kin. 9:21, 25

27 ¹Lit., smite ^a2 Chr. 22:7, 9 ^bJosh. 17:11; Judg. 1:27

28 ^a2 Kin. 23:30 ^b2 Kin. 8:25

29 ^aJer. 4:30; Ezek. 23:40

31 ¹Lit., peace ²Lit., his ^a1 Kin. 16:9-20; 2 Kin. 9:18-22

Jehu Kills Joram and Ahaziah

"^aThere is treachery, O Ahaziah!"

24 And ^aJehu ¹drew his bow with his full strength and ²shot Joram between his arms; and the arrow went ⁴through his heart, and he sank in his chariot.

25 Then Jehu said to Bidkar his officer, "Take him up and ^acast him into the ¹property of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for I remember when ²you and I were riding together after Ahab his father, that the ^bLORD laid this ^coracle against him:

26 'Surely ^aI have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says the LORD 'and ^bI will repay you in this ¹property,' says the LORD. Now then, take and cast him into the ¹property, according to the word of the LORD."

27 ¶ ^aWhen Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu pursued him and said, "Shoot him too, in the chariot." So they shot him at the ascent of Gur, which is at ^bIbleam. But he fled to Megiddo and died there.

28 ^aThen his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem and buried him in his grave with his fathers in the city of David.

29 ¶ Now in ^athe eleventh year of Joram, the son of Ahab Ahaziah became king over Judah.

30 ¶ When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and ^ashe painted her eyes and adorned her head, and looked out the window.

31 And as Jehu entered the gate, she said, "^aIs it ¹well, Zimri ²your master's murderer?"

32 Then he lifted up his face to the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" And two of three officials looked down at him.

33 And he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down and some of her blood was sprinkled

kled on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her under foot.

34 When he came in, he ate and drank; and he said, "See now to ^athis cursed woman and bury her, for ^bshe is a king's daughter."

35 And they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

36 Therefore they returned and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, '^aIn the ¹property of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel;

37 and ^athe corpse of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the ¹property of Jezreel, so they cannot say, 'This is Jezebel.'"

CHAPTER 10

NOW Ahab had seventy sons in ^aSamaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, the elders, and to the guardians of the children of Ahab, saying,

2 "And now, ^awhen this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, ¹as well as the chariots and horses and a fortified city and the weapons,

3 select the best and ¹fittest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house."

4 But they feared greatly and said, "Behold, ^athe two kings did not stand before him; how then can we stand?"

5 And the one who was over the household, and he who was over the city, the elders, and the guardians of the children, sent word to Jehu, saying, "^aWe are your servants, all that you say to us we will do, we will not make any man king; do what is good in your sight."

34 ¹ Kin. 21:25 ^{b1} Kin. 16:31

36 ¹ La. portion ¹ Kin. 21:23

37 ¹ La. portion ¹ Jer. 8:1:3

1 ¹ Kin. 16:24-25

2 ¹ La. and with you ¹ Kin. 5:6

3 ¹ La. most upright

4 ¹ Kin. 9:24, 27

8 ¹ Josh. 9:8, 11, 1 Kin. 20:4, 32, 2 Kin. 18:14

7 ¹ Juds. 9:5, 2 Kin. 11:1

9 ¹ La. and ¹ La. smote ¹ Kin. 9:14-24 ¹ Kin. 10:6

10 ¹ La. by the hand of ¹ Kin. 9:7-10 ¹ Kin. 21:19-20

11 ¹ La. smote ¹ Hos. 1:4

12 ¹ La. house of banding

13 ¹ La. found ¹ La. brothers ¹ La. and ¹ La. about the warfare of ¹ Kin. 8:24, 28, 2 Chr. 21:17, 22:8

6 Then he wrote a letter to them a second time saying, "If you are on my side, and you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men, your master's sons, and come to me at Jezreel tomorrow about this time." Now the king's sons, seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who were rearing them.

7 And it came about when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and ^aslaughtered them, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them to him at Jezreel.

8 When the messenger came and told him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons," he said, "Put them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning."

9 Now it came about in the morning, that he went out and stood, and said to all the people, "You are ¹innocent; behold, ^aI conspired against my master and killed him, but ^bwho ²killed all these?"

10 "Know then that ^athere shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab, for the LORD has done ^bwhat He spoke ¹through His servant Elijah."

11 So Jehu ¹killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in ^aJezreel, and all his great men and his acquaintances and his priests, until he left him without a survivor.

12 ¹ Then he arose and departed, and went to Samaria. On the way while he was at ¹Beth-eked of the shepherds,

13 ^aJehu ¹met the ²relatives of Ahaziah king of Judah and said, "Who are you?" And they ³answered, "We are the ²relatives of Ahaziah; and we have come down ⁴to greet the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother."

14 And he said, "Take them alive." So they took them alive, and killed them at the pit of Beth-eked, forty-two men; and he left none of them.

15 ¶ Now when he had departed from there, he ¹met ^aJehonadab the son of ^bRechab coming to meet him; and he ²greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?" And Jehonadab ³answered, "It is." Jehu said, "If it is, ^cgive me your hand." And he gave him his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot.

16 And he said, "Come with me and ^asee my zeal for the LORD." So ¹he made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, ^ahe ¹killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, ^baccording to the word of the LORD, which He spoke to Elijah.

18 ¶ Then Jehu gathered all the people and said to them, "^aAhab served Baal a little; Jehu will serve him much.

19 "And now, ^asummon all the prophets of Baal, all his worshippers and all his priests; let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal; whoever is missing shall not live." But Jehu did it in ¹cunning, in order that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, "^aSanctify a solemn assembly for Baal." And ^bthey proclaimed it.

21 Then Jehu sent ¹throughout Israel and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And when they went into ^athe house of Baal, the house of Baal was filled from one end to the other.

22 And he said to the one who was ¹in charge of the wardrobe, "Bring out garments for all the

18 ¹Lit., found ²Lit., blessed ³Lit., said
^aJer. 35:6-19
^b1 Chr. 2:35
^cEzra 10:19; Ezek. 17:18

16 ¹Lit., they
^a1 Kin. 19:10

17 ¹Lit., smote
^a2 Kin. 9:8
^b2 Kin. 10:10

18 ^a1 Kin. 16:31, 32

19 ¹Lit., in-sidiousness
^a1 Kin. 18:19; 22:6

20 ^aJoel 1:14
^bEx. 32:4-6

21 ¹Lit., in all
^a1 Kin. 16:32; 2 Kin. 11:18

22 ¹Lit., over the

24 ¹Lit., his soul for his soul
^a1 Kin. 20:30-42

25 ¹Lit., runners ²Lit., smile ³Lit., smote ⁴Lit., city
^a1 Sam. 22:17
^b1 Kin. 18:40

26 ^a1 Kin. 14:23; 2 Kin. 3:2

27 ^aEzra 8:11; Dan. 2:5; 3:29

29 ^a1 Kin. 12:28-30; 13:33, 34
^b1 Kin. 12:29

30 ^a2 Kin. 15:12

31 ¹Lit., did not watch
^aProv. 4:23

worshippers of Baal." So he brought out garments for them.

23 And Jehu went into the house of Baal with Jehonadab the son of Rechab; and he said to the worshippers of Baal, "Search and see that there may be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but only the worshippers of Baal."

24 Then they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had stationed for himself eighty men outside, and he had said, "^aThe one who permits any of the men whom I bring into your hands to escape, ¹shall give up his life in exchange."

25 ¶ Then it came about, as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the ¹guard and to the royal officers, "^bGo in, ²kill them; let none come out." And they ³killed them with the edge of the sword; and the ¹guard and the royal officers threw them out, and went to the ⁴inner room of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought out the sacred ^apillars of the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 They also broke down the sacred pillar of Baal and broke down the house of Baal, and ^amade it a latrine to this day.

28 Thus Jehu eradicated Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ However, ^aas for the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat which he made Israel sin, from these Jehu did not depart, ^beven the ^bgolden calves that were at Bethel and that were at Dan.

30 And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in executing what is right in My eyes, and have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in My heart, ^ayour sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel."

31 But Jehu ^awas not careful to walk in the law of the LORD the God of Israel, with all his

heart; ^bhe did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, which he made Israel sin.

32 ¶ In those days the ^aLORD began to cut off portions ¹from Israel; and ^bHazael ²defeated them throughout the territory of Israel:

33 from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites and the Reubenites and the Manassites, from ^aAroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, even ^bGilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu and all that he did and all his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son became king in his place.

36 Now the ¹time which Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

CHAPTER 11

^aWHEN Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal ¹offspring.

2 But Jehoshеba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, ^atook Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the bedroom. So they hid him from Athaliah, and he was not put to death.

3 So he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land.

4 ¶ ^aNow in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and brought the captains of hundreds of ^bthe Carites and of the ¹guard, and brought them to him in the house of the LORD. Then he made a covenant with them and put them under oath in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son.

31 ^{a2} Kin.
10:20

32 ¹ Lit., in
² Lit., smote.
^{a2} Kin. 13:25.
14:25 ^{a1} Kin.
19:17, 2 Kin.
8:12, 13:22

33 ^a Deut.
2:36 ^a Amos
1:3-5

36 ¹ Lit.,
days

1 ¹ Lit.,
seed
^{a2} Chr. 22:10-12

3 ^{a2} Kin.
11:21, 12:1

4 ¹ Lit.,
runners
^{a2} Chr. 23:1-21
^{a2} Sam.
20:23, 2 Kin.
11:10

8 ^{a1} Chr.
9:25

8 ¹ Lit.,
runners ² Lit.,
and shall

8 ^a Num.
27:16, 17

8 ^{a2} Chr.
23:8

10 ^{a2} Sam.
8:7, 1 Chr.
18:7

11 ¹ Lit.,
runners ² Lit.,
shoulder

13 ^{a2} Sam.
1:10 ^a Ex.
25:16, 31:18
^{a1} Sam. 10:24

13 ^{a2} Chr.
23:12

14 ^{a2} Kin.
23:3, 2 Chr.
34:31

5 And he commanded them, saying, "This is the thing that you shall do: ^aone third of you, who come in on the sabbath and keep watch over the king's house

6 (one third also *shall be* at the gate Sur, and one third at the gate behind the ¹guards), ²shall keep watch over the house for defense.

7 "And two parts of you, even all who go out on the sabbath, shall also keep watch over the house of the LORD for the king.

8 "Then you shall surround the king, each with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within the ranks shall be put to death. And ^abe with the king when he goes out and when he comes in."

9 ¶ So the captains of hundreds ^adid according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each one of them took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And ^athe priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of the LORD.

11 And the ¹guards stood each with his weapons in his hand, from the right ²side of the house to the left ²side of the house, by the altar and by the house, around the king.

12 Then he brought the king's son out and ^aput the crown on him, and gave him ^bthe testimony; and they made him king and anointed him, and they clapped their hands and said, "Long live the king!"

13 ¶ ^aWhen Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people in the house of the LORD.

14 And she looked and behold, the king was standing ^aby the pillar, according to the custom,

with the captains and the ¹trumpeters beside the king; and ²all the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah ³tore her clothes and cried, "Treason! Treason!"

15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds who were appointed over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out ¹between the ranks, and whoever follows her put to death with the sword." For the priest said, "Let her not be put to death in the house of the LORD."

16 So they ¹seized her, and when she arrived at the horses' entrance of the king's house, she was ²put to death there.

17 ¶ Then ³Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people, also ⁴between the king and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went to ⁵the house of Baal, and tore it down; ⁶his altars and his images they broke in pieces thoroughly, and ⁷killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed ⁸officers over the house of the LORD.

19 And he took the captains of hundreds and the ⁹Carites and the ¹⁰guards and all the people of the land; and they brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of ¹¹the gate of the ¹²guards to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 So ¹³all the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword at the king's house.

21 ¶ ¹⁴Jehoash was seven years old when he became king.

CHAPTER 12

IN the seventh year of Jehu, ¹⁵Jehoash became king, and

14 ¹Lit., trumpets
1 Kjn. 1:39, 40
Gen. 37:29, 44:13
2 Kjn. 9:23

15 ¹Lit., from within

16 ¹Lit., placed hands to her
Gen. 9:6, Lev. 24:17

17 ¹Joash, 24:25, 2 Chr. 15:12-14, 24:31
1 Sam. 10:25, 2 Sam. 5:3

18 ¹Lit., of feet
2 Kjn. 10:26, 27
Deut. 12:2, 3
1 Kjn. 18:40

19 ¹Lit., runners
2 Kjn. 11:4
2 Kjn. 11:6

20 ¹Prov. 11:10

21 ¹Ch. 12:1 in Heb.
2 Chr. 24:1-14

1 ²Chr. 24:1

3 ²Kjn. 14:4; 15:35

4 ¹Lit., which it comes into ... to bring
2 Kjn. 22:4
Ex. 30:13-16; 35:5, 22, 29; 1 Chr. 29:3-9

5 ¹Lit., breaches, and so through v. 12

6 ²Chr. 24:5

9 ¹Mark 12:41; Luke 21:1

10 ²Sam. 8:17; 2 Kjn. 19:2; 22:3, 4, 12

he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 And Jehoash did right in the sight of the LORD all his days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

3 Only ³the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

4 ¶ Then Jehoash said to the priests, "All the money of the sacred things ⁴which is brought into the house of the LORD, in current money, both ⁵the money of each man's assessment and all the money ⁶which any man's heart prompts him to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 let the priests take it for themselves, each from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the ⁷damages of the house wherever any damage may be found.

6 ¶ But it came about that in the twenty-third year of King Jehoash ⁸the priests had not repaired the damages of the house.

7 Then King Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the other priests and said to them, "Why do you not repair the damages of the house? Now therefore take no more money from your acquaintances, but pay it for the damages of the house.

8 So the priests agreed that they should take no more money from the people, nor repair the damages of the house.

9 ¶ But ⁹Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in its lid, and put it beside the altar on the right side as one comes into the house of the LORD; and the priests who guarded the threshold put in it all the money which was brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And when they saw that there was much money in the chest, ¹⁰the king's scribe and the high priest came up and tied it in bags and counted the money

which was found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the money which was weighed out into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, who worked on the house of the LORD;

12 and to the masons and the stonecutters, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the damages to the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

13 But there were not made for the house of the LORD silver cups, snuffers, bowls, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver from the money which was brought into the house of the LORD;

14 for they gave that to those who did the work, and with it they repaired the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover, they did not require an accounting from the men into whose hand they gave the money to pay to those who did the work, for they dealt faithfully.

16 The money from the guilt offerings and the money from the sin offerings, was not brought into the house of the LORD; it was for the priests.

17 Then Hazael king of Aram went up and fought against Gath and captured it, and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the sacred things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own sacred things and all the gold that was found among the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent them to Hazael king of Aram. Then he went away from Jerusalem.

11 ¹ Lit. brought

12 ¹ Lit. word out
² Kin. 22:5, 6

13 ² Chr. 24:14 ¹ Kin. 7:48, 50

16 ² Kin. 22:7, 1 Cor. 4:2, 2 Cor. 8:20

16 ¹ Lev. 5:15-18 ² Lev. 4:24, 29 ¹ Lev. 7:7, Num. 18:19

17 ¹ Kin. 19:17, 2 Kin. 8:12, 10:32, 33 ² Chr. 24:23, 24

18 ¹ Kin. 14:28, 15:18, 2 Kin. 18:8, 18:15, 18 ² Kin. 12:4

20 ² Chr. 24:25-27 ² Kin. 14:5 ¹ Judg. 9:6, 2 Sam. 5:9, 1 Kin. 11:27

21 ² Chr. 24:28 ² Kin. 14:1

2 ¹ Kin. 12:26-33

3 ¹ Judg. 2:14 ² Kin. 12:17 ² Kin. 13:24, 25

4 ¹ Num. 21:7-9 ² Ex. 3:7, 9, 2 Kin. 14:28

5 ¹ Or. sup. ² Lit. word out
² Kin. 13:25, 14:25, 27, Neh. 9:27

6 ¹ Lit. u
² Kin. 13:2 ¹ Kin. 16:33

7 ¹ Lit. people

19 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

20 And his servants arose and made a conspiracy, and struck down Joash at the house of Millo as he was going down to Silla.

21 For Jozacar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Amaziah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 13

IN the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel at Samaria, and he reigned seventeen years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin; he did not turn from them.

3 So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He gave them continually into the hand of Hazael king of Aram, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael.

4 Then Jehoahaz entreated the favor of the LORD, and the LORD listened to him; for He saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Aram oppressed them.

5 And the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Arameans; and the sons of Israel lived in their tents as formerly.

6 Nevertheless they did not turn away from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, with which he made Israel sin, but walked in them; and the Asherah also remained standing in Samaria.

7 For he left to Jehoahaz of the army not more than fifty horsemen and ten chariots and 10,000

footmen, for the king of Aram had destroyed them and ^amade them like the dust at threshing.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria; and Joash his son became king in his place.

10 ¶ In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.

11 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not turn away from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin, but he walked in ¹them.

12 Now the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did and his might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

13 So Joash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne; and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 ¶ When Elisha ¹became sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash the king of Israel came down to him and wept over ²him and said, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"

15 And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and arrows." So he ¹took a bow and arrows.

16 Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." And he put his hand on it, then Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands.

17 And he said, "Open the window toward the east," and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" And he shot. And he said, "The LORD's arrow of vic-

7 ^aAmos 1:3

11 ¹Lit. it

13 ^a2 Kin. 13:14-19; 14:8-15

14 ¹Lit., was sick with his sickness ²Lit., his face ^a2 Kin. 2:12

15 ¹Lit., took to himself

17 ¹Lit., smote ²Lit., made an end of ^a1 Kin. 20:26

18 ¹Lit., stood

19 ¹Lit., made an end of ^a2 Kin. 5:20 ^b2 Kin. 13:25

20 ^a2 Kin. 3:7; 24:2

21 ^aMatt. 27:52

22 ^a2 Kin. 8:12, 13

23 ^a2 Kin. 14:27 ^b1 Kin. 8:28 ^cGen. 13:16, 17; 17:25

25 ¹Lit., smote ^a2 Kin. 10:32, 33; 14:25 ^b2 Kin. 13:18, 19

1 ^a2 Chr. 25:1 ^b2 Kin. 13:10

tory, even the arrow of victory over Aram; for you shall ¹defeat the Arameans at ^aAphek until you have ²destroyed them."

18 Then he said, "Take the arrows," and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground," and he struck three times and ¹stopped.

19 So ^athe man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck five or six times, then you would have struck Aram until you would have ¹destroyed it. But now you shall strike Aram ^bonly three times."

20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now ^athe bands of the Moabites would invade the land in the spring of the year.

21 And as they were burying a man, behold, they saw a man raiding band; and they cast the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he ^arevived and stood up on his feet.

22 ¶ Now ^aHazael king of Aram had oppressed Israel ^athe days of Jehoahaz.

23 But the ^aLORD was gracious to them and ^bhad compassion on them and turned to them because of ^cHis covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them or cast them from His presence until now.

24 When Hazael king of Aram died, Ben-hadad his son became king in his place.

25 Then ^aJehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again from the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken from the hand of Jehoash his father. ^bThree times Joash ¹defeated him and recovered the cities of Israel.

CHAPTER 14

^aIN the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel, ^bAm

Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah became king.

2 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem.

3 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father; he did according to all that Joash his father had done.

4 Only ^athe high places were not taken away; ^bthe people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5 Now it came about, as soon as the kingdom was firmly in his hand, that he ¹killed his servants who had slain the king his father.

6 But the sons of the ¹slayers he did not put to death, according to what is written in the book of the law of Moses, as the LORD commanded, saying, "^aThe fathers shall not be put to death for the sons, nor the sons be put to death for the fathers; but ^beach shall be put to death for his own sin."

7 He ¹killed of Edom in ^athe Valley of Salt 10,000 and took ^bSela by war, and named it ^cJoktheel to this day.

8 ^aThen Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "^bCome, let us face each other."

9 And Jehoash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "^aThe thorn bush which was in Lebanon sent to the cedar which was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in marriage.' But there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled the thorn bush.

10 ^a"You have indeed ¹defeated Edom, and ^byour heart has ²become proud. Enjoy your glory and stay at home; for why should you provoke trouble so that you, even you, should fall, and Judah with you?"

4 ^a2 Kin. 12:3 ^b2 Kin. 16:4

5 ^a1 Lit. ^bsmoke ^c2 Kin. 12:20

6 ^a1 Lit. ^bsmoke ^cDeut. 24:16 ^dJer. 31:30 ^eEzek. 18:4, 20

7 ^a1 Lit. ^bsmoke ^c2 Sam. 8:13 ^d1 Chr. 18:12 ^e2 Chr. 25:11 ^f1 K. 16:1 ^g1 Josh. 15:38

8 ^a2 Chr. 25:17-24 ^b2 Sam. 2:14-17

9 ^aJudg. 9:8-15

10 ^a1 Lit. ^bsmoke ^c2 Lit. ^dlifted you up ^e2 Kin. 14:7 ^fDeut. 8:14 ^g2 Chr. 28:18

11 ^aJosh. 19:38

12 ^a1 Lit. ^bbefore ^c2 Sam. 18:17

13 ^a1 e. One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ^b1 K. 16:1 ^c12:39 ^d2 Chr. 25:23

14 ^a1 Kin. 14:28; 2 Kin. 12:18

15 ^a2 Kin. 13:12, 13

17 ^a2 Chr. 25:25-28

19 ^aJosh. 10:31; 2 Kin. 18:14, 17

21 ^a1 K. 2 Chr. 28:1 ^bUzziah

11 ^a But Amaziah would not listen. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced each other at ^aBeth-shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

12 And Judah was defeated ¹by Israel, and ^athey fled each to his tent.

13 Then Jehoash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from ^athe Gate of Ephraim to ^bthe Corner Gate, 400 ¹cubits.

14 And ^ahe took all the gold and silver and all the utensils which were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

15 ^a Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

16 So Jehoash slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son became king in his place.

17 ^a And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel.

18 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

19 And they conspired against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to ^aLachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

20 Then they brought him on horses and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 And all the people of Judah took ¹Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

22 ^aHe built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

23 ¹In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years.

24 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

25 ^aHe restored the border of Israel from ^bthe entrance of Hamath as far as ^cthe Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which He spoke ¹through His servant ^dJonah the son of Amitai, the prophet, who was of ^eGath-hepher.

26 For the ^aLORD saw the affliction of Israel, which was very bitter; for ^bthere was neither bond nor free, nor was there any helper for Israel.

27 And the ^aLORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

28 ¹Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam and all that he did and his might, how he fought and how he recovered for Israel, ^aDamascus and ^bHamath, which had belonged to Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 15

^a**I**N the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah became king.

2 He was ^asixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jeru-

22 ^a1 Kin. 9:26; 2 Kin. 16:6; 2 Chr. 8:17

23 ¹Lit., by ^a2 Kin. 10:32; 13:25 ^b1 Kin. 8:65 ^cDeut. 3:17 ^dJon. 1:1; Matt. 12:39, 40 ^eJoash. 19:13

24 ^a2 Kin. 13:4 ^bDeut. 32:36

27 ^a2 Kin. 13:23

28 ^a1 Kin. 11:24 ^b2 Chr. 8:3

1 ^a2 Kin. 14:17

2 ¹In 2 Chr. 28:3, Jechiliah ^a2 Chr. 26:3, 4

4 ^a2 Kin. 12:3

5 ¹Lit., and ^a2 Chr. 26:21-23 ^bLev. 13:46, Num. 12:14

8 ^a2 Kin. 15:1

10 ¹Lit., smote ^aAmos 7:9

12 ^a2 Kin. 10:30

13 ^a2 Kin. 15:1, 8 ^b1 Kin. 16:24

salem; and his mother's name was ¹Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

3 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

4 Only ^athe high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

5 ^aAnd the LORD struck the king, so that he was a leper to the day of his death. And he ^blived in a separate house, ¹while Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the land.

6 Now the rest of the acts of Azariah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

7 And Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Jotham his son became king in his place.

8 ¹In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in Samaria for six months.

9 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

10 Then Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him and ^astruck him before the people and ¹killed him, and reigned in his place.

11 Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

12 This is ^athe word of the LORD which He spoke to Jehu saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." And so it was.

13 ¹Shallum son of Jabesh became king in the ^athirty-ninth year of Uzziah king of Judah and he reigned one month in ^bSamaria.

14 Then Menahem son of Gadi went up from ^aTirzah and came to Samaria, and struck Shallum son of Jabesh in Samaria, and killed him and became king in his place.

15 Now the rest of the acts of Shallum and his conspiracy which he made, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

16 Then Menahem struck Tiphseh and all who were in it and its borders from Tirzah, because they did not open to him, therefore he struck it; and he ripped up ^aall its women who were with child.

17 ¶ In the ^athirty-ninth year of Azariah king of Judah, Menahem son of Gadi became king over Israel and reigned ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

19 ¶ ^aPul, king of Assyria, came against the land, and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver so that his hand might be with him to ^bstrengthen the kingdom ¹under his rule.

20 Then Menahem exacted the money from Israel, even from all the mighty men of wealth, from each man fifty shekels of silver to pay the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria returned and did not remain there in the land.

21 Now the rest of the acts of Menahem and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son became king in his place.

23 ¶ In ^athe fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years.

24 And he did evil in the sight

14 ^a1 Kin.
14:17

16 ^a2 Kin.
8:12, Hos.
13:16

17 ^a2 Kin.
15:1, 8, 13

19 ^a1 Lx. in
his hand
^a1 Chr. 5:25,
26 ^a2 Kin.
14:5

23 ^a2 Kin.
15:1, 8, 13, 17

28 ^a1 Kin.
16:18

27 ^a2 Kin.
15:23 ^a2 Chr.
26:6, Is. 7:1

29 ^a1 Lx.
Chr. 5:6, 26,
Tiglath-
pileser ^a1 Lx.
Isaiah
^a2 Kin. 15:19
^a2 Kin. 17:6

30 ^a1 Lx.
Azariah

33 ^a2 Chr.
27:1

of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

25 Then Pekah son of Remaliah, his officer, conspired against him and struck him in Samaria, in ^athe castle of the king's house with Argob and Arieah; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites, and he killed him and became king in his place.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah and all that he did, behold they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

27 ¶ In ^athe fifty-second year of Azariah king of Judah, ^bPekah son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

28 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin.

29 ¶ In the days of Pekah king of Israel, ^{1a}Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came and ²captured Ijon and Abel-beth-maacah and Janoah and Kedesh and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and ^bhe carried them captive to Assyria.

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and struck him and put him to death and became king in his place, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.

32 ¶ In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, Jotham the son of ¹Uzziah king of Judah became king.

33 ^aHe was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And ^ahe did what was right in the sight of the LORD; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 Only ^athe high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places. ^bHe built the upper gate of the house of the LORD.

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

37 In those days ^athe LORD began to send Rezin king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Ahaz his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 16

IN the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, ^aAhaz the son of Jotham, king of Judah, became king.

2 ^aAhaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do what was right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his father David *had done*.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, ^aand even made his son pass through the fire, ^baccording to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had ¹driven out from before the sons of Israel.

4 And he ^asacrificed and burned incense on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.

5 ¶ Then ^aRezin king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to wage war; and they besieged Ahaz, ^bbut could not ¹overcome him.

34 ^a2 Kin. 15:3, 4; 2 Chr. 26:4, 5

35 ^a2 Kin. 12:3 ^b2 Chr. 23:20; 27:3

37 ^a2 Kin. 16:5; 1s. 7:1

1 ^a2 Chr. 28:1

2 ^a2 Chr. 28:1-4

3 ¹Or, *dispossessed*
^aLev. 18:21;
2 Kin. 17:17;
21:6 ^bDeut. 12:31; 2 Kin. 21:2, 11

4 ^aDeut. 12:2; 2 Kin. 14:4

5 ¹Lit., *fight*
^a2 Kin. 15:37;
1s. 7:1 ^b2 Chr. 28:5, 6

6 ¹Heb., *Elath* ^aSo with some ancient versions; Heb., *Edomites*
^a2 Kin. 14:22; 2 Chr. 28:2

7 ¹Lit., *palm*
^a2 Chr. 28:18;
^b2 Kin. 15:29

8 ^a2 Kin. 12:17, 18;
18:15

9 ^a2 Chr. 28:21 ^bAmos 1:3-5 ^cIs. 22:6; Amos 9:7

10 ¹Lit., *likeness*
^a2 Kin. 15:29
^bIs. 8:2

11 ¹Lit., *until*

12 ¹Or, *offered on it*
^a2 Chr. 28:16;
19

13 ¹Lit., *offered in smoke*

14 ¹Lit., *he also*
^aEx. 27:1, 2; 40:6, 29;
2 Chr. 4:1
^b2 Kin. 16:11

6 At that time Rezin king of Aram recovered ^aElath for Aram, and cleared the Judeans out of ¹Elath entirely; and the ²Arameans came to Elath, and have lived there to this day.

7 ¶ ^aSo Ahaz sent messengers to ^bTiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son; come up and deliver me from the ¹hand of the king of Aram, and from the ¹hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me."

8 And ^aAhaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasures of the king's house and sent a present to the king of Assyria.

9 ^aSo the king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus; and ^bcaptured it, and carried *the people of it* away into exile to ^cKir, and put Rezin to death.

10 ¶ Now King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet ^aTiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw *the altar* which was at Damascus and King Ahaz sent to ^bUrijah the priest the ¹pattern of the altar and its model, according to all its workmanship.

11 So Urijah the priest built an altar; according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus; thus Urijah the priest made it ¹before the coming of King Ahaz from Damascus.

12 And when the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar; then ^athe king approached the altar and ¹went up to it,

13 and ¹burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his libation and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar.

14 And ^athe bronze altar which was before the LORD, ¹he brought from the front of the house, from between ^bthis altar and the house of the LORD, and

he put it on the north side of his altar.

15 Then King Ahaz ¹commanded Urijah the priest, saying, "Upon the great altar ²burn the morning burnt offering and he evening meal offering and he king's burnt offering and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land and their meal offering and their libations; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice. But ³the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by."

16 So Urijah the priest did according to all that King Ahaz commanded.

17 ¶ Then King Ahaz ^acut off the borders of the stands, and removed the laver from them; he also ^btook down the sea from the bronze oxen which were under it, and put it on a pavement of stone.

18 And the covered way for the sabbath which they had built in the house, and the outer entry of the king, he removed from the house of the LORD because of the king of Assyria.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written ^ain the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

20 So ^aAhaz slept with his fathers, and ^bwas buried with his fathers in the city of David; and his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 17

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, ^aHoshea the son of Elah became king over Israel in Samaria, and reigned nine years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, only not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

3 ^aShalmaneser king of Assyria came up ^bagainst him, and

¹⁸ ¹Lat., commanded him, Urijah ²Lat., offer in smoke ^aEx. 29:30-41 ²2 Km. 16:14

¹⁷ ¹1 Km. 7:27, 28, 30 ²1 Km. 7:23, 25

¹⁹ ²2 Chr. 28:26

²⁰ ^aIs. 14:28 ²2 Chr. 28:27

¹ ²2 Km. 15:30

³ ^aHos. 10:14 ²2 Km. 18:9-12

⁸ ^aHos. 13:16 ^bDeut. 28:64, 29:27, 28:11, 1 Chr. 5:26 ^aIs. 37:12 ^aIs. 13:17, 21:2

⁷ ¹Lat., removed, and so throughout the ch. ^aJosh. 23:16 ^bEx. 14:15-30 ^cJudg. 6:10

⁸ ¹Lat., statues ²Lat., made ^aLuv. 18:3, Deut. 18:9 ²2 Km. 16:3, 17:19

⁹ ¹Or, uttered words which ²2 Km. 18:8

¹⁰ ¹Lat., wooden symbols of a female deity ^aEx. 34:12-14 ²1 Km. 14:23, Mic. 5:14

¹² ^aEx. 20:4

Hoshea became his servant and paid him tribute.

4 But the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea, who had sent messengers to So king of Egypt and had offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; so the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.

5 Then the king of Assyria invaded the whole land and went up to ^aSamaria and besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, ^athe king of Assyria captured Samaria and ^bcarried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and ^csettled them in Halah and Habor, on the river of ^dGozan, and ^ein the cities of the Medes.

7 ¶ Now ^athis came about, because the sons of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, ^bwho had brought them up from the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, ^cand they had ^dfeared other gods

8 and ^awalked in the ^bcustoms of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the sons of Israel, and in ^cthe customs ^dof the kings of Israel which they had ^eintroduced.

9 And the sons of Israel ^ddid things secretly which were not right, against the LORD their God. Moreover, they built for themselves high places in all their towns, from ^awatchtower to fortified city.

10 And ^athey set for themselves sacred pillars and ^bAshe-rim on every high hill and under every green tree,

11 and there they burned incense on all the high places as the nations ^ddid which the LORD had carried away to exile before them; and they did evil things provoking the LORD.

12 And they served idols, ^aconcerning which the LORD had said

to them, "You shall not do this thing."

13 Yet the ^aLORD warned Israel and Judah, ^bthrough all His prophets and ^cevery seer, saying, "^dTurn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets."

14 However, they did not listen, but ^astiffened their neck ¹like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And ^athey rejected His statutes and ^bHis covenant which He made with their fathers, and His warnings with which He warned them. And ^cthey followed vanity and ^dbecame vain, and went after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the ^eLORD had commanded them not to do like them.

16 And they forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, even ^atwo calves, and ^bmade an ¹Asherah and ^cworshiped all the host of heaven and ^dserved Baal.

17 Then ^athey made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and ^bpracticed divination and enchantments, and ^csold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him.

18 So the LORD was very angry with Israel, and ^aremoved them from His ¹sight; ^bnone was left except the tribe of Judah.

19 ¶ Also ^aJudah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but ^bwalked in the ¹customs ²which Israel had ³introduced.

20 And the LORD rejected all the ¹descendants of Israel and afflicted them and ^agave them into the hand of plunderers, until

13 ^aNeh. 9:28, 30
^b2 Kin. 17:23
^c1 Sam. 9:9
^dJer. 7:3-7;
18:11; Ezek. 18:31

14 ¹Lit., like the neck of
^aEx. 32:9;
33:3; Acts 7:51

15 ^aJer. 8:9
^bEx. 24:6-8;
Deut. 29:25
^cDeut. 32:21
^dJer. 2:5;
Rom. 1:21-23
^eDeut. 12:30, 31

16 ¹Lit., a wooden symbol of a female deity
^a1 Kin. 12:28
^b1 Kin. 14:15, 23
^cDeut. 4:18; 2 Kin. 21:3
^d1 Kin. 16:31

17 ^a2 Kin. 16:3
^bLev. 19:26; Deut. 18:10-12
^c1 Kin. 21:20

18 ¹Lit., face
^a2 Kin. 17:6
^b1 Kin. 11:13, 32, 36

19 ¹Lit., statutes ²Lit., of Israel which they
³Lit., made
^a1 Kin. 14:22, 23
^b2 Kin. 16:3

20 ¹Lit., seed ²Lit., from His face
^a2 Kin. 15:29

21 ¹Lit., sin
^a1 Kin. 11:11, 31
^b1 Kin. 12:20
^c1 Kin. 12:28-33

22 ^a2 Kin. 17:6
^b2 Kin. 17:13
^c2 Kin. 17:6

23 ^aIn 2 Kin. 18:34, ^bIvvah
^cEzra 4:2, 10
^d2 Kin. 18:34
^e1 Kin. 6:65

24 ^a2 Kin. 17:32-41

25 ¹Lit., exile from there ²Lit., them

He had cast them ²out of His sight.

21 When ^aHe had torn Israel from the house of David, ^bHe made Jeroboam the son of Nebi king. Then ^cJeroboam drove Israel away from following the LORD, and made them ¹commit great sin.

22 And the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them.

23 ^auntil the LORD removed Israel from His sight, ^bas He spoke through all His servants the prophets. ^cSo Israel was carried away into exile from their own land to Assyria until this day.

24 ¶ ^aAnd the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon and from Cuthah and from ¹Avv and from ^cHamath and Sepharvaim, and settled them in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. So they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities.

25 And it came about at the beginning of their living there, that they ^adid not fear the LORD therefore the LORD sent lion among them which killed some of them.

26 So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nation whom you have carried away into exile in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the god of the land; so he has sent lions among them, and behold they kill them because they do not know the custom of the god of the land."

27 ¶ Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Take there one of the priests whom you carried away into ¹exile, and let ²him go and live there; and let him teach them the custom of the god of the land."

28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away into exile from Samaria came and lived at Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

29 But every nation still made gods of its own and put them ^ain the houses of the high places which the people of Samaria had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived.

30 And ^athe men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima,

31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and ^athe Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to ^bAdrammelech and Anammelech the gods of ^cSepharvaim.

32 ^aThey also feared the LORD and ^bappointed from among themselves priests of the high places, who acted for them in the houses of the high places.

33 They feared the LORD and served their own gods according to the custom of the nations from among whom they had been carried away into exile.

34 ¶ To this day they do according to the earlier customs: they do not fear the LORD, nor do they ¹follow their statutes or their ordinances or the law, or the commandments which the LORD commanded the sons of Jacob, ^awhom He named Israel;

35 with whom the LORD made a covenant and commanded them, saying, "^aYou shall not fear other gods, nor ^bbow down yourselves to them nor ^cserve them nor sacrifice to them.

36" But the LORD, ^awho brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and with ^ban outstretched arm, ^cHim you shall fear, and to Him you shall bow yourselves down, and to Him you shall sacrifice.

37" And the statutes and the ordinances and the law and the commandment, which He wrote for you, ^ayou shall observe to do forever; and you shall not fear other gods.

38" And the covenant that I have made with you, ^ayou shall

29 ¹ Kin. 12:31, 13:22

30 ² Kin. 17:24

31 ² Kin. 17:17 ² Kin. 19:37 ² Kin. 17:24

32 ¹ Lit. made for themselves from among ² Zeph. 1:5 ¹ Kin. 12:31

34 ¹ Lit. do according to ² Gen. 32:28, 35:10

35 ¹ Judg. 6:10 ² Ex. 20:5 ¹ Deut. 5:9

36 ² Ex. 14:15-30 ² Ex. 6:6, 9:15 ¹ Lev. 19:32, Deut. 6:13

37 ¹ Deut. 5:32

38 ¹ Deut. 4:23, 6:12

41 ¹ Or. graven images ² Zeph. 1:5, Matt. 6:24

1 ² Kin. 16:2, 17:1 ² Chr. 28:27

3 ² Chr. 29:1, 2

3 ² Kin. 20:3, 2 Chr. 31:20

4 ¹ i.e. a wooden symbol of a female deity ² i.e. a piece of bronze ² Kin. 18:22, 2 Chr. 31:1 ³ Num. 21:6, 9

5 ² Kin. 19:10 ² Kin. 23:25

6 ¹ Deut. 10:30, Josh. 23:8

7 ¹ Gen. 30:2, 3, 1 Sam. 18:14 ² Kin. 16:7

not forget, nor shall you fear other gods.

39" But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies."

40 However, they did not listen, but they did according to their earlier custom.

41 ^aSo while these nations feared the LORD, they also served their ¹idols; their children likewise and their grandchildren, as their fathers did, so they do to this day.

CHAPTER 18

NOW it came about ^ain the third year of Hoshea, the son of Elah king of Israel, that ^bHezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah became king.

2 He was ^atwenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

3 ^aAnd he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

4 ^aHe removed the high places and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the ¹Asherah. He also broke in pieces ^bthe bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called ²Nehushtan.

5 ^aHe trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel; ^bso that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him.

6 For he ^aclung to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

7 ^aAnd the LORD was with him; wherever he went he prospered. And ^bhe rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

8 ^aHe ¹defeated the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from ^bwatchtower to fortified city.

9 ¶ Now it came about in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that ^aShalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they captured it; in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was ^athe ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was captured.

11 Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and put them in ^aHalah and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

12 because they ^adid not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded; they would neither listen, nor do it.

13 ¶ ^aNow in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

14 Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "^aI have done wrong. ¹Withdraw from me; whatever you ²impose on me I will bear." So the king of Assyria ³required of Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And ^aHezekiah gave him all the silver which was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king's house.

16 At that time Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the doorposts which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 ¶ Then the king of Assyria sent ^aTartan and Rab-saris and

8 ¹Lit., smote
^{a2}Chr. 28:18, Is. 14:29
^{b2}Kin. 17:9

9 ^{a2}Kin. 17:3-7

10 ^{a2}Kin. 17:6

11 ^{a1}Chr. 5:26

12 ^{a1}Kin. 9:6, Dan. 9:6, 10

13 ^{a2}Chr. 32:1, Is. 36:1, 39:8

14 ¹Lit., Return ²Lit., give ³Lit., put on
^{a2}Kin. 18:7

15 ^{a1}Kin. 15:18, 19; 2 Kin. 12:18, 16:8

17 ¹Lit., launderer's
^{a1s} 20:1
^{a2}Kin. 20:20, Is. 7:3

18 ^{a2}Kin. 19:2; Is. 22:20
^{b1s} 22:15

19 ¹Lit., trust
^{a2}Chr. 32:10

20 ¹Lit., a word of the lips
^{a2}Kin. 18:7

21 ¹Lit., rely for yourself
²Lit., palm
^{a1s} 30:2, 3, 7; Ezek. 29:6, 7

22 ^{a2}Kin. 18:4; 2 Chr. 31:1

23 ¹Lit., please exchange pledges

24 ¹Lit., turn away the face of
²Or, governor
³Lit., rely for yourself

25 ¹Lit., without the Lord

Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a large arm to Jerusalem. So they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they went up, they came and stood by the ^bconduit of the upper pool, which is on the high way of the ¹fuller's field.

18 When they called to the king, ^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah who was over the household and ^bShebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came out to them.

19 Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is the confidence that you ¹have?"

20 "You say (but they are ¹only empty words), 'I have counsel and strength for the war.' Now on whom do you rely, ^athat you have rebelled against me?"

21 "Now behold, you ¹rely on the staff of this crushed reed even on Egypt; on which if a man leans, it will go into his ²hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.

22 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is not He whose high places and ^awhose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem'?"

23 "Now therefore, ¹come and make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to send riders on them.

24 "How then can you ¹repulse one ²official of the least of my master's servants, and ³rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?"

25 "Have I now come up ¹without the LORD's approval against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.' " " "

26 ¶ Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now to your servants in Aramaic, for we ¹understand it; and do not speak with us in ^{2a}Judean, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

27 But Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, doomed to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean, ¹saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria."

29 "Thus says the king, ^a"Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you from ¹my hand;

30 nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

31 "Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, ¹"Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat ^aeach of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,

32 until I come and take you away ^ato a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live and not die." But do not listen to Hezekiah, when he misleads you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us."

33 "Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?"

34 "Where are the gods of Hamath and ^bArpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and ^{1c}Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand?"

26 ¹Lit., hear ^{2a}J., He-
brew
^aEzra 4:7;
Dan. 2:4

28 ¹Lit., and
spoke, say-
ing

29 ¹Heb.
his
^a2 Chr 32:15

31 ¹Lit.
Make with
me a blessing
^a1 Kin 4:20,
25

32 ^aDeut.
8:7-9, 11-12

33 ^a2 Kin.
19:12; Is.
10:10, 11

34 ¹In 2 Kin.
17:24, Arpa
^a2 Kin. 18:13
Isa. 10:9
^a2 Kin. 17:24

36 ¹Lit.,
who have
^aPs. 2:1-3;
59:7

37 ^a2 Kin.
18:26 ^a2 Kin.
6:30

1 ^a2 Chr.
32:20-22; Is.
37:1 ^a2 Kin.
18:37 ^a1 Kin.
21:27

2 ^a2 Sam.
3:31 ^aIsa. 1:1,
2:1

4 ^aJosh.
14:12; 2 Sam.
16:12 ^a2 Kin.
18:35 ^aIsa. 1:9

6 ^a2 Kin.
18:17 ^a2 Kin.
18:22-25,
30-35

35 "Who among all the gods of the lands ¹have delivered their land from my hand, ^athat the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?"

36 But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

37 Then ^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah ^bwith their clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAPTER 19

^aAND when King Hezekiah heard it, he ^btore his clothes, ^ccovered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent Eliakim who was over the household with Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, ^acovered with sackcloth, to ^bIsaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of distress, rebuke, and rejection; for children have come to birth, and there is no strength to deliver.'

4 ^aPerhaps the LORD your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent ^bto reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for ^cthe remnant that is left.'

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the ^aservants of the king of Assyria ^bhave blasphemed Me.

7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that ^ahe shall hear a rumor and return to his own land. And ^bI will make him fall by the sword in his own land."

8 ¶ Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against ^aLibnah, for he had heard that ¹the king had left ^bLachish.

9 When he heard *them* say concerning Tirhakah king of ¹Cush, "Behold, he has come out to fight against you," he sent messengers again to Hezekiah saying,

10 "Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of ¹Judah, 'Do not ^alet your God in whom you trust deceive you saying, "^bJerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

11 'Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be ¹spared?

12 'Did the gods of ¹those nations which my fathers destroyed deliver them, even ^bGozan and ^cHaran and Rezech and ^dthe sons of Eden who were in Telassar?

13 'Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and of Hena and Ivvah?'

14 ¶ Then ^aHezekiah took the ¹letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and ²spread it out before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, ^awho art ¹enthroned above the cherubim, ^bThou art the God, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth.

16 "Incline Thine ear, O LORD, and hear; ^bopen Thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he

has sent ^cto reproach the living God.

17 "Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands

18 and have cast their gods into the fire, ^afor they were no gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them.

19 "And now, O LORD our God, I pray, deliver us from his hand ^athat all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou alone O ^bLORD, art God."

20 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah saying "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, ^aI have heard you.'

21 "This is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:

'She has despised you and mocked you,

^aThe virgin daughter of Zion;

She ^bhas shaken *her* head behind you,

The daughter of Jerusalem!

22 'Whom have you ^areproached and ^bblasphemed?

And against whom have you raised your voice,

And ¹haughtily lifted up your eyes?

Against the ^cHoly One of Israel!

23 'Through your messengers you have reproached the LORD,

And you have said, "With my many chariots

I came up to the heights of the mountains,

To the remotest parts of Lebanon;

And I ¹cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypresses.

And I ¹entered its farthest lodging place, its ^bthickest forest.

7 ^a2 Kin. 7:6 ^b2 Kin. 19:37

8 ¹Lit., *he* ^aJosh. 10:29 ^b2 Kin. 18:14

9 ¹Or, *Ethiopia*

10 ¹Lit., *Judah, saying*, ^a2 Kin. 18:5 ^b2 Kin. 18:30

11 ¹Lit., *delivered*

12 ¹Lit., *the* ^a2 Kin. 18:33 ^b2 Kin. 17:6 ^cGen. 11:31 ^dIs. 37:12

13 ^a2 Kin. 18:34

14 ¹Lit., *let them read them* ^aLit., *Hezekiah spread* ^bIs. 37:14

15 ¹Lit., *scattered* ^aEx. 25:22; Is. 37:14 ^b2 Kin. 5:15

16 ^aPs. 31:2; Is. 37:17 ^b1 Kin. 8:29; 2 Chr. 6:40 ^c2 Kin. 19:4

18 ^aIs. 44:9-20; Acts 17:29

19 ^a1 Kin. 8:42, 43 ^b2 Kin. 19:15

20 ^a2 Kin. 20:5

21 ^aJer. 14:17; Lam. 2:13 ^bPs. 109:25; Matt. 27:39

22 ¹Lit., *on high* ^a2 Kin. 19:4 ^b2 Kin. 19:6 ^cIs. 5:24; 30:11-15

23 ¹So with some ancient versions; M.T., *will cut* ^awill enter ^b2 Kin. 18:17 ^c2 Chr. 26:10; Is. 10:18

24 "I dug wells and drank foreign waters,
And with the sole of my feet I ¹dried up
All the rivers of ²Egypt."

25 ¶ ¹"Have you not heard?
Long ago I did it;
From ancient times I planned it.
²Now I have brought it to pass.
That you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

26 "Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength,
They were dismayed and put to shame;
They were ^{as} the vegetation of the field and as the green herb,
As grass on the housetops is scorched before it is grown up.

27 "But ¹I know your sitting down,
And your going out and your coming in,
And your raging against Me.

28 "Because of your raging against Me,
And because your ¹arrogance has come up to My ears,
Therefore I ¹will put My hook in your nose,
And My bridle in your lips,
And ¹I will turn you back by the way which you came.

29 ¶ "Then this shall be ¹the sign for you: ¹you shall eat this year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

30 ¹"And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.

31 "For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and ¹out of

24 ¹So with some ancient versions; M.T., will dry up ¹Lt., the besieged place
+Is. 19:6

25 +Is. 46:7
+Is. 10:5

26 +Ps. 129:6

27 +Ps. 139:1

28 ¹Lt., complacency
+Ezek. 19:9,
29:4 ²2 Kin. 19:31, 36

29 ¹Lt., out-
ing
+Ez. 3:12;
2 Kin. 20:8, 9

30 ²2 Kin. 19:4, 2 Chr. 32:22, 23

31 ¹Lt., those who escape ²Some ancient mss. read the Lord of hosts
+Is. 10:20 +Is. 9:7

32 +Is. 8:7
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33 ²2 Kin. 19:28

34 ²2 Kin. 20:6, Is. 31:5
+1 Kin. 11:12, 13

36 ¹Lt., they ²Lt., dead bodies
+2 Sam. 24:18; 2 Chr. 32:21

36 ²2 Kin. 19:7, 28, 33
+Jer. 1:2

37 ¹Some ancient mss. read Adrammelech and Sharezer has some smote him
+2 Kin. 19:17
31 +Gen. 8:4
Jer. 51:27
+Ezra 4:2

1 ¹Lt., such to the point of death
+2 Chr. 32:24, Is. 38:1, 22
+2 Sam. 17:23

3 ¹Lt., great weeping
+Neh. 5:19;
13:14, 22, 31
+2 Kin. 18:3-6
+2 Sam. 12:21, 22

Mount Zion ¹survivors. ²The zeal of ²the LORD shall perform this.

32 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, ¹"He shall not come to this city or shoot an arrow there; neither shall he come before it with a shield, nor throw up a mound against it.

33 ¹"By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come to this city," declares the LORD.

34 ¹"For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and ²for My servant David's sake."

35 ¶ "Then it happened that night that the angel of the LORD went out, and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when ¹men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were ²dead.

36 So ¹Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned home, and lived at ²Nineveh.

37 And it came about as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that ¹Adrammelech and Sharezer killed him with the sword; and they escaped into ²the land of Ararat. And ³Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 20

IN those days Hezekiah became ¹mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, ²Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live."

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying,

3 ¹"Remember now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, ²how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in Thy sight." And ³Hezekiah wept ¹bitterly.

4 And it came about before Isaiah had gone out of the middle

court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying.

5 "Return and say to ^aHezekiah the leader of My people. 'Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, "bI have heard your prayer, cI have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

6 "And I will add fifteen years to your ¹life, and I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and ^aI will defend this city for My own sake and for My servant David's sake."

7 Then Isaiah said, "Take a cake of figs." And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

8 ¶ Now Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What will be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD the third day?"

9 And Isaiah said, "aThis shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten steps or go back ten steps?"

10 So Hezekiah answered, "It is easy for the shadow to decline ten steps; no, but let the shadow turn backward ten steps."

11 And Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD, and ^aHe brought the shadow on the ¹stairway back ten steps by which it had gone down on the ¹stairway of Ahaz.

12 ¶ ^aAt that time ¹Berodach-baladan a son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

13 And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them ^aall his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and the house of his armor and all that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his domin-

ion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say and from where have they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon."

15 And he said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

16 ¶ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD.

17 'Behold, the days are coming when ^aall that is in your house, and all that your father have laid up in store to this day shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD.

18 'And some ^aof your son who shall issue from you, whom you shall beget, shall be taken away; and they shall become ^bofficials in the palace of the king of Babylon.' "

19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken is ^agood." For he ¹thought, "Is not so, if there shall be peace and truth in my days?"

20 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and all his might, and how he ^bmade the pool and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

21 ^aSo Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 21

^a**M**ANASSEH was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hephzibah

⁸ ^a1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1
^b2 Kin. 19:20
^cPs. 39:12

⁶ ¹Lit., days
²2 Kin. 19:34

⁹ ^aIs. 38:7

¹⁰ ¹Lit., said

¹¹ ¹Lit., steps
^aJosh. 10:12.
¹⁴ ¹Is. 38:8

¹² ¹Many mss. and ancient versions read *Berodach-baladan*; cf. Is. 39:1
²2 Chr. 32:31.
¹⁵ ¹Is. 39:1-8

¹³ ²2 Chr. 32:27

¹⁸ ¹Lit., said

¹⁷ ²2 Kin. 24:13; 25:13-15; 2 Chr. 36:10; Jer. 52:17-19

¹⁸ ²2 Kin. 24:12; 2 Chr. 33:11 ^bDan. 1:3-7

¹⁹ ¹Lit., said
^a1 Sam. 3:18

²⁰ ²2 Chr. 32:32 ^bNeh. 3:16

²¹ ²2 Chr. 32:33

¹ ²2 Chr. 33:1-9

2 And ^ahe did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^baccording to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

3 For ^ahe rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and ^bhe erected altars for Baal and made an ^cAsherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and ^cworshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

4 And ^ahe built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "^bIn Jerusalem I will put My name."

5 For he built altars for ^aall the host of heaven in ^bthe two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And ^ahe made his son pass through the fire, ^bpracticed witchcraft and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD provoking Him to anger.

7 Then ^ahe set the carved image of Asherah that he had made, in the house of which the LORD said to David and to his son Solomon, "^bIn this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.

8" And I ^awill not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers, if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them."

9 But they did not listen, and Manasseh ^aseduced them to do evil more than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel.

10 ¶ Now the LORD spoke through His servants the prophets, saying,

11" ^aBecause Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, ^bhaving done wickedly more than all the Amorites did

2 Jer. 19:4
2 Kin. 18:3

3 ^ai.e., a wooden symbol of a female deity
2 Kin. 18:4
1 Kin. 16:31
33 Deut. 17:2-5; 2 Kin. 17:16; 23:5

4 2 Kin. 16:10-16
2 Sam. 7:13;
1 Kin. 8:29

5 2 Kin. 23:4, 5
1 Kin. 7:12;
2 Kin. 23:12

6 ^aLv. 18:21; 2 Kin. 16:3, 17:17
^bLv. 19:26, 31; Deut. 18:10-14

7 ^aDeut. 18:21; 2 Kin. 23:6
1 Kin. 8:29; 9:3;
2 Chr. 7:12, 16

8 2 Sam. 7:10; 2 Kin. 18:11, 12

9 ^aProv. 29:12

11 2 Kin. 21:2, 24:3, 4
Gen. 15:16;
1 Kin. 21:26
2 Kin. 21:16
2 Kin. 21:21

12 1 Sam. 3:11; Jer. 19:3

13 ^aIs. 34:11; Amos 7:7, 8

16 2 Kin. 24:4
2 Kin. 21:11

17 ^aLat. ^bsunned
2 Chr. 33:11, 19

18 2 Chr. 33:20
2 Kin. 21:26

19 2 Chr. 33:21-23

20 2 Kin. 21:2-6, 11, 16

who were before him, and ^chas also made Judah sin ^dwith his idols;

12 therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am bringing such calamity on Jerusalem and Judah, that whoever hears of it, ^aboth his ears shall tingle.

13 ^aAnd I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab, and I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.

14 ^aAnd I will abandon the remnant of My inheritance and deliver them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become as plunder and spoil to all their enemies;

15 because they have done evil in My sight, and have been provoking Me to anger, since the day their fathers came from Egypt, even to this day.'

16 ¶ ^aMoreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin ^bwith which he made Judah sin, in doing evil in the sight of the LORD.

17 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Manasseh and all that he did and his sin which he ^bcommitted, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

18 ^aAnd Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his own house, ^bin the garden of Uzza, and Amon his son became king in his place.

19 ¶ ^aAmon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aas Manasseh his father had done.

21 For he walked in all the way that his father had walked, and

served the idols that his father had served and worshiped them.

22 So ^ahe forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

23 And ^athe servants of Amon conspired against him and killed the king in his own house.

24 Then ^athe people of the land killed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his grave ^ain the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 22

^a**J**OSIAH was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiyah of ^bBozkath.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD and walked in all the way of his father David, nor did he ^aturn aside to the right or to the left.

3 ¶ Now ^ait came about in the eighteenth year of King Josiah that the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam the scribe, to the house of the LORD saying,

4 ^a"Go up to Hilkiah the high priest that he may ¹count the money brought in to the house of the LORD which the doorkeepers have gathered from the people.

5 ^a"And let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD, and let them give it to the workmen who are in the house of the LORD to repair the ¹damages of the house.

6 to the carpenters and the builders and the masons and for

buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 ^a"Only ^ano accounting shall be made with them for the money delivered into their hands, for they deal faithfully."

8 ¶ Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, ^a"I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word to the king and said ^a"Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD."

10 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.

11 And it came about when the king heard the words of the book of the law, that ^ahe tore his clothes.

12 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, ^aAhikam the son of Shaphan, ^{1b}Achbor the son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant saying,

13 ^a"Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for ^agreat is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

14 ¶ So Hilkiah the priest Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of ^{1a}Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the ^bSecond Quarter); and they spoke to her.

22-23 Kin.
22:17; 1 Chr.
28:9

23-24 Kin.
12:20; 14:19

24 1Lit.,
smoke
2 Kin. 14:5

26-27 Kin.
21:18

1-2 Chr.
34:1; 2 Josh.
15:39

2-3 Deut.
5:32; Josh.
1:7

3-4 Chr.
34:8

4 1Or, total
2 Kin. 12:4,
9, 10

8 1Lit.,
breach
2 Kin. 12:11,
14

7-8 Kin.
12:15; 1 Cor.
4:2

8-9 Deut.
31:24-28;
2 Chr. 34:14,
15

11-12 Gen.
37:34; Josh.
7:6

12 1In
2 Chr. 34:20,
Abdon, son
of Micah
2 Kin. 25:22;
Jer. 28:24
2 Chr. 34:20

13-14 Deut.
29:23-28;
31:17, 18

14 1In
2 Chr. 34:22,
Tikhath, son
of Hasrah
2 Chr. 34:22
2 Zeph. 1:10

15 And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to me,

16 thus says the LORD, "Behold, I ^abring evil on this place and on its inhabitants, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read.

17 "Because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods that they might provoke Me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore My wrath burns against this place, and it shall not be quenched."

18 "But to ^athe king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD thus shall you say to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Regarding the words which you have heard,

19 ^abecause your heart was tender and ^byou humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants that they should become ^aa desolation and a ^dcurse, and you have ^atorn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you," declares the LORD.

20 "Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and ^ayou shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil which I will bring on this place." "So they brought back word to the king.

CHAPTER 23

THEN the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 And the king went up to the house of the LORD and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great; and ^ahe read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant, ^bwhich was found in the house of the LORD.

16 ^aDeut. 29:27; ^bDeut. 9:11-14

17 ^aDeut. 29:25, 26; 2 Kin. 21:22

18 ^a2 Chr. 34:28

19 ^a1 Sam. 24:5; ^bPs. 51:17; ^cEx. 10:3, 1 Kin. 21:29; ^dLev. 26:31; ^eJer. 26:6; ^f2 Kin. 22:11

20 ^a2 Kin. 23:30

1 ^a2 Chr. 34:29-32

2 ^aDeut. 31:10-13; ^b2 Kin. 22:8

3 ^aLat. ^blook a stand in ^c2 Kin. 11:14; ^d17 ^eDeut. 13:4

4 ^aLat. ^bharpers of the threshold ^c21 e. ^da wooden symbol of a female deity, and so throughout the ch. ^e2 Kin. 25:18; ^fJer. 52:24; ^g2 Kin. 21:37; ^h2 Chr. 33:3; ⁱ2 Kin. 23:15

5 ^a2 Kin. 23:3

6 ^aLat. ^bsons of the people ^c2 Kin. 23:15; ^d2 Chr. 34:4

7 ^aOr. ^btemple, ^cthe ^dAcademy ^e1 Kin. 14:24; ^f15:12; ^gEx. 25:23, 26; ^hEzek. 16:16

8 ^aJosh. 21:17; 1 Kin. 15:22

3 And ^athe king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, ^bto walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people ^centered into the covenant.

4 ^a Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and ^athe priests of the second order and the ^bdoorkeepers, ^bto bring out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, for ^cAsherah, and for all the host of heaven; and ^che burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel.

5 And he did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the surrounding area of Jerusalem, also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the ^ahost of heaven.

6 And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the LORD outside Jerusalem to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and ^aground it to dust, and ^bthrew its dust on the graves of the ^ccommon people.

7 He also broke down the houses of the ^amale cult prostitutes which were in the house of the LORD, where ^bthe women were weaving ^changings for the Asherah.

8 Then he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from ^aGeba to Beersheba; and he broke down the high places of the gates which were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city.

which were on one's left at the city gate.

9 Nevertheless ^athe priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.

10 ^aHe also defiled ¹Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, ^bthat no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire for ^cMolech.

11 And he did away with the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the ^asun, at the entrance of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the official, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And ^athe altars which were on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and ^bthe altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, the king broke down; and he ¹smashed them there, and ^cthrew their dust into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places which were before Jerusalem, which were on the right of ^athe mount of destruction which Solomon the king of Israel had built for ^bAshtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for ^cChemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the sons of Ammon, the king defiled.

14 And ^ahe broke in pieces the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherim and ^bfilled their places with human bones.

15 ¶ Furthermore, ^athe altar that was at Bethel and the ^bhigh place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he broke down. Then he ¹demolished its stones, ground them to dust, and burned the Asherah.

⁹ ^aEzek 44:10-14

¹⁰ ¹lit., place of burning
^aIs. 30:33;
Jer. 7:31, 32;
19:4-6 ^bLev 18:21 ^c1 Kin 11:7

¹¹ ^aDeut 4:19; Job 31:28; Ezek 8:16

¹² ¹Or, ran from there
^aJer. 19:13;
Zeph 1:5
^b2 Kin 21:5;
2 Chr 33:5
^c2 Kin 23:4, 6

¹³ ^a1 Kin 11:7 ^b1 Kin 11:5 ^cNum. 21:29

¹⁴ ^aDeut 7:5, 25
^b2 Kin 23:16

¹⁵ ¹So the Gr., Heb., burned the high place
^a1 Kin 13:1
^b1 Kin 12:28-33 ^c2 Kin 23:6

¹⁶ ^a1 Kin 13:2

¹⁷ ^a1 Kin 13:1, 30, 31

¹⁸ ¹Lit., let his bones escape with
^a1 Kin 13:11, 31

¹⁹ ¹So with ancient versions ²lit., according to all the acts
^a2 Chr 34:6, 7

²⁰ ^a2 Kin 10:25; 11:18

²¹ ^a2 Chr 35:1-17
^bNum. 9:2-4;
Deut. 16:2-8

²² ^a2 Chr 35:18, 19

²⁴ ¹Lit., consumed
^aLev. 19:31;
2 Kin. 21:6
^bGen. 31:19 mg. ^c2 Kin. 21:11, 21
^dDeut. 18:10-22

16 Now when Josiah turned he saw the graves that were there on the mountain, and he sent and took the bones from the graves and burned them on the altar and defiled it ^aaccording to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things.

17 Then he said, "What is this monument that I see?" And the men of the city told him, "It is the grave of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar Bethel."

18 And he said, "Let him alone; let no one disturb his bones." So they left his bones undisturbed ^awith the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

19 And Josiah also removed the houses of the high places which were ^ain the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made provoking ¹the LORD and he did to them ²just as he had done in Bethel.

20 And all the priests of the high places who were there ^ahe slaughtered on the altars and burned human bones on them; then he returned to Jerusalem.

21 ¶ Then the king commanded all the people saying, "Celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God ^aas it is written in this book of the covenant."

22 ^aSurely such a Passover had not been celebrated from the days of the judges who judge Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and of the kings of Judah.

23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was observed to the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 ¶ Moreover, Josiah removed ^athe mediums and the spiritists and the ^bteraphim and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, ^athe

he might ²confirm the words of the law which were written ⁱⁿ the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 And before him there was no king ^alike him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.

26 ¶ However, the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath with which His anger burned against Judah, ^abecause of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.

27 And the LORD said, "I will remove Judah also from My sight, ^aas I have removed Israel. And ^bI will cast off Jerusalem, this city which I have chosen, and the ¹temple of which I said, 'My name shall be there.' "

28 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

29 ^aIn his days ^bPharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And King Josiah went to meet him, and when Pharaoh Neco saw him he killed him at ^cMegiddo.

30 And ^ahis servants drove ¹his body in a chariot from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. ^bThen the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

31 ¶ Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ^bHamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to all that his fathers had done.

24 ²Or, perform
2 Kin. 23:8

25 ² Kin. 18:5

26 ² Kin. 21:11-13, Jer. 15:4

27 ¹ Lit. house
2 Kin. 18:11
2 Kin. 21:13, 14

28 ² Chr. 35:20-24 ^a Jer. 46:2 ^c Jude. 5:19

29 ¹ Lit. him, dead
2 Kin. 9:28
2 Chr. 36:1-4

31 ¹ Chr. 3:15, Jer. 22:11 ² Kin. 24:18

32 ² Kin. 23:2-7

33 ² Kin. 23:29 ² Kin. 25:6 ¹ Kin. 8:65

34 ¹ So with Gr., Heb., he came

¹ Chr. 3:15
2 Kin. 24:17,
2 Chr. 36:4
Jer. 22:11,
12, Ezech. 19:3, 4

35 ¹ Lit. mouth
2 Kin. 23:33

36 ² Chr. 36:5, Jer. 22:18, 19, 26:1

37 ² Kin. 23:32

¹ Chr. 36:6, Jer. 25:1, Dan. 1:1, 2

² Jer. 35:11
2 Kin. 6:23
2 Kin. 13:20
2 Kin. 23:27

¹ Lit. mouth
2 Kin. 18:25
2 Kin. 23:26

¹ Chr. 21:16

33 And ^aPharaoh Neco imprisoned him at ^bRiblah in the land of ^cHamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

34 And Pharaoh Neco made ^aEliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and ^bchanged his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away and ¹brought him to Egypt, and he died there.

35 So Jehoiakim ^agave the silver and gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land in order to give the money at the ¹command of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, each according to his valuation, to give it to Pharaoh Neco.

36 ¶ Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiiah of Rumah.

37 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to all that his fathers had done.

CHAPTER 24

^aIN his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him ^abands of Chaldeans, ^bbands of Arameans, ^cbands of Moabites, and bands of Ammonites. So He sent them against Judah to destroy it, ^daccording to the word of the LORD, which He had spoken through His servants the prophets.

3 ^aSurely at the ¹command of the LORD it came upon Judah, to remove them from His sight ^bbecause of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done,

4 and ^aalso for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

6 So ^aJehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

7 And ^athe king of Egypt did not come out of his land again, ^bfor the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from ^cthe brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates.

8 ¶ ^aJehoiachin was ^beighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to all that his father had done.

10 ¶ At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it.

12 And ^aJehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his captains and his officials. So ^bthe king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And ^ahe carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and ^bcut in pieces all the vessels of gold ^cwhich Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, just as the LORD had said.

14 Then ^ahe led away into exile all Jerusalem and all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ^bten thousand captives, and ^call the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained ^dexcept the poorest people of the land.

⁶ Jer.
22:18, 19

⁷ Jer.
37:5-7 ^b Jer.
46:2 ^c Gen.
15:18

⁸ ^a 1 Chr.
3:16 ^b 2 Chr.
36:9

⁹ ^a 2 Kin.
21:2-7

¹² Jer.
22:24-30;
24:1; 29:1, 2
^b 2 Chr. 36:10

¹³ ^a 2 Kin.
20:17; 1a. 39:6
^b 2 Kin. 25:13;
15:1 Kin.
7:46-50

¹⁴ Jer. 24:1
^b 2 Kin. 24:16;
Jer. 52:28
Jer. 24:1;
29:2 ^c 2 Kin.
25:12

¹⁵ ^a 2 Chr.
36:10; Jer.
22:24-28;
Ezek. 17:12

¹⁶ ^a 2 Kin.
24:14

¹⁷ ^a i.e., Je-
hoiachin's
uncle
^b 2 Chr. 36:10;
13; Jer. 37:1

¹⁸ Jer.
27:1; 28:1;
52:1 ^b 2 Kin.
23:31

¹⁹ ^a 2 Kin.
23:37

²⁰ Deut.
4:24; 29:27;
2 Kin. 23:28
^b 2 Chr. 36:13;
Ezek. 17:15

¹ ^a Lit.,
against it
^b 2 Chr. 36:17-
20; Jer. 39:1-7
^c Jer. 21:2;
34:1, 2; Ezek.
24:2 ^c Ezek.
21:22

³ ^a 2 Kin.
6:24, 25; Lam.
4:9, 10

⁴ Ezek.
33:21
^b Neh. 3:15

15 So ^ahe led Jehoiachin away into exile to Babylon; also the king's mother and the king's wives and his officials and the leading men of the land, he led away into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of valor ^aseven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths, one thousand, all strong and fit for war, and these the king of Babylon brought into exile to Babylon.

17 ^aThen the king of Babylon made ^bhis uncle Mattaniah, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 ¶ ^aZedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ^bHamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, ^aaccording to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For ^athrough the anger of the LORD ^{this} came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. And ^bZedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAPTER 25

^a NOW it came about in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month that ^bNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it, and ^cbuilt a siege wall all around ^dit.

2 So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

3 On the ninth day of the fourth month ^athe famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

4 ^aThen the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls beside ^bthe

king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah.

5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho and all his army was scattered from him.

6 Then they captured the king and brought him to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and he passed sentence on him.

7 And they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon.

8 ¶ Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

9 And he burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.

10 So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem.

11 Then the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile.

12 But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.

13 ¶ Now the bronze pillars which were in the house of the LORD, and the stands and the bronze sea which were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the bronze to Babylon.

14 And they took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers,

the spoons, and all the bronze vessels which were used in temple service.

15 The captain of the guard also took away the firepans and the basins, what was fine gold and what was fine silver.

16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the stands which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weight.

17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a bronze capital was on it; the height of the capital was three cubits, with a network and pomegranates on the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these with network.

18 ¶ Then the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest, with the three officers of the temple.

19 And from the city he took one official who was overseer of the men of war, and five of the king's advisers who were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city.

20 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

21 Then the king of Babylon struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was led away into exile from its land.

22 ¶ Now as for the people who were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, he appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan over them.

23 When all the captains of the forces, they and their men,

4 So some ancient mss. and versions: M.T. he

6 Lit. they spoke judgment with him
Jer 34 21.
22 Jer 32 4
2 Kin. 23 33

7 Jer 39 6, 7
Ezek 12 13

8 Jer 52 12
Jer 39 8-12

9 1 Kin 9 8, 2 Chr 36 19, Ps 74 3-7
Amos 2 5

10 2 Kin. 14 13; Neh. 1 3

11 2 Chr 36 20

12 2 Kin. 24 14; Jer 40 7

13 Lit. bronze of them
1 Kin. 7 15-22, 2 Kin. 20 17, 2 Chr 3 15-17, 36 18
1 Kin. 7 23-26, 2 Chr 4 2-4

14 Ex. 27 3, 1 Kin. 7 47, 50, 2 Chr 4 16

16 1 Kin. 7 47

17 1 e. One cubit equals approx. 18 in.
1 Kin. 7 15-22

18 Lit. hangers of the door
1 Chr 6 14, Ezra 7 1
Jer 21 1, 29 25, 29

19 Lit. men of those among the king's face
Or, scribe, a captain
Ezek 1 14

20 2 Kin. 23 33

21 Dn. 28 64, 2 Kin. 23 27

22 Jer 39 14, 40 7-9

23 Jer 40 7-9

heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to ^bMizpah, namely, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah swore to them and their men and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans; live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you."

25 ¶ ^aBut it came about in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal ¹family, came ²with ten men and struck Gedaliah down so that he died along with the Jews and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.

23 ^aJosh
18:26

25 ¹Lit.,
seed ²Lit.,
and ten men
with him
^aJer. 41:1, 2

26 ^aJer.
43:4, 7

27 ¹Lit.,
lifted up the
head of
^aJer. 52:31-34
^b2 Kin. 24:12,
15 ^cGen.
40:13, 20

28 ^aDan.
2:37, 5:18, 19

29 ¹Lit., he
²Lit., ate
bread ³Lit.,
his presence
^a2 Sam. 9:7

30 ^aNeh.
11:23; 12:47

26 ^aThen all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces arose and went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

27 ¶ ^aNow it came about in the thirty-seventh year of ^bthe exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he became king, ¹released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison.

28 and he ^aspoke kindly to him and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon.

29 And ¹Jehoiachin changed his prison clothes, and ^{2a}had his meals in ³the king's presence regularly all the days of his life.

30 and for his ^aallowance, ^aregular allowance was given him by the king, a portion for each day, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

Genealogy from Adam

^aADAM, Seth, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahalalel,
Jared,

3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

4 Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

5 ¶ ^aThe sons of Japheth were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

6 And the sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, ¹Diphath, and Togarmah.

7 And the sons of Javan were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and ¹Rodanim.

1 ^aGen.
4:25-5:32

5 ^aGen.
10:2-4

6 ¹In Gen.
10:3, Riphath

7 ¹In Gen.
10:4, Dodanim

10 ¹Lit., be-
got, and so
throughout
the ch.

11 ^aGen.
10:13-18

12 ¹Or, peo-
ple of Philist

8 ¶ The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 And the sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raama, and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.

10 And Cush ¹became the father of Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

11 ^aAnd Mizraim became the father of the people of Lud, Anam, Lehab, Naphtuh,

12 Pathrus, Casluh, from which the ¹Philistines came, and Capthor.

13 ¶ And Canaan became the father of Sidon, his first-born, Heth,

14 and the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,

15 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,

16 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

17 ¶ ^aThe sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hul, Gether, and ^bMeshech.

18 And Arpachshad became the father of Shelah and Shelah became the father of Eber.

19 And two sons were born to Eber, the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided, and his brother's name was Joktan.

20 And Joktan became the father of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

21 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

22 ^cEbal, Abimael, Sheba,

23 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan.

24 ¶ ^aShem, Arpachshad, Shelah,

25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

27 Abram, that is Abraham.

28 ¶ The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.

29 ^aThese are their genealogies: the first-born of Ishmael was Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah; these were the sons of Ishmael.

32 ^aAnd the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine, whom she bore, were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan were Sheba and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephraim, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

34 And ^aAbraham became the father of Isaac. The sons of Isaac were ^bEsau and Israel.

17 ^aIn Gen. 10:23, Mash
^aGen. 10:23-29

22 ^aIn Gen. 10:28, Obal

24 ^aGen. 11:10-26, Luke 3:34-38

25 ^aGen. 25:13-16

27 ^aGen. 25:14

34 ^a1 Chr. 1:28 ^aGen. 25:25, 26, 32, 28

35 ^aGen. 36:4-10

36 ^aIn Gen. 36:11, Zephu

38 ^aGen. 36:20-28

39 ^aIn Gen. 36:22, Her-mam

40 ^aIn Gen. 36:23, Alvan
^aIn Gen. 36:23, Shepho

41 ^aLit. was ^aIn Gen. 36:26, Ham-dan

42 ^aOr, Akah, as in Gen. 36:27

43 ^aGen. 36:31-43

44 ^aIs. 34:6

45 ^aJob 2:11

46 ^aLit. smote

35 ^aThe sons of Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, ^cZephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel were Nathath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38 ^aAnd the sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and ^cHomam; and Lotan's sister was Timna.

40 The sons of Shobal were ^cAlian, Manahath, Ebal, ^cShephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon were Aiah and Anah.

41 The ^cson of Anah was Dishon. And the sons of Dishon were ^cHamran, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, Zaavan and ^cJaakan. The sons of Dishan were Uz and Aran.

43 ¶ ^aNow these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king of the sons of Israel reigned. Bela was the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dinhabah.

44 When Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of ^aBozrah became king in his place.

45 When Jobab died, Husham of the land of ^athe Temanites became king in his place.

46 When Husham died, Hadad the son of Bedad, who ^cdefeated Midian in the field of Moab, became king in his place; and the name of his city was Avith.

47 When Hadad died, Samlah of Masrekah became king in his place.

48 When Samlah died, Shaul of Rehoboth by the River became king in his place.

49 When Shaul died, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor became king in his place.

50 When Baal-hanan died, ¹Hadad became king in his place; and the name of his city was ²Pai, and his wife's name was Meheta-bel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 Then Hadad died. Now the chiefs of Edom were: chief Timna, chief ¹Aliah, chief Jetheth,

52 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon,

53 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar,

54 chief Magdiel, chief Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

CHAPTER 2

^a **T**HESE are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 ¶ ^aThe sons of Judah were Er, Onan, and Shelah; these three were born to him by Bathshua the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, so He put him to death.

4 And ^aTamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. Judah had five sons in all.

5 ¶ The sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah were ¹Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and ²Dara; five of them in all.

7 And the ¹son of Carmi was ^{2a}Achar, the troubler of Israel, who violated the ban.

8 And the ¹son of Ethan was Azariah.

9 ¶ Now the sons of Hezron, who were born to him were Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai.

10 And Ram ¹became the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, leader of the sons of Judah;

11 Nahshon became the father of Salma, Salma became the father of Boaz,

⁸⁰ ¹In Gen. 36:39, Hadar
²In Gen. 36:39, Pau

⁸¹ ¹In Gen. 36:40, Alvah

¹ ^aGen. 35:22-26, 46:8-25

³ ^aGen. 38:2-10

⁴ ^aGen. 38:13-30

⁶ ¹In Josh. 7:1, Zabdi ²In 1 Kin. 4:31, Darda

⁷ ¹Lit., sons ²In Josh. 7:18, Achan
^aJosh. 7:1

⁸ ¹Lit., sons

¹⁰ ¹Lit., begot, and so throughout the ch.

¹³ ¹In 1 Sam. 18:9, Shammah; in 2 Sam. 13:3, Shimeah

¹⁶ ¹In 2 Sam. 2:18, Abishai

¹⁷ ¹In 2 Sam. 17:25, Ithra the Israelite

²² ¹Or, Havvoth-jair

12 Boaz became the father of Obed, and Obed became the father of Jesse;

13 and Jesse became the father of Eliab his first-born, then Abinadab the second, ¹Shimea the third,

14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh;

16 and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. And the three sons of Zeruiah were ¹Abishai, Joab, and Asahel.

17 And Abigail bore Amasa and the father of Amasa was ¹Jether the Ishmaelite.

18 ¶ Now Caleb the son of Hezron had sons by Azubah his wife, and by Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon.

19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath, who bore him Hur.

20 And Hur became the father of Uri, and Uri became the father of Bezalel.

21 ¶ Afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old; and she bore him Segub.

22 And Segub became the father of Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

23 But Geshur and Aram took ¹the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath and its villages, even sixty cities. All these were the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead.

24 And after the death of Hezron in Caleb-ephrathah, Abijah, Hezron's wife, bore him Ashhur the father of Tekoa.

25 ¶ Now the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron were Ram the first-born, then Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

26 And Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam.

27 And the sons of Ram, the first-born of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

28 And the sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai were Nadab and Abishur.

29 And the name of Abishur's wife was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban and Molid.

30 And the sons of Nadab were Seled and Appaim, and Seled died without sons.

31 And the son of Appaim was Ishi. And the son of Ishi was Sheshan. And the son of Sheshan was Ahlai.

32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai were Jether and Jonathan, and Jether died without sons.

33 And the sons of Jonathan were Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

34 Now Sheshan had no sons, only daughters. And Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha.

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant in marriage, and she bore him Attai.

36 And Attai became the father of Nathan, and Nathan became the father of Zabad,

37 and Zabad became the father of Ephlal, and Ephlal became the father of Obed,

38 and Obed became the father of Jehu, and Jehu became the father of Azariah,

39 and Azariah became the father of Helez, and Helez became the father of Eleasah,

40 and Eleasah became the father of Sismai, and Sismai became the father of Shallum,

41 and Shallum became the father of Jekamiah, and Jekamiah became the father of Elishama.

42 ¶ Now the sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel, were Mesha his first-born, who was the father of Ziph; and his son

31 ¹Lt. sons

was Mareshah, the father of Hebron.

43 And the sons of Hebron were Korah and Tappuah and Rekem and Shema.

44 And Shema became the father of Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem became the father of Shammai.

45 And the son of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was the father of Bethzur.

46 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Haran, Moza, and Gazez; and Haran became the father of Gazez.

47 And the sons of Jahdai were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

49 She also bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

50 These were the sons of Caleb.

¶ The sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, were Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim,

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem and Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

52 And Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Manahathites,

53 and the families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; from these came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites.

54 The sons of Salma were Bethlehem and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

55 And the families of scribes who lived at Jabez were the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. Those are the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

42 ¹Lt. the sons of

CHAPTER 3

^a NOW these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the first-born was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second was Daniel, by Abigail the Carmelitess;

2 the third was Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth was Adonijah the son of Haggith;

3 the fifth was Shephatiah, by Abital; the sixth was Ithream, by his wife Eglah.

4 Six were born to him in Hebron, and ^athere he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

5 ^aAnd these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and ^bSolomon, four, by ^cBath-shua the daughter of Ammiel;

6 and Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet,

7 Nogah, Nepheg, and Japhia,

8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

9 All *these* were the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines; and ^aTamar was their sister.

10 ^a Now Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah was his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11 Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

12 Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah were Johanan the first-born, and the second was Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

16 And the sons of Jehoiakim were Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

¹ ^a2 Sam. 3:2-5

⁴ ^a2 Sam. 2:11, 5:4, 5, 1 Kin. 2:11, 1 Chr. 29:27

⁵ ^a2 Sam. 5:14-16, 1 Chr. 14:4-7
^b2 Sam. 12:24, 25
^c2 Sam. 11:3

⁹ ^a2 Sam. 13:1

¹⁰ ^aLit., son

²¹ ^aLit., son

²² ^aLit., sons

²³ ^aLit., son

¹ ^a1 Chr. 2:3

² ^aLit., begot, and so throughout the ch.

³ ^aSo with some ancient versions, Heb., father

17 And the sons of Jeconiah the prisoner, were Shealtiel his son,

18 and Malchiram, Pedaiiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiiah were Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the ^asons of Zerubbabel were Meshullam and Hananiah; and Shelomith was their sister.

20 and Hashubah, Ohel, Benchia, Hasadiah, and Jushabhesed, five.

21 And the ^asons of Hananiah were Pelatiah and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arian, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah.

22 And the ^ason of Shecaniah was Shemaiah, and the sons Shemaiah were Hattush, Igabariah, Neariah, and Shaphan six.

23 And the ^asons of Neariah were Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elioenai were Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelatiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

CHAPTER 4

^a THE sons of Judah were Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.

2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal became the father of Jahath; and Jahath became the father of Ahumai and Lahad. These were the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these were the ^asons of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Ibash; and the name of their sister was Hazzeleponi.

4 And Penuel was the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hishai. These were the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

5 And Ashhur, the father of Tekoa, had two wives, Helah and Naarah.

6 And Naarah bore him Ahuzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Har

hashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah were Zereth, ¹Izhar and Ethnan.

8 And Koz became the father of Anub and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum.

9 And Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore him with pain."

10 Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that Thou wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldst keep me from harm, that it may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested.

11 ¶ And Chelub the brother of Shuhah became the father of Mehir, who was the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton became the father of Beth-rapha and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of ¹Irnahash. These are the men of Re-
cah.

13 ¶ Now the sons of Kenaz were Othniel and Seraiah. And the ¹son of Othniel was Hathath.

14 And Meonothai became the father of Ophrah, and Seraiah became the father of Joab the father of ¹Ge-harashim, for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh were Iru, Elah and Naam; and the ¹son of Elah was ²Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehallelel were Ziph and Ziphah, Tiria and Asarel.

17 And the ¹sons of Ezra were Jether, Mered, Ephraim, and Jalon. (²And these are the sons of Bithia the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took) and she conceived and bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his Jewish wife bore Jered the father of Gedor, and

⁷ ¹Another reading is Zohar

¹² ¹Or, the city of Na-hash

¹³ ¹Lit. sons

¹⁴ ¹Or, valley of craftsmen

¹⁵ ¹Lit. sons ²Lit. and Kenaz

¹⁷ ¹Lit. son ²In the Heb the words in () are at the end of v. 18

¹⁹ ¹Lit. father

²² ¹Lit. words

²⁴ ¹In Num. 26:12, Jemuel ²In Num. 26:12, Jachan ³In Gen. 46:10 and Ex. 6:15, Zohar

³³ ¹In Josh. 19:8, Baalath

Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah.

19 And the sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the ¹fathers of Keilah the Garmite and Eshtemoa the Maacathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon were Amnon and Rinnah, Benhanan and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi were Zoheth and Ben-zoheth.

21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah were Er the father of Lecah and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of the linen workers at Beth-ashbea;

22 and Jokim, the men of Cozeba, Joash, Saraph, who ruled in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And the ¹records are ancient.

23 These were the potters and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah; they lived there with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The sons of Simeon were ¹Nemuel and Jamin, ²Jarib, ³Zerah, Shaul;

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma were Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.

27 Now Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brothers did not have many sons, nor did all their family multiply like the sons of Judah.

28 And they lived at Beer-sheba, Moladah, and Hazar-shual,

29 at Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

31 Beth-marcaboth, Hazar-susim, Beth-biri, and Shaaraim. These were their cities until the reign of David.

32 And their villages were Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan, five cities;

33 and all their villages that were around the same cities as far as ¹Baal. These were their

settlements, and they have their genealogy.

34 And Meshobab and Jamlech and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

35 and Joel and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 and Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jeshimiel, Benaiah,

37 Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah;

38 these mentioned by name were leaders in their families; and their fathers' houses increased greatly.

39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, even to the east side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found rich and good pasture, and ^athe land was broad and quiet and peaceful; for those who lived there formerly were Hamites.

41 And ^athese, recorded by name, came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and ¹attacked their tents, and the Meunites who were found there, and destroyed them utterly to this day, and lived in their place; because there was pasture there for their flocks.

42 And from them, from the sons of Simeon, five hundred men went to ^aMount Seir, with Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi, as their leaders.

43 And ^athey ¹destroyed the remnant of the Amalekites who escaped, and have lived there to this day.

CHAPTER 5

NOW the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for ^ahe was the first-born, but because ^bhe defiled his father's bed, ^chis birthright was given to the sons

⁴⁰ ^aJuda.
18:7-10

⁴¹ ^aLit.
smote
^a1 Chr. 4:33-38

⁴² ^aGen.
38:8, 9

⁴³ ^aLit.
smote
^a1 Sam. 15:7, 8, 30:17

¹ ^aGen.
29:32, 1 Chr.
2:1 ^aGen.
35:22, 49:4
^aGen. 48:15-22

² ^aGen.
49:8-10; Ps.
80:7; 108:8
^bMic. 5:2;
Matt. 2:6

³ ^aGen.
48:9; Ex. 6:14;
Num. 26:5-9

⁴ ^a1 Chr.
5:8

⁶ ^aIn 2 Kin.
15:29, Tiglath-pileser

⁷ ^aLit.
brothers
^a1 Chr. 5:17

⁸ ^aNum.
32:34; Josh.
12:2

⁹ ^aJosh.
22:8, 9

¹⁰ ^aLit.
dwelt in ^aLit.
all the face
of the east
^a1 Chr. 5:18-21

¹¹ ^aJosh.
13:11 ^bDeut.
3:10

¹³ ^aLit.
brother

of Joseph the son of Israel; so that he is not enrolled in the genealogy according to the birth right.

2 ^aThough Judah prevailed over his brothers, and ^bfrom him came the leader, yet the birth right belonged to Joseph).

3 ^athe sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel were Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Carmi.

4 The sons of Joel were Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, ^aShimeah his son,

5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

6 Beerah his son, whom ¹Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria carried away into exile; he was leader of the Reubenites.

7 And his ¹kinsmen by their families, ^ain the genealogy of their generations, were Jeiel the chief, then Zechariah

8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel who lived in ^aArroer, even to Nebo and Baal-meon.

9 And to the east he settled as far as the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates ^abecause their cattle had increased in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul ^athey made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand, so that they ¹occupied their tent: throughout ²all the land east of Gilead.

11 ¶ Now the sons of Gad lived opposite them in the land of ^aBashan as far as ^bSalecah.

12 Joel was the chief, and Shapham the second, then Janai and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their ¹kinsmen of their fathers' households were Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jacan, Zia, and Eber, seven.

14 These were the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz

15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, was head of their fathers' households.

16 And they lived in Gilead, in Bashan and in its towns, and in all the pasture lands of ^aSharon, as far as their ^bborders.

17 All of these were enrolled in the genealogies in the days of ^aJotham king of Judah and in the days of ^bJeroboam king of Israel.

18 ¶ The sons of Reuben and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, consisting of valiant men, men who bore shield and sword and shot with bow, and were skillful in battle, were 44,760, who ^awent to war.

19 And they made war against ^athe Hagrites, ^bJetur, Naphish, and Nodab.

20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagrites and all who were with them were given into their hand; for ^athey cried out to God in the battle, and He was entreated for them, because ^bthey trusted in Him.

21 And they took away their cattle: their 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, 2,000 donkeys, and 100,000 ^bmen.

22 For many fell slain, because ^athe war was of God. And ^bthey settled in their place until the ^cexile.

23 ¶ Now the sons of the half-tribe of Manasseh lived in the land; from Bashan to Baal-hermon and ^aSenir and Mount Hermon they were numerous.

24 And these were the heads of their fathers' households, even Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers' households.

25 ¶ But they ^aacted treacherously against the God of their fathers, and ^bplayed the harlot ^cafter the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them.

16 ^aLit., brings out
1 Chr. 27:29.
Song 2:1, 1a.
35:2, 65:10

17 ^a2 Kin
15:5, 32
^b2 Kin 14:16,
28

18 ^aNum
13

19 ^a1 Chr.
5:10 ^bGen.
25:15, 1 Chr
13:1

20 ^a2 Chr
14:11-13 ^bPs
9:10, 20:7, 8,
22:4, 5

21 ^aLit.
souls of men

22 ^aJosh
23:10, 2 Chr
32:8, Rom
8:31 ^b1 Chr
4:41 ^c2 Kin
15:29, 17:6

23 ^aDeut
3:9

24 ^aDeut
32:15-18 ^bEx
34:15 ^c2 Kin
17:7

26 ^aIn 2 Kin
15:29, 7:1
^bLit., pilneser
^c2 Kin 15:19,
29:2 ^dChr
28:20 ^e2 Kin
17:6

1 Chr 5:27
in Heb ^aIn v
16, Gershom
^bGen. 46:11,
Ex. 6:16-25

4 ^aLit., be-
gins, and so
throughout
the ch.

8 ^a2 Sam
8:17 ^b2 Sam
15:27

10 ^a2 Chr.
26:17 ^b1 Kin
8:1, 2 Chr
3:1

11 ^aEzra 7:3

12 ^aIn ch.
9:11, Nehem.
1:1

26 So the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of ^aPul, king of Assyria, even the spirit of ^bTilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he ^ccarried them away into exile, namely the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to the river of Gozan, to this day.

CHAPTER 6

1a THE sons of Levi were ^bGershon, Kohath and Merari.

2 And the sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

3 And the children of Amram were Aaron, Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 Eleazar ^bbecame the father of Phinehas, and Phinehas became the father of Abishua,

5 and Abishua became the father of Bukki, and Bukki became the father of Uzzi,

6 and Uzzi became the father of Zerahiah, and Zerahiah became the father of Meraioth,

7 Meraioth became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub,

8 and ^aAhitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok ^bbecame the father of Ahimaaz,

9 and Ahimaaz became the father of Azariah, and Azariah became the father of Johanan,

10 and Johanan became the father of Azariah (^ait was he who served as the priest in the house ^bwhich Solomon built in Jerusalem).

11 and ^aAzariah became the father of Amariah, and Amariah became the father of Ahitub,

12 and Ahitub became the father of Zadok, and Zadok became the father of ^bShallum,

13 and Shallum became the father of Hilkiah, and Hilkiah became the father of Azariah,

14 and Azariah became the

father of ^aSeraiah, and Seraiah became the father of Jehozadak;

15 and Jehozadak went along when the LORD carried Judah and Jerusalem away into exile ¹by Nebuchadnezzar.

16 ¶ ^{1a}The sons of Levi were ²Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

17 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.

18 And the sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of ^aMerari were Mahli and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

20 Of Gershon: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

21 Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.

22 The sons of Kohath were Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

23 Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

24 Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah his son, and Shaul his son.

25 And the sons of Elkanah were Amasai and Ahimoth.

26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah were Zophai his son and Nahath his son,

27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.

28 And the sons of Samuel were ^aJoel, the first-born and Abijah, the second.

29 The sons of Merari were Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,

30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

31 ¶ ^aNow these are those whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of the LORD, ^bafter the ark rested there.

32 And they ministered with song before the tabernacle of the

14 ^aNeh. 11:11

18 ¹Lit., by the hand of

18 ¹Ch. 6:1 in Heb. ²In v. 1, Gershon. ^aGen. 46:11. Ex. 6:16

19 ^aNum. 3:33, 1 Chr. 23:21

28 ^a1 Sam. 8:2, 1 Chr. 6:33

31 ^a1 Chr. 15:16-22, 27:16:4-6; ^b2 Sam. 6:17; 1 Kin. 8:4; 1 Chr. 15:25-16:1

32 ¹Lit., stood over

33 ¹Lit., stood

44 ¹Lit., brothers

48 ¹Lit., brothers ²Lit., given

tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem; and they ¹served in their office according to their order.

33 And these are those who ¹served with their sons. From the sons of the Kohathites were Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,

34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,

35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And Heman's brother Asaph stood at his right hand even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea,

40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah,

41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,

42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,

43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi.

44 And on the left hand were their ¹kinsmen the sons of Merari: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,

45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,

46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer,

47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

48 And their ¹kinsmen the Levites were ²appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 ¶ But Aaron and his sons

^{1a}offered on the altar of burnt offering and ^bon the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and ^cto make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

50 ^aAnd these are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerariah his son,

52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,

53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

54 ¶ Now these are their settlements according to their camps within their borders. To the sons of Aaron of the families of the Kohathites (for theirs was the ^afirst lot),

55 to them they gave ^aHebron in the land of Judah, and its pasture lands around it;

56 ^abut the fields of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

57 And ^ato the sons of Aaron they gave the following cities of refuge: Hebron, Libnah also with its pasture lands, Jattir, Eshtemoa with its pasture lands,

58 ¹Hilen with its pasture lands, Debir with its pasture lands,

59 ¹Ashan with its pasture lands, and Beth-shemesh with its pasture lands;

60 and from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with its pasture lands, ¹Allemeth with its pasture lands, and Anathoth with its pasture lands. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

61 ¶ ^aThen to the rest of the sons of Kohath were given by lot, from the family of the tribe, from the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities.

62 And to the sons of Gershon, according to their families, were given from the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of

⁴⁰ ¹Lit., of-
ferred up in
smoke
^aEx 27:1-8
^bEx 30:1-7
^cEx 30:10-16

⁵⁰ ¹Chr.
6:4-8; Ezra
7:5

⁵⁴ ¹Josh.
21:4, 10

⁵⁵ ¹Josh.
14:13, 21:11f

⁵⁶ ¹Josh.
15:13

⁵⁷ ¹Josh.
21:13, 19

⁵⁸ ¹In Josh.
21:15, Holon

⁵⁹ ¹In Josh.
21:16, Ain

⁶⁰ ¹In Josh.
21:18, Almon

⁶¹ ¹Josh.
21:3, 1 Chr.
6:68-70

⁶² ¹Josh.
21:7, 34-40

⁶⁴ ¹Num.
35:1-8; Josh.
21:3, 41, 42

⁶⁵ ¹Chr.
6:57-60

⁶⁶ ¹Josh.
21:20-26

Asher, the tribe of Naphtali, and the tribe of Manasseh, thirteen cities in Bashan.

63 ^aTo the sons of Merari were given by lot, according to their families, from the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad, and the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

64 ^aSo the sons of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their pasture lands.

65 And they gave by lot from the tribe of the sons of Judah, the tribe of the sons of Simeon, and the tribe of the sons of Benjamin, ^athese cities which are mentioned by name.

66 ¶ ^aNow some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim.

67 And they gave to them the following cities of refuge: Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with its pasture lands, Gezer also with its pasture lands,

68 Jokmeam with its pasture lands, Beth-horon with its pasture lands,

69 Aijalon with its pasture lands, and Gath-rimmon with its pasture lands;

70 and from the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with its pasture lands and Bileam with its pasture lands, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.

71 ¶ To the sons of Gershon were given, from the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan with its pasture lands and Ashtaroth with its pasture lands;

72 and from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its pasture lands, Daberath with its pasture lands,

73 and Ramoth with its pasture lands, Anem with its pasture lands;

74 and from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its pasture lands, Abdon with its pasture lands.

75 Hukok with its pasture lands, and Rehob with its pasture lands;

76 and from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its pasture lands, Hammon with its pasture lands, and Kiriathaim with its pasture lands.

77 ¶ To the rest of the Levites, the sons of Merari, were given, from the tribe of Zebulun: Rimmono with its pasture lands, Tabor with its pasture lands;

78 and beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given them, from the tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness with its pasture lands, Jahzah with its pasture lands,

79 Kedemoth with its pasture lands, and Mephaath with its pasture lands;

80 and from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with its pasture lands, Mahanaim with its pasture lands,

81 Heshbon with its pasture lands, and Jazer with its pasture lands.

CHAPTER 7

NOW the sons of Issachar were four: Tola, ¹Puah, ²Jashub, and Shimron.

2 And the sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Samuel, heads of their fathers' households. The sons of Tola were mighty men of valor in their generations; ^atheir number in the days of David was 22,600.

3 And the ¹son of Uzzi was Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah were Michael, Obadiah, Joel, Ishiah; all five of them were ^achief men.

4 And with them by their generations according to their fathers' households were 36,000 ¹troops of the army for war, for they had many wives and sons.

5 And their ¹relatives among all the families of Issachar were

¹In Gen. 46:13, Puu-vah, in Num. 26:23, Puu-vah
²In Gen. 46:13, Job

²*2 Sam. 24:1-9

³Lit. sons
⁴1 Chr. 5:24

⁴Or, hands

⁵Lit. brothers, and so through-out the ch.

⁶*1 Chr. 8:1-40

¹⁰Lit. sons

¹¹Lit. going out

¹²In Num. 26:39, She-phupham ²In Num. 26:39, Hupham ³In v. 7, In ⁴Lit. sons ⁵In Num. 26:38, Ahiram

¹³In Gen. 46:24, Jahzeel
²In Gen. 46:24 and Num. 26:49, Shulleim

¹⁵Lit. and his

mighty men of valor, enrolled by genealogy, in all 87,000.

6 ¶ ^aThe sons of Benjamin were three: Bela and Becher and Jediahel.

7 And the sons of Bela were five: Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri. They were heads of fathers' households, mighty men of valor, and were 22,034 enrolled by genealogy.

8 And the sons of Becher were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elieonai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher.

9 And they were enrolled by genealogy, according to their generations, heads of their fathers' households, 20,200 mighty men of valor.

10 And the ¹son of Jediahel was Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.

11 All these were sons of Jediahel, according to the heads of their fathers' households, 17,200 mighty men of valor, who were ¹ready to go out with the army to war.

12 And ¹Shuppim and ²Huppim were the sons of ³Iri; Hushim was the ⁴son of ⁵Aher.

13 ¶ The sons of Naphtali were ¹Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and ²Shallum, the sons of Bilhan.

14 ¶ The sons of Manasseh were Asriel, whom his Aramean concubine bore; she bore Machir the father of Gilead.

15 And Machir took a wife for Huppim and Shuppim, ¹whose sister's name was Maacah. And the name of the second was Zelophehad, and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maacah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she named him Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh, and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

17 And the ¹son of Ulam was Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

18 And his sister Hammolecheth bore Ishhod and ¹Abiezer and Mahlah.

19 And the sons of Shemida were Ahian and Shechem and Likhi and Anlam.

20 ¶ And ^athe sons of Ephraim were Shuthelah and ¹Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eleadah his son, Tahath his son,

21 Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ezer and Elead whom the men of Gath who were born in the land killed, because they came down to take their livestock.

22 And their father Ephraim ^amourned many days, and his relatives ^bcame to comfort him.

23 Then he went in to his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and he named him ¹Beriah, because misfortune had come upon his house.

24 And his daughter was Sheerah, ^awho built lower and upper Beth-horon, also Uzzan-sheerah.

25 And Rephah was his son along with Resheph, Telah his son, Tahan his son,

26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,

27 ¹Non his son, and ¹Joshua his son.

28 ¶ And ^atheir possessions and settlements were Bethel with its towns, and to the east ¹Naaran, and to the west Gezer with its towns, and Shechem with its towns as far as ²Ayyah with its towns,

29 and along the borders of the sons of Manasseh, Beth-shean with its towns, Taanach with its towns, Megiddo with its towns, Dor with its towns. In these lived the ^asons of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 ¶ ^aThe sons of Asher were

17 ¹Lt., sons

18 ¹In Num. 26:30, Iezer

20 ¹In Num. 26:35, Becher
^aNum. 26:35, 36

22 ^aGen. 37:34 ^bJob 2:11, John 11:19

23 ¹ie., on misfortune

24 ^aJosh. 16:3, 5, 7 Chr. 8:5

27 ¹In Ex. 33:11, Nun
^aEx. 17:9-14, 24:13

28 ¹In Josh. 16:7, Naarah
^aMany mss. read Azzah
^aJosh. 16:2

29 ^aJudg. 1:22-29

30 ^aGen. 46:17, Num. 26:44-46

32 ¹Lt., begot ²In v. 34, Shemer

34 ¹In v. 32, Shomer

38 ¹Lt., son

1 ¹Lt., begot, and so throughout the ch.
^aGen. 46:21, 1 Chr. 7:6-12
^a1 Chr. 7:12

3 ¹In Gen. 46:21 and Num. 26:40, Ard

Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

31 And the sons of Beriah were Heber and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.

32 And Heber ¹became the father of Japhlet, ²Shomer and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

33 And the sons of Japhlet were Pasach, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were the sons of Japhlet.

34 And the sons of ¹Shemer were Ahi and Rohgah, Jehubbah and Aram.

35 And the ¹sons of his brother Helem were Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sons of Zophah were Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, and Imrah.

37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the sons of Jether were Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ulla were Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.

40 All these were the sons of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valor, heads of the princes. And the number of them enrolled by genealogy for service in war was 26,000 men.

CHAPTER 8

AND ^aBenjamin ¹became the father of Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, ^bAharah the third,

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

3 And Bela had sons: ¹Addar, Gera, Abihud,

4 Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,

5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' households of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them into exile to Manahath.

7 namely, Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera—he carried them into

exile; and he became the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

8 And Shaharaim became the father of children in the ¹country of Moab, after he had ²sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

9 And by Hodesh his wife he became the father of Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam.

10 Jeuz, Sachia, Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' households.

11 And by Hushim he became the father of Abitub and Elpaal.

12 And the sons of Elpaal were Eber, Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with its towns;

13 and Beriah and Shema, who were heads of fathers' households of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath;

14 and ¹Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth.

15 And Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,

16 Michael, Ishpah, and Joha were the sons of Beriah.

17 And Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber,

18 Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab were the sons of Elpaal.

19 And Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

20 Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel,

21 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were the sons of ¹Shimei.

22 And Ishpan, Eber, Eliel,

23 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

24 Hananiah, Elam, Anthothiah,

25 Iphdeiah, and Penuel were the sons of Shashak.

26 And Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah,

27 Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zichri were the sons of Jeroham.

28 These were heads of the fathers' households according to their generations, chief men, ¹who lived in Jerusalem.

29 ¶ ²Now in Gibeon, Jeiel, the father of Gibeon lived, and his wife's name was Maacah;

30 and his first-born son was

8 ¹Lit., field ²Lit., sent them away

14 ¹Or, his brothers

21 ¹In v. 13, Shema

28 ¹Lit., these

29 ¹Chr 9:35-38

31 ¹In ch. 9:37, Zechariah

32 ¹In ch. 9:38, Shimeam ²Lit., brothers

33 ¹Sam. 14:49, Ishvi ²In 2 Sam. 2:8, Ish-bosheth ³Chr. 9:39-44

34 ¹In 2 Sam. 4:4, Mephibosheth

35 ¹In 9:41, Tahrea

36 ¹In 9:42, Jarah

37 ¹In 9:43, Rephaiah

1 ¹Chr. 5:25, 26

2 ¹Heb., Nethunim. ²Ezra 2:70; Neh. 7:73; 11:3-22 ³Ezra 2:43, 58; 8:20

Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,

31 Gedor, Ahio, and ¹Zecher.

32 And Mikloth became the father of ¹Shimeah. And they also lived with their ²relatives in Jerusalem opposite their other ²relatives.

33 ²And Ner became the father of Kish, and Kish became the father of Saul, and Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchishua, ¹Abinadab, and ²Eshbaal.

34 And the son of Jonathan was ¹Merib-baal, and Merib-baal became the father of Micah.

35 And the sons of Micah were Pithon, Melech, ¹Tarea, and Ahaz.

36 And Ahaz became the father of ¹Jehoaddah, and Jehoaddah became the father of Ale-meth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza.

37 And Moza became the father of Binea; ¹Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

38 And Azel had six sons, and these were their names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah and Hanan. All these were the sons of Azel.

39 And the sons of Eshek his brother were Ulam his first-born, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons and grandsons, 150 of them. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

CHAPTER 9

SO all Israel was enrolled by genealogies; and behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel. And ²Judah was carried away into exile to Babylon for their unfaithfulness.

2 ¶ ²Now the first who lived in their possessions in their cities were Israel, the priests, the Levites and ³the ¹temple servants.

3 And some of the sons of Judah, of the sons of Benjamin, and of the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh lived in ^aJerusalem:

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, from the sons of Perez the ^ason of Judah.

5 And from the Shilonites were Asaiah the first-born and his sons.

6 And from the sons of Zerah were Jeuel and their ¹relatives, 690 of them.

7 And from the sons of Benjamin were Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah.

8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibrijah;

9 and their relatives according to their generations, ^a956. All these were heads of fathers' households according to their fathers' houses.

10 ¶ ^aAnd from the priests were Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin,

11 and ¹Azariah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, ^athe chief officer of the house of God;

12 and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 and their relatives, heads of their fathers' households, 1,760 very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14 ¶ ^aAnd of the Levites were Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh and Galal and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of ¹Zichri, the son of Asaph,

3 ^aNeh.
11:1

4 ^aGen.
46:12, Num.
26:20

8 ¹Le.
brothers, and
so through-
out the ch.

9 ^aNeh.
11:8

10 ^aNeh.
11:10-14

11 ¹In Neh.
11:11, Sera-
nah
^aJer 20:1

14 ^aNeh.
11:15-19

18 ¹In Neh.
11:17, Zabdi

16 ¹In Neh.
11:17, Abda
¹In Neh.
11:17, Sham-
mud

17 ¹In v 21.
Meshullam
in 26:14.
Shemaiah, in
Neh. 12:25,
Meshullam

18 ^aExod.
44:1, 46:1, 2

19 ¹In Ex.
6:24, Abna-
saph

20 ^aNum.
25:7-13

21 ^a1 Chr.
26:2, 14

23 ^a1 Chr.
26:1, 2 Chr.
31:15, 18

23 ¹Le.
were over the
gates

24 ¹Le.
to the four
wards

26 ¹Le.
show
22 Km. 11:5,
7:2 Chr 25:8

16 and ¹Obadiah the son of ²Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkannah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 ¶ Now the gatekeepers were ¹Shallum and Akkub and Talmon and Ahiman and their relatives (Shallum the chief

18 being stationed until now at ^athe king's gate to the east). These were the gatekeepers for the camp of the sons of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of ¹Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his relatives, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent; and their fathers had been over the camp of the LORD, keepers of the entrance.

20 And ^aPhinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them previously, and the LORD was with him.

21 ^aZechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper of the entrance of the tent of meeting.

22 All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers in the thresholds were 212. These were enrolled by genealogy in their villages, ^awhom David and Samuel the seer appointed ^bin their office of trust.

23 So they and their sons ¹had charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, even the house of the tent, as guards.

24 The gatekeepers were ¹on the four sides, to the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their relatives in their villages ^awere to come in every seven days from time to time to be with ¹them;

26 for the four chief gatekeepers who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasures in the house of God.

27 And they spent the night

around the house of God, ^abecause the watch was ¹committed to them; and they were ²in charge of opening it morning by morning.

28 ¶ Now some of them ¹had charge of the utensils of service, for ²they counted them when they brought them in and when they took them out.

29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture and over all the utensils of the sanctuary and ^aover the fine flour and the wine and the oil and the frankincense and the spices.

30 And some of ^athe sons of the priests prepared the mixing of the spices.

31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the first-born of Shallum the Korahite, had ^athe ¹responsibility over the things which were baked in pans.

32 And some of their relatives of the sons of the Kohathites ^awere over the showbread to prepare it every sabbath.

33 ¶ Now these are ^athe singers, heads of fathers' households of the Levites, who lived in the chambers of the temple free from other service; for they were ¹engaged ^bin their work day and night.

34 These were heads of fathers' households of the Levites according to their generations, chief men, ¹who lived in Jerusalem.

35 ¶ ^aAnd in Gibeon Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived, and his wife's name was Maacah,

36 and his first-born son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth became the father of Shimeam. And they also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem opposite their other relatives.

27 ¹Lit., on them ²Lit., over the opening
*1 Chr. 23:30-32

28 ¹Lit., were over the ²Lit., by count they brought them in and by count they took them out

29 *1 Chr. 23:29

30 *Ex. 30:23-25

31 ¹Lit., of fice of trust
*1 Chr. 9:22

32 *Lev. 24:5-8

33 ¹Lit., over them in the work
*1 Chr. 6:31-47; 25:1 *Ps. 134:1

34 ¹Lit., these

35 *1 Chr. 8:29-32

36 *1 Chr. 8:33-38

41 *1 Chr. 8:35-37

1 *1 Sam. 31:1-13

2 ¹In 1 Sam. 14:49, Ishvi
*1 Sam. 31:2

3 ¹Lit., found him

4 *1 Sam. 31:4

6 *1 Sam. 31:6

39 ^aAnd Ner became the father of Kish, and Kish became the father of Saul, and Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchishua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

40 And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal became the father of Micah.

41 And the sons of Micah were Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, ^aand Ahaz.

42 And Ahaz became the father of Jarah, and Jarah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza,

43 and Moza became the father of Binea and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 And Azel had six sons whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru and Ishmael and Sheariah and Obadiah and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

CHAPTER 10

^a NOW the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines closely pursued Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan, ^{1a}Abinadab and Malchishua, the sons of Saul.

3 And the battle became heavy against Saul, and the archers ¹overtook him; and he was wounded by the archers.

4 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me." But his armor bearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. ^aTherefore Saul took his sword and fell on it.

5 And when his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on his sword and died.

6 ^aThus Saul died with his three sons, and all those of his house died together.

7 ¶ When all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they had fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities and fled; and the Philistines came and lived in them.

8 And it came about the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

9 ¶ So they stripped him and took his head and his armor and sent messengers around the land of the Philistines, to carry the good news to their idols and to the people.

10 And they put his armor in the house of their gods and fastened his head in the house of Dagon.

11 When all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul,

12 ¶ all the valiant men arose and took away the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 ¶ So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against the LORD, because of the word of the LORD which he did not keep; and also ¶ because he asked counsel of a medium, making inquiry of it.

14 and did not inquire of the LORD. Therefore He killed him, and ¶ turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

CHAPTER 11

¶ THEN all Israel gathered to David at Hebron ¶ and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2 "In times past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, "You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be prince over My people Israel."

9+1 Sam.
31.9

12+1 Sam.
31.12f

13+1 Sam.
13.13, 14.
15.23 ¶ Lev.
19.31, 20.9.
1 Sam. 28.7

14+1 Sam.
15.28, 1 Chr.
12.23

1 ¶ Lev. 24.17
¶ 2 Sam. 5.1.
1.6-10

2+2 Sam.
52.7-7

3+2 Sam.
24.5, 5.5
¶ 1 Sam. 18.1.
3.12, 13

4 ¶ Josh.
15.8, 83.
Judg. 1.21

6+2 Sam.
8.16

8 ¶ 1 Chr.
11.11-12, 13.
revised

9+2 Sam.
31

10+2 Sam.
23.8-30
¶ 1 Chr. 11.3

11 ¶ Lev.
24.17
¶ 2 Sam. 23.6
¶ 1 Chr. 12.18

12 ¶ Lev.
24.17
¶ 1 Chr. 27.4

13 ¶ 1 Sam. 17.1.
Ephraim-
ites
¶ 2 Sam.
23.11, 12

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and ¶ they anointed David king over Israel, ¶ according to the word of the LORD through Samuel.

4 ¶ Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (¶ that is, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not enter here." Nevertheless David captured the stronghold of Zion (that is, the city of David).

6 Now David had said, "Whoever strikes down a Jebusite first shall be chief and commander." ¶ And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief.

7 Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David.

8 And he ¶ built the city all around, from the ¶ Millo even to the surrounding area; and Joab ¶ repaired the rest of the city.

9 And ¶ David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him.

10 ¶ Now these are the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, ¶ according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

11 And these constitute the list of the mighty men whom David had: ¶ Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, ¶ the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred ¶ whom he killed at one time.

12 And after him was Eleazar the son of ¶ Dodo, the Ahohite, who was ¶ one of the three mighty men.

13 He was with David at ¶ Pasdammim ¶ when the Philistines were gathered together there to battle, and there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the

people fled before the Philistines.

14 And they took their stand in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and struck down the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great ¹victory.

15 ¶ Now three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam, while ^athe army of the Philistines was camping in the valley of Rephaim.

16 And David was then in the stronghold, while ^athe garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

17 And David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"

18 So the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David; nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD;

19 and he said, "Be it far from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of these men who went ¹at the risk of their lives? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.

20 ¶ As for ¹Abshai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the ²thirty, and he swung his spear against three hundred ³and killed them; and he had a name as well as the ²thirty.

21 Of the three in the second rank he was the most honored, and became their commander; however, he did not attain to the first three.

22 ¶ ^aBenaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, mighty in deeds, struck down the ¹two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went

14 ¹Or, salvation

15 ^a1 Chr. 14.9

16 ^a1 Sam 10.5

18 ¹Lat. with their souls

20 ¹In 2 Sam 23:18, Abshai ²So Syme, M.T., three ³Lat. slain ones

22 ¹Or, two lion-like heroes of ²Lat. smote ^a2 Sam 8:18

23 ¹Lat. smote ²I.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ^a1 Sam 17:7

27 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:25, Shammah the Harodite ²In 2 Sam. 23:26, Paltite

29 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:27, Mebunnai ²In 2 Sam. 23:28, Zalmon

30 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:29, Heleb

32 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:30, Hiddai ²In 2 Sam. 23:31, Abialbon

34 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:32, Jashen

35 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:33, Sharar ²In 2 Sam. 23:34, Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai

37 ¹In 2 Sam. 23:35, Paarai the Arbite

down and ²killed a lion inside a pit on a snowy day.

23 And he ¹killed an Egyptian, a man of great stature five ²cubits tall. Now in the Egyptian's hand was ^aa spear like a weaver's beam, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and ¹killed him with his own spear.

24 These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

25 Behold, he was honored among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three; and David appointed him over his guard.

26 ¶ Now the mighty men of the armies were Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,

27 ¶ ¹Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the ²Pelonite,

28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,

29 ¹Sibbecai the Hushathite, ²Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai the Netophathite, ¹Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeon of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 ¹Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, ²Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbomite,

34 the sons of ¹Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the son of ¹Sacar the Hararite, ²Eliphal the son of Ur, 36 Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, ¹Naarai the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabab the son of Ahlai,

42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maacah and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

45 Jedaiel the son of Shimri and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahavite and Jeribai and Joshaviah, the sons of El-naam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel and Obed and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.

CHAPTER 12

^a NOW these are the ones who came to David at Ziklag, while he was still restricted because of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men who helped him in war.

2 They were equipped with bows, ^ausing both the right hand and the left to sling stones and to shoot arrows from the bow; ^bthey were Saul's kinsmen from Benjamin.

3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth, and Beraiah and Jehu the Anathothite,

4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty. ¹Then Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, Jozabad the Gederathite,

5 ¹Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah, Shemariah, Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, Jashobeam, the Korahites,

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 ¹ And from the Gadites there ¹came over to David in the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men

trained for war, who could handle shield and spear, and whose faces were like the faces of lions, and ^athey were as swift as the gazelles on the mountains.

9 Ezer was the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh.

14 These of the sons of Gad were ¹captains of the army; ^ahe who was least was equal to a hundred and the greatest to a thousand.

15 ^aThese are the ones who crossed the Jordan in the first month when it was overflowing all its banks and they put to flight all those in the valleys, both to the east and to the west.

16 ¹ Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David.

17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, "If you come peacefully to me to help me, my heart shall be united with you; but if to betray me to my adversaries, since there is no ¹wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look on it and decide."

18 Then ^athe Spirit ¹came upon ^bAmasai, who was the chief of the thirty, and he said,

"We are yours, O David,

And with you, O son of Jesse!

^cPeace, peace to you,

And peace to him who helps you;

Indeed, your God helps you!"

Then David received them and made them ²captains of the band.

19 ¹ From Manasseh also some defected to David, when he was about to go to battle with the

¹ ^a1 Sam. 27:2-6

² ^aJudg. 3:15; 20:16
¹ 1 Chr. 12:29

⁴ ¹In Heb. the beginning of v. 5, making 41 vv. in ch.

⁸ ¹V. 6 in Heb.

⁸ ¹Lit. separated themselves
² 2 Sam. 2:18

¹⁴ ¹Or. chiefs
^aDeut. 32:30

¹⁸ ¹Josh. 3:15, 4:18

¹⁷ ¹Lit. violence

¹⁸ ¹Lit. clothed
^aOr. chiefs
^cJudg. 3:10; 8:34
¹ 1 Chr. 2:17
¹ 1 Sam. 25:5, 6

¹⁹ ¹1 Sam. 29:2-9

Philistines against Saul. But they did not help them, for the lords of the Philistines after consultation sent him away, saying, "At the cost of our heads he may defect to his master Saul."

20 As he went to Ziklag, there defected to him from Manasseh: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, ¹captains of thousands who belonged to Manasseh.

21 And they helped David against ^athe band of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the army.

22 For day by day men came to David to help him, until there was a great army ^alike the army of God.

23 ¶ Now these are the numbers of the ¹divisions equipped for war, ^awho came to David at Hebron, ^bto turn the kingdom of Saul to him, ^caccording to the ²word of the LORD.

24 The sons of Judah who bore shield and spear were 6,800, equipped for war.

25 Of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor for war, 7,100.

26 Of the sons of Levi 4,600.

27 Now Jehoiada was the leader of the house of Aaron, and with him were 3,700.

28 also ^aZadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains.

29 And of the sons of Benjamin, ^aSaul's kinsmen, 3,000; for until now ^bthe greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul.

30 And of the sons of Ephraim 20,800, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' households.

31 And of the half-tribe of Manasseh 18,000, who were designated by name to come and make David king.

32 And of the sons of Issachar,

20 ¹Or, chiefs

21 ^a1 Sam. 30:1

22 ^aGen. 32:2, Josh. 5:13-15

23 ¹Lit., heads ²Lit., mouth
2 Sam. 2:3, 4
1 Chr. 10:14
1 Chr. 11:10

28 ^a2 Sam. 8:17, 1 Chr. 6:8, 53

29 ^a1 Chr. 12:2 ^b2 Sam. 2:8, 9

32 ^aEath. 1:13

33 ¹Lit., not of double heart
^aPs. 12:2

38 ^a2 Sam. 5:1-3; 1 Chr. 12:33

40 ^a1 Sam. 25:18

Supporters Gathered at Hebron.

^amen who understood the times with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command.

33 Of Zebulun, there were 50,000 who went out in the army, who could draw up in battle formation with all kinds of weapons of war and helped David ¹with ^aan undivided heart.

34 And of Naphtali there were 1,000 captains, and with them 37,000 with shield and spear.

35 And of the Danites who could draw up in battle formation, there were 28,600.

36 And of Asher there were 40,000 who went out in the army to draw up in battle formation.

37 And from the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites and the Gadites and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, there were 120,000 with all kinds of weapons of war for the battle.

38 ¶ All these, being men of war, who could draw up in battle formation, came to Hebron with ^aa perfect heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one mind to make David king.

39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their kinsmen had prepared for them.

40 Moreover those who were near to them, even as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali ^abrought food on donkeys, camels, mules, and on oxen, great quantities of flour cakes, fig cakes and bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep. There was joy indeed in Israel.

CHAPTER 13

THEN David consulted with the captains of the thousands and the hundreds, ever with every leader.

2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, "If it seems good to you, and if it is from the

LORD our God, let us send everywhere to our kinsmen who remain in all the land of Israel, also to the priests and Levites who are with them in their cities with pasture lands, that they may meet with us;

3 and let us bring back the ark of our God to us, ^afor we did not seek it in the days of Saul."

4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 ^aSo David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor of Egypt even to the entrance of Hamath, ^bto bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.

6 ^aAnd David and all Israel went up to ^bBaalath, that is, to Kiriath-jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, the LORD ^cwho is enthroned above the cherubim, where His name is called.

7 And they ^dcarried the ark of God on a new cart from ^ethe house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart.

8 And David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all ^ftheir might, ^geven with songs and with lyres, harps, tambourines, cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 ^hWhen they came to ⁱthe threshing floor of Chidon, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, because the oxen nearly upset it.

10 And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzza, so He struck him down ^jbecause he put out his hand to the ark; ^kand he died there before God.

11 Then David became angry because ^lof the LORD's outburst against Uzza; and he called that place ^mPerez-uzza to this day.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God home to me?"

13 So David did not take the ark with him to the city of David,

3:1 Sam. 7:1, 2

3:2 Sam. 6:1, 1 Km. 8:65, 1 Chr 15:3 ^aSam. 6:21, 7:1

6:2 Sam. 6:2, 11 ^bJosh. 15:9 ^cEx. 25:22, 2 Km. 19:15

7:1 Lt. caused to ride ^d1 Sam. 7:1

8:1 Chr 15:16

9:2 Sam. 6:6

10:1 Chr 15:13, 15 ^eLev. 10:2

11:1 Lt. the Lord had broken through a breakthrough ^fi.e., the breakthrough of Uzza

13:1 Chr 15:25

14:1 Chr 26:4, 5

1:4 Sam. 5:11

3:1 Lt. he put

4:1 Lt. were to ^g1 Chr 3:5-8

9:1 Chr 11:13, 14:13

11:1 Lt. made it, i.e., the manner of breakthrough

but took it aside ^ato the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

14 Thus the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months; and ^athe LORD blessed the family of Obed-edom with all that he had.

CHAPTER 14

^aNOW Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees, masons, and carpenters, to build a house for him.

2 And David realized that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that his kingdom was highly exalted, for the sake of His people Israel.

3 ^hThen David took more wives at Jerusalem, and David ⁱbecame the father of more sons and daughters.

4 ^aAnd these are the names of the children ^bborn to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

5 Ibhar, Elishua, Elpelet,

6 Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

7 Elishama, Beeliada and Eliphelet.

8 ^hWhen the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up in search of David; and David heard of it and went out against them.

9 Now the Philistines had come and ^amade a raid in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And David inquired of God, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? And wilt Thou give them into my hand?" Then the LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will give them into your hand."

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David ^bdefeated them there; and David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand, like the breakthrough of waters." Therefore they named that place ^cBaal-perazim.

12 And they abandoned their gods there; so David gave the order and they were burned with fire.

13 ¶ And the Philistines made ^ayet another raid in the valley.

14 And David inquired again of God, and God said to him, "You shall not go up after them; circle around ¹behind them, and come at them in front of the ²balsam trees.

15 "And it shall be when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall go out to battle, for God will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines."

16 And David did just as God had commanded him, and they struck down the army of the Philistines from ¹Gibeon even as far as Gezer.

17 Then the fame of David went out into all the lands; and ^athe LORD brought the fear of him on all the nations.

CHAPTER 15

NOW David built houses for himself in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and ^apitched a tent for it.

2 Then David said, "^aNo one is to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for the LORD chose them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to Him forever."

3 And ^aDavid assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD ^bto its place, which he had prepared for it.

4 And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and ^athe Levites:

5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and 120 of his ¹relatives;

6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and 220 of his relatives;

7 of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief, and 130 of his relatives;

13 ^{a1} Chr. 14:9

14 ¹ Lit., from upon ^a or, balks shrubs

16 ¹ In 2 Sam. 5:25, Geth

17 ^a Ex. 15:14-16, Deut. 2:25

1 ^{a1} Chr. 15:3, 16:1, 17:1-5

2 ^a Num. 4:15, Deut. 10:8

3 ^{a1} Kin. 8:1, 1 Chr. 13:5 ^b Ex. 40:20f., 2 Sam. 6:12, 17:1 Chr. 15:1, 12

4 ^{a1} Chr. 6:16-30; 12:28

8 ¹ Lit., brothers; i.e., fellow tribesmen, and so throughout the ch.

11 ^{a1} Chr. 12:28 ^{b1} Sam. 22:20-23, 1 Kin. 2:26, 35

12 ^a Ex. 19:14, 15, 2 Chr. 35:8 ^{b1} Chr. 15:1, 3

13 ^{a2} Sam. 6:3, 1 Chr. 13:7

14 ^{a1} Chr. 15:12

15 ^a Ex. 25:14, Num. 4:5f.

16 ^{a1} Chr. 13:8, 25:1

17 ^{a1} Chr. 25:1

18 ¹ Omitted in Gr. and many mss.

8 of the sons of Elizaphan Shemaiah the chief, and 200 of his relatives;

9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and 80 of his relatives.

10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and 112 of his relatives.

11 Then David called for ^aZadok and ^bAbiathar the priests and for the Levites, for Uriel Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel and Amminadab,

12 and said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' household of the Levites; ^aconsecrate yourselves both you and your relatives, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel ^bto the place that I have prepared for it.

13 "^aBecause you did not carry it at the first, the LORD our God made an outburst on us, for we did not seek Him according to the ordinance."

14 ^aSo the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the sons of ^athe Levites carried the ark of God on their shoulders, with the pole: thereon as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

16 ¶ Then David spoke to the chiefs of the Levites ^ato appoint their relatives the singers, with instruments of music, harps, lyres, loud-sounding cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

17 So ^athe Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel, and from his relatives, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and from the sons of Merari their relatives, Ethan the son of Kushaiah,

18 and with them their relatives of the second rank, Zechariah, ¹Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed

edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan were appointed to sound aloud cymbals of bronze;

20 and Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with harps tuned to ^aalamoth;

21 and Mattithiah, Eliphehu, Mikneiah, Obed-edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to lead with lyres tuned to ^athe sheminith.

22 And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was in charge of the singing; he gave instruction in singing because he was skillful.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah were gatekeepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, ^ablew the trumpets before the ark of God. Obed-edom and Jehiah also were gatekeepers for the ark.

25 ¶ ^aSo it was David, with the elders of Israel and the captains over thousands, who went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from ^bthe house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 And it came about because God was helping the Levites who were carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they sacrificed ^aseven bulls and seven rams.

27 Now David was clothed with a robe of fine linen with all the Levites who were carrying the ark, and the singers and Chenaniah the leader of the singing with the singers. ^aDavid also wore an ephod of linen.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the horn, with trumpets, with loud-sounding cymbals, with harps and lyres.

29 ¶ And it happened when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David,

20 ¹Or, harps of maiden-like tone
^aPs 48:1-4

21 ¹Or, octave harps
^aPs 8:1-4

24 ¹Chr 15:28; 16:6

25 ²Sam 6:12, 15
¹Chr 13:13

26 ^aNum 23:1-4, 29

27 ²Sam 6:14

28 ²Sam 3:13f, 6:16

1 ¹Chr 15:1

8 ¹In 1 Chr 15:18, Joaziel

7 ¹Lit., by the hand of Asaph ²Lit., brothers
²Sam 22:1, 23:1

8 ¹Chr 16:8-36, Ps 105:1-15
²1 Km. 8:43, 2 Km. 19:19

9 ¹Or, Meditate on ²i.e., wonderful acts

10 ¹Or, Boast

that ^aMichal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and making merry; and she despised him in her heart.

CHAPTER 16

AND they brought in the ark of God and ^aplaced it inside the tent which David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.

2 When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread and a portion of meat and a raisin cake.

4 ¶ And he appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, even to celebrate and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, then ¹Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph played loud-sounding cymbals,

6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests blew trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day David ^afirst assigned ¹Asaph and his ²relatives to give thanks to the LORD.

8 ^aOh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;

^bMake known His deeds among the peoples.

9 Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;

¹Speak of all His ²wonders.

10 ¹Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.

- 11 ^aSeek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face continually.
- 12 ^aRemember His wonderful deeds which He has done,
^bHis marvels and the judgments from His mouth.
- 13 O seed of Israel His servant,
Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!
- 14 He is the LORD our God;
^aHis judgments are in all the earth.
- 15 Remember His covenant forever,
The word which He commanded to a thousand generations.
- 16 ^aThe covenant which He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac.
- 17 ^aHe also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- 18 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan,
As the portion of your inheritance."
- 19 ^aWhen they were only a few in number,
Very few, and strangers in it,
- 20 And they wandered about from nation to nation,
And from one kingdom to another people,
- 21 He permitted no man to oppress them,
And ^aHe reprov'd kings for their sakes, saying,
- 22 "Do not touch My anointed ones,
And ^ado My prophets no harm."
- 23 ^aSing to the LORD, all the earth;
Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
- 24 Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
- 11 ^aPs. 24:6
- 12 ^aPs. 103:2 ^bPs. 78:43-68
- 14 ^aPs. 48:10
- 16 ^aGen. 12:7, 17:2, 22:16-18; 26:3
- 17 ^aGen. 35:11, 12
- 18 ^aGen. 13:15
- 19 ^aGen. 34:30, Deut. 7:7
- 21 ^aGen. 12:17, 20:3; Ex. 7:15-18
- 22 ^aGen. 20:7
- 23 ^aPs. 96:1, 13
- 25 ^aPs. 144:3-6 ^bPs. 89:7
- 26 ¹Or, non-existent things
^aLev. 19:4
^bPs. 102:25
- 29 ¹Or, a grain offering
²Or, the splendor of holiness
^aPs. 29:2
- 31 ^aIs. 44:23; 49:13
^bPs. 93:1; 96:10
- 32 ¹Or, thunder ²Lit., its fulness
^aPs. 98:7
- 34 ^a2 Chr. 5:13; 7:3; Ezra 3:11; Ps. 106:1; 136:1; Jer. 33:11
- 38 ¹Lit., boast
^aPs. 106:47, 48
- 39 ^a1 Kin. 8:15, 56; Ps. 72:18

- 25 For ^agreat is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He also is ^bto be feared above all gods.
- 26 For all the gods of the peoples are ¹idols,
^bBut the LORD made the heavens.
- 27 Splendor and majesty are before Him,
Strength and joy are in His place.
- 28 Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
Bring an ¹offering, and come before Him;
^aWorship the LORD in ²holy array.
- 30 Tremble before Him, all the earth;
Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.
- 31 ^aLet the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
- 32 ^aLet the sea ¹roar, and ²all it contains;
Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
- 33 Then the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD;
For He is coming to judge the earth.
- 34 ^aO give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 35 ^aThen say, "Save us, O God of our salvation,
And gather us and deliver us from the nations,
To give thanks to Thy holy name,
And ¹glory in Thy praise."
- 36 ^aBlessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

From everlasting even to everlasting.

Then all the people ^bsaid, "Amen," and praised the LORD.

37 ¶ So he left Asaph and his ¹relatives there ^abefore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to minister before the ark continually, ^bas every day's work required;

38 and ^aObed-edom with ¹his 68 relatives; Obed-edom, also the son of Jeduthun, and ^bHosah as gatekeepers.

39 And he left ^aZadok the priest and his ¹relatives the priests ^bbefore the ²tabernacle of the LORD in the high place which was at Gibeon.

40 to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, ^aeven according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which He commanded Israel.

41 And with them were ^aHeman and Jeduthun, and ^bthe rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to ^cgive thanks to the LORD, because His loving-kindness is everlasting.

42 And with them were Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those who should sound aloud, and with instruments for ^athe songs of God, and the sons of Jeduthun for the gate.

43 ^aThen all the people departed each to his house, and David returned to bless his household.

CHAPTER 17

^aAND it came about, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under curtains."

2 Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you."

3 And it came about the same

night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 "Go and tell David My servant, 'Thus says the LORD, ^a"You shall not build a house for Me to dwell in;

5 for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, ^abut I have ¹gone from tent to tent and from one dwelling place to another.

6 "In all places where I have walked with all Israel, have I spoken a word ^awith any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built for Me a house of cedar?' "

7 "Now, therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be leader over My people Israel.

8 "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make you a name like the name of the great ones who are in the earth.

9 "And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place and be moved no more; neither shall the ¹wicked waste them anymore as formerly,

10 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. And I will subdue all your enemies. Moreover, I tell you that the LORD will build a house for you.

11 "And it shall come about when your days are fulfilled that you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up one of your ¹descendants after you, who shall be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

12 "He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.

38 ^aDeut. 27:15; Neh. 8:6

37 ¹Lat. brothers
^a1 Chr. 16:4
⁵2 Chr. 8:14; Ezra 3:4

38 ¹Lat. their brothers, 68
^a1 Chr. 13:14
^b1 Chr. 26:10

39 ¹Lat. brothers
¹Lat. dwelling place
^a1 Chr. 15:11
^b1 Sam. 3:4

40 ^aEx. 29:38-42; Num. 28:3, 4

41 ^a1 Chr. 6:33
^b1 Chr. 25:1, 6
^c2 Chr. 5:13

42 ^a1 Chr. 25:7
^b2 Chr. 7:6; 29:27

43 ^a2 Sam. 6:19

1 ^a2 Sam. 7:1, 29

4 ^a1 Chr. 28:2, 3

8 ¹Lat. born
^aEx. 40:2, 3
²Sam. 7:6

6 ^a2 Sam. 7:7

9 ¹Lat. sons of work
^aEdoms

11 ^aLat. seed

13^a "I will be his father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, ^bas I took it from him who was before you.

14^a "But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever."

15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

16 ¶ Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house that Thou hast brought me this far?

17^a "And this was a small thing in Thine eyes, O God; but Thou hast spoken of Thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the standard of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18^a "What more can David still say to Thee concerning the honor bestowed on Thy servant? For Thou knowest Thy servant.

19^a "O LORD, ^afor Thy servant's sake, and according to Thine own heart, Thou hast wrought all this greatness, to make known all these great things.

20^a "O LORD, there is none like Thee, neither is there any God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21^a "And what one nation in the earth is like Thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make Thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before Thy people, whom Thou didst redeem out of Egypt?

22^a "For Thy people Israel Thou didst make Thine own people forever, and Thou, O LORD, didst become their God.

23^a "And now, O LORD, let the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant and concerning his house, be established

13^a 2 Cor. 6:18; Heb. 1:5
14^a 1 Chr. 10:14

16^a 2 Sam. 7:18

19^a 2 Sam. 7:21; 1s. 37:35

22^a Ex. 19:5, 6

26^a 1 Lit., said

27^a 1 Lit., he

1^a 1 Lit., smote, and so in vv. 1-3
2^a 2 Sam. 8:1-18

3^a 1 Lit., hand

5^a 1 Heb., Damaseq
2^a Lit., smote
1^a 1 Chr. 19:6

6^a 1 Heb., Damaseq

forever, and do as Thou hast spoken.

24^a "And let Thy name be established and magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel; and the house of David Thy servant is established before Thee.'

25^a "For Thou, O my God, hast revealed to Thy servant that Thou wilt build for him a house; therefore Thy servant hath found courage to pray before Thee.

26^a "And now, O LORD, Thou art God, and hast ¹promised this good thing to Thy servant.

27^a "And now it hath pleased Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, that it may ¹continue forever before Thee; for Thou, O LORD, hast blessed, and it is blessed forever."

CHAPTER 18

NOW after this ^ait came about that David ¹defeated the Philistines and subdued them and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he defeated Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David, bringing tribute.

3 David also defeated Hadad-ezer king of Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his ¹rule to the Euphrates River.

4 And David took from him 1,000 chariots and 7,000 horsemen and 20,000 foot soldiers, and David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for 100 chariots.

5 ¶ When the Arameans of ¹Damascus came to help Hadad-ezer king ^aof Zobah, David ²killed 22,000 men of the Arameans.

6 Then David put garrisons among the Arameans of ¹Damascus; and the Arameans became servants to David, bring-

ing tribute. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

7 And David took the shields of gold which were ¹carried by the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 Also from ¹Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadadezer, David took a very large amount of bronze, with which ^aSolomon made the bronze sea and the pillars and the bronze utensils.

9 ¶ Now when ¹Tou king of Hamath heard that David had ²defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

10 he sent ¹Hadoram his son to King David, to ²greet him and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and had ³defeated him; for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou. And Hadoram brought all kinds of articles of gold and silver and bronze.

11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD with the silver and the gold which he had carried away from all the nations: from Edom, Moab, the sons of Ammon, the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 ¶ Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah ¹defeated 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

13 Then he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

14 ¶ So David reigned over all Israel; and he ¹administered justice and righteousness for all his people.

15 And ^aJoab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;

16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub and Abimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, and Shavsha was secretary;

17 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons

of David were chiefs at the king's side.

CHAPTER 19

^aNOW it came about after this, that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon died, and his son became king in his place.

2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me." So David sent messengers to console him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the sons of Ammon to Hanun, to console him.

3 But the princes of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think that David is honoring your father, in that he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?"

4 So Hanun took David's servants and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle as far as their hips, and sent them away.

5 Then certain persons went and told David about the men. And he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, "Stay at Jericho until your beards grow, and then return."

6 ¶ When the sons of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the sons of Ammon sent 1,000 talents of silver to hire for themselves chariots and horsemen from Mesopotamia, from Aram-maacah, and ^afrom Zobah.

7 So they hired for themselves 32,000 chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people, who came and camped before ^aMedeba. And the sons of Ammon gathered together from their cities and came to battle.

8 When David heard of it, he

7 ¹Lit. on

8 ¹In
2 Sam 8.8.
Bithah
+1 Kin. 7.40-
47, 2 Chr.
4.11-18

9 ¹In
2 Sam 8.10.
Tou ²Lit.
smitten

10 ¹In
2 Sam 8.10.
Joram ²Lit.
ask him of
his welfare
³Lit. smitten

12 ¹Lit.
smote

14 ¹Lit. was
doing

18 +1 Chr
11.6

1 +2 Sam
10.1-19

3 ¹Lit. in
your eyes is
David honoring
your father because

8 ¹Lit. Re-
turn to

6 +1 Chr
18.5, 9

7 +Num.
21.30; Josh.
13.8, 16

sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men.

9 And the sons of Ammon came out and drew up in battle array at the entrance of the city, and the kings who had come were by themselves in the field.

10 ¶ Now when Joab saw that the ¹battle was set against him in front and in the rear, he selected from all the choice men of Israel and they arrayed themselves against the Arameans.

11 But the remainder of the people he placed in the hand of ¹Abshai his brother; and they arrayed themselves against the sons of Ammon.

12 And he said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you.

13 "Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what is good in His sight."

14 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Arameans, and they fled before him.

15 When the sons of Ammon saw that the Arameans fled, they also fled before Abshai his brother, and entered the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 ¶ When the Arameans saw that they had been ¹defeated by Israel, they sent messengers, and brought out the Arameans who were beyond the ²River, with Shophach the commander of the army of Hadadezer ³leading them.

17 When it was told David, he gathered all Israel together and crossed the Jordan, and came upon them and drew up in formation against them. And when David drew up in battle array against the Arameans, they fought against him.

¹⁰ ¹Lit., the face of the battle

¹¹ ¹In 2 Sam. 10:10, Abshai

¹⁶ ¹Lit., smitten before ²Heb., Ephraim ³Lit., before

¹⁹ ¹Lit., smitten before

¹ ¹Lit., at the return of the year
² 2 Sam. 11:1
³ 2 Sam. 12:26

² ¹In Zeph 1:5, Malcam
² 2 Sam. 12:30, 31

³ ² 2 Sam. 12:31

⁴ ¹Lit., stood up ²In 2 Sam. 21:18, Goliath ³Lit., smote ⁴Heb., Raphah, and so in vv. 6, 8
² 2 Sam. 21:18-22

⁵ ¹Lit., smote
² 2 Sam. 21:19
³ 1 Sam. 17:7
⁴ 1 Chr. 11:23

18 And the Arameans fled before Israel, and David killed of the Arameans 7,000 charioteers and 40,000 foot soldiers, and put to death Shophach the commander of the army.

19 So when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were ¹defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and served him. Thus the Arameans were not willing to help the sons of Ammon anymore.

CHAPTER 20

THEN it happened ¹in the spring, at the time when kings go out to battle, that Joab led out the army and ravaged the land of the sons of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. And ²Joab struck Rabbah and overthrew it.

2 ¶ And David took the crown of ¹their king from his head, and he found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there was a precious stone in it; and it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount.

3 And he brought out the people who were in it, and cut them with saws and with sharp instruments and with axes. And thus David did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 ¶ ¶ Now it came about after this, that war ¹broke out at ²Gezer with the Philistines; then Sibbecai the Hushathite ³killed Sipai, one of the descendants of the ⁴giants, and they were subdued.

5 And there was war with the Philistines again, and Elhanan the son of ¹Jair ¹killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the ²shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

6 And again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature who had twenty-

four fingers and toes, six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot; and he also was descended from the giants.

7 And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, ¹killed him.

8 These were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 21

THEN Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

2 So David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, "Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan, and bring me word that I may know their number."

3 And Joab said, "May the LORD add to His people a hundred times as many as they are! But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why does my lord seek this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt to Israel?"

4 Nevertheless, the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore, Joab departed and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 And Joab gave the number of the ¹census of all the people to David. And ^aall Israel were 1,100,000 men who drew the sword; and Judah was 470,000 men who drew the sword.

6 ^aBut he did not ¹number Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's ²command was abhorrent to Joab.

7 And ¹God was displeased with this thing, so He struck Israel.

8 And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing. ^aBut now, please take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for I have done very foolishly."

9 ¹And the LORD spoke to ^aGad, David's ^bseer, saying,

7 ¹Lt.
mode

1 ²Sam.
24:1-25

2 ¹Chr.
27:21, 24

3 ^aDeut.
1:11

8 ¹Lt.
number
2 ²Sam. 24:9

8 ¹Lt.
number
word
1 ¹Chr. 27:24

7 ¹Lt., it
was evil in
the sight of
God

8 ²Sam.
12:13

9 ²Sam.
24:11, 1 ¹Chr.
29:29-31 ²Sam.
9:9

10 ¹Lt.
stretch out to

12 ²Sam.
24:13

13 ^aPs. 51:1.
130:4, 7

14 ¹Lt.
gave
1 ¹Chr. 27:24

18 ¹Isa.
2 ²Sam. 24:16.
Arimath
Ex. 32:14.
1 ²Sam. 15:11.
Jon. 3:10

16 ¹Kn.
21:27

17 ¹Lt., and
2 ²Sam. 7:8.
Ps. 76:1

10 "Go and speak to David, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "I offer you three things; choose for yourself one of them, that I may do it to you."'"

11 So Gad came to David and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Take for yourself

12 ^aeither three years of famine, or three months to be swept away before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now, therefore, consider what answer I shall return to Him who sent me."

13 And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress; please let me fall into the hand of the LORD, ^afor His mercies are very great. But do not let me fall into the hand of man."

14 ^aSo the LORD ¹sent a pestilence on Israel; 70,000 men of Israel fell.

15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it; but as he was about to destroy it, the LORD saw and ^awas sorry over the calamity, and said to the destroying angel, "It is enough; now relax your hand." And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing floor of ¹Ornan the Jebusite.

16 Then David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, with his drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, ^acovered with sackcloth, fell on their faces.

17 And David said to God, "Is it not I who ¹commanded to count the people? Indeed, I am the one who has sinned and done very wickedly, ^abut these sheep, what have they done? O LORD my God, please let Thy hand be against me and my father's

household, but not against Thy people that they should be plagued."

18 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

19 So David went up at the word of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the LORD.

20 Now Ornan turned back and saw the angel, and his four sons who were with him hid themselves. And Ornan was threshing wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out from the threshing floor, and prostrated himself before David with his face to the ground.

22 Then David said to Ornan, "Give me the site of this threshing floor, that I may build on it an altar to the LORD; for the full price you shall give it to me, that the plague may be restrained from the people."

23 And Ornan said to David, "Take it for yourself; and let my lord the king do what is good in his sight. See, I will give the oxen for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for wood and the wheat for the grain offering; I will give it all."

24 But King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy it for the full price; for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, or offer a burnt offering which costs me nothing."

25 So David gave Ornan 600 shekels of gold by weight for the site.

26 Then David built an altar to the LORD there, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to the LORD and He answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.

27 And the LORD commanded

18 ¹Lit., said to
2 Chr. 3:1

21 ¹Lit., to

22 ¹Lit., place

24 ¹Lit., gratuitously

25 ¹Lit., place
2 Sam. 24:24

26 ¹Lev. 9:24, Judg. 6:21

29 ¹Kin. 3:4, 1 Chr. 18:39

1 ¹Chr. 21:18-28;
2 Chr. 3:1

2 ¹Lit., said to
1 Kin. 9:20, 21; 2 Chr. 2:17
1 Kin. 5:17, 18

3 ¹Lit., for
1 Chr. 29:2, 7
1 Chr. 22:14

4 ¹Kin. 5:6-10

5 ¹Kin. 3:7, 1 Chr. 29:1

6 ¹Kin. 2:1

7 ¹Lit., as for me, it was in my heart
2 Sam. 7:2, 3; 1 Chr. 17:1

the angel, and he put his sword back in its sheath.

28 ¶ At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he offered sacrifice there.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering were in the high place at Gibeon at that time.

30 But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was terrified by the sword of the angel of the LORD.

CHAPTER 22

THEN David said, "This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel."

2 ¶ So David gave orders to gather the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to hew out stones to build the house of God.

3 And David prepared large quantities of iron to make the nails for the doors of the gates and for the clamps, and more bronze than could be weighed;

4 and timbers of cedar logs beyond number, for the Sidonians and Tyrians brought large quantities of cedar timber to David.

5 And David said, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the LORD shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all lands. Therefore now I will make preparation for it." So David made ample preparations before his death.

6 ¶ Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon, "My son, I had intended to build a house to the name of the LORD my God.

8 "But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood, and have waged great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me.

9 'Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.

10 'He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

11 'Now, my son, the LORD be with you that you may be successful, and build the house of the LORD your God just as He has spoken concerning you.

12 'Only the LORD give you discretion and understanding, and give you charge over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.

13 'Then you shall prosper, if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the LORD commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed.

14 'Now behold, with great pains I have prepared for the house of the LORD 100,000 talents of gold and 1,000,000 talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weight, for they are in great quantity; also timber and stone I have prepared, and you may add to them.

15 'Moreover, there are many workmen with you, stonecutters and masons of stone and carpenters, and all men who are skillful in every kind of work.

16 'Of the gold, the silver and the bronze and the iron, there is no limit. Arise and work, and I may the LORD be with you.'

8 ¹Lat. made
¹1 Chr 28:3

9 ¹Lat. peaceful
¹1 Km 4:20, 25
²2 Sam 12:24, 25

10 ²2 Sam 7:13, 14,
1 Chr 17:12

11 ¹1 Chr 22:16

12 ¹1 Km 3:9-12, 2 Chr 1:10
¹1 Km 2:3

13 ¹1 Chr 28:7
²Josh 1:6-9

14 ¹Lat. in my affliction
¹Lat. it is
¹1 Chr 29:4
¹1 Chr 22:3

16 ¹1 Chr 22:11

17 ¹1 Chr 28:1-6

18 ¹1 Chr 22:9, 23, 25

19 ¹1 Chr 28:9
¹1 Km 8:6, 21, 2 Chr 5:7
¹1 Chr 22:7

1 ¹Lat. became old and naked with days

¹1 Chr 29:28
¹1 Km 1:1-40, 2:12,
1 Chr 28:5, 29:22

3 ¹Lat. their heads
¹Num 4:3-49
¹Num 4:48
1 Chr 23:24

4 ¹Ezra 3:8
9 ¹1 Chr 26:29

5 ¹Lat. made
¹1 Chr 15:16

6 ¹1 Chr 6:1

7 ¹1m Ex 17:1, Laban

17 ¶ David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help his son Solomon, saying,

18 'Is not the LORD your God with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people.

19 'Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise, therefore, and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD.'

CHAPTER 23

NOW when David reached old age, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.

2 And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel with the priests and the Levites.

3 And the Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward, and their number by census of men was 38,000.

4 Of these, 24,000 were to oversee the work of the house of the LORD; and 6,000 were officers and judges,

5 and 4,000 were gatekeepers, and 4,000 were praising the LORD with the instruments which David made for giving praise.

6 And David divided them into divisions according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 ¶ Of the Gershonites were Ladan and Shimei.

8 The sons of Ladan were Jehiel the first and Zetham and Joel, three.

9 The sons of Shimei were Shelomoth and Haziel and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers' households of Ladan.

10 And the sons of Shimei were Jahath, ¹Zina, Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of Shimei.

11 And Jahath was the first, and Zizah the second; but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, so they became a father's household, one ¹class.

12 ¶ The sons of Kohath were four: Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.

13 *The sons of Amram were Aaron and Moses. And ^bAaron was set apart to sanctify him as most holy, he and his sons forever, ^cto burn incense before the LORD, to minister to Him and to bless in His name forever.

14 But as for *Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi.

15 The sons of Moses were Gershom and Eliezer.

16 The ¹son of Gershom was ²Shebuel the chief.

17 And the ¹son of Eliezer was Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 The ¹son of Izhar was ²Shelomith the chief.

19 The sons of Hebron were Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third and Jekameam the fourth.

20 The sons of Uzziel were Micah the first and Isshiah the second.

21 ¶ The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli were Eleazar and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died and had no sons, but daughters only, so their brothers, the sons of Kish, took them as wives.

23 The sons of Mushi were three: Mahli, Eder, and Jermoth.

24 ¶ *These were the sons of Levi according to their fathers' households, *even* the heads of the fathers' households of those of them who were ¹counted, in the number of names by their

10 ¹In v. 11, Zizah

11 ¹Lit., mustering

13 *Ex. 6:20
^bEx. 28:1 ^cEx. 30:6-10

14 *Deut. 33:1, Ps. 90: title

16 ¹Lit., sons ²In ch. 24:20, Shubael

17 ¹Lit., sons ... were

18 ¹Lit., sons ²In ch. 24:22, Shelomoth

24 ¹Lit., mustered
²Lit., heads
*Num. 10:17, 21 ^b1 Chr. 23:3

25 *1 Chr. 22:18

26 *Num. 4:5, 15; 7:9; Deut. 10:8

28 ¹Lit., at the hand of

29 *Lev. 24:5-9 ^bLev. 6:20 ^c1 Chr. 9:31 ^dLev. 6:21 ^eLev. 19:35, 36

31 *Isa. 1:13, 14 ^bLev. 23:2-4

32 ¹Lit., brothers
*Num. 1:53; 1 Chr. 9:27
^bNum. 3:6-9, 38

1 ¹Lit., sons
*Ex. 6:23

2 *Lev. 10:2

²census, doing the work for the service of the house of the LORD ^bfrom twenty years old and upward.

25 For David said, "The LORD God of Israel ^ahas given rest to His people, and He dwells in Jerusalem forever.

26 "And also, ^athe Levites will no longer need to carry the tabernacle and all its utensils for its service."

27 For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered, from twenty years old and upward.

28 For their office is ¹to assist the sons of Aaron with the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and in the chamber and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of the house of God,

29 ^aand with the showbread and ^bthe fine flour for a grain of offering, and unleavened wafers or ^cwhat is baked in the pan, or ^dwhat is well-mixed, and ^aal measures of volume and size.

30 And they are to stand every morning to thank and to praise the LORD, and likewise at evening,

31 and to offer all burnt offerings to the LORD, ^aon the sabbaths, the new moons and ^bthe fixed festivals in the number set by the ordinance concerning them, continually before the LORD.

32 Thus ^athey are to keep charge of the tent of meeting and charge of the holy place, and ^bcharge of the sons of Aaron their ¹relatives, for the service of the house of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

NOW the divisions of the ¹descendants of Aaron were these: ^athe sons of Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

2 ^aBut Nadab and Abihu died before their father and had no

sons. So Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests.

3 And David, with ^aZadok of the sons of Eleazar and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their offices ¹for their ministry.

4 Since more chief men were found from the ¹descendants of Eleazar than the ¹descendants of Ithamar, they divided them thus: ¹there were sixteen heads of fathers' households of the ¹descendants of Eleazar, and eight of the ¹descendants of Ithamar according to their fathers' households.

5 ^aThus they were divided by lot, the one as the other; for they were officers of the sanctuary and officers of God, both from the ¹descendants of Eleazar and the ¹descendants of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah, the son of Nethanel the scribe, from the Levites, recorded them in the presence of the king, the princes, Zadok the priest, ^aAhimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites; one father's household taken for Eleazar and one taken for Ithamar.

7 [¶] Now the first lot came out for Jehoiarib, the second for Jedaiah,

8 the third for Harim, the fourth for Seorim,

9 the fifth for Malchijah, the sixth for Mijamin,

10 the seventh for Hakkoz, the eighth for ^aAbijah,

11 the ninth for Jeshua, the tenth for Shecaniah,

12 the eleventh for Eliashib, the twelfth for Jakim,

13 the thirteenth for Huppah, the fourteenth for Jeshebeab,

14 the fifteenth for Bilgah, the sixteenth for Immer,

15 the seventeenth for Hezir, the eighteenth for Happizzaz,

16 the nineteenth for Pethahiah, the twentieth for Jehezkel,

² Or, children

³ Lit., in their service
^a 1 Chr. 3:31, 6:8

⁴ Lit. sons

⁵ Lit. sons
^a 1 Chr. 24:31

⁶ 1 Chr. 18:16

¹⁰ Neh. 12:4, Luke 1:5

¹⁹ 1 Chr. 9:25

²⁰ 1 In 23:16, Shubael

²³ 1 In 23:18, Shelomoth

²³ 1 Chr. 23:19

³¹ Lit. brothers
^a 1 Chr. 24:3, 6:1 1 Chr. 24:6

17 the twenty-first for Jachin, the twenty-second for Gamul,

18 the twenty-third for Delaiah, the twenty-fourth for Maaziah.

19 ^aThese were their offices for their ministry, when they came in to the house of the LORD according to the ordinance given to them through Aaron their father, just as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 [¶] Now for the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, ¹Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

21 Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah the first.

22 Of the Izharites, ¹Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

23 And the sons ^aof Hebron: Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 Of the sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shammir.

25 The brother of Micah, Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari, Mahli and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah, Beno.

27 The sons of Merari: by Jaaziah were Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 By Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.

29 By Kish: the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel.

30 And the sons of Mushi: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers' households.

31 ^aThese also cast lots just as their ¹relatives the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, ^bZadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' households of the priests and of the Levites—the head of fathers' households as well as those of his younger brother.

CHAPTER 25

MOREOVER, David and the commanders of the army set apart for the service some of the sons of ^aAsaph and of Heman and of Jeduthun, who were to ^bprophecy with lyres, ^charps, and cymbals; and the number of ¹those who performed their service was:

2 Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and ¹Asharelah; the sons of Asaph were under the ²direction of Asaph, who prophesied under the ²direction of the king.

3 ^aOf Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, ¹Zeri, Jeshai-ah, ²Shimei, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the ³direction of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising the LORD.

4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ¹Uziel, ²Shebuel and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth.

5 All these were the sons of Heman ^athe king's seer to ¹exalt him according to the words of God, for God gave fourteen sons and three daughters to Heman.

6 All these were under the ¹direction of their father to sing in the house of the LORD, ^awith cymbals, harps and lyres, for the service of the house of God. ^bAsaph, Jeduthun and Heman were under the ¹direction of the king.

7 And their number who were trained in singing to the LORD, with their ¹relatives, all who were skillful, was ^a288.

8 And ^athey cast lots for their duties, all alike, the small as well as the great, the teacher as well as the pupil.

9 ¶ Now the first lot came out for Asaph to Joseph, the second

¹ Lit., workmen according to their service
*1 Chr. 6:33, 39 *2 Kin. 3:15 *1 Chr. 15:16

² In v. 14, Jesharelah
*Lit., hand(s)

³ In v. 11, Izri *So with mss. and ancient versions, cf. v. 17 *Lit., hands
*1 Chr. 16:41, 42

⁴ In v. 18, Azarel *In v. 20, Shubael

⁵ Lit., lift up the horn
*2 Sam. 24:11, 1 Chr. 21:9

⁶ Lit., hands
*1 Chr. 15:16
*1 Chr. 15:19

⁷ Lit., brothers, and so throughout the ch.
*1 Chr. 23:5

⁸ *1 Chr. 26:13

¹¹ In v. 3, Zeri

¹⁴ In v. 2, Asharelah

for Gedaliah, he with his relatives and sons were twelve;

10 the third to Zaccur, his son and his relatives, twelve;

11 the fourth to Izri, his son and his relatives, twelve;

12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

14 the seventh to ¹Jesharelah his sons and his relatives twelve;

15 the eighth to Jeshai-ah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

17 the tenth to Shimei, his son and his relatives, twelve;

18 the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

19 the twelfth to Hashabiah his sons and his relatives twelve;

20 for the thirteenth, Shubael his sons and his relatives twelve;

21 for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his relatives twelve;

22 for the fifteenth to Jerimoth, his sons and his relatives twelve;

23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his relatives twelve;

24 for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

25 for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his relatives twelve;

26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his relatives twelve;

27 for the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his relatives twelve;

28 for the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his relatives twelve;

29 for the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

30 for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his relatives, twelve;

31 for the twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his relatives, twelve.

CHAPTER 26

FOR the divisions of the gatekeepers *there were* of the Korahites, ¹Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph.

2 And Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the first-born, Jediel the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Johanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

4 And ^aObed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the first-born, Jehoza-bad the second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth, Nethanel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, and Peullethai the eighth; God had indeed blessed him.

6 Also to his son Shemaiah sons were born who ruled over the house of their father, for they were mighty men of valor.

7 The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephuel, Obed, and Elzabad, whose brothers, Elihu and Semachiah, were valiant men.

8 All these were of the sons of Obed-edom; they and their sons and their ¹relatives were able men with strength for the service, 62 from Obed-edom.

9 And Meshelemiah had sons and relatives, 18 valiant men.

10 Also ^aHosah, one of the sons of Merari had sons: Shimri the first (although he was not the first-born, his father made him first),

11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and relatives of Hosah were 13.

12 ¶ To these divisions of the gatekeepers, the chief men, were given duties like their relatives

to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 ^aAnd they cast lots, the small and the great alike, according to their fathers' households, for every gate.

14 And the lot to the east fell to ¹Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his son Zechariah, a counselor with insight, and his lot came out to the north.

15 For Obed-edom it fell to the south, and to his sons went the storehouse.

16 For Shuppim and Hosah it was to the west, by the gate of Shallecheth, on the ascending highway. Guard corresponded to guard.

17 On the east there were six Levites, on the north four daily, on the south four daily, and at the storehouse two by two.

18 At the ^{1a}Parbar on the west there were four at the highway and two at the Parbar.

19 These were the divisions of the gatekeepers of the sons of Korah and of the sons of Merari.

20 ¶ ¹And the Levites, their relatives, ²had ^acharge of the treasures of the house of God, and of the treasures of the dedicated gifts.

21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, namely, the Jehielites, were the heads of the fathers' households, belonging to Ladan the Gershonite.

22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel his brother, ¹had charge of the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 As for the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites,

24 Shebuel the son of Gershon, the son of Moses, was officer over the treasures.

25 And his relatives by Eliezer were Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son.

¹In v. 14, Shelemiah
²In 9:19, Ebi-asaph

⁴2 Sam. 6:11, 1 Chr. 13:14

⁸Lit. brothers, and so throughout the ch

¹⁰1 Chr. 16:38

¹³1 Chr. 24:5, 31, 25:8

¹⁴In 9:17, Shallum

¹⁸Possibly court or colonnade
²2 Kin. 23:11

²⁰So Gr. Heb. A1 for the Levites, Ahijah had
¹Lit. were over
¹1 Chr. 26:22, 24, 26, 28:12, Ezra 2:68

²³Lit. were over

26 This Shelomoth and his relatives ¹had charge of all the treasures of the dedicated gifts, ^awhich King David and the heads of the fathers' households, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and commanders of the army, had dedicated.

27 They dedicated ¹part of the spoil won in battles to repair the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel the seer had dedicated and Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner and Joab the son of Zeruiah, everyone who had dedicated anything, all of this was ¹in the care of ²Shelomoth and his relatives.

29 As for the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons ^awere assigned to outside duties for Israel, as ^bofficers and judges.

30 As for the Hebronites, ^aHashabiah and his relatives, 1,700 capable men, had charge of the affairs of Israel ¹west of the Jordan, for all the work of the LORD and the service of the king.

31 As for the Hebronites, ^aJerijah the chief ¹(these Hebronites were investigated according to their genealogies and fathers' households, in the fortieth year of David's reign, and men of outstanding capability were found among them at ^bJazer of Gilead)

32 and his relatives, capable men, were 2,700 in number, heads of fathers' households. And King David made them overseers of the Reubenites, the Gadites and the half-tribe of the Manassites ^aconcerning ¹all the affairs of God and of the king.

CHAPTER 27

NOW *this is* the enumeration of the sons of Israel, the heads of fathers' households, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers who served the king in all the affairs of the divisions which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the

²⁶ ¹Lit., were over
^a2 Sam. 8:11

²⁷ ¹Heb., from the battles and from the spoil

²⁸ ¹Lit., under the hand
²Heb., Shelomoth

²⁹ ^aNeh. 11:16 ^b1 Chr. 23:4

³⁰ ¹Lit., beyond the Jordan westward
^a1 Chr. 27:17

³¹ ¹Heb., according to the Hebronites' father's households
^a1 Chr. 23:19
^b1 Chr. 6:81

³² ¹Lit., every matter of God and matter of the king.
^a2 Chr. 19:11

² ¹Lit., was over, and so throughout the ch.
^a2 Sam. 23:8-30; 1 Chr. 11:11-31

year, each division numbering 24,000.

2 Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel ¹had charge of the first division for the first month; and in his division were 24,000.

3 He was from the sons of Perez, and was chief of all the commanders of the army for the first month.

4 Dodai the Ahohite and his division had charge of the division for the second month, Miklot being the chief officer; and in his division were 24,000.

5 The third commander of the army for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada the priest, as chief; and in his division were 24,000.

6 This Benaiah was the mightiest man of the thirty, and had charge of thirty; and over his division was Ammizabad his son.

7 The fourth for the fourth month was Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him; and in his division were 24,000.

8 The fifth for the fifth month was the commander Shamhuti the Izrahite; and in his division were 24,000.

9 The sixth for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; and in his division were 24,000.

10 The seventh for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division were 24,000.

11 The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbecai the Hushathite of the Zerahites; and in his division were 24,000.

12 The ninth for the ninth month was Abiezer the Anathothite of the Benjamites; and in his division were 24,000.

13 The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite of the Zerahites; and in his division were 24,000.

14 The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pir

athonite of the sons of Ephraim; and in his division were 24,000.

15 The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite of Othniel; and in his division were 24,000.

16 ¶ Now in charge of the tribes of Israel: chief officer for the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri; for the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah;

17 for Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; for Aaron, Zadok;

18 for Judah, Elihu, one of David's brothers; for Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;

19 for Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; for Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel;

20 for the sons of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azariah; for the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;

21 for the half-tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; for Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;

22 for Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. *These were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 But David did not count those twenty years of age and under, *because the LORD had said He would multiply Israel as the stars of heaven.

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah had begun to count them, but did not finish; and because of *this, wrath came upon Israel, and the number was not included in the account of the chronicles of King David.

25 ¶ Now Azmaveth the son of Adiel had charge of the king's storehouses. And Jonathan the son of Uzziah had charge of the storehouses in the country, in the cities, in the villages, and in the towers.

26 And Ezri the son of Chelub had charge of the agricultural workers who tilled the soil.

27 And Shimei the Ramathite had charge of the vineyards; and Zabdi the Shiphmite had charge

22 *1 Chr. 28:1

23 *Lit., take their number from *1 Chr. 21:2-5 *Gen. 15:5, 22:17, 26:4

24 *2 Sam. 24:12-15, 1 Chr. 21:1-7

28 *Lit., doors of the work of the field for the tilling of

27 *Lit., what was in the vineyards of the store-houses of wine

28 *Or, low-lands *1 Kin. 10:27, 2 Chr. 1:15

29 *1 Chr. 5:18

31 *Or, ruled *1 Chr. 5:10

32 *Lit., was with

33 *2 Sam. 15:12 *2 Sam. 15:32, 37

34 *Lit., after *1 Chr. 27:5 *1 Kin. 1:7 *1 Chr. 11:6

1 *1 Chr. 23:2, 27:1-31 *1 Chr. 11:10, 47

2 *Lit., in my heart *Lit., house of rest *1 Chr. 17:1, 2 *Ps. 132:7, Is. 66:1

of the produce of the vineyards stored in the wine cellars.

28 And Baal-hanan the Gederite had charge of the olive and *sycamore trees in the *Shephelah; and Joash had charge of the stores of oil.

29 And Shitrai the Sharonite had charge of the cattle which were grazing in *Sharon; and Shaphat the son of Adlai had charge of the cattle in the valleys.

30 And Obil the Ishmaelite had charge of the camels; and Jehdeiah the Meronothite had charge of the donkeys.

31 And Jaziz the *Hagrite had charge of the flocks. All these were overseers of the property which belonged to King David.

32 ¶ Also Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counselor, a man of understanding, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni tutored the king's sons.

33 And *Ahithophel was counselor to the king; and *Hushai the Archite was the king's friend.

34 And Jehoiada the son of *Benaiah, and *Abiathar succeeded Ahithophel; and Joab was the commander of the king's army.

CHAPTER 28

NOW *David assembled at Jerusalem all the officials of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the commanders of the divisions that served the king, and the commanders of thousands, and the commanders of hundreds, and the overseers of all the property and livestock belonging to the king and his sons, with the officials and the mighty men, even all the valiant men.

2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Listen to me, my brethren and my people; I *had intended to build a permanent home for the ark of the covenant of the LORD and for the footstool

of our God. So I had made preparations to build it.

3 "But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name because you are a man of war and have shed blood.'

4 "Yet, the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For He has chosen Judah to be a leader; and in the house of Judah, my father's house, and among the sons of my father He took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel.

5 "And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

6 "And He said to me, 'Your son Solomon is the one who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be a son to Me, and I will be a father to him.'

7 "And I will establish his kingdom forever, if he resolutely performs My commandments and My ordinances, as his done now.

8 "So now, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek after all the commandments of the LORD your God in order that you may possess the good land and bequeath it to your sons after you forever.

9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

10 "Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be courageous and act."

3^a 1 Chr 22:8

4^a 1 Sam. 16:6-13
b¹ 1 Chr 17:23, 27
c¹ Gen 49:8-10
1 Chr 5:2
d¹ Sam 16:1

5^a 1 Chr 3:1-9, 14:3-7
b¹ 1 Chr 22:9, 10

6^a 2 Sam. 7:13, 14

7¹ Lit., at this day
a¹ 1 Chr. 22:13

9¹ Or, the same
Lit., soul
a¹ 1 Kin 8:61, 1 Chr 29:17
b¹ 1 Sam. 16:7
c² 1 Chr 15:2; Jer. 29:13

10^a 1 Chr 22:13

11^a Ex. 25:40; 1 Chr 28:12, 19
b¹ 1 Kin 6:3
c¹ Ex. 25:17-22

12¹ Lit., the spirit with him
a¹ 1 Chr. 28:20, 28

13^a 1 Chr 24:1
b¹ 1 Chr 23:6

15^a Ex. 25:31-39

18^a Ex. 30:1, 10
b¹ Ex. 25:18-22

19¹ Lit., works
a¹ 1 Chr. 28:11, 12

11 ¶ Then David gave to his son Solomon the plan of the porch of the temple, its buildings, its storehouses, its upper rooms, its inner rooms, and a room for the mercy seat;

12 and the plan of all that I had in mind, for the courts of the house of the LORD, and for the surrounding rooms, for the storehouses of the house of God and for the storehouses of the dedicated things;

13 also for the divisions of the priests and the Levites and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD and for all the utensils of service in the house of the LORD;

14 for the golden utensils, the weight of gold for all utensils for every kind of service; for the silver utensils, the weight of silver for all utensils for every kind of service;

15 and the weight of gold for the golden lampstands and their golden lamps, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps; and the weight of silver for the silver lampstands, with the weight of each lampstand and its lamps according to the use of each lampstand;

16 and the gold by weight for the tables of showbread, for each table; and silver for the silver tables;

17 and the forks, the basin and the pitchers of pure gold and for the golden bowls with the weight for each bowl; and for the silver bowls with the weight for each bowl;

18 and for the altar of incense: refined gold by weight; and gold for the model of the chariot, even the cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 "All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand writing by His hand upon me all the details of this pattern

20 ¶ Then David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD (God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.

21 "Now behold, ^athere are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God, and ^bevery willing man of any skill will be with you in all the work for all kinds of service. The officials also and all the people will be entirely at your command."

CHAPTER 29

THEN King David said to the entire assembly, "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, ^ais still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for ^bthe temple is not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 "Now ^awith all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, onyx stones and inlaid stones, stones of antimony, and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and alabaster in abundance.

3 "And moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy temple,

4 namely, ^a3,000 talents of gold, of ^bthe gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings;

5 of gold for the things of gold, and of silver for the things of silver, that is, for all the work done by the craftsmen. Who then is

20 ^a1 Chr. 22:13 ^bJosh. 1:5; Heb. 13:5

31 ^a1 Chr. 28:13 ^bEx. 35:25-35; 36:1, 2

1 ^aLat. pol. acc. ^a1 Chr. 22:5 ^a1 Chr. 29:19

2 ^a1 Chr. 22:3-5

3 ^aLat. house

4 ^aLat. houses ^a1 Chr. 22:14 ^a1 Km. 9:28

5 ^aLat. by the hand of the craftsmen ^aLat. to all his hand

6 ^a1 Chr. 27:1, 28:1 ^a1 Chr. 27:25-31

7 ^aEzra 2:69; Neh. 7:70

8 ^aLat. those with whom were found ^aLat. under the hand of ^a1 Chr. 23:8

9 ^a1 Km. 8:61; 2 Cor. 9:7

11 ^aMat. 8:13; Rev. 5:13

12 ^a2 Chr. 1:12 ^a2 Chr. 20:6

14 ^aLat. to gain strength

willing ^ato consecrate himself this day to the LORD?"

6 ¶ Then ^athe rulers of the fathers' households, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with ^bthe overseers over the king's work, offered willingly;

7 and for the service for the house of God they gave 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, and 10,000 talents of silver, and 18,000 talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron.

8 And ^awhoever possessed precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, ^ain care of ^aJehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD ^awith a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

10 ¶ So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed art Thou, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

11 "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O LORD, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all.

12 "Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and ^bin Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone.

13 "Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name.

14 "But who am I and who are my people that we should ^abe able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from Thee, and from Thy hand we have given Thee.

15 "For ^awe are sojourners before Thee, and tenants, as all our fathers were; ^bour days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.

16 "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build Thee a house for Thy holy name, it is from Thy hand, and all is Thine.

17 "Since I know, O my God, that ^aThou triest the heart and ^bdelightest in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Thy people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to Thee.

18 "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, preserve this forever in the intentions of the heart of Thy people, and direct their heart to Thee;

19 "and ^agive to my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Thy commandments, Thy testimonies, and Thy statutes, and to do them all, and ^bto build the temple, for which I have made provision."

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." And ^aall the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and ^bbowed low and did homage to the LORD and to the king.

21 And on the next day ^athey made sacrifices to the LORD and offered burnt offerings to the LORD, 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams and 1,000 lambs, with their liba-

15 ^aLev. 25:23 ^bJob 14:2, 10-12

17 ^a1 Chr 28:9 ^bPs 15:2

18 ^aLit., intent of the thoughts of the heart

19 ^aLit., palace

^a1 Chr 28:9; Ps 72:1

^b1 Chr 29:1, 2

20 ^aJosh 22:33 ^bEx 4:31

21 ^aLit., sacrificed

^a1 Kin 8:62, 63

22 ^a1 Chr 23:1 ^b1 Kin 1:33-39

23 ^a1 Kin 2:12

24 ^aLit., put a hand under Solomon

25 ^a2 Chr 1:1 ^b1 Kin 3:13; 2 Chr 1:12

26 ^a1 Chr 18:14

27 ^aLit., he reigned in

^a2 Sam. 5:4, 5; 1 Kin. 2:11; 1 Chr. 3:4

28 ^aLit., good

^aGen 15:15; Acts 13:38

^b1 Chr 23:1

29 ^a1 Sam. 9:9 ^b2 Sam. 7:2-4; 12:1-7

^c1 Sam. 22:5

tions and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

22 So they ate and drank that day before the LORD with great gladness.

¶ And they made Solomon the son of David king ^aa second time and they ^banointed him as ruler for the LORD and Zadok as priest.

23 Then ^aSolomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the officials, the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David ^bpledged allegiance to King Solomon.

25 And ^athe LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and ^bbestowed on him royal majesty which had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 ¶ Now ^aDavid the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 ^aAnd the period which he reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned in Hebron seven years and ^bin Jerusalem thirty-three years.

28 Then he died in ^aa ripe old age, ^bfull of days, riches and honor; and his son Solomon reigned in his place.

29 Now the acts of King David, from first to last, are written in the chronicles of ^aSamuel the seer, in the chronicles of ^bNathan the prophet, and in the chronicles of ^cGad the seer,

30 with all his reign, his power, and the circumstances which came on him, on Israel, and on all the kingdoms of the lands.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES

Solomon Worship at Gibeon

NOW ^aSolomon the son of David established himself securely over his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him and ^bexalted him greatly.

2 And Solomon spoke to all Israel, ^ato the commanders of thousands and of hundreds and to the judges and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers' households.

3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to ^athe high place which was at Gibeon; ^bfor God's tent of meeting was there, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 However, David had brought up ^athe ark of God from Kirjath-jearim ^bto the place he had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.

5 Now ^athe bronze altar, which Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, ^bwas there before the tabernacle of the LORD, and Solomon and the assembly sought it out.

6 And Solomon went up there before the LORD to the bronze altar which was at the tent of meeting, and ^aoffered a thousand burnt offerings on it.

7 ^aIn that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you."

8 And Solomon said to God, "Thou hast dealt with my father David with great lovingkindness, and ^ahast made me king in his place.

9 "Now, O LORD God, ^aThy promise to my father David is fulfilled; for Thou hast made me

1 ^a1 Kin
2 12, 46
^a1 Chr 29:25

2 ^a1 Chr
28:1

3 ^a1 Kin
3:4 ^bEx 36:8

4 ^a1 Lit.,
where David
had prepared
for it
^a1 Chr 15:25
28:2 Chr 6:2

5 ^a1 Lit., he
put
^aEx 31:9
38:17

6 ^a1 Kin
3:4

7 ^a1 Kin
15:14

8 ^a1 Chr
28:5

9 ^a1 Lit.,
word
^a2 Sam 7:12
16 ^aGes
13:16, 22:17,
28:14

10 ^a1 Kin
3:9 ^bNumb.
27:17, 2 Sam.
5:2

11 ^a1 Lit., this
was in your
heart
^a1 Kin 3:11

12 ^a1 Lit.,
which was
not so to the
kings who
were before
you ^a1 Lit., but
^a1 Chr 29:25,
2 Chr 9:22

13 ^a1 Lit., to
^a2 Chr 1:3

14 ^a1 Kin
10:26-29
^a1 Kin 4:26
^a1 Kin 9:19

15 ^a1 Heb.,
shephelah
^a1 Kin 10:27
^aDeut 17:17

16 ^aDeut.
17:16

17 ^a1 Lit.,
brought up
and brought
out ^a1 Lit., and
in like man-
ner by their
hand

king over ^aa people as numerous as the dust of the earth.

10 ^a"Give me now wisdom and knowledge, ^bthat I may go out and come in before this people; for who can rule this great people of Thine?"

11 ^aAnd God said to Solomon, "Because ^byou had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth, or honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge, that you may rule My people, over whom I have made you king,

12 wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And ^aI will give you riches and wealth and honor, ^bsuch as none of the kings who were before you has possessed, nor those who will ^ccome after you."

13 ^aSo Solomon went ^bfrom the high place which was at Gibeon, from the tent of meeting, to Jerusalem, and he reigned over Israel.

14 ^aAnd Solomon amassed chariots and horsemen. ^bHe had 1,400 chariots, and 12,000 horsemen, and he stationed them in ^cthe chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem.

15 And ^athe king made ^bsilver and gold as plentiful in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamores in the lowland.

16 And Solomon's ^ahorses were imported from Egypt and from Kue; the king's traders procured them from Kue for a price.

17 And they ^bimported chariots from Egypt for 600 shekels of silver apiece, and horses for 150 apiece, and ^cby the same means

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they ³exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Aram.

CHAPTER 2

^{1a} **N**OW Solomon ²decided to build a house for the name of the LORD, and a ³royal palace for himself.

² ¹So ^aSolomon ²assigned 70,000 men to carry loads, and 80,000 men to quarry stone in the mountains, and 3,600 to supervise them.

³ ^aThen Solomon sent word to ¹Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, ^b"As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to dwell in, so do for me.

⁴"Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, dedicating it to Him, ^ato burn fragrant incense before Him, and to set out ^bthe showbread continually, and to offer ^cburnt offerings morning and evening, ^don sabbaths and on new moons and on the appointed feasts of the LORD our God, this being required forever in Israel.

⁵"And the house which I am about to build will be great; for ^agreater is our God than all the gods.

⁶"But ^awho is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him? So who am I, that I should build a house for Him, except to ¹burn incense before Him?

⁷"And now ^asend me a skilled man to work in gold, silver, brass, and iron, and in purple, crimson and violet fabrics, and who knows how to make engravings, to work with the skilled men ^{1b}whom I have in Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.

⁸"^aSend me also cedar, cypress and alnum timber from Lebanon, for I know that your servants know how to cut timber of

¹⁷ ³Lit., brought out
¹Ch 1:18
in Heb. ²Lit., said ³Lit., house for his royalty
^a1 Kin 5:5

² ¹Ch 2:1
in Heb. ²Lit., numbered
^a1 Kin 5:15, 16; 2 Chr 2:18

³ ¹In 1 Kin 5:18, Hiram
^a1 Kin 5:2-11
^b1 Chr 14:1

⁴ ^aEx 30:7
^bEx 25:30
^cEx 29:38-42
^dNum 28:9, 10

⁵ ^aEx 15:11, 1 Chr 16:25

⁶ ¹Lit., of-fer up in smoke
^a1 Kin. 8:27, 2 Chr 6:18

⁷ ¹Lit., who are with me
^aEx 31:3-5, 2 Chr 2:13, 14
^b1 Chr 22:15

⁸ ^a1 Kin. 5:6-12
2 Chr. 9:10, 11

¹⁰ ¹I.e., A kor equals approx 10 bu
^a1 Kin 5:11

¹¹ ¹Lit., said and he sent
^a1 Kin. 10:9, 2 Chr. 9:8

¹² ¹Lit., said ²Lit., know-ing discretion
³Lit., house for his roy-alty
^aPs. 33:6, 102:25
^b2 Chr. 2:1

¹³ ¹Lit., knowing un-derstanding

¹⁴ ¹Lit., a woman of the daughters of Dan
²Lit., whose father is a Tynan man
³Lit., de-vise any de-vice
^aLit., skilled men
^a1 Kin. 7:14

¹⁵ ^a2 Chr. 2:10

¹⁶ ^a1 Kin. 5:8, 9

¹⁷ ¹Lit., numbering
^a1 Chr. 22:2

Lebanon; and indeed, ^bmy ser-vants will work with your ser-vants.

⁹ to prepare timber in abun-dance for me, for the house which I am about to build will be great and wonderful.

¹⁰"Now behold, ^aI will give to your servants, the woodsmen who cut the timber, 20,000 ¹kors of crushed wheat, and 20,000 ¹kors of barley, and 20,000 baths of wine, and 20,000 baths of oil."

¹¹ ¶ Then Hiram, king of Tyre, ¹answered in a letter sent to Solomon: ^a"Because the LORD loves His people, He has made you king over them."

¹² Then Hiram ¹continued, "Blessed be ^athe LORD, the God of Israel, who has made heaven and earth, who has given King David a wise son, ²endowed with discretion and understanding, ^bwho will build a house for the LORD and a ³royal palace for himself.

¹³"And now I am sending a skilled man, ¹endowed with un-derstanding, Hiram-abi,

¹⁴ ^athe son of a ¹Danite woman and ^{2a} Tyrian father, who knows how to work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone and wood, and in purple, violet, linen and crimson fabrics, and ^{who} knows how to make all kinds of engravings and to ³execute any design which may be assigned to him, to work with your skilled men, and with ⁴those of my lord David your father.

¹⁵"Now then, let my lord send to his servants wheat and barley, oil and wine, of ^awhich he has spoken.

¹⁶"And ^awe will cut whatever timber you need from Lebanon, and bring it to you on rafts by sea to Joppa, so that you may carry it up to Jerusalem."

¹⁷ ¶ And Solomon numbered all the aliens who were in the land of Israel, ^afollowing the ¹census which his father David

had ²taken; and 153,600 were found.

18 ^aAnd he appointed 70,000 of them to carry loads, and 80,000 to quarry stones in the mountains, and 3,600 supervisors to make the people work.

CHAPTER 3

^aTHEN Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared, ^bon the threshing floor of ¹Ornan the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build on the second day in the second month ¹of the fourth year of his reign.

3 Now these are the ¹foundations which ^aSolomon laid for building the house of God. The length in ²cubits, according to the old standard was sixty cubits, and the width twenty cubits.

4 And the porch which was in front of the house ^awas as long as the width of the house, twenty cubits, and the height 120; and inside he overlaid it with pure gold.

5 And he overlaid ^athe ¹main room with cypress wood and overlaid it with fine gold, and ²ornamented it with palm trees and chains.

6 Further, he ¹adorned the house with precious stones; and the gold was gold from ²Parvaim.

7 ^aHe also overlaid the house with gold—the beams, the thresholds, and its walls, and its doors; and he ^bcarved cherubim on the walls.

8 ^cNow he made ^athe ¹room of the holy of holies: its length, across the width of the house, was twenty cubits, and its width was twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to 600 talents.

17 ^aLit. numbered of them

18 ^a2 Chr 22

1 ^aIsa 2 Sam 24:18. Araunah ^a1 Kin 6:1 ^a1 Chr 21:18

2 ^aLit. in

3 ^aLit. founding of Solomon to build ²1 e. One cubit equals approx. 18 in ^a1 Kin 6:2

4 ^a1 Kin 6:3

5 ^aLit. great house ^aLit. put on it palm trees ^a1 Kin 6:17

6 ^aLit. overlaid for beauty ^a1 Chr. country of gold

7 ^a1 Kin 6:20-22 ^a1 Kin 6:28-35

8 ^aLit. house ^aEx 26:33, 1 Kin 6:16

9 ^a1 Chr 28:11

10 ^aLit. cherubim of sculptured work ^aEx 25:18-20, 1 Kin 6:23-28

11 ^aLit. other

12 ^aLit. and their faces to

13 ^aEx 26:31

14 ^aLit. long ^a1 Kin 7:15-20

15 ^a1 Kin 7:21

16 ^aEx 27:1, 2, 2 Kin 16:14

17 ^a1 Kin 7:23-28

9 And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. He also overlaid ^athe upper rooms with gold.

10 ¹Then he made two ¹sculptured cherubim in the room of the holy of holies and overlaid them with gold.

11 And the wingspan of the cherubim was twenty cubits; the wing of one, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house, and its other wing, of five cubits, touched the wing of the other cherub.

12 And the wing of the other cherub, of five cubits, touched the wall of the house; and its other wing of five cubits, was attached to the wing of the ¹first cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubim extended twenty cubits, and they stood on their feet ¹facing the main room.

14 ^aAnd he made the veil of violet, purple, crimson and fine linen, and he worked cherubim on it.

15 ¹He also made two pillars for the front of the house, thirty-five cubits ¹high, and the capital on the top of each was five cubits.

16 And he made chains in the inner sanctuary, and placed them on the tops of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates and placed them on the chains.

17 ^aAnd he erected the pillars in front of the temple, one on the right and the other on the left, and named the one on the right Jachin and the one on the left Boaz.

CHAPTER 4

THEN ^ahe made a bronze altar, twenty cubits in length and twenty cubits in width and ten cubits in height.

2 ^aAlso he made the cast metal sea, ten cubits from brim to brim, circular in form, and its

height was five cubits and ¹its circumference thirty cubits.

3 Now figures like oxen were under it and all around it, ten cubits, entirely encircling the sea. The oxen were in two rows, cast ¹in one piece.

4 It stood on twelve oxen, three facing the north, three facing west, three facing south, and three facing east; and the sea was set on top of them, and all their hindquarters turned inwards.

5 And it was a handbreadth thick, and its brim was made like the brim of a cup, like a lily blossom; it ^acould hold 3,000 baths.

6 ^aHe also made ten basins in which to wash, and he set five on the right side and five on the left, ¹to rinse things for the burnt offering; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 ^aThen ^ahe made the ten golden lampstands in the way prescribed for them, and he set them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left.

8 He also made ^aten tables and placed them in the temple, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made one hundred golden bowls.

9 Then he made ^athe court of the priests and ^bthe great court and doors for the court, and overlaid their doors with bronze.

10 And ^ahe set the sea on the right ¹side of the house toward the southeast.

11 ^aHuram also made the pails, the shovels, and the bowls. So Huram finished doing the work which he performed for King Solomon in the house of God:

12 the two pillars, the bowls and the two capitals on top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on top of the pillars.

13 and ^athe four hundred pomegranates for the two net-

² ¹Lit., a line of 30 cubits encircling it round about

³ ¹Lit., in its casting

⁵ ^a1 Kin 7:26

⁶ ¹Lit., in which to ^aEx. 30:17-21, 1 Kin 7:38, 40

⁷ ^aEx. 25:31-40, 1 Kin 7:49

⁸ ^a1 Kin 7:48

⁹ ^a1 Kin 6:38 ^b2 Kin 21:5

¹⁰ ¹Lit., shoulder ^a1 Kin 7:39

¹¹ ^a1 Kin 7:40-51

¹³ ^a1 Kin 7:20

¹⁴ ^a1 Kin 7:27-43

¹⁶ ^a1 Kin 7:14, 2 Chr 2:13

¹⁸ ^a1 Kin 7:47

¹⁹ ^a2 Chr 4:6

²⁰ ^aEx. 25:31-37, 2 Chr 5:7

¹ ¹Lit., dedicated things of David, ^a1 Kin 7:51 ^b2 Sam. 8:11, 1 Chr 18:11

² ^a1 Kin. 8:1-9

works, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the pillars.

14 ^aHe also made the stands and he made the basins on the stands,

15 and the one sea with the twelve oxen under it.

16 And the pails, the shovels, the forks, and all its utensils, ^aHuram-abi made of polished bronze for King Solomon for the house of the LORD.

17 On the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah.

18 ^aThus Solomon made all these utensils in great quantities, for the weight of the bronze could not be found out.

19 ^a¶ Solomon also made all the things that were in the house of God: even the golden altar, ^athe tables with the bread of the Presence on them,

20 the lampstands with their lamps of pure gold, ^ato burn in front of the inner sanctuary in the way prescribed;

21 the flowers, the lamps, and the tongs of gold, of purest gold;

22 and the snuffers, the bowls, the spoons, and the firepans of pure gold; and the entrance of the house, its inner doors for the holy of holies, and the doors of the house, *that is*, of the nave, of gold.

CHAPTER 5

^a **T**HUS all the work that Solomon performed for the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the ^{1b}things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver and the gold and all the utensils, and put *them* in the treasuries of the house of God.

2 ^a¶ Then Solomon assembled to Jerusalem the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers'

households of the sons of Israel, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

3 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves to the king at the feast, that is in the seventh month.

4 Then all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark and the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils which were in the tent; the Levitical priests brought them up.

6 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him before the ark were sacrificing so many sheep and oxen, that they could not be counted or numbered.

7 Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubim.

8 For the cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering over the ark and its poles.

9 And the poles were so long that the ends of the poles of the ark could be seen in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen outside; and they are there to this day.

10 There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the sons of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 And when the priests came forth from the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to divisions),

12 and all the Levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and kinsmen, clothed

in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, standing east of the altar, and with them one hundred and twenty priests blowing trumpets

13 in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the LORD saying, "He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud.

14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

CHAPTER 6

THEN Solomon said, "The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud.

2 "I have built Thee a lofty house, And a place for Thy dwelling forever."

3 Then the king faced about and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing.

4 And he said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled it with His hands, saying,

5 "Since the day that I brought My people from the land of Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man for a leader over My people Israel;

6 but I have chosen Jerusalem that My name might be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel."

7 Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a house

2 ^{1/2} Sam. 6:12-15; 1 Chr. 15:25-28; 2 Chr. 1:4

3 ¹ Kin. 8:2 ^{1/2} Chr. 7:8-10

4 ¹ Josh. 3:6, 2 Chr. 3:7

6 ¹ Lit., sheep numbered for multitude

8 ¹ Lit., poles above

9 ¹ Lit., it is ¹ Kin. 8:8, 9

10 ¹ David 10:2-5, Heb. 9:4

11 ¹ Chr. 24:1-5

12 ¹ Chr. 25:1-4 ¹ Chr. 13:8, 15:18, 24:2 Chr. 7:6

13 ¹ Chr. 16:42 ¹ Chr. 16:34, 2 Chr. 7:3, Ezra 3:11, Ps. 100:5, Jer. 33:11

14 ¹ Ex. 40:35, 1 Kin. 8:11

1 ¹ Kin. 8:12-30

3 ¹ Lit., turned his face about

6 ¹ Chr. 12:13 ¹ Chr. 28:4

7 ¹ Lit., with ¹ Kin. 3:3; 1 Chr. 28:2

for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

8 "But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was ¹in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was ¹in your heart.'

9 'Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who ¹shall be born to you, he shall build the house for My name.'

10 "Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for I have risen in the place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD ¹promised, and have built the house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel.

11 "And there I have set the ark, ^ain which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with the sons of Israel."

12 ¶ Then he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands.

13 ¶ Now Solomon had made a bronze platform, five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, ^bknelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven.

14 And he said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, ^athere is no god like Thee in heaven or on earth, ^bkeeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart;

15 ^awho has kept with Thy servant David, my father, that which Thou hast ¹promised him; indeed, Thou hast spoken with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thy hand, as it is this day.

16 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David, my father, that which Thou hast ¹promised him, saying, '2a You shall not lack a

8 ¹Lit., with

9 ¹Lit., is to come forth from your house

10 ¹Lit., spoke

11 ^a2 Chr 5:7, 10

13 ^aNeh 8:4 ^b1 Kin 8:54

14 ^aEx 15:11, Deut 3:24 ^bDeut 7:9

15 ¹Lit., spoken to ^a1 Chr 22:9, 10

16 ¹Lit., spoken to ²Lit., There shall not be cut off to you a man from before Me ^a1 Kin 2:4, 2 Chr 7:18

18 ¹Lit., heaven of heavens ^aPs 113:5, 6 ^b2 Chr 2:6; Is 66:1; Acts 7:49

20 ^aPs 33:18; 34:15 ^bDeut 12:11

21 ^aIs 43:25; 44:22; Mic 7:18

23 ¹Lit., returning ^aIs 3:11; Rom 2:8, 9

24 ¹Lit., smitten ^aPs 51:4

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man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk in My law as you have walked before Me.'

17 "Now therefore, O LORD, the God of Israel, let Thy word be confirmed which Thou hast spoken to Thy servant David.

18 ¶ "But ^awill God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, ^bheaven and the ¹highest heaven cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have built.

19 "Yet have regard to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee;

20 that Thine ^aeyes may be open toward this house day and night, toward ^bthe place of which Thou hast said that Thou wouldst put Thy name there, to listen to the prayer which Thy servant shall pray toward this place.

21 "And listen to the supplications of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; hear Thou from Thy dwelling place, from heaven; ^ahear Thou and forgive.

22 ¶ "If a man sins against his neighbor, and is made to take an oath, and he comes and takes an oath before Thine altar in this house,

23 then hear Thou from heaven and act and judge Thy servants, ^{1a}punishing the wicked by bringing his way on his own head and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness.

24 ¶ "And if Thy people Israel ¹are defeated before an enemy, because ^athey have sinned against Thee, and they return to Thee and confess Thy name, and pray and make supplication before Thee in this house,

25 then hear Thou from heaven and forgive the sin of Thy

people Israel, and bring them back to the land which Thou hast given to them and to their fathers.

26 ¶ "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against Thee, and they pray toward this place and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them;

27 then hear Thou in heaven and forgive the sin of Thy servants and Thy people Israel, indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Thy land, which I Thou hast given to Thy people for an inheritance.

28 ¶ "If there is famine in the land, if there is pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, if there is locust or grasshopper, if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities, whatever plague or whatever sickness there is,

29 whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man or by all Thy people Israel, teach knowing his own affliction and his own pain, and spreading his hands toward this house,

30 then hear Thou from heaven Thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render to each according to all his ways, whose heart Thou knowest for Thou alone dost know the hearts of the sons of men,

31 that they may fear Thee, to walk in Thy ways as long as they live in the land which Thou hast given to our fathers.

32 ¶ "Also concerning the foreigner who is not from Thy people Israel, when he comes from a far country for Thy great name's sake and Thy mighty hand and Thine outstretched arm, when they come and pray toward this house,

33 then hear Thou from heaven, from Thy dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to

26 ¹ Km. 17:1

27 ¹ Ps. 94:12

28 ¹ Lt. gates 2 Chr 20:9

29 ¹ Lt. whoever shall know

28 ¹ Sam 16:7, 1 Chr 28:9

31 ¹ Or, reverence ¹ Lt., all the days that they live on the face of the land

32 ¹ Is. 56:3-8

33 ¹ Or, reverence ¹ Lt., Thy name is called upon this house 2 Chr 7:14

36 ¹ Lt., their captors take them captive Job 15:14-16, James 3:2, 1 John 1:8-10

37 ¹ Lt., return to their heart

38 ¹ Jer. 29:12, 13

39 ¹ 2 Chr 7:15; Neh. 1:6, 11 ¹ Ps. 17:1

41 ¹ Ps. 132:8, 9

Thee, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Thy name, and fear Thee, as do Thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Thy name.

34 ¶ "When Thy people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatever way Thou shalt send them, and they pray to Thee toward this city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name,

35 then hear Thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

36 ¶ "When they sin against Thee (for there is no man who does not sin) and Thou art angry with them and dost deliver them to an enemy, so that they take them away captive to a land far off or near,

37 if they take thought in the land where they are taken captive, and repent and make supplication to Thee in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have committed iniquity, and have acted wickedly';

38 if they return to Thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which Thou hast given to their fathers, and the city which Thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Thy name,

39 then hear from heaven, from Thy dwelling place, their prayer and supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee.

40 ¶ "Now, O my God, I pray Thee, let Thine eyes be open, and Thine ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place.

41 ¶ "Now therefore arise, O LORD God, to Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy might;

let Thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let Thy godly ones rejoice in what is good.

42 "O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Thine anointed; *remember Thy lovingkindness to Thy servant David."

CHAPTER 7

NOW when Solomon had finished praying, ^bfire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And ^athe priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house.

3 And all the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, saying, "Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting."

4 ^aThen the king and all the people offered sacrifice before the LORD.

5 And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen, and 120,000 sheep. Thus the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests stood at their posts and ^athe Levites, with the instruments of music to the LORD, which King David had made for giving praise to the LORD—"for His lovingkindness is everlasting"—whenever ¹he gave praise by their ²means, while ^bthe priests on the other side blew trumpets; and all Israel was standing.

7 ^aThen Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD, for there he offered the burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was

not able to contain the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the fat.

8 ¶ So ^aSolomon observed the feast at that time for seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, who came from the entrance of Hamath to the ^bbrook of Egypt.

9 And on the eighth day they held ^aa solemn assembly, for the dedication of the altar they observed seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 Then on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people to their tents, rejoicing and happy of heart because of the goodness that the LORD had shown to David and to Solomon and to His people Israel.

11 ¶ ^aThus Solomon finished the house of the LORD and the king's palace, and successfully completed all that ¹he had planned on doing in the house of the LORD and in his palace.

12 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him, "I have heard your prayer, and ^ahave chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.

13 "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,

14 ^aand My people ¹who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 ^aNow My eyes shall be open and My ears attentive to the ¹prayer offered in this place.

16 ^aFor ^anow I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

17 ^aAnd as for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked even to do according to

42 ^aPs.
89:24, 28;
132:10-12, 15;
33:3

1 ^a1 Kin.
8:54 ^bLev.
9:23 ^c1 Kin.
18:24, 38

3 ^a2 Chr.
5:14

3 ^a2 Chr.
5:13; 20:21

4 ^a1 Kin.
8:62, 63

6 ^a1 Lit., Da-
vid ^b1 Lit.,
hand
^a1 Chr. 15:16;
21 ^b2 Chr.
5:12

7 ^a1 Kin.
8:64-68

8 ^a1 Kin.
8:65 ^bGen.
15:18

9 ^aLev.
23:38

11 ^a1 Lit.,
came upon
the heart of
Solomon to
do
^a1 Kin. 9:1-9

12 ^aDeut.
12:5, 11

13 ^a2 Chr.
6:26-28

14 ^a1 Lit.,
over whom
My name is
called
^a2 Chr. 6:37;
39; James
4:10

15 ^a1 Lit.,
prayer of this
place
^a2 Chr. 6:20,
40

16 ^a2 Chr.
7:12

all that I have commanded you and will keep My statutes and My ordinances.

18 then I will establish your royal throne as I covenanted with your father David, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to be ruler in Israel.'

19 ¶ "But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you and shall go and serve other gods and worship them,

20 "then I will uproot you from My land which I have given you, and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight, and I will make it ^{ba} a proverb and a byword among all peoples.

21 "As for this house, which was exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?'

22 "And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.' "

CHAPTER 8

NOW it came about at the end of the twenty years in which Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house

2 that he built the cities which Hiram had given to him, and settled the sons of Israel there.

3 Then Solomon went to Hamath-zobah and captured it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness and all the storage cities which he had built in Hamath.

5 He also built upper Beth-horon and lower Beth-horon, fortified cities with walls, gates, and bars;

18 ¹Lat. There shall not be cut off to you a man
1 ¹Kin. 2:4;
2 ²Chr. 6:16

19 ¹Lev. 26:14, 33;
Deut. 28:15

20 ¹Ancient versions and Heb. read them
Deut. 29:28;
1 ¹Kin. 14:15
Deut. 28:37

21 ¹Deut. 29:24-27

22 ¹Jude. 2:13

1 ¹1 ¹Kin. 9:10-28

2 ¹Lat. Solomon

8 ¹1 ¹Chr. 7:24 ²2 ²Chr. 14:7

8 ¹1 ¹Lat. the ²2 ²Lat. of

7 ¹Gen. 15:18-21;
1 ¹Kin. 9:20

8 ¹1 ¹Kin. 4:6; 9:21

10 ¹Chr. disputes

11 ¹1 ¹Lat. they are
1 ¹1 ¹Kin. 3:1;
7:8

12 ¹2 ²Chr. 4:1

13 ¹Ex. 29:38-42
Num. 28:3
Num. 28:9;
10 ¹Num. 28:11 ¹Ex. 23:14-17;
34:22; 23;
Deut. 16:16

14 ¹1 ¹Chr. 24:1 ¹1 ¹Chr. 25:1

6 and Baalath and all the storage cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots and cities for his horsemen, and all that it pleased Solomon to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land under his rule.

7 ¶ All of the people who were left of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel.

8 namely, from their descendants who were left after them in the land whom the sons of Israel had not destroyed, them Solomon raised as forced laborers to this day.

9 But Solomon did not make slaves for his work from the sons of Israel; they were men of war, his chief captains, and commanders of his chariots and his horsemen.

10 And these were the chief officers of King Solomon, two hundred and fifty who ruled over the people.

11 ¶ Then Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the city of David to the house which he had built for her; for he said, "My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy where the ark of the LORD has entered."

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of the LORD which he had built before the porch;

13 and did so according to the daily rule, offering them up according to the commandment of Moses, for the sabbaths, the new moons, and the three annual feasts—the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Booths.

14 ¶ Now according to the ordinance of his father David, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, and the Levites for their duties of praise and ministering before the priests according to the daily

rule, and ^athe gatekeepers by their divisions at every gate; for ^aDavid the man of God had so commanded.

15 And they did not depart from the commandment of the king to the priests and Levites in any manner or concerning the storehouses.

16 ¶ Thus all the work of Solomon was carried out ¹from the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was completed.

17 ¶ Then Solomon went to ^aEzion-geber and to ^bEloth on the seashore in the land of Edom.

18 And Hiram by his servants sent him ships and servants who knew the sea; and they went with Solomon's servants to Ophir, and ^atook from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to King Solomon.

CHAPTER 9

^aNOW when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with difficult questions. She had a very large retinue, with camels carrying spices, and a large amount of gold and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was on her heart.

2 And Solomon ¹answered all her questions; nothing was hidden from Solomon which he did not ²explain to her.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house which he had built,

4 the food at his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his ministers and their attire, his cupbearers and their attire, and ¹his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, she was breathless.

14 ^a1 Chr. 26:1 ^aNeh. 12:24, 36

16 ¹So ancient versions, M.T., as far as

17 ^a1 Kin. 9:26 ^b2 Kin. 14:22

18 ^a2 Chr. 9:10, 13

1 ^a1 Kin. 10:1-13; Matt. 12:42, Luke 11:31

2 ¹Lit., told her all her words ²Lit., tell

4 ¹Or, his burnt offering which he offered

7 ¹Or, happy

8 ^a1 Chr. 28:5; 29:23 ^bDeut. 7:8, 2 Chr. 2:11

10 ^a1 Kin. 10:11; 2 Chr. 8:18

13 ^a1 Kin. 10:14-28

14 ^aPs. 68:29; 72:10

Visit of the Queen of Sheba.

5 Then she said to the king, "It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom.

6 "Nevertheless I did not believe their reports until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You surpass the report that I heard.

7 "How ¹blessed are your men; how ¹blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom.

8 "Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you, ^asetting you on His throne as king for the LORD your God; ^bbecause your God loved Israel establishing them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness."

9 Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, and a very great amount of spices and precious stones; there had never been spice like that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

10 And the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon ^awho brought gold from Ophir, also brought alnum trees and precious stones.

11 And from the alnum the king made steps for the house of the LORD and for the king's palace, and lyres and harps for the singers; and none like that was seen before in the land of Judah.

12 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she requested besides a return for what she had brought to the king. Then she turned and went to her own land with her servants.

13 ¶ ^aNow the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold,

14 besides that which the traders and merchants brought; and all ^athe kings of Arabia and the governors of the country

brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold, using 600 shekels of beaten gold on each large shield.

16 And he made 300 shields of beaten gold, using three hundred shekels of gold on each shield, and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon.

17 Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And there were six steps to the throne and a footstool in gold attached to the throne, and arms on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the arms.

19 And twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on the one side and on the other; nothing like it was made for any other kingdom.

20 And all King Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; silver was not considered valuable in the days of Solomon.

21 For the king had ships which went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks.

22 So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 And all the kings of the earth were seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses, and mules, so much year by year.

25 Now Solomon had 4,000 stalls for horses and chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he sta-

18 ¹Lat., he brought up

18 ¹Lat., he brought up

18 ¹Lat., hands ¹Lat. on this side and on this at the place of the seat

20 ¹Lat., anything

21 ²Chr 20:36, 37

22 ¹Kin 3:13, 2 Chr 1:12

24 ¹Ps 72:10

25 ¹Deut 17:16, 1 Kin 4:28, 10:28, 2 Chr 1:14

26 ¹Gen 15:18, 1 Kin 4:21, 24

27 ¹Heb. shephelah ²Chr 1:15, 17

28 ²Chr 1:16

29 ¹Lat. words ²Heb. Jado

¹Kin 11:41 43 ¹Chr 29:29

30 ¹Kin 11:42, 43

31 ¹Kin 2:10

¹Kin 12:1-20

²Kin 11:40

¹Kin 5:13-16

tioned them in the chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

26 And he was the ruler over all the kings from the Euphrates River even to the land of the Philistines, and as far as the border of Egypt.

27 And the king made silver as common as stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamore trees that are in the lowland.

28 And they were bringing horses for Solomon from Egypt and from all countries.

29 Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, are they not written in the records of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned forty years in Jerusalem over all Israel.

31 And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 10

THEN Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came about when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was in Egypt where he had fled from the presence of King Solomon), that Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

3 So they sent and summoned him. When Jeroboam and all Israel came, they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

4 "Your father made our yoke hard; now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you."

5 And he said to them, "Return to me again in three days." So the people departed.

6 ¶ Then King Rehoboam ^aconsulted with the elders who had ¹served his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you counsel me to answer this people?"

7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be kind to this people and please them and ^aspeak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever."

8 But he ^aforsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who grew up with him ¹and served him.

9 So he said to them, "What counsel do you give that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?"

10 And the young men who grew up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to the people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter for us.' Thus you shall say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins!'

11 'Whereas my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.' "

12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day as the king had ¹directed, saying, "Return to me on the third day."

13 And the king answered them harshly, and King Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the elders.

14 And he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

15 So the king did not listen to the people, ^afor it was a turn of

6 ¹Lit., stood before
^aJob 8:8, 9;
32:7

7 ^aProv.
15:1

8 ¹Lit., who stood before
^a2 Sam.
17:14; Prov.
13:20

12 ¹Lit., spoken

14 ¹Many mss. read / have made

16 ^a2 Chr.
25:16-20
^b1 Kin. 11:29-39

16 ^a2 Sam.
20:1 ^b2 Chr.
10:19

18 ¹Lit., with stones that he died
^a1 Kin. 4:6;
5:14

19 ^a1 Kin.
12:19

1 ^a1 Kin.
12:21-24

2 ^a2 Chr.
12:5-7, 15

4 ¹Lit., brothers
^a2 Chr. 28:8-11 ^b2 Chr.
10:15

events from God ^bthat the LORD might establish His word, which He spoke through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ And when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them the people answered the king, saying,

"What portion do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

Every man to your tents, O Israel;

Now look after your own house, David."

^bSo all Israel departed to their tents.

17 But as for the sons of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was ^aover the forced labor, and the sons of Israel stoned him ¹to death. And King Rehoboam made haste to mount his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So ^aIsrael has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

CHAPTER 11

^a**N**OW when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, 180,000 chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to ^aShemaiah the man of God, saying,

3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 'Thus says the LORD, "You shall not go up or fight against ^ayour ¹relatives; return every man to his house, ^bfor this thing is from Me.' " ' So they listened to the words of the LORD and re-

turned from going against Jeroboam.

5 ¶ Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem and ^abuilt cities for defense in Judah.

6 Thus he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

7 Beth-zur, Soco, Adullam,

8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,

9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are fortified cities in Judah and in Benjamin.

11 He also strengthened the fortresses and put officers in them and stores of food, oil and wine.

12 And he put shields and spears in every city and strengthened them greatly. So he held Judah and Benjamin.

13 ¶ Moreover, the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel stood with him from all their districts.

14 For ^athe Levites left their pasture lands and their property and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for ^bJeroboam and his sons had excluded them from serving as priests to the LORD.

15 And ^ahe set up priests of his own for the high places, for the satyrs, and for the calves which he had made.

16 And ^athose from all the tribes of Israel who set their hearts on seeking the LORD God of Israel, ¹followed them to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers.

17 ^aAnd they strengthened the kingdom of Judah and supported Rehoboam the son of Solomon for three years, for they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

18 ¶ Then Rehoboam took as a wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David and of Abihail the daughter of ^aEliab the son of Jesse,

19 and she bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zerah.

8 ^a2 Chr. 8:2-4; 11:23

14 ^aNum. 35:2-5 ^b1 Kin. 12:28-33; 2 Chr. 13:9

18 ^a1 Kin. 12:31, 13:33

18 ^a1 Kin. came after ^a2 Chr. 15:9

17 ^a2 Chr. 12:1

18 ^a1 Sam. 18:6

20 ^a1 Kin. 15:2, Abishalom ^a1 Kin. 15:2; 2 Chr. 13:2

21 ^aDeut. 17:17

22 ^aDeut. 21:15-17

23 ^a1 Kin. from all

1 ^a2 Chr. 11:17, 12:13 ^a2 Chr. 26:13-16

2 ^a1 Kin. 14:25 ^b1 Kin. 11:40

3 ^a2 Chr. 16:8; Nah. 3:9

4 ^a2 Chr. 11:5-12

8 ^a1 Kin. in the hand of ^a2 Chr. 11:2 ^bDeut. 28:15; 2 Chr. 15:2

20 And after her he took ^aMaacah the daughter of ¹Absalom, and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom more than all his other wives and concubines. For ^ahe had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines and fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

22 And ^aRehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah as head and leader among his brothers, for he intended to make him king.

23 And he acted wisely and distributed ¹some of his sons through all the territories of Judah and Benjamin to all the fortified cities, and he gave them food in abundance. And he sought many wives for them.

CHAPTER 12

IT took place ^awhen the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and strong that ^bhe and all Israel with him forsook the law of the LORD.

2 ^aAnd it came about in King Rehoboam's fifth year, because they had been unfaithful to the LORD, that ^bShishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem

3 with 1,200 chariots and 60,000 horsemen. And the people who came with him from Egypt were without number: ^athe Lubim, the Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he captured ^athe fortified cities of Judah and came as far as Jerusalem.

5 Then ^aShemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the princes of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, ^b'You have forsaken Me, so I also have forsaken you ¹to Shishak.'"

6 So the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves

and said, "The ^aLORD is righteous."

7 ¶ And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves so I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some measure of deliverance, and ^bMy wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by means of Shishak."

8 "But they will become his slaves so ^athat they may learn the difference between My service and the service of the kingdoms of the countries."

9 ¶ ^aSo Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's palace. He took everything; ^bhe even took the golden shields which Solomon had made.

10 Then King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the ¹care of the commanders of the ²guard who guarded the door of the king's house.

11 And it happened as often as the king entered the house of the LORD, the ¹guards came and carried them and *then* brought them back into the ¹guards' room.

12 And ^awhen he humbled himself, the anger of the LORD turned away from him, so as not to destroy *him* completely; and also conditions ^bwere good in Judah.

13 ¶ ^aSo King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned. Now Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil ^abecause he

⁶ Ex. 9:27;
Dan. 9:14

⁷ ^a 1 Kin.
21:29 ^b 2 Chr.
34:25-27; Ps.
78:38

⁸ ^a Deut.
28:47, 48

⁹ ^a 1 Kin.
14:28-28
^b 1 Kin. 10:16,
17, 2 Chr.
9:15, 16

¹⁰ ¹ Lit.,
hands ² Lit.,
runners

¹¹ ¹ Lit.,
runners

¹² ^a 2 Chr.
12:6, 7
^b 2 Chr. 19:3

¹³ ^a 1 Kin.
14:21

¹⁴ ^a 2 Chr.
19:3

¹⁵ ¹ Lit.,
words
^a 1 Kin. 14:29
^b 2 Chr. 12:5
^c 2 Chr. 9:29

¹⁶ ^a 2 Chr.
11:20

¹⁷ ^a 1 Kin.
15:1, 2

¹⁸ ^a 1 Kin.
15:7

¹⁹ ^a Josh.
18:22

²⁰ ¹ Lit., to
him and to
his sons
^a 2 Sam. 7:12-
16 ^b Lev. 2:13;
Num. 18:19

²¹ ^a Or, lord
^b 1 Kin. 11:28

²² ¹ Lit., Re-
hoboam
^a 2 Chr. 12:13

²³ ¹ Lit., in
the hands of

did not set his heart to seek the LORD.

15 ¶ ^aNow the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they now written in the ¹records of ^bShemaiah the prophet and of ^cIddo the seer, according to genealogical enrollment? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David; and his son ^aAbijah became king in his place.

CHAPTER 13

^a IN the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. ^aAnd there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah began the battle with an army of valiant warriors 400,000 chosen men, while Jeroboam drew up in battle formation against him with 800,000 chosen men who were valiant warriors.

4 ¶ Then Abijah stood on Mount ^aZemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel:

5 "Do you not know that ^athe LORD God of Israel gave the rule over Israel forever to David ¹and his sons by ^ba covenant of salt?"

6 "Yet ^aJeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his ¹master, and worthless men gathered about him, scoundrels, who proved too strong for Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, where ¹he was young and timid and could not hold his own against them.

8 "So now you intend to resist the kingdom of the LORD ¹through the sons of David

²being a great multitude and having with you ^athe golden calves which Jeroboam made for gods for you.

9 ^aHave you not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests like the peoples of other lands? Whoever comes ^bto consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, even he may become a priest of what are ^cno gods.

10 ^aBut as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the sons of Aaron are ministering to the LORD as priests, and the Levites ^battend to their work.

11 ^aAnd every morning and evening ^athey ^bburn to the LORD burnt offerings and fragrant incense, and ^bthe showbread is set on the clean table, and the golden lampstand with its lamps is ready to light every evening; for we keep the charge of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken Him.

12 ^aNow behold, God is with us at our head and ^aHis priests with the signal trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you will not succeed."

13 ^aBut Jeroboam ^ahad set an ambush to come from the rear, so that Israel was in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

14 When Judah turned around, behold, ^bthey were attacked both front and rear; so ^athey cried to the LORD, and the priests blew the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah raised a war cry, and when the men of Judah raised the war cry, then it was that God ^arouted Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And when the sons of Israel fled before Judah, ^aGod gave them into their hand.

⁸ ^aEx. and you are ^a1 Kin. 12:28. 2 Chr. 11:15

⁹ ^a2 Chr. 11:14, 15 ^bEx. 29:29-33 ^cJer. 2:11, 5:7

¹⁰ ^aEx. in the work

¹¹ ^aEx. of for up in smoke ^bEx. 29:38, 2 Chr. 2:4 ^cEx. 25:30-39, Lev. 24:5-9

¹² ^aNum. 10:8, 9

¹³ ^aJosh. 8:4-9

¹⁴ ^aEx. the battle was before and behind them ^b2 Chr. 14:11

¹⁵ ^aEx. smoke ^b2 Chr. 14:12

¹⁶ ^a2 Chr. 10:8

¹⁷ ^aEx. were strong ^b2 Chr. 14:11

¹⁸ ^aAnother reading is Ephraim

¹⁹ ^a1 Sam. 25:38 ^b1 Kin. 14:30

²⁰ ^aHeb. mudraah ^b2 Chr. 24:27 ^c2 Chr. 9:29

²¹ ^aEx. 13:23 ^bHeb. ^c1 Kin. 15:8

²² ^aEx. 14:1 ^bHeb.

²³ ^aEx. wooden symbols of a female ditty ^bDeut. 7:5 ^c1 Kin. 15:12-14 ^dEx. 34:13

²⁴ ^a2 Chr. 34:4, 7

²⁵ ^aEx. there was not with him war ^b2 Chr. 11:5

17 And Abijah and his people defeated them with a great slaughter, so that 500,000 chosen men of Israel fell slain.

18 Thus the sons of Israel were subdued at that time, and the sons of Judah ^bconquered ^abecause they trusted in the LORD, the God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam, and captured from him several cities, Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and ^bEphron with its villages.

20 And Jeroboam did not again recover strength in the days of Abijah; and the ^aLORD struck him and ^bhe died.

21 ^aBut Abijah became powerful, and took fourteen wives to himself; and became the father of twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways and his words are written in ^athe ^btreasure of ^cthe prophet Iddo.

CHAPTER 14

¹ ^aSO Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and his son Asa became king in his place. The land was undisturbed for ten years during his days.

2 ^aAnd Asa did good and right in the sight of the LORD his God.

3 for he removed ^athe foreign altars and ^bhigh places, tore down the sacred pillars, cut down the ^cAsherim,

4 and commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers and to observe the law and the commandment.

5 He also removed the high places and the ^aincense altars from all the cities of Judah. And the kingdom was undisturbed under him.

6 And ^ahe built fortified cities in Judah, since the land was undisturbed, and ^bthere was no one at war with him during those

years, ^bbecause the LORD had given him rest.

7 For he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and surround them with walls and towers, gates and bars. The land is still ¹ours, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

8 Now Asa had an army of ^a300,000 from Judah, bearing large shields and spears, and 280,000 from Benjamin, bearing shields and wielding bows; all of them were valiant warriors.

9 ^c Now Zerah the Ethiopian ^acame out against them with an army of a million men and 300 chariots, and he came to ^bMareshah.

10 So Asa went out ¹to meet him, and they drew up in battle formation in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 Then Asa ^acalled to the LORD his God, and said, "LORD, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O LORD our God, ^bfor we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O LORD, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee."

12 So ^athe LORD ¹routed the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them as far as ^aGerar; and so many Ethiopians fell that ¹they could not recover, for they were shattered before the LORD, and before His army. And they carried away very much plunder.

14 And they ¹destroyed all the cities around Gerar, ^afor the dread of the LORD had fallen on them; and they despoiled all the cities, for there was much plunder in them.

⁶ ^{b2} Chr. 15:15

⁷ ¹ Lit., before us ^{a2} Chr. 8:5

⁸ ^{a2} Chr. 13:3

⁹ ^{a2} Chr. 12:2, 3, 16:8 ^{a2} Chr. 11:8

¹⁰ ¹ Lit., before him

¹¹ ^{a2} Chr. 13:14 ^{a2} Chr. 13:18

¹² ¹ Lit., struck ^{a2} Chr. 13:15

¹³ ¹ Or, there was none left alive ^a Gen. 10:19

¹⁴ ¹ Lit., smote ^{a2} Chr. 17:10

¹⁵ ¹ Lit., tents of livestock

¹ ^{a2} Chr. 20:14, 24:20

² ¹ Lit., before Asa ^{a2} Chr. 20:17 ^{a2} Chr. 15:4, 15

³ ^{a1} Kin. 12:28-33 ^b Lev. 10:8-11 ² Chr. 17:9

⁴ ^a Deut. 4:29

⁵ ¹ Lit., were on ^a Judg. 5:6

⁶ ^a Matt. 24:7

⁷ ¹ Lit., let your hands drop ^a Josh. 1:7, 9 ^b Ps. 58:11

⁸ ¹ With several ancient versions; Heb., the prophecy, Oded the prophet ^{a2} Chr. 13:19 ^{a2} Chr. 4:1, 8:12

⁹ ^{a2} Chr. 11:18

15 They also struck down ¹those who owned livestock, and they carried away large numbers of sheep and camels. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 15

NOW ^athe Spirit of God came on Azariah the son of Oded,

2 and he went out ¹to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: ^athe LORD is with you when you are with Him. And ^bif you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.

3 ^aAnd ^afor many days Israel was without the true God and without ^ba teaching priest and without law.

4 ^aBut ^ain their distress they turned to the LORD God of Israel and they sought Him, and He let them find Him.

5 ^aAnd in those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for many disturbances ¹afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands.

6 ^aAnd ^anation was crushed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every kind of distress.

7 ^aBut you, ^abe strong and do not ¹lose courage, for there is ^breward for your work."

8 ¶ Now when Asa heard these words and the ¹prophecy which Azariah the son of Oded the prophet spoke, he took courage and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from ^athe cities which he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. ^bHe then restored the altar of the LORD which was in front of the porch of the LORD.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin and those from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon ^awho resided with them, for many defected to him from Is-

rael when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

10 So they assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's reign.

11 And ^athey sacrificed to the LORD that day 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep from the spoil they had brought.

12 And ^athey entered into the covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and soul;

13 and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman.

14 Moreover, they made an path to the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting, with trumpets, and with horns.

15 And all Judah rejoiced concerning the oath, for they had sworn with their whole heart and had sought Him earnestly, and He let them find Him. So ^athe LORD gave them rest on every side.

16 ¶ ^aAnd he also removed Maacah, the mother of King Asa, from the position of queen mother, because she had made a horrid image ^aas ^ban Asherah, and ^aAsa cut down her horrid image, crushed it and burned it at the brook Kidron.

17 But the high places were not removed from Israel; nevertheless Asa's heart was blameless all his days.

18 And he brought into the house of God the dedicated things of his father and his own dedicated things: silver and gold and utensils.

19 And there was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign.

CHAPTER 16

IN the thirty-sixth year of Asa's reign ^aBaasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and ^afortified Ramah in order to prevent anyone from going out

or coming in to Asa king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the LORD and the king's house, and sent them to Ben-hadad king of Aram, who lived in Damascus, saying,

3 "Let there be a treaty between you and me, as between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so that he will withdraw from me."

4 So Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and they ^aconquered Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim, and all ^athe ²store cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came about when Baasha heard of it that he ceased ^afortifying Ramah and stopped his work.

6 Then King Asa brought all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber with which Baasha had been building, and with them he ^afortified Geba and Mizpah.

7 ¶ At that time ^aHanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, "^bBecause you have relied on the king of Aram and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand.

8 "Were not ^athe Ethiopians and the Lubim ^ban immense army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, ^cbecause you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand.

9 "For ^athe eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those ^bwhose heart is completely His. You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars."

10 Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in ^aprison,

11 ^aChr.
14:13-15

12 ^aChr.
23:16

13 ^aEx.
22:20; Deut.
13:6-9

18 ^aLat.,
with their
whole desire
^a2 Chr. 14:7

16 ^aChr. for
Asherah
^a1 Kin. 15:13
15 ^aEx. 34:13
^a2 Chr. 14:2-5

1 ^aLat.,
built
^a1 Kin. 15:17
22

3 ^aLat. me
and you

4 ^aLat.,
ancient ^aLat.
storage
places of the
cotton
^aEx. 1:11

5 ^aLat.
building

6 ^aLat.
built

7 ^a1 Kin.
16:1, 2 Chr.
19:2 ^aChr.
14:11, 32:7, 8

8 ^a2 Chr.
14:9 ^aChr.
12:3 ^aChr.
13:16, 18

9 ^aProv.
15:3; Jer.
16:17; Zech.
4:10 ^aChr.
15:17

10 ^aLat., the
house of the
stocks

for he was enraged at him for this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

11 ¶ And now, the acts of Asa from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa became diseased in his feet. His disease was severe, yet even in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians.

13 So Asa slept with his fathers, having died in the forty-first year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own tomb which he had cut out for himself in the city of David, and they laid him in the resting place which he had filled with spices of various kinds blended by the perfumers' art; and they made a very great fire for him.

CHAPTER 17

JEHOSHAPHAT his son then became king in his place, and made his position over Israel firm.

2 He placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had captured.

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father David's earlier days and did not seek the Baals,

4 but sought the God of his father, followed His commandments, and did not act as Israel did.

5 So the LORD established the kingdom in his control, and all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor.

6 And he took great pride in the ways of the LORD and again removed the high places and the Asherim from Judah.

11 ¶ Kin.
15:23, 24

12 Jer. 17:5

13 Lit., and

14 Gen.
50:2, John
19:39, 40
2 Chr. 21:19

15 Kin.
15:24

2 Chr.
11:5, 2 Chr.
15:8

3 Lit.,
walked in the
earlier ways
of his father

4 Lit.,
walked in
1 Kin. 12:28

8 Lit.,
hand
2 Chr. 18:1

8 Lit., his
heart was
high
2 Chr. 15:17

7 2 Chr.
15:3, 35:3

8 2 Chr.
19:8

9 Deut.
6:4-9

10 2 Chr.
14:14

11 2 Chr.
9:14, 26:8

16 Judg.
9:2, 9:1 Chr.
29:9

7 ¶ Then in the third year of his reign he sent his officials Ben-hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah;

8 and with them the Levites Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah and Tobadonijah, the Levites and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

9 And they taught in Judah having the book of the law of the LORD with them; and they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught among the people.

10 ¶ Now the dread of the LORD was on all the kingdoms of the lands which were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat.

11 And some of the Philistines brought gifts and silver as tribute to Jehoshaphat; the Arabians also brought him flocks: 7,700 rams and 7,700 male goats.

12 So Jehoshaphat grew greater and greater, and he built fortresses and store cities in Judah.

13 And he had large supplies in the cities of Judah, and warriors valiant men, in Jerusalem.

14 And this was their muster according to their fathers' households: of Judah, commanders of thousands, Adnah was the commander, and with him 300,000 valiant warriors;

15 and next to him was Johanan the commander, and with him 280,000;

16 and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who volunteered for the LORD, and with him 200,000 valiant warriors;

17 and of Benjamin, Eliada a valiant warrior, and with him 200,000 armed with bow and shield;

18 and next to him Jehozabad, and with him 180,000 equipped for war.

19 These are they who served the king, apart from those whom the king put in the fortified cities through all Judah.

19-2 Chr.
17:2

CHAPTER 18

NOW Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor, and he allied himself by marriage with Ahab.

1-2 Chr.
17:3

2 And some years later he went down to visit Ahab at Samaria. And Ahab slaughtered many sheep and oxen for him and the people who were with him, and induced him to go up against Ramoth-gilead.

2-1 Km.
22:2-3

3 And Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go with me against Ramoth-gilead?" And he said to him, "I am as you are, and my people as your people, and we will be with you in the battle."

4 1 Lx. on
the day

4 ¶ Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire first for the word of the LORD."

8 1 Lx.
Hasten

5 Then the king of Israel assembled the prophets, four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall we go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for God will give it into the hand of the king."

8-9 2 Chr. 17:16

6 But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not yet a prophet of the LORD here that we may inquire of him?"

13 4 Num.
22:14-20, 25

7 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me but always evil. He is Micaiah, son of Imla." But Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so."

16 4 Num.
27:17, 1 Km.
22:17, Esch.
34:3, 35:4-8
Matt. 9:38
Mark 6:34

8 Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "Bring quickly Micaiah, Imla's son."

9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne,

18 2 Chr. 17:18
Dan. 7:2, 10

arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself and said, "Thus says the LORD, 'With these you shall gore the Arameans, until they are consumed.'"

11 And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth-gilead and succeed, for the LORD will give it into the hand of the king."

12 ¶ Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. So please let your word be like one of them and speak favorably."

13 But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what my God says, that I will speak."

14 And when he came to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I refrain?" He said, "Go up and succeed, for they will be given into your hand."

15 Then the king said to him, "How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

16 So he said,

"I saw all Israel

Scattered on the mountains,

Like sheep which have no shepherd;

And the LORD said,

These have no master.

Let each of them return to his house in peace."

17 Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"

18 And Micaiah said, "Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His

throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right and on His left.

19^a And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab king of Israel to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that.

20^a Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' And the LORD said to him, 'How?'

21^a And he said, 'I will go and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice him and prevail also. Go and do so.'

22^a Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of these your prophets; for the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."

23 ¶ Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?"

24 And Micaiah said, "Behold, you shall see on that day, when you enter an inner room to hide yourself."

25 Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

26 and say, 'Thus says the king, "Put this man in prison, and feed him sparingly with bread and water until I return safely."'

27 And Micaiah said, "If you indeed return safely, the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Listen, all you people."

28 ¶ So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah went up against Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle, but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into battle.

²⁰ Job 1:6;
² Thess 2:9

²¹ John
8:44

²² 1st
19:14; Ezek
14:9

²³ 1st Lit.,
Which way
Jer. 20:2;
Mark 14:65;
Acts 23:2

²⁵ 2 Chr.
18:8 ² Chr.
34:8

²⁶ 1st Lit.,
with bread of
affliction and
water of af-
fliction
² Chr. 18:10

²⁷ Mic. 1:2

³¹ 2 Chr.
13:14, 15

³³ 1st Lit., be-
tween the
scale-armor
and the
breastplate
² Lit., your
hand ³ Lit.,
camp

² 1st Lit., by
this
¹ Kin. 18:1;
² Chr. 20:34
² Chr. 18:1;
³ 2 Chr.
24:18

³ 1st Lit.,
good things
are found
² i.e., wooden
pillars
² Chr. 12:12
² Chr. 17:6
² Chr. 12:14

⁴ 2 Chr.
15:8-13

30 Now the king of Aram had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, "Do not fight with small or great, but with the king of Israel alone."

31 So it came about when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "It is the king of Israel," and they turned aside to fight against him. But Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him, and God diverted them from him.

32 Then it happened when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

33 And a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel in a joint of the armor. So he said to the driver of the chariot, "Turn around, and take me out of the fight; for I am severely wounded."

34 And the battle raged that day, and the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot in front of the Arameans until the evening; and at sunset he died.

CHAPTER 19

THEN Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned in safety to his house in Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD and so bring wrath on yourself from the LORD?"

3 "But there is some good in you, for you have removed the Asheroth from the land and you have set your heart to seek God."

4 So Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem and went out again among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim and brought them back to the LORD, the God of their fathers.

5 And he appointed ^ajudges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city.

6 And he said to the judges, "Consider what you are doing, for ^ayou do not judge for man but for the LORD who is with you ¹when you render judgment."

7 "Now then let the fear of the LORD be upon you; ¹be very careful what you do, for ²the LORD our God will ^ahave no part in unrighteousness, ^bor partiality, or the taking of a bribe."

8 ¶ And in Jerusalem also Jehoshaphat appointed some ^aof the Levites and priests, and some of the heads of the fathers' households of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD and to judge ¹disputes among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

9 Then he charged them saying, "Thus you shall do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully and wholeheartedly.

10 "And whenever any dispute comes to you from your brethren who live in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, you shall warn them that they may not be guilty before the LORD, and ^bwrath may not come on you and your brethren. Thus you shall do and you will not be guilty.

11 "And behold, Amariah the chief priest will be over you in ¹all that pertains to the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in ¹all that pertains to the king. Also the Levites shall be officers before you. ²^bAct resolutely, and the LORD be with the upright."

CHAPTER 20

NOW it came about after this that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, together with some of the ¹^aMeunites, came to make war against Jehoshaphat.

⁸ ^aDeut. 16:18-20

⁶ ¹Lit., in the word of judgment. ^aLev. 19:15. Deut. 1:17

⁷ ¹Lit., be careful and do ²Lit., there is not with the LORD God. ^aGen. 18:25. Deut. 32:4. ^bDeut. 10:17, 18

⁸ ¹So the versions. Heb reads disputes. And they returned to Jerusalem. Or, And they lived in Jerusalem. ²Chr. 17:8, 9

¹⁰ ^aDeut. 17:8 ²Chr. 19:2

¹¹ ¹Lit., every matter of ²Lit., Be strong and do ²Chr. 19:8. ³1 Chr. 28:20

¹ ¹So with Gr., Heb. Ammonites. ^a1 Chr. 4:41. ²Chr. 28:7

² ¹Another reading is Edom. ^aGen. 14:7

³ ¹Lit., set his face. ²Chr. 19:3. ³1 Sam. 7:6. Ezra 8:21

⁴ Joel 1:14

⁸ ^aDeut. 4:39 ¹1 Chr. 29:11

⁷ ^aHe. 41:8. ^bJames 2:23

⁹ ²Chr. 6:28-30. ²Chr. 6:20

¹⁰ ¹He., Edom. ²Chr. 20:1. ²² ^bNum. 20:17-21

¹¹ ^aPs. 83:12

2 Then some came and reported to Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, out of ¹Aram and behold, they are in ^aHazazon-tamar (that is Engedi)."

3 And Jehoshaphat was afraid and ¹turned his attention to seek the LORD; and ^bproclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 So Judah gathered together to ^aseek help from the LORD: they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD.

5 ¶ Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD before the new court.

6 and he said, "O LORD, the God of our fathers, ^aart Thou not God in the heavens? And ^bart Thou not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Thy hand so that no one can stand against Thee.

7 "Didst Thou not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Thy people Israel, and ^agive it to the descendants of ^bAbraham Thy friend forever?

8 "And they lived in it, and have built Thee a sanctuary there for Thy name, saying,

9 "Should evil come upon us, the sword, or judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before Thee (for ^bThy name is in this house) and cry to Thee in our distress, and Thou wilt hear and deliver us."

10 "And now behold, ^athe sons of Ammon and Moab and ¹Mount Seir, ^bwhom Thou didst not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt (they turned aside from them and did not destroy them),

11 behold how they are rewarding us, by ^acoming to drive us out from Thy possession which Thou hast given us as an inheritance.

12 "O our God, wilt Thou not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on Thee."

13 And all Judah was standing before the LORD, with their infants, their wives, and their children.

14 ¶ Then in the midst of the assembly the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite of the sons of Asaph;

15 and he said, "Listen, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: thus says the LORD to you, 'Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's.'

16 'Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the valley in front of the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 'You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the LORD is with you."

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, from the sons of the Kohathites and of the sons of the Korahites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, O Judah

12 ^aJudg. 11:27 ^bPs. 25:15; 121:1, 2

14 ^a2 Chr 15:1, 24-26

15 ^aEx. 14:13; Deut. 20:1-4; 2 Chr 32:7, 8 ^b1 Sam. 17:47

17 ^aEx. 14:13 ^b2 Chr. 15:2

18 ^aEx. 4:31

20 ^aIs. 7:9

21 ^a1 Chr. 18:29; Ps. 29:2 ^b1 Chr. 16:34

22 ^aLit., struck down ^b2 Chr. 13:13 ^c2 Chr. 20:10

23 ^aJudg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20

25 ^aSo several ancient mss.; others read corpses

26 ^ai.e., blessing

27 ^aNeh. 12:43

and inhabitants of Jerusalem, put your trust in the LORD your God, and you will be established. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed."

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the LORD and those who praised Him in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "Give thanks to the LORD, for His lovingkindness is everlasting."

22 And when they began singing and praising, the LORD set ambushes against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; so they were routed.

23 For the sons of Ammon and Moab rose up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, destroying them completely, and when they had finished with the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

24 ¶ When Judah came to the lookout of the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude and behold, they were corpses lying on the ground, and no one had escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take their spoil, they found much among them, including goods, garments, and valuable things which they took for themselves more than they could carry. And they were three days taking the spoil because there was so much.

26 Then on the fourth day they assembled in the valley of Beracah, for there they blessed the LORD. Therefore they have named that place "The Valley of Beracah" until today.

27 And every man of Judah and Jerusalem returned with Jehoshaphat at their head, returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with harps, lyres, and trumpets to the house of the LORD.

29 And ^athe dread of God was on all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, ^afor his God gave him rest on all sides.

31 ¶ ^aNow Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-five years. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of his father Asa and did not depart from it, doing right in the sight of the LORD.

33 ^aThe high places, however, were not removed; ^bthe people had not yet directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first ¹to last, behold, they are written in the annals of ^aJehu the son of Hanani, which is ²recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

35 ¶ ^aAnd after this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel. He acted wickedly ¹in so doing.

36 So he allied himself with him to make ships to go ^ato Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works." So the ships were broken and could not go to Tarshish.

CHAPTER 21

^a**T**HEN Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.

²⁰ ²Chr. 14:14; 17:10

³⁰ ²Chr. 14:6, 7; 15:15

³¹ ¹Kin. 22:41-43

³³ ²Chr. 17:6 ²Chr. 19:3

³⁴ ¹Lit., and ¹Lit., taken up ²Chr. 19:2

³⁸ ¹Lit., to do ¹Kin. 22:48, 49

³⁸ ²Chr. 9:21

¹ ¹Kin. 22:50

³ ¹Or, Azariah ²Chr. 12:6; 23:2

³ ²Chr. 11:5

⁴ ¹Lit., rise up ²Lit., strong ^aGen. 4:8, ¹Judg. 9:5

⁸ ²Kin. 8:17-22

⁸ ¹Kin. 12:28-30 ²Chr. 18:1

⁷ ²Sam. 7:12-17; ¹Kin. 11:13, 36

⁸ ¹Lit., from under the hand of ²Chr. 20:22; 23:31-10

¹⁰ ¹Lit., from under the hand of ²Lit., from under his hand

¹¹ ¹Kin. 11:7 ^aLev. 20:5

2 And he had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, ¹Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah. All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king ^aof Israel.

3 And their father gave them many gifts of silver, gold and precious things, ^awith fortified cities in Judah, but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram because he was the first-born.

4 ¶ Now when Jehoram had ¹taken over the kingdom of his father and made himself ²secure, he ^akilled all his brothers with the sword, and some of the rulers of Israel also.

5 ^aJehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 ^aAnd he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did (^bfor Ahab's daughter was his wife), and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

7 Yet the LORD was not willing to destroy the house of David because of the covenant which he had made with David, ^aand since He had promised to give a lamp to him and his sons forever.

8 ¶ In his days ^aEdom revolted ¹against the rule of Judah, and set up a king over themselves.

9 Then Jehoram crossed over with his commanders and all his chariots with him. And it came about that he arose by night and struck down the Edomites who were surrounding him and the commanders of the chariots.

10 So Edom revolted ¹against Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time ²against his rule, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover, ^ahe made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem ^bto play the harlot and led Judah astray.

12 Then a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet saying, "Thus says the LORD God of your father David, 'Because ^ayou have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father ^band the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 but ^ahave walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have caused Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the harlot ^{bas}as the house of Ahab played the harlot, and you ^chave also killed your brothers, ¹your own family, who were better than you,

14 behold, the LORD is going to strike your people, your sons, your wives, and all your possessions with a great ¹calamity;

15 and ^ayou will suffer ¹severe sickness, a disease of your bowels, until your bowels come out because of the sickness, day by day.' "

16 ¶ Then ^athe LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and ^bthe Arabs who ¹bordered the Ethiopians;

17 and they came against Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions found in the king's house together with his sons and his wives, so that no son was left to him except ^{1a}Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 So after all this the LORD smote him ^ain his bowels with an incurable sickness.

19 Now it came about in the course of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels came out because of his sickness and he died in great pain. And his people made no fire for him like ^athe fire for his fathers.

20 He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years; and he departed ^{1a}with no one's regret, and they buried him in the city of David, ^bbut not in the tombs of the kings.

12 ^{a2}Chr. 17:3, 4
^{b2}Chr. 14:2-5

13 ¹Lit., your father's house
^{a2}Chr. 21:8
^{b1}Kin. 16:31-33
^{c2}Chr. 21:4

14 ¹Lit., blow

15 ¹Lit., in many sicknesses
^{a2}Chr. 21:18, 19

16 ¹Lit., were at the hand of
^{a2}Chr. 33:11
^{b2}Chr. 17:11, 22:1

17 ¹In
²Chr. 22:1, Ahaziah
^{a2}Chr. 25:23

18 ^{a2}Chr. 21:15

19 ^{a2}Chr. 18:14

20 ¹Lit., without desire
^aJer. 22:18, 28
^{b2}Chr. 24:25, 28:27

1 ¹In
²Chr. 21:17, Jehoahaz
^{a2}Kin. 8:24-29
^{b2}Chr. 21:18

2 ¹So some versions and
²Kin. 8:26; Heb., 42 years
¹Lit., daughter

4 ^aProv. 13:20

5 ¹Heb., archers
²Lit., smote
¹Lit., Jehoram
^{a2}Kin. 8:28

6 ¹Lit., with which
... smitten
²So with
²Kin. 8:29; Heb., Azariah

7 ¹Lit., to go
^{a2}Chr. 10:15
^{b2}Kin. 9:21
^{c2}Kin. 9:6, 7

8 ^{a2}Chr. 10:11-14

CHAPTER 22

^aTHEN the inhabitants of Jerusalem made ¹Ahaziah, his youngest son, king in his place for the band of men who came with ^bthe Arabs to the camp had slain all the older sons. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah began to reign.

2 Ahaziah was ¹twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the ²granddaughter of Omri.

3 He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly.

4 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to ^ahis destruction.

5 He also walked according to their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to wage war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth-gilead. But the ^{1a}Arameans ²wounded ³Joram.

6 So he returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds ¹which they had inflicted on him at Ramoth, when he fought against Hazael king of Aram. And ²Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel because he was sick.

7 ¶ Now ^athe destruction of Ahaziah was from God, in that ¹he went to Joram. For when he came, ^bhe went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, ^cwhom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 ^aAnd it came about when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, he found the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers, ministering to Ahaziah, and slew them.

9 *He also sought Ahaziah, and they caught him while he was hiding in Samaria; they brought him to Jehu, put him to death, and buried him. For they said, "He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart." So there was no one of the house of Ahaziah to retain the power of the kingdom.

9-2 Km.
9-27 v2 Km.
9-28 v2 Chr.
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10 ¶ Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal offspring of the house of Judah.

10-1 La.
10-2 Km. 11-13

11 But Jehoshabeath the king's daughter took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she would not put him to death.

1-2 Km.
11-4-20

12 And he was hidden with them in the house of God six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.

3-2 Chr.
11-13-17, 21-2

3-1 La. 10
2 Sam. 7:12
2 Chr. 21:7

CHAPTER 23

NOW in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took captains of hundreds: Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the son of Jehanan, Azariah the son of Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, and they entered into a covenant with him.

4-1 Chr.
9-25

2 And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the fathers' households of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

8-1 Chr.
23-28-32

3 Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And Jehoiada said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has

8-1 Chr.
24-1

10-1 La.
shoulder

11-25.
25-16, 21
1 Sam. 10:24

spoken concerning the sons of David.

4 "This is the thing which you shall do: one third of you, of the priests and Levites who come in on the sabbath, shall be gatekeepers.

5 and one third shall be at the king's house, and a third at the Gate of the Foundation; and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

6 "But let no one enter the house of the LORD except the priests and the ministering Levites; they may enter, for they are holy. And let all the people keep the charge of the LORD.

7 "And the Levites will surround the king, each man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever enters the house, let him be killed. Thus be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out."

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each one of them took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with those who were to go out on the sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not dismiss any of the divisions.

9 Then Jehoiada the priest gave to the captains of hundreds the spears and the large and small shields which had been King David's, which were in the house of God.

10 And he stationed all the people, each man with his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, by the altar and by the house, around the king.

11 Then they brought out the king's son and put the crown on him, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him and said, "Long live the king!"

12 ¶ When Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came into the house of the LORD to the people.

13 And she looked, and behold, the king was standing by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the ¹trumpeters were beside the king. And all the people of the land rejoiced and blew trumpets, the singers with their musical instruments ²leading the praise. Then Athaliah tore her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"

14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were appointed over the army, and said to them, "Bring her out ¹between the ranks; and whoever follows her, put to death with the sword." For the priest said, "Let her not be put to death in the house of the LORD."

15 So they ¹seized her, and when she arrived at the entrance of ^athe Horse Gate of the king's house, they ^bput her to death there.

16 ¶ Then ^aJehoiada made a covenant between himself and all the people and the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

17 And all the people went to the house of Baal, and tore it down, and they broke in pieces his altars and his images, and ^akilled Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

18 Moreover, Jehoiada placed the offices of the house of the LORD under the ¹authority of ^athe Levitical priests, ^bwhom David had assigned over the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses—^cwith rejoicing and singing according to the ²order of David.

19 And he stationed ^athe gatekeepers of the house of the LORD,

13 ¹Lit., trumpets
¹Lit., and leading for praising

14 ¹Lit., from within

15 ¹Lit., placed hands to her
^aNeh. 3:28, Jer. 31:40
^b2 Chr. 22:10

16 ^a2 Kin. 11:17

17 ^aDeut. 13:6-9; 1 Kin. 18:40

18 ¹Lit., hand ²Lit., hands of
^a2 Chr. 5:5
^b1 Chr. 23:6, 25-31 ^c1 Chr. 25:1

19 ^a1 Chr. 9:22

20 ^a2 Kin. 11:19

21 ^a2 Kin. 11:20

1 ^a2 Kin. 11:21; 12:1-15

2 ^a2 Chr. 26:4, 5

4 ¹Lit., was with a heart
^a2 Chr. 24:7

5 ¹Lit., to strengthen
²Lit., from year to year
^a2 Chr. 21:2

6 ^aEx. 30:12-18
^bNum. 1:50

7 ¹Lit., made
^a2 Chr. 21:17

8 ^a2 Kin. 12:9

so that no one should enter who was in any way unclean.

20 And ^ahe took the captains of hundreds, the nobles, the rulers of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD, and came through the upper gate to the king's house. And they placed the king upon the royal throne.

21 So ^aall of the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet. For they had put Athaliah to death with the sword.

CHAPTER 24

JOASH was seven years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem; his mother's name was Zibiah from Beersheba.

2 And ^aJoash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took two wives for him, and he became the father of sons and daughters.

4 ¶ Now it came about after this that Joash ¹decided ^ato restore the house of the LORD.

5 And he gathered the priests and Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the cities of Judah, and collect money from all ^aIsrael to ¹repair the house of your God ²annually, and you shall do the matter quickly." But the Levites did not act quickly.

6 So the king summoned Jehoiada the chief priest and said to him, "Why have you not required the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem ^athe levy fixed by Moses the servant of the LORD on the congregation of Israel ^bfor the tent of the testimony?"

7 For ^athe sons of the wicked Athaliah had broken into the house of God and even ¹used the holy things of the house of the LORD for the Baals.

8 ¶ So the king commanded, and ^athey made a chest and set it

outside by the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And ^athey made a proclamation in Judah and Jerusalem to bring to the LORD ^bthe levy fixed by Moses the servant of God on Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the officers and all the people rejoiced and brought in their levies and ¹dropped them into the chest until they had finished.

11 And it came about whenever the chest was brought in to the king's officer by the Levites, and when ^athey saw that there was much money, then the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer would come, empty the chest, take it, and return it to its place. Thus they did daily and collected much money.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the LORD, and also workers in iron and bronze to ¹repair the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen labored, and the repair work progressed in their hands, and they ¹restored the house of God ²according to its specifications, and strengthened it.

14 And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada; and it was made into utensils for the house of the LORD, utensils for the service and the burnt offering, and pans and utensils of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 ¶ Now when Jehoiada ¹reached a ripe old age he died; he was one hundred and thirty years old at his death.

16 And they buried him ^ain the city of David among the kings, because he had done well in ^bIsrael and ¹to God and His house.

⁹ ²Chr. 36:22 ²Chr. 24:6

¹⁰ ¹Lit. threw

¹¹ ²Kin. 12:10

¹² ¹Lit. to strengthen

¹³ ¹Lit. set up ²Lit. upon its proportion

¹⁴ ¹Lit. became old and satisfied with days

¹⁵ ¹Lit. with ²Chr. 21:20 ²Chr. 21:2

¹⁶ ¹Lit. wooden symbols of a female deity ²Chr. 24:4 ^bEx. 34:12-14 ^aJoash 22:20

¹⁸ ^aJer. 7:25

²⁰ ¹Lit. clothed ²Chr. 20:14 ^bNum. 14:41 ²Chr. 15:2

²¹ ¹Lit. with stones ^aNeh. 9:26 ^bMatt. 23:34, 35

²² ¹Lit. seek, or require ^aGen. 8:5

²³ ²Kin. 12:17

²⁴ ²Chr. 16:7, 8 ²Chr. 24:20

²⁵ ²Kin. 12:20, 21

17 But after the death of Jehoiada the officials of Judah came and bowed down to the king, and the king listened to them.

18 And they abandoned ^athe house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and ^bserved the ¹Asherim and the idols; so ^cwrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt.

19 Yet ^aHe sent prophets to them to bring them back to the LORD; though they testified against them, they would not listen.

20 ^aThen the Spirit of God ¹came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people and said to them, "Thus God has said, ^bWhy do you transgress the commandments of the LORD and do not prosper? ^cBecause you have forsaken the LORD, He has also forsaken you.' "

21 So ^athey conspired against him and at the command of the king they stoned him ¹to death in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which his father Jehoiada had shown him, but he murdered his son. And as he died he said, "May ^athe LORD see and ¹avenge!"

23 ¶ Now it came about at the turn of the year that ^athe army of the Arameans came up against him; and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, destroyed all the officials of the people from among the people, and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.

24 Indeed the army of the Arameans came with a small number of men; yet ^athe LORD delivered a very great army into their hands, ^bbecause they had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. Thus they executed judgment on Joash.

25 ^aAnd when they had departed from him (for they left

him very sick), his own servants conspired against him because of the blood of the ¹son of Jehoiada the priest, and murdered him on his bed. So he died, and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

26 Now these are those who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabitess.

27 As to his sons and the many ¹oracles against him and ²the rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the ³treatise of the Book of the Kings. Then Amaziah his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 25

^aAMAZIAH was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, ^ayet not with a whole heart.

3 Now ^ait came about as soon as the kingdom was ¹firmly in his grasp, that he killed his servants who had slain his father the king.

4 However, he did not put their children to death, but *did* as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, which the LORD commanded, saying, "^aFathers shall not be put to death for sons, nor sons be put to death for fathers, but each shall be put to death for his own sin."

5 ^c Moreover, Amaziah assembled Judah and appointed them according to *their* fathers' households under commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds throughout Judah and Benjamin; and he ¹took a census of those ^afrom twenty years old and upward, and found them to be ^b300,000 choice men,

25 ¹So some ancient versions, Heb. sons

27 ¹Or, burdens upon ²Lat., founding ³Heb., midrash ^a2 Chr. 24:12 ^b2 Chr. 13:22

1 ^a2 Kin. 14:1-6

2 ^a2 Chr. 25:14

3 ¹Lat., firm upon him ^a2 Kin. 14:5

4 ^aDeut. 24:16

8 ¹Lat., mustered ^aNum. 1:3 ^b2 Chr. 26:13

7 ^a2 Kin. 4:9

8 ¹Lat., cause to stumble ^a2 Chr. 14:11, 20:6

9 ^aDeut. 8:18; Prov. 10:22

10 ¹Lat., separated ²Lat., to their own place

11 ^a2 Kin. 14:7

13 ¹Lat., sons of the troops

14 ^a2 Chr. 28:23

able to go to war and handle spear and shield.

6 He hired also 100,000 valiant warriors out of Israel for one hundred talents of silver.

7 But ^aa man of God came to him saying, "O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel nor with any of the sons of Ephraim.

8 "But if you do go, do it, be strong for the battle; yet God will ¹bring you down before the enemy, ^afor God has power to help and to ¹bring down."

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, "But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the troops of Israel?" And the man of God answered, "^aThe LORD has much more to give you than this."

10 Then Amaziah ¹dismissed them, the troops which came to him from Ephraim, to go home; so their anger burned against Judah and they returned ²home in fierce anger.

11 ¶ Now Amaziah strengthened himself, and led his people forth, and went to ^athe Valley of Salt, and struck down 10,000 of the sons of Seir.

12 The sons of Judah also captured 10,000 alive and brought them to the top of the cliff, and threw them down from the top of the cliff so that they were all dashed to pieces.

13 But the ¹troops whom Amaziah sent back from going with him to battle, raided the cities of Judah, from Samaria to Beth-horon, and struck down 3,000 of them, and plundered much spoil.

14 ¶ Now it came about after Amaziah came from slaughtering the Edomites that ^ahe brought the gods of the sons of Seir, set them up as his gods, bowed down before them, and burned incense to them.

15 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Amaziah, and He

sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought the gods of the people ^awho have not delivered their own people from your hand?"

16 And it came about as he was talking with him that ¹the king said to him, "Have we appointed you a royal counselor? Stop! Why should you be struck down?" Then the prophet stopped and said, "I know that God has planned to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel."

17 ¹ Then Amaziah king of Judah took counsel and sent to Joash the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us face each other."

18 And Joash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "^aThe thorn bush which was in Lebanon sent to the cedar which was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in marriage.' But there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled the thorn bush.

19 "You said, 'Behold, you have ¹defeated Edom.' And ^ayour heart has ²become proud in boasting. Now stay at home; for why should you provoke trouble that you, even you, should fall and Judah with you?"

20 But Amaziah would not listen, for it was from God, that He might deliver them into the hand of Joash because they had sought the gods of Edom.

21 So Joash king of Israel went up, and he and Amaziah king of Judah faced each other at Beth-shemesh, which belonged to Judah.

22 And Judah was defeated ¹by Israel, and they fled each to his tent.

23 Then Joash king of Israel captured Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of ^aJehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh,

16 ² Chr. 25:11, 12

16 ¹ Lxx. he

17 ² Kin. 14:8-14

18 ^a Jude 9:8-15

19 ¹ Lxx. smitten ² Lxx. lifted you up to boast ² Chr. 26:16, 22:25

22 ¹ Lxx. before

23 ¹ Lxx. One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ² Chr. 21:17, 22:1

24 ¹ Chr. 26:15

25 ² Kin. 14:17-22

1 ¹ In 2 Kin. 14:21. Azariah

3 ¹ In 2 Kin. 15:2. Jeroboam ² Kin. 15:2, 3

8 ¹ Many mss. read in the fear of God ² Lxx. in the days of his seeking ² Chr. 24:2 ^a Dan. 1:17 ² Chr. 15:2

and brought him to Jerusalem, and tore down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner Gate, 400 ¹cubits.

24 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the utensils which were found in the house of God with ^aObed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 ¹ And Amaziah, the son of Joash king of Judah, lived fifteen years after the death of Joash, son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, from first to last, behold, are they not written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel?

27 And from the time that Amaziah turned away from following the LORD they conspired against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish and killed him there.

28 Then they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

CHAPTER 26

AND all the people of Judah took ¹Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Eloth and restored it to Judah after the king slept with his fathers.

3 Uzziah was ^asixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was ¹Jechiliah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did right in the sight of the LORD according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

5 And ^ahe continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, ^bwho had understanding ¹through the vision of God; and ²as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

6 ¶ Now he went out and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath and the wall of Jabneh and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in the area of Ashdod and among the Philistines.

7 And ^aGod helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who lived in Gur-baal, and the Meunites.

8 The Ammonites also gave ^atribute to Uzziah, and his ¹fame extended to the border of Egypt, for he became very strong.

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at ^athe Corner Gate and at the ^bValley Gate and at the corner buttress and fortified them.

10 And he built towers in the wilderness and ^ahewed many cisterns, for he had much livestock, both in the ¹lowland and in the plain. He also had plowmen and vinedressers in the hill country and the fertile fields, for he loved the soil.

11 Moreover, Uzziah had an army ready for battle, which ¹entered combat by divisions, according to the number of their muster, ²prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the official, under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king's officers.

12 The total number of the heads of the ¹households, of valiant warriors, was 2,600.

13 And under their direction was an ¹elite army of ^a307,500, who could wage war with great power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 Moreover, Uzziah prepared ¹for all the army shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows and sling stones.

15 And in Jerusalem he made engines of war invented by skillful men to be on the towers and on the corners, for the purpose of shooting arrows and great stones. Hence his ¹fame spread

6 ^aIs. 14:29

7 ^aChr. 21:16

8 ¹Lit., name went to the entering of Egypt
^a2 Chr. 17:11

9 ^a2 Chr. 25:23 ^bNeh. 2:13, 15; 3:13

10 ¹Heb., shephelah
^aGen. 28:18-21

11 ¹Lit., goes out to
²Lit., by the hand of

12 ¹Lit., for them

13 ¹Lit., powerful
^a2 Chr. 25:5

14 ¹Lit., for them, for all

15 ¹Lit., name

16 ¹Lit., lifted up
^aDeut. 32:15; 2 Chr. 25:19
^b1 Kin. 13:1-4

17 ^a1 Chr. 6:10

18 ^a2 Chr. 19:2 ^bNum. 3:10; 18:39; 40 ^cEx. 30:7, 8

19 ^a2 Kin. 5:25-27

21 ^a2 Kin. 15:5-7 ^bLev. 13:46

22 ^aIs. 1:1

23 ^a2 Chr. 21:20; 28:27; Is. 6:1

afar, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong.

16 ¶ But ^awhen he became strong, his heart was so ¹proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for ^bhe entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 Then ^aAzariah the priest entered after him and with him eighty priests of the LORD, valiant men.

18 And ^athey opposed Uzziah the king and said to him, "^bIt is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, ^cbut for the priests, the sons of Aaron who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful, and will have no honor from the LORD God."

19 But Uzziah, with a censer in his hand for burning incense was enraged; and while he was enraged with the priests, ^athe leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the altar of incense.

20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous on his forehead; and they hurried him out of there, and he himself also hastened to get out because the LORD had smitten him.

21 ^aAnd King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death; and he lived in ^ba separate house, being a leper, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's house judging the people of the land.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first to last, the prophet ^aIsaiah, the son of Amoz, has written.

23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers ^ain the field of the grave which belonged to the

kings, for they said, "He is a leper." And Jotham his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 27

JOTHAM was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done; ¹however he did not enter the temple of the LORD. But the people continued acting corruptly.

3 He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD, and he built extensively the wall of ⁴Ophel.

4 Moreover, he built ⁵cities in the hill country of Judah, and he built fortresses and towers on the wooded hills.

5 He fought also with the king of the Ammonites and prevailed over them so that the Ammonites gave him during that year one hundred talents of silver, ten thousand ⁶kors of wheat and ten thousand of barley. The Ammonites also paid him this amount in the second and in the third year.

6 ⁷So Jotham became mighty because he ordered his ways before the LORD his God.

7 ⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, even all his wars and his acts, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was ⁹twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Ahaz his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 28

AHAZ was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jeru-

salem; and ¹he did not do right in the sight of the LORD as David his father had done.

2 ²But he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel; he also ³made molten images for the Baals.

3 Moreover, ⁴he burned incense in the valley of Ben-hinnom, and ⁵burned his sons in fire, ⁶according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the sons of Israel.

4 And he sacrificed and ⁵burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 ⁶Wherefore, ⁷the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Aram; and they ⁸defeated him and carried away from him a great number of captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who ⁹inflicted him with heavy casualties.

6 For ¹Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah 120,000 in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the ruler of the house and Elkanah the second to the king.

8 ⁹And ¹⁰the sons of Israel carried away captive of ¹¹their brethren 200,000 women, sons, and daughters; and ¹²took also a great deal of spoil from them, and they brought the spoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded; and ¹he went out to meet the army which came to Samaria and said to them, "Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, ²was angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hand, and you have slain them in a rage ³which has even reached heaven.

1 & Km.
15:33-35

2 & Chr
26:16

3 & Chr
33:14, Nub
2:26

4 & Chr
11:5

5 & A.
his equals
approx. 10
km.

6 & Chr
26:5

7 & Km
15:38

8 & Chr
27:1

1 & Km.
16:2-4 & Chr
27:2

3 & Chr.
22:3 & Chr.
24:17

3 & Josh.
15:8 & Lev.
18:21, 2 Chr
33:6 & Chr
33:2

4 & Chr
26:25

8 & A.
made A.
made him
with a great
sweeping
12 Km. 16:5
2 Chr 24:24
16:7-1

4 & Chr
16:5

8 & A.
phased
10 Km. 26:25
41 & Chr
11:4

8 & Chr.
25:15 & Nub.
67:8 & Km.
8:6 Rev. 16:5

10 "And now you are proposing to ^asubjugate for yourselves the people of Judah and Jerusalem for male and female slaves. Surely, do you not have transgressions of your own against the LORD your God?

11 "Now therefore, listen to me and return the captives ^awhom you captured from your brothers, ^bfor the burning anger of the LORD is against you."

12 Then some of the heads of the sons of Ephraim—Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai—arose against those who were coming from the battle.

13 and said to them, "You must not bring the captives in here, for you are proposing to bring upon us guilt against the LORD adding to our sins and our guilt; for our guilt is great so that His burning anger is against Israel."

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the officers and all the assembly.

15 Then ^athe men who were designated by name arose, took the captives, and they clothed all their naked ones from the spoil; and they gave them clothes and sandals, fed them and ^bgave them drink, anointed them with oil, led all their feeble ones on donkeys, and brought them to Jericho, ^cthe city of palm trees, to their brothers; then they returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ ^aAt that time King Ahaz sent to the ¹kings of Assyria for help.

17 ^aFor again the Edomites had come and attacked Judah, and carried away captives.

18 ^aThe Philistines also had invaded the cities of the ¹lowland and of the Negev of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, Aijalon, Gederot, and Soco with its villages, Timnah with its vil-

10 ^aLev. 25:39

11 ^a2 Chr. 28:8 ^bJames 2:13

15 ^a2 Chr. 28:12 ^b2 Kin. 6:22, Prov. 25:21, 22 ^cDeut. 34:3

16 ¹Ancient versions read king ²2 Kin. 18:7

17 ^aObad. 10, 14

18 ¹Heb., shephelah ^aEzek. 16:57

19 ^a2 Chr. 21:2

20 ^a1 Chr. 5:28

21 ^a2 Kin. 16:8, 9

22 ^aIs. 1:5; Jer. 5:3; Rev. 16:11

23 ¹Lit., smitten ²Lit., stumbling ^a2 Chr. 25:14 ^bJer. 44:17, 18

24 ^a2 Kin. 18:17 ^b2 Chr. 29:7 ^c2 Chr. 30:14; 33:3-5

26 ^a2 Kin. 18:19, 20

27 ^a2 Kin. 18:20; 2 Chr. 24:25; Is. 14:28 ^b2 Chr. 21:2

lages, and Gimzo with its villages, and they settled there.

19 For the LORD humbled Judah because of Ahaz king of ^aIsrael, for he had brought about a lack of restraint in Judah and was very unfaithful to the LORD.

20 So ^aTilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came against him and afflicted him instead of strengthening him.

21 ^aAnd Ahaz took a portion out of the house of the LORD and out of the palace of the king and of the princes, and gave it to the king of Assyria; but it did not help him.

22 ¶ Now in the time of his distress this same King Ahaz ^abecame yet more unfaithful to the LORD.

23 ^aFor he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had ¹defeated him, and said, ^b"Because the gods of the kings of Aram helped them, I will sacrifice to them that they may help me." But they became the ²downfall of him and all Israel.

24 Moreover, when Ahaz gathered together the utensils of the house of God, he ^acut the utensils of the house of God in pieces; and he ^bclosed the doors of the house of the LORD, and ^cmade altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked the LORD, the God of his fathers, to anger.

26 ^aNow the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

27 ^aSo Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, for they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of ^bIsrael; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

CHAPTER 29

HEZEKIAH became king when he was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And ^ahe did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

3 ^aIn the first year of his reign, in the first month, he ^aopened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them into the square on the east.

5 Then he said to them, "Listen to me, O Levites. ^aConsecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry the uncleanness out from the holy place.

6 "For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done evil in the sight of the LORD our God, and have forsaken Him and ^aturned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and have ^bturned their backs.

7 "They have also ^ashut the doors of the porch and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

8 "Therefore ^athe wrath of the LORD was against Judah and Jerusalem, and He has made them an object of terror, of horror, and of ^bhissing, as you see with your own eyes.

9 "For behold, ^aour fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 "Now it is in my heart ^ato make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His burning anger may turn away from us.

11 "My sons, do not be negligent now, for ^athe LORD has cho-

1 ^a2 Km.
18:1-3

2 ^a2 Chr.
28:1, 24:2

3 ^a2 Chr.
28:24, 29:7

4 ^a2 Chr.
29:13, 34:
15:6

5 ^a1 L.
given
-Ezek. 8:16

7 ^a2 Chr.
28:24

8 ^a2 Chr.
34:20, 35:
25:9, 18

9 ^a2 Chr.
28:5-8, 17

10 ^a2 Chr.
23:16

11 ^aNum.
3:4, 8:6

12 ^a2 Chr.
31:13, 34:
3:18, 20

13 ^aOr.
Israel

14 ^aOr. Je-
rusalem, 1 Chr.
15:18, 20

15 ^a2 Chr.
28:5, 31:1
23:28, 32:
30:12

16 ^aOr. work
-2 Chr. 15:16

17 ^a1 L., to
consecrate
-2 Chr. 29:3

19 ^a2 Chr.
28:24

sen you to stand before Him, to minister to Him, and to be His ministers and burn incense."

12 ^a Then the Levites arose: ^aMahath, the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, from the sons of ^bthe Kohathites; and from the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and from the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zim-mah and Eden the son of Joah;

13 and from the sons of Eliza-phan, Shimri and ¹Jei-el; and from the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

14 and from the sons of He-man, ¹Jehiel and Shimei; and from the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

15 And they assembled their brothers, ^aconsecrated them-selves, and went in ^bto cleanse the house of the LORD, according to the commandment of the king ^cby the words of the LORD.

16 So the priests went in to the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and every un-clean thing which they found in the temple of the LORD they brought out to the court of the house of the LORD. Then the Le-vites received it to carry out to ^athe Kidron ¹valley.

17 Now they began ¹the conse-cration ^aon the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they entered the porch of the LORD. Then they consecrated the house of the LORD in eight days, and finished on the sixteenth day of the first month.

18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed the whole house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering with all of its utensils, and the table of showbread with all of its utensils.

19 "Moreover, ^aall the utensils which King Ahaz had discarded

during his reign in his unfaithfulness, we have prepared and consecrated; and behold, they are before the altar of the LORD."

20 ¶ Then King Hezekiah arose early and assembled the princes of the city and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats ^afor a sin offering for the kingdom, the sanctuary, and Judah. And he ordered the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they slaughtered the bulls, and the priests took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. They also slaughtered the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar; they slaughtered the lambs also and ^asprinkled the blood on the altar.

23 Then they brought the male goats of the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and ^athey laid their hands on them.

24 And the priests slaughtered them and purged the altar with their blood ^ato atone for all Israel, for the king ordered the burnt offering and the sin offering for all Israel.

25 ¶ ^aHe then stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, ^baccording to the command of David and of ^cGad the king's seer, and of ^dNathan the prophet; for the command was from the LORD through His prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with ^athe musical instruments of David, and ^bthe priests with the trumpets.

27 Then Hezekiah gave the order to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, ^athe song to the LORD also began with the trumpets, ¹accompanied by the instruments of David, king of Israel.

21 ^aLev. 4:3-14

22 ^aLev. 4:18

23 ^aLev. 4:15

24 ^aLev. 4:26

25 ^a1 Chr 25:6 ^b2 Chr 8:14 ^c2 Sam 24:11 ^d2 Sam 7:2

26 ^a1 Chr. 23:5 ^b2 Chr. 5:12

27 ¹Lit., and according to the authority of the instruments ^a2 Chr. 23:18

29 ^a2 Chr. 20:18

30 ^aPs 100:1; 108:12

31 ¹Lit., filled your hands ²Lit., willing of heart ^a2 Chr. 13:9 ^bEx. 35:5, 22

34 ¹Lit., up-right of heart ^a2 Chr. 35:11 ^b2 Chr. 30:3

35 ¹Lit., the burnt offerings to an abundance ^a2 Chr. 29:32 ^bLev. 3:16 ^cNum. 15:5-10

28 While the whole assembly worshiped, the singers also sang and the trumpets sounded; all this *continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

29 ¶ Now at the completion of the burnt offerings, ^athe king and all who were present with him bowed down and worshiped.

30 Moreover, King Hezekiah and the officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and Asaph the seer. ^aSo they sang praises with joy, and bowed down and worshiped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, ^a"Now *that* you have ¹consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the house of the LORD." And the assembly brought sacrifices and thank offerings, and ^ball those who were ²willing brought burnt offerings.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was 70 bulls, 100 rams, and 200 lambs; all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things were 600 bulls and 3,000 sheep.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they were unable to skin all the burnt offerings; ^atherefore their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was completed, and until the other priests had consecrated themselves. For ^bthe Levites were more ¹conscientious to consecrate themselves than the priests.

35 And there were also ^{1a}many burnt offerings with ^bthe fat of the peace offerings and with ^cthe libations for the burnt offerings. Thus the service of the house of the LORD was established again.

36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced over what God had prepared for the people, be-

cause the thing came about suddenly.

CHAPTER 30

NOW Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem to ¹celebrate the Passover to the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king and his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem had decided ^ato celebrate the Passover in the second month.

3 since they could not celebrate it ^aat that time, because the priests had not consecrated themselves in sufficient numbers, nor had the people been gathered to Jerusalem.

4 Thus the thing was right in the sight of the king and ¹all the assembly.

5 So they established a decree to circulate a ¹proclamation throughout all Israel ^afrom Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to celebrate the Passover to the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem. For they had not celebrated it in great numbers as it was ²prescribed.

6 And ^athe ¹couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with the letters from the hand of the king and his princes, even according to the command of the king, saying, "O sons of Israel, return to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that He may return to those of you who escaped and are left from ^bthe ²hand of the kings of Assyria.

7" ^aAnd do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD God of their fathers, so that ^bHe made them a horror, as you see.

8" Now do not ^astiffen your neck like your fathers, but ¹yield to the LORD and enter His sanctuary which He has consecrated forever, and serve the LORD your

¹ ¹Lit., do, so in vv. 2, 3, 5, 13, 21, 23

² ¹Num. 9:10, 11; ² Chr. 30:13, 15

³ ² Chr. 29:17, 34

⁴ ¹Lit., in the sight of all

⁵ ¹Lit., voice ²Lit., written ³Judg. 20:1

⁶ ¹Lit., runners ²Lit., palm ³Ezek. 8:14, Job 9:25, Jer 51:31 ⁴ Chr. 28:20

⁷ ¹Ezek. 20:13 ² Chr. 29:8

⁸ ¹Lit., give a hand ²Ex. 32:9 ³ Chr. 29:10

⁹ ¹Deut. 30:2 ²Ex. 34:6, 7, Mic. 7:18

¹⁰ ¹Lit., runners ² Chr. 36:16

¹¹ ² Chr. 30:18, 21, 25

¹² ² Cor. 3:5, Phil. 2:13; Heb. 13:20, 21

¹³ ² Chr. 30:2

¹⁴ ² Chr. 28:24 ³ Chr. 29:16

¹⁵ ² Chr. 30:2, 3 ³ Chr. 29:34

¹⁶ ² Chr. 35:10, 15

¹⁷ ² Chr. 28:34

God, ^bthat His burning anger may turn away from you.

9" For ^aif you return to the LORD, your brothers and your sons will find compassion before those who led them captive, and will return to this land. ^bFor the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate, and will not turn His face away from you if you return to Him."

10 So the ¹couriers passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but ^athey laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheless ^asome men of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

12 The ^ahand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the LORD.

13 ¹ Now many people were gathered at Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread ^ain the second month, a very large assembly.

14 And they arose and removed the altars which were in Jerusalem; they also ^aremoved all the incense altars and ^bcast them into the brook Kidron.

15 Then ^athey slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth of the second month. And ^bthe priests and Levites were ashamed of themselves and consecrated themselves, and brought burnt offerings to the house of the LORD.

16 And ^athey stood at their stations after their custom, according to the law of Moses the man of God; the priests sprinkled the blood which they received from the hand of the Levites.

17 For there were many in the assembly who had not consecrated themselves; therefore, ^athe Levites were over the slaughter of the Passover lambs

for everyone who was unclean, in order to consecrate *them* to the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, ^aeven many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not purified themselves, ^byet they ate the Passover ^cotherwise than ¹prescribed. For Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the good LORD pardon

19 ^aeveryone who prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though not according to the purification rules of the sanctuary."

20 So the LORD heard Hezekiah and ^ahealed the people.

21 And the sons of Israel present in Jerusalem ^acelebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great joy, and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day after day with loud instruments to the LORD.

22 Then Hezekiah ^aspoke ¹encouragingly to all the Levites who showed good insight in the things of the LORD. So they ate for the appointed seven days, sacrificing peace offerings and ^bgiving thanks to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 ¶ Then the whole assembly ^adecided to celebrate the feast another seven days, so they celebrated the seven days with joy.

24 For ^aHezekiah king of Judah had contributed to the assembly 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep, and the princes had contributed to the assembly 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep; and ^{ba} large number of priests consecrated themselves.

25 And all the assembly of Judah rejoiced, with the priests and the Levites, and ^aall the assembly that came from Israel, both the sojourners who came from the land of Israel and those living in Judah.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem, because there was

18 ¹Lit., written
^a2 Chr. 30:11,
²⁵ ^bNum.
9:10 ^cEx.
12:43-49

19 ^a2 Chr.
19:3

20 ^aJames
5:16

21 ^aEx.
12:15, 13:6

22 ¹Lit., to
the heart of
^a2 Chr. 32:6
^bEzra 10:11

23 ^a1 Kin.
8:65

24 ^a2 Chr.
35:7, 8
^b2 Chr. 29:34,
30:3

25 ^a2 Chr.
30:11, 18

26 ^a2 Chr.
7:6-10

27 ^a2 Chr.
23:18 ^bNum.
8:23 ^cDeut.
26:15, Ps.
68:5

1 i.e.,
wooden sym-
bols of a fe-
male deity
²Lit., even to
completion
^a2 Kin. 18:4

2 ^a1 Chr.
24:1 ^b1 Chr.
23:28-31

3 ^a2 Chr.
35:7 ^bNum.
28:1-29:40

4 ¹Lit., said
to
^aNum. 18:8
^bMal. 2:7

5 ¹Lit.,
word
^aNeh. 13:12

nothing like this in Jerusalem ^asince the days of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel.

27 Then ^athe Levitical priests arose and ^bblessed the people; and their voice was heard and their prayer came to ^cHis holy dwelling place, to heaven.

CHAPTER 31

NOW when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, ^abroke the pillars in pieces, cut down the ¹Asherim, and pulled down the high places and the altars throughout all Judah and Benjamin, as well as in Ephraim and Manasseh, ²until they had destroyed them all. Then all the sons of Israel returned to their cities, each to his possession.

2 ¶ And Hezekiah appointed ^athe divisions of the priests and the Levites by their divisions, each according to his service, ^bboth the priests and the Levites, ^bfor burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister and to give thanks and to praise in the gates of the camp of the LORD.

3 He also appointed ^athe king's portion of his goods for the burnt offerings, *namely*, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths and for the new moons and for the fixed festivals, ^{ba}as it is written in the law of the LORD.

4 Also he ¹commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give ^athe portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to ^bthe law of the LORD.

5 And as soon as the ¹order spread, the sons of Israel provided in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly ^athe tithe of all.

6 And the sons of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah, also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and ^athe tithe of ¹sacred gifts which were consecrated to the LORD their God, and placed them in heaps.

7 In the third month they began to ¹make the heaps, and finished them by the seventh month.

8 And when Hezekiah and the rulers came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and ^aHis people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest ^aof the house of Zadok said to ¹him, "^bSince the contributions began to be brought into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat with plenty left over, for the LORD has blessed His people, and this great quantity is left over."

11 ¶ Then Hezekiah commanded them to prepare ^arooms in the house of the LORD, and they prepared them.

12 And they faithfully brought in the contributions and the tithes and the consecrated things; and Conaniah the Levite was the officer in charge ^aof them and his brother Shimei was second.

13 And Jehiel, Azaziah, Nathath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers ¹under the authority of Conaniah and Shimei his brother by the appointment of King Hezekiah, and ^aAzariah was the chief officer of the house of God.

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the keeper of the eastern gate, was over the freewill offerings of God, to apportion the contributions for the LORD and the most holy things.

15 And ¹under his authority were ^aEden, Miniamin, Jeshua,

⁶ ¹Lt., consecrated things
^aLev 27:30; Deut. 14:28

⁷ ¹Lt., found

⁸ ^aDeut 33:29; Ps 33:12, 144:15

¹⁰ ¹Lt., him, and he said
^a1 Chr 6:8, 9
^bMal 3:10

¹¹ ^a1 Kin 6:5, 8

¹² ^a2 Chr 35:9

¹³ ¹Lt., from the hand of
^a2 Chr 31:10

¹⁸ ¹Lt., under his hand
^a2 Chr 29:12
^bJosh 21:9-19

¹⁸ ¹Heb., threw
^a1 Chr 23:3
^bEzra 3:4

¹⁷ ^a1 Chr 23:24

¹⁸ ¹Lt., with all ²Lt., in their faithfulness

¹⁹ ^aLev 25:34; Num. 35:2-5
^b2 Chr 31:12-15

²⁰ ^a2 Kin 20:3, 22:2

²¹ ^aDeut 29:9; Prov 3:9, 10

¹ ¹Lt., things and the faithful-ness ²Lt., said
^a2 Kin 18:13-19, 37:1a
^b38:1-37:38

Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah in ^bthe cities of the priests, to distribute faithfully ^{their} portions to their brothers by divisions, whether great or small,

16 without regard to their genealogical enrollment, to the males from ¹a³thirty years old and upward—everyone who entered the house of the LORD ^bfor his daily obligations—for their work in their duties according to their divisions;

17 as well as the priests who were enrolled genealogically according to their fathers' households, and the Levites ^afrom twenty years old and upwards, by their duties and their divisions.

18 And the genealogical enrollment included ¹all their little children, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, for the whole assembly, for they consecrated themselves ²faithfully in holiness.

19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests who were in ^athe pasture lands of their cities, or in each and every city, ^bthere were men who were designated by name to distribute portions to every male among the priests and to everyone genealogically enrolled among the Levites.

20 ¶ And thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah; and ^ahe did what was good, right, and true before the LORD his God.

21 And every work which he began in the service of the house of God in law and in commandment, seeking his God, he did with all his heart and ^aprospered.

CHAPTER 32

AFTER these ¹acts of faithfulness ^aSennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah and besieged the fortified cities, and ²thought to break into them for himself.

2 Now when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and

that he intended to make war on Jerusalem.

3 he decided with his officers and his warriors to cut off the supply of water from the springs which were outside the city, and they helped him.

4 So many people assembled and stopped up all the springs and the stream which flowed through the region, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find abundant water?"

5 And he took courage and rebuilt all the wall that had been broken down, and erected towers on it, and built another outside wall, and strengthened the Millo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields in great number.

6 And he appointed military officers over the people, and gathered them to him in the square at the city gate, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying,

7 "Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor because of all the multitude which is with him; for the one with us is greater than the one with him.

8 "With him is only an arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people relied on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem while he was besieging Lachish with all his forces with him, against Hezekiah king of Judah and against all Judah who were at Jerusalem, saying,

10 "Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, 'On what are you trusting that you are remaining in Jerusalem under siege?

11 'Is not Hezekiah misleading you to give yourselves over to

2 Lit., his face for war against

4 Lit., in the midst of the land
2 Kin. 20:20
2 Chr. 32:30

5 Lit., raised on the towers
2 Chr. 25:23
2 Kin. 25:4
1 Kin. 9:24

6 Lit., upon their hearts
2 Chr. 30:22

7 1 Chr. 22:13
2 Kin. 6:18

8 Jer. 17:5
2 Chr. 20:17

9 Lit., against
2 Kin. 18:17

11 Lit., palm

12 Lit., Jerusalem, saying, 2 Lit., offer up in smoke
2 Chr. 31:1

13 2 Kin. 18:33-35

14 Is. 10:9-11

15 Ex. 5:2; Is. 36:18-20; Dan. 3:15

17 Lit., who have
2 Chr. 32:14

18 2 Kin. 18:28

19 Lit., to Ps. 115:4-8

die by hunger and by thirst, saying, "The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria?"

12 "Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before one altar, and on it you shall burn incense'?"

13 "Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands able at all to deliver their land from my hand?"

14 "Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed who could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand?"

15 "Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or mislead you like this, and do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers. How much less shall your God deliver you from my hand?"

16 And his servants spoke further against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah.

17 He also wrote letters to insult the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, "As the gods of the nations of the lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah shall not deliver His people from my hand."

18 And they called this out with a loud voice in the language of Judah to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten and terrify them, so that they might take the city.

19 And they spoke of the God of Jerusalem as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, the work of men's hands.

20 ¶ But King Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed about this and cried out to heaven.

21 And the LORD sent an angel who destroyed every mighty warrior, commander and officer in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned ¹in shame to his own land. And when he had entered the temple of his god, some of his own children killed him there with the sword.

22 So the LORD ^asaved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all others, and ¹guided them on every side.

23 And ^amany were bringing gifts to the LORD at Jerusalem and choice presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that ^bhe was exalted in the sight of all nations thereafter.

24 ¶ ^aIn those days Hezekiah became ¹mortally ill; and he prayed to the LORD, and ²the LORD spoke to him and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit ¹he received, ^abecause his heart was ²proud; ^btherefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem.

26 However, ^aHezekiah ¹humiliated the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 ¶ Now Hezekiah had immense riches and honor; and he made for himself treasuries for silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields and all kinds of valuable articles.

28 storehouses also for the produce of grain, wine and oil, pens for all kinds of cattle and ¹sheepfolds for the flocks.

29 And he made cities for himself, and acquired flocks and herds in abundance; for ^aGod

21 ¹Lit. in shame of face

22 ¹Another reading is gave them rest
^aIs 31:5

22 ^a2 Sam 8:10 ²Chr 11:1

24 ¹Lit. such to the point of death ²Lit. He
^a2 Kin 20:11, Is 38:18

25 ¹Lit. to him ²Lit. high
^a2 Chr 26:16, 32:31 ²Chr 24:18

26 ¹Lit. humbled himself in
^aJer 26:18, 19

28 ¹So an exact version, Heb. *fluxa* for the sheepfolds

29 ¹Lit. possessions, property
^a1 Chr 29:12

30 ^a2 Kin 20:20 ^b1 Kin 1:33

31 ^a2 Kin 20:12, Is 38:1 ²Chr 32:24, Is 38:7, 8
^aDeut 8:16

33 ¹Or, ascend to
^aPs 112:6, Prov 10:7

1 ^a2 Kin 21:1-9

2 ^a2 Chr 28:3, Jer 15:4

3 ¹He, wooden symbols of a female deity
^a2 Chr 31:1
^aDeut 16:21, 2 Kin 23:5, 6

4 ^a2 Chr 28:24 ^a2 Sam 7:13, 2 Chr 7:18

5 ^a2 Chr 4:9

had given him very great ¹wealth.

30 It was Hezekiah who ^astopped the upper outlet of the waters of ^bGihon and directed them to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all that he did.

31 And even in the matter of ^athe envoys of the rulers of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of ^bthe wonder that had happened in the land, God left him alone only ^cto test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.

32 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and his deeds of devotion, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

33 So Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ¹upper section of the tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem ^ahonored him at his death. And his son Manasseh became king in his place.

CHAPTER 33

^aMANASSEH was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 And ^ahe did evil in the sight of the LORD according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

3 For ^ahe rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; ^bhe also erected altars for the Baals and made ¹Asherim, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

4 And ^ahe built altars in the house of the LORD of which the LORD had said, "My name shall be ^bin Jerusalem forever."

5 For he built altars for all the host of heaven in ^athe two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And ^ahe made his sons pass through the fire in the valley of Ben-hinnom; and he practiced witchcraft, used divination, practiced sorcery, and ^bdealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger.

7 Then he put ^athe carved image of the idol which he had made in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;

8 and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land ^awhich I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them according to all the law, the statutes, and the ordinances given through Moses."

9 Thus Manasseh misled Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the sons of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but ^athey paid no attention.

11 ^aTherefore the LORD brought the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria against them, and they captured Manasseh with ¹hooks, ^bbound him with bronze chains, and took him to Babylon.

12 And when ^ahe was in distress, he entreated the LORD his God and ^bhumiliated himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

13 When he prayed to Him, ^aHe was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh ^bknew that the LORD was God.

14 ¶ Now after this he built the outer wall of the city of David on the west side of ^aGihon, in the valley, even to the entrance of

⁶ ^{a2} Chr. 28:3 ^b Lev. 19:31; 20:27

⁷ ^{a2} Chr. 33:15 ^{b1} Kin. 9:3-5; 2 Chr. 7:16; 33:4

⁸ ^{a2} Sam. 7:10

¹⁰ ^a Neh. 9:29; Jer. 25:4

¹¹ ¹ i.e., things put through the nose
^a Deut. 28:36
^{b2} Chr. 36:8

¹² ^a Ps. 118:5; 120:1; 130:1, 2
^{b2} Chr. 32:28

¹³ ^{a1} Chr. 5:20; Ezra 8:23 ^b Dan. 4:32

¹⁴ ^{a1} Kin. 1:33 ^b Neh. 3:3 ^{c2} Chr. 27:3

¹⁵ ^{a2} Chr. 33:3-7

¹⁶ ^a Lev. 7:11-18

¹⁷ ^{a2} Chr. 32:12

¹⁸ ^{a2} Chr. 33:12, 13
^{b2} Chr. 33:10
^{c2} Chr. 21:2

¹⁹ ¹ Gr. reads seems
^{a2} Chr. 33:13
^{b2} Chr. 33:3

²¹ ^{a2} Kin. 21:19-24

²² ^{a2} Chr. 33:2-7 ^{b2} Chr. 34:3, 4

²³ ¹ Lt. humbled himself
^{a2} Chr. 33:12, 19

the ^bFish Gate; and he encircled the ^cOphel with it and made it very high. Then he put army commanders in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15 He also ^aremoved the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, as well as all the altars which he had built on the mountain of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem, and he threw them outside the city.

16 And he set up the altar of the LORD and sacrificed ^apeace offerings and thank offerings on it; and he ordered Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless ^athe people still sacrificed in the high places, although only to the LORD their God.

18 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh even ^ahis prayer to his God, and the words of ^bthe seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are among the records of the kings of ^cIsrael.

19 His prayer also and ^ahow God was entreated by him, and all his sin, his unfaithfulness, and ^bthe sites on which he built high places and erected the Asherim and the carved images, before he humbled himself, behold, they are written in the records of the ¹Hozai.

20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. And Amon his son became king in his place.

21 ¶ ^aAmon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD as Manasseh his father ^ahad done, and Amon sacrificed to all ^bthe carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and he served them.

23 Moreover, he did not humble himself before the LORD ^aas his father Manasseh had ¹done, but Amon multiplied guilt.

24 Finally ^ahis servants conspired against him and put him to death in his own house.

25 But the people of the land ¹killed all the conspirators against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

CHAPTER 34

^a**J**OSIAH was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.

2 And ^ahe did right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, he began to ^aseek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began ^bto purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And they tore down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and ^athe incense altars that were high above them he chopped down; also the Asherim, the carved images, and the molten images he broke in pieces and ^bground to powder and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.

5 Then ^ahe burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem.

6 And ^ain the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon, even as far as Naphtali, in their surrounding ruins,

7 he also tore down the altars and ^abeat the Asherim and the carved images into powder, and chopped down all the incense altars throughout the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

8 ¶ ^aNow in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Aza-

liah, and Maaseiah ^ban official of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 And they came to ^aHilkiah the high priest and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the ¹doorkeepers, had collected ²from ^bManasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 Then they gave it into the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and the workmen who were working in the house of the LORD ¹used it to restore and repair the house.

11 They in turn gave it to the carpenters and to the builders to buy quarried stone and timber for couplings and to make beams for the houses ^awhich the kings of Judah had let go to ruin.

12 And ^athe men did the work faithfully with foremen over them to supervise: Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites of the sons of Merari, Zechariah and Meshullam of the sons of the Kohathites, and ^bthe Levites, all who were skillful with musical instruments.

13 They were also over ^athe burden bearers, and supervised all the workmen from job to job; and some of the Levites were scribes and officials and gatekeepers.

14 ¶ When they were bringing out the money which had been brought into the house of the LORD, ^aHilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD given by Moses.

15 And Hilkiah responded and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.

16 Then Shaphan brought the book to the king and ¹reported

24 ^a2 Chr.
25:27

28 ¹Lit.,
smote

1 ^a2 Kin.
22 1, 2, Jer
12, 3 6

2 ^a2 Chr.
29:2

3 ^a2 Chr.
15:2, Prov
8:17 ^b1 Kin.
13:2, 2 Chr
33:22

4 ^a2 Kin.
23:4, 5, 11
^bEx 32:20

8 ^a1 Kin.
13:2, 2 Kin.
23:20

6 ^a2 Kin.
23:15, 19

7 ^a2 Chr.
31:1

8 ^a2 Kin.
22:3-20
^a2 Chr 18:25

9 ¹Lit.,
guardians of
the threshold
²Lit., from
the hand of
^a2 Chr 35:8
^a2 Chr 30:10,
18

10 ¹Lit.,
gave

11 ^a2 Chr.
34:4-7

12 ^a2 Kin.
12:15 ^b1 Chr
25:1

13 ^aNeh.
4:10

14 ^a2 Chr.
34:9

16 ¹Lit., re-
turned

further word to the king, saying, "Everything that was ²entrusted to your servants they are doing.

17 "They have also emptied out the money which was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hands of the supervisors and the workmen."

18 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest gave me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

19 And it came about when the king heard ^athe words of the law that ^bhe tore his clothes.

20 Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, ¹Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,

21 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book which has been found; for ^agreat is the wrath of the LORD which is poured out on us because our fathers have not observed the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."

22 ¶ So Hilkiah and those whom the king ¹had told went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of ²Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, the keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter); and they spoke to her regarding this.

23 And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me,

24 thus says the LORD, "Behold, ^aI am bringing evil on this place and on its inhabitants, even all ^bthe curses written in the book which they have read in the presence of the king of Judah.

25 "Because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with

16 ³Lit., given into the hand of

19 ^aDeut 28:3-68 ^bJosh 7:6

20 ¹In 2 Kin 22:12, Achbor, son of Micaiah

21 ^a2 Chr 29:8

22 ¹So with Gr ²In 2 Kin 22:14 Tikhah, son of Harhas

24 ^a2 Chr 36:14-20 ^bDeut 28:15-68

25 ^a2 Chr 33:3

27 ^a2 Kin 22:19, 2 Chr 12:7, 32:26

29 ^a2 Kin 23:1-3

30 ^aNeh 8:1-3

31 ^a2 Kin 11:14; 23:3; 2 Chr 30:16; ^b2 Chr 23:16; 29:10

all the works of their hands, therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and it shall not be quenched."

26 "But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus you will say to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel regarding the words which you have heard,

27 "Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God, when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and because you humbled yourself before Me, tore your clothes, and wept before Me, I truly have heard you," declares the LORD.

28 "Behold, I will gather you to your fathers and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, so your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring on this place and on its inhabitants." "And they brought back word to the king.

29 ¶ Then the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up to the house of the LORD and ^aall the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the Levites, and all the people, from the greatest to the least; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD.

31 Then the king ^astood in his place and ^bmade a covenant before the LORD to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant written in this book.

32 Moreover, he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand with him. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 And Josiah ^aremoved all the abominations from all the lands belonging to the sons of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve the LORD their God. Throughout his ¹lifetime they did not turn from following the LORD God of their fathers.

CHAPTER 35

THEN Josiah ^acelebrated the Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem, and ^bthey slaughtered the Passover animals on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their offices and ^aencouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD.

3 He also said to ^athe Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to the LORD, "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; ^bit will be a burden on your shoulders no longer. Now serve the LORD your God and His people Israel.

4 "And ^aprepare yourselves by your fathers' households in your divisions, according to the writing of David king of Israel and ^baccording to the writing of his son Solomon.

5 "Moreover, ^astand in the holy place according to the sections of the fathers' households of your brethren the ¹lay people, and according to the Levites, by division of a father's household.

6 "Now ^aslaughter the Passover animals, ^bsanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren to do according to the word of the LORD by Moses."

7 [¶] And Josiah contributed to the lay people, to all who were present, flocks of lambs and kids, all for the Passover offerings, numbering 30,000 plus 3,000 bulls; these were from the king's possessions.

8 His officers also contributed a freewill offering to the people,

the priests, and the Levites. Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, ^athe officials of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings 2,600 *from the flocks* and 300 bulls.

9 ^aConaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the officers of the Levites, contributed to the Levites for the Passover offerings 5,000 *from the flocks* and 500 bulls.

10 [¶] So the service was prepared, and ^athe priests stood at their stations and the Levites by their divisions according to the king's command.

11 And ^{1a}they slaughtered the Passover animals, and while ^bthe priests sprinkled ²the blood received from their hand, ^cthe Levites skinned them.

12 Then they removed the burnt offerings that they might give them to the sections of the fathers' households of the lay people to present to the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. They did this also with the bulls.

13 So ^athey roasted the Passover animals on the fire according to the ordinance, and they boiled ^bthe holy things in pots, in kettles, in pans, and carried them speedily to all the lay people.

14 And afterwards they prepared for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, were offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

15 The singers, the sons of Asaph, were also at their stations ^aaccording to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and ^bthe gatekeepers at each gate did not have to depart from their service, because the Levites their brethren prepared for them.

²³ ¹Le.
days
²Chr 34:3-7

¹ ²Chr
23:21 ¹Le.
12 & Num
9:3

² ²Chr
29:11

³ ²Chr
17 & 9. Neh.
8:7-9 ¹Chr
23:28

⁴ ¹Chr
9:10-13
²Chr 8:14

⁵ ¹Le.
sons of the
people, and
so throughout
the ch.
^aExra 8:18

⁶ ²Chr
35:1 ²Chr
29:5

⁸ ²Chr
31:13

⁹ ²Chr
31:12

¹⁰ ²Chr
35:5

¹¹ ¹Le., the
Levites ²So
with Gr
²Chr 35:1,
⁸ ²Chr
29:22 ²Chr
29:34

¹³ ^aEx 12:8
⁹ ¹Le. 9:28

¹⁵ ¹Chr
25:1 ¹Chr
26:12-19

16 ¶ So all the service of the LORD was prepared on that day to celebrate the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD according to the command of King Josiah.

17 Thus ^athe sons of Israel who were present celebrated the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days.

18 And ^athere had not been celebrated a Passover like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet; nor had any of the kings of Israel celebrated such a Passover as Josiah did with the priests, the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign this Passover was celebrated.

20 ¶ ^aAfter all this, when Josiah had set the ¹temple in order, Neco king of Egypt came up to make war at ^bCarchemish on the Euphrates, and Josiah went out to engage him.

21 But ¹Neco sent messengers to him, saying, "^aWhat have we to do with each other, O King of Judah? *I am not coming against you today but against the house with which I am at war, and God has ordered me to hurry. Stop for your own sake from interfering with God who is with me, that He may not destroy you.*"

22 However, Josiah would not turn ¹away from him, but ^adisguised himself in order to make war with him; nor did he listen to the words of Neco ^bfrom the mouth of God, but came to make war on the plain of ^cMegiddo.

23 And the archers shot King Josiah, and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded."

24 So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him in the second chariot which he had, and brought him to Jerusalem ¹where he died and was buried in

17 ^aEx. 12:1-20; 2 Chr. 30:21

18 ^a2 Kin. 23:21; 2 Chr. 30:5

20 ¹Lit., house
^a2 Kin. 23:29; 30 bIs. 10:9; Jer. 48:2

21 ¹Lit., he
^a2 Chr. 25:19

22 ¹Lit., his face
^a2 Chr. 18:29; 2 Chr. 35:21
^cJudg. 5:19

24 ¹Lit., and
^aZech. 12:11

25 ^aJer. 22:10; Lam. 4:20

1 ¹e., short form of Jehoahaz
^a2 Kin. 23:30-34 bJer. 22:11

4 ^aJer. 22:10-12

5 ^a2 Kin. 23:36, 37; Jer. 22:13-19; 26:1; 35:1

6 ^a2 Kin. 24:1; Jer. 25:1-8 b2 Chr. 33:11

7 ^a2 Kin. 24:13

8 ¹Lit., his
^a2 Kin. 24:5

the tombs of his fathers. ^aAnd all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 Then ^aJeremiah chanted a lament for Josiah. And all the male and female singers speak about Josiah in their lamentations to this day. And they made them an ordinance in Israel; behold, they are also written in the Lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his deeds of devotion as written in the law of the LORD,

27 and his acts, first to last, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAPTER 36

^a THEN the people of the land took ^{1b}Joahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in place of his father in Jerusalem.

2 Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.

3 Then the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and one talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But ^aNeco took Joahaz his brother and brought him to Egypt.

5 ^aJehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up ^aagainst him and ^bbound him with bronze chains to take him to Babylon.

7 ^aNebuchadnezzar also brought some of the articles of the house of the LORD to Babylon and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 ^aNow the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and ¹the abomina-

tions which he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

9 ¶ ^aJehoiachin was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem, and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

10 And ^aat the turn of the year King Nebuchadnezzar sent and brought him to Babylon with the valuable articles of the house of the LORD, and he made his kinsman ^bZedekiah king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ^aZedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD his God; ^ahe did not humble himself ^bbefore Jeremiah the prophet ^cwho spoke for the LORD.

13 And ^ahe also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar who had made him swear allegiance by God. But ^bhe stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel.

14 Furthermore, all the officials of the priests and the people were very unfaithful following all the abominations of the nations; and they defiled the house of the LORD which He had sanctified in Jerusalem.

15 And the LORD, the God of their fathers, ^asent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place;

16 but they continually ^amocked the messengers of God, ^bdespised His words and scoffed at His prophets, ^cuntil the wrath of the LORD arose against His

people, until there was no remedy.

17 ^aTherefore He brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm; He gave them all into his hand.

18 And ^aall the articles of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his officers, he brought them all to Babylon.

19 Then ^athey burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its fortified buildings with fire, and destroyed all its valuable articles.

20 And those who had escaped from the sword he ^acarried away to Babylon; and ^bthey were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia.

21 ^ato fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until ^bthe land had enjoyed its sabbaths. ^cAll the days of its desolation it kept sabbath ^duntil seventy years were complete.

22 ¶ ^aNow in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia—in order to fulfill the word of the LORD ^bby the mouth of Jeremiah—the LORD ^cstirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

23 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up!'"

9-12 Kin.
24:8-17

10-12 Sam.
11:1, Jer.
22:25, 24:1,
29:1, Ezek.
17:12, Jer.
37:1

11-12 Kin.
24:18-20, Jer.
27:1, 28:1,
32:1

12-13, 14.
From the
mouth of the
LORD
2 Chr. 33:23
Jer. 21:3-7

13-14 Jer.
32:3, Ezek.
17:15, 2 Chr.
30:8

15-16 Jer.
7:13, 25:3

16-17 2 Chr.
30:10, Jer.
5:12, 13
Prov. 1:24-32
Ezek. 5:12

17-18 Kin.
25:1-7, Jer.
21:1-10

18-19 2 Chr.
36:7, 10

19-20 1 Kin.
9:8, 2 Kin.
25:9, Jer.
52:13

20-21 Kin.
25:11, Jer.
27:7

21-23, 24.
11:1, to
fulfill seventy
years
Jer. 29:10
Lev. 26:34
Lev. 25:4
Jer. 25:11

23-24 Ezra
1:1-3, Jer.
25:12, 29:10
1a. 44:28

THE BOOK OF EZRA

Cyrus' Proclamation

^a NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he ^bsent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying.

2 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and ^aHe has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 'Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel; ^aHe is the God who is in Jerusalem.

4 'And every survivor, at whatever place he may ¹live, let the men of ²that place support him with silver and gold, with goods and cattle, together with a free-will offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.' "

5 " Then the heads of fathers' households of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites arose, ^aeven everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

6 And all those about them ¹encouraged them with articles of silver, with gold, with goods, with cattle, and with valuables, aside from all that was given as a freewill offering.

7 ^aAlso King Cyrus brought out the articles of the house of

¹ 2 Chr 36:22, Jer 25:12, 29:10
^b Ezra 5:13

² ^aIs 44:28, 45:1, 12:13

³ ^a1 Kin 8:23, 18:39, 1s 37:16, Dan. 6:28

⁴ ¹Or, reside as an alien ²Lit., his

⁵ ^aEzra 1:1, 2

⁶ ¹Lit., strengthened their hands
^aNeh. 8:9, 1s 35:3

⁷ ^aEzra 5:14, 6:5
^b2 Kin. 24:13, 2 Chr. 36:7

⁸ ^aEzra 5:14

⁹ ¹Heb. obscure; other possible meanings are knives, censers
^aEzra 8:27

¹ ¹Lit., sons
^a2 Kin. 24:14, 16, 25:11, 2 Chr. 36:20, Neh. 7:6-73

² ¹Lit., who ²In Neh. 7:7, Azariah ³In Neh. 7:7, Raamah ⁴In Neh. 7:7, Mispar ⁵In Neh. 7:7, Nehum

⁵ ^aNeh. 7:10

⁶ ^aNeh. 7:11

¹⁰ ¹In Neh. 7:15, Binnui

the LORD, ^bwhich Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and put in the house of his gods;

8 and Cyrus, king of Persia, had them brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and he counted them out to ^aSheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

9 Now this was their number: 30 ^agold dishes, 1,000 silver dishes, 29 ¹duplicates;

10 30 gold bowls, 410 silver bowls of a second kind, and 1,000 other articles.

11 All the articles of gold and silver numbered 5,400. Sheshbazzar brought them all up with the exiles who went up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 2

^a NOW these are the ¹people of the province who came up out of the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away to Babylon, and returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his city.

2 ¹These came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ²Seraiah, ³Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, ⁴Mispar, Bigvai, ⁵Rehum, and Baanah.

¶ The number of the men of the people of Israel:

3 the sons of Parosh, 2,172;

4 the sons of Shephatiah, 372;

5 the sons of ^aArah, 775;

6 the sons of ^aPahath-moab of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, 2,812;

7 the sons of Elam, 1,254;

8 the sons of Zattu, 945;

9 the sons of Zaccai, 760;

10 the sons of ¹Bani, 642;

11 the sons of Bebai, 623;

12 the sons of Azgad, 1,222;
 13 the sons of *Adonikam, 686;
 14 the sons of Bigvai, 2,056;
 15 the sons of Adin, 454;
 16 the sons of Ater of Hezekiah, 98;
 17 the sons of Bezai, 323;
 18 the sons of Jorah, 112;
 19 the sons of Hashum, 223;
 20 the sons of Gibbar, 95;
 21 the men of *Bethlehem, 123;
 22 the men of Netophah, 56;
 23 the men of Anathoth, 128;
 24 the sons of Azmaveth, 42;
 25 the sons of Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743;
 26 the sons of *Ramah and Geba, 621;
 27 the men of Michmas, 122;
 28 the men of Bethel and Ai, 223;
 29 the sons of Nebo, 52;
 30 the sons of Magbish, 156;
 31 the sons of the other Elam, 1,254;
 32 the sons of Harim, 320;
 33 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 725;
 34 the men of *Jericho, 345;
 35 the sons of Senaah, 3,630.
 36 ¶ The priests: the sons of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, 973;
 37 the sons of Immer, 1,052;
 38 the sons of Pashhur, 1,247;
 39 the sons of Harim, 1,017.
 40 ¶ The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, 74.
 41 The singers: the sons of Asaph, 128.
 42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, in all 139.
 43 ¶ The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,
 44 the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon,
 45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,

13 *Ezra 8:13
 18 1In Neh. 7:24, Hariph
 20 1In Neh. 7:25, Gibson
 21 1Lit. sons *Gen. 35:19, Matt. 2:6
 24 1In Neh. 7:28, Berth az maveth
 28 1In Neh. 7:29, Kirath arim
 30 *Josh 18:25
 34 1Lit. sons *1 Kin. 16:34, 2 Chr. 28:15
 36 *1 Chr. 24:7, 18
 37 *1 Chr. 24:14
 38 *1 Chr. 9:12
 39 *1 Chr. 24:8
 40 1In Ezra 3:9, Judah, in Neh. 7:43, Hudevah
 43 *1 Chr. 9:2
 44 1In Neh. 7:47, Sau
 48 1In Neh. 7:52, Ne-phussum
 53 1In Neh. 7:54, Bazluth
 56 1In Neh. 7:57, Sophereth 1In Neh. 7:57, Peruda *1 Kin. 9:21
 57 1In Neh. 7:59, Amun
 58 *1 Chr. 9:2 *1 Kin. 9:21
 59 1In Neh. 7:61, Addon *Lit. tall *Lit. sword
 61 1In Neh. 7:63, Habbash *2 Sam. 17:27; 1 Kin. 2:7
 62 *Num. 16:39, 40

46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmi, the sons of Hanan,
 47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,
 48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,
 49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,
 50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephtsim,
 51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,
 52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,
 53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,
 54 the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha.
 55 ¶ The sons of *Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Hassophereth, the sons of Peruda,
 56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,
 57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of Ami.
 58 All the temple servants, and the sons of Solomon's servants, were 392.
 59 ¶ Now these are those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer, but they were not able to give evidence of their fathers' households, and their descendants, whether they were of Israel:
 60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 652.
 61 And of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and he was called by their name.
 62 These searched among their ancestral registration, but they could not be located; *there-

fore they were considered unclean and excluded from the priesthood.

63 And the ¹governor said to them ^athat they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest stood up with ^bUrim and Thummim.

64 ¶ The whole assembly ¹numbered 42,360,

65 besides their male and female servants, ¹who numbered 7,337; and they had 200 ^asinging men and women.

66 Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;

67 their camels, 435; *their* donkeys, 6,720.

68 ¶ And some of the heads of fathers' households, when they arrived at the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to ¹restore it on its foundation.

69 According to their ability they gave ^ato the treasury for the work 61,000 gold drachmas, and 5,000 silver minas, and 100 priestly ¹garments.

70 ¶ ^aNow the priests and the Levites, some of the people, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants lived in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAPTER 3

NOW when the seventh month came, and ^athe sons of Israel *were* in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then ^aJeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers the priests, and ^bZerubbabel the son ^cof Shealtiel, and his brothers arose and ^dbuilt the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings on it, ^eas it is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.

3 So they set up the altar on its foundation, for ¹they were terrified because of the peoples of the lands; and they ^boffered burnt of-

63 ¹Heb., Tirshatha, a Persian title
^aLev. 2:3, 10
^bEx. 28:30;
Num. 27:21

64 ¹Lit., together was

65 ¹Lit., they were
²Chr. 35:25

66 ¹Lit., establish

69 ¹Or, tunics
^aEzra 8:25-34

70 ¹Chr. 9:2, Neh. 11:3

1 ^aNeh. 7:73; 8:1

2 ^aNeh. 12:1, 8
^bEzra 2:2; Hag. 1:1;
2:2
^c1 Chr. 3:17
^dEx. 27:1
^eDeut. 12:5, 6

3 ¹Lit., terror was upon them
^aEzra 4:4
^bNum. 28:2

4 ¹Or, Tabernacles
²Lit., by number
^aNeh. 8:14;
Zech. 14:16
^bEx. 23:16
^cNum. 29:12

5 ^aEx. 29:38, Num. 28:3
^bNum. 28:11
^cNum. 29:39

7 ¹Lit., of
²Chr. 2:10;
Acts 12:20
^b2 Chr. 2:16
^cActs 9:36
^dEzra 1:2; 6:3

8 ^aEzra 3:2;
4:3
^b1 Chr. 23:4, 24

9 ¹In Ezra 2:40, Hoda-viah
^aEzra 2:40

10 ¹So with the Gr. and some mss.; M.T., they set the priests
^aZech. 4:6-10

ferings on it to the LORD, burnt offerings morning and evening.

4 And they celebrated the ^aFeast of ¹Booths, ^bas it is written, and *offered* ²the fixed number of burnt offerings daily, ^caccording to the ordinance, as each day required;

5 and afterward *there was* a ^acontinual burnt offering, also ^bfor the new moons and ^cfor all the fixed festivals of the LORD that were consecrated, and from everyone who offered a freewill offering to the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, but the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.

7 Then they gave money to the masons and carpenters, and ^afood, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians, ^bto bring cedar wood from Lebanon to the sea at ^cJoppa, according to the permission they had ¹from ^dCyrus king of Persia.

8 Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem in the second month, ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, began *the work* and ^bappointed the Levites from twenty years and older to oversee the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then ^aJeshua with his sons and brothers stood united with Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of ¹Judah and the sons of Henadad with their sons and brothers the Levites, to oversee the workmen in the temple of God.

10 Now when the builders had ^alaid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, ¹the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise

the LORD ^baccording to the ²directions of King David of Israel.

11 And ^athey sang, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, saying, "^bFor He is good, for His lovingkindness is upon Israel forever." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 Yet many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' households, ^athe old men who had seen the first ¹temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, while many shouted aloud for joy;

13 so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard far away.

CHAPTER 4

NOW when ^athe enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that ^bthe people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel,

2 they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' households, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we, like you, seek your God; ^aand we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of ^bEsarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here."

3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' households of Israel said to them, "^aYou have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the LORD God of Israel, ^bas King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us."

4 Then ^athe people of the land ¹discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building.

10 ¹Lit. hands
¹Chr. 6:31, 25:1

11 ²Chr. 7:3, Neh. 12:24, 40
¹Chr. 16:34, 2 Chr. 5:13, Ps. 100:5, 108:1, 107:1, 118:1, 131:1, Jer. 33:11

12 ¹Lit. house
^aHag. 2:3

1 ^aEzra 4:7-10
^bEzra 1:11

2 ^a2 Kin. 17:32
^b2 Kin. 19:37

3 ^aNeh. 2:20
^bEzra 1:1, 2

4 ¹Lit. washed the hands of
^aEzra 3:3

6 ¹Or, Xerxes, Heb. Ahasuerus
^aEzra 1:1, Dan. 9:1

7 ¹Heb. Artah-shushu
²Lit. writing
^a2 Kin. 18:26, Dan. 2:4

8 ¹Chr. 4:6
^a18 is in Aram

9 ^a2 Kin. 17:24
^bEzra 5:6, 6:6

10 ¹Or, probably Ashurbanipal
²Or, Euphrates River, and so throughout the ch.
^aEzra 4:11, 17:7, 12

12 ^a2 Chr. 36:13
^bEzra 5:3, 9

13 ^aEzra 4:20, 7:24

5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6 ¶ Now in the reign of ¹Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 ¶ And in the days of ¹Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Ta-beel, and the rest of his colleagues, wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the ²text of the letter was written in Aramaic and translated ^afrom Aramaic.

8 ¹Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes, as follows—

9 then wrote Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe and ^athe rest of their colleagues, the judges and ^bthe lesser governors, the officials, the secretaries, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites,

10 and the rest of the nations which the great and honorable ¹Osnappar deported and settled in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the region beyond the ²River. ^aAnd now

11 this is the copy of the letter which they sent to him: "To King Artaxerxes: Your servants, the men in the region beyond the River, and now

12 let it be known to the king, that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem; they are rebuilding ^athe rebellious and evil city, and ^bare finishing the walls and repairing the foundations.

13 "Now let it be known to the king, that if that city is rebuilt and the walls are finished, ^athey will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and it will damage the revenue of the kings.

14 "Now because we are in the service of the palace, and it is not fitting for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and informed the king.

15 so that a search may be made in the record books of your fathers. And you will discover in the record books, and learn that that city is a rebellious city and damaging to kings and provinces, and that they have incited revolt within it in past days; therefore that city was laid waste.

16 "We inform the king that, if that city is rebuilt and the walls finished, as a result you will have no possession in the province beyond the River."

17 ¶ Then the king sent an answer to Rehum the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their colleagues who live in Samaria and in the rest of the provinces beyond the River: "Peace. And now

18 the document which you sent to us has been translated and read before me.

19 "And a decree has been issued by me, and a search has been made and it has been discovered that that city has risen up against the kings in past days, that rebellion and revolt have been perpetrated in it,

20 that mighty kings have ruled over Jerusalem, governing all the provinces beyond the River, and that tribute, custom, and toll were paid to them.

21 "So, now issue a decree to make these men stop work, that the city may not be rebuilt until a decree is issued by me.

22 "And beware of being negligent in carrying out this matter; why should damage increase to the detriment of the kings?"

23 ¶ Then as soon as the copy of King Artaxerxes' document was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their colleagues, they went in haste to

14 ¹Lit., eat
the salt

18 ¹Lit.,
plainly read
before
*Neh. 8:8

19 ¹Lit., put
forth

20 ¹Lit.,
been
*1 Kin. 4:21;
1 Chr. 18:3
*Gen. 15:18;
Josh. 1:4
*Ezra 4:13;
7:24

1 *Hag. 1:1
*Zech. 1:1

2 *Ezra 3:2;
Hag. 1:12;
Zech. 4:6-9
*Ezra 6:14;
Hag. 2:4;
Zech. 3:1

3 ¹i.e., Eu-
phrates
River, and so
throughout
the ch. ²Lit.,
house, and so
in vv. 9, 11,
12
*Ezra 6:6, 13
*Ezra 1:3; 5:9

4 *Ezra
3:10

5 *Ezra 7:6;
28

6 *Ezra 5:3
*Ezra 4:9

Jerusalem to the Jews and stopped them by force of arms.

24 ¶ Then work on the house of God in Jerusalem ceased, and it was stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

CHAPTER 5

WHEN the prophets, ^aHaggai the prophet and ^bZechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, who was over them,

2 then ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and ^bthe prophets of God were with them supporting them.

3 At that time ^aTattenai, the governor of the province beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai and their colleagues came to them and spoke to them thus, "Who issued you a decree to rebuild this temple and to finish this structure?"

4 "Then we told them accordingly what the names of the men were who were reconstructing this building.

5 But ^athe eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not stop them until a report should come to Darius, and then a written reply be returned concerning it.

6 ¶ This is the copy of the letter which ^aTattenai, the governor of the province beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai and his colleagues ^bthe officials, who were beyond the River, sent to Darius the king.

7 They sent a report to him in which it was written thus: "To Darius the king, all peace.

8 "Let it be known to the king, that we have gone to the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is being built

with huge stones, and ¹beams are being laid in the walls; and this work is going on with great care and is succeeding in their hands.

9 "Then we asked those elders and said to them thus, 'Who issued you a decree to rebuild this temple and to finish this structure?'

10 "We also asked them their names so as to inform you, and that we might write down the names of the men who were at their head.

11 "And thus they ¹answered us, saying, 'We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth and are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, ^awhich a great king of Israel built and finished.

12 'But ^abecause our fathers had provoked the God of heaven to wrath, ^bHe gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this temple and deported the people to Babylon.

13 'However, ^ain the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus ^bissued a decree to rebuild this house of God.

14 'And also ^athe gold and silver utensils of the house of God which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple ¹in Jerusalem, and brought them to the temple of Babylon, these King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to one ^bwhose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had appointed governor.

15 'And he said to him, "Take these utensils, go and deposit them in the temple ¹in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt in its place."

16 'Then that Sheshbazzar came and ^alaid the foundations of the house of God ¹in Jerusalem; and from then until now it has been under construction, and it is ^bnot yet completed.'

8 ¹Lit., *um-ber* is

11 ¹Lit., *re-turned us the word*
+1 Kin. 6:1, 38

12 ²Chr 36:16, 17
²2 Kin. 25:8-11, Jer 52:12-15

13 ^aEzra 1:1
^bEzra 1:4

14 ¹Lit., *that was in*
^aEzra 1:7, 8, 5. Dan 5:2 ^bEzra 1:8, 5:16

18 ¹Lit., *that is in*

16 ¹Lit., *that is in*
^aEzra 3:8, 10
^bEzra 6:15

17 ^aEzra 6:1, 2

1 ¹Lit., *house of the books*
^aEzra 5:17

2 ¹Aram. Achmetha
²2 Kin. 17:8

3 ¹Or, *fixed, laid*
^aEzra 1:1, 5:13

4 ¹So Gr. Aram., *a layer of new timber* ¹Lit., *king's house*
+1 Kin. 6:36

5 ¹Lit., *go*
^aEzra 1:7, 5:14

6 ¹Lit., *Euphrates River, and so throughout the ch.*

²Aram., *their* ¹Lit., *be distant*
^aEzra 5:3, 6:13

8 ^aEzra 6:4, 7:14-22

17 "And now, if it pleases the king ^alet a search be conducted in the king's treasure house, which is there in Babylon, if it be that a decree was issued by King Cyrus to rebuild this house of God at Jerusalem; and let the king send to us his decision concerning this matter."

CHAPTER 6

THEN King Darius issued a decree, and ^asearch was made in the ¹archives, where the treasures were stored in Babylon.

2 And in ¹Ecbatana in the fortress, which is ^ain the province of Media, a scroll was found and there was written in it as follows: "Memorandum—

3 "In the first year of King Cyrus, Cyrus the king issued a decree: 'Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the temple, the place where sacrifices are offered, be rebuilt and let its foundations be ¹retained, its height being 60 cubits and its width 60 cubits;

4 ^awith three layers of huge stones, and ¹one layer of timbers. And let the cost be paid from the ²royal treasury.

5 'And also let ^athe gold and silver utensils of the temple of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be returned and ¹brought to their places in the temple in Jerusalem; and you shall put *them* in the house of God.'

6 ¶ "Now therefore, ^aTattenai, governor of the province beyond the ¹River, Shethar-bozenai, and ²your colleagues, the officials of the provinces beyond the ¹River, ³keep away from there.

7 "Leave this work on the house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews rebuild this house of God on its site.

8 "Moreover, ^aI issue a decree

concerning what you are to do for these elders of Judah in the rebuilding of this house of God: the full cost is to be paid to these people from the royal treasury out of the taxes of the provinces beyond the River, and that without delay.

9^a And whatever is needed, both young bulls, rams, and lambs for a burnt offering to the God of heaven, and wheat, salt, wine, and anointing oil, as the priests in Jerusalem request, it is to be given to them daily without fail.

10 that they may offer ¹acceptable sacrifices to the God of heaven and ^apray for the life of the king and his sons.

11^a And I issued a decree that ^aany man who violates this edict, a timber shall be drawn from his house and he shall be impaled on it and ^bhis house shall be made a refuse heap on account of this.

12^a And may the God who ^ahas caused His name to dwell there overthrow any king or people who ¹attempts to change it, so as to destroy this house of God in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have issued *this* decree, let it be carried out with all diligence!"

13 ¶ Then ^aTattenai, the governor of the province beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their colleagues carried out the decree with all diligence, just as King Darius had sent.

14 And ^athe elders of the Jews ¹were successful in building through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And ²they finished building according to the command of the God of Israel and the decree ^bof Cyrus, ^cDarius, and ^dArtaxerxes king of Persia.

15 And this temple was completed ¹on the third day of the ^amonth Adar; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

16 ¶ And the sons of Israel,

¹⁰ ¹Lit., pleasing; or, sweet-smelling sacrifices
^aEzra 7:23;
Jer 29:7;
1 Tim 2:1, 2

¹¹ ^aEzra 7:26 ^bDan 2:5, 3:29

¹² ¹Lit., sends his hand
^aDeut. 12:5,
11:1 Kin 9:3

¹³ ^aEzra 6:6

¹⁴ ¹Lit., were building and succeeding
¹Lit., built and finished
^aEzra 5:1, 2
^bEzra 1:1;
5:13 ^cEzra 4:24, 6:12
^dEzra 7:1

¹⁵ ¹Lit., until
^aEzra 3:7

¹⁶ ¹Lit., sons of the captivity
^a1 Kin. 8:63;
2 Chr 7:5

¹⁷ ^aEzra 8:35

¹⁸ ¹Lit., which is in
^a1 Chr. 24:1;
2 Chr. 35:5
^b1 Chr. 23:6
^cNum. 3:6;
8:9

¹⁹ ^aEzra 1:11 ^bEx. 12:6

²⁰ ^a2 Chr. 29:34; 30:15
^b2 Chr 35:11

²¹ ^aNeh 9:2; 10:28
^bEzra 9:11

²² ¹Lit., strengthen their hands
^aEx. 12:15
^bEzra 7:27;
Prov. 21:1
^cEzra 1:1; 6:1

¹ ^a1 Chr. 6:4-14 ^bEzra 7:12, 21; Neh. 2:1

the priests, the Levites, and the rest of the ¹exiles, ^acelebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

17 And they offered for the dedication of this temple of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel ^a12 male goats, corresponding to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 Then they appointed the priests to ^atheir divisions and the Levites in ^btheir orders for the service of God in Jerusalem, ^cas it is written in the book of Moses.

19 ¶ And ^athe exiles observed the Passover on ^bthe fourteenth of the first month.

20 ^aFor the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were pure. Then ^bthey slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the exiles, both for their brothers the priests and for themselves.

21 And the sons of Israel who returned from exile and ^aall those who had separated themselves from ^bthe impurity of the nations of the land to join them, to seek the LORD God of Israel, ate the Passover.

22 And ^athey observed the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had caused them to rejoice, and ^bhad turned the heart of ^cthe king of Assyria toward them to encourage them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAPTER 7

^a NOW after these things, in the reign of ^bArtaxerxes king of Persia, there went up Ezra son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah,

2 son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub,

3 son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth,

4 son of Zerariah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki,

5 son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the chief priest.

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a ^ascribe skilled in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all ¹he requested ^bbecause the hand of the LORD his God was upon him.

7 And ^asome of the sons of Israel and some of the priests, the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, and the temple servants went up to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

9 For on the first of the first month ¹he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, ^abecause the good hand of his God was upon him.

10 For Ezra had set his heart to ¹study the law of the LORD, and to practice it, and ^ato teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

11 ^a Now this is the copy of the decree which King Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, ¹learned in the words of the commandments of the LORD and His statutes to Israel:

12 ¹Artaxerxes, ^aking of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace. And now

13 ^aI have issued a decree that any of the people of Israel and their priests and the Levites in my kingdom who are willing to go to Jerusalem, may go with you.

14 ^aForasmuch as you are sent ¹by the king and his ^aseven counselors to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem according to the law of your God which is in your hand,

15 and to bring the silver and gold, which the king and his

6 ¹Le., his request
+Ezra 7:11, 12, 21 +Ezra 7:9, 28; 8:22

7 +Ezra 8:1-20

9 ¹Le., with the foundation
+Ezra 7:6, Neh. 2:8

10 ¹Le., work
+Deut. 33:10, Ezra 7:25, Neh. 8:1

11 ¹Le., the scribe of

12 ¹Ch. 7:12, 28 is in Aram
+Ezra. 26:7, Dan. 2:37

13 +Ezra 6:1

14 ¹Le., from before
+Ezra 7:15, 28, 8:25

15 +Ch. 6:2, Ezra 6:12, Ps. 135:21

16 +Ezra 8:25 +Ezra 14, 6:1 Ch. 29:6

17 +Num. 15:4-13 +Deut. 12:5-11

20 +Ezra 6:4

21 ¹e., Euphrates River, and so throughout the ch.
+Ezra 7:6

22 ¹e., One kor equals approx. ten bu. ¹Le., without prescription

23 ¹Le., from the decree of
+Ezra 6:10

24 ¹Le., throw on them
+Ezra 4:13, 20 +Ezra 7:7

counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, ^awhose dwelling is in Jerusalem.

16 with ^aall the silver and gold which you shall find in the whole province of Babylon, along ^bwith the freewill offering of the people and of the priests, who ^coffered willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem;

17 with this money, therefore, you shall diligently buy bulls, rams, and lambs, ^awith their grain offerings and their libations and ^boffer them on the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem.

18 ^aAnd whatever seems good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and gold, you may do according to the will of your God.

19 ^aAlso the utensils which are given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver in full before the God of Jerusalem.

20 ^aAnd the rest of the needs for the house of your God, for which you may have occasion to provide, ^aprovide for it from the royal treasury.

21 ^aAnd I, even I King Artaxerxes, issue a decree to all the treasurers who are in the provinces beyond the ¹River, that whatever Ezra the priest, ^athe scribe of the law of the God of heaven, may require of you, it shall be done diligently.

22 even up to 100 talents of silver, 100 ¹kors of wheat, 100 baths of wine, 100 baths of oil, and salt ²as needed.

23 ^aWhatever is ¹commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done with zeal for the house of the God of heaven, ^alest there be wrath against the kingdom of the king and his sons.

24 ^aWe also inform you that ^ait is not allowed to ¹impose tax, tribute or toll ^bon any of the priests, Levites, singers, doorkeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God.

25 "And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God which is in your hand, ^aappoint magistrates and judges that they may judge all the people who are in the province beyond the River, even all those who know the laws of your God; and you may ^bteach anyone who is ignorant of them.

26 "And ^awhoever will not observe the law of your God and the law of the king, let judgment be executed upon him strictly, whether for death or for ¹banishment or for confiscation of goods or for imprisonment."

27 ¶ Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, ^awho has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to adorn the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,

28 and ^ahas extended loving-kindness to me before the king and his counselors and before all the king's mighty princes. Thus I was strengthened according to ^bthe hand of the LORD my God upon me, and I gathered ¹leading men from Israel to go up with me.

CHAPTER 8

NOW these are the heads of their fathers' households and the genealogical enrollment of those who went up with me from Babylon in the reign of King Artaxerxes:

2 of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, ^aHattush;

3 of the sons of Shecaniah who was of the sons of ^aParosh, Zechariah and with him 150 males who were in the genealogical list;

4 of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah and 200 males with him;

5 of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel and 300 males with him;

25 ^aEx. 18:21; Deut. 16:18; ^bEzra 7:10; Mal. 2:7; Col. 1:28

26 ¹Lit., rooting out; ^aEzra 6:11, 12

27 ^aEzra 6:22

28 ¹Lit., heads; ^aEzra 9:9; ^bEzra 5:5

2 ^a1 Chr. 3:22

3 ^aEzra 2:3

6 ^aEzra 2:15; Neh. 7:20; 10:18

14 ¹Or, Zakkur; ²Or, him

15 ^aEzra 8:21, 31; ^bEzra 7:7; 8:2

16 ¹Lit., heads

17 ¹Lit., head; ²Lit., put words in their mouth to say; ³So Gr.; Heb., Iddo has brother; ^aEzra 2:43

18 ^aEzra 7:6; 28 ²Chr. 30:22

6 and of the sons of ^aAdin, Ebed the son of Jonathan and 50 males with him;

7 and of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah and 70 males with him;

8 and of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael and 80 males with him;

9 of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel and 218 males with him;

10 and of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah and 160 males with him;

11 and of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai and 28 males with him;

12 and of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan and 110 males with him;

13 and of the sons of Adonikam, the last ones, these being their names, Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah and 60 males with them;

14 and of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and ¹Zabbud and 70 males with ²them.

15 ¶ Now I assembled them at ^athe river that runs to Ahava, where we camped for three days; and when I observed the people and the priests, I ^bdid not find any Levites there.

16 So I sent for Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, ¹leading men, and for Joiarib and Elnathan, teachers.

17 And I sent them to Iddo the ¹leading man at the place Casiphia; and I ²told them what to say to ³Iddo and his brothers, ^athe temple servants at the place Casiphia, that is, to bring ministers to us for the house of our God.

18 And ^aaccording to the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a ^bman of insight of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely Shere-

biah, and his sons and brothers, 18 men;

19 and Hashabiah and ¹Jeshiah of the sons of Merari, with his brothers and their sons, 20 men;

20 and 220 of ^athe temple servants, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, all of them designated by name.

21 ¶ Then I proclaimed ^aa fast there at ^bthe river of Ahava, that we might ^chumble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a ¹safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.

22 For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to ¹protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, "^aThe hand of our God is ²favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but ^bHis power and His anger are against all those who ^cforsake Him."

23 So we fasted and sought our God concerning this matter, and He ¹listened to our entreaty.

24 ¶ Then I set apart twelve of the leading priests, ^aSherebiah, Hashabiah, and with them ten of their brothers;

25 and I ^aweighed out to them ^bthe silver, the gold, and the utensils, the offering for the house of our God which the king and ^chis counselors and his princes, and all Israel present there, had offered.

26 ^aThus I weighed into their hands 650 talents of silver, and silver utensils worth 100 talents, and gold talents,

27 and 20 gold bowls, worth 1,000 darics; and two utensils of fine shiny bronze, precious as gold.

28 Then I said to them, "^aYou are holy to the LORD, and the ^butensils are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to the LORD God of your fathers.

19 ¹So Gr.; Heb., with him Jeshabiah

20 ^aEzra 2:43, 77

21 ¹Lit., straight way
^a1 Sam. 7:6;
 2 Chr. 20:3
^aEzra 8:15, 31
^cLev. 16:29;
 23:29; 1s. 58:3, 5

22 ¹Lit., help ²Lit., upon all for good
^aEzra 7:6, 9;
 28 ^bJosh. 22:16 ^c2 Chr. 15:2

23 ¹Lit., was entreated by us
^a1 Chr. 5:20;
 2 Chr. 33:13

24 ^aEzra 8:18, 19

25 ^aEzra 8:33 ^bEzra 7:15, 16 ^cEzra 7:14

26 ^aEzra 1:9-11

27 ^aLev. 21:6-8 ^bLev. 22:2, 3

28 ^aEzra 8:33, 34

29 ^aEzra 1:9

31 ^aEzra 8:13, 21 ^bEzra 7:9 ^cEzra 8:22

32 ^aNeb. 2:11

33 ^aEzra 8:30 ^bNeb. 3:4, 21

35 ^aEzra 2:1 ^bEzra 6:17

36 ¹L.e., Euphrates River
^aEzra 7:21-24
^bEzra 4:7, 5:6

29 "Watch and keep ^athem ^auntil you weigh ^bthem before the leading priests, the Levites, and the heads of the fathers' households of Israel at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD."

30 So the priests and the Levites ^aaccepted the weighed out silver and gold and the utensils, to bring ^bthem to Jerusalem to the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then we journeyed from ^athe river Ahava on ^bthe twelfth of the first month to go to Jerusalem; and ^cthe hand of our God was over us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the ambushes by the way.

32 ^aThus we came to Jerusalem and remained there three days.

33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the utensils ^awere weighed out in the house of our God into the hand of ^bMeremoth the son of Uriah the priest, and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them were the Levites, Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui.

34 Everything was numbered and weighed, and all the weight was recorded at that time.

35 ¶ ^aThe exiles who had come from the captivity offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel: ^b12 bulls for all Israel, 96 rams, 77 lambs, 12 male goats for a sin offering, all as a burnt offering to the LORD.

36 Then ^athey delivered the king's edicts to ^bthe king's satraps, and to the governors in the provinces beyond the ¹River, and they supported the people and the house of God.

CHAPTER 9

NOW when these things had been completed, the princes approached me, saying, "The people of Israel and the

priests and the Levites have not ^aseparated themselves from the peoples of the lands, ^baccording to their abominations, those of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2^aFor ^athey have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and for their sons, so that ^bthe holy ¹race has ^cintermingled with the peoples of the lands; indeed, the hands of the princes and the rulers have been foremost in this unfaithfulness."

3 And when I heard about this matter, I ^atore my garment and my robe, and pulled some of the hair from my head and my beard, and ^bsat down appalled.

4 Then ^aeveryone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel on account of the unfaithfulness of the exiles gathered to me, and I sat appalled until ^bthe evening offering.

5 ¶ But at the evening offering I arose from my ¹humiliation, even with my garment and my robe torn, and I fell on my knees and ^astretched out my ²hands to the LORD my God;

6 and I said, "O my God, I am ashamed and embarrassed to lift up my face to Thee, my God, for our iniquities have ¹risen above our heads, and our ^aguilt has grown even to the heavens.

7^aSince the days of our fathers to this day we *have been* in great guilt, and on account of our iniquities we, our kings and our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder and to ^{1b}open shame, as it is this day.

8^aBut now for a brief moment grace has been *shown* from the LORD our God, ^ato leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a ^bpeg in His holy place, that our God may ^cenlighten our eyes and

1 ^aEzra 6:21; Neh. 9:2
^bLev. 18:24-30

2 ¹Lit., sword
^aDeut. 7:3; Ezra 10:2, 18
^bEx. 22:31; Deut. 14:2; 2 Cor. 6:14
^cNeh. 13:3

3 ^a2 Kin. 18:37 ^bNeh. 1:4

4 ^aEzra 10:3; Is. 66:2
^bEx. 29:38

5 ¹Or, fasting ²Lit., palms
^aEx. 9:29

6 ¹Lit., multiplied over the head
^a2 Chr. 28:9; Ezra 9:13, 15; Rev. 18:5

7 ¹Lit., shame of faces
^a2 Chr. 29:6; Ps. 108:6
^bDan. 9:7

8 ^aEzra 9:13-15 vs. 22:23 ^cPs. 13:3

9 ^aNeh. 9:36 ^bEzra 7:28

11 ^aEzra 6:21

12 ^aEx. 34:15, 18; Deut. 7:3; Ezra 9:2
^bDeut. 23:6
^cProv. 13:22

13 ^aEzra 9:6; 7 ^bEzra 9:8

14 ¹Lit., of these abominations ²Lit., to destroy
^aEzra 9:2
^bDeut. 9:8, 14

15 ^aNeh. 9:33; Dan. 9:7
^bEzra 9:6
^cJob 9:2; Ps. 130:3

grant us a little reviving in our bondage.

9^aFor we are slaves; yet in our bondage, our God has not forsaken us, but ^bhas extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us reviving to raise up the house of our God, to restore its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.

10^aAnd now, our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Thy commandments.

11 which Thou hast commanded by Thy servants the prophets, saying, 'The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean land with the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from end to end and ^awith their impurity.

12 'So now do not ^agive your daughters to their sons nor take their daughters to your sons, and ^bnever seek their peace or their prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and ^cleave it as an inheritance to your sons forever.'

13^aAnd after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and ^aour great guilt, since Thou our God hast requited us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us ^ban escaped remnant as this,

14 ^ashall we again break Thy commandments and intermarry with the peoples ¹who commit these abominations? ^bWouldst Thou not be angry with us ²to the point of destruction, until there is no remnant nor any who escape?

15^aO LORD God of Israel, ^aThou art righteous, for we have been left an escaped remnant, as it is this day; behold, we are before Thee in ^bour guilt, for ^cno one can stand before Thee because of this."

CHAPTER 10

NOW ^awhile Ezra was praying and making confession, weeping and prostrating himself ^bbefore the house of God, a very large assembly, men, women, and children, gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept bitterly.

2 And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, "We have been unfaithful to our God, and have ¹married foreign women from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope for Israel in spite of this.

3 "So now ^alet us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives and ^btheir children, according to the counsel of ²my lord and of ^cthose who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done ^daccording to the law.

4 "Arise! For this matter is ¹your responsibility, but we will be with you; ^abe courageous and act."

5 ¶ Then Ezra rose and ^amade the leading priests, the Levites, and all Israel, take oath that they would do according to this ¹proposal; so they took the oath.

6 Then Ezra ^arose from before the house of God and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib. Although he went there, ^bhe did not eat bread, nor drink water, for he was mourning over the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

7 And they made a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the exiles, that they should assemble at Jerusalem,

8 and that whoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the leaders and the elders, all his possessions should be forfeited and he himself excluded from the assembly of the exiles.

9 ¶ So all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Je-

¹ ^aDan. 9:4, 20
² 2 Chr. 20:9

³ ¹ ^aLat., given dwelling to
^aEzra 9:2.
Neh. 13:27

³ ¹ ^aLat., that which is born of them ^aOr, the Lord
² 2 Chr. 34:31
^aEzra 10:44
^aEzra 9:4
^aDeut. 7:2, 3

⁴ ¹ ^aLat., upon you
^a1 Chr. 28:10

⁵ ¹ ^aLat., word, thing
^aNeh. 5:12.
13:25

⁶ ^aEzra 10:1
^aDeut. 9:18

⁹ ^a1 Sam. 12:18, Ezra 9:4, 10:3

¹¹ ^aLev. 25:40; Prov. 28:13
^aRom. 12:2
^aEzra 10:3

¹² ¹ ^aLat., upon us

¹⁴ ¹ ^aLat., stand for
^a3 Km. 23:26;
2 Chr. 28:11-13; 28:10; 30:8

¹⁵ ¹ ^aLat., stood against

¹⁶ ¹ ^aHeb. reads there were not apart
^aEzra the priest, men
^aLat., sat

rusalem within the three days. It was the ninth month on the twentieth of the month, and all the people sat in the open square before the house of God, ^atrembling because of this matter and the heavy rain.

10 Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have been unfaithful and have married foreign wives adding to the guilt of Israel.

11 "Now, therefore, ^amake confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and ^bdo His will; and ^cseparate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives."

12 Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, "That's right! As you have said, so it is ¹our duty to do.

13 "But there are many people, it is the rainy season, and we are not able to stand in the open. Nor can the task be done in one or two days, for we have transgressed greatly in this matter.

14 "Let our leaders ¹represent the whole assembly and let all those in our cities who have married foreign wives come at appointed times, together with the elders and judges of each city, until the ^afierce anger of our God on account of this matter is turned away from us."

15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah ¹opposed this, with Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supporting them.

16 ¶ But the exiles did so. And ¹Ezra the priest selected men who were heads of fathers' households for each of their father's households, all of them by name. So they ²convened on the first day of the tenth month to investigate the matter.

17 And they finished investigating all the men who had married foreign wives by the first of the first month.

18 ¶ And among the sons of the priests who had married foreign wives were found of the sons of *Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they ¹pledged to put away their wives, and being guilty, ²they offered a ram of the flock for their offense.

20 And of the sons of Immer there were Hanani and Zebadiah;

21 and of the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uziah;

22 and of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 ¶ And of Levites there were Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 ¶ And of the singers there was Eliashib; and of the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

25 ¶ And of Israel, of the sons of *Parosh there were Ramiah, Izziah, Malchijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and Benaiah;

26 and of the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah;

27 and of the sons of *Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza;

28 and of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai;

18 *Ezra 5.2, Hag. 1.1, 12, 2.4, Zech. 3.1, 6.11

19 ¹Lit. gave their hand
*Lev. 5.15, 6.6

25 *Ezra 2.3, 8.3, Neh. 7.8

27 *Ezra 2.8, Neh. 7.13

31 *Neh. 3.11

43 *Num. 32.38; Ezra 2.29

44 *1 Kin. 11.1-3; Ezra 10.3

29 and of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah Jashub, Sheal, and Jeremoth;

30 and of the sons of Pahathmoab: Adna, Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh;

31 and of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, *Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah;

33 of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei;

34 of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhi,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasu,

38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,

39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,

40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43 Of the sons of *Nebo there were Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.

44 All these had married *foreign wives, and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah's Grief for the Exiles

THE words of *Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

1 Now it happened in ^bthe month Chislev, ^cin the twentieth year, while I was in ^dSusa the ^ecapitol.

2 that *Hanani, one of my brothers, and ¹some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped and had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

3 And they said to me, "The remnant there in the ^aprovince who survived the captivity are in great distress and ^breproach, and ^cthe wall of Jerusalem is broken down and ^dits gates are burned with fire."

4 ^e Now it came about when I heard these words, ^fI sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before ^bthe God of heaven.

5 And I said, "I beseech Thee, O LORD God of heaven, ^athe great and awesome God, ^bwho preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

6 ^alet Thine ear now be attentive and Thine eyes open to hear the prayer of Thy servant which I am praying before Thee now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Thy servants, ^bconfessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against Thee; ^cI and my father's house have sinned.

7 ^aWe have acted very corruptly against Thee and have not kept the commandments, nor

1 ¹Or, palace or citadel
*Neh. 10:1
*Zach. 7:1
*Neh. 2:1
*Ezra. 1:2.
Dan. 8:2

2 ¹Lit. he and some
*Neh. 7:2

3 *Neh. 7:6
*Neh. 2:17
*Neh. 2:17
*Neh. 2:3

4 *Ezra 9:3.
10:1 *Neh. 2:4

5 *Neh. 4:14, 9:32.
Dan. 9:4 *Ex. 20:6, Ps. 88:2, 3

6 *Dan. 9:17 *Ezra 10:1, Dan. 9:20 *2 Chr. 29:6

7 *Dan. 9:5
*Deut. 28:14

8 *Lev. 26:33

9 *Deut. 30:2, 3 *Deut. 30:4 *Deut. 12:5

10 *Ex. 32:11, Deut. 9:29

11 ¹Or, fear
*Neh. 1:6
*Gen. 40:21.
Neh. 2:1

1 *Neh. 1:1
*Ezra 7:1
*Neh. 1:11

2 *Prov. 15:13

3 *Dan. 2:4
*2 Kin. 25:8-10, 2 Chr. 36:18, Neh. 1:3, Jer. 52:12-14

the statutes, nor the ordinances ^bwhich Thou didst command Thy servant Moses.

8 "Remember the word which Thou didst command Thy servant Moses, saying, ^a'If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples;

9 ^abut if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I ^bwill gather them from there and will bring them ^cto the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell."

10 "And ^athey are Thy servants and Thy people whom Thou didst redeem by Thy great power and by Thy strong hand.

11 "O Lord, I beseech Thee, ^amay Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant and the prayer of Thy servants who delight to ¹revere Thy name, and make Thy servant successful today, and grant him compassion before this man."

1 Now I was the ^bcupbearer to the king.

CHAPTER 2

AND it came about in the month Nisan, ^ain the twentieth year of King ^bArtaxerxes, that wine was before him, and ^cI took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

2 So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? ^aThis is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid.

3 And I said to the king, ^a"Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad ^bwhen

the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?"

4 Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" "So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it."

6 Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time.

7 And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah,

8 and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which is by the temple, for the wall of the city, and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me.

9 ¶ Then I came to the governors of the provinces beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

10 And when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about it, it was very displeasing to them that someone had come to seek the welfare of the sons of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days.

12 And I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. I did not tell anyone what my God was putting into my mind to do for Jerusalem and there was no animal with me except the animal on which I was riding.

4 *Neh. 1:4

6 *Neh. 13:6

7 *Ezra 7:21, 8:36

8 1 Lit., house
*Ecc. 2:5, 6
*Neh. 7:2
*Ezra 7:6;
Neh. 2:18

9 *Neh. 2:7
*Ezra 8:22

10 1 Lit., servant
*Neh. 2:18;
4:1

11 *Ezra 8:32

12 1 Lit., heart

13 1 Lit., Gate of Ash-heaps
*Neh. 3:13
*Neh. 1:3
*Neh. 2:3, 17

14 1 Lit., the animal under me
*Neh. 3:15
*2 Kin. 20:20

15 *John 18:1

17 *Neh. 1:3

18 *2 Sam. 2:7

19 1 Lit., servant
*Neh. 8:6
*Neh. 4:1
*Neh. 6:6

20 *Ezra 4:3
*Neh. 2:4;
Acts 8:21

1 *Neh. 3:20;
13:28 *Neh. 3:32; 12:39

13 So I went out at night by the Valley Gate in the direction of the Dragon's Well and on to the Refuse Gate, inspecting the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down and its gates which were consumed by fire.

14 Then I passed on to the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was no place for my mount to pass.

15 So I went up at night by the ravine and inspected the wall. Then I entered the Valley Gate again and returned.

16 And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I had done; nor had I as yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the rest who did the work.

17 ¶ Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates burned by fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem that we may no longer be a reproach."

18 And I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me, and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us arise and build." "So they put their hands to the good work."

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard it, they mocked us and despised us and said, "What is this thing you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?"

20 So I answered them and said to them, "The God of heaven will give us success; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no portion, right, or memorial in Jerusalem."

CHAPTER 3

THEN Eliashib the high priest arose with his brothers the priests and built the

heep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They consecrated the wall to the Tower of the Hundred and the Tower of Hananel.

2 And next to him the men of Jericho built, and next to them occurred the son of Imri built.

3 Now the sons of Hassenaiah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts and bars.

4 And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz made repairs. And next to him Meshullam the son of Berehiah the son of Meshezabel made repairs. And next to him Zadok the son of Baana also made repairs.

5 Moreover, next to him the Tekoites made repairs, but their nobles did not support the work of their masters.

6 And Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors, with its bolts and its bars.

7 Next to them Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, also made repairs for the official seat of the governor of the province beyond the River.

8 Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah of the goldsmiths made repairs. And next to him Hananiah, one of the perfumers, made repairs, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

9 And next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, the official of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs.

10 Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph made repairs opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabai made repairs.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-

moab repaired another section and the Tower of Furnaces.

12 And next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the official of half the district of Jerusalem, made repairs, he and his daughters.

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall to the Refuse Gate.

14 And Malchijah the son of Rechab, the official of the district of Beth-haccherem repaired the Refuse Gate. He built it and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars.

15 Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, the official of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He built it, covered it, and hung its doors with its bolts and its bars, and the wall of the Pool of Shelah at the king's garden as far as the steps that descend from the city of David.

16 After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, official of half the district of Beth-zur, made repairs as far as a point opposite the tombs of David, and as far as the artificial pool and the house of the mighty men.

17 After him the Levites carried out repairs under Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, the official of half the district of Keilah, carried out repairs for his district.

18 After him their brothers carried out repairs under Bavvai the son of Henadad, official of the other half of the district of Keilah.

19 And next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, the official of Mizpah, repaired another section, in front of the ascent of the armory at the Angle.

20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai zealously repaired another section, from the Angle to

1 ¹ Lit. of
Neh. 6:1, 7:1
Neh. 12:30
Jer. 31:38

2 ¹ Lit. him
Neh. 7:36

3 ¹ Neh.
12:30

4 ¹ Lit.
him

5 ¹ Lit.
them ² Lit.
bring their
neck to

6 ¹ Neh.
12:30

7 ¹ Or.
which was
under the su-
ruction of
the governor
of the prov-
ince beyond
the River,
also made re-
pairs
Neh. 2:7

8 ¹ Neh.
3:31, 32
Neh. 12:38

9 ¹ Neh.
3:12, 17

11 ¹ Neh.
12:38

12 ¹ Neh. 3:9

13 ¹ Lit.
Gate of Ash-
hadad
Neh. 2:13

14 ¹ Lit.
Gate of Ash-
hadad
Jer. 6:1
Neh. 2:13

15 ¹ Neh.
2:17 ² Km.
25:4 ¹ Neh.
12:37

16 ¹ Neh.
3:9, 12:17
² Km. 20:20,
Is. 7:3

19 ¹ Lit. a
second mea-
sure, and so
in vv. 20, 21,
24, 30
Neh. 3:15
2 Chr. 28:9

the doorway of the house of ^aEliashib the high priest.

21 After him Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz repaired another section, from the doorway of Eliashib's house even as far as the end of his house.

22 And after him the priests, ^athe men of the ¹valley, carried out repairs.

23 After ¹them Benjamin and Hasshub carried out repairs in front of their house. After ¹them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah carried out repairs beside his house.

24 After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah as far as ^athe Angle and as far as the corner.

25 Palai the son of Uzai made repairs in front of the Angle and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king, which is by ^athe court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh made repairs.

26 And ^athe temple servants living in ^bOphel made repairs as far as the front of ^cthe Water Gate toward the east and the projecting tower.

27 After him ^athe Tekoites repaired another section in front of the great projecting tower and as far as the wall of Ophel.

28 ^a Above ^athe Horse Gate the priests carried out repairs, each in front of his house.

29 After ¹them Zadok the son of Immer carried out repairs in front of his house. And after him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, carried out repairs.

30 After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah carried out repairs in front of his own ¹quarters.

20 ^aNeh. 3:1

21 ¹Lit., Eliashib's

22 ¹Lit., circle, i.e., lower Jordan valley ^aNeh. 12:28

23 ¹Lit., him

24 ^aNeh. 3:19

25 ^aJer. 32:2

26 ^aNeh. 7:48 ^bNeh. 11:21 ^cNeh. 8:1

27 ^aNeh. 3:5

28 ^a2 Kin. 11:16; 2 Chr. 23:15; Jer. 31:40

29 ¹Lit., him

30 ¹Or, cell

31 ¹Lit., son of ²Or, Musing ^aNeh. 3:8, 32

32 ^aNeh. 3:1, 12:39

1 ¹Ch. 3:33 in Heb. ^aNeh. 2:10

2 ¹Or, army ²Lit., heaps of dust ^aEzra 4:9, 10 ^bNeh. 4:10

3 ¹Lit., go up ^aLam. 5:18

4 ^aPsa. 123:3, 4 ^bPsa. 79:12

5 ¹Lit., cover ²Lit., offended against ^aPsa. 69:27, 28; Jer. 18:23

6 ¹Lit., heart

7 ¹Ch. 4:1 in Heb. ²Lit., healing

31 After him Malchijah ¹one of ^athe goldsmiths, carried out repairs as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, in front of the ²Inspection Gate and as far as the upper room of the corner.

32 And between the upper room of the corner and ^athe Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants carried out repairs.

CHAPTER 4

¹ NOW it came about that when ^aSanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews.

2 And he spoke in the presence of his brothers and ^athe ¹wealthy men of Samaria and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the ²dusty rubble even the burned ones?"

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was near him and he said, "Ever what they are building—^aif a fox should ¹jump on it, he would break their stone wall down!"

4 ¶ ^aHear, O our God, how we are despised! ^bReturn their reproach on their own heads and give them up for plunder in a land of captivity.

5 Do not ¹forgive their iniquity and let not their sin be blotted out before Thee, for they have ²demoralized the builders.

6 So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a ¹mind to work.

7 ¶ ¹Now it came about when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the ²repair of the walls of Jerusalem went on, and that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry.

8 And all of them ^aconspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.

8 ^aPs. 83.3

9 But we prayed to our God, and because of them we ^aset up a guard against them day and night.

9 ^aNeh. 4.11

10 Thus ¹in Judah it was said, "The strength of the burden bearers is failing, Yet there is much ²rub-bish; And we ourselves are un-able To rebuild the wall."

10 ¹Lit. Ju-dah said ²Lit. dust

12 ¹So Gr. Heb omits thry up

11 And our enemies said, "They will not know or see until we come among them, kill them, and put a stop to the work."

13 ¹Lit. bare ^aNeh. 4.17, 18

12 And it came about when the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times, "They will come up against us from every place where you may turn,"

14 ^aNum 14.9, Deut 1.29, 30 ²2 Sam 10.12

13 then I stationed men in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the ¹exposed places, and I ^astationed the people in families with their swords, spears, and bows.

15 ²2 Sam 17.14

18 ¹Lit. he who sounded the trumpet

14 When I saw *their fear*, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and ^bfight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

20 ¹Lit. as-semble your-selves ^aEx. 14.14, Deut 1.30

15 ^a And it happened when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that ^aGod had frustrated their plan, then all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work.

21 ¹Lit. ru-ing of the down ²Lit. came out

16 And it came about from that day on, that half of my servants carried on the work while half of them held the spears, the shields, the bows, and the breastplates; and the captains were behind the whole house of Judah.

1 ^aLev. 25.35 ^bDeut. 15.7

2 ^aHag. 1.6

4 ^aEzra 4.13, 7.24

17 Those who were rebuilding the wall and those who carried burdens took *their* load with one hand doing the work and the other holding a weapon.

18 As for the builders, each wore his sword girded at his side as he built, while ¹the trumpeter stood near me.

19 And I said to the nobles, the officials, and the rest of the people, "The work is great and extensive, and we are separated on the wall far from one another.

20 "At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, ¹rally to us there. ^aOur God will fight for us."

21 ^a So we carried on the work with half of them holding spears from ¹dawn until the stars ²appeared.

22 At that time I also said to the people, "Let each man with his servant spend the night within Jerusalem so that they may be a guard for us by night and a laborer by day."

23 So neither I, my brothers, my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us removed our clothes, each took his weapon even to the wa-ter.

CHAPTER 5

NOW ^athere was a great out-cry of the people and of their wives against their ^bJewish brothers.

2 For there were those who said, "We, our sons and our daughters, are many; therefore let us ^aget grain that we may eat and live."

3 And there were others who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses that we might get grain because of the famine."

4 Also there were those who said, "We have borrowed money ^afor the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards.

5 "And now ^aour flesh is like the flesh of our brothers, our children like their children. Yet behold, ^bwe are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters are forced into bondage *already*, and ^cwe are helpless because our fields and vineyards belong to others."

6 ^c Then I was very ^aangry when I had heard their outcry and these words.

7 And I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers and said to them, "^aYou are exacting usury, each from his brother!" Therefore, I held a great assembly against them.

8 And I said to them, "We according to our ability ^ahave ^bredeemed our Jewish brothers who were sold to the nations; now would you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us?" Then they were silent and could not find a word to say.

9 Again I said, "The thing which you are doing is not good; should you not walk in the fear of our God because of ^athe reproach of the nations, our enemies?"

10 "And likewise I, my brothers and my servants, are lending them money and grain. Please, let us leave off this usury.

11 "Please, give back to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive groves, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money and of the grain, the new wine, and the oil that you are exacting from them."

12 Then they said, "We ^awill give it back and ^bwill require nothing from them; we will do exactly as you say." So I called the priests and ^ctook an oath from them that they would do according to this ^bpromise.

13 I ^aalso shook out the ^bfront of my garment and said, "Thus

⁸ Lit., there is not the power in our hands
^aGen. 37:27
^bLev. 25:39

⁶ Ex. 11:8

⁷ Ex. 22:25, Lev. 25:36, Deut. 23:19, 20

⁸ Lit., brought
^aLev. 25:48

⁹ Neh. 4:4

¹² Lit., word
^a2 Chr. 28:15
^bNeh. 10:31
^cEzra 10:5

¹³ Lit., burden
^a2 Lit., word
^aActs 18:6
^bNeh. 8:6

¹⁴ Lit., brothers
^aNeh. 1:1
^bNeh. 13:6

¹⁵ Lit., made heavy
^aNeh. 5:9; Job 31:23

¹⁶ Or, held fast

¹⁷ ^a1 Kin. 18:19

¹⁸ ^a1 Kin. 4:22, 23
^b2 Thess. 3:8

¹⁹ ^aNeh. 13:14, 22, 31

may God shake out every man from his house and from his possessions who does not fulfill this ²promise; even thus may he be shaken out and emptied." And ^ball the assembly said, "Amen!" And they praised the LORD. Then the people did according to this ²promise.

14 ¶ Moreover, from the day that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah from ^athe twentieth year to the ^bthirty-second year of King Artaxerxes, for twelve years, neither I nor my ^bkinsmen have eaten the governor's food allowance.

15 But the former governors who were before me ^blaid burdens on the people and took from them bread and wine besides forty shekels of silver; even their servants domineered the people. But I did not do so ^abecause of the fear of God.

16 And I also ^bapplied myself to the work on this wall; we did not buy any land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work.

17 Moreover, ^athere were at my table one hundred and fifty Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us.

18 Now ^athat which was prepared for each day was one ox and six choice sheep, also birds were prepared for me; and once in ten days all sorts of wine were *furnished* in abundance. Yet for all this ^bI did not demand the governor's food allowance, because the servitude was heavy on this people.

19 ^aRemember me, O my God for good, according to all that have done for this people.

CHAPTER 6

NOW it came about when it was reported to Sanballat Tobiah, to Geshem the Arab, and to the rest of our enemies that I

had rebuilt the wall, and *that* no breach remained in it, ^aalthough at that time I had not set up the doors in the gates.

2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent a message to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together at ¹Chephirim in the plain of ^aOno." But they were planning to ²harm me.

3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

4 And they sent messages to me four times in this manner, and I answered them in the same way.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me in the same manner a fifth time with an open letter in his hand.

6 In it was written, "It is reported among the nations, and ¹Gashmu says, that ^ayou and the Jews are planning to rebel; therefore you are rebuilding the wall. And you are to be their king, according to these reports.

7" And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim in Jerusalem concerning ¹you, 'A king is in Judah!' And now it will be reported to the king according to these reports. So come now, let us take counsel together."

8 Then I sent a message to him saying, "Such things as you are saying have not been done, but you are ^ainventing them ¹in your own mind."

9 For all of them were trying to frighten us, ¹thinking, "²They will become discouraged with the work and it will not be done." But now, ^aO God, strengthen my hands.

10 ¶ And when I entered the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, son of Mehetabel, ^awho was ¹confined at home, he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple,

¹ Neh.
3:1, 2

² Another reading is, one of the villages ²Lat. do evil to me ¹ Chr. 8:12

⁶ In v. 1 and elsewhere, Geshem ¹ Neh. 2:19

⁷ Lat. you, saying

⁸ Lat. from your heart ¹ Job 13:4 Ps. 52:2

⁹ Lat. saying, Lat. Their hands will drop from ¹ Ps. 138:3

¹⁰ Lat. shut up ¹ Jer. 38:5

¹¹ Lat. and live ¹ Prov. 28:1

¹² Lat. and behold God

¹³ Neh. 6:6

¹⁴ Neh. 13:28 ¹ Neh. 13:17

¹⁵ Neh. 4:1, 2

¹⁶ Lat. all exceedingly in their own eyes ² Lat. from our God ¹ Neh. 2:10 4:1, 7 ¹ Ez. 14:25

¹ Neh. 6:1, 15

and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you, and they are coming to kill you at night."

11 But I said, "^aShould a man like me flee? And could one such as I go into the temple ¹to save his life? I will not go in."

12 Then I perceived ¹that surely God had not sent him, but he uttered his prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 He was hired for this reason, ^athat I might become frightened and act accordingly and sin, so that they might have an evil report in order that they could reproach me.

14 ^aRemember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these works of theirs, and also Noadiah ^bthe prophetess and the rest of the prophets who were trying to frighten me.

15 ¶ So ^athe wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.

16 And it came about ^awhen all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they ¹lost their confidence; for ^bthey recognized that this work had been accomplished ²with the help of our God.

17 Also in those days many letters went from the nobles of Judah to Tobiah, and Tobiah's letters came to them.

18 For many in Judah were bound by oath to him because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah, and his son Jehohanan had married the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

19 Moreover, they were speaking about his good deeds in my presence and reported my words to him. Then Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came about when ^athe wall was rebuilt and I

had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

2 that I put ^aHanani my brother, and ^bHananiah the commander of ^cthe fortress, in charge of Jerusalem, for he was ^da faithful man and feared God more than many.

3 Then I said to them, "Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot, and while they are standing guard, let them shut and bolt the doors. Also appoint guards from the inhabitants of Jerusalem, each at his post, and each in front of his own house."

4 Now the city was large and spacious, but the people in it were few and the houses were not built.

5 ¶ Then my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials, and the people to be enrolled by genealogies. Then I found the book of the genealogy of those who came up first ¹in which I found the following record:

6 ^aThese are the ¹people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and who returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his city,

7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ¹Azariah, ²Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, ³Mispereth, Bigvai, ⁴Nehum, Baanah.

¶ The number of men of the people of Israel:

8 the sons of Parosh, 2,172;

9 the sons of Shephatiah, 372;

10 the sons of Arah, 652;

11 the sons of Pahath-moab of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, 2,818;

12 the sons of Elam, 1,254;

13 the sons of Zattu, 845;

14 the sons of Zaccai, 760;

15 the sons of ¹Binnui, 648;

16 the sons of Bebai, 628;

² Neh. 12
¹ Neh. 10:23
¹ Neh. 2:8
⁴ Neh. 13:13

⁸ Lit., and I found written in it
¹ Prov 26:36

⁸ Lit.
sons
¹ Ezra 2:1-70

⁷ ¹In Ezra 2:2, ²Seraiah
²In Ezra 2:2, ³Raamiah
⁴In Ezra 2:2, ⁵Mispereth
⁶In Ezra 2:2, ⁷Rehum

¹⁸ ¹In Ezra 2:10, Bani

²⁴ ¹In Ezra 2:18, Jorah

²⁸ ¹In Ezra 2:20, Gibbar

²⁸ ¹In Ezra 2:24, Azmaveth

²⁹ ¹In Ezra 2:25, Kinath-anan

³⁶ ¹Lit.
sons

⁴³ ¹In Ezra 2:40, Hoda-viah

⁴⁷ ¹In Ezra 2:44, Siaha

Census of First Exiles Returned.

17 the sons of Azgad, 2,322;

18 the sons of Adonikam, 667;

19 the sons of Bigvai, 2,067;

20 the sons of Adin, 655;

21 the sons of Ater, of Hezekiah, 98;

22 the sons of Hashum, 328;

23 the sons of Bezai, 324;

24 the sons of ¹Hariph, 112;

25 the sons of ¹Gibeon, 95;

26 the men of Bethlehem and Netophah, 188;

27 the men of Anathoth, 128;

28 the men of ¹Beth-azmaveth, 42;

29 the men of ¹Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, 743;

30 the men of Ramah and Geba, 621;

31 the men of Michmas, 122;

32 the men of Bethel and Ai, 123;

33 the men of the other Nebo, 52;

34 the sons of the other Elam, 1,254;

35 the sons of Harim, 320;

36 the ¹men of Jericho, 345;

37 the sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 721;

38 the sons of Senaah, 3,930.

39 ¶ The priests: the sons of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua, 973;

40 the sons of Immer, 1,052;

41 the sons of Pashhur, 1,247;

42 the sons of Harim, 1,017.

43 ¶ The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the sons of ¹Hodevah, 74.

44 The singers: the sons of Asaph, 148.

45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, 138.

46 ¶ The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

47 the sons of Keros, the sons of ¹Sia, the sons of Padon,

48 the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Shalmal,

49 the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,

50 the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,

51 the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,

52 the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of ¹Nephuseshim,

53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

54 the sons of ¹Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,

56 the sons of Nezhiah, the sons of Hatipha.

57 ¶ The sons of Solomon's servants: the sons of Sotai, the sons of ¹Sophereth, the sons of ²Perida,

58 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

59 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the sons of ¹Amon.

60 All the temple servants and the sons of Solomon's servants were 392.

61 ¶ And these were they who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, ¹Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers' houses or their ²descendants, whether they were of Israel:

62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 642.

63 And of the priests: the sons of ¹Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai, the Gileadite, and was named after them.

64 These searched among their ancestral registration, but it could not be located; therefore they were considered unclean and excluded from the priesthood.

83 ¹In Ezra 2:50, Nephthim

84 ¹In Ezra 2:52, Bazlith

87 ¹In Ezra 2:56, Mesophrath ²In Ezra 2:56, Perida

88 ¹In Ezra 2:57, Amon

81 ¹In Ezra 2:58, Addon ²Lt., read

83 ¹In Ezra 2:61, Hobaiah

85 ¹Heb., Turshatha, a Persian title ²Heb. 8:17, 10:1 ³Ezr 28:30; Deut. 33:8

87 ¹Lt., these

88 ¹So with some ancient mss. and Gr ²Ezra 7:68

78 ¹Heb., Turshatha, a Persian title ²Heb. 7:65, 8:9

78 ¹Chr 8:2 ²Ezra 3:1

1 ¹Lt., read to ²Lt., commanded ³Heb. 3:28 ⁴Ezra 7:6 ⁵Chr 34:15

3 ¹Deut. 31:9-11, Neh. 8:9 ²Lv 23:24

65 And ^athe ¹governor said to them that they should not eat from the most holy things until a priest arose with ^bUrim and Thummim.

66 ¶ The whole assembly together was 42,360.

67 besides their male and their female servants, ¹of whom there were 7,337; and they had 245 male and female singers.

68 ^{1a}Their horses were 736; their mules, 245;

69 their camels, 435; their donkeys, 6,720.

70 ¶ And some from among the heads of fathers' households gave to the work. The ^{1a}governor gave to the treasury 1,000 gold drachmas, 50 basins, 530 priests' garments.

71 And some of the heads of fathers' households gave into the treasury of the work 20,000 gold drachmas, and 2,200 silver minas.

72 And that which the rest of the people gave was 20,000 gold drachmas and 2,000 silver minas, and 67 priests' garments.

73 ¶ Now ^athe priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, some of the people, the temple servants, and all Israel, lived in their cities.

¶ ^bAnd when the seventh month came, the sons of Israel were in their cities.

CHAPTER 8

AND all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of ^athe Water Gate, and they ¹asked ^bEzra the scribe to bring ^athe book of the law of Moses which the LORD had ²given to Israel.

2 Then ^aEzra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women, and all who could listen with understanding, on ^bthe first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read from it before the square which was in front of

*the Water Gate from ¹early morning until midday, in the presence of men and women, those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand.

5 And Ezra opened ^athe book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people ^bstood up.

6 Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then ^bthey bowed low and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, explained the law to the people while the people *remained* in their place.

8 And they read from the book, from the law of God, ¹translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.

9 ¶ Then Nehemiah, who was the ^{1a}governor, and Ezra ^bthe priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; ^ddo not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and ^asend portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

³ ¹Lit. the light
*Neh. 8:1

⁵ *Neh. 8:3
*Judg. 3:20
1 Kin. 8:12-14

⁶ *Neh. 5:13
*Ex. 4:31

⁸ *Or. explaining

⁹ ¹Heb. Tishbatha, a Persian title
*Neh. 7:65, 70
*Neh. 12:26
*Neh. 8:2
*Deut. 12:7, 12

¹⁰ *Deut. 26:11-13

¹² ¹Lit. make a great rejoicing
*Neh. 8:10
*Neh. 8:7, 8

¹⁴ *Lev. 23:34, 40, 42

¹⁵ ¹Lit. And that they will cause to be heard
²Lit. oil tree, species unknown
*Lev. 23:4
*Deut. 16:16
*Lev. 23:40

¹⁶ *Jer. 32:29
*Neh. 8:1
*2 Kin. 14:13
Neh. 12:39

¹⁷ ¹Lit. the booths
*2 Chr. 7:8
8:13
*2 Chr. 30:21

¹⁸ *Deut. 31:11
*Lev. 23:36
*Num. 29:35

11 So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved."

12 And all the people went away to eat, to drink, ^ato send portions and to ¹celebrate a great festival, ^bbecause they understood the words which had been made known to them.

13 ¶ Then on the second day the heads of fathers' households of all the people, the priests, and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe that they might gain insight into the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law how the LORD had commanded through Moses that the sons of Israel ^ashould live in booths during the feast of the seventh month.

15 ^{1a}So they proclaimed and circulated a proclamation in all their cities and ^bin Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the hills, and bring olive branches, and ²wild olive branches, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of *other* leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16 So the people went out and brought *them* and made booths for themselves, each ^aon his roof, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at ^bthe Water Gate, and in the square at ^cthe Gate of Ephraim.

17 And the entire assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and lived in ¹them. The sons of Israel ^ahad indeed not done so from the days of Joshua the son of Nun to that day. And ^bthere was great rejoicing.

18 And ^ahe read from the book of the law of God daily, from the first day to the last day. And they ^bcelebrated the feast seven days, and on ^cthe eighth day *there* was a solemn assembly according to the ordinance.

CHAPTER 9

NOW on the twenty-fourth day of ^athis month the sons of Israel assembled ^bwith fasting, in sackcloth, and with ^cdirt upon them.

2 And the ^adescendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and ^bconfessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

3 While ^athey stood in their place, they read from the book of the law of the LORD their God for a fourth of the day; and for another fourth they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.

4 ^aNow on the Levites' platform stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and they cried with a loud voice to the LORD their God.

5 ¶ Then the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, "Arise, bless the LORD your God forever and ever!

O may Thy glorious name be blessed

And exalted above all blessing and praise!

6" ^aThou alone art the LORD.

^bThou hast made the heavens,

The heaven of heavens with all their host,

The earth and all that is on it,

The seas and all that is in them.

^cThou dost give life to all of them

And the heavenly host bows down before Thee.

7" Thou art the LORD God,

^aWho chose Abram

And brought him out from ^bUr of the Chaldees,

And ^cgave him the name Abraham.

1 ^aNeh. 8:2
^bEzra 8:23
^c1 Sam. 4:12

2 ^aLit.
^bread
^cEzra 10:11;
Neh. 13:3
^dProv. 28:13;
Jer. 3:13

3 ^aNeh. 8:4

4 ^aNeh. 8:7

5 ^aDeut.
8:4, 7
^bKin.
19:15
^cGen.
1:1
^dCol.
1:16

7 ^aGen.
12:1
^bGen.
11:31
^cGen.
17:5

8 ^aLit.
^bread
^cGen. 15:6,
18:21
^dNumb.
21:43-45

9 ^aLit., Sam.
of Randa
^bEx. 3:7
^cEx.
14:10-14, 31

10 ^aEx. 7:8,
12:32
^bEx. 5:2
^cEx. 9:16

11 ^aLit.
^bstrong,
mightily
^cEx. 14:21
^dEx. 15:1, 5,
10

12 ^aEx.
13:21, 22

13 ^aEx.
19:11, 18-20
^bEx. 20:1

8" And Thou didst find ^ahis heart faithful before Thee,

And didst make a covenant with him

To give him the land of the Canaanite,

Of the Hittite and the Amorite,

Of the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite—

To give it to his ^adescendants.

And Thou ^bhast fulfilled Thy promise,

For Thou art righteous.

9 ¶ ^aThou didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt,

And didst ^bhear their cry by the ^cRed Sea.

10" Then Thou didst perform ^asigns and wonders against Pharaoh,

Against all his servants and all the people of his land;

For Thou didst know that ^bthey acted arrogantly toward them,

And ^cdidst make a name for Thyself as it is this day.

11" And ^aThou didst divide the sea before them,

So they passed through the midst of the sea on dry ground;

And ^btheir pursuers Thou didst hurl into the depths, Like a stone into ^craging waters.

12" And with a pillar of cloud ^aThou didst lead them by day,

And with a pillar of fire by night

To light for them the way in which they were to go.

13" Then ^aThou didst come down on Mount Sinai,

And didst ^bspeak with them from heaven;

Thou didst give to them
cjust ordinances and true
laws,

Good statutes and com-
mandments.

14" So Thou didst make known
to them aThy holy sab-
bath,

And didst lay down for
them commandments,
statutes, and law.

Through Thy servant
Moses.

15" Thou didst aprovide bread
from heaven for them for
their hunger,

Thou didst bbring forth wa-
ter from a rock for them
for their thirst,

And Thou didst ctell them to
enter in order to possess
The land which Thou didst
lswear to give them.

16 ¶ But they, our fathers,
acted arrogantly;

They lbecame stubborn
and would not listen to
Thy commandments.

17" And they refused to listen,
And adid not remember Thy
wondrous deeds which
Thou hadst performed
among them;

So they became stubborn
and bappointed a leader
to return to their slavery
lin Egypt.

But Thou art a God c of for-
giveness,

Gracious and compassion-
ate,

Slow to anger, and abound-
ing in lovingkindness;

And Thou didst not forsake
them.

18" Even when they amade for
themselves

A calf of molten metal
And said, 'This is your God
Who brought you up from
Egypt,'

And committed great lblas-
phemies,

13 cPs.
10:7-9

14 aEx.
16:23; 20:8

16 lLit., lift
up Thy hand
aEx. 16:4, 14,
15 bEx. 17:8;
Num. 20:7-13
cDeut. 1:8, 21

16 lLit., stiff-
ened their
neck; so also
v. 17
aNeh. 9:10
bDeut. 1:26-
33; 31:27;
Neh. 9:29

17 lSo Gr.
and some
Heb. mas.;
Heb. reads in
their rebel-
lion
aPs. 78:11,
42-53 bNum.
14:4 cEx.
34:6, 7; Num.
14:18

18 lLit., acts
of contempt
aEx. 32:4-8,
31

19 aDeut.
8:2-4; Neh.
9:27, 31
bNeh. 9:12

20 aNum.
11:17; Neh.
9:30; Is.
63:11-14

21 aDeut.
2:7

22 lLit.,
side, corner
aSo the Gr.
and the Latin;
Heb. reads
and the land
of the king of
Heshbon
aNum. 21:21-
35

23 aGen.
15:5; 22:17

24 lLit., ac-
cording to
their desire
aJosh. 11:23;
21:43 bJosh.
18:1

19 aThou, in Thy great com-
passion,

Didst not forsake them in
the wilderness;

bThe pillar of cloud did not
leave them by day,

To guide them on their way,
Nor the pillar of fire by

night, to light for them
the way in which they
were to go.

20" And aThou didst give Thy
good Spirit to instruct
them,

Thy manna Thou didst not
withhold from their
mouth,

And Thou didst give them
water for their thirst.

21" Indeed, aforty years Thou
didst provide for them in
the wilderness and they
were not in want;

Their clothes did not wear
out, nor did their feet
swell.

22" Thou didst also give them
kingdoms and peoples,
And Thou didst allot them
to them as a lboundary.

aAnd they took possession
of the land of Sihon 2the
king of Heshbon,

And the land of Og the king
of Bashan.

23" And Thou didst make their
sons numerous as a the
stars of heaven,

And Thou didst bring them
into the land

Which Thou hadst told their
fathers to enter and pos-
sess.

24" aSo their sons entered and
possessed the land.

And bThou didst subdue be-
fore them the inhabitants
of the land, the Canaan-
ites,

And Thou didst give them
into their hand, with their
kings, and the peoples of
the land,

To do with them las they de-
sired.

25 "And ^athey captured fortified cities and a ^bfertile land.

They took possession of ^chouses full of every good thing.

Hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive groves,

Fruit trees in abundance.

So they ate, were filled, and ^dgrew fat,

And ^ereveled in Thy great goodness.

²⁵ ¹Lit., for
^aDeut. 3:5
^bNum. 13:27
^cDeut. 6:11
^dDeut. 32:15
^e1 Km. 8:66

26 ¶ "But they became disobedient and rebelled against Thee,

And ^bcast Thy law behind their backs

And ^ckilled Thy prophets who had ^dadmonished them

So that they might return to Thee,

And ^ethey committed great ^fblasphemies.

²⁶ ¹Lit., acts of contempt
^aJudg. 2:11
^b1 Km. 14:9
^c2 Chr. 36:16
^dNeh. 9:30
^eNeh. 9:18

27 "Therefore Thou didst ^adeliver them into the hand of their oppressors who oppressed them,

But when they cried to Thee ^bin the time of their distress,

Thou didst hear from heaven, and according to Thy great compassion

Thou didst ^cgive them deliverers who delivered them from the hand of their oppressors.

²⁷ ^aJudg. 2:14
^bDeut. 4:29
^cJudg. 2:16

²⁸ ^aJudg. 3:11
^bPs. 106:43

28 "But ^aas soon as they had rest, they did evil again before Thee;

Therefore Thou didst abandon them to the hand of their enemies, so that they ruled over them.

When they cried again to Thee, Thou didst hear from heaven,

And ^bmany times Thou didst rescue them according to Thy compassion,

29 And ^aadmonished them in

²⁹ ¹Lit., gave
^aNeh. 9:26, 30
^bNeh. 9:10, 16
^cLev. 18:5
^dZech. 7:11

³⁰ ^aPs. 90:10
^bActs 13:18
^c2 Km. 17:13-18
^d2 Chr. 36:15
^e16; Neh. 9:26
^f29; Neh. 9:20

³¹ ^aJer. 4:27
^bNeh. 9:17

³² ^aNeh. 1:5
^b2 Km. 15:19
^c29; 2 Km. 17:3-6
^dEzra 4:2, 10

³³ ^aGen. 18:25; Jer. 12:1

order to turn them back to Thy law.

Yet ^bthey acted arrogantly and did not listen to Thy commandments but sinned against Thine ordinances,

By ^cwhich if a man observes them he shall live.

And they ^dturned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck, and would not listen.

30 "However, Thou didst bear with them for many years,

And ^badmonished them by ^cThy Spirit through Thy prophets.

Yet they would not give ear. Therefore Thou didst give them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

31 "Nevertheless, in Thy great compassion Thou ^adidst not make an end of them or forsake them,

For Thou art ^ba gracious and compassionate God.

32 ¶ "Now therefore, our God, ^athe great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who dost keep covenant and lovingkindness,

Do not let all the hardship seem insignificant before Thee,

Which has come upon us, our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and on all Thy people,

^bFrom the days of the kings of Assyria to this day.

33 "However, ^aThou art just in all that has come upon us;

For Thou hast dealt faithfully, but we have acted wickedly.

34 "For our kings, our leaders, our priests, and our fathers have not kept Thy law

Or paid attention to Thy commandments and Thine ¹admonitions with which Thou hast ²admonished them.

35 "But ^athey, in their own kingdom,

^bWith Thy great goodness which Thou didst give them,

With the broad and rich land which Thou didst set before them,

Did not serve Thee or turn from their evil deeds.

36 "Behold, ^awe are slaves today,

And as to the land which Thou didst give to our fathers to eat of its fruit and its bounty,

Behold, we are slaves on it.

37 "And ^aits abundant produce is for the kings

Whom Thou hast set over us because of our sins;

They also rule over our bodies

And over our cattle as they please,

So we are in great distress.

38 "Now because of all this

^aWe are making an agreement in writing;

And on the ^bsealed document *are the names of* our leaders, our Levites and our priests."

CHAPTER 10

¹ NOW on the ^asealed document *were the names of:* Nehemiah the ²governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah,

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah,

4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Maluch,

5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These were the priests.

³⁴ ¹Lit., testimonies ²Or, witnessed

³⁵ ^aDeut. 28:47 ^bNeh. 9:25

³⁶ ^aDeut. 28:48

³⁷ ^aDeut. 28:33

³⁸ ¹Ch. 10:1 in Heb. ^aNeh. 10:29 ^bNeh. 10:1

¹ ¹Ch. 10:2 in Heb. ²Heb., Tirmah, a Persian title ^aNeh. 9:38

²⁸ ^aEzra 2:36-38 ^bNeh. 9:2

²⁹ ¹Lit., brothers ²Lit., entering into a ³Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord ^aNeh. 5:12

³⁰ ^aEx. 34:16; Deut. 7:3

³¹ ^aNeh. 13:15-22

9 And the Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 also their brothers Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiiah, Hanan,

11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah,

12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

14 The leaders of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaijah,

23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

26 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 ¶ Now ^athe rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and ^ball those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons and their daughters, all those who had knowledge and understanding,

29 are joining with their ¹kinsmen, their nobles, and are ²taking on themselves a curse and an oath to walk in God's law, which was given through Moses, God's servant, and to keep and to observe all the commandments of ³God our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes;

30 and ^athat we will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons.

31 As ^afor the peoples of the land who bring wares or any

grain on the sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the sabbath or a holy day; and we will forego the crops the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

32 ¶ We also placed ourselves under obligation to contribute yearly one third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God:

33 for the showbread, for the continual grain offering, for the continual burnt offering, the sabbaths, the new moon, for the appointed times, for the holy things and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

34 ¶ Likewise we cast lots for the supply of wood among the priests, the Levites, and the people in order that they might bring it to the house of our God, according to our fathers' households, at fixed times annually, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God as it is written in the law;

35 and in order that they might bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all the fruit of every tree to the house of the LORD annually,

36 and bring to the house of our God the first-born of our sons and of our cattle, and the first-born of our herds and our flocks as it is written in the law, for the priests who are ministering in the house of our God.

37 We will also bring the first of our dough, our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the new wine and the oil to the priests at the chambers of the house of our God, and the tithe of our ground to the Levites, for the Levites are they who receive the tithes in all the rural towns.

38 And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes, and the Levites shall bring up the tenth of the tithes to the house of

31 Ex.
23:10, 11;
Lev. 25:1-7
Deut. 15:1, 2

22 Lit., imposed commands on us
Ex. 30:11-16;
Matt. 17:24

23 Lev.
24:5, 6, 2 Chr.
24

24 Neh.
11:1 Neh.
13:31

25 Ex.
23:19, 34; 28;
Deut. 28:2

26 Ex. 13:2

27 Or, coarse meal
Lev. 23:17
Neh. 13:5, 9
Lev. 27:30;
Num. 18:21

28 Num.
18:28 Neh.
13:12, 13

29 Lit., for sale
Deut. 12:6
Neh. 13:10, 11

1 Neh. 7:4
Neh. 10:34
Neh. 11:18
Is. 48:2

2 Judg.
5:9

3 Lit., Israelite
Neh. 10:34
Neh. 11:18
1 Chr. 9:2-34
Neh. 7:72;
11:20 Ezra
2:43 Neh.
7:57

our God, to the chambers of the storehouse.

39 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of the grain, the new wine and the oil, to the chambers; there are the utensils of the sanctuary, the priests who are ministering, the gatekeepers, and the singers. Thus we will not neglect the house of our God.

CHAPTER 11

NOW the leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem, but the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem, the holy city, while nine-tenths remained in the other cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.

3 ¶ Now these are the heads of the provinces who lived in Jerusalem, but in the cities of Judah each lived on his own property in their cities—the Israelites, the priests, the Levites, the temple servants and the descendants of Solomon's servants.

4 And some of the sons of Judah and some of the sons of Benjamin lived in Jerusalem. From the sons of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the sons of Perez;

5 and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazariah, the son of Adariah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite.

6 All the sons of Perez who lived in Jerusalem were 468 able men.

7 ¶ Now these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah,

the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiiah;

8 and after him Gabbai and Sallai, 928.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer, and Judah the son of Hassenuah was second in command of the city.

10 ¶ From the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin,

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the leader of the house of God,

12 and their kinsmen who performed the work of the temple, 822; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah,

13 and his kinsmen, heads of fathers' households, 242; and Amashsai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 and their brothers, valiant warriors, 128. And their overseer was Zabdiel, the son of Haggadolim.

15 ¶ Now from the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, from the leaders of the Levites, who were in charge of the outside work of the house of God;

17 and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the leader in beginning the thanksgiving at prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city were 284.

19 ¶ Also the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, who kept watch at the gates, were 172.

9 ¹Lit. over

12 ¹Lit. brothers, and so throughout the ch. ²Lit. house

14 ¹Or, the great ones

16 ¹Lit. heads ²Lit. over ³1 Chr. 26:29

17 ¹In 1 Chr. 9:15, Zichri ²Lit. head ³In 1 Chr. 9:16, Obadiah ⁴In 1 Chr. 9:16, Shemaiah

18 ¹Neh. 11:1

20 ¹Neh. 11:3

21 ¹Lit. over ²Neh. 3:28

22 ¹Or, work ²Neh. 11:9, 14

23 ¹Ezra 6:8, 7:20 ²Neh. 12:47

24 ¹Lit. hand ²Gen. 38:30 ³1 Chr. 18:17

25 ¹Lit. daughters, and so throughout the ch. ²Josh. 14:15 ³Josh. 13:9, 17

20 And the rest of Israel, of the priests, and of the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, each in his own inheritance.

21 But the temple servants were living in Ophel, and Zihva and Gishpa were in charge of the temple servants.

22 ¶ Now the overseer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzziel the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, from the sons of Asaph, who were the singers for the service of the house of God.

23 For there was a commandment from the king concerning them and a firm regulation for the song leaders day by day.

24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the sons of Zerah the son of Judah, was the king's representative in all matters concerning the people.

25 ¶ Now as for the villages with their fields, some of the sons of Judah lived in Kiriath arba and its towns, in Dibor and its towns, and in Jekabzee and its villages,

26 and in Jeshua, in Moladah and Beth-pelet,

27 and in Hazar-shual, in Beer sheba and its towns,

28 and in Ziklag, in Meconah and in its towns,

29 and in En-rimmon, in Zorah and in Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and its fields Azekah and its towns. So they encamped from Beersheba as far as the valley of Hinnom.

31 The sons of Benjamin also lived from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aiya, at Bethel and its towns,

32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod and Ono, the valley of craftsmen.

36 And from the Levites, some divisions in Judah belonged to Benjamin.

CHAPTER 12

NOW these are ^athe priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, 3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

4 Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah. These were the heads of the priests and their ^bkinsmen in the days of Jeshua.

8 ¶ And the Levites were Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah who was ^cin charge of the songs of thanksgiving, he and his brothers.

9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, stood opposite them ^din their service divisions.

10 And Jeshua ^ebecame the father of Joiakim, and Joiakim ^fbecame the father of Eliashib, and Eliashib ^gbecame the father of Joiada,

11 and Joiada became the father of Jonathan, and Jonathan became the father of Jaddua.

12 ¶ Now in the days of Joiakim the priests, the heads of fathers' households were: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 of ^hMalluchi, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph;

15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

1 ^aEzra 2:1; 7:7

7 ^bLe. brothers

8 ^cLe. over

9 ^dNeh. 12:24

10 ^eLe. he got, and so in vv. 11, 12

14 ^fin Neh. 12:2, Malluch

24 ^gLe. in the room mandament of ^hNeh. 11:17 ⁱNeh. 12:9

25 ^jChr 26:15

26 ^kNeh. 8:9

27 ^lChr 15:16, 26

28 ^mChr 2:16

20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

22 ¶ As for the Levites, the heads of fathers' households were registered in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua; so were the priests in the reign of Darius the Persian.

23 The sons of Levi, the heads of fathers' households, were registered in the Book of the Chronicles up to the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

24 And the heads of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers opposite them, ⁿto praise and give thanks, ^oas prescribed by David the man of God, ^pdivision corresponding to division.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers keeping watch at ^qthe storehouses of the gates.

26 These served in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of ^rNehemiah the governor and of Ezra the priest and scribe.

27 ¶ Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites from all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem so that they might celebrate the dedication with gladness, with hymns of thanksgiving and with songs ^sto the accompaniment of cymbals, harps, and lyres.

28 So the sons of the singers were assembled from the district around Jerusalem, and from ^tthe villages of the Netophathites,

29 from Beth-gilgal, and from their fields in Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built themselves villages around Jerusalem.

30 And the priests and the Levites ^apurified themselves; they also purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

31 ¶ Then I had the leaders of Judah come up on top of the wall, and I appointed two great ¹choirs, ^{2a}the first proceeding to the right on top of the wall toward ^bthe Refuse Gate.

32 Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah followed them,

33 with Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah,

35 and some of the sons of the priests with trumpets; and Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph,

36 and his ¹kinsmen, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah and Hanani, ^awith the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them.

37 And at ^athe Fountain Gate they went directly up ^bthe steps of the city of David by the stairway of the wall above the house of David to ^cthe Water Gate on the east.

38 ¶ ^aThe second ¹choir proceeded to the ²left, while I followed them with half of the people on the wall, ^babove the Tower of Furnaces, to ^cthe Broad Wall,

39 and above ^athe Gate of Ephraim, by ^bthe Old Gate, by the ^cFish Gate, ^dthe Tower of Hananel, and the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate, and they stopped at ^athe Gate of the Guard.

40 Then the two choirs took their stand in the house of God. So did I and half of the officials with me;

41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah,

³⁰ *Neh. 13:22, 30

³¹ ¹Lit., thanksgiving choirs ²Heb. and processions to the right ^aNeh. 12:38 ^bNeh. 2:13

³² ¹Lit., brothers ^aNeh. 12:24

³⁷ *Neh. 2:14 ^bNeh. 3:15 ^cNeh. 3:28

³⁸ ¹Lit., thanksgiving choir ²Lit., front ^aNeh. 12:31 ^bNeh. 3:11 ^cNeh. 3:8

³⁹ *Neh. 8:18 ^bNeh. 3:8 ^cNeh. 3:3 ^dNeh. 3:1 ^eNeh. 3:25

⁴² ¹Lit., caused their voices to be heard

⁴³ *Ps. 92:4

⁴⁴ ¹Lit., stood ^aNeh. 13:4, 5, 12, 13

⁴⁵ ¹Lit., service ^a1 Chr. 25:1

⁴⁶ ¹Lit., heads ^a2 Chr. 29:30 ^b1 Chr. 9:33

⁴⁷ *Neh. 11:23 ^bNum. 18:21

¹ *Neh. 9:3 ^bDeut. 23:3-5; Neh. 13:23

Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with the trumpets;

42 and Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. And the singers ¹sang, with Jezrahiah their leader,

43 and on that day they offered great sacrifices and rejoiced because ^aGod had given them great joy, even the women and children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar.

44 ¶ On that day ^amen were also appointed over the chambers for the stores, the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions required by the law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ¹served.

45 For they performed the ¹worship of their God and the service of purification, together with the singers and the gatekeepers ^ain accordance with the command of David and of his son Solomon.

46 For in the days of David and ^aAsaph, in ancient times, there were ¹leaders of the singers, songs of praise and hymns of thanksgiving to God.

47 And so all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and Nehemiah gave the portions due the singers and the gatekeepers ^aas each day required, and ^bset apart the consecrated portion for the Levites, and the Levites set apart the consecrated portion for the sons of Aaron.

CHAPTER 13

ON that day ^athey read aloud from the book of Moses in the hearing of the people; and there was found written in it that ^bno Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God,

2 because they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and

water, but ^ahired Balaam against them to curse them. However, your God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 So it came about, that when they heard the law, ^athey excluded ^ball foreigners from Israel.

4 ¶ Now prior to this, Eliashib the priest, ^awho was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, being ¹related to ^bTobiah,

5 had prepared a large ¹room for him, where formerly they put the grain offerings, the frankincense, the utensils, and the tithes of grain, wine and oil ^aprescribed for the Levites, the singers and the gatekeepers, and the ²contributions for the priests.

6 But during all this time I was not in Jerusalem, for in ^athe thirty-second year of ^bArtaxerxes king of Babylon I had gone to the king. After some time, however, I asked leave from the king,

7 and I came to Jerusalem and ^alearned about the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, ^aby preparing a ²room for him in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it was very displeasing to me, so I ^athrew all of Tobiah's household goods out of the room.

9 Then I gave an order and they cleansed the rooms; and I returned there the utensils of the house of God with the grain offerings and the frankincense.

10 ¶ I also ¹discovered that the portions of the Levites had not been given them, so that the Levites and the singers who performed the service had ²gone away, ^beach to his own field.

11 So I ^{1a}reprimanded the officials and said, "^bWhy is the house of God forsaken?" Then I gathered them together and restored them to their posts.

12 All Judah then brought ^athe

² ^aNeh 22:3-11
^aDeut. 22:5

³ ^aNeh. 9:2, 10:28
^aEx. 12:38

⁴ ¹Lit. close to
^aNeh. 12:44
^aNeh. 2:10, 6:1, 17:18

⁵ ¹Or, chamber
²Lit., have offerings
^aNeh. 10:21

⁶ ^aNeh. 5:14
^aEzra 6:22

⁷ ¹Or, understood
²Or, chamber, and so in vv. 8, 9
^aNeh. 13:5

⁸ ^aJohn 2:13-16

⁹ ^a2 Chr. 29:5, 15:16

¹⁰ ¹Or, knew
²Lit., And
^aDeut. 12:19, Neh. 10:37, Neh. 12:28, 29

¹¹ ¹Or, contended with
^aNeh. 13:17, 25
^aNeh. 10:39

¹² ^aNeh. 10:37, 12:44, Mal. 3:10

¹³ ¹Lit., on them to
²Lit., brushers
^aNeh. 7:2

¹⁴ ^aNeh. 5:18, 13:22, 31

¹⁵ ^aEx. 20:8, 34:21, Deut. 5:12-14, Jer. 17:22
^aNeh. 10:31, Jer. 17:21
^aNeh. 9:29, 13:21

¹⁶ ¹Lit., in it

¹⁷ ¹Or, contended with
²Lit., and
^aNeh. 13:11, 25

¹⁸ ^aEzra 9:13, Jer. 17:21

¹⁹ ¹Lit., and commanded
^aLev. 23:32

tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses.

13 And in charge of the storehouses I appointed Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and in addition to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for ^athey were considered reliable, and it was ¹their task to distribute to their ²kinsmen.

14 ^aRemember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out my loyal deeds which I have performed for the house of my God and its services.

15 ¶ In those days I saw in Judah some who were treading wine presses ^aon the sabbath, and bringing in sacks of grain and loading them on donkeys, as well as wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, ^band they brought them into Jerusalem on the sabbath day. So ^cI admonished them on the day they sold food.

16 Also men of Tyre were living ¹there who imported fish and all kinds of merchandise, and sold them to the sons of Judah on the sabbath, even in Jerusalem.

17 Then ^aI ¹reprimanded the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing you are doing, ²by profaning the sabbath day?

18 "^aDid not your fathers do the same so that our God brought on us, and on this city, all this trouble? Yet you are adding to the wrath on Israel by profaning the sabbath."

19 ¶ ^aAnd it came about that just as it grew dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut ¹and that they should not open them until after the sabbath. Then I stationed some of my servants at the gates that no load should enter on the sabbath day.

20 Once or twice the traders and merchants of every kind of

merchandise spent the night outside Jerusalem.

21 Then ^aI ¹warned them and said to them, "Why do you spend the night in front of the wall? If you do so again, I will ²use force against you." From that time on they did not come on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that ^athey should purify themselves and come as gatekeepers to sanctify the sabbath day. For this also ^bremember me, O my God, and have compassion on me according to the greatness of Thy lovingkindness.

23 ¶ In those days I also saw that the Jews had ^{1a}married women from ^bAshdod, ^cAmmon, and Moab.

24 As for their children, half spoke in the language of Ashdod, and none of them was able to speak the language of Judah, but ¹the language of his own people.

25 So ^aI contended with them and cursed them and ^bstruck some of them and pulled out their hair, and ^cmade them swear by God, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor take of their daughters

²¹ ¹Lit., witnessed against ¹Lit., send a hand against

^aNeh. 13:15

²² ^aChr.

15:12; Neh.

12:30 ^bNeh.

13:14, 31

²³ ¹Lit.,

given dwell-

ing to

^aEx. 34:11-16,

Deut. 7:1-5;

^aEzra 9:2;

Neh. 10:30

^bNeh. 4:7

^cEzra 9:1,

Neh. 13:1

²⁴ ¹Lit., ac-

cording to

the tongue of

people and

people

²⁵ ^aNeh.

13:11, 17

^bDeut. 25:2

^cNeh. 10:29,

30

²⁶ ^a1 Kin.

11:1 ^b1 Kin.

3:13; 2 Chr.

1:12 ^c2 Sam.

12:24, 25

²⁷ ¹Or, is it

reported ²Lit.,

giving dwell-

ing to

^aEzra 10:2;

Neh. 13:23

²⁸ ^aNeh.

2:10, 19; 4:1

²⁹ ¹Lit., for

the defiling

of

^aNeh. 8:14

^bNum. 25:13

³⁰ ^aNeh.

10:30

for your sons or for yourself

26 ^aDid not Solomon king of Is-

rael sin regarding these things?

^bYet among the many nations

there was no king like him, and

^che was loved by his God, and

God made him king over all Is-

rael; nevertheless the foreign

women caused even him to sin

27 ¹Do we then hear about you

that you have committed all this

great evil ^aby acting unfaithfully

against our God by ²marrying

foreign women?"

28 Even one of the sons of Jo-

ada, the son of Eliashib the high

priest, was a son-in-law of ^aSan-

ballat the Horonite, so I drove

him away from me.

29 ^aRemember them, O my

God, ¹because they have defile-

the priesthood and the ^bcove-

nant of the priesthood and the

Levites.

30 ¶ ^aThus I purified them

from everything foreign and ap-

pointed duties for the priests and

the Levites, each in his task,

31 and I arranged ^afor the sup-

ply of wood at appointed time

and for the first fruits. ^bRemem-

ber me, O my God, for good.

³¹ ^aNeh. 10:34 ^bNeh. 13:14, 22

THE BOOK OF ESTHER

The Banquets of the King

NOW it took place in the days of ^aAhasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned ^bfrom India to ¹Ethiopia over ^c127 provinces,

2 in those days as King Ahasuerus ^asat on his royal throne which was in ^bSusa the capital,

3 in the third year of his reign, ^ahe gave a banquet for all his

¹ ¹Lit.,

Cush

^aEzra 4:6;

Dan. 9:1

^bEzra. 8:9

^cEzra. 9:30

² ^a1 Kin.

1:46 ^bNeh.

1:1; 1:1. 8:2

³ ^aEzra.

2:18

⁴ ¹Lit.,

When

princes and attendants, the army officers of Persia and Media, the nobles, and the princes of his provinces being in his presence.

4 ¹And he displayed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor of his great majesty for many days, 180 days.

5 And when these days were completed, the king gave a ban-

banquet lasting seven days for all the people who were present in Susa the capital, from the greatest to the least, in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

6 There were hangings of fine white and violet linen held by cords of fine purple linen on silver rings and marble columns, and couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and precious stones.

7 Drinks were served in golden vessels of various kinds, and the royal wine was plentiful according to the king's bounty.

8 And the drinking was done according to the law, there was no compulsion, for so the king had given orders to each official of his household that he should do according to the desires of each person.

9 Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the palace which belonged to King Ahasuerus.

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Memucan, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus,

11 to bring Queen Vashti before the king with her royal crown in order to display her beauty to the people and the princes, for she was beautiful.

12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry and his wrath burned within him.

13 Then the king said to the wise men who understood the times—for it was the custom of the king so to speak before all who knew law and justice,

14 and were close to him: Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Me-

mucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media who had access to the king's presence and sat in the first place in the kingdom—

15 "According to law, what is to be done with Queen Vashti, because she did not obey the command of King Ahasuerus delivered by the eunuchs?"

16 And in the presence of the king and the princes, Memucan said, "Queen Vashti has wronged not only the king but also all the princes, and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.

17 "For the queen's conduct will become known to all the women causing them to look with contempt on their husbands by saying, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in to his presence, but she did not come.'

18 "And this day the ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's conduct will speak in the same way to all the king's princes, and there will be plenty of contempt and anger.

19 "If it pleases the king, let a royal edict be issued by him and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media so that it cannot be repealed, that Vashti should come no more into the presence of King Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal position to another who is more worthy than she.

20 "And when the king's edict which he shall make is heard throughout all his kingdom, great as it is, then all women will give honor to their husbands, great and small."

21 And this word pleased the king and the princes, and the king did as Memucan proposed.

22 So he sent letters to all the king's provinces, to each province according to its script and to every people according to their language, that every man should

8 *Ezth.
7:7, 8

6 *Ezth.
23-41, Amos
6:4

7 *Lit.
hand
*Ezth. 2:18

9 *Lit.
royal house

10 *Judg
16:25

11 *Ezth.
2:17, 6:8

13 *Jer.
10:7, Dan. 2:2
*1 Chr. 12:32

14 *Lit., saw
the face of
the king
*2 Km. 25:18,
Matt. 18:10

15 *Lit. do

17 *Lit., go
forth *Lit., to
dispute
their eyes

19 *Lit.
word go forth
from *Lit.,
pass away
*Lit., her
neighbor
*Ezth. 8:8,
Dan. 6:8

20 *Lit., for
great as it
*Eph. 5:22,
Col. 3:18

21 *Lit., ac-
cording to
the word of

22 *Ezth.
3:12, 8:9

^bbe the master in his own house and the one who speaks in the language of his own people.

CHAPTER 2

AFTER these things ^awhen the anger of King Ahasuerus had subsided, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and ^bwhat had been decreed against her.

2 Then the king's attendants, who served him, said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king.

3 "And let the king appoint overseers in ^aall the provinces of his kingdom that they may gather every beautiful young virgin to Susa the capital, to the harem, into the custody of ^bHegai, the king's eunuch, who was in charge of the women; and ^clet their cosmetics be given *them*.

4 "Then let the young lady who pleases the king be queen in place of Vashti." And the matter pleased the king, and he did accordingly.

5 ¶ Now there was a Jew in Susa the capital whose name was ^aMordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjaminite,

6 ^awho had been taken into exile from Jerusalem with the captives who had been exiled with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled.

7 And he was bringing up Hadassah, that is ^aEsther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. Now the young lady was beautiful of form and ¹face, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.

8 ¶ So it came about when the command and decree of the king were heard and ^amany young ladies were gathered to Susa the capital into the custody of ^bHegai, that Esther was taken to the king's ¹palace into the custody of

Hegai, who was in charge of the women.

9 Now the young lady pleased him and found favor with him. So he quickly provided her with her ^acosmetics and ¹food, gave her seven choice maids from the king's palace, and transferred her and her maids to the best place in the harem.

10 ^aEsther did not make known her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make *them* known.

11 And every day Mordecai walked back and forth in front of the court of the harem to learn how Esther was and how she fared.

12 ¶ Now when the turn of each young lady came to go in to King Ahasuerus, after the end of her twelve months under the regulations for the women—for the days of their beautification were completed as follows: six months with oil of myrrh and six months with spices and the cosmetics for women—

13 the young lady would go in to the king in this way: anything that she ¹desired was given her to take with her from the harem to the king's palace.

14 In the evening she would go in and in the morning she would return to the second harem, to the ¹custody of Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the concubines. She would not again go in to the king unless the king delighted in her and she was summoned by name.

15 Now when the turn of Esther, ^athe daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his daughter, came to go in to the king, she did not request anything except what ^bHegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the women, ¹advised. And Esther found favor in the eyes of all who saw her.

²² ^bEph.
3:22-24

¹ ^aEsth.
7:10 ^bEsth.
1:19, 20

² ^a1 Kin.
1:2

³ ^aEsth.
1:1, 2 ^bEsth.
2:8, 15 ^cEsth.
2:9, 12

⁸ ^aEsth. 3:2

⁸ ^a2 Kin.
24:14, 15;
2 Chr. 36:10

⁷ ¹Lit.,
good of ap-
pearance
^aEsth. 2:15

⁸ ¹Lit.,
house
^aEsth. 2:3
^bEsth. 2:3, 15

⁹ ¹Lit., por-
tions
^aEsth. 2:3, 12

¹⁰ ^aEsth.
2:20

¹³ ¹Lit., said

¹⁴ ¹Lit.,
hand

¹⁵ ¹Lit., said
^aEsth. 2:7;
9:29 ^bEsth.
2:3, 8

16 ¶ So Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal palace in the tenth month which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she found favor and kindness with him more than all the virgins, so that ^ahe set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

18 Then ^athe king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his princes and his servants; he also made a holiday for the provinces and gave gifts ^baccording to the king's bounty.

19 ¶ And ^awhen the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai ^bwas sitting at the king's gate.

20 ^aEsther had not yet made known her kindred or her people, even as Mordecai had commanded her, for Esther did what Mordecai told her as she had done ^bwhen under his care.

21 In those days, while Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's officials from those who guarded the door, became angry and sought to ¹lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

22 But the ¹plot became known to Mordecai, and ^ahe told Queen Esther, and Esther ²informed the king in Mordecai's name.

23 Now when the plot was investigated and found to be so, they were both hanged on a ¹galows; and it was written in ^athe Book of the Chronicles in the king's presence.

CHAPTER 3

AFTER these events King Ahasuerus ^apromoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and ^cadvanced him and ¹established his authority over all the princes who were with him.

17 ^aEsth. 1:11

18 ^aEsth. 1:3 ^bEsth. 1:7

19 ^aEsth. 2:3, 4 ^bEsth. 2:21, 3:2

20 ¹Lt., the word of Mordecai ^aEsth. 2:10 ^bEsth. 2:7

21 ¹Lt., send a hand against ^aEsth. 6:2

22 ¹Lt., matter, so also v. 23 ¹Lt., told ^aEsth. 6:1, 2

23 ¹Lt., from ^aEsth. 10:2

1 ¹Lt., set his seat ^aEsth. 5:11 ^bEsth. 3:10, 8:3 ^cEsth. 5:11

2 ¹Lt., and prostrated themselves before ^aEsth. 2:19, 5:9

3 ^aEsth. 2:19 ^bEsth. 3:2

5 ^aEsth. 5:9

6 ¹Lt., disposed in his eyes ¹Lt., send a hand against ^aPs. 83:4

7 ¹Lt., he cast Pur before ^aGr., and the lot fell on the thirteenth day of ^aEsth. 9:24-26 ^bEzra 8:15

8 ^aEzra 4:12-15, Acts 16:20, 21

9 ¹Lt., written

2 And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down ¹and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded concerning him. But ^aMordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage.

3 Then the king's servants who were at ^athe king's gate said to Mordecai, ^b"Why are you transgressing the king's command?"

4 Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew.

5 When Haman saw that ^aMordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, Haman was filled with rage.

6 But he ¹disdained to ²lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him who the people of Mordecai were; therefore Haman ^asought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

7 ¶ In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, ¹Pur, that is the lot, was ^acast before Haman from day to day and from month to month, ²until the twelfth month, that is ^bthe month Adar.

8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; ^atheir laws are different from those of all other people, and they do not observe the king's laws, so it is not in the king's interest to let them remain.

9 "If it is pleasing to the king, let it be ¹decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who carry on the king's business, to put into the king's treasuries."

10 Then ^athe king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha ^bthe Agagite, ^cthe enemy of the Jews.

11 And the king said to Haman, "The silver is ¹yours, and the people also, to do with them as you please."

12 ^aThen the king's scribes were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and it was written just as Haman commanded to ^bthe king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province, and to the princes of each people, each province according to its script, each people according to its language, being written ^cin the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's signet ring.

13 And letters were sent by ^acouriers to all the king's provinces ^bto destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, ^cin one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to ^dseize their possessions as plunder.

14 ^aA copy of the edict to be ^bissued as law in every province was published to all the peoples so that they should be ready for this day.

15 The couriers went out impelled by the king's command while the decree was ^bissued in Susa the capital; and while the king and Haman sat down to drink, ^athe city of Susa was in confusion.

CHAPTER 4

WHEN Mordecai learned ^aall that had been done, ^bhe tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city and wailed loudly and bitterly.

2 And he went as far as the king's gate, for no one was to en-

ter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth.

3 And in each and every province where the command and decree of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews with ^afasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay on sackcloth and ashes.

4 ¶ Then Esther's maiden and her eunuchs came and told her, and the queen writhed in great anguish. And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai that he might remove his sackcloth from him, but he did not accept them.

5 Then Esther summoned Hathach from the king's eunuchs whom ¹the king had appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was.

6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai to the city square in front of the king's gate.

7 And Mordecai told him ^aall that had happened to him, and ^athe exact amount of money that Haman had promised to pay for the king's treasures for the destruction of the Jews.

8 He also gave him ^aa copy of the text of the edict which had been issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show Esther and inform her, and to order her to go in to the king to implore his favor and to plead with him for her people.

9 ¶ And Hathach came back and related Mordecai's words to Esther.

10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach and ordered him to ^breply to Mordecai:

11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for any man or woman who ^acomes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, ^bhe has but one law that he be put to death, unless the king holds out ^cto him the golden scepter so that he may

¹⁰ ^aGen. 41:42; ^bEsth. 8:2; ^cEsth. 3:1; ^dEsth. 7:6

¹¹ ¹Lit., given to you

¹² ^aEsth. 8:9; ^bEzra 8:36; ^c1 Kin. 21:8; ^dEsth. 8:8, 10

¹³ ^a2 Chr. 30:6; ^bEsth. 8:10, 14; ^cEsth. 7:4; ^dEsth. 8:12; ^eEsth. 8:11; 9:10

¹⁴ ¹Lit., given; ²Esth. 8:13, 14

¹⁵ ¹Lit., given; ²Esth. 8:15

¹ ¹Lit., Mordecai; ²Sam. 1:11; ³Esth. 3:8-10; ⁴Jon. 3:5, 6

³ ^aEsth. 4:16

⁵ ¹Lit., he

⁷ ^aEsth. 3:9

⁹ ^aEsth. 3:14

¹¹ ^aEsth. 5:1; 6:4; ^bDan. 2:9; ^cEsth. 5:2; 8:4

live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days."

12 And they related Esther's words to Mordecai.

13 ¶ Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews.

14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai,

16 "Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish."

17 So Mordecai went away and did just as Esther had commanded him.

CHAPTER 5

NOW it came about on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace in front of the king's rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace.

2 And it happened when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter.

3 Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you, Queen Esther? And what is your re-

14 ^aLev. 24:42; 2 Kin. 13:5

16 ^aJoel 1:14; 2:12
^bEsth. 5:1

1 ^aEsth. 1:1, house ^bEsth. 1:1, royal house
^cEsth. 4:16
^dEsth. 4:11, 6:4

2 ^aEsth. 2:9
^bEsth. 4:11, 8:4

3 ^aEsth. 7:2, Mark 8:23

8 ^aEsth. the word of Esther
^bEsth. 8:14

6 ^aEsth. at the banquet of wine
^bEsth. 7:2
^cEsth. 5:3

8 ^aEsth. my request ^bEsth. according to the word of the king
^cEsth. 7:3, 8:5
^dEsth. 8:14

9 ^aOr, move for
^bEsth. 2:19
^cEsth. 3:5

10 ^aEsth. and brought
^bEsth. 8:13

11 ^aEsth. multitude ^bEsth. lifted
^cEsth. 2:7-10
^dEsth. 3:1

12 ^aEsth. summoned to her
^bEsth. 5:8

quest? "Even to half of the kingdom it will be given to you."

4 And Esther said, "If it please the king, may the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him."

5 ¶ Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly that we may do as Esther desires." So the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

6 And, as they drank their wine at the banquet, the king said to Esther, "What is your petition, for it shall be granted to you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done."

7 So Esther answered and said, "My petition and my request is:

8 "if I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition and do what I request, may the king and Haman come to the banquet which I shall prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king says."

9 ¶ Then Haman went out that day glad and pleased of heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he did not stand up or tremble before him, Haman was filled with anger against Mordecai.

10 Haman controlled himself, however, went to his house, and sent for his friends and his wife Zeresh.

11 Then Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the number of his sons, and every instance where the king had magnified him, and how he had promoted him above the princes and servants of the king.

12 Haman also said, "Even Esther the queen let no one but me come with the king to the banquet which she had prepared; and tomorrow also I am invited by her with the king.

13 "Yet all of this ¹does not satisfy me every time I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at ^athe king's gate."

14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, "Have a ¹gallows fifty cubits high made and in the morning ask the king to have Mordecai hanged on it, then go joyfully with the king to the banquet." And the ²advice pleased Haman, so he had the gallows made.

CHAPTER 6

DURING that night ¹the king ^acould not sleep so he gave an order to bring ^bthe book of records, the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

2 And it was found written what ^aMordecai had reported concerning Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs who were doorkeepers, that they had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

3 And the king said, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" Then the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

4 So the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just ^aentered the outer court of the king's palace in order to speak to the king about ^bhanging Mordecai on the gallows which he had prepared for him.

5 And the king's servants said to him, "Behold, Haman is standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in."

6 So Haman came in and the king said to him, "What is to be done for the man ^awhom the king desires to honor?" And Haman said ¹to himself, "Whom would the king desire to honor more than me?"

7 Then Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king desires to honor,

¹³ ¹Lit., is not suitable to me
^aEsth. 5:9

¹⁴ ¹Lit., from
²Lit., thing
^aEsth. 6:4;
7:9, 10

¹ ¹Lit., the king's sleep fled
^aDan. 6:18
^bEsth. 2:23, 10:2

² ^aEsth.
2:21, 22

⁴ ^aEsth.
4:11 ^bEsth.
5:14

⁶ ¹Lit., in his heart
^aEsth. 6:7, 9, 11

⁸ ^a1 Kin.
1:33 ^bEsth.
1:11, 2:17

⁹ ^aGen.
41:43

¹² ^a2 Sam.
15:30

¹³ ¹Lit., from the seed of the Jews
^aEsth. 5:10

¹⁴ ^aEsth. 5:8

² ¹Lit., at the banquet of wine

8 let them bring a royal robe which the king has worn, and ^athe horse on which the king has ridden, and on whose head ^broyal crown has been placed;

9 and let the robe and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble princes and let them array the man whom the king desires to honor and lead him on horseback through the city square, ^aand proclaim before him, "Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor."

10 ¶ Then the king said to Haman, "Take quickly the robes and the horse as you have said, and do so for Mordecai the Jew, who is sitting at the king's gate; do not fall short in anything of all that you have said."

11 So Haman took the robe and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor."

12 Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried home, mourning, ^awith his head covered.

13 And Haman recounted ^ato Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is ¹of Jewish origin, you will not overcome him, but will surely fall before him."

14 While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hastily ^abrought Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

CHAPTER 7

NOW the king and Haman came to drink wine with Esther the queen.

2 And the king said to Esther on the second day also ¹as they

Banquet. Esther Speaks. Haman Hanged

drank their wine at the banquet.
 "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done."

3 Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request;

4 for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king."

5 Then King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would presume to do thus?"

6 And Esther said, "A foe and an enemy, is this wicked Haman!" Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen.

7 And the king arose in his anger from drinking wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king.

8 Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, "Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?" As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

9 Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were before the king said, "Behold indeed, the gallows standing at Haman's house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai who spoke good on behalf of the king!" And the king said, "Hang him on it."

2 ¹Esth 8:6.
 9:12 ²Esth.
 5:3

3 ¹Esth.
 5:8, 8:5

4 ¹Or, enemy could not compensate for the loss
²Or, damage
³Esth 3:9
⁴Esth 3:13

5 ¹Lat. said and said to
²Lat. whose heart has been filled

6 ¹Esth.
 3:10

7 ¹Lat. the banquet of wine
²Esth 1:12
³Esth 1:5

8 ¹Lat. house of the banquet of wine
²Esth 1:6

9 ¹Esth.
 5:14 ²Esth.
 2:22

10 ¹Lat. from
²Ps. 7:16
³Ps. 23
⁴Esth.
 7:7, 8

1 ¹Esth 7:6
²Esth 2:7, 15

3 ¹Esth.
 3:10

4 ¹Esth.
 4:11, 5:2

5 ¹Esth.
 5:8, 7:3 ²Esth.
 3:13

6 ¹Esth.
 7:4, 8:1

7 ¹Esth 8:1

8 ¹Lat. according to the good in your eyes
²Esth 3:12
 8:10

10 "So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai, and the king's anger subsided.

CHAPTER 8

ON that day King Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther; and Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had disclosed what he was to her.

2 And the king took off his signet ring which he had taken away from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 Then Esther spoke again to the king, fell at his feet, wept, and implored him to avert the evil scheme of Haman the Agagite and his plot which he had devised against the Jews.

4 And the king extended the golden scepter to Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king.

5 Then she said, "If it pleases the king and if I have found favor before him and the matter seems proper to the king and I am pleasing in his sight, let it be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces.

6 "For how can I endure to see the calamity which shall befall my people, and how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?"

7 So King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Behold, I have given the house of Haman to Esther, and him they have hanged on the gallows because he had stretched out his hands against the Jews.

8 "Now you write to the Jews as you see fit, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for a decree which is written in the name of the king

and sealed with the king's signet ring ^bmay not be revoked."

9 ¶ So the king's scribes were called at that time in the third month (that is, the month Sivan), on the twenty-third ¹day; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces which extended ^bfrom India to ²Ethiopia, 127 provinces, to ^cevery province according to its script, and to every people according to their language, as well as to the Jews according to their script and their language.

10 And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on ^ahorses, riding on steeds sired by the royal stud.

11 ¹In them the king granted the Jews who were in each and every city *the right* ^ato assemble and to defend their lives, ^bto destroy, to kill, and to annihilate the entire army of any people or province which might attack them, including children and women, and ^cto plunder their spoil,

12 on ^aone day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar).

13 ^aA copy of the edict to be ¹issued as law in each and every province, was published to all the peoples, so that the Jews should be ready for this day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14 The couriers, hastened and impelled by the king's command, went out, riding on the royal steeds; and the decree was given out in Susa the capital.

15 ¶ Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king ^ain royal robes of ¹blue and white, with a large crown of gold and ^agarment of fine linen and purple;

8 ^bEsth. 1:19

9 ¹Lit., in it ²Lit., Cush ^aEsth. 3:12 ^bEsth. 1:1 ^cEsth. 1:22, 3:12

10 ^a1 Kin. 4:28

11 ¹Lit., Which ^aEsth. 9:2 ^bEsth. 3:13 ^cEsth. 9:10

12 ^aEsth. 3:13, 9:1

13 ¹Lit., given ^aEsth. 3:14

15 ¹Or, violent ^aEsth. 5:11 ^bGen. 41:42 ^cEsth. 3:15

16 ^aPs. 97:11, 112:4

17 ¹Lit., good day ^aEsth. 9:19 ^bEsth. 9:27

1 ¹Lit., day in it ²Lit., drew near ^aEsth. 8:12 ^bEsth. 9:17 ^cEsth. 3:13

2 ^aEsth. 8:11, 9:15-18 ^bEsth. 8:17

3 ¹Lit., lifted up ^aEzra 8:36

4 ^a2 Sam. 3:1, 1 Chr. 11:9

5 ¹Lit., the stroke of ^aEsth. 3:13

and ^cthe city of Susa shouted and rejoiced.

16 For the Jews there was ^alight and gladness and joy and honor.

17 And in each and every province, and in each and every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree arrived, there was gladness and joy for the Jews, a feast and a ¹holiday. And ^bmany among the peoples of the land became Jews, for the dread of the Jews had fallen on them.

CHAPTER 9

NOW ^ain the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar), on ^bthe thirteenth ¹day ^cwhen the king's command and edict ²were about to be executed, on the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, it was turned to the contrary so that the Jews themselves gained the mastery over those who hated them.

2 ^aThe Jews assembled in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm; and no one could stand before them, ^bfor the dread of them had fallen on all the peoples.

3 Even all the princes of the provinces, ^athe satraps, the governors, and those who were doing the king's business ¹assisted the Jews, because the dread of Mordecai had fallen on them.

4 Indeed, Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for the man Mordecai ^abecame greater and greater.

5 Thus ^athe Jews struck all their enemies with ¹the sword, killing and destroying; and they did what they pleased to those who hated them.

6 And in Susa the capital the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men,

7 and Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,

8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizatha,

10 ^athe ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy; but ^bthey did not lay their hands on the plunder.

11 ¶ On that day the number of those who were killed in Susa the capital ¹was reported to the king.

12 And the king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men and the ten sons of Haman in Susa the capital. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! ^aNow what is your petition? It shall even be granted you. And what is your further request? It shall also be done."

13 Then said Esther, "If it pleases the king, ^alet tomorrow also be granted to the Jews who are in Susa to do according to the edict of today; and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows."

14 So the king commanded that it should be done so; and an edict was issued in Susa, and Haman's ten sons were hanged.

15 And the Jews who were in Susa assembled also on the fourteenth day of the month Adar and killed ^athree hundred men in Susa, but ^bthey did not lay their hands on the plunder.

16 ¶ Now ^athe rest of the Jews who were in the king's provinces ^bassembled, to defend their lives and ¹rid themselves of their enemies, and kill 75,000 of those who hated them; but they did not lay their hands on the plunder.

17 This was done on ^athe thirteenth day of the month Adar, and ^bon the fourteenth ¹day they rested and made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

18 But the Jews who were in Susa ^aassembled on the thirteenth and ^bthe fourteenth ¹of

10 ^aEsth. 5:11 ^bEsth. 8:11

11 ¹Lit. came

12 ^aEsth. 5:6, 7, 2

13 ^aEsth. 8:11, 9:15

14 ^aEsth. 9:12 ^bEsth. 9:10

15 ¹Lit. have rest from ^aEsth. 9:2 ^bLev. 25:7, 8 ^cEsth. 8:11

17 ¹Lit. in ^aEsth. 9:1 ^bEsth. 9:21

18 ¹Lit. in ^aEsth. 8:11, 9:2 ^bEsth. 9:21

19 ¹Lit. rejoicing and feasting and a good day and sending ^aDeut. 3:5, Zech. 2:4 ^bEsth. 9:22 ^cNeb. 8:10

21 ¹Lit. in ^a

22 ¹Lit. had rest from ^aLit. good day ^bPs. 30:11 ^cNeb. 8:12

24 ^aEsth. 3:7

25 ¹Lit. before the king, he ^aLit. schemed ^bLit. tree ^cEsth. 7:4-10 ^dEsth. 3:6-15 ^ePs. 7:16

26 ¹Lit. Therefore because of all the words ^aEsth. 9:20

the same month, and they rested on the fifteenth ¹day and made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

19 Therefore the Jews of the rural areas, who live in ^athe rural towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar ^a¹holiday for rejoicing and feasting and ^csending portions of food to one another.

20 ¶ Then Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far.

21 obliging them to celebrate the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day ¹of the same month, annually.

22 because on those days the Jews ¹rid themselves of their enemies, and it was a month which was ^aturned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a ²holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and rejoicing and ^bsending portions of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

23 Thus the Jews undertook what they had started to do, and what Mordecai had written to them.

24 For Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the adversary of all the Jews, had schemed against the Jews to destroy them, and ^ahad cast Pur, that is the lot, to disturb them and destroy them.

25 But ^awhen it came ¹to the king's attention, he commanded by letter ^bthat his wicked scheme which he had ²devised against the Jews, ^cshould return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the ³gallows.

26 Therefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. ¹And ^abecause of the instructions in this letter, both what they had seen in this regard and what had happened to them,

27 the Jews established and ¹made a custom for themselves, and for their ²descendants, and for ³all those who allied themselves with them, so that ³they should not fail ⁴to celebrate these two days according to their ⁴regulation, and according to their appointed time annually.

28 So these days were to be remembered and celebrated throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and these days of Purim were not to ¹fail from among the Jews, or their memory ²fade from their ³descendants.

29 ¶ Then Queen Esther, ¹daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm ²this second letter about Purim.

30 And he sent letters to all the Jews, ¹to the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, namely, words of peace and truth,

31 to establish these days of Purim at their appointed times, just as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had established

27 ¹Lit., received ²Lit., seed ³Lit., it should not pass away ⁴Lit., writing ⁵Esth. 8:17 ⁶Esth. 9:20, 21

28 ¹Lit., pass away ²Lit., end ³Lit., seed

29 ¹Esth. 2:15 ²Esth. 9:20, 21

30 ¹Esth. 1:1

31 ¹Lit., seed ²Lit., words ³Esth. 4:3

32 ¹Lit., words ²Esth. 9:26

1 ¹Ja. 11:11; 24:15

2 ¹Lit., doings ²Lit., made him great ³Esth. 8:15; 9:4 ⁴Esth. 2:23

3 ¹Gen. 41:43, 44 ²Neh. 2:10

for them, and just as they had established for themselves and for their ¹descendants with ²instructions ³for their times of fasting and their lamentations.

32 And the command of Esther established these ¹customs for ²Purim, and it was written in the book.

CHAPTER 10

NOW King Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land and on the ¹coastlands of the sea.

2 And all the ¹accomplishments of his authority and strength, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, ²to which the king ²advanced him, are they not written in ³the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew was ¹second only to King Ahasuerus and great among the Jews, and in favor with the multitude of his kinsmen, ²one who sought the good of his people and one who spoke for the welfare of his whole nation.

THE BOOK OF JOB

Job's Character and Wealth

THERE was a man in the ¹land of Uz, whose name was ²Job, and that man was ³blameless, upright, ⁴fearing God, and ⁵turning away from evil.

2 ¹And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

3 ¹His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants;

1 ¹Jer. 25:20; Lam. 4:21 ²Ezek. 14:14, 20; James 5:11 ³Gen. 6:9; 17:1; Deut. 18:13 ⁴Gen. 22:12; 42:18; Ex. 18:21; Prov. 8:13 ⁵Job 28:28

2 ¹Job 42:13

3 ¹Lit., sons ²Job 42:12 ³Job 29:25

5 ¹Gen. 8:20; Job 42:8

and that man was ²the greatest of all the ¹men of the east.

4 And his sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

5 And it came about, when the days of feasting had completed their cycle, that Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering ¹burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said,

"^bPerhaps my sons have sinned and ^ccursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

6 ^aNow there was a day when the ^bsons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and ¹Satan also came among them.

7 And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "^aFrom roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."

8 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you ¹considered ^aMy servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, ^ba blameless and upright man, ²fearing God and turning away from evil."

9 Then ^aSatan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"

10 ^aHast Thou not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? ^bThou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his ^cpossessions have increased in the land.

11 ^aBut put forth Thy hand now and ^btouch all that he has; he will surely curse Thee to Thy face."

12 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your ¹power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

13 ¶ Now it happened on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

14 that a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the ¹donkeys feeding beside them,

15 and ¹the ^aSabeans ²attacked and took them. They also ³slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and ⁴I alone have escaped to tell you."

16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "^aThe fire of God fell from

⁵ Job 8:4
¹ Kin. 21:10, 13

⁶ ¹Lat., the adversary, and so throughout chs. 1 and 2
^a Job 2:1 ¹ Job 28:7

⁷ ¹ Pet 5:8

⁸ ¹Lat., set your heart to
²Or, reverting
^a Num. 12:7, Josh. 1:2, 7, Job 42:7, 8
¹ Job 1:1

⁹ ¹Lat., Lord and said
^a Rev. 12:9

¹⁰ ¹ Job 29:24, Ps. 34:7 ² Job 31:25 ³ Job 1:3, 31:25

¹¹ ¹ Job 2:5
¹ Job 19:21

¹² ¹Lat., hand

¹³ ¹Lat., female donkeys

¹⁴ ¹Lat., Shabai ²Lat., fell upon
³Lat., smote
⁴Lat., only I alone, and so also vv. 16, 17, 19
^a Gen. 10:7, Job 6:19

¹⁵ ^a Gen. 19:24, Lev. 10:2, Num. 11:1-3

¹⁶ ¹Lat., smote
^a Gen. 11:28, 31

¹⁷ ^a Gen. 37:29, 34, Josh. 7:8

¹⁸ ^a Eccl. 5:15 ¹ Sam. 2:7, & Job 2:10

¹⁹ ¹Lat., ascribe uncleanliness to
^a Job 2:10

²⁰ ¹ Job 1:6-8

²¹ ¹Lat., set your heart to

heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The ^aChaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and ¹slew the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,

19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died; and I alone have escaped to tell you."

20 ¶ Then Job arose and ^atore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

21 And he said,

"^aNaked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there.

The ^bLORD gave and the LORD has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the LORD."

22 ^aThrough all this Job did not sin nor did he ¹blame God.

CHAPTER 2

^a AGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth, and walking around on it."

3 And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you ¹considered My servant Job? For there is no one like

him on the earth, a blameless and upright man ²fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still ^aholds fast his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to ³ruin him without cause."

4 And Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

5"^aHowever, put forth Thy hand, now, and ^btouch his bone and his flesh; he will curse Thee to Thy face."

6 So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your ¹power, only spare his life."

7 ¶ Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with ^asore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

8 And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while ^ahe was sitting among the ashes.

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!"

10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. ^aShall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" ^bIn all this Job did not sin with his lips.

11 ¶ Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the ^aTemanite, Bildad the ^bShuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to ^csympathize with him and comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes at a distance, and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them ^atore his robe, and they ^bthrew dust over their heads toward the sky.

13 ^aThen they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one

3 ^aOr, revering
Lit., swallow him up
Job 27:3, 6

5 Job 1:11
Job 19:20

6 Lit., hand

7 ^aDeut. 28:35; Job 7:5, 13:28; 30:17, 18, 30

8 Job 42:6; Jer. 6:26; Ezek. 27:30; Jon. 3:6

10 Job 1:21
Job 1:22; Ps. 39:1; James 1:12

11 ^aGen. 30:11; Job 6:19; Jer. 49:7
^bGen. 25:2
Job 42:11; Rom. 12:15

12 Job 1:20
Josh. 7:6; Neh. 9:1; Lam. 2:10; Ezek. 27:30

13 ^aGen. 50:10; Ezek. 3:15

1 Lit., his day

2 Lit., answered and said

3 Lit., man-child
Jer. 20:14-18

5 Jer. 13:16

8 ^aOr, skillful
Job 41:1, 25

9 Lit., eyelids

11 Lit., from the womb
Job 10:18, 19

speaking a word to him, for they saw that his pain was very great

CHAPTER 3

AFTERWARD Job opened his mouth and cursed ¹the day of his birth.

2 And Job ¹said,

3"^aLet the day perish on which I was to be born, And the night which said, 'A ¹boy is conceived.'

4"May that day be darkness; Let not God above care for it,

Nor light shine on it.

5"Let ^adarkness and black gloom claim it;

Let a cloud settle on it;

Let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6"As for that night, let darkness seize it;

Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;

Let it not come into the number of the months.

7"Behold, let that night be barren;

Let no joyful shout enter it.

8"Let those curse it who curse the day,

Who are ¹prepared to ^arouse Leviathan.

9"Let the stars of its twilight be darkened;

Let it wait for light but have none,

Neither let it see the ¹breaking dawn;

10 Because it did not shut the opening of my mother's womb,

Or hide trouble from my eyes.

11 ¶"^aWhy did I not die ¹at birth,

Come forth from the womb and expire?

12"Why did the knees receive me,

And why the breasts, that I should suck?

CHAPTER 4

THEN Eliphaz the Temanite answered,

2 "If one ventures a word with you, will you become impatient?

But who can refrain from speaking?

3 "Behold you have admonished many,
And you have strengthened weak hands.

4 "Your words have helped the tottering to stand,
And you have strengthened feeble knees.

5 "But now it has come to you,
and you are impatient;
It touches you, and you are dismayed.

6 "Is not your fear of God
your confidence,
And the integrity of your ways your hope?

7 "Remember now, who ever perished being innocent?
Or where were the upright destroyed?

8 "According to what I have seen, those who plow iniquity
And those who sow trouble harvest it.

9 "By the breath of God they perish,
And by the blast of His anger they come to an end.

10 "The roaring of the lion and the voice of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions are broken.

11 "The lion perishes for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness are scattered.

12 "Now a word was brought to me stealthily,
And my ear received a whisper of it.

13 "For now I would have lain down and been quiet;

I would have slept then, I would have been at rest,

14 With kings and with counselors of the earth,
Who rebuilt ruins for themselves;

15 Or with princes who had gold,
Who were filling their houses with silver.

16 "Or like a miscarriage which is discarded, I would not be,
As infants that never saw light.

17 "There the wicked cease from raging,
And there the weary are at rest.

18 "The prisoners are at ease together;
They do not hear the voice of the taskmaster.

19 "The small and the great are there,
And the slave is free from his master.

20 "Why is light given to him who suffers,
And life to the bitter of soul;

21 Who long for death, but there is none,
And dig for it more than for hidden treasures;

22 Who rejoice greatly,
They exult when they find the grave?

23 "Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden,
And whom God has hedged in?

24 "For my groaning comes at the sight of my food,
And my cries pour out like water.

25 "For what I fear comes upon me,
And what I dread befalls me.

26 "I am not at ease, nor am I quiet,
And I am not at rest, but turmoil comes."

13 Job 3:13-19, 7-8; 10, 21; 10:21, 22; 14:10-15, 20-22; 16:22, 17-18; 19:25-27, 21-13, 23-26; 24:19, 20, 26-5, 6, 34-22
14 Job 12:18; Job 12:17; Job 15:28; Is 58:12
15 Job 12:21; Job 27:16, 17
16 Job 18:1; Job 17:17; Job 17:16; Job 20:18
17 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
18 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
19 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
20 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
21 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
22 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
23 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
24 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
25 Job 17:17; Job 20:18
26 Job 17:17; Job 20:18

- 13 "Amid disquieting ^athoughts
from the visions of the
night,
When deep sleep falls on
men,
14 Dread came upon me, and
trembling,
And made ¹all my bones
shake.
15 "Then a ¹spirit passed by my
face;
The hair of my flesh bristled
up.
16 "It stood still, but I could not
discern its appearance;
A form was before my eyes;
There was silence, then I
heard a voice:
17 "Can ^amankind be just ¹be-
fore God?
Can a man be pure ¹before
his ^bMaker?
18 "^aHe puts no trust even in His
servants;
And against His angels He
charges error.
19 "How much more those who
dwell in ^ahouses of clay,
Whose ^bfoundation is in the
dust,
Who are crushed before the
moth!
20 "^aBetween morning and eve-
ning they are broken in
pieces;
Unobserved, they ^bperish
forever.
21 "Is not their ^atent-cord
plucked up within them?
They die, yet ^bwithout wis-
dom.'

CHAPTER 5

- 66 "CALL now, is there any-
one who will answer
you?
And to which of the ^aholy
ones will you turn?
2 "For ^avexation slays the fool-
ish man,
And anger kills the simple.
3 "I have seen the ^afoolish tak-
ing root,
And I ^bcursed his abode im-
mediately.

13 Job
33:15
14 ¹Lit., the
multitude of
18 ¹Or,
breath passed
over
17 ¹Lit.,
from
^aJob 9:2; 25:4
^bJob 31:15;
32:22; 35:10;
36:3
18 Job
15:15
19 Job
10:9; 33:6
^bGen. 2:7;
3:19; Job
22:18
20 Job 14:2
Job 14:20;
20:7
21 Job 8:22
Job 18:21;
36:12
1 Job
15:15
2 ^aProv.
12:16; 27:3
3 ^aJer. 12:2
Job 24:18;
31:30
4 ¹Lit.,
crushed
^aJob 4:11
5 ¹Lit.,
Whose ²An-
cient versions
read *thirsty*.
^aJob 18:8-10;
22:10
6 Job
15:35
7 Job 14:1
8 Job
13:2, 3; Ps.
50:15
9 ¹Or, Mir-
acles
^aJob 9:10;
37:14, 16;
42:3
10 Job
36:27-29;
37:6-11; 38:28
11 Job
22:29; 36:7
12 ^aPs.
33:10
13 Job
37:24; 1 Cor.
3:19
14 Job
12:25; 15:30;
18:18; 20:26;
24:13
15 Job
4:10, 11; Ps.
35:10 ^bJob
29:17; 34:28;
36:6, 15;
38:15
16 ^aPs.
107:42
17 ^aPs.
94:12

- 4 "His ^asons are far from
safety,
They are even ¹oppressed in
the gate,
Neither is there a deliverer.
5 "His harvest the hungry de-
vour,
And take it to a *place of*
thorns;
And the ²schemer is eager
for their wealth.
6 "For ^aaffliction does not
come from the dust,
Neither does trouble sprout
from the ground.
7 For ^aman is born for trou-
ble,
As sparks fly upward.
8 ¶ "But as for me, I would
^aseek God,
And I would place my cause
before God;
9 Who ^adoes great and un-
searchable things,
¹Wonders without number.
10 "He ^agives rain on the earth,
And sends water on the
fields,
11 So that ^aHe sets on high
those who are lowly,
And those who mourn are
lifted to safety.
12 "He ^afrustrates the plotting
of the shrewd,
So that their hands cannot
attain success.
13 "He ^acaptures the wise by
their own shrewdness
And the advice of the cun-
ning is quickly thwarted.
14 "By day they ^ameet with
darkness,
And grope at noon as in the
night.
15 "But He saves from ^athe
sword of their mouth,
And ^bthe poor from the
hand of the mighty.
16 "So the helpless has hope,
And ^aunrighteousness must
shut its mouth.
17 ¶ "Behold, how ^ahappy is
the man whom God re-
proves,

So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

18 "For He inflicts pain, and gives relief;

He wounds, and His hands also heal.

19 "From six troubles He will deliver you,

Even in seven evil will not touch you.

20 "In famine He will redeem you from death,

And in war from the power of the sword.

21 "You will be hidden from the scourge of the tongue,

Neither will you be afraid of violence when it comes.

22 "You will laugh at violence and famine,

Neither will you be afraid of wild beasts.

23 "For you will be in league with the stones of the field;

And the beasts of the field will be at peace with you.

24 "And you will know that your tent is secure,

For you will visit your abode and fear no loss.

25 "You will know also that your descendants will be many,

And your offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 "You will come to the grave in full vigor,

Like the stacking of grain in its season.

27 "Behold this, we have investigated it, thus it is;

Hear it, and know for yourself."

CHAPTER 6

THEN Job answered.

2 "Oh that my vexation were actually weighed,
And laid in the balances together with my iniquity!

17 Heb. Shaddai, and so throughout ch. 6
Job 28:15, 16; Prov. 3:11; Job 12:5-11; James 1:12
18 L.A., hands
19 L.A., in
20 Ps. 34:19
21 Ps. 91:10
22 Ps. 33:10, 37:19
23 Ps. 144:10
24 Job 5:15, Ps. 31:20
25 Ps. 91:5, 6
26 L.A., beasts of the earth
27 Job 8:21
28 Ps. 91:13, Ezek. 34:23
29 Heb. 2:18
30 Ps. 115:6
31 Job 8:24
32 L.A., seed
33 Ps. 112:2
34 Job 41:3, 4
35 Job 42:17
36 L.A., answered and said
37 Job 31:6
38 Job 32:2
39 L.A., Whom
40 Job 16:12
41 Ps. 38:2
42 Job 28:14, 21:20
43 Job 28:15
44 Job 28:5-6
45 Heb. hallowing, meaning uncertain. Perhaps the price of a plant.
46 Job 32:26, 32:28
47 Heb. 11:15, 1:10
48 Job 7:10, 9:21
49 Job 1
50 L.A., but
51 Job 22:22
52 Job 11, 12
53 L.A., proving my soul
54 Job 21:4
55 L.A., cannot
56 Job 28:2
57 Job 28:3
58 Heb. reverence
59 Job 43: Job 1:2, 1:24

3 "For then it would be heavier than the sand of the seas,

Therefore my words have been rash.

4 "For the arrows of the Almighty are within me;

Their poison my spirit drinks;

The terrors of God are arrayed against me.

5 "Does the wild donkey bray over his grass,

Or does the ox low over his fodder?

6 "Can something tasteless be eaten without salt,

Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

7 "My soul refuses to touch them;

They are like loathsome food to me.

8 "Oh that my request might come to pass,

And that God would grant my longing!

9 "Would that God were willing to crush me;

That He would loose His hand and cut me off!

10 "But it is still my consolation,

And I rejoice in unsparing pain,

That I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

11 "What is my strength, that I should wait?

And what is my end, that I should endure?

12 "Is my strength the strength of stones,

Or is my flesh bronze?

13 "Is it that my help is not within me,

And that deliverance is driven from me?

14 "For the despairing man there should be kindness from his friend;

Lest he forsake the fear of the Almighty.

- 15 "My brothers have acted ^adeceitfully like a ¹wadi,
Like the torrents of ¹wadis
which vanish,
16 Which are turbid because
of ice,
And into which the snow
¹melts.
17 "When ^athey become water-
less, they ¹are silent,
When it is hot, they vanish
from their place.
18 "The ¹paths of their course
wind along,
They go up into nothing and
perish.
19 "The caravans of ^aTema
looked,
The travelers of ^bSheba
hoped for them.
20 "They ^awere ¹disappointed
for they had trusted,
They came there and were
confounded.
21 "Indeed, you have now be-
come such,
^aYou see a terror and are
afraid.
22 "Have I said, 'Give me some-
thing,'
Or, 'Offer a bribe for me
from your wealth,'
23 Or, 'Deliver me from the
hand of the adversary,'
Or, 'Redeem me from the
hand of the tyrants'?"
24 ¶ "Teach me, and ^aI will be
silent;
And show me how I have
erred.
25 "How painful are honest
words!
But what does your argu-
ment prove?
26 "Do you intend to reprove
my words,
When the ^awords of one in
despair belong to the
wind?
27 "You would even ^acast lots
for ^bthe orphans,
And ^cbarter over your
friend.

18 ¹Or, brooks
Jer. 15:18
16 ¹Lit., hides itself
17 ¹Or, cease
Job 24:19
18 ¹Or, caravans turn from their course, they go up into the waste and perish.
19 ^aGen. 25:13; Is. 21:14; Jer. 25:23
20 ^bLit., ashamed
Jer. 14:3
21 ^aPs. 38:11
22 ^aPs. 39:1
23 ^aJob 8:2; 15:2; 16:3
24 ^aJoel 3:3; Nah. 3:10
25 ^bJob 22:9; 24:3, 9
26 ^c2 Pet. 2:3
27 ^aJob 27:4; 33:3; 36:4
28 ^aJob 13:18; 19:6; 23:10; 27:5, 6; 34:5; 42:1-6
29 ¹Or, words
Job 12:11
1 ¹Lit., Has not man compulsory labor
Job 5:7; 10:17; 14:1; 14 ^bJob 14:6
3 ^aJob 16:7
4 ¹Lit., sated with
Deut. 28:67; Job 7:13, 14
5 ^aJob 2:7; 17:14
6 ^aJob 9:25
Job 13:15; 14:19; 17:15; 18:19; 10
7 ^aJob 7:16; Ps. 78:39; James 4:14
8 ^aJob 9:25
8 ^aJob 8:18; 20:9
9 ^aJob 7:21
9 ^aJob 30:15
10 ^aJob 3:13-19
11 ^aSam. 12:23; Job 11:8; 14:13; 17:13, 16
12 ^aJob 8:18; 20:9; 27:21, 23

- 28 "And now please look at me:
And see if I ^alie to your face.
29 "Desist now, let there be no
injustice;
Even desist, ^amy righteous-
ness is yet in it.
30 "Is there injustice on my
tongue?
Cannot ^amy palate discern
¹calamities?

CHAPTER 7

- ¶ ^aIS not man ^aforced to labor
on earth,
And are not his days like the
days of ^aa hired man?
2 "As a slave who pants for the
shade,
And as a hired man who ea-
gerly waits for his wages.
3 So am I allotted months of
vanity,
And ^anights of trouble are
appointed me.
4 "When I ^alie down I say,
'When shall I arise?'
But the night continues,
And I am ¹continually toss-
ing until dawn.
5 "My ^aflesh is clothed with
worms and a crust of dirt;
My skin hardens and runs.
6 "My days are ^aswifter than a
weaver's shuttle,
And come to an end ^bwith-
out hope.
7 ¶ "Remember that my life
^ais but breath,
My eye will ^bnot again see
good.
8 "The ^aeye of him who sees
me will behold me no
more;
Thine eyes *will be* on me,
but ^bI will not be.
9 "When a ^acloud vanishes, it
is gone,
So ^bhe who goes down to
^cSheol does not come up.
10 "He will not return again to
his house,
Nor will ^ahis place know
him anymore.

- 11 ¶ "Therefore, ^aI will not restrain my mouth;
I will speak in the angulsh of my spirit,
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
- 12 "Am I the sea, or ^athe sea monster,
That Thou dost set a guard over me?
- 13 "If I say, ^a"My bed will comfort me,
My couch will ^lease my complaint,"
- 14 Then Thou dost frighten me with dreams
And terrify me by visions;
- 15 So that my soul would choose suffocation,
Death rather than my ^lpains.
- 16 "I ^lwaste away; I will not live forever.
Leave me alone, ^bfor my days are *but* a breath.
- 17 "^aWhat is man that Thou dost magnify him,
And that Thou ^lart concerned about him,
- 18 That ^aThou dost examine him every morning,
And try him every moment?
- 19 "^lWilt Thou never turn Thy gaze away from me,
Nor let me alone until I swallow my spittle?
- 20 "^aHave I sinned? What have I done to Thee,
O ^bwatcher of men?
Why hast Thou set me as Thy target,
So that I am a burden to myself?
- 21 "Why then ^adost Thou not pardon my transgression
And take away my iniquity?
For now I will ^lie down in the dust;
And Thou wilt seek me, ^cbut I will not be."

CHAPTER 8

THEN Bildad the Shuhite ^lanswered,

11 ^aJob 10:1; 21:4; 23:2; Ps. 40:9
12 ^aEzek. 32:2, 3
13 ^lLt., bear ^aJob 7:4; Ps. 6:6
14 ^lLt., bones
15 ^lOr, loathe ^aJob 6:9; 9:21; 10:1 ^aJob 7:7
16 ^lLt., shouldst set Thy heart on ^aJob 22:2; Ps. 8:4, 144:3; Heb. 2:6
17 ^aJob 14:3
18 ^lLt., How long will Thou not ^aJob 9:18; 10:20; 14:6
19 ^aJob 35:3, 6 ^bPs. 36:6
20 ^aJob 9:28; 10:14 ^bJob 10:9 ^cJob 7:8
1 ^lLt., answered and said
2 ^aJob 8:20
3 ^lHeb., Shaddai ^aGen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4; 2 Chr. 19:7; Job 34:10, 12; 36:23; 37:23; Rom. 3:5
4 ^lLt., hand ^aJob 1:5, 18; 19
5 ^lHeb., Shaddai ^aJob 5:17-27
6 ^lLt., place ^aJob 22:27; 34:28; Ps. 7:6 ^bJob 5:24
7 ^aJob 42:12
8 ^aDeut. 4:32; 33:7; Job 15:18; 20:4
9 ^aJob 14:2
10 ^lLt., read
11 ^aPs. 8:17 ^aJob 11:20; 13:16; 13:34; 20:5; 27:8
12 ^lLt., house ^aIsa. 56:5, 6

- 2 "How long will you say these things,
And the ^awords of your mouth be a mighty wind?
- 3 "Does ^aGod pervert justice
Or does ^lthe Almighty pervert what is right?
- 4 "^aIf your sons sinned against Him,
Then He delivered them into the ^lpower of their transgression.
- 5 "If you would ^aseek God
And implore the compassion of ^lthe Almighty,
- 6 If you are pure and upright,
Surely now ^aHe would rouse Himself for you
And restore your righteous ^lestate.
- 7 "Though your beginning was insignificant,
Yet your ^aend will increase greatly.
- 8 ¶ "Please ^ainquire of past generations,
And consider the things searched out by their fathers.
- 9 "For we are only of yesterday and know nothing,
Because ^aour days on earth are as a shadow.
- 10 "Will they not teach you and tell you,
And bring forth words from their minds?
- 11 ¶ "Can the papyrus grow up without marsh?
Can the rushes grow without water?
- 12 "While it is still green and not cut down,
Yet it withers before any other ^lplant.
- 13 "So are the paths of ^aall who forget God,
And the ^bhope of the godless will perish,
- 14 Whose confidence is fragile,
And whose trust a ^aspider's ^lweb.

15 "He ¹trusts in his ^ahouse, but
it does not stand;
He holds fast to it, but it
does not endure.

16 "He ^{1a}thrives before the sun,
And his ^bshoots spread out
over his garden.

17 "His roots wrap around a
rock pile,
He ¹grasps a house of
stones.

18 "If he is ¹removed from ^ahis
place,
Then it will deny him, say-
ing, 'I never saw you.'

19 "Behold, ^athis is the joy of
His way;
And out of the dust others
will spring.

20 "Lo, ^aGod will not reject a
man of integrity,
Nor ^bwill He ¹support the
evildoers.

21 "He will yet fill ^ayour mouth
with laughter,
And your lips with shout-
ing.

22 "Those who hate you will be
^aclothed with shame;
And the ^btent of the wicked
will be no more."

CHAPTER 9

THEN Job ¹answered.

2 "In truth I know that this is
so.

But how can a ^aman be in
the right ¹before God?

3 "If one wished to ^adispute
with Him,

He could not answer Him
once in a thousand times.

4 "Wise in heart and ^bmighty
in strength,

Who has ^{1c}defied Him
²without harm?

5 "It is God who removes the
mountains, they know
not how,

When He overturns them in
His anger;

6 Who ^ashakes the earth out
of its place,
And its ^bpillars tremble;

15 ¹Lit.,
leans on
Job 8:22;
27:18; Ps.
49:11

16 ¹Lit., is
lush
Ps. 37:35;
Jer. 11:16
Ps. 80:11
17 ¹Heb.,
sees

18 ¹Lit.,
swallowed up
Job 7:10
Job 7:8

19 Job 20:5
20 ¹Lit.,
strengthen

the hand of
Job 4:7 Job
21:30

21 Job
5:22; Ps.
126:1, 2

22 ^aPs.
132:18 Job
8:15, 15:34;
18:14; 21:28

1 ¹Lit., an-
swered and
said

2 ¹Lit.,
with
Job 4:17;
25:4

3 Job
10:2; 13:10;
23:6; 40:2

4 ¹Lit., stiff-
ened his
neck against
²Lit., and re-
mained safe

Job 11:6;
12:13; 28:23;
38:36, 37
Job 9:19;
23:6 ^c2 Chr.

13:12; Prov.
29:1

5 Job 9:5-
10; 26:6-14;
41:11

6 ^aIs. 2:19,
21; 13:13;
Hag. 2:6 ^bPs.
75:3

7 ¹Lit., and
it does not
shune

^aIs. 13:10;
Ezek. 32:7, 8

8 ¹Lit.,
treads upon
the heights of
Gen. 1:1; Job

37:18; Ps.
104:2; Is.
40:22 ^bJob

38:16; Ps.
77:19

9 Job
38:31, 32;
Amos 5:8

Job 37:9
10 ¹Lit., un-
til there is no
searching out

Job 5:9
11 Job
23:8, 9; 35:14

12 Job
10:7; 11:10
^bIs. 45:9

7 Who commands the ^asun
¹not to shine,
And sets a seal upon the
stars;

8 Who alone ^astretches out
the heavens,
And ^{1b}tramples down the
waves of the sea;

9 Who makes the ^aBear,
Orion, and the Pleiades,
And the ^bchambers of the
south;

10 Who ^adoes great things,
¹unfathomable,
And wondrous works with-
out number.

11 "Were He to pass by me, ^aI
would not see Him;

Were He to move past me, I
would not perceive Him.

12 "Were He to snatch away,
who could ^arestrain Him?
Who could say to Him,
^b'What art Thou doing?'

13 ¶ "God will not turn back
His anger;
Beneath Him crouch the
helpers of ^aRahab.

14 "How then can ^aI ¹answer
Him,

And choose my words ²be-
fore Him?

15 "For ^athough I were right, I
could not ¹answer;
I would have to ^bimplore the
mercy of my judge.

16 "If I called and He answered
me,

I could not believe that He
was listening to my
voice.

17 "For He ^abruises me with a
tempest,

And multiplies my wounds
without cause.

18 "He will ^anot allow me to get
my breath,

But saturates me with ^bbit-
terness.

13 Job 26:12; Ps. 89:10; Is. 30:7; 51:9

14 ¹Or, plead my case ²Lit., with Job 9:3, 32

15 ¹Or, plead my case Job 9:20, 21; 10:15 Job 8:5

17 Job 16:12, 14; 30:22

18 Job 7:19; 10:20 Job 13:28; 27:2

19 "If it is a matter of power,
 behold, He is the strong
 one!

And if it is a matter of justice,
 who can summon
 Him?

20 "Though I am righteous, my
 mouth will condemn
 me;

Though I am guiltless, He
 will declare me guilty.

21 "I am guiltless;
 I do not take notice of my-
 self;

I despise my life.

22 "It is all one; therefore I say,
 He destroys the guiltless
 and the wicked."

23 "If the scourge kills sud-
 denly,

He mocks the despair of
 the innocent.

24 "The earth is given into the
 hand of the wicked;

He covers the faces of its
 judges.

If it is not He, then who is it?

25 ¶ "Now my days are swift-
 er than a runner;
 They flee away, they see no
 good.

26 "They slip by like reed
 boats,

Like a beagle that swoops
 on its prey.

27 "Though I say, 'I will forget
 my complaint,

I will leave off my sad coun-
 tenance and be cheerful,'

28 I am afraid of all my pains,
 I know that Thou wilt not
 acquit me.

29 "I am accounted wicked,
 Why then should I toil in
 vain?

30 "If I should wash myself
 with snow

And cleanse my hands
 with lye,

31 Yet Thou wouldst plunge
 me into the pit,

And my own clothes would
 abhor me.

19 So with
 Cr.; Heb., me
 Job 9:4
 Job 9:15
 Job 9:29;
 15:6

21 Job 1:1;
 12:4; 13:18
 Job 7:16

22 Job
 10:7, 8

23 Job
 24:12

24 Job
 10:3; 12:6;
 16:11 Job
 12:17

25 Job 7:6
 Job 7:7

26 Lit.,
 food

Isa. 18:2 Job
 30:29; Hab
 1:8

27 Job 7:11
 Job 3:25

28 Job 7:21;
 10:14

29 Job
 10:2; Ps.
 37:33

30 Jer. 2:22
 Job 31:7

22 Lit.,
 judgment

Ecc. 6:10
 Job 9:3;
 Rom. 9:20

23 1 Sam.
 2:25; Job
 9:18; Is. 1:18

24 Job
 13:21

25 Job
 13:22

1 Lit., My
 soul loathes

Job 7:18
 Job 7:11

2 Job 9:29

3 Lit.,
 good

Lit.,
 you shine
 forth

Job 9:23-24;
 16:11; 19:6;
 27:2 Job

10:8; 14:15;
 Ps. 138:6; Is.

64:8 Job
 21:16; 22:18

4 1 Sam.
 16:7; Job
 28:24; 34:21

5 Job
 38:28

6 Job
 14:16

7 Job
 9:21; 13:18

Job 9:12;
 23:13; 27:22

8 Lit., to-
 gether round
 about

Job 10:3; Ps.
 119:73 Job
 9:22

32 "For He is not a man as I am
 that I may answer Him,
 That we may go to court to-
 gether.

33 "There is no umpire be-
 tween us,

Who may lay his hand upon
 us both.

34 "Let Him remove His rod
 from me,

And let not dread of Him
 terrify me.

35 "Then I would speak and not
 fear Him;

But I am not like that in my-
 self.

CHAPTER 10

6 ¶ I LOATHE my own life;

I will give full vent to
 my complaint;

I will speak in the bitterness
 of my soul.

2 "I will say to God, 'Do not
 condemn me;

Let me know why Thou dost
 contend with me.

3 'Is it right for Thee indeed to
 oppress,

To reject the labor of Thy
 hands,

And to look favorably on
 the schemes of the
 wicked?

4 'Hast Thou eyes of flesh?
 Or dost Thou see as a man
 sees?

5 'Are Thy days as the days of
 a mortal,

Or Thy years as man's
 years,

6 That Thou shouldst seek
 for my guilt,

And search after my sin?

7 'According to Thy knowl-
 edge I am indeed not
 guilty;

Yet there is no deliverance
 from Thy hand.

8 ¶ 'Thy hands fashioned
 and made me alto-
 gether,

And wouldst Thou destroy
 me?

- 9 'Remember now, that Thou hast made me as ^aclay; And wouldst Thou ^bturn me into dust again?
- 10 'Didst Thou not pour me out like milk, And curdle me like cheese;
- 11 Clothe me with skin and flesh, And knit me together with bones and sinews?
- 12 'Thou hast ^agranted me life and lovingkindness; And Thy care has preserved my spirit.
- 13 'Yet ^athese things Thou hast concealed in Thy heart; I know that this is within Thee:
- 14 If I sin, then Thou wouldst ^atake note of me, And ^bwouldst not acquit me of my guilt.
- 15 'If ^aI am wicked, woe to me! And ^bif I am righteous, I dare not lift up my head. I am sated with disgrace and ¹conscious of my misery.
- 16 'And should my head be lifted up, ^aThou wouldst hunt me like a lion; And again Thou wouldst show Thy ^bpower against me.
- 17 'Thou dost renew ^aThy witnesses against me, And increase Thine anger toward me, ^{1b}Hardship after hardship is with me.
- 18 ¶ 'Why then hast Thou brought me out of the womb? Would that I had died and no eye had seen me!
- 19 'I should have been as though I had not been, Carried from womb to tomb.'
- 20 "Would He not let ^amy few days alone? ^{1b}Withdraw from me that I may have a little cheer

^a Job 4:19; 33:6
^b Job 7:21
12 Job 33:4
13 Job 23:13
14 Job 7:20
Job 7:21; 9:28
15 ¹ Lit., see Job 10:7; Is. 3:11 Job 6:29
16 ^a Is. 38:13; Lam. 3:10; Hos. 13:7 Job 5:9
17 ¹ Lit., Changes and warfare are with me
^a Ruth 1:21; Job 16:8 Job 7:1
18 Job 3:11-13
19 ¹ Lit., Put Job 14:1
^b Job 7:16, 19
21 ^a 2 Sam. 12:23; Job 3:13-18; 16:22
^b Ps. 88:12
^c Job 10:22; 34:22; 38:17; Ps. 23:4
1 ¹ Lit., answered and said
2 ^a Job 8:2; 15:2; 18:2
3 ^a Job 17:2; 21:3
4 ^a Job 6:10
^b Job 10:7
6 ¹ Lit., is double ² Lit., causes to be forgotten for you
^a Job 9:4 Job 15:5; 22:5
7 ^a Job 33:12, 13; 36:26; 37:5, 23; Rom. 11:33
8 ¹ Lit., the heights of heaven ² i.e., the nether world
^a Job 22:12; 35:5 Job 26:6; 38:17
10 ^a Job 9:12
11 ¹ Or, even He does not consider
^a Job 34:21-23
^b Job 24:23; 28:24; 31:4

- 21 Before I go—^aand I shall not return—
^bTo the land of darkness and ^cdeep shadow;
- 22 The land of utter gloom as darkness itself,
Of deep shadow without order,
And which shines as the darkness."

CHAPTER 11

- THEN Zophar the Naamathite ¹answered,
- 2 "Shall a multitude of words go unanswered,
And a ^atalkative man be acquitted?
- 3 "Shall your boasts silence men?
And shall you ^ascoff and none rebuke?
- 4 "For ^ayou have said, 'My teaching is pure,
And ^bI am innocent in your eyes.'
- 5 "But would that God might speak,
And open His lips against you,
- 6 And show you the secrets of wisdom!
For sound wisdom ^{1a}has two sides.
Know then that God ²forgets a part of ^byour iniquity.
- 7 ¶ "Can you discover the depths of God?
Can you discover the limits of the Almighty?
- 8 "They are ^ahigh as ¹the heavens, what can you do?
Deeper than ^{2b}Sheol, what can you know?
- 9 "Its measure is longer than the earth,
And broader than the sea.
- 10 "If He passes by or shuts up
Or calls an assembly, ^awho can restrain Him?
- 11 "For ^aHe knows false men,
And He ^bsees iniquity ¹without investigating.

12 "And ¹an idiot will become intelligent
When the ²foal of a ³wild donkey is born a man.

13 ¶ "If you would ⁴direct your heart right,
And ⁵spread out your hand to Him;

14 If iniquity is in your hand,
⁶put it far away,
And do not let wickedness dwell in your tents.

15 "Then, indeed, you could ⁷lift up your face without moral defect,
And you would be steadfast and ⁸not fear.

16 "For you would ⁹forget your trouble,
As ¹⁰waters that have passed by, you would remember it.

17 "And your ¹¹life would be ¹²brighter than noonday;
Darkness would be like the morning.

18 "Then you would trust, because there is hope;
And you would look around and rest securely.

19 "You would ¹³lie down and none would disturb you,
And many would ¹⁴entreat your ¹⁵favor.

20 "But the ¹⁶eyes of the wicked will fail,
And ¹⁷there will ¹⁸be no escape for them;
And their ¹⁹hope is ²⁰to breathe their last."

CHAPTER 12

THEN Job ¹responded,
2 "Truly then ²you are the people,
And with you wisdom will die!
3 "But ³I have intelligence as well as you;
I am not inferior to you.
And ⁴who does not know such things as these?

12 ¹Idiot, a foolish man
13 ²Direct, to lead
14 ³Wild, untamed
15 ⁴Entreat, to seek
16 ⁵Entreat, to seek
17 ⁶Entreat, to seek
18 ⁷Entreat, to seek
19 ⁸Entreat, to seek
20 ⁹Entreat, to seek

13 ¹Direct, to lead
14 ²Direct, to lead
15 ³Direct, to lead
16 ⁴Direct, to lead
17 ⁵Direct, to lead
18 ⁶Direct, to lead
19 ⁷Direct, to lead
20 ⁸Direct, to lead

14 ¹Wild, untamed
15 ²Wild, untamed
16 ³Wild, untamed
17 ⁴Wild, untamed
18 ⁵Wild, untamed
19 ⁶Wild, untamed
20 ⁷Wild, untamed

15 ¹Entreat, to seek
16 ²Entreat, to seek
17 ³Entreat, to seek
18 ⁴Entreat, to seek
19 ⁵Entreat, to seek
20 ⁶Entreat, to seek

16 ¹Entreat, to seek
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19 ⁴Entreat, to seek
20 ⁵Entreat, to seek

17 ¹Entreat, to seek
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19 ³Entreat, to seek
20 ⁴Entreat, to seek

18 ¹Entreat, to seek
19 ²Entreat, to seek
20 ³Entreat, to seek

19 ¹Entreat, to seek
20 ²Entreat, to seek

20 ¹Entreat, to seek

21 ¹Entreat, to seek

22 ¹Entreat, to seek

4 "I am a ¹joke to ²my friends.
The one who called on God,
and He answered him;
The just and ³blameless man is a joke.

5 "He who is at ease holds calamity in contempt,
As prepared for those whose feet slip.

6 "The ⁴tents of the destroyers prosper,
And those who provoke God ⁵are secure.
⁶Whom God brings ⁷into ⁸their power.

7 ¶ "But now ask the beasts,
and let them teach you;
And the birds of the heavens,
and let them tell you.

8 "Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you;
And let the fish of the sea declare to you.

9 "Who among all these does not know
That ¹the hand of the Lord has done this,

10 ²In whose hand is the life of every living thing,
And ³the breath of all mankind?

11 "Does not ⁴the ear test words,
As the palate ⁵tastes its food?

12 "Wisdom is with ⁶aged men,
With ⁷long life is understanding.

13 ¶ "With Him are ⁸wisdom and ⁹might;
To Him belong counsel and ¹⁰understanding.

14 "Behold, He ¹¹tears down, and it cannot be rebuilt;
He ¹²imprisons a man, and ¹³there can be no release.

15 "Behold, He ¹⁴restrains the waters, and they dry up;

13 ¹Job 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

And He ^bsends them out,
and they ^linundate the
earth.
16" With Him are strength and
sound wisdom,
The ^amisled and the mis-
leader belong to Him.
17" He makes ^acounselors walk
^lbarefoot,
And makes fools of ^bjudges.
18" He ^aloosens the ^lbond of
kings,
And binds their loins with a
girdle.
19" He makes priests walk
^lbarefoot,
And overthrows ^athe secure
ones.
20" He deprives the trusted
ones of speech,
And ^atakes away the dis-
cernment of the elders.
21" He ^apours contempt on
nobles,
And ^bloosens the belt of the
strong.
22" He ^areveals mysteries from
the darkness,
And brings the deep dark-
ness into light.
23" He ^amakes the nations
great, then destroys
them;
He ^lenlarges the nations,
then leads them away.
24" He ^adeprives of intelligence
the chiefs of the earth's
people,
And makes them wander in
a pathless waste.
25" They ^agrope in darkness
with no light,
And He makes them ^bstag-
ger like a drunken man.

CHAPTER 13

66" **B**EHOLD, my eye has seen
all this,
My ear has heard and un-
derstood it.
2" What you know I also
know.
I am not inferior to you.

18 ^lLit.,
overturn
^aGen. 7:11-24
16 ^aJob
13:7, 9
17 ^lOr,
stripped
^aJob 3:14
^aJob 9:24
18 ^lOr, dis-
cipline
^aPs. 116:16
19 ^lOr,
stripped
^aJob 24:22;
34:24-28; 35:9
20 ^aJob
17:4; 32:9
21 ^aJob
34:19; Ps.
107:40 ^aJob
12:18
22 ^aDan.
2:22; 1 Cor.
4:5
23 ^lOr,
spreads out
^aIs. 9:3; 26:15
24 ^aJob
12:20
25 ^aJob 5:14
^aIs. 24:20
1 ^aJob 12:9
2 ^aJob 12:3
3 ^lHeb.,
Shaddai
^aJob 13:22;
23:4 ^aJob
13:15
4 ^aPs.
119:69 ^aJer.
23:32
5 ^aJob
13:13; 21:5;
Prov. 17:28
7 ^aJob 27:4
8 ^aLev.
19:15; Prov.
24:23
9 ^aJob
12:16
10 ^aJob
13:8; 32:21;
34:19
11 ^lLit., ex-
altation
^aJob 31:23
13 ^aJob 13:5
14 ^lLit.,
palm
^aPs. 119:109
15 ^lLit., to
His face
^aJob 7:6 ^aJob
27:5
16 ^aJob
23:7; Is. 12:1;
2 ^aJob 34:21-
23

3 1" But ^aI would speak to ^lthe
Almighty,
And I desire to ^bargue with
God.
4" But you ^asmear with lies;
You are all ^bworthless phy-
sicians.
5" O that you would ^abe com-
pletely silent,
And that it would become
your wisdom!
6" Please hear my argument,
And listen to the conten-
tions of my lips.
7" Will you ^aspeak what is un-
just for God,
And speak what is deceitful
for Him?
8" Will you ^ashow partiality
for Him?
Will you contend for God?
9" Will it be well when He ex-
amines you?
Or ^awill you deceive Him as
one deceives a man?
10" He will surely reprove you,
If you secretly ^ashow par-
tiality.
11" Will not ^aHis ^lmajesty ter-
rify you,
And the dread of Him fall on
you?
12" Your memorable sayings
are proverbs of ashes,
Your defenses are defenses
of clay.
13 1" ^aBe silent before me so
that I may speak;
Then let come on me what
may.
14" Why should I take my flesh
in my teeth,
And ^aput my life in my
^lhands?
15" ^aThough He slay me,
I will hope in Him.
Nevertheless I ^bwill argue
my ways ^lbefore Him.
16" This also will be my ^asalva-
tion,
For ^aa godless man may not
come before His pres-
ence.

- 17 "Listen carefully to my speech,
And let my declaration fill
your ears.
- 18 "Behold now, I have ^apre-
pared my case;
I know that ^bI will be vindi-
cated.
- 19 "Who will contend with me?
For then I would be silent
and ^bdie.
- 20 "Only two things do not do
to me,
Then I will not hide from
Thy face:
- 21 "Remove Thy ¹hand from
me,
And let not the dread of
Thee terrify me.
- 22 "Then call, and ^aI will an-
swer;
Or let me speak, then reply
to me.
- 23 "How many are my iniqui-
ties and sins?
Make known to me my ¹re-
bellion and my sin.
- 24 "Why dost Thou ^ahide Thy
face,
And consider me ^bThine
enemy?
- 25 "Wilt Thou cause a ^adriven
leaf to tremble?
Or wilt Thou pursue the dry
^bchaff?
- 26 "For Thou dost write ^abitter
things against me,
And dost ^bmake me to in-
herit the iniquities of my
youth.
- 27 "Thou ^adost put my feet in
the stocks,
And dost watch all my
paths;
Thou dost ¹set a limit for the
soles of my feet,
- 28 While ¹I am decaying like a
^arotten thing,
Like a garment that is moth-
eaten.

18 Job 23:4
Job 9:21,
10:7, 12:4
19 Job 7:21;
10:9
21 Job 9:34, Ps.
39:10
22 Job
9:16, 14:15
23 Or,
transgression
Job 7:21
24 Ps. 13:1,
44:24, 88:14,
Is. 8:17 Job
19:11, 33:10,
Lam. 2:5
25 Job 21:18
26 Job 9:18
Ps. 25:7
27 Job 33:11
28 Job 2:7
1 Job 5:7
2 Ps. 80:5,
103:15, Is.
40:6, 7,
James 1:10,
1 Pet. 1:24
Job 8:9
3 So with
some ancient
versions,
M.T. has
Ps. 8:4, 144:3
Job 14:2
4 Job
15:14, 25:4,
Ps. 51:5
5 Job 21:21
6 Job 7:19, Ps.
39:13
7 Or,
cause
8 Job
3:13, 14:10-15
Job 13:9
9 Job 7:19, Ps.
39:13
10 Job 3:13
11 Job 3:13
12 Job 3:13
13 Job 3:13

- Is ¹short-lived and ^bfull of
turmoil.
- 2 "Like a flower he comes
forth and withers.
He also flees like ^aa shadow
and does not remain.
- 3 "Thou also dost ^aopen Thine
eyes on him,
And ^bbring ¹him into judg-
ment with Thyself.
- 4 "Who can make the clean
out of the unclean?
No one!
- 5 "Since his days are deter-
mined,
The ^anumber of his months
is with Thee,
And his limits Thou hast
¹set so that he cannot
pass.
- 6 "Turn Thy gaze from him
that he may ¹rest,
Until he ²fulfills his day like
a hired man.
- 7 "For there is hope for a
tree,
When it is cut down, that it
will sprout again,
And its shoots will not ¹fail.
- 8 "Though its roots grow old in
the ground,
And its stump dies in the
dry soil,
- 9 At the scent of water it will
flourish
And put forth sprigs like a
plant.
- 10 "But ^aman dies and lies pros-
trate.
Man ^bexpires, and where is
he?
- 11 "As ^awater ¹evaporates from
the sea,
And a river becomes
parched and dried up,
- 12 So ^aman lies down and does
not rise.
Until the heavens be no
more,
¹He will not awake nor be
aroused out of ²his sleep.
- 13 "Oh that Thou wouldst
hide me in ¹Sheol,

CHAPTER 14

- 66 "MAN, who is born of
woman,

- That Thou wouldst conceal
me ^auntil Thy wrath re-
turns to Thee,
That Thou wouldst set a
limit for me and remem-
ber me!
- 14 "If a man dies, will he live
again?
All the days of my struggle
I will wait,
Until my change comes.
- 15 "Thou wilt call, and I will an-
swer Thee;
Thou wilt long for ^athe work
of Thy hands.
- 16 "For now Thou dost ^anumber
my steps,
Thou dost not ^bobserve my
sin.
- 17 "My transgression is ^asealed
up in a bag,
And Thou dost ¹wrap up my
iniquity.
- 18 ¶ "But the falling mountain
¹crumbles away,
And the rock moves from
its place;
- 19 Water wears away stones,
Its torrents wash away the
dust of the earth;
So Thou dost ^adestroy
man's hope.
- 20 "Thou dost forever over-
power him and he ^ade-
parts;
Thou dost change his ap-
pearance and send him
away.
- 21 "His sons achieve honor, but
^ahe does not know it;
Or they become insignifi-
cant, but he does not per-
ceive it.
- 22 "But his ¹body pains him,
And he mourns only for
himself."

13 ^aIsa. 26:20

15 ^aJob 10:3

16 ^aJob
31:4, 34:21;
Ps. 139:1-3;
Prov. 5:21
^bJob 10:6

17 ¹Lit.,
plaster, or,
glue together
^aDeut. 32:32-
34

18 ¹Lit.,
withers

19 ^aJob 7:6

20 ^aJob
4:20, 20:7

21 ^aEcd. 9:5

22 ¹Lit.,
flesh

1 ¹Lit., an-
swered and
said

2 ¹Lit., his
belly
^aJob 6:26

4 ¹Lit., fear

5 ^aJob 22:5
^bJob 5:12, 13

6 ^aJob 18:7

7 ^aJob
38:4, 21;
Prov. 8:25

8 ^aJob
29:4; Rom.
11:34; 1 Cor.
2:11

9 ¹Lit., is
not within
us?
^aJob 12:3;
13:2

10 ^aJob
12:12; 32:6, 7

11 ^aJob
5:17-19;
36:15, 16
^bJob 6:10;
23:12

12 ^aJob
11:13; 36:13

14 ^aJob
14:4; Prov.
20:9; Eccl.
7:20 ^bJob
25:4

15 ^aJob 5:1
^bJob 25:5

16 ^aPs. 14:1

- 3 "Should he argue with use-
less talk,
Or with words which are
not profitable?
- 4 "Indeed, you do away with
¹reverence,
And hinder meditation be-
fore God.
- 5 "For ^ayour guilt teaches your
mouth,
And you choose the lan-
guage of ^bthe crafty.
- 6 "Your ^aown mouth con-
demns you, and not I;
And your own lips testify
against you.
- 7 ¶ "Were you the first man to
be born,
Or ^awere you brought forth
before the hills?
- 8 "Do you hear the ^asecret
counsel of God,
And limit wisdom to your-
self?
- 9 "What do you know that we
do not know?
What do you understand
that ¹we do not?
- 10 "Both the ^agray-haired and
the aged are among us,
Older than your father.
- 11 "Are ^athe consolations of
God too small for you,
Even the ^bword spoken gen-
tly with you?
- 12 "Why does your ^aheart carry-
you away?
And why do your eyes flash?
- 13 That you should turn your
spirit against God,
And allow such words to go
out of your mouth?
- 14 "What is man, that ^ahe
should be pure,
Or ^bhe who is born of a
woman, that he should be
righteous?
- 15 "Behold, He puts no trust in
His ^aholy ones,
And the ^bheavens are not
pure in His sight;
- 16 How much less one who is
^adetestable and corrupt,

CHAPTER 15

- THEN Eliphaz the Temanite
¹responded,
2 "Should a wise man answer
with windy knowledge,
^aAnd fill ¹himself with the
east wind?

Man, who drinks iniquity
like water!

17 "I will tell you, listen to
me;

And what I have seen I will
also declare;

18 What wise men have told,
And have not concealed
from their fathers,

19 To whom alone the land
was given,

And no alien passed among
them.

20 "The wicked man writhes in
pain all his days,

And numbered are the
years stored up for the
ruthless.

21 "Sounds of terror are in his
ears,

While at peace the de-
stroyer comes upon him.

22 "He does not believe that he
will return from dark-
ness,

And he is destined for the
sword.

23 "He wanders about for food,
saying, 'Where is it?'

He knows that a day of
darkness is at hand.

24 "Distress and anguish terrify
him,

They overpower him like a
king ready for the attack.

25 Because he has stretched
out his hand against God,
And conducts himself arrogantly
against the Almighty.

26 "He rushes headlong at Him
With his massive shield.

27 "For he has covered his face
with his fat,

And made his thighs heavy
with flesh.

28 "And he has lived in deso-
late cities,

In houses no one would in-
habit,

Which are destined to be-
come ruins.

16 Job 34:7.
Prov 19:28
18 Job 8:8;
20:4
20 11.Lat., the
number of
years are
Job 15:24
Job 24:1,
27:13
21 11.Lat., A
sound of ter-
rors is
Job 15:24,
18:11, 20:25,
24:17, 27:20
Job 20:21,
1 Thes. 5:3
22 Job
15:30 Job
19:29, 27:14,
33:18, 38:12
23 11.Lat.,
ready at his
hand
Job 15:22, 30
28 11.Lat.,
Shaddai
Job 38:9
28 11.Lat.,
with a stiff
neck 11.Lat.,
the thick-
browed
shields
27 Ps. 73:7,
119:70
28 11.Lat.,
hunger
Job 3:14, 14:
5, 8, 9
29 Job
27:18, 17
30 11.Lat.,
turn aside
Job 5:14,
15:22 Job
15:34, 20:28,
22:20, 31:12
Job 4:9
31 11.Lat., ex-
change
Job 35:13, 14:
39:4
32 Job
22:18, Eccl
7:17 Job
18:16
33 Job 14:2
34 11.Lat., a
bribe
Job 8:13
Job 8:22
35 11.Lat., pour
11.Lat., belly
Ps. 7:14, 14:
59:4
1 11.Lat., an-
swered and
said
2 11.Lat.,
Comforters
of trouble
Job 13:4,
21:34
3 Job 6:28
4 11.Lat.,
your soul
were in place
of my soul
Ps. 22:7,
108:23, Zeph.
2:15, Matt.
27:39
6 Job
9:27, 28

29 "He will not become rich,
nor will his wealth en-
dure;

And his grain will not bend
down to the ground.

30 "He will not escape from
darkness;

The flame will wither his
shoots,

And by the breath of His
mouth he will go away.

31 "Let him not trust in empti-
ness, deceiving himself;
For emptiness will be his
reward.

32 "It will be accomplished be-
fore his time,

And his palm branch will
not be green.

33 "He will drop off his unripe
grape like the vine,
And will cast off his flower
like the olive tree.

34 "For the company of the
godless is barren,

And fire consumes the
tents of the corrupt.

35 "They conceive mischief
and bring forth iniquity,
And their mind prepares
deception."

CHAPTER 16

THEN Job answered,

2 "I have heard many such
things;

1 "Sorry comforters are you
all.

3 "Is there no limit to windy
words?

Or what plagues you that
you answer?

4 "I too could speak like you,
If I were in your place.

I could compose words
against you,

And shake my head at you.

5 "I could strengthen you with
my mouth,

And the solace of my lips
could lessen your pain.

6 "If I speak, my pain is not
lessened,

- And if I hold back, what has left me?
 7" But now He has ^aexhausted me;
 Thou hast laid ^bwaste all my company.
 8" And Thou hast shriveled me up.
^aIt has become a witness;
 And my ^bleanness rises up against me,
 It testifies to my face.
 9" His anger has ^atorn me and ^bhunted me down,
 He has ^bgnashed at me with His teeth;
 My ^cadversary ²glares at me.
 10" They have ^agaped at me with their mouth,
 They have ^bslapped me on the cheek with contempt;
 They have ^cmassed themselves against me.
 11" God hands me over to ruffians,
 And tosses me into the hands of the wicked.
 12" I was at ease, but ^aHe shattered me,
 And He has grasped me by the neck and shaken me to pieces;
 He has also set me up as His ^btarget.
 13" His ^aarrows surround me.
 Without mercy He splits my kidneys open;
 He pours out ^bmy gall on the ground.
 14" He ^abreaks through me with breach after breach;
 He ^bruns at me like a warrior.
 15" I have sewed ^asackcloth over my skin,
 And ^bthrust my horn in the dust.
 16" My face is flushed from ^aweeping,
^bAnd deep darkness is on my eyelids,
 17 Although there is no ^aviolence in my hands,
 And ^bmy prayer is pure.

7 Job 7:3
 Job 16:20;
 18:13-15
 8 Job
 10:17 Job
 19:20; Ps.
 109:24
 9 1 Lit.,
 borne a
 grudge
 against me
 2 Lit., sharp-
 ens his eyes
 Job 19:11;
 Hos. 6:1 Ps.
 35:16; Lam.
 2:16; Acts
 7:54 Job
 13:24; 33:10
 10 1 Lit.,
 struck
 Ps. 22:13 Is.
 50:6; Lam.
 3:30; Acts
 23:2 Job
 30:12; Ps.
 35:15
 12 Job 9:17
 Job 7:20;
 Lam. 3:12
 13 Job 6:4;
 19:12; 25:3
 Job 20:25
 14 Job 9:17
 Joel 2:7
 15 Gen.
 37:34; Ps.
 69:11 Ps. 7:5
 16 Job
 16:20 Job
 24:17
 17 Is. 50:6;
 Jan. 3:8 Job
 27:4
 18 Or, wit-
 ness
 Gen. 31:50;
 Job 19:25-27;
 Rom. 1:9;
 Phil. 1:8;
 1 Thess. 2:5
 Job 31:2
 19 Or,
 drips
 Job 17:7
 22 Job 3:13
 1 1 Lit.,
 graves
 Ps. 88:3, 4
 2 1 Lit.,
 lodges
 Job 12:4;
 17:6
 3 1 Lit.,
 strike hands
 with me
 Ps. 119:122;
 Is. 38:14
 4 1 Lit., hid-
 den
 Job 12:20
 5 Lev.
 19:13, 16
 Job 11:20
 6 1 Lit., a
 spitting to
 the faces
 Job 17:2
 Job 30:10
 7 Job
 16:16 Job
 16:8

"Thou Hast Shriveled Me Up."

- 18 ¶ "O earth, do not cover my blood,
 And let there be no resting place for my cry.
 19" Even now, behold, ^amy wit-
 ness is in heaven,
 And my ^badvocate is ^bon high.
 20" My friends are my scoffers;
^aMy eye ^bweeps to God.
 21" O that a man might plead with God
 As a man with his neighbor!
 22" For when a few years are past,
 I shall go the way ^aof no re-
 turn.

CHAPTER 17

- ¶ MY spirit is broken, my days are extinguished,
 The ^agrave is ready for me.
 2" Surely mockers are with me,
 And my eye ^bgazes on their provocation.
 3 ¶ "Lay down, now, a pledge ^afor me with Thyself;
 Who is there that will ^bbe my guarantor?
 4" For Thou hast ^akept their heart from understand-
 ing;
 Therefore Thou wilt not exalt them.
 5" He who ^ainforms against friends for a share of the spoil,
 The ^beyes of his children also shall languish.
 6 ¶ "But He has made me a ^abyword of the people,
 And I am ^bone at whom men ^bspit.
 7" My eye has also grown ^adim because of grief,
 And all my ^bmembers are as a shadow.
 8" The upright shall be ap-
 palled at this,

- And the ^ainnocent shall stir
up himself against the
godless.
- 9^a Nevertheless ^athe righteous
shall hold to his way,
And ^bhe who has clean
hands shall grow stron-
ger and stronger.
- 10^a But come again all of ¹you
now,
For I ^ado not find a wise man
among you.
- 11^a My ^adays are past, my plans
are torn apart,
Even the wishes of my
heart.
- 12^a They make night into day,
saying,
'The light is near,' in the
presence of darkness.
- 13^a If I look for ^aSheol as my
home,
I ^amake my bed in the dark-
ness;
- 14 If I call to the ^apit, 'You are
my father';
To the ^bworm, 'my mother
and my sister';
- 15 Where now is ^amy hope?
And who regards my hope?
- 16^a Will it go down with me to
Sheol?
Shall we together ^ago down
into the dust?"

CHAPTER 18

- T**HEN Bildad the Shuhite ¹re-
sponded,
- 2^a How long will you hunt for
words?
Show understanding and
then we can talk.
- 3^a Why are we ^aregarded as
beasts,
As stupid in your eyes?
- 4^a O ¹you who tear yourself in
your anger—
For your sake is the earth to
be abandoned,
Or the rock to be moved
from its place?
- 5 ¹Indeed, the ^alight of the
wicked goes out,

8 Job
22:19
9 Prov.
4:18 Job
22:30; 31:7
10 With
some ancient
ms. and ver-
sions; M.T.,
them
Job 12:2
11 Job 7:6
12 Lit.
spread out
Job 3:13
13 Job 7:5,
13:28, 30:30
Job 21:28,
25:6
14 Job 7:6
15 So the
Gr., Heb. possi-
bly. Let my
limbs sink
down to
Sheol, since
there is rest
in the dust
for all.
Job 3:17,
21:33
16 Lit., an-
swered and
said
3 Ps.
73:22
4 Lit., he
tears
himself/
has
8 Lit.,
apart
Job 21:17;
Prov. 13:9;
20:20; 24:20
6 Job
12:25
7 Lit.,
steps of his
strength
Job 15:6
8 Job
22:10; Ps.
9:13; 35:8, 18;
24:17, 18
11 Job
15:21 Job
18:18, 20:8
12 vs. 8:21
13 Heb., it
eats parts of
his skin Or,
parts
Zech. 14:12
14 Lit., his
tent his trust
Or, you or
she shall
march
Job 8:22;
18:6 Job
15:21
15 A sug-
gested read-
ing is five
dwells in his
tent
Ps. 11:6
16 vs. 5:24;
Hos. 9:16;
Amos 2:9;
Isa. 4:1 Job
15:30, 32

- And the ¹flame of his fire
gives no light.
- 6^a The light in his tent is ^adark-
ened,
And his lamp goes out
above him.
- 7^a His ¹vigorous stride is
shortened,
And his ^aown scheme
brings him down.
- 8^a For he is ^athrown into the
net by his own feet,
And he steps on the web-
bing.
- 9^a A snare seizes him by the
heel,
And a trap snaps shut on
him.
- 10^a A noose for him is hidden in
the ground,
And a trap for him on the
path.
- 11^a All around ^aterrors frighten
him,
And ^bharry him at every
step.
- 12^a His strength is ^afamished,
And calamity is ready at his
side.
- 13^a His skin is devoured by dis-
ease,
The first-born of death ^ade-
vours his ²limbs.
- 14^a He is ^atorn from ¹the secu-
rity of his tent,
And ²they march him be-
fore the king of ^bterrors.
- 15^a There dwells in his tent
nothing of his;
^aBrimstone is scattered on
his habitation.
- 16^a His ^aroots are dried below,
And his ^bbranch is cut off
above.
- 17^a Memory of him perishes
from the earth,
And he has no name abroad.
- 18^a He is driven from light ^ain-
to darkness,
And ^bchased from the in-
habited world.

17 Job 24:20; Ps. 34:16; Prov. 10:7
18 Lit., They drive him . . . And chase him Job 5:14;
Is. 8:22; 15:30 Job 20:8; 27:21-23

- 19 "He has no ^aoffspring or posterity among his people,
Nor any survivor where he sojourned.
20 "Those ¹in the west are appalled at ^ahis ²fate.
And those ³in the east are seized with horror.
21 "Surely such are the ^adwellings of the wicked.
And this is the place of him who does not know God."

CHAPTER 19

- T**HEN Job ¹responded,
2 "How long will you torment ¹me,
And crush me with words?
3 "These ten times you have insulted me,
You are not ashamed to wrong me.
4 "Even if I have truly erred,
My error lodges with me.
5 "If indeed you ^avaunt yourselves against me,
And prove my disgrace to me,
6 Know then that ^aGod has wronged me,
And has closed ^bHis net around me.
7 ¶ "Behold, ^aI cry, 'Violence!' but I get no answer;
I shout for help, but there is no justice.
8 "He has ^awalled up my way so that I cannot pass;
And He has put ^bdarkness on my paths.
9 "He has ^astripped my honor from me,
And removed the ^bcrown from my head.
10 "He ^abreaks me down on every side, and I am gone;
And He has uprooted my ^bhope ^clike a tree.
11 "He has also ^akindled His anger against me,
And ^bconsidered me as His enemy.

19 Job 27:14, 15; Is. 14:22
20 ¹Lit., who come after ²Lit., day
³Lit., who have gone before
^aPs. 37:13; Jer. 50:27; Obad. 12
21 Job 21:28
¹Lit., answered and said
²Lit., my soul
³Ps. 35:28; 38:16; 55:12, 13
⁴Job 16:11; 27:2
⁵Job 18:9-10; Ps. 68:11; Lam. 1:13
⁶Job 9:24; 30:20, 24; Hab. 1:2
⁷Job 3:23; Lam. 3:7, 9
⁸Job 30:26
⁹Job 12:17, 19; Ps. 69:44
¹⁰Job 16:15; Ps. 89:39; Lam. 5:16
¹¹Job 12:14
¹²Job 24:20
¹³Job 16:9
¹⁴Job 13:24; 33:10
¹⁵Lit., siege work
¹⁶Job 16:13
¹⁷Job 30:12
¹⁸Job 16:7; Ps. 69:8
¹⁹Job 16:20; Ps. 88:8, 18
²⁰Job 19:19
²¹Lit., strange
²²Lit., the men of my council
²³Ps. 38:11; 55:12, 13
²⁴Job 16:8; 33:21; Ps. 102:5; Lam. 4:8
²⁵Job 13:24, 25; 16:11; 19:6; Ps. 69:26
²⁶Is. 30:8; Jer. 36:2

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- 12 "His ^atroops come together,
And ^bbuild up their ¹way against me,
And camp around my tent.
13 ¶ "He has ^aremoved my brothers far from me,
And my ^bacquaintances are completely estranged from me.
14 "My relatives have failed,
And my ^aintimate friends have forgotten me.
15 "Those who live in my house and my maids consider me a stranger.
I am a foreigner in their sight.
16 "I call to my servant, but he does not answer,
I have to implore him with my mouth.
17 "My breath is ¹offensive to my wife,
And I am loathsome to my own brothers.
18 "Even young children despise me;
I rise up and they speak against me.
19 "All ¹my ^aassociates abhor me,
And those I love have turned against me.
20 "My ^abone clings to my skin and my flesh,
And I have escaped ^{only} by the skin of my teeth.
21 "Pity me, pity me, O you my friends,
For the ^ahand of God has struck me.
22 "Why do you ^apersecute me as God does,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?
23 ¶ "Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were ^ainscribed in a book!
24 "That with an iron stylus and lead
They were engraved in the rock forever!

- 25 "And as for me, I know that
 my ¹Redeemer lives,
 And ²at the last He will take
 His stand on the ³earth.
 26 "Even after my skin ¹is de-
 stroyed,
 Yet from my flesh I shall
 see God;
 27 Whom I ¹myself shall be-
 hold,
 And whom my eyes shall
 see and not another.
 My ²heart faints ³within
 me.
 28 "If you say, 'How shall we
 persecute him?'
 And 'What pretext for a
 case against him can we
 find?'
 29 Then be afraid of ¹the sword
 for yourselves,
 For wrath brings the pun-
 ishment of the sword,
 So that you may know
 there is judgment."

CHAPTER 20

THEN Zophar the Naama-
 thite answered,

- 2 "Therefore my disquieting
 thoughts make me re-
 spond,
 Even because of my ²in-
 ward agitation.
 3 "I listened to ¹the reproof
 which insults me,
 And the spirit of my under-
 standing makes me an-
 swer.
 4 "Do you know this from ¹of
 old,
 From the establishment of
 man on earth,
 5 That the ¹triumphing of the
 wicked is short,
 And ²the joy of the godless
 momentary?
 6 "Though his loftiness
 reaches the heavens,
 And his head touches the
 clouds,
 7 He ¹perishes forever like his
 refuse;
 Those who have seen him
 will say, 'Where is he?'

28 ¹Or, Vin-
 dicator, de-
 fender; lit.,
 kinsman ²Or,
 as the Last
³Lit., dust
 Job 18:19;
 Ps. 78:35;
 Prov. 23:11;
 Is. 43:14; Jer.
 50:34

28 ¹Lit.,
 which they
 have cut off
 Ps. 17:15;
 Matt. 5:8;
 1 Cor. 13:12;
 1 John 3:2

27 ¹Or, on
 my side ²Lit.,
 kidneys ³Lit.,
 in my loins
 Ps. 73:28

28 ¹Or, the
 root of the
 matter is
 found in him
 Job 19:22

28 ¹Job
 15:22 ²Job
 22:4, Ps. 1:5;
 Eccl. 12:14

1 ¹Lit., an-
 swered and
 said

2 ¹Lit., re-
 turn ²Lit.,
 haste within
 me

3 ¹Job 19:3

4 ¹Job 8:8

5 ¹Job

8:12, 13; Ps.

37:35, 38

Job 8:13

6 ¹Lit.,

goes up to

Is. 14:13, 14;

Obad. 3, 4

7 ¹Job

4:20; 14:20

Job 7:10;

8:18

8 ¹Ps.

73:20; 80:5

Job 18:18;

27:21-23

9 ¹Job 7:8;

8:18 ²Job

7:10

10 ¹Or, seek

the favor of

Job 5:4;

27:14 ²Job

20:18; 27:18;

17

11 ¹Lit., on

Job 21:23, 24

12 ¹Job

15:18

13 ¹Lit., has

compassion

on ²Lit., pal-

ate

Num. 11:18;

20:33; Job

20:23

14 ¹Lit., gold

15 ¹Job

20:10, 20, 21

16 ¹Orat.

32:24, 33

- 8 "He flies away like a ¹dream,
 and they cannot find him;
 Even like a vision of the
 night he is ²chased away.
 9 "The ¹eye which saw him
 sees him no more,
 And ²his place no longer be-
 holds him.
 10 "His ¹sons favor the poor,
 And his hands ²give back
 his wealth.
 11 "His ¹bones are full of his
 youthful vigor,
 But it lies down with him ¹in
 the dust.
 12 ¹Though ²evil is sweet in
 his mouth,
 And he hides it under his
 tongue,
 13 Though he ¹desires it and
 will not let it go,
 But holds it ²in his ³mouth,
 14 Yet his food in his stomach
 is changed
 To the ¹venom of cobras
 within him.
 15 "He swallows riches,
 But will ²vomit them up;
 God will expel them from
 his belly.
 16 "He sucks ¹the poison of co-
 bras;
 The viper's tongue slays
 him.
 17 "He does not look at ¹the
 streams,
 The rivers flowing with
 honey and curds.
 18 "He ¹returns what he has at-
 tained
 And cannot swallow it;
 As to the riches of his trad-
 ing,
 He cannot even enjoy them.
 19 "For he has ¹oppressed and
 forsaken the poor;
 He has seized a house
 which he has not built.

- 20 ¹Because he knew no
 quiet ¹within him

17 ¹Orat. 32:13, 14; Job 29:6

18 ¹Job 20:10, 15

19 ¹Job 24:2-4; 35:9

20 ¹Lit., in his belly

- He does ^anot retain anything he desires.
- 21 "Nothing remains ¹for him to devour,
Therefore ^ahis prosperity does not endure.
- 22 "In the fulness of his plenty he will be cramped;
The ^ahand of everyone who suffers will come against him.
- 23 "When he ^afills his belly,
God will send His fierce anger on him
And will ^brain it on him ¹while he is eating.
- 24 "He may ^aflee from the iron weapon,
But the bronze bow will pierce him.
- 25 "It is drawn forth and comes out of his back,
Even the glittering point from ^ahis gall.
^bTerrors come upon him,
- 26 Complete ^adarkness is held in reserve for his treasures,
And unfanned ^bfire will devour him;
It will consume the survivor in his tent.
- 27 "The ^aheavens will reveal his iniquity,
And the earth will rise up against him.
- 28 "The ^aincrease of his house will depart;
His possessions will flow away ^bin the day of His anger.
- 29 "This is the wicked man's ^aportion from God,
Even the heritage decreed to him by God."

CHAPTER 21

- T**HEN Job ¹answered,
2 "Listen carefully to my speech,
And let this be your way of consolation.
- 3 "Bear with me that I may speak;

20 ^aEcc1 5:13-15
21 ¹Or, of what he devours
Job 15:29
22 Job 5:3
23 ¹Or, as his food
Job 20:13, 14
Num. 11:18-20, 33; Ps. 78:30, 31
24 ^aIs. 24:18; Amos 5:19
25 Job 18:13; Job 18:11, 14
26 Job 18:18; Job 15:30; Ps. 21:9
27 ^aDeut. 31:28; Is. 26:21
28 ^aDeut. 28:31; Job 20:15, 21:30
29 Job 27:13; 31:2, 3
1 ¹Lit., answered and said
3 Job 11:3; 17:2
4 ¹Or, against ²Lit., my spirit
Job 7:11
Job 6:11
5 ^aJudg. 18:19; Job 13:5, 29:9; 40:4
6 ^aPs. 50:5
7 Job 9:24; Ps. 73:3; Jer. 12:1; Hab. 1:13
Job 12:19
8 ¹Lit., send
Ps. 17:14
9 Job 12:6
10 ¹Lit., and does not fail
12 ¹Lit., lifted up the voice
13 ¹So with most versions; M.T., are shattered by Sheol
²i.e., the nether world
Job 21:23; 38:11
14 Job 22:17
15 ¹Lit., What ²Heb., Shaddai
Job 22:17; 34:9
16 Job 22:18

- Then after I have spoken, you may ^amock.
- 4 "As for me, is ^amy complaint ¹to man?
And ^bwhy should ²I not be impatient?
- 5 "Look at me, and be astonished,
And ^aput your hand over your mouth.
- 6 "Even when I remember, I am disturbed,
And ^ahorror takes hold of my flesh.
- 7 "Why ^ado the wicked still live,
Continue on, also become very ^bpowerful?
- 8 "Their ¹descendants are established with them in their sight,
And their offspring before their eyes,
- 9 Their houses ^aare safe from fear,
Neither is the rod of God on them.
- 10 "His ox mates ¹without fail;
His cow calves and does not abort.
- 11 "They send forth their little ones like the flock,
And their children skip about.
- 12 "They ¹sing to the timbrel and harp
And rejoice at the sound of the flute.
- 13 "They ^aspend their days in prosperity,
And ¹suddenly they go down to ²Sheol.
- 14 "And they say to God, ^aDepart from us!
We do not even desire the knowledge of Thy ways.
- 15 ¹Who is ²the Almighty, that we should serve Him,
And ^awhat would we gain if we entreat Him?
- 16 "Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand;
The ^acounsel of the wicked is far from me.

- 17 "How often is ^athe lamp of
the wicked put out,
Or does their ^bcalamity fall
on them?
Does ¹God apportion de-
struction in His anger?
18 "Are they as ^astraw before
the wind,
And like ^bchaff which the
storm carries away?
19 "You say, '^aGod stores away
¹a man's iniquity for his
sons.'
Let ²God repay him so that
he may know it.
20 "Let his ^aown eyes see his de-
cay,
And let him ^bdrink of the
wrath of ¹the Almighty.
21 "For what does he care for
his household ¹after him,
When the number of his
months is cut off?
22 "Can anyone ^ateach God
knowledge,
In that He ^bjudges those on
high?
23 "One ^adies in his full
strength,
Being wholly at ease and
¹satisfied;
24 His ¹sides are filled out with
fat,
And the ^amarrow of his
bones is moist,
25 While another dies with a
bitter soul,
Never even ¹tasting any-
thing good.
26 "Together they ^alie down in
the dust,
And ^bworms cover them.
27 "Behold, I know your
thoughts,
And the plans by which you
would wrong me.
28 "For you say, 'Where is the
house of ^athe nobleman,
And where is the ^btent, the
dwelling places of the
wicked?'
29 "Have you not asked wayfar-
ing men,

17 ¹Lt., He
Job 18:5, 6
Job 31:2, 3
18 Job
13:28; Ps.
63:13; ¹Ps.
14:35; Is.
17:13; Hos.
13:3
19 ¹Lt., he
²Lt., him
Ex. 20:5; Jer.
31:29; Ezek.
18:2
20 ¹Hab.
Shaddai
Numb. 14:28-
32; Jer. 31:30;
Ezek. 18:4
¹Ps. 60:3; Is.
51:17; Jer.
25:15; Rev.
14:10
21 ¹Lt., af-
ter he dies
22 Job
35:11, 36:22;
Is. 40:14;
Rom. 11:34
¹Job 4:18;
Is. 15: Ps.
12:1
23 ¹Or,
quiet
Job 20:11;
21:13
24 ¹So with
Syr.; Heb. un-
certain. Some
render as, his
pails are full
of milk
Prov. 3:8
25 ¹Lt., eat-
ing
26 Job
3:13, 20:11;
Ezek. 8:2; Job
24:20; Is.
14:11
27 Job 1:3;
31:37; Job
8:22, 18:21
28 ¹Lt.,
signs
29 Job
20:29; Prov.
16:4, 2; Ps.
2:9; Job
21:17, 30;
40:11
31 ¹Lt., de-
clare his way
to his face
32 ¹Lt., he
sworn to him
¹Lt., draw
Job 3:22;
17:16; Job
3:19, 24:24
34 ¹Or,
futility
Job 18:2
1 ¹Lt., an-
swered and
said
2 Job
35:7; Luke
17:10
3 ¹Hab.
Shaddai
4 ¹Or, fear
Job 14:3;
19:29
5 Job
11:6, 13:5

- And do you not recognize
their ¹witness?
30 "For the ^awicked is reserved
for the day of calamity;
They will be led forth at ^bthe
day of fury.
31 "Who will ¹confront him
with his actions,
And who will repay him for
what he has done?
32 "While he is carried to the
grave,
Men will keep watch over
his tomb.
33 "The ^aclouds of the valley will
¹gently cover him;
Moreover, ^ball men will ²fol-
low after him,
While countless ones go be-
fore him.
34 "How then will you vainly
^acomfort me,
For your answers remain
full of ¹falsehood?"

CHAPTER 22

- T**HEN Eliphaz the Temanite
¹responded,
2 "Can a vigorous ^aman be of
use to God,
Or a wise man be useful to
himself?
3 "Is there any pleasure to ¹the
Almighty if you are right-
eous,
Or profit if you make your
ways perfect?
4 "Is it because of your ¹rever-
ence that He reproves
you,
That He ^aenters into judg-
ment against you?
5 "Is not ^ayour wickedness
great,
And your iniquities without
end?
6 "For you have ^ataken
pledges of your brothers
without cause,
And ^bstripped ¹men naked.
7 "To the weary you have ^agiv-
en no water to drink,

6 ¹Lt., clothing of the naked
Ez. 22:28; Deut. 24:6
17: Job 24:3, 8; Ezek. 12:16; Job 31:19, 20
7 Job 31:14, 17

- And from the hungry you have withheld bread.
 8" But the earth belongs to the mighty man,
 And the honorable man dwells in it.
 9" You have sent widows away empty,
 And the strength of the orphans has been crushed.
 10" Therefore snares surround you,
 And sudden dread terrifies you,
 11 Or darkness, so that you cannot see,
 And an abundance of water covers you.
 12 ¶ "Is not God in the height of heaven?
 Look also at the distant stars, how high they are!
 13" And you say, "What does God know?
 Can He judge through the thick darkness?
 14 "Clouds are a hiding place for Him, so that He cannot see;
 And He walks on the vault of heaven.'
 15" Will you keep to the ancient path
 Which wicked men have trod,
 16 Who were snatched away before their time,
 Whose foundations were washed away by a river?
 17" They said to God, 'Depart from us!'
 And 'What can the Almighty do to them?'
 18" Yet He filled their houses with good things;
 But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
 19" The righteous see and are glad,
 And the innocent mock them,
 20 Saying, 'Truly our adversaries are cut off,
 And their abundance the fire has consumed.'

7 Job 31:31
 8 Job 9:24
 Job 12:19
 Is. 3:3; 9:15
 9 Lit., arms
 Job 24:3, 21;
 29:13; 31:16;
 18 Job 6:27
 10 Job 18:8
 Job 15:21
 11 Job 5:14
 Job 38:34;
 Ps. 69:2;
 124:5; Lam. 3:54
 12 Lit., head, top-most
 Job 11:7-9
 13 Ps. 10:11; 50:7;
 64:5; 94:7; Is. 29:15; Ezek. 8:12
 14 Lit., circle
 Job 26:9
 15 Job 34:38
 16 Lit., poured out
 Job 15:32;
 21:13, 18
 Job 14:19;
 Ps. 80:5; Is. 28:2; Matt. 7:26, 27
 17 Heb., Shaddai
 Job 21:14, 15
 18 Job 12:8
 Job 21:18
 19 Ps. 52:6;
 58:10; 107:42
 20 Or, excess
 Job 15:30
 21 Or, Know intimately
 Ps. 34:10
 22 Or, law
 Job 6:10;
 23:12; Prov. 2:6
 23 Heb., Shaddai
 24 Lit., ore
 Job 31:24, 25
 25 Heb., Shaddai
 26 Heb., Shaddai
 Job 27:10;
 Ps. 37:4; Is. 58:14
 27 Job 11:13; 33:28;
 Is. 58:9
 Job 34:28
 28 Job 11:17; Ps. 112:4

- 21 ¶ "Yield now and be at peace with Him;
 Thereby good will come to you.
 22" Please receive instruction from His mouth,
 And establish His words in your heart.
 23" If you return to the Almighty, you will be restored;
 If you remove unrighteousness far from your tent,
 24 And place your gold in the dust,
 And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks,
 25 Then the Almighty will be your gold
 And choice silver to you.
 26" For then you will delight in the Almighty,
 And lift up your face to God.
 27" You will pray to Him, and He will hear you;
 And you will pay your vows.
 28" You will also decree a thing,
 and it will be established for you;
 And light will shine on your ways.
 29" When you are cast down, you will speak with confidence
 And the humble person He will save.
 30" He will deliver one who is not innocent,
 And he will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands."

CHAPTER 23

THEN Job replied,
 2" Even today my complaint is rebellion;

29 Lit., they cast you down Lit., pride Lit., lowly of eyes
 Job 5:11; 36:7; Matt. 23:12; James 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5
 30 Job 42:7, 8; Ps. 18:20; 24:3, 4
 1 Lit., answered and said
 2 Job 7:11

- 1^aHis hand is ^bheavy despite my groaning.
- 3^aOh that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might come to His seat!
- 4^aI would ^apresent my case before Him
And fill my mouth with arguments.
- 5^aI would learn the words which He would ¹answer,
And perceive what He would say to me.
- 6^aWould He contend with me by ^athe greatness of His power?
No, surely He would pay attention to me.
- 7^aThere the upright would ^areason with Him;
And I ¹would be ^bdelivered forever from my Judge.
- 8 ¹"Behold, I go forward but He is not *there*,
And backward, but I ^acannot perceive Him;
- 9 When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him;
He turns on the right, I cannot see Him.
- 10^aBut He knows the ¹way I take;
When He has ^atried me, I shall come forth as gold.
- 11^aMy foot has ^aheld fast to His path;
I have kept His way and not turned aside.
- 12^aI have not departed from the command of His lips;
I have treasured the ^awords of His mouth ¹more than my ²necessary food.
- 13^aBut He is unique and who can turn Him?
And what His soul desires, that He does.
- 14^aFor He performs what is appointed for me,
And many such decrees are with Him.

2 ¹So with Gr. and Syr.; M.T., My ^bJob 8:2, 3; Ps. 22:4

4 ^aJob 13:18

5 ¹Lit., answer me

6 ^aJob 9:4

7 ¹Or, bring forth my justice forever ^aJob 13:3 ^bJob 13:18; 23:10

8 ^aJob 9:11; 26:14

10 ¹Lit., way with me ^aJob 7:18; Ps. 7:9; 11:5; 66:10; Zach. 13:9; 1 Pet. 1:7

11 ^aJob 31:7; Ps. 17:5; 44:18

12 ¹Or, with some versions, in my breast ¹Lit., prescribed portion ^aJob 8:10; 22:22

16 ^aDeut. 20:3; Job 27:2; Jer. 51:48

17 ^aJob 10:18, 19 ^bJob 19:8

1 ¹Lit., times of judgment ^aActs 1:7 ^b1a. 2:12; Jer. 48:10; Obad. 15; Zeph. 1:7

2 ¹Lit., They ¹Or, pasture ^aDeut. 19:14; 27:17; Prov. 23:10

3 ^aJob 8:27 ^bDeut. 24:17; Job 22:9

4 ^aJob 24:14; 28:16; 30:25; 31:19 ^bJob 28:12; Ps. 41:1; Prov. 14:31; 28:28; Amos 8:4

5 ¹Lit., has bread ^aJob 38:5-8 ^bPs. 104:23

7 ^aEx. 22:28; Job 22:6

8 ¹Lit., They ^aJob 8:27

- 15^aTherefore, I would be dismayed at His presence;
When I consider, I am terrified of Him.
- 16^aIt is God who has made my ^aheart faint,
And the Almighty who has dismayed me.
- 17 But I ^aam not silenced by the darkness,
Nor ^bdeep gloom which covers me.

CHAPTER 24

- 6^a **W**HY are ¹times not stored up by the Almighty,
And why do those who know Him not see ^bHis days?
- 2^a ¹Some ^aremove the landmarks;
They seize and ²devour flocks.
- 3^aThey drive away the donkeys of the ^aorphans;
They take the ^bwidow's ox for a pledge.
- 4^aThey push ^athe needy aside from the road;
The ^bpoor of the land are made to hide themselves altogether.
- 5^aBehold, as ^awild donkeys in the wilderness
They ^bgo forth seeking food in their activity,
As ¹bread for their children in the desert.
- 6^aThey harvest their fodder in the field,
And they glean the vineyard of the wicked.
- 7^aThey spend the night naked, without clothing,
And have no covering against the cold.
- 8^aThey are wet with the mountain rains,
And they hug the rock for want of a shelter.
- 9^aOthers snatch the ^aorphan from the breast,
And against the poor they take a pledge.

10 "They cause the poor to go about naked without clothing.

And they take away the sheaves from the hungry.

11 "Within the walls they produce oil;

They tread wine presses but thirst.

12 "From the city men groan, And the souls of the wounded cry out;

Yet God ^adoes not pay attention to folly.

13 ¹"Others have been with those who rebel against the light;

They do not want to know its ways,

Nor abide in its paths.

14 "The murderer ^aarises at dawn;

He ^bkills the poor and the needy,

And at night he is as a thief.

15 "And the eye of the ^aadulter-er waits for the twilight, Saying, 'No eye will see me.'

And he ¹disguises his face.

16 "In the dark they ^adig into houses,

They ^bshut themselves up by day;

They do not know the light.

17 "For the morning is the same to him as thick darkness,

For he is familiar with the ^aterrors of thick darkness.

18 ¹"They are ^{1a}insignificant on the surface of the water;

Their portion is ^bcursed on the earth.

They do not turn ²toward the vineyards.

19 "Drought and heat ^{1a}consume the snow waters,

So does ^{2b}Sheol those who have sinned.

20 "A ^{1a}mother will forget him; The ^bworm feeds sweetly till he is remembered ^cno more.

12 Job 9:23, 24

13 ¹Lit., They

14 ^aMic. 2:1 ^bPs. 10:8

15 ¹Or, puts a covering on his face ^aProv. 7:9

16 ^aEx. 22:2, Matt. 6:19 ^bJohn 3:20

17 Job 15:21

18 ¹Or, light or swift ¹Lit., to the path of ^aJob 22:11, 16, 27:20

^bJob 5:3 ^cJob 24:6, 11

19 ¹Lit., seize ²i.e., neither world ^aJob 6:16, 17 ^bJob 21:13

20 ¹Lit., womb ^aIs. 49:15 ^bJob 21:26 ^cJob 18:17, Ps. 34:16, Prov. 10:7 ^dJob 19:10, Dan. 4:14

21 ¹Lit., barren who does not bear ^aJob 22:9

22 ^aJob 9:4 ^bJob 18:20

23 ^aJob 12:6 ^bJob 10:4, 11:11

24 ^aPs. 37:10 ^bJob 14:21

25 ^aJob 6:28, 27:4

1 ¹Lit., answered and said

2 ¹Lit., are with Him ^aJob 9:4, 30:5, 22:37:23, 42:2 ^bJob 16:19, 31:2

3 ^aJob 16:13

4 ^aJob 4:17, 9:2 ^bJob 14:4

5 ^aJob 31:26 ^bJob 15:15

6 ^aJob 7:17 ^bJob 17:14

1 ¹Lit., responded and said

2 ¹Lit., no power ^aJob 6:11, 12

And wickedness will be broken ^alike a tree.

21 "He wrongs the ¹barren woman,

And does no good for ^athe widow.

22 "But He drags off the valiant by ^aHis power;

He rises, but ^bno one has assurance of life.

23 "He provides them ^awith security, and they are supported;

And His ^beyes are on their ways.

24 "They are exalted ^aa little while, then they are gone;

Moreover, they are ^bbrought low and like everything gathered up;

Even like the heads of grain they are cut off.

25 "Now if it is not so, ^awho can prove me a liar,

And make my speech worthless?"

CHAPTER 25

THEN Bildad the Shuhite ¹answered,

2 "Dominion and awe ¹belong to Him

Who establishes peace in ^bHis heights.

3 "Is there any number to ^aHis troops?

And upon whom does His light not rise?

4 "How then can a man be ^ajust with God?

Or how can he be ^bclean who is born of woman?

5 "If even ^athe moon has no brightness

And the ^bstars are not pure in His sight,

6 How much less ^aman, that ^bmaggot,

And the son of man, that worm!"

CHAPTER 26

THEN Job ¹responded,

2 "What a help you are to ^{1a}the weak!

CHAPTER 27

- How you have saved the arm ^bwithout strength!
- 3 "What counsel you have given to one without wisdom!
- What helpful insight you have abundantly ¹provided!
- 4 "To whom have you uttered words?
- And whose ¹spirit was expressed through you?
- 5 "The ¹departed spirits tremble
Under the waters and their inhabitants.
- 6 "Naked is ¹Sheol before Him
And ^{2b}Abaddon has no covering.
- 7 "He ^astretches out the north over empty space,
And hangs the earth on nothing.
- 8 "He ^awraps up the waters in His clouds;
And the cloud does not burst under them.
- 9 "He ¹obscures the face of the ²full moon,
And spreads His cloud over it.
- 10 "He has inscribed a ^acircle on the surface of the waters,
At the ^bboundary of light and darkness.
- 11 "The pillars of heaven tremble,
And are amazed at His rebuke.
- 12 "He ^aquieted the sea with His power,
And by His ^bunderstanding He shattered ^cRahab.
- 13 "By His breath the ^aheavens are ¹cleared;
His hand has pierced ^bthe fleeing serpent.
- 14 "Behold, these are the fringes of His ways;
And how faint ^aa word we hear of Him!
But His mighty ^bthunder, who can understand?"

2 ¹Ps. 71:9
3 ¹Lat., made known
4 ¹Lat., breath has gone forth
5 ¹Or, shendon; Heb., Rappahum
6 ¹Job 3:13; Ps. 88:10
7 ¹I.e., the other world
8 ¹I.e., place of destruction
9 ¹Job 9:5-10; 26:6-14; 38:17, 41-44
10 ¹Job 28:22; 31:12
11 ¹Job 9:8
12 ¹Job 37:11; Prov. 30:4
13 ¹Lat., covers
14 ¹Or, throne
15 ¹Job 22:14; Ps. 97:2; 105:39
16 ¹Job 38:1-11; Prov. 8:29
17 ¹Job 38:18, 20, 24
18 ¹Isa. 51:15; Jer. 31:35
19 ¹Job 12:13
20 ¹Job 9:13
21 ¹Lat., made beautiful
22 ¹Job 9:8
23 ¹Isa. 40:12
24 ¹Job 4:12
25 ¹Job 38:22; 37:4, 5
26 ¹Or, again took up
27 ¹Job 13:12; 28:1
28 ¹Job 16:11; 34:5
29 ¹Job 9:16
30 ¹Lat., breath
31 ¹Or, spirit
32 ¹Job 32:8; 33:4
33 ¹Job 4:28; 33:3
34 ¹Job 6:29; 6:13
35 ¹Lat., he who rises up against me
36 ¹Or, though he gains
37 ¹Lat., soul
38 ¹Job 8:13; 11:20
39 ¹Job 12:10
40 ¹Job 35:12; 13; Ps. 18:41; Prov. 1:28; Isa. 1:15; Jer. 14:12; Mic. 3:4
41 ¹Prov. 1:27
42 ¹Job 22:28; 27:7; Ps. 37:4; Isa. 58:14

- THEN Job ¹continued his ^adiscourse and said,
- 2 "As God lives, ^awho has taken away my right,
And the Almighty, ^bwho has embittered my soul,
- 3 For as long as ¹life is in me,
And the ^{2a}breath of God is in my nostrils,
- 4 My lips certainly will not speak unjustly,
Nor will ^amy tongue mutter deceit.
- 5 "Far be it from me that I should declare you right;
Till I die ^aI will not put away my integrity from me.
- 6 "I ^ahold fast my righteousness and will not let it go.
My heart does not reproach any of my days.
- 7 "May my enemy be as the wicked,
And ¹my opponent as the unjust.
- 8 "For what is ^athe hope of the godless ¹when he is cut off,
When God requires ^bhis ²life?
- 9 "Will God ^ahear his cry,
When ^bdistress comes upon him?
- 10 "Will he take ^adelight in the Almighty,
Will he call on God at all times?
- 11 "I will instruct you in the ¹power of God;
What is with the Almighty I will not conceal.
- 12 "Behold, all of you have seen it;
Why then do you ¹act foolishly?
- 13 "This is ^athe portion of a wicked man from God,
And the inheritance which ^btyrants receive from the Almighty.

11 ¹Lat., hand 12 ¹Or, speech vanity
13 ¹Job 20:29 Job 13:29

14 "Though his sons are many,
they are destined ^afor
the sword;

And his ^bdescendants will
not be satisfied with
bread.

15 "His survivors will be buried
because of the plague,

And ¹their ^awidows will not
be able to weep.

16 "Though he piles up silver
like dust,

And prepares garments as
plentiful as the clay;

17 He may prepare it, ^abut the
just will wear it,

And the innocent will divide
the silver.

18 "He has built his ^ahouse like
the ¹spider's web,

Or as a hut which the
watchman has made.

19 "He lies down rich, but never
¹again;

He opens his eyes, and ^ait is
no more.

20 "Terrors overtake him like a
flood;

A tempest steals him away
^bin the night.

21 "The east ^awind carries him
away, and he is gone,

For it whirls him ^baway
from his place.

22 "For it will hurl at him ^awith-
out sparing;

He will surely try to ^bflee
from its ¹power.

23 "Men will clap their hands at
him,

And will ^ahiss him from his
place.

CHAPTER 28

66 "SURELY there is a ¹mine
for silver,

And a place ²where they re-
fine gold.

2 "Iron is taken from the dust,
And from rock copper is
smelted.

3 "Man puts an end to dark-
ness,

And ^ato the farthest limit he
searches out

14 ¹Lit., the
sword is for
them
^aJob 15:22;
18:19 ^aJob
20:10

18 ¹So an-
cient ver-
sions; Heb.,
his
^aPs. 78:64

17 ^aJob
20:18-21

18 ¹So an-
cient ver-
sions; Heb.,
moth
^aJob 8:15;
18:14

19 ¹So an-
cient ver-
sions; Heb.,
will be gath-
ered
^aJob 7:8, 21;
20:7

20 ^aJob
15:21 ^aJob
20:8, 34:20

21 ^aJob
21:18 ^aJob
7:10

22 ¹Lit.,
hand
^aJer. 13:14;
Ezek. 5:11;
24:14 ^aJob
11:20

23 ^aJob
18:18, 20:8

1 ¹Or,
source ²Lit.,
for gold they
refine

3 ^aEcc. 1:13

4 ¹Lit.,
breaks open
²Lit., sojour-
ning

6 ¹Or,
place

8 ¹Lit.,
sons of pride

9 ¹Lit.,
roots

11 ¹Lit.,
weeping

12 ^aJob
28:23, 28;
Ecc. 7:24

13 ^aMatt.
13:44-46

18 ^aProv.
3:13, 14; 8:10,
11; 16:16

The rock in gloom and deep
shadow.

4 "He ¹sinks a shaft far from
²habitation,

Forgotten by the foot;
They hang and swing to and
fro far from men.

5 "The earth, from it comes
food,

And underneath it is turned
up as fire.

6 "Its rocks are the ¹source of
sapphires,

And its dust contains gold.

7 "The path no bird of prey
knows,

Nor has the falcon's eye
caught sight of it.

8 "The ¹proud beasts have not
trodden it,

Nor has the fierce lion
passed over it.

9 "He puts his hand on the flint;
He overturns the moun-
tains at the ¹base.

10 "He hews out channels
through the rocks;
And his eye sees anything
precious.

11 "He dams up the streams
from ¹flowing;
And what is hidden he
brings out to the light.

12 ¶ "But ^awhere can wisdom
be found?
And where is the place of
understanding?

13 "A Man does not know its
value,
Nor is it found in the land of
the living.

14 "The deep says, 'It is not in
me';
And the sea says, 'It is not
with me.'

15 "Pure gold cannot be given
in exchange for it,
Nor can silver be weighed
as its price.

16 "It cannot be valued in the
gold of Ophir,
In precious onyx, or sap-
phire.

- 17^a "Gold or glass cannot equal it,
Nor can it be exchanged for articles of fine gold.
- 18^a "Coral and crystal are not to be mentioned;
And the acquisition of ^awisdom is above *that* of pearls.
- 19^a "The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,
Nor can it be valued in ^apure gold.
- 20^a "Where then does wisdom come from?
And where is the place of understanding?
- 21^a "Thus it is hidden from the eyes of all living,
And concealed from the birds of the sky.
- 22^a "Abaddon and Death say,
'With our ears we have heard a report of it.'
- 23 ¹ "God understands its way;
And He knows its place.
- 24^a "For He ^alooks to the ends of the earth,
And sees everything under the heavens.
- 25^a "When He imparted ^aweight to the wind,
And ^bmeted out the waters by measure,
- 26 When He set a ^alimit for the rain,
And a course for the ^bthunderbolt,
- 27 Then He saw it and declared it;
He established it and also searched it out.
- 28^a "And to man He said, 'Behold, the ^afear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil is understanding.' "

CHAPTER 29

- A**ND Job again took up his ^adiscourse and said,
2^a "Oh that I were as in months gone by,

17 ^aProv. 8:10; 16:16
18 ^aProv. 8:11
19 ^aProv. 8:19
20 ^aJob 28:23, 28
21 ^aIsa., Destruction
Job 28:6
Prov. 8:32-36
22 ^aJob 9:4
Prov. 8:22-36
23 ^aPs. 11:4
33:13, 14;
68:7; Prov. 15:3
24 ^aPs. 135:7
Job 12:19; 38:9-11
25 ^aJob 37:6, 11, 12;
38:26-28
Job 37:3, 38:25
26 ^aPs. 111:10; Prov. 1:7, 9:10;
Eccl. 12:13
27 ^aNum. 23:7; 24:3;
Job 13:12;
27:1
28 ^aJob. 31:28
29 ^aJob 18:6
Job 11:17
30 ^aIsa., the days of my confusion
Job 15:8 & Ps. 25:14; Prov. 3:32
31 ^aJob. Shadden
32 ^aJob. 32:14; Job 20:17
33 ^aPs. 81:16
34 ^aIsa., not up
Job 31:21
35 ^aJob 29:21
Job 21:5
36 ^aIsa., had-dan
Job 29:22
Ps. 137:6
37 ^aJob 4:3, 4
38 ^aJob 24:4 & 34:28;
Ps. 72:12;
Prov. 21:13
Job 31:17, 21
39 ^aJob 31:19
Job 22:9
40 ^aJob 27:3 & Ps. 132:8
Isa. 38:17; 61:10;
Eph. 6:14
41 ^aNum. 10:31

- As in the days when God ^awatched over me;
- 3 When ^aHis lamp shone over my head,
And ^bby His light I walked through darkness;
- 4 As I was in ¹the prime of my days,
When the ²friendship of God was over my tent;
- 5 When ¹the Almighty was yet with me,
And my children were around me;
- 6 When my steps were bathed in ^abutter,
And the ^brock poured out for me streams of oil!
- 7^a "When I went out to ^athe gate of the city,
When I ¹took my seat in the square;
- 8 The young men saw me and hid themselves,
And the old men arose and stood.
- 9^a "The princes ^astopped talking,
And ^bput their hands on their mouths;
- 10 The voice of the nobles was ¹hushed,
And their ^btongue stuck to their palate.
- 11^a "For when ^athe ear heard, it called me blessed;
And when the eye saw, it gave witness of me.
- 12 Because I delivered ^athe poor who cried for help,
And the ^borphan who had no helper.
- 13^a "The blessing of the one ^aready to perish came upon me,
And I made the ^bwidow's heart sing for joy.
- 14^a "I ^aput on righteousness, and it clothed me;
My justice was like a robe and a turban.
- 15^a "I was ^aeyes to the blind,
And feet to the lame.

16 "I was a father to ^athe needy,
And I investigated the case
which I did not know.
17 "And I ^abroke the jaws of the
wicked,
And snatched the prey from
his teeth.
18 "Then I ¹thought, 'I shall die
²in my nest,
And I shall multiply my
days as the sand.
19 'My ^aroot is spread out to the
waters,
And ^bdew lies all night on
my branch.
20 'My glory is ever new with
me,
And my ^abow is renewed in
my hand.'

21 ¶ "To me ^athey listened and
waited,
And kept silent for my
counsel.
22 "After my words they did not
^aspeak again,
And ^bmy speech dropped
on them.
23 "And they waited for me as
for the rain,
And opened their mouth as
for the spring rain.
24 "I smiled on them when they
did not believe,
And the light of my face
they did not cast down.
25 "I chose a way for them and
sat as ^achief,
And dwelt as a king among
the troops,
As one who ^bcomforted the
mourners.

CHAPTER 30

“**B**UT now those younger
than I ^amock me,
Whose fathers I disdained
to put with the dogs of
my flock.
2 "Indeed, what good was the
strength of their hands to
me?
Vigor had perished from
them.

16 Job
24:4; Prov.
29:7
17 Ps. 3:7
18 ¹Lit., and
²Lit., with
19 Jer. 17:8
Hos. 14:5
20 Gen.
49:24; Ps.
18:34
21 Job 4:3;
29:9
22 Job
29:10; Deut.
32:2
23 Job 1:3;
31:37; Job
4:4; 16:5
1 Job 12:4
4 ¹Lit.,
plant of the
salt marshes
6 Or,
wadies
7 Or, bray
8 ¹Lit.,
Sons of fools
²Lit., sons
9 ¹Lit.,
song
Job 12:4
Job 17:6; Ps.
69:11; Lam.
3:14, 63
10 ¹Lit.,
withhold evil
from my face
Num. 12:14;
Deut. 25:9;
Job 17:6; La.
50:6; Matt.
28:67
11 Or, they
Some ms.
read my ²Or,
cord
Ruth 1:21;
Ps. 88:7; Ps.
32:9
12 ¹Possibly,
sprout or
offspring
Ps. 140:4, 5
Job 19:12
13 ¹Lit., for
La. 3:12
14 ¹Lit., Under
15 Job 3:25;
31:23; Ps.
55:3-5

3 "From want and famine they
are gaunt
Who gnaw the dry ground
by night in waste and
desolation.
4 Who pluck ¹mallow by the
bushes,
And whose food is the root
of the broom shrub.
5 "They are driven from the
community;
They shout against them as
against a thief.
6 So that they dwell in dread-
ful ¹valleys,
In holes of the earth and of
the rocks.
7 "Among the bushes they ¹cry
out;
Under the nettles they are
gathered together.
8 "Fools, even ²those without
a name,
They were scourged from
the land.

9 ¶ "And now I have become
their ¹taunt,
I have even become a ^bby-
word to them.
10 "They abhor me and stand
aloof from me,
And they do not ¹refrain
from ^aspitting at my face.
11 "Because ¹He has loosed
²His ³bowstring and ^aaf-
flicted me,
They have cast off ^bthe bri-
dle before me.
12 "On the right hand their
¹brood arises;
They ^athrust aside my feet
^band build up against me
their ways of destruc-
tion.
13 "They ^abreak up my path,
They profit ¹from my de-
struction,
No one restrains them.
14 "As through a wide breach
they come,
¹Amid the tempest they roll
on.
15 "Terrors are turned against
me,

They pursue my ¹honor as
the wind,
And my ²prosperity has
passed away ^blike a
cloud.

16 ¶ And now ^amy soul is
poured out ¹within me;
Days of affliction have
seized me.

17 At night it pierces ^amy
bones ¹within me,
And my gnawing pains take
no rest.

18 By a great force my gar-
ment is ^adistorted;
It binds me about as the col-
lar of my coat.

19 He has cast me into the
^amire,
And I have become like dust
and ashes.

20 I ^acry out to Thee for help,
but Thou dost not answer
me;
I stand up, and Thou dost
turn Thy attention
against me.

21 Thou hast ¹become cruel to
me;
With the might of Thy hand
Thou dost ^apersecute me.
22 Thou dost ^alift me up to the
wind and cause me to
ride;

And Thou dost dissolve me
in a storm.

23 For I know that Thou ^a wilt
bring me to death
And to the ^bhouse of meet-
ing for all living.

24 ¶ Yet does not one in a
heap of ruins stretch out
his hand,
Or in his disaster therefore
^acry out for help?

25 Have I not ^awept for the
¹one whose life is hard?
Was not my soul grieved for
^bthe needy?

26 When I ^aexpected good,
then evil came;
When I waited for light,
^bthen darkness came.

15 Or, no-
bility Or,
wellfare
Job
7:9; Hos. 13:2
16 Lit.,
upon
1 Sam. 1:15;
Job 3:24; Ps.
22:14; 42:4;
Is. 53:12
17 Lit.,
from upon
Job 30:30
18 Job 2:7
19 Ps. 69:2,
14
20 Job 19:7
21 Lit.,
turned to be
Job 10:3;
16:9, 14; 19:6,
22
23 Job
9:17, 27, 21
24 Job
9:22, 10:8
Job 3:19;
Eccl. 12:5
25 Job 19:7
26 Lit.,
hard of day
Ps. 35:13, 14;
Rom. 12:13
Job 24:4
27 Job
3:25, 28; Jer.
8:15 Job
19:8
27 Lit., My
inward parts
are boiling
Lam. 2:11
28 Or,
blackened,
but not by
the heat of
the sun
Job 30:31;
Ps. 38:6; 42:9;
43:2 Job
19:7
29 Ps.
44:18; Mic.
1:8
30 Lit.,
from upon
Lit., heat
Job 2:7 Ps.
102:3
31 Lit., be-
cause
Is. 24:8
1 Matt.
5:28
3 Job
20:29
4 Job
18:12; 21:30
Job 34:22
4 Q Chr.
16:9; Job
24:23; 28:24;
34:21; 38:7;
Prov. 5:21;
15:3 Job
14:16; 31:37
5 Job
15:31; Mic.
2:11
6 Lit., heat
Job 6:2, 3
Job 23:10;
27:5, 6

27 I am seething ^awithin, and
cannot relax;
Days of affliction confront
me.

28 I go about ¹mourning with-
out comfort;
I stand up in the assembly
and ^bcry out for help.

29 I have become a brother to
^ajackals,
And a companion of os-
triches.

30 My ^askin turns black ¹on
me,
And my ^bbones burn with
²fever.

31 Therefore my ^aharp ¹is
turned to mourning.
And my flute to the sound of
those who weep.

CHAPTER 31

¶ I HAVE made a covenant
with my ^aeyes;
How then could I gaze at a
virgin?

2 And what is ^athe portion of
God from above
Or the heritage of the Al-
mighty from on high?

3 Is it not ^acalamity to the un-
just,
And disaster to ^bthose who
work iniquity?

4 Does He not ^asee my ways,
And ^bnumber all my steps?

5 ¶ If I have ^awalked with
falsehood,
And my foot has hastened
after deceit,

6 Let Him ^aweigh me with
¹accurate scales,
And let God know ^bmy in-
tegrity.

7 If my step has ^aturned from
the way,
Or my heart ¹followed my
eyes,
Or if any ^bspot has stuck to
my hands,

7 Lit., walked after Job 23:11 Job 8:30

- 8 Let me ^asow and another eat,
And let my ^bcrops be uprooted.
- 9 ¶ If my heart has been ^aenticed by a woman,
Or I have lurked at my neighbor's doorway,
- 10 May my wife ^agrind for another,
And let ^bothers ¹kneel down over her.
- 11 ¶ For that would be a ^alustful crime;
Moreover, it would be ^ban iniquity punishable by judges.
- 12 ¶ For it would be ^afire that consumes to ^{1b}Abaddon,
And would ^cuproot all my ²increase.
- 13 ¶ If I have ^adespised the claim of my male or female slaves
When they filed a complaint against me,
- 14 What then could I do when God arises,
And when He calls me to account, what will I answer Him?
- 15 ¶ Did not ^aHe who made me in the womb make him,
And the same one fashion us in the womb?
- 16 ¶ If I have kept ^athe poor from their desire,
Or have caused the eyes of ^bthe widow to fail,
- 17 Or have ^aeaten my morsel alone,
And ^bthe orphan has not ¹shared it
- 18 (But from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,
And from ¹infancy I guided her),
- 19 If I have seen anyone perish ^afor lack of clothing,
Or that ^bthe needy had no covering.

8 ¹Or, off-spring
^aLev. 26:16;
Job 20:18;
Mic. 6:15
^bJob 31:12
9 ^aJob 24:15; 31:1
10 ¹i.e., sexual relations
^aIs. 47:2
^bDeut. 28:30;
Jer. 8:10
11 ^aLev. 20:10; Deut. 22:24
^bJob 31:28
12 ¹i.e., place of destruction
^aOr, yield
^bJob 15:30
^cJob 26:6
^dJob 20:28;
31:8
13 ^aDeut. 24:14, 15
^bJob 10:3
14 ^aJob 5:18, 20-19
^bEx. 22:22-24;
Job 22:9
15 ¹Lit., eat-en from it
^aJob 22:7
^bJob 29:12
16 ¹Lit., my mother's womb
17 ^aJob 22:6; 29:13
^bJob 24:4
18 ¹Lit., blessed
19 ¹Lit., my help
^aJob 29:12;
31:17
^bJob 29:7
20 ¹Lit., shoulder; or, back
²Lit., from the bone of the upper arm
^aJob 38:15
21 ¹Lit., exaltation
^aJob 31:3
^bJob 13:11
22 ^aJob 22:24; Mark 10:23-25
23 ^aJob 1:3;
10; Ps. 62:10
24 ¹Lit., light
^aDeut. 4:19;
17:3; Ezek. 8:16
25 ¹Lit., kissed my mouth
26 ¹Lit., judge
^aDeut. 17:2-7;
Job 31:11
^bJob 24:27;
Is. 59:13
27 ¹Lit., lifted myself up
^aProv. 17:5;
24:17; Obad. 12

- 20 If his loins have not ¹thanked me,
And if he has not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep,
- 21 If I have lifted up my hand against ^athe orphan,
Because I saw ¹I had support ^bin the gate,
- 22 Let my shoulder fall from the ¹socket,
And my ^aarm be broken off ²at the elbow.
- 23 ¶ For ^acalamity from God is a terror to me,
And because of ^bHis ¹majesty I can do nothing.
- 24 ¶ If I have put my confidence in ^agold,
And called fine gold my trust,
- 25 If I have ^agloated because my wealth was great,
And because my hand had secured so much;
- 26 If I have ^alooked at the ¹sun when it shone,
Or the moon going in splendor,
- 27 And my heart became secretly enticed,
And my hand ¹threw a kiss from my mouth,
- 28 That too would have been ^aan iniquity calling for ¹judgment,
For I would have ^bdenied God above.
- 29 ¶ Have I ^arejoiced at the extinction of my enemy,
Or ¹exulted when evil befell him?
- 30 ¶ No, ^aI have not ²allowed my mouth to sin
By asking for his life in ^aba curse.
- 31 ¶ Have the men of my tent not said,
'Who can ¹find one who has not been ^asatisfied with his meat'?

29 ¹Lit., And ²Lit., given my palate
^aPs. 7:4
^bJob 5:3
31 ¹Lit., give
^aJob 22:7

32 "The alien has not lodged outside,

For I have opened my doors to the ¹traveler.

33 "Have I ^acovered my transgressions like ¹Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my bosom,

34 Because I ^afeared the great multitude, And the contempt of families terrified me, And kept silent and did not go out of doors?

35 "Oh that I had one to hear me!

Behold, here is my ¹signature;

^aLet the Almighty answer me!

And the indictment which my ^badversary has written,

36 Surely I would carry it on my shoulder;

I would bind it to myself like a crown.

37 "I would declare to Him ^athe number of my steps;

Like ^ba prince I would approach Him.

38 ¶ "If my ^aland cries out against me,

And its furrows weep together;

39 If I have ^aeaten its ¹fruit without money,

Or have ^bcaused ²its owners to lose their lives,

40 Let ^abriars ¹grow instead of wheat,

And stinkweed instead of barley."

The words of Job are ended.

CHAPTER 32

THEN these three men ceased answering Job, because he was ^arighteous in his own eyes.

2 But the anger of Elihu the son of Barachel the ^aBuzite, of the family of Ram burned; against Job his anger burned, ^bbecause

²² M.T. way

²³ Or, mankind
^aGen. 3:10; Prov. 28:13

²⁴ Ex. 23:2

²⁵ Lit., mark
^aJob 19:7, 20:20, 24, 28, 35:14 ^bJob 27:7

²⁷ Job 31:4
^aJob 1:3, 29:25

²⁸ Job 24:2

²⁹ Lit., strength
^aLit., the soul of its owners to expire
^aJob 24:6, 10:12, James 5:4
^a1 Kin. 21:19

⁴⁰ Lit., come forth
^aJob 32:13; Is. 5:6

¹ Job 10:7, 13:18, 27:5, 6, 31:6

² Or, more than
^aGen. 22:21
^aJob 27:5, 6
^aJob 39:21

⁴ Lit., for Job with words; or possibly, while they were speaking with Job

⁶ Lit., answered
^aLit., my knowledge
^aJob 15:10

⁷ Lit., said
^aLit., days
^aLit., many
^aJob 8:8, 9

⁸ Job 33:4
^aJob 38:36

⁹ Or, nobles
^aJob 32:7

¹⁰ Or, said
^aLit., my knowledge

¹¹ Lit., searched out words

¹² Lit., Be-hold

¹³ Lit., Last you say
^aLit., drive away
^aJer. 8:23

¹⁴ Lit., words

he justified himself ^{1c}before God.

3 And his anger burned against his three friends because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had waited ^{1b}to speak to Job because they were years older than he.

5 And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of the three men his anger burned.

6 So Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite ¹spoke out and said,

"I am young in years and you are ^aold;

Therefore I was shy and afraid to tell you ²what I think.

7 "I ¹thought ^{2a}age should speak,

And ³increased years should teach wisdom.

8 "But it is a spirit in man,

And the ^abreath of the Almighty gives them ^bunderstanding.

9 "The ¹abundant in years may not be wise,

Nor may ^aelders understand justice.

10 "So I ¹say, 'Listen to me, I too will tell ²what I think.'

11 ¶ "Behold, I waited for your words,

I listened to your reasonings,

While you ¹pondered what to say.

12 "I even paid close attention to you,

Indeed, there was no one who refuted Job,

Not one of you who answered his words.

13 "Do not say,

^a'We have found wisdom; God will ²rout him, not man.'

14 "For he has not arranged his words against me;

Nor will I reply to him with your ¹arguments.

- 15 ¶“They are dismayed, they answer no more;
Words have ¹failed them.
- 16“And shall I wait, because they do not speak,
Because they ¹stop and answer no more?
- 17“¹I too will answer my share,
I also will tell my opinion.
- 18“For I am full of words;
The spirit within me constrains me.
- 19“Behold, my belly is like unvented wine,
Like new wineskins it is about to burst.
- 20“Let me speak that I may get relief;
Let me open my lips and answer.
- 21“Let me now ^abe partial to no one;
Nor flatter any man.
- 22“For I do not know how to flatter,
Else my Maker would soon take me away.

CHAPTER 33

- ¶“**H**OWEVER now, Job,
please ^ahear my speech,
And listen to all my words.
- 2“Behold now, I open my mouth,
My tongue in my ¹mouth speaks.
- 3“My words are *from* the uprightness of my heart;
And my lips speak ^aknowledge sincerely.
- 4“^aThe ^aSpirit of God has made me,
And the ^bbreath of ¹the Almighty gives me life.
- 5“^aRefute me if you can;
Array yourselves before me, take your stand.
- 6“Behold, I belong to God like you;
I too have been ¹formed out of the ^aclay.
- 7“Behold, ^ano fear of me should terrify you,

15 ¹Lit., moved away from

16 ¹Lit., stand

21 ^aLev. 19:15; Job 13:8, 10; 34:19

1 Job 13:8

2 ¹Lit., palate

3 Job 6:28; 27:4; 38:4

4 ¹Heb., Shaddai ^aGen. 2:7; Job 10:3; 32:8 ^bJob 27:3

8 Job 33:32

6 ¹Lit., cut out of ^aJob 4:19

7 Job 13:21

9 Job 9:21; 10:7; 13:18; 16:17 ^bJob 7:21; 13:23; 14:17 ^cJob 10:14

10 ¹Lit., finds ^aJob 13:24

11 Job 13:27

12 ¹Lit., answer ^aEcc. 7:20

13 Job 40:2; Is. 45:9

14 Job 33:29; 40:5; Ps. 62:11

15 Job 4:12-17; 33:15-18

16 Job 36:10, 15

17 ¹Lit., hide

18 ¹M.T., perishing by the sword ^aJob 33:22, 24, 28, 30 ^bJob 15:22

19 ¹Lit., He ^aJob 30:17

20 Job 3:24; 6:7; Ps. 107:18

Elihu Claims to Speak for God.

- Nor should my pressure weigh heavily on you.
- 8 ¶“Surely you have spoken in my hearing,
And I have heard the sound of your words:
- 9 ¹I am ^apure, ^bwithout transgression;
I am innocent and there ^cis no guilt in me.
- 10 ¹Behold, He ¹invents pretexts against me;
He ^acounts me as His enemy.
- 11 ¹He ^aputs my feet in the stocks;
He watches all my paths.’
- 12“Behold, let me ¹tell you,
^ayou are not right in this,
For God is greater than man.
- 13 ¶“Why do you ^acomplain against Him,
That He does not give an account of all His doings?
- 14“Indeed ^aGod speaks once,
Or twice, yet no one notices it.
- 15“¹In a ^adream, a vision of the night,
When sound sleep falls on men,
While they slumber in their beds,
- 16 Then ^aHe opens the ears of men,
And seals their instruction,
- 17 That He may turn man aside *from* his conduct,
And ¹keep man from pride;
- 18 He ^akeeps back his soul from the pit,
And his life from ¹passing over ^binto Sheol.
- 19 ¶“¹Man is also chastened with ^apain on his bed,
And with unceasing complaint in his bones;
- 20 So that his life ^aloathes bread,
And his soul favorite food.

CHAPTER 34

THEN Elihu continued and said,

- 21 "His ^aflesh wastes away from sight,
And his ^bbones which were not seen stick out.
- 22 "Then ^ahis soul draws near to the pit,
And his life to those who bring death.
- 23 "If there is an angel as ^amediator for him,
One out of a thousand,
To remind a man what is ¹right for him,
- 24 Then let him be gracious to him, and say,
'Deliver him from ^agoing down to the pit,
I have found a ^bransom';
- 25 Let his flesh become fresher than in youth,
Let him return to the days of his youthful vigor,
- 26 Then he will ^apray to God, and He will accept him,
That ^bhe may see His face with joy,
And He may restore His righteousness to man.
- 27 "He will sing to men and say,
'I ^ahave sinned and perverted what is right,
And it is not ^bproper for me.
- 28 'He has redeemed my soul from going to the pit,
And my life shall ^asee the light.'
- 29 "Behold, God does ^aall these ¹oftentimes with men,
- 30 To ^abring back his soul from the pit,
That he may be enlightened with the light of life.
- 31 "Pay attention, O Job, listen to me;
Keep silent and let me speak.
- 32 "Then if ¹you have anything to say, answer me;
Speak, for I desire to justify you.
- 33 "If not, ^alisten to me;
Keep silent, and I will teach you wisdom."

21 Job 16:9
Job 18:20;
Ps. 22:17;
102:5
22 Job
33:18, 28
23 ¹Lt., his
uprightness
Gen. 40:8
24 Job
33:18, 28; Is.
38:17 Job
36:18; Ps.
49:7
25 Job
22:27, 34-28;
Ps. 50:14, 15
Job 22:28
27 ¹See
12:13; Luke
15:21 Rom.
6:21
28 Job
22:28
29 ¹Lt.,
twice, three
times
Eph. 1:11;
Phil. 2:13
30 Job
33:18; Zach.
9:11
31 ¹Lt.,
there are
words
32 Ps.
34:11
33 Job
12:11
34 Job
13:18, 33-9
Job 27:2
35 Or, Al-
though I am
right I am ac-
counted a
liar ¹Lt., or-
row
Job 6:4
7 Job
15:16
8 Job
22:15
9 Or,
takes delight
in God
Job 21:15;
35:3; Ps.
50:18
10 Gen.
18:25; Deut.
32:4 Job 6:2;
34:12; Rom.
9:14
11 ¹Lt., a
man
Job 34:25;
Ps. 62:12;
Prov. 24:12;
Jer. 32:19;
Ezek. 33:20;
Matt. 16:27;
Rom. 2:8;
2 Cor. 5:10;
Rev. 22:12
12 Job
34:10
13 Job 38:4
Job 38:5

- 2 "Hear my words, you wise men,
And listen to me, you who know.
- 3 "For ^athe ear tests words,
As the palate tastes food.
- 4 "Let us choose for ourselves what is right;
Let us know among our-
selves what is good.
- 5 "For Job has said, '^aI am righteous,
But ^bGod has taken away my right;
- 6 '¹Should I lie concerning my right?
My ^awound is incurable,
though I am without transgression.'
- 7 "What man is like Job,
Who ^adrinks up derision like water,
- 8 Who goes ^ain company with the workers of iniquity,
And walks with wicked men?
- 9 "For he has said, '^aIt profits a man nothing
When he ¹is pleased with God.'
- 10 "Therefore, listen to me, you men of understand-
ing.
Far be it from God to ^ado wickedness,
And from the Almighty to do wrong.
- 11 "For He pays a man accord-
ing to ^ahis work,
And makes ¹him find it ac-
cording to his way.
- 12 "Surely, ^aGod will not act wickedly,
And the Almighty will not pervert justice.
- 13 "Who ^agave Him authority over the earth?
And who ^bhas laid on Him the whole world?

- 14 "If He should ¹determine to do so,
If He should ^agather to Himself His spirit and His breath,
15 All ^aflesh would perish together,
And man would ^breturn to dust.
- 16 ¶ "But if you have understanding, hear this;
Listen to the sound of my words.
17 "Shall ^aone who hates justice rule?
And ^bwill you condemn a righteous mighty one,
18 Who says to a king, 'Worthless one,'
To nobles, 'Wicked ones';
19 Who shows no ^apartiality to princes,
Nor regards the rich above the poor,
For they all are the ^bwork of His hands?
20 "In a moment they die, and ^aat midnight
People are shaken and pass away,
And ^bthe mighty are taken away without a hand.
- 21 ¶ "For ^aHis eyes are upon the ways of a man,
And He sees all his steps.
22 "There is ^ano darkness or deep shadow
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
23 "For He does not ^aneed to consider a man further,
That he should go before God in judgment.
24 "He breaks in pieces ^amighty men without inquiry,
And sets others in their place.
25 "Therefore He ^aknows their works,
And ^bHe overthrows them in the night,
And they are crushed.

14 ¹Lit., set His mind on Himself
Job 12:10;
Ps. 104:29;
Eccl. 12:7

18 ^aGen. 7:21; Job 9:22
^bGen. 3:19;
Job 10:9

17 ^a2 Sam. 23:3; Job 34:30
^bJob 40:8

19 ^aLev. 19:15; Deut. 10:17; 2 Chr. 19:7; Acts 10:34; Rom. 2:11; Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17
^bJob 10:3

20 ^aEx. 12:29; Job 34:25; Job 20
^bJob 12:19

21 ^aJob 24:23; 31:4; Prov. 5:21; 15:3; Jer. 16:17

22 ^aPs. 139:11, 12; Amos 9:2, 3

23 ^aJob 11:11

24 ^aJob 12:19

25 ^aJob 34:11
^bJob 34:20

26 ¹Lit., in the place of the ones seeing
^aPs. 9:5; 11:5

27 ^a1 Sam. 15:11
^bJob 21:14

28 ^aJob 35:9; James 5:4
^bEx. 22:23; Job 22:27

29 ^aJob 5:15; 20:5; 34:17; Prov. 29:2-12

32 ^aJob 33:27

33 ^aJob 41:11

35 ^aJob 35:18; 38:2

36 ^aOr, to the end
^bJob 22:15

37 ^aJob 23:2
^bJob 27:23

- 26 "He ^astrikes them like the wicked
¹In a public place,
27 Because they ^aturned aside from following Him,
And ^bhad no regard for any of His ways;
28 So that they caused ^athe cry of the poor to come to Him,
And that He might ^bhear the cry of the afflicted—
29 When He keeps quiet, who then can condemn?
And when He hides His face, who then can behold Him,
That is, in regard to both nation and man?—
30 So that ^agodless men should not rule,
Nor be snares of the people.
- 31 ¶ "For has anyone said to God,
'I have borne chastisement;
I will not offend anymore;
32 Teach Thou me what I do not see;
If I have ^adone iniquity,
I will do it no more?'
33 "Shall He ^arecompense on your terms, because you have rejected it?
For you must choose, and not I;
Therefore declare what you know.
34 "Men of understanding will say to me,
And a wise man who hears me,
35 'Job ^aspeaks without knowledge,
And his words are without wisdom.
36 'Job ought to be tried ¹to the limit,
Because he answers ^alike wicked men.
37 'For he adds ^arebellion to his sin;
He ^bclaps his hands among us,

And multiplies his words
against God.' "

CHAPTER 35

THEN Elihu continued and
said,

2"Do you think this is accord-
ing to ^ajustice?

Do you say, 'My righteous-
ness is more than God's'?

3"For you say, '^aWhat advan-
tage will it be to ¹You?

^bWhat profit shall I have,
more than if I had
sinned?'

4"I will answer you,

And your friends with you.

5"^aLook at the heavens and
see;

And behold ^bthe clouds—
they are higher than you.

6"If you have sinned, ^awhat do
you accomplish against
Him?

And if your transgressions
are many, what do you do
to Him?

7"If you are righteous, ^awhat
do you give to Him?

Or what does He receive
from your hand?

8"Your wickedness is for a
man like yourself,

And your righteousness is
for a son of man.

9 ¹"Because of the ^amulti-
tude of oppressions they
cry out;

They cry for help because of
the arm ^bof the mighty.

10"But ^ano one says, 'Where is
God my Maker,

Who ^bgives songs in the
night,

11 Who ^ateaches us more than
the beasts of the earth,
And makes us wiser than
the birds of the heavens?'

12"There ^athey cry out, but He
does not answer

Because of the pride of evil
men.

13"Surely ^aGod will not listen
to ¹an empty cry,

2 Job 27:2

3 ¹Or, you
Job 34:9
Job 9:20, 31

4 ^aGen.
15:5; Ps. 8:3
Job 22:12

5 ^aJob
7:20; Prov.
8:36; Jer. 7:19

6 ^aJob
22:2, 3; Prov.
9:12; Lameh
17:10; Rom.
11:35

7 ^aEx. 2:23
Job 12:19

8 ^aJob
21:14; 27:10;
36:13; Is.
51:13 ^bJob
8:21; Ps. 42:8;
77:6; 149:5;
Acts 18:25

9 ^aJob
36:22; Ps.
94:12; Jer.
32:33

10 ^aProv.
1:28

11 ¹Or,
foolishness
Job 27:9;
Prov. 15:28;
Is. 1:15; Jer.
11:11; Mic.
3:4

12 ^aJob
9:11; 23:8, 9
Job 31:35

13 ¹Or, ar-
rogance

14 ¹Lat.,
vainly
Job 34:35;
38:2

2 ¹Lat., are
yet words for
God

3 ^aJob 8:3;
37:23

4 ^aJob 33:3
Job 37:16

5 ^aPs.
22:24, 26; 33:
102:17 ^bJob
12:13

6 ^aJob
8:22; 34:28
Job 5:15

7 ^aPs.
33:18; 34:15
Job 5:11; Ps.
113:8

8 ^aJob
32:15, 21

9 ^aJob
15:25

Nor will the Almighty re-
gard it.

14"How much less when ^ayou
say you do not behold
Him,

The ^bcase is before Him,
and you must wait for
Him!

15"And now, because He has
not visited in His anger,
Nor has He acknowledged
¹transgression well,

16 So Job opens his mouth
¹emptily;

He multiplies words ^awith-
out knowledge."

CHAPTER 36

THEN Elihu continued and
said,

2"Wait for me a little, and I
will show you

That there ¹is yet more to be
said in God's behalf.

3"I will fetch my knowledge
from afar,

And I will ascribe ^aright-
eousness to my Maker.

4"For truly ^amy words are not
false;

One who is ^bperfect in
knowledge is with you.

5"Behold, God is mighty but
does not ^adespise any;

He is ^bmighty in strength of
understanding.

6"He does not ^akeep the
wicked alive,

But gives justice to ^bthe
afflicted.

7"He does not ^awithdraw His
eyes from the righteous;

But ^bwith kings on the
throne

He has seated them forever,
and they are exalted.

8"And if they are bound in fet-
ters,

And are caught in the cords
of ^aaffliction,

9 Then he declares to them
their work

And their transgressions,
that they have ^amagni-
fied themselves.

- 10^a "And ^aHe opens their ear to instruction,
And ^bcommands that they return from evil.
- 11^a "If they hear and serve *Him*,
They shall ^aend their days in prosperity,
And their years in ^bpleasures.
- 12^a "But if they do not hear, they shall ¹perish ^aby the sword,
And they shall ^bdie without knowledge.
- 13^a "But the godless in heart lay up anger;
They do not cry for help when He binds them.
- 14^a "They die in youth,
And their life *perishes* among the ^acult prostitutes.
- 15^a "He delivers the afflicted in ¹their ^aaffliction,
And ^bopens their ear ²in time of oppression.
- 16^a "Then indeed, He ^aenticed you from the mouth of distress,
Instead of it, a broad place with no constraint;
And that which was set on your table was full of ¹fatness.
- 17 ¹ "But you were full of ^ajudgment on the wicked;
Judgment and justice take hold of you.
- 18^a "Beware lest ^awrath entice you to scoffing;
And do not let the greatness of the ^bransom turn you aside.
- 19^a "Will your ¹riches keep you from distress,
Or all the forces of your strength?
- 20^a "Do not long for ^athe night,
When people ¹vanish in their place.
- 21^a "Be careful, do ^anot turn to evil;

10 Job 33:16; 36:15;
11 Kln. 17:13;
Job 36:21;
Jon. 3:8
12 1 Tim. 4:8; Ps. 18:11
13 Llt., pass away
Job 15:22
Job 4:21
14 Or, Their soul dies
Deut. 23:17
15 Llt., Au
Or, in adversity
Job 36:8, 21
Job 36:10
16 Or, rich food
Hos. 2:14
17 Job 22:3, 10, 11
18 Jon. 4:4;
9 Job 33:24
19 Or, cry
20 Llt., go up
Job 34:20, 25
21 Job 36:10; Ps. 31:6; 66:18
Job 36:8, 15;
Heb. 11:25
22 Job 35:11
23 Deut. 32:4; Job 8:3
24 Ps. 92:9;
Rev. 15:3
Ex. 15:1;
Judg. 5:1;
1 Chr. 16:9;
Ps. 50:16;
136:5
25 Job 11:7-9; 37:23
1 Cor. 13:12
Job 10:5; Ps. 90:2; 102:24;
27; Heb. 1:12
27 Llt., Au
Or, flood
Job 5:10;
36:26-29;
37:6, 11;
38:28; Ps. 147:8
28 Llt., booth
Job 37:11, 16
Job 28:14
29 Llt., light
30 Job 37:13; Ps. 104:27;
136:25; Acts 14:17
31 Llt., light
Job 37:11, 12, 15
32 Llt., concerning Him
Job 37:2
2 Job 36:33; 37:4, 5;
Ps. 29:3-9

Elihu: The Greatness of God:

- For you have preferred this to ^baffliction.
- 22^a "Behold, God is exalted in His power;
Who is a ^ateacher like Him?
- 23^a "Who has appointed Him His way,
And who has said, ^a"Thou hast done wrong?"
- 24 ¹ "Remember that you should ^aexalt His work,
Of which men have ^bsung.
- 25^a "All men have seen it;
Man beholds from afar.
- 26^a "Behold, God is ^aexalted, and ^bwe do not know *Him*;
The ^cnumber of His years is unsearchable.
- 27^a "For ^aHe draws up the drops of water,
They distill rain from ¹the ²mist,
- 28 Which the clouds pour down,
They drip upon man abundantly.
- 29^a "Can anyone understand the ^aspreading of the clouds,
The ^bthundering of His ¹pavilion?
- 30^a "Behold, He spreads His ¹lightning about Him,
And He covers the depths of the sea.
- 31^a "For by these He ^ajudges peoples;
He ^bgives food in abundance.
- 32^a "He covers *His* hands with the ¹lightning,
And ^acommands it to strike the mark.
- 33^a "Its ^anoise declares ¹His presence;
The cattle also, concerning what is coming up.
- CHAPTER 37**
- 66 **A**T this also my heart trembles,
And leaps from its place.
- 2^a "Listen closely to the ^athunder of His voice,

- And the rumbling that goes out from His mouth.
- 3"Under the whole heaven He lets it loose,
And His lightning to the ends of the earth.
- 4"After it, a voice roars;
He thunders with His majestic voice;
And He does not restrain the lightnings when His voice is heard.
- 5"God thunders with His voice wondrously,
Doing great things which we cannot comprehend.
- 6"For to the snow He says, 'Fall on the earth,'
And to the downpour and the rain, 'Be strong.'
- 7"He seals the hand of every man,
That all men may know His work.
- 8"Then the beast goes into its lair,
And remains in its den.
- 9"Out of the south comes the storm,
And out of the north the cold.
- 10"From the breath of God ice is made,
And the expanse of the waters is frozen.
- 11"Also with moisture He loads the thick cloud;
He disperses the cloud of His lightning.
- 12"And it changes direction, turning around by His guidance,
That it may do whatever He commands it
On the face of the inhabited earth.
- 13"Whether for correction, or for His world,
Or for lovingkindness, He causes it to happen.
- 14 ¶"Listen to this, O Job,
Stand and consider the wonders of God.

8 ¹Lit., light
Job 28:24; 37:11, 12; 38:13
4 ¹Lit., them
5 Job 28:14; Job 5:9; 37:14, 16, 23
6 ¹Lit., shower of rain and shower of rains
Job 38:22
Job 38:27
7 Job 12:14
8 ¹Lit., dens
Job 28:40; Ps. 104:21, 22
9 ¹Lit., chamber
Lit., scattering winds
Job 8:9
10 Job 38:29; Ps. 147:17
11 ¹Lit., light
Job 38:27
Job 38:29
Job 37:15
12 ¹Lit., they
Lit., them
Job 38:32; Ps. 148:8
13 ¹Lit., the rod
Lit., he found
Ex. 8:18, 23; 1 Sam. 12:18; 19 Job 38:26, 27
14 ¹Lit., 18
15 ¹Lit., light
Job 37:5, 14, 23
Job 38:4
16 Job 9:8; Ps. 104:2, 18; 44:24, 45:12; Jer. 10:12; Zech. 12:1
17 Job 9:14; Rom. 8:28
18 Or, if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up
19 ¹Lit., they
20 Job 11:7, 8; Rom. 11:33; 1 Tim. 6:16
Job 8:4; 38:5
Lam. 3:33; Ezek. 18:23; 32:33; 11 Job 8:3
24 ¹Lit., 10:28
Job 5:13; Matt. 11:25; 1 Cor. 1:28

- 15"Do you know how God establishes them,
And makes the lightning of His cloud to shine?
- 16"Do you know about the layers of the thick clouds,
The wonders of one perfect in knowledge.
- 17 You whose garments are hot,
When the land is still because of the south wind?
- 18"Can you, with Him, spread out the skies,
Strong as a molten mirror?
- 19"Teach us what we shall say to Him;
We cannot arrange our case because of darkness.
- 20"Shall it be told Him that I would speak?
Or should a man say that he would be swallowed up?
- 21 ¶"And now men do not see the light which is bright in the skies;
But the wind has passed and cleared them.
- 22"Out of the north comes golden splendor;
Around God is awesome majesty.
- 23"The Almighty—we cannot find Him;
He is exalted in power,
And He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness.
- 24"Therefore men fear Him;
He does not regard any who are wise of heart."

CHAPTER 38

THEN the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said,

- 2"Who is this that darkens counsel
By words without knowledge?

1 Job 40:6
2 Job 35:16; 42:3

- 3 "Now ^agird up your loins like a man,
And ^bI will ask you, and you instruct Me!
- 4 "Where were you ^awhen I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you ¹have understanding.
- 5 Who set its ^ameasurements, since you know?
Or who stretched the line on it?
- 6 "On what ^awere its bases sunk?
Or who laid its cornerstone.
- 7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the ^asons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 ¶ "Or who ^aenclosed the sea with doors,
When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;
- 9 When I made a cloud its garment,
And thick darkness its swaddling band,
- 10 And I ¹placed boundaries on it,
And I set a bolt and doors.
- 11 And I said, 'Thus far you shall come, but no farther;
And here shall your proud waves stop'?
- 12 ¶ "Have you ¹ever in your life commanded the morning,
And caused the dawn to know its place;
- 13 That it might take hold of ^athe ends of the earth,
And ^bthe wicked be shaken out of it?
- 14 "It is changed like clay under the seal;
And they stand forth like a garment.
- 15 "And ^afrom the wicked their light is withheld,
And the ^buplifted arm is broken.

3 ^aJob 40:7
^bJob 42:4

4 ¹Lit., know understanding
^aJob 15:7; Ps. 104:5; Prov. 8:29; 30:4

5 ^aProv. 8:29; Is. 40:12

6 ¹Job 28:7

7 ^aJob 1:6

8 ^aGen. 1:9; Ps. 104:6; 9; Prov. 8:29; Jer. 5:22

10 ¹Lit., broke My decree on it
^aGen. 1:9; Ps. 33:7; 104:9; Prov. 8:29; Jer. 5:22

12 ¹Lit., from your days

13 ^aJob 28:24; 37:3
^bJob 34:25; 28; 36:6

15 ^aJob 5:14
^bNum. 16:30; Ps. 10:15; 37:17

16 ¹Or, in search of
^aGen. 7:11; 8:2; Prov. 8:24; 28

17 ^aJob 10:21; 26:6; 34:22

18 ¹Or, width
^aJob 28:24

20 ¹Lit., house
^aJob 28:10

21 ^aJob 15:7

22 ^aJob 37:6
^bEx. 9:18; Josh. 10:11; Is. 30:30; Ezek. 13:11; 13; Rev. 16:21

24 ^aJob 26:10

26 ¹Lit., man
^aJob 36:27

27 ¹Or, growth
^aPs. 104:13; 14; 107:35

28 ^aJob 36:27; 28; Ps. 147:8; Jer. 14:22

29 ^aJob 37:10; Ps. 147:17

- 16 ¶ "Have you entered into ^athe springs of the sea?
Or have you walked ¹in the recesses of the deep?
- 17 "Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Or have you seen the gates of ^adeep darkness?
- 18 "Have you understood the ¹expanse of ^athe earth?
Tell Me, if you know all this
- 19 ¶ "Where is the way to the dwelling of light?
And darkness, where is its place.
- 20 That you may take it to ^aits territory,
And that you may discern the paths to its ¹home?
- 21 "You know, for ^ayou were born then,
And the number of your days is great!
- 22 "Have you entered the storehouses ^aof the snow,
Or have you seen the storehouses of the ^bhail,
- 23 Which I have reserved for the time of distress,
For the day of war and battle?
- 24 "Where is the way that ^athe light is divided,
Or the east wind scattered on the earth?
- 25 ¶ "Who has cleft a channel for the flood,
Or a way for the thunderbolt;
- 26 To bring ^arain on a land without ¹people,
On a desert without a man in it,
- 27 To ^asatisfy the waste and desolate land,
And to make the ¹seeds of grass to sprout?
- 28 "Has ^athe rain a father?
Or who has begotten the drops of dew?
- 29 "From whose womb has come the ^aice?

- And the frost of heaven,
who has given it birth?
- 30 "Water ¹becomes hard like
stone,
And the surface of the deep
is imprisoned.
- 31 "Can you bind the chains
of the ^aPleiades,
Or loose the cords of Orion?
- 32 "Can you lead forth a ¹con-
stellation in its season,
And guide the Bear with her
²satellites?
- 33 "Do you know the ^aordinanc-
es of the heavens,
Or fix their rule over the
earth?
- 34 "Can you lift up your voice
to the clouds,
So that an ^aabundance of
water may cover you?
- 35 "Can you ^asend forth light-
nings that they may go
And say to you, 'Here we
are'?
- 36 "Who has ^aput wisdom in the
innermost being,
Or has given ^bunderstand-
ing to the ¹mind?
- 37 "Who can count the clouds
by wisdom,
Or ^atip the water jars of the
heavens,
- 38 When the dust hardens into
a mass,
And the clods stick to-
gether?
- 39 "Can you hunt the ^aprey
for the lion,
Or satisfy the appetite of
the young lions,
- 40 When they ^acrouch in their
dens,
And lie in wait in their lair?
- 41 "Who prepares for ^athe ra-
ven its nourishment,
When its young cry to God,
And wander about without
food?

30 ¹Lat.,
hidden itself

31 ^aJob 9:9;
Amos 5:8

32 ¹Heb.,
Mazzaroth
²Lat., stars

33 ^aPs.
148:8; Jer
31:35, 36

34 ^aJob
22:11, 36:27,
28, 38:37

35 ^aJob
38:32, 37:3

36 ^aOr, cock
^aJob 9:4, Ps.
51:6, Eccl
2:26 ^bJob
32:8

37 ^aJob
38:34

38 ^aPs.
104:21

39 ^aJob 37:8

40 ^aPs.
147:9; Matt.
6:26; Luke
12:24

41 ¹Lat.,
goats of the
rock
^aDeut. 14:5;
1 Sam. 24:2;
Ps. 104:18
^bPs. 22:9

42 ^aJob 6:5;
11:12, 24:5;
Ps. 104:11

43 ^aJob
24:5; Jer
2:24; Hos. 8:9

44 ^aNum.
23:22; Deut.
32:17; Ps.
22:21, 28:6;
92:10; Is. 34:7

45 ¹Lat., has
rope

46 ¹Lat.,
need

47 ^aOr, a
stork

- Do you observe the calving
of the ^bdeer?
- 2 "Can you count the months
they fulfill,
Or do you know the time
they give birth?
- 3 "They kneel down, they
bring forth their young,
They get rid of their labor
pains.
- 4 "Their offspring become
strong, they grow up in
the open field;
They leave and do not re-
turn to them.
- 5 "Who sent out the ^awild
donkey free?
And who loosed the bonds
of the swift donkey.
- 6 To whom I gave ^athe wilder-
ness for a home,
And the salt land for his
dwelling place?
- 7 "He scorns the tumult of the
city,
The shoutings of the driver
he does not hear.
- 8 "He explores the mountains
for his pasture,
And he searches after every
green thing.
- 9 "Will the ^awild ox consent to
serve you?
Or will he spend the night at
your manger?
- 10 "Can you bind the wild ox in
a furrow with ¹ropes?
Or will he harrow the val-
leys after you?
- 11 "Will you trust him because
his strength is great
And leave your labor to
him?
- 12 "Will you have faith in him
that he will return your
¹grain,
And gather it from your
threshing floor?
- 13 "The ostriches' wings flap
joyously
With the pinion and plum-
age of ¹love,
- 14 For she abandons her eggs
to the earth,

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- 66 "DO you know the time the
¹mountain goats give
birth?

- And warms them in the dust,
 15 And she forgets that a foot may crush ¹them,
 Or that a wild beast may trample ¹them.
 16 "She treats her young ^acruelly, as if they were not hers;
 Though her labor be in vain, she is ¹unconcerned;
 17 Because God has made her forget wisdom,
 And has not given her a share of understanding.
 18 "When she lifts herself ¹on high,
 She laughs at the horse and his rider.
 19 ¶ "Do you give the horse his might?
 Do you clothe his neck with a mane?
 20 "Do you make him ^aleap like the locust?
 His majestic ^bsnorting is terrible.
 21 "He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength;
 He ^agoes out to meet the weapons.
 22 "He laughs at fear and is not dismayed;
 And he does not turn back from the sword.
 23 "The quiver rattles against him,
 The flashing spear and javelin.
 24 "With shaking and rage he ¹races over the ground;
 And he does not stand still at the voice of the trumpet.
 25 "As often as the trumpet sounds he says, 'Aha!'
 And he scents the battle from afar,
 And thunder of the captains, and the war cry.
 26 ¶ "Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars,
 Stretching his wings toward the south?

18 ¹Lit., if

16 ¹Lit., without fear
^aLam. 4:3

18 ¹Or, to flee

20 ^aJoel 2:5
^bJer. 8:16

21 ¹Lit., They paw
^aJer. 8:6

24 ¹Or, swallows up

27 ¹Lit., mouth
^aJer. 49:16,
Obad. 4

29 ^aJob 9:26

30 ^aMatt. 24:28; Luke 17:37

2 ^aJob 9:3; 10:2; 33:13;
Is. 45:9 ^bJob 13:3; 23:4; 31:35

4 ^aJob 21:5; 29:9

5 ^aJob 9:3, 15

6 ^aJob 38:1

7 ^aJob 38:3; 42:4

8 ^aRom. 3:4 ^bJob 10:3; 7; 16:11; 19:6; 27:2 ^cJob 13:18; 27:8

9 ^aJob 37:5; Ps. 29:3

10 ^aPs. 93:1; 104:1

- 27 "Is it at your ¹command that the eagle mounts up,
 And makes ^ahis nest on high?
 28 "On the cliff he dwells and lodges,
 Upon the rocky crag, an inaccessible place.
 29 "From there he ^aspies out food;
 His eyes see it from afar.
 30 "His young ones also suck up blood;
 And ^awhere the slain are, there is he."

CHAPTER 40

- THEN the LORD said to Job,
 2 "Will the faultfinder ^acontend with the Almighty?
 Let him who ^breproves God answer it."
 3 ¶ Then Job answered the LORD and said,
 4 "Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to Thee?
 I ^alay my hand on my mouth.
 5 "Once I have spoken, and ^aI will not answer;
 Even twice, and I will add no more."
 6 ¶ Then the ^aLORD answered Job out of the storm, and said,
 7 "Now ^agird up your loins like a man;
 I will ^bask you, and you instruct Me.
 8 "Will you really ^aannul My judgment?
 Will you ^bcondemn Me
^cthat you may be justified?
 9 "Or do you have an arm like God,
 And can you ^athunder with a voice like His?
 10 ¶ "Adorn yourself with eminence and dignity;
 And clothe yourself with honor and majesty."

11 "Pour out ^athe overflowings
of your anger;
And look on everyone who
is ^bproud, and make him
low.

12 "Look on everyone who is
proud, and ^ahumble him;
And ^btread down the
wicked ¹where they
stand.

13 "Hide them in the dust to-
gether;
Bind ¹them in the hidden
place.

14 "Then I will also ¹confess to
you,
That your own right hand
can save you.

15 ¶ "Behold now, ¹Behemoth,
which ^aI made ²as well as
you;

He eats grass like an ox.

16 "Behold now, his strength in
his loins,
And his power in the mus-
cles of his belly.

17 "He bends his tail like a ce-
dar;
The sinews of his thighs are
knit together.

18 "His bones are tubes of
bronze;
His ¹limbs are like bars of
iron.

19 ¶ "He is the ^afirst of the
ways of God;
Let his ^bmaker bring near
his sword.

20 "Surely the mountains
^abring him food,
And all the beasts of the
field ^bplay there.

21 "Under the lotus plants he
lies down,
In the covert of the reeds
and the marsh.

22 "The lotus plants cover him
with ¹shade;
The willows of the brook
surround him.

23 "If a river ¹rages, he is not
alarmed;

11 ^aIs.
42:25; Nah.
1:6, 8; Ps.
2:12; Dan.
4:37

12 ¹Lat., un-
der them
^a1 Sam. 2:7;
Is. 2:12;
13:11; Dan.
4:37; ^aIs. 63:3

13 ¹Or, their
faces
^aIs. 2:10-12

14 ¹Or,
praise you

15 ¹Or, the
hippopo-
tus ¹Lat.,
with
^aJob 40:19

18 ¹Lat.,
bones

19 ^aJob
41:33; ^bJob
40:15

20 ^aPs.
104:14; ^bPs.
104:26

22 ¹Lat., his
shade

23 ¹Or, op-
pressed
^aGen. 13:10

24 ¹Lat., in
his eyes ¹Lat.,
snarls

1 ¹Ch.
40:25 in Heb.
¹Or, the
crocodile
^aJob 3:8, Ps.
74:14, 104:26;
Is. 27:1

2 ¹Lat.,
rope of
rushes ¹Or,
thorn or ring
^a2 Km. 19:28;
Is. 37:29

6 ¹Lat.,
partners

8 ¹Lat., do
not add

9 ¹Ch. 41:1
in Heb. ¹Lat.,
his ¹Lat., he

10 ^aJob 3:8

11 ¹Lat., an-
thropomorph
^aRom. 11:35
^bEx. 18:5;
Deut. 10:14;
Job 8:5-10;
28:4-14;
28:24; Ps.
24:1; 58:12;
1 Cor. 10:26

He is confident, though the
^aJordan rushes to his
mouth.

24 "Can anyone capture him
¹when he is on watch,
With ²barbs can anyone
pierce his nose?

CHAPTER 41

66 ¹CAN you draw out ^{2a}Le-
viathan with a fish-
hook?

Or press down his tongue
with a cord?

2 "Can you ^aput a ¹rope in his
nose?

Or pierce his jaw with a
²hook?

3 "Will he make many suppli-
cations to you?

Or will he speak to you soft
words?

4 "Will he make a covenant
with you?

Will you take him for a ser-
vant forever?

5 "Will you play with him as
with a bird?

Or will you bind him for
your maidens?

6 "Will the ¹traders bargain
over him?

Will they divide him among
the merchants?

7 "Can you fill his skin with
harpoons,

Or his head with fishing
spears?

8 "Lay your hand on him;
Remember the battle; ¹you
will not do it again!

9 "Behold, ²your expectation
is false;

Will ³you be laid low even at
the sight of him?

10 "No one is so fierce that he
dares to ^aarouse him;

Who then is he that can
stand before Me?

11 "Who has ^{1a}given to Me that
I should repay him?

Whatever is ^bunder the
whole heaven is Mine.

12 "I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
Or his mighty strength, or his ¹orderly frame.
13 "Who can ¹strip off his outer armor?
Who can come within his double ²mail?
14 "Who can open the doors of his face?
Around his teeth there is terror.
15 "His ¹strong scales are his pride.
Shut up as with a tight seal.
16 "One is so near to another,
That no air can come between them.
17 "They are joined one to another;
They clasp each other and cannot be separated.
18 "His sneezes flash forth light,
And his eyes are like the ^aeyelids of the morning.
19 "Out of his mouth go burning torches;
Sparks of fire leap forth.
20 "Out of his nostrils smoke goes forth,
As from a boiling pot and burning rushes.
21 "His breath kindles coals,
And a flame goes forth from his mouth.
22 "In his neck lodges strength,
And dismay leaps before him.
23 "The folds of his flesh are joined together,
Firm on him and immovable.
24 "His heart is as hard as a stone;
Even as hard as a lower millstone.
25 "When he raises himself up, the ¹mighty fear;
Because of the crashing they are bewildered.
26 "The sword that reaches him cannot avail;

12 ¹Or, graceful

13 ¹Lit., uncover the face of his garment ²So Gr., Heb., bride

15 ¹Lit., rows of shields

18 ^aJob 39

25 ¹Or, gods

28 ¹Lit., son of the bow

30 ¹Or, moves across

33 ¹Lit., dust ^aJob 40:19

34 ¹Ch. 41:28 in Heb. ^aJob 28:8

2 ^aGen. 18:14; Matt. 19:28

3 ^aJob 38:2; Ps. 40:5; 131:1; 139:6

4 ^aJob 38:3; 40:7

Nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin.
27 "He regards iron as straw,
Bronze as rotten wood.
28 "The ¹arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones are turned into stubble for him.
29 "Clubs are regarded as stubble;
He laughs at the rattling of the javelin.
30 "His underparts are like sharp potsherds;
He ¹spreads out like a threshing sledge on the mire.
31 "He makes the depths boil like a pot;
He makes the sea like a jar of ointment.
32 "Behind him he makes a wake to shine;
One would think the deep to be gray-haired.
33 "^aNothing on ¹earth is like him,
One made without fear.
34 "¹He looks on everything that is high;
He is king over all the ^asons of pride."

CHAPTER 42

THEN Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 "I know that ^aThou canst do all things,

And that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted.

3 "Who is this that ^ahides counsel without knowledge?"

"Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand,

Things ^btoo wonderful for me, which I did not know."

4 "Hear, now, and I will speak;
I will ^aask Thee, and do Thou instruct me."

5 "I have ^aheard of Thee by the hearing of the ear;
But now my ^beye sees Thee;
6 Therefore I retract,
And I repent in dust and ashes."

7 ¶ And it came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right ^aas My servant Job has.

8 "Now therefore, take for yourselves ^aseven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a ^bburnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will ^cpray for you. ^dFor I will ^eaccept him so that I may not do with you according to your folly, because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has."

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD told them; and the LORD ^faccepted Job.

10 ¶ And the LORD ^arestored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the

5 ^aJob 28:14; Rom. 10:17 ^bMa. 6:3; Eph. 1:17, 18

7 ^aJob 40:3-5; 42:1-6

8 ^aLit., lift up his face ^bNum. 23:1 ^cJob 1:5 ^dGen. 20:17; James 5:16; 1 John 5:16 ^eJob 22:30

9 ^aLit., lifted up the face of

10 ^aDeut. 30:3; Job 1:2; 3; Ps. 147:8; 1:3; 128:1-6

11 ^aHeb., qemlah ^bJob 19:13 ^cJob 2:11

12 ^aJob 1:10; 8:7; James 5:11 ^bJob 1:3

13 ^aJob 1:2

17 ^aGen. 15:13, 25:8; Job 5:26

LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

11 Then all his ^abrothers, and all his sisters, and all who had known him before, came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they ^bconsoled him and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him one ^cpiece of money, and each a ring of gold.

12 ^aAnd the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning, ^band he had 14,000 sheep, and 6,000 camels, and 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys.

13 And ^ahe had seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he named the first Jemimah, and the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land no women were found so fair as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritance among their brothers.

16 And after this Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons, and his grandsons, four generations.

17 ^aAnd Job died, an old man and full of days.

THE PSALMS

The following expressions occur often in the Psalms:

Selah	May mean Pause, Crescendo or Musical Interlude
Maskil	Possibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm
Mikhtam	Possibly, Epigrammatic Poem, or Atonement Psalm
Sheol	The nether world

BOOK 1

PSALM 1

The Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted.

HOW blessed is the man who
^adoes not walk in the
^bcounsel of the wicked,
 Nor stand in the ^{1c}path of
 sinners,
 Nor ^dsit in the seat of scoff-
 ers!

2 But his ^adelight is ^bin the
 law of the LORD,
 And in His law he meditates
^cday and ^dnight.

3 And he will be like ^aa tree
 firmly planted by
¹streams of water,
 Which yields its fruit in its
 season,
 And its ²leaf does not
 wither;
 And ³in whatever he does,
^bhe prospers.

4 ¶ The wicked are not so,
 But they are like ^achaff
 which the wind drives
 away.

5 Therefore ^athe wicked will
 not stand in the ^bjudg-
 ment,
 Nor sinners in ^cthe assem-
 bly of the righteous.

6 For the LORD ^{1a}knows the
 way of the righteous,
 But the way of ^bthe wicked
 will perish.

¹ Or, way
^aProv. 4:14
^bPs. 5:9, 10;
 10:2-11; 36:1-
 4; ^cPs. 17:4;
 119:104 ^dPs.
 26:4, 5, Jer.
 15:17
² ^aPs.
 119:14, 16, 35
^bJosh. 1:8
^cPs. 25:5 ^dPs.
 63:5, 6
³ Or, co-
 nals ^aOr, fo-
 liage ^bOr, all
 that he does
 prospers
^aPs. 92:12-14;
 Jer. 17:8;
 Ezek. 18:10
^bGen. 39:2, 3,
 23; Ps. 128:2
⁴ ^aJob
 21:18; Ps.
 35:3; Is. 17:13
^bPs. 5:5
^cPs. 9:7, 8, 16
^dPs. 89:5, 7
⁵ Or, ap-
 proves or has
 regard to
^aPs. 37:18;
 Nah. 1:7;
 John 10:14;
 2 Tim. 2:19
^bPs. 9:5, 6;
 11:6
⁶ Or, Gen-
 tiles
^aPs. 46:6;
 83:2-5; Acts
 4:25, 26 ^bPs.
 21:11
⁷ Or, Mes-
 siah
^aPs. 48:4-6
^bPs. 74:18, 23
^cJohn 1:41
^dJer. 5:5
⁸ Or, is
 enthroned
^aPs. 37:13
^bPs. 59:8
^cPs. 21:8;
 9; 76:7 ^dPs.
 78:49, 50
⁹ Or, con-
 secrated
^aPs. 45:6 ^bPs.
 48:1, 2
¹⁰ Or, de-
 cree: The
 LORD said to
 Me
^aActs 13:33;
 Heb. 1:5; 5:5

PSALM 2

The Reign of the LORD'S Anointed.

WHY are ^athe ¹nations in an
 uproar,
 And the peoples ^bdevising a
 vain thing?

2 The ^akings of the earth take
 their stand,
 And the rulers take counsel
 together
^bAgainst the LORD and
 against His ^{1c}Anointed:

3 "Let us ^atear their fetters
 apart,
 And cast away their cords
 from us!"

4 ¶ He who ¹sits in the heav-
 ens ^alaughs,
 The Lord ^bscoffs at them.

5 Then He will speak to them
 in His ^aanger
 And ^bterrify them in His
 fury:

6 "But as for Me, I have ¹in-
 stalled ^aMy King
 Upon Zion, ^bMy holy moun-
 tain."

7 ¶ "I will surely tell of the
¹decree of the LORD:
 He said to Me, 'Thou art
^aMy Son,
 Today I have begotten
 Thee.

8 'Ask of Me, and ^aI will surely
 give ^bthe ¹nations as
 Thine inheritance,
 And the very ^cends of the
 earth as Thy possession.

⁸ Or, Gentiles ^aPs. 21:1, 2 ^bPs. 22:27 ^cPs. 67:7

9 'Thou shalt ^{1a}break them
with a ²rod of iron,
Thou shalt ^bshatter them
like ³earthenware.' "

10 ¶ Now therefore, O kings,
^ashow discernment;
Take warning, O ¹judges of
the earth.

11 ¹Worship the LORD with
^{2a}reverence,
And rejoice with ^btrem-
bling.

12 ¹Do homage to ^athe Son, lest
He become angry, and
you perish in the way,
For ^bHis wrath may ²soon
be kindled.
How blessed are all who
^ctake refuge in Him!

PSALM 3

Morning Prayer of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David, when ^ahe
fled from
Absalom his son.

O LORD, how ^amy adversar-
ies have increased!
Many are rising up against
me.

2 Many are saying ¹of my
soul,

"There is no ^{2a}deliverance
for him in God." [³Selah.

3 ¶ But Thou, O LORD, art ^aa
shield about me.

My ^bglory, and the One who
^clifts my head.

4 I was crying to the LORD
with my voice,

And He ^aanswered me from
^bHis holy ¹moun-
tain. [Selah.

5 ¶ ¹I lay down and slept;
I awoke, for the LORD sus-
tains me.

6 I will ^anot be afraid of ten
thousands of people
Who have ^bset themselves
against me round about.

7 ¶ ^aArise, O LORD; ^bsave me,
O my God!

⁹ Another
reading is
rule ²Or,
scepter or
staff ¹L.A.,
potter's ware
+Ps. 89:23;
110:5, 6; Rev.
2:26, 27; 12:5;
19:15 +Ps.
28:5; 52:5;
72:4

¹⁰ Or,
leaders
+Prov. 8:15;
27:11

¹¹ Or,
Serve ²Or,
fear

+Ps. 5:7 +Ps.
119:119, 120
12 ¹L.A.,
Kiss, some
ancient ver-
sions read Do
homage

purely, or,
Lay hold of
instruction
²Or, quickly,
suddenly,
easily
+Ps. 2:7 +Rev.
6:16, 17 +Ps.
5:11, 34:22
+ 2 Sam.
15:13-17, 29
1 + 2 Sam.
15:12. Ps.
69:4

³ Or, to
²Or, salva-
tion ³Selah
may mean
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Musical in-
terlude

+Ps. 22:7, 8,
71:11

⁴ Or, full
+Ps. 4:3, 34:4
+Ps. 2:6, 15:1,
43:3

⁵ Or, As
for me, I
+Lev. 26:6;
Ps. 4:8; Prov.
3:24

⁶ Or, 23:4;
27:3 +Ps.
118:10-13

⁷ Or, dost
swear ²Or,
swear ²Or,
dost
swear

+Ps. 7:6 +Ps.
6:4, 22:21
+Job 16:10
+Ps. 57:4;
58:6

⁸ Or, De-
liverance ²Or,
is
+Ps. 28:8;
35:3; Is. 43:11
+Ps. 28:11

+ i.e., Be-
longing to the
choir direc-
tor's anthol-
ogy

⁹ Another
reading is
rule ²Or,
scepter or
staff ¹L.A.,
potter's ware
+Ps. 89:23;
110:5, 6; Rev.
2:26, 27; 12:5;
19:15 +Ps.
28:5; 52:5;
72:4

¹⁰ Or,
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+Ps. 2:7 +Rev.
6:16, 17 +Ps.
5:11, 34:22
+ 2 Sam.
15:13-17, 29
1 + 2 Sam.
15:12. Ps.
69:4

For Thou ¹hast ^csmitten all
my enemies on the
²cheek;

Thou ³hast ^dshattered the
teeth of the wicked.

8 ^{1a}Salvation belongs to the
LORD;

Thy ^bblessing ²be upon Thy
people! [Selah.

PSALM 4

Evening Prayer of Trust in God.

*For the choir director; on
stringed instruments.
A Psalm of David.

ANSWER me when ^bI call, O
God ¹of my righteous-
ness!

Thou hast ^{2c}relieved me in
my distress;

Be ^dgracious to me and
^ehear my prayer.

2 ¶ O sons of men, how long
will ^amy ¹honor become
^ba reproach?

How long will you love
^cwhat is worthless and
aim at ^ddeception?

[²Selah.

3 But know that the LORD has
^{1a}set apart the ^bgodly
man for Himself;

The LORD ^chears when I call
to Him.

4 ¶ ^{1a}Tremble, ^{2b}and do not
sin;

^{3c}Meditate in your heart
upon your bed, and be
still. [Selah.

5 Offer ¹the ^asacrifices of
righteousness,
And ^btrust in the LORD.

1 ¹L.A., who maintain my right ²L.A., made room
for +Ps. 3:4, 17:6 +Ps. 18:6 +Ps. 18:18, 19 +Ps. 25:16 +Ps.
17:6; 38:12

2 ¹Or, glory ²Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude +Ps. 3:3 +Ps. 69:7-10, 19, 20 +Ps. 12:2;
31:6 +Ps. 31:18

3 ¹Another reading is dost wonderfully with +Ps.
135:4 +Ps. 31:23; 50:5; 78:2 +Ps. 6:6, 8; 17:6

4 ¹L.A., with anger or fear ²Or, but ³L.A., Speech +Ps.
98:1 +Ps. 118:11; Eph. 4:26 +Ps. 77:6

5 ¹Or, righteous sacrifices +Deut. 32:19; Ps. 51:19
+Ps. 37:3, 5; 62:6

PSALMS 4-6

- 6 ¶ Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
 Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, O LORD!
- 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
 More than when their grain and new wine abound.
- 8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep,
 For Thou alone, O LORD, dost make me to dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

Prayer for Protection from the Wicked.

For the choir director; for flute accompaniment.
 A Psalm of David.

- G**IVE ear to my words, O LORD,
 Consider my groaning.
 2 Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,
 For to Thee do I pray.
 3 In the morning, O LORD, Thou wilt hear my voice;
 In the morning I will order my prayer to Thee and eagerly watch.
- 4 ¶ For Thou art not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness;
 No evil dwells with Thee.
 5 The boastful shall not stand before Thine eyes;
 Thou dost hate all who do iniquity.
 6 Thou dost destroy those who speak falsehood;
 The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.
 7 But as for me, by Thine abundant lovingkindness I will enter Thy house,
 At Thy holy temple I will bow in reverence for Thee.

6 Job 7:7; 9:25 Num. 6:26; Ps. 80:3, 7, 19
 7 Ps. 97:11, 12; Is. 9:3; Acts 14:17
 8 Or, at the same time
 Job 11:19; Ps. 3:5 Lev. 25:18; Deut. 12:10; Ps. 16:9
 Heb., Nehiloth
 1 Or, meditation
 Ps. 54:2 Ps. 104:34
 2 Ps. 140:6 Ps. 84:3
 3 Or, mayest Thou hear
 Or, sacrifice
 Ps. 88:13
 Ps. 130:5
 4 Lit., sojourns
 Ps. 11:5; 34:16 Ps. 92:15
 5 Ps. 73:3; 75:4 Ps. 1:5
 Ps. 11:5; 45:7
 6 Ps. 52:4,
 5 Ps. 55:23
 7 Or, Toward
 Ps. 68:13
 Ps. 138:2
 Ps. 115:11, 13
 8 Or, those who lie in wait for me
 Or, smooth
 Ps. 31:3 Ps. 31:1 Ps. 27:11
 9 Or, true
 Lit., his mouth
 Or, make their tongue smooth
 Ps. 52:3 Ps. 7:14 Rom. 3:13
 10 Ps. 9:16
 Ps. 38:12
 Ps. 107:10, 11
 11 Or, Thou dost shelter
 Ps. 2:12 Ps. 33:1; 64:10
 Ps. 12:7 Ps. 68:36
 12 Ps. 29:11 Ps. 32:7, 10
 Or, according to a lower octave
 (Heb., Shemith)

- 8 ¶ O LORD, lead me in Thy righteousness because of my foes;
 Make Thy way straight before me.
- 9 There is nothing reliable in what they say;
 Their inward part is destruction itself;
 Their throat is an open grave;
 They flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Hold them guilty, O God;
 By their own devices let them fall!
 In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out,
 For they are rebellious against Thee.
- 11 ¶ But let all who take refuge in Thee be glad,
 Let them ever sing for joy;
 And mayest Thou shelter them,
 That those who love Thy name may exult in Thee.
- 12 For it is Thou who dost bless the righteous man, O LORD,
 Thou dost surround him with favor as with a shield.

PSALM 6

Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble.

For the choir director; with stringed instruments,
 upon an eight-stringed lyre.
 A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, do not rebuke me in Thine anger,
 Nor chasten me in Thy wrath.
- 2 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am pining away;

1 Ps. 38:1; 118:18
 2 Ps. 102:4, 11

- ^bHeal me, O LORD, for ^cmy bones are dismayed.
- 3 And my ^asoul is greatly dismayed;
But Thou, O LORD—^bhow long?
- 4 ¶ Return, O LORD, ^arescue my ¹soul;
Save me because of Thy lovingkindness.
- 5 For ^athere is no ¹mention of Thee in death;
In ²Sheol who will give Thee thanks?
- 6 ¶ I am ^aweary with my sighing;
Every night I make my bed swim,
I dissolve my couch with ^bmy tears.
- 7 My ^aeye has wasted away with grief;
It has become old because of all my adversaries.
- 8 ¶ ^aDepart from me, all you who do iniquity,
For the LORD ^bhas heard the voice of my weeping.
- 9 The LORD ^ahas heard my supplication,
The LORD ^breceives my prayer.
- 10 All my enemies shall ^abe ashamed and greatly dismayed;
They shall ¹turn back, they shall ^bsuddenly be ashamed.

PSALM 7

The Lord Implored to Defend the Psalmist against the Wicked.

A ^aShiggaion of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning Cush, a Benjamite.

- O** LORD my God, ^ain Thee I have taken refuge;
Save me from all those who pursue me, and ^bdeliver me,

2 ^aPs. 41:4; 147:3; Hos. 6:1 ^aPs. 22:14; 31:10
3 ^aPs. 88:3; John 12:27
4 ^aPs. 90:13
5 ^aOr, life
6 ^aPs. 17:13
7 ^aOr, remembrance
8 ^aPs. 119:115; Matt. 7:23; Luke 13:27
9 ^aPs. 34:28; 6
10 ^aPs. 116:1 ^aPs. 68:19, 20
11 ^aOr, again be ashamed suddenly
12 ^aPs. 71:13, 24
13 ^aPs. 73:19
14 ^aOr, concern
15 ^aPs. 31:1; 71:1 ^aPs. 31:15
16 ^aOr, me
17 ^aOr, standing
18 ^aPs. 57:4; 13:13
19 ^aPs. 108:4; 5
20 ^aPs. 24:7; 28:9
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22 ^aOr, me
23 ^aOr, me
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- 2 Lest he tear ¹my soul ^alike a lion,
²Dragging me away, while there is none to deliver.
- 3 ¶ O LORD my God, if I have done this,
If there is ^ainjustice in my hands,
- 4 If I have ^arewarded evil to ¹my friend,
Or have ^bplundered ²him who without cause was my adversary,
- 5 Let the enemy pursue ¹my soul and overtake ²it;
And let him trample my life down to the ground,
And lay my glory in the dust. ³Selah.
- 6 ¶ ^aArise, O LORD, in Thine anger;
^bLift up Thyself against ^cthe rage of my adversaries,
And ^darouse Thyself ¹for me; Thou hast appointed judgment.
- 7 And let the assembly of the ^apeoples encompass Thee;
And over ¹them return Thou on high.
- 8 The LORD ^ajudges the peoples;
^{1b}Vindicate me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and my integrity that is in me.
- 9 O let ^athe evil of the wicked come to an end, but ^bestablish the righteous;
For the righteous God ^ctries the hearts and ¹minds.
- 10 My ^ashield is ¹with God,
Who ^bsaves the upright in heart.
- 11 God is a ^arighteous judge,
And a God who has ^bindignation every day.

8 ^aPs. 119:115; Matt. 7:23; Luke 13:27
9 ^aPs. 34:28; 68:19, 20
10 ^aPs. 108:4; 5
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- 12 ¶ If ¹a man ^adoes not repent, He will ^bsharpen His sword;
He has ^cbent His bow and ²made it ready.
- 13 He has also prepared ¹for Himself deadly weapons;
He makes His ^aarrows fiery shafts.
- 14 Behold, he travails with wickedness,
And he ^aconceives mischief, and brings forth falsehood.
- 15 He has dug a pit and hollowed it out,
And has ^afallen into the hole which he made.
- 16 His ^amischief will return upon his own head,
And his ^bviolence will descend upon ¹his own pate.
- 17 ¶ I will give thanks to the LORD ^aaccording to His righteousness,
And will ^bsing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

PSALM 8

The LORD's Glory and Man's Dignity.

For the choir director; on the Gittith.
A Psalm of David.

O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Thy name in all the earth,
Who hast ¹a displayed Thy splendor above the heavens!

2 ^aFrom the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou hast established ¹b strength,
Because of Thine adversaries,
To make ^cthe enemy and the revengeful cease.

¹² ¹Lit., he ²Lit., fixed it
^aPs. 58:5
^bDeut. 32:41
^cPs. 64:7

¹³ ¹Or, His deadly weapons
^aPs. 18:14; 45:5
¹⁴ ^aJob 15:35; Is. 59:4; James 1:15
¹⁵ ^aJob 4:8; Ps. 57:6
¹⁶ ¹i.e., the crown of his own head
^aEzth. 9:25; Ps. 140:9 ^bPs. 140:11
¹⁷ ^aPs. 71:15, 16 ^bPs. 92:6; 11:2, 4
¹ ¹Or, set
^aPs. 57:5, 11; 113:4; 148:13
² ¹Or, a bulwark
^aMatt. 21:16; 1 Cor. 1:27
^bPs. 29:1; 118:14 ^cPs. 44:18
³ ¹Or, see
²Or, appointed, fixed
^aPs. 111:2
^bPs. 89:11; 144:5 ^cPs. 138:9
⁴ ¹Or, dost remember him
^aJob 7:17; Ps. 144:3; Heb. 2:6-8
⁵ ¹Or, the angels; Heb., Elohim
^aGen. 1:26; Ps. 82:6 ^bPs. 103:4 ^cPs. 21:5
⁶ ^aGen. 1:26, 28
^b1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:22; Heb. 2:8
⁷ ¹Or, animals
⁸ ^aPs. 8:1
⁹ ¹i.e., "Death to the Son"
¹ ¹Or, mirrors
^aPs. 86:12
^bPs. 28:7
² ^aPs. 5:11; 104:34 ^bPs. 66:2, 4 ^cPs. 83:18; 92:1
³ ^aPs. 27:2
⁴ ¹Lit., my right and my cause ²Or, a righteous Judge
^aPs. 140:12
^bPs. 50:6

- 3 ¶ When I ¹a consider ^bThy heavens, the work of Thy fingers,
The ^cmoon and the stars which Thou hast ²ordained;
- 4 ^aWhat is man, that Thou ¹dost take thought of him?
And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?
- 5 Yet Thou hast made him ^alittle lower than ¹God,
And ^bdost crown him with ^cglory and majesty!
- 6 Thou dost make him to ^arule over the works of Thy hands;
Thou hast ^bput all things under his feet,
- 7 All sheep and oxen,
And also the ¹beasts of the field,
- 8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
- 9 ¶ ^aO LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God's Justice.

For the choir director; on ^aMuth-labben.
A Psalm of David.

I WILL give thanks to the LORD with all ^amy heart;
I will ^btell of all Thy ¹wonders.

2 I will be glad and ^aexult in Thee;
I will ^bsing praise to Thy name, O ^cMost High.

3 ¶ When my enemies turn back,
They stumble and ^aperish before Thee.

4 For Thou hast ^amaintained ¹my just cause;
Thou dost sit on the throne ²b judging righteously.

5 Thou hast ^arebuked the nations;
Thou hast ^bblotted out their name forever and ever.

6 ¹The enemy has come to an end in perpetual ruins,
And Thou hast uprooted the cities;
The very ^amemory of them has perished.

7 ¶ But the ^aLORD ¹abides forever;
He has established His ^bthrone for judgment,

8 And He will ^ajudge the world in righteousness;
He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.

9 ¹The LORD also will be a ^astronghold for the oppressed,
A stronghold in times of trouble,

10 And ¹those who ^aknow Thy name will put their trust in Thee;
For Thou, O LORD, hast not ^bforsaken those who seek Thee.

11 ¶ Sing praises to the LORD, who ^adwells in Zion;
^bDeclare among the peoples His deeds.

12 For ^aHe who ¹requires blood remembers them;
He does not forget ^bthe cry of the afflicted.

13 Be gracious to me, O LORD;
Behold my affliction from those ^awho hate me.
Thou who ^bdost lift me up from the gates of death;

14 That I may tell of ^aall Thy praises,
That in the gates of the daughter of Zion
I may ^brejoice in Thy ¹salvation.

15 The nations have sunk down ^ain the pit which they have made;

8 ^aPs. 119:21 ^bPs. 69:28; Prov. 10:7

6 ¹Or, O enemy, ^adoations are finished forever; And their cities Thou hast plucked up

^aPs. 34:16
7 ¹Or, as king
^aPs. 10:16
^bPs. 89:14

8 ^aPs. 98:13, 98:9

9 ¹Or, Let the LORD also be

^aPs. 32:7, 59:9, 16, 17

10 ¹Or, let those

name put

^aPs. 91:14

^bPs. 37:28, 94:14

11 ^aPs. 78:2

^bPs. 105:1, 107:22

12 ¹Or, avenges bloodshed

^aGen. 9:5; Ps. 72:14

^bPs. 9:18

13 ^aPs. 38:19

^bPs. 30:3, 88:13

14 ¹Or, deliverance

^aPs. 108:2

^bPs. 13:5, 20:5, 35:9, 51:12

15 ^aPs. 7:15, 18:4

^bPs. 57:6

16 ¹Perhaps, resounding music or meditation

²Selah may mean. Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude

^aEx. 7:5

^bPs. 9:4

17 ¹Or, turn

^aPs. 137:7, the mother world

^bPs. 40:14

^cJob 8:13, Ps. 50:22

18 ^aPs. 8:12, 12:5

^bPs. 62:5, 71:5, Prov. 23:18

19 ^aNum. 10:35

^bPs. 9:5, 20:4

^cPs. 62:9

1 ¹Or, These eyes

^aPs. 22:1

13:1, 50:1

2 ¹Or, burn

^aPs. 73:6, 8

^bPs. 7:16, 2:16

In the ^bnet which they hid, their own foot has been caught.

16 The LORD has ^amade Himself known;
He has ^bexecuted judgment.

In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared. [¹Higgaion
²Selah.]

17 ¶ The wicked will ¹return to ²Sheol,
Even all the nations who ^bforget God.

18 For the ^aneedy will not always be forgotten,
Nor the ^bhope of the afflicted perish forever.

19 ^aArise, O LORD, do not let man prevail;
Let the nations be ^bjudged before Thee.

20 Put them ^ain fear, O LORD;
Let the nations know that they are ^bbut men. [²Selah.]

PSALM 10

A Prayer for the Overthrow of the Wicked.

WHY ^adost Thou stand afar off, O LORD?

Why ^bdost Thou hide ¹Thyself in times of trouble?

2 In ^apride the wicked ¹hotly pursue the afflicted;
²Let them be ^bcaught in the plots which they have devised.

3 ¶ For the wicked ^aboasts of his ^bheart's desire,
And ¹the greedy man curses and ^cspurns the LORD.

4 The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance,
^adoes not seek Him.
All his ¹thoughts are, "^bThere is no God."

3 ¹Or, blames the greedy man ^aPs. 49:2, 94:3, 4 ^aPs. 112:10 ^bPs. 10:13

4 ¹Or, plots ^aPs. 10:13, 38:2 ^bPs. 14:1, 38:1

- 5 ¶ His ways ^{1a}prosper at all times;
Thy judgments are on high,
^bout of his sight;
As for all his adversaries, he
snorts at them.
- 6 He says to himself, "I shall
not be moved;
¹Throughout all genera-
tions ^{b1}I shall not be in ad-
versity."
- 7 His ^amouth is full of curses
and deceit and ^boppres-
sion;
^cUnder his tongue is mis-
chief and wickedness.
- 8 He sits in the ^alurking
places of the villages;
In the hiding places he ^bkills
the innocent;
His eyes ¹stealthily watch
for the ^{2c}unfortunate.
- 9 He lurks in a hiding place as
^aa lion in his ¹lair;
He ^blurks to catch ^cthe af-
flicted;
He catches the afflicted
when he draws him into
his ^dnet.
- 10 He ¹crouches, he ²bows
down,
And the ³unfortunate fall
⁴by his mighty ones.
- 11 He ^asays to himself, "God
has forgotten;
He has hidden His face; He
will never see it."
- 12 ¶ Arise, O LORD; O God,
^alift up Thy hand.
^bDo not forget the afflicted.
- 13 Why has the wicked
^aspurned God?
He has said to himself,
"Thou wilt not require
it."
- 14 Thou hast seen it, for Thou
hast beheld ^amischief
and vexation to ¹take it
into Thy hand.
The ^{2b}unfortunate commits
himself to Thee;
Thou hast been the ^chelper
of the orphan.

3 ¹Lit., are
strong
*Ps. 52:7 *Ps.
28:5
6 ¹Lit., To
*Ps. 49:11;
Ecc. 8:11
*Rev. 18:7
7 *Rom.
3:14 *Ps. 73:8
*Job 20:12;
Ps. 140:3
8 ¹Lit., lie
in wait *Or,
poor
*Ps. 11:2 *Ps.
94:6 *Ps.
72:12
9 ¹Or,
thicket
*Ps. 17:12
*Ps. 59:3,
Mic. 7:2 *Ps.
102:4 *Ps.
140:5
10 ¹Or, is
crushed *Or,
is bowed
down *Or,
poor *Or, into
his claws
11 *Ps. 10:4
12 *Ps. 17:7;
Mic. 5:9 *Ps.
9:12
13 *Ps. 10:3
14 ¹Lit., put,
give *Or, poor
*Ps. 10:7 *Ps.
22:11 *Ps.
68:5
15 ¹Or,
Mayest Thou
seek
*Ps. 37:17
*Ps. 140:11
16 *Ps.
29:10 *Deut.
8:20
17 ¹Or, af-
flicted
*Ps. 9:18
*1 Chr. 29:18
*Ps. 34:15
18 ¹Lit.,
judge
*Ps. 148:9
*Ps. 9:9;
74:21 *Is.
29:20
1 *Ps. 2:12
*Ps. 121:1
2 ¹Or,
fixed
*Ps. 7:12;
37:14 *Ps.
64:3 *Ps. 64:4
3 *Ps. 82:5;
87:1; 119:152
4 ¹Lit.,
LORD, His
throne
*Ps. 18:6;
Mic. 1:2; Hab.
2:20 *Ps.
103:19; Is.
66:1; Matt.
5:34; Rev. 4:2
*Ps. 33:18;
34:15, 16
8 *Gen.
22:1; Ps.
34:19; James
1:12 *Ps. 5:5

- 15 ^aBreak the arm of the
wicked and the evildoer;
^{1b}Seek out his wickedness;
until Thou dost find none.
- 16 ¶ The LORD is ^aKing for
ever and ever;
^bNations have perished
from His land.
- 17 O LORD, Thou hast heard
the ^adesire of the ¹hum-
ble;
Thou wilt ^bstrengthen their
heart, ^cThou wilt incline
Thine ear
- 18 To ¹vindicate the ^aorphan
and the ^boppressed,
That man who is of the earth
may cause ^cterror no
more.

PSALM 11

The LORD a Refuge and Defense.

For the choir director. A
Psalm of David.

- I**N the LORD I ^atake refuge;
How can you say to my soul
"Flee as a bird to your
^bmountain;
- 2 For, behold, the wicked
^abend the bow,
They ^{1b}make ready their ar-
row upon the string,
To ^cshoot in darkness at the
upright in heart.
- 3 If the ^afoundations are de-
stroyed,
What can the righteous
do?"
- 4 ¶ The LORD is in His ^aholy
temple; the ¹LORD's
^bthrone is in heaven;
His ^ceyes behold, His eye-
lids test the sons of men.
- 5 The LORD ^atests the right-
eous and ^bthe wicked,
And the one who loves vio-
lence His soul hates.
- 6 Upon the wicked He wil-
^arain ¹snare;

6 ¹Or, coals of fire *Ps. 18:13, 14

^bFire and brimstone and
^cburning wind will be the
 portion of ^dtheir cup.
 7 For the LORD is ^arighteous;
^bHe loves ¹righteous-
 ness;
 The upright will ^cbehold His
 face.

PSALM 12

*God, a Helper against the
 Treacherous.*

For the choir director; ^aupon
 an eight-stringed lyre.
 A Psalm of David.

HELP, LORD, for ^athe godly
 man ceases to be,
 For the faithful disappear
 from among the sons of
 men.

2 They ^aspeak ¹falsehood to
 one another;
 With ^bflattering ²lips and
 with a double heart they
 speak.

3 May the LORD cut off all flat-
 tering lips.
 The tongue that ^aspeaks
 great things;

4 Who ^ahave said, "With our
 tongue we will prevail;
 Our lips are ¹our own; who
 is lord over us?"

5 "Because of the ^adevastation
 of the afflicted, because
 of the groaning of the
 needy,

Now ^bI will arise," says the
 LORD; "I will ^cset him in
 the safety for which he
 longs."

6 ¹ The ^awords of the LORD
 are pure words;
 As silver ^btried in a furnace
 on the earth, refined
 seven times.

7 Thou, O LORD, wilt keep
 them;

Thou wilt ^apreserve him
 from this generation for-
 ever.

⁶ Gen.
 19:24.
 Ezek. 38:22.
^a Jer. 4:11, 12.
^c Ps. 75:8.

⁷ Or,
 righteous
 deeds.
^c Ps. 7:9, 11.
^c Ps. 33:3.
^c 5:7.
^c Ps. 10:11,
 17:15.

^a Or, ac-
 cording to a
 lower octave
 (Heb., Shema-
 nath).

¹ Or, 57:1.
 Mic. 7:2.

² Or,
 emptiness.
 L.L., lip.
^c Ps. 10:7, 41:6.
^c Ps. 28:3,
 55:21, Jer.
 9:8, Rom.
 16:18.

³ Or,
 7:8, Rev. 13:5.

⁴ L.L.,
 with us.
^c Ps. 73:8, 9.

⁵ Or, 2:2.
 10:18, 44:
 23, 10:4, Ps.
 34:6, 35:10.

⁶ Or, Sam.
 22:31, Ps.
 18:30, 19:8,
 10:119, 140:
 1, Prov. 30:5.

⁷ Or,
 37:28, 97:10.

⁸ Or,
 worthless.
^c Ps. 35:10, 11.
^c 44:24, Job.
 13:24, Ps.
 88:48.

¹ Or,
 44:24, Job.
 13:24, Ps.
 88:48.

² Or, 42:4.
^c Ps. 42:9.

³ Or, 5:1.
^c 1:1, Sam.
 14:28, Ezek.
 9:8, Job.
 33:30, Ps.
 10:28, Jer.
 51:38.

⁴ Or, 12:4.
^c Ps. 25:2,
 38:16.

⁵ Or, 32:8.
^c Ps. 2:14.

⁶ Or, 28:1,
 2:1, 116:7,
 112:17, 142:7.

¹ L.L., do
 not.
^c Ps. 10:4, 33:1.
^c Ps. 14:1-3,
 138:3, Rom.
 2:10-12.

8 The ^awicked strut about on
 every side.
 When ^bvileness is exalted
 among the sons of men.

PSALM 13

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

For the choir director. A
 Psalm of David.

HOW long, O LORD? Wilt
 Thou ^aforget me forever?
 How long ^bwilt Thou hide
 Thy face from me?

2 How long shall I ^atake coun-
 sel in my soul,
 Having ^bsorrow in my heart
 all the day?
 How long will my enemy be
 exalted over me?

3 ¹ Consider and answer
 me, O LORD, my God;

^bEnlighten my eyes, lest I
^csleep the sleep of death,

4 Lest my enemy ^asay, "I have
 overcome him,"
 Lest ^bmy adversaries re-
 joice when I am shaken.

5 ¹ But I have ^atrusted in Thy
 lovingkindness;
 My heart shall ^brejoice in
 Thy salvation.

6 I will ^asing to the LORD,
 Because He has ^bdealt
 bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director. A
 Psalm of David.

THE fool has ^asaid in his heart,
 "There is no God."

They are corrupt, they have
 committed abominable
¹deeds;

There is ^bno one who does
 good.

PSALMS 14-16

- 2 The LORD has ^alooked down from heaven upon the sons of men,
To see if there are any who ^bunderstand,
Who ^cseek after God.
- 3 They have all ^aturned aside; together they have become corrupt;
There is ^bno one who does good, not even one.
- 4 ¶ Do all the workers of wickedness ^anot know,
Who ^bbeat up my people as they eat bread,
And ^cdo not call upon the Lord?
- 5 There they are in great dread,
For God is with the ^arighteous generation.
- 6 You would put to shame the counsel of the afflicted,
But the LORD is his ^arefuge.
- 7 ¶ Oh, that ^athe salvation of Israel ^bwould come out of Zion!
When the LORD ²restores His captive people,
Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

PSALM 15

Description of a Citizen of Zion.

A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, who may ^aabide ^ain Thy tent?
Who may dwell on Thy ^bholy hill?
- 2 He who ^awalks with integrity, and works righteousness,
And ^bspeaks truth in his heart.
- 3 He ^adoes not slander ^bwith his tongue,
Nor ^bdoes evil to his neighbor,
Nor ^ctakes up a reproach against his friend;

2 ¹Or, act wisely
*Ps. 33:13, 14;
102:19 *Ps.
92:6 *1 Chr.
22:19
3 *Ps. 38:3
*Ps. 143:2
4 *Ps. 82:5
*Ps. 27:2; Jer.
10:25; Mic.
3:3 *Ps. 79:6;
Is. 64:7
5 *Ps.
73:15; 112:2
6 *Ps. 9:9;
40:17; 48:1;
142:5
7 ¹Lit.,
would be ²Or,
restores the
fortunes of
His people
*Ps. 53:6 *Ps.
85:1, 2
1 ¹Lit., so-
journing
*Ps. 27:5, 6;
61:4 *Ps. 24:3
2 *Ps. 24:4;
Is. 33:15
*Zech. 8:16;
Eph. 4:25
3 ¹Lit., ac-
cording to
*Ps. 50:20
*Ps. 28:3 *Ex.
23:1
4 ¹Lit., his
*Lit., he
*Acts 28:10
*Judg. 11:35
5 ¹I.e., to a
fellow Israel-
ite
*Ex. 22:25;
Lev. 25:36;
Deut. 23:20;
Ezek. 18:8
*Ex. 23:8;
Deut. 16:19
*2 Pet. 1:10
* Possibly,
Epigram-
matic Poem
or Atonement
Psalm
1 *Ps. 17:8
*Ps. 7:1
2 ¹Or, O
my soul, you
said ²Or, the
Lord
*Ps. 73:25
3 ¹Lit.,
holy ones;
i.e., the godly
*Lit., And the
majestic ones
... delight
*Ps. 101:6
*Ps. 119:63
4 ¹I.e., sor-
rows due to
idolatry ²Or,
hastened to
*Ps. 32:10
*Ps. 106:37;
38 *Ex. 23:13;
Josh. 23:7

- 4 In ^awhose eyes a reprobate
is despised,
But ²who ^ahonors those
who fear the LORD;
He ^bswears to his own hurt
and does not change;
- 5 He ^adoes not put out his
money ^bat interest,
Nor ^bdoes he take a bribe
against the innocent.
^cHe who does these things
will never be shaken.

PSALM 16

The LORD the Psalmist's Portion in Life and Deliverer in Death.

A ^aMikhtam of David.

- P**RESERVE me, O God, for ^bI
take refuge in Thee.
- 2 ¹I said to the LORD, "Thou
art ²my Lord;
I ^ahave no good beside
Thee."
- 3 As for the ^asaints who are
in the earth,
²They are the majestic ones;
^bin whom is all my de-
light.
- 4 The ^asorrows of those who
have ²bartered for an-
other god will be multi-
plied;
I shall not pour out their li-
bations of ^bblood,
Nor shall I ^ctake their
names upon my lips.
- 5 ¶ The LORD is the ^aportion
of my inheritance and my
^bcup;
Thou dost support my ^clot
- 6 The ^alines have fallen to me
in pleasant places;
Indeed, my heritage is
^bbeautiful to me.
- 7 ¶ I will bless the LORD who
has ^acounseled me;
Indeed, my ^bmind instructs
me in the night.

5 *Ps. 73:26; 119:57; 142:5; Lam. 3:24 *Ps. 23:5 *Ps.
125:3 mg.
6 *Ps. 78:56 *Jer. 3:19
7 ¹Lit., kidneys, figurative for inner man *Ps. 73:24
*Ps. 77:6

PSALM 18

The LORD Praised for Giving
Deliverance.

For the choir director. A Psalm
of David the servant of the
LORD, *who spoke to the LORD
the words of this song in the
day that the LORD delivered
him from the hand of all his
enemies and from the hand of
Saul. And he said,

“I LOVE Thee, O LORD, *my
strength.”

2 The LORD is *my ¹rock and
^bmy fortress and my ^cde-
liverer,

My God, my rock, in whom
I take refuge;

My ^dshield and the ^ehorn of
my salvation, my ^fstrong-
hold.

3 I call upon the LORD, who is
*worthy to be praised,
And I am ^bsaved from my
enemies.

4 ¶ The *cords of death en-
compassed me,
And the ^btorrents of ¹un-
godliness ²terrified me.

5 The *cords of ¹Sheol sur-
rounded me;
The snares of death con-
fronted me.

6 In my *distress I called upon
the LORD,
And cried to my God for
help;
He heard my voice ^bout of
His temple,
And my ^ccry for help before
Him came into His ears.

7 ¶ Then the *earth shook
and quaked;
And the ^bfoundations of the
mountains were trem-
bling
And were shaken, because
He was angry.

8 Smoke went up ¹out of His
nostrils,
And *fire from His mouth
devoured;
Coals were kindled by it.

* 2 Sam.
22:1-51
1 *Ps.
59:17
2 Or, ^ccrag
*Deut. 32:18;
1 Sam. 2:2;
Ps. 18:31, 46;
28:1, 31:3;
42:9; 71:3;
78:15 *Ps.
144:2 *Ps.
19:14 *Ps.
28:7, 33:20;
59:11, 84:9;
11; Prov. 30:5
*Ps. 75:10 *Ps.
59:9
3 *Ps. 48:1;
96:4; 145:3
*Ps. 34:6
4 Or, de-
struction;
Heb., ^bBelial
*Or, were as-
sailing or ter-
rifying
*Ps. 118:3
*Ps. 89:2;
124:3, 4
5 I.e., the
nether world
*Ps. 118:3
6 *Ps.
50:15; 120:1
*Ps. 3:4 *Ps.
34:15
7 *Judg.
5:4; Ps. 68:7;
8; Is. 13:13;
Hag. 2:6 *Ps.
114:4, 8
8 Or, in
His wrath
*Ps. 50:3
9 *Ps.
144:5 *Ps.
97:2
10 *Ps. 80:1;
99:1 *Ps.
104:3
11 Or, pa-
vilion
*Deut. 4:11
*Ps. 97:2
12 *Ps.
104:2 *Ps.
97:3; 140:10;
Hab. 3:4
13 *Ps. 29:3;
104:7
14 Lit.,
confused
*Ps. 144:8;
Hab. 3:11
15 Or, un-
covered
*Ps. 108:9
*Ps. 76:6 *Ps.
18:8
16 *Ps.
144:7 *Ps.
32:6
17 *Ps. 59:1
*Ps. 35:10;
142:6
18 *Ps.
59:16 *Ps.
16:8
19 *Ps. 4:1;
31:8; 118:5
*Ps. 37:23;
41:11

9 He *bowed the heaven
also, and came down
With thick ^bdarkness under
His feet.

10 And He rode upon a *cherub
and flew;
And He sped upon the
^bwings of the wind.

11 He made *darkness His hid-
ing place, ^bHis ¹canopy
around Him,

Darkness of waters, thick
clouds of the skies.

12 From the *brightness be-
fore Him passed His
thick clouds,

Hailstones and ^bcoals of
fire.

13 The LORD also *thundered
in the heavens,
And the Most High uttered
His voice,

Hailstones and coals of fire

14 And He *sent out His ar-
rows, and scattered
them,

And lightning flashes in
abundance, and ¹ruled
them.

15 Then the *channels of water
appeared,

And the foundations of the
world were ¹laid bare

At Thy ^brebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the ^cbreath of
Thy nostrils.

16 ¶ He *sent from on high, He
took me;

He drew me out of ^bman-
waters.

17 He *delivered me from my
strong enemy,
And from those who hate
me, for they were ^bto
mighty for me.

18 They confronted me in *the
day of my calamity,
But ^bthe LORD was my stay

19 He brought me forth also
into a *broad place;
He rescued me, because
^bHe delighted in me.

- 20 ¶ The LORD has ^arewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the ^bcleanness of my hands He has recompensed me.
- 21 For I have ^akept the ways of the LORD,
And have ^bnot wickedly departed from my God.
- 22 For all ^aHis ordinances were before me,
And I did not put away His ^bstatutes from me.
- 23 I was also ¹blameless with Him,
And I ^bkept myself from my iniquity.
- 24 Therefore the LORD has ^arecompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
- 25 ¶ With ^athe kind Thou dost show Thyself kind;
With the ¹blameless ^bThou dost show Thyself blameless;
- 26 With the pure Thou dost show Thyself ^apure;
And with the crooked ^bThou dost show Thyself ¹astute.
- 27 For Thou dost ^asave an afflicted people;
But ^bhaughty eyes Thou dost abase.
- 28 For Thou dost ^alight my lamp;
The LORD my God ^billuminates my darkness.
- 29 For by Thee I can ¹run upon a troop;
And by my God I can ^bleap over a wall.
- 30 ¶ As for God, His way is ¹blameless;
The ^bword of the LORD is tried;
He is a ^cshield to all who take refuge in Him.
- 31 For ^awho is God, but the LORD?

20 ^a1 Sam. 24:10; Job 33:26; Ps. 7:8
Job 22:30; Ps. 24:4
21 ^aPs. 37:34, 119:33; Prov. 8:32
22 ^aChr. 34:33; Ps. 119:102
23 ^aPs. 119:30
24 ^aPs. 119:83
25 ^aLat. complete, or, having integrity, or, perfect
26 ^aPs. 18:32
27 ^aPs. 19:12, 13, 25:11, 66:18
28 ^a1 Sam. 26:23; Ps. 18:20
29 ^aIV 23, note 1
30 ^a1 Kin. 8:32; Ps. 62:12; Matt. 5:7
31 ^aPs. 18:30
32 ^aLat. trusted
33 ^aJob 25:5; Hab. 1:13
34 ^aLev. 26:23, 24, 27, 28; Prov. 3:34
35 ^aPs. 77:12
36 ^aPs. 101:5; Prov. 6:17
37 ^a1 Kin. 15:4; Job 18:6; Ps. 132:17
38 ^aPs. 27:1
39 ^aOr, crush a troop
40 ^aPs. 118:10-12
41 ^aPs. 18:33, 40:2
42 ^aIV 23, note 1
43 ^aDeut. 32:4; Ps. 19:7, 145:17; Rev. 15:3
44 ^aPs. 17:7, 91:4
45 ^a1 Sam. 32:30; 1 Sam. 2:2; Ps. 68:5, 10; Is. 45:5
46 ^aDeut. 32:31; Ps. 18:2, 62:2
47 ^aOr, has made
48 ^aLat. complete, or, having integrity
49 ^aPs. 18:38; Is. 45:5
50 ^aPs. 18:23
51 ^aHab. 3:19
52 ^aDeut. 32:13
53 ^aPs. 144:1
54 ^aJob 29:20
55 ^aOr, confusion
56 ^aPs. 33:20
57 ^aPs. 63:8, 118:117
58 ^aPs. 138:6

- And who is a ^brock, except our God,
- 32 The God who ^agirds me with strength,
And ¹makes my way ²blameless?
- 33 He ^amakes my feet like hinds' feet,
And ^bsets me upon my high places.
- 34 He ^atrains my hands for battle,
So that my arms can ^bbend a bow of bronze.
- 35 Thou hast also given me ^athe shield of Thy salvation,
And Thy ^bbright hand upholds me;
And ^cThy ¹gentleness makes me great.
- 36 Thou dost ^aenlarge my steps under me,
And my ¹feet have not slipped.
- 37 ¶ I ^apursued my enemies and overtook them,
And I did not turn back ^buntil they were consumed.
- 38 I shattered them, so that they were ^anot able to rise;
They fell ^bunder my feet.
- 39 For Thou hast ^agirded me with strength for battle;
Thou hast ¹subdued under me those who rose up against me.
- 40 Thou hast also made my enemies ^aturn their backs to me,
And I ¹destroyed those who hated me.
- 41 They cried for help, but there was ^anone to save, Even to the LORD, but ^bHe did not answer them.
- 42 Then I beat them fine as the ^adust before the wind;

36 ^aLat. enables
37 ^aPs. 44:5
38 ^aPs. 38:12
39 ^aLat. caused to bow down
40 ^aOr, silenced
41 ^aPs. 50:22; Job 27:9; Prov. 1:28
42 ^aPs. 63:13

I emptied them out as the mire of the streets.

43 ¶ Thou hast delivered me from the ^acontentions of the people;

Thou hast placed me as ^bhead of the nations;

A ^cpeople whom I have not known serve me.

44 As soon as they hear, they obey me;

Foreigners ^{1a}submit to me.

45 Foreigners ^afade away, And ^bcome trembling out of their ¹fortresses.

46 ¶ The LORD ^alives, and blessed be ^bmy rock; And exalted be ^cthe God of my salvation,

47 The God who ^aexecutes vengeance for me, And ^bsubdues peoples under me.

48 He ^adelivers me from my enemies;

Surely Thou ^bdost lift me above those who rise up against me;

Thou dost rescue me from the ^cviolent man.

49 Therefore I will ^agive thanks to Thee among the nations, O LORD, And I will ^bsing praises to Thy name.

50 He gives great ^{1a}deliverance to His king, And shows lovingkindness to ^bHis anointed, To David and ^chis ²descendants forever.

PSALM 19

The Works and the Word of God.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

THE ^aheavens are telling of the glory of God; And their ^bexpanse is declaring the work of His hands.

43 ^a2 Sam. 3:1; 19:9; Ps. 33:1 ^b2 Sam. 8:1-18; Ps. 89:27 ^cIs. 55:5

44 ¹Lit., *deceive me*; i.e., give feigned obedience ^aPs. 68:3

45 ¹Lit., *fastnesses* ^aPs. 37:2 ^bMic. 7:17

46 ^aJob 19:25 ^bPs. 18:2 ^cPs. 51:14

47 ^aPs. 94:1 ^bPs. 18:43; 47:3; 144:2

48 ^aPs. 3:7 ^bPs. 27:6; 59:1 ^cPs. 11:5

49 ^aRom. 15:9 ^bPs. 108:1

50 ¹i.e., *victories*; lit., *salvations* ²Lit., *seed* ^aPs. 21:1; 144:10 ^bPs. 28:8 ^cPs. 89:4

1 ^aPs. 8:1; 50:6; Rom. 1:19, 20 ^bGen. 1:6, 7

2 ^aPs. 74:16 ^bPs. 139:12

4 ¹Another reading is *sound* ^aRom. 10:18 ^bPs. 104:2

6 ¹Lit., *the ends* ^aPs. 113:3; Eccl. 1:5

7 ¹i.e., *blameless* ^aPs. 111:7 ^bPs. 119:180 ^cPs. 23:3 ^dPs. 83:5 ^ePs. 119:98-100

8 ^aPs. 119:128 ^bPs. 119:14 ^cPs. 12:6 ^dPs. 36:9

9 ^aPs. 119:142 ^bPs. 119:136

10 ^aPs. 119:72, 127 ^bPs. 119:103

11 ^aPs. 17:4 ^bPs. 24:5, 6; Prov. 29:18

12 ^aPs. 40:12; 139:6 ^bPs. 51:1, 2 ^cPs. 90:8; 139:23, 24

2 Day to ^aday pours forth speech,

And ^bnight to night reveals knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words;

Their voice is not heard.

4 Their ^{1a}line has gone out through all the earth,

And their utterances to the end of the world.

In them He has ^bplaced a tent for the sun.

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;

It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

6 Its ^arising is from ¹one end of the heavens,

And its circuit to the ²other end of them;

And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

7 ¶ The law of the LORD is ^{1b}perfect, ^crestoring the soul;

The testimony of the LORD is ^dsure, making ^ewise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are ^aright, ^brejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the LORD is ^cpure, ^denlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the LORD are ^atrue; they are ^bbrighteous altogether.

10 They are more desirable than ^agold, yes, than much fine gold;

^bSweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them ^aThy servant is warned;

In keeping them there is great ^breward.

12 Who can ^adiscern his errors? ^bAcquit me of ^chidden faults.

13 Also keep back Thy servant
from presumptuous
sins;

Let them not ^brule over me;
Then I shall be ^{1c}blameless,
And I shall be acquitted of
^dgreat transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth
and ^athe meditation of
my heart

Be acceptable in Thy sight,
O LORD, ^bmy rock and my
^cRedeemer.

PSALM 20

Prayer for Victory over Enemies.

For the choir director.
A Psalm of David.

MAY the LORD answer you
in the day of trouble!
May the ^bname of the ^cGod
of Jacob set you ^asecurely
on high!

2 May He send you help ^afrom
the sanctuary,
And ^bsupport you from
Zion!

3 May He ^aremember all your
meal offerings,
And ^bfind your burnt offer-
ing ^{1a}acceptable! [²Selah.

4 ¶ May He grant you your
^aheart's desire,
And ^bfulfill all your ^{1c}coun-
sel!

5 ¹We will ^asing for joy over
your ²victory,
And in the name of our God
we will ^bset up our ban-
ners.
May the LORD ^cfulfill all
your petitions.

6 ¶ Now ¹I know that the
LORD saves His anointed;
He will ^banswer him from
His holy heaven,
With the ^{1c}saving strength
of His right hand.

7 Some ¹boast in chariots,
and some in ^ahorses;

18 ¹Lit.
complete
+Num. 15:20
+Ps. 119:133
+Ps. 18:32
+Ps. 25:11
14 +Ps.
104:34 +Ps.
18:2 +Ps. 31:5.
Is 47:4
1 +Ps.
50:15 +Ps.
91:14 +Ps.
46:7, 11
2 +Ps. 3:4
+Ps. 110:2
3 ¹Lit., fal
2Selah may
mean Pause,
Crescendo or
Musical in-
terlude
+Acts 10:4
+Ps. 51:19
4 ¹Or, pur-
pose
+Ps. 21:2 +Ps.
145:19
8 ¹Or, Let
us sing ²Or,
salvation
+Ps. 9:14 +Ps.
60:4 +1 Sam.
1:17
6 ¹Or,
mighty deeds
of the victory
of His right
hand
+Ps. 41:11 +Ps.
58:9 +Ps. 28:8
7 ¹Or,
praise chari-
ots, or, trust,
or, are strong
through ²Lit.,
make men-
tion of, or,
praise the
name
+Ps. 33:17
+2 Chr. 32:8
8 +Ps. 2:11,
17 +Ps. 37:24,
Mic. 7:8
9 ¹Or, O
LORD, save
the king, an-
swer us
+Ps. 3:7 +Ps.
17:6
1 ¹Or, vic-
tory
+Ps. 58:16, 17
2 ¹Selah
may mean
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Musical in-
terlude
+Ps. 20:4, 37:4
3 +Ps.
50:10 +2 Sam.
12:30
4 +Ps. 61:8,
133:3 +Ps.
91:16
8 ¹Or, vic-
tory
+Ps. 8:14, 20:5
+Ps. 8:5, 92:6
8 ¹Lit.,
blessings
+1 Chr. 17:27
+Ps. 43:4

But ^bwe ²will boast in the
name of the LORD, our
God.

8 They have ^abowed down
and fallen;
But we have ^brisen and
stood upright.

9 ^{1a}Save, O LORD;
May the ^bKing answer us in
the day we call.

PSALM 21

Praise for Deliverance.

For the choir director.
A Psalm of David.

O LORD, in Thy strength the
king will ^abe glad,
And in Thy ¹salvation how
greatly he will rejoice!

2 Thou hast ^agiven him his
heart's desire,
And Thou hast not withheld
the request of his
lips. [¹Selah.

3 For Thou ^adost meet him
with the blessings of
good things;
Thou dost set a ^bcrown of
fine gold on his head.

4 He asked life of Thee,
Thou ^adidst give it to him,
^bLength of days forever and
ever.

5 His ^aglory is great through
Thy ¹salvation,
^bSplendor and majesty
Thou dost place upon
him.

6 For Thou dost make him
¹most ^ablessed forever;
Thou dost make him joyful
^bwith gladness in Thy
presence.

7 ¶ For the king ^atrusts in the
LORD,
And through the loving-
kindness of the Most
High ^bhe will not be
shaken.

7 +Ps. 120:1 +Ps. 112:6

- 8 Your hand will ^afind out all your enemies;
Your right hand will find out those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them ^aas a fiery oven in the time ¹of your anger;
The LORD will ^bswallow them up in His wrath,
And ^cfire will devour them.
- 10 Their ¹offspring Thou wilt destroy from the earth,
And their ²descendants from among the sons of men.
- 11 Though they ¹intended evil against Thee,
And ^bdevised a plot,
They will not succeed.
- 12 For Thou wilt ^amake them turn their back;
Thou wilt ¹aim ^bwith Thy bowstrings at their faces.
- 13 Be Thou exalted, O LORD, in Thy strength;
We will ^asing and praise Thy power.

PSALM 22

A Cry of Anguish and a Song of Praise.

For the choir director; upon ^aAijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David.

- ^a**M**Y God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
¹Far from my deliverance are the words of my ²groaning.
- 2 O my God, I ^acry by day, but Thou dost not answer;
And by night, but ¹I have no rest.
- 3 Yet ^aThou art holy,
O Thou who ¹art enthroned upon ^bthe praises of Israel.
- 4 In Thee our fathers ^atrusted;
They trusted, and Thou didst ^bdeliver them.
- 5 To Thee they cried out, and were delivered;
^aIn Thee they trusted, and were not ¹disappointed.

8 ^aIs. 10:10
9 ¹Or, of your presence
^aMal. 4:1
^bLam. 2:2
^cPs. 50:3
10 ¹Lit., fruit
²Lit., seed
^aPs. 37:28
11 ¹Lit., stretched out
^aPs. 2:13 ^bPs. 10:2
12 ¹Lit., make ready
^aPs. 18:40
^bPs. 7:12, 13
13 ^aPs. 59:16, 81:1
¹Lit., the hind of the morning
1 ¹Or, Why art Thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?
²Lit., roaring
^aMatt. 27:46, Mark 15:34
^bPs. 10:1 ^cJob 3:24, Ps. 6:6, 32:3, 38:8
2 ¹Lit., there is no silence for me
^aPs. 42:3; 88:1
3 ¹Or, dost inhabit the prison
^aPs. 99:9
^bDeut. 10:21
^cPs. 148:14
4 ^aPs. 78:53 ^bPs. 107:6
5 ¹Or, ashamed
^aIs. 49:23
6 ^aJob 25:6; Is. 41:14
^bPs. 31:11 ^cIs. 49:7, 53:3
7 ¹Or, mock me
²Lit., make mouths at me
^aPs. 79:4; Is. 53:3; Luke 23:35 ^bMatt. 27:39; Mark 15:29
8 ¹Lit., Roll; another reading is He committed himself
^aPs. 91:14; Matt. 27:43
9 ^aPs. 71:5, 6
10 ¹Lit., a womb
^aIs. 46:3; 49:1
11 ¹Or, distress
^aPs. 71:12
^b2 Kin. 14:26; Ps. 72:12; Is. 63:5
12 ^aPs. 22:21, 68:30 ^bDeut. 32:14; Amos 4:1
13 ^aJob 16:10; Ps. 35:21; Lam. 2:16, 3:46 ^bPs. 10:9, 17:12
14 ¹Lit., my inward parts ^aJob 30:16 ^bPs. 31:10; Dan. 5:6 ^cJosh. 7:5; Job 23:16; Ps. 73:26; Nah. 2:10
15 ¹Lit., to ^aPs. 38:10 ^bJohn 19:28 ^cPs. 104:29

- 6 ¹But I am a ^aworm, and not a man,
A ^breproach of men, and ^cdespised by the people.
- 7 All who see me ¹snear at me;
They ²separate with the lip, they ^bwag the head, saying,
- 8 ¹Commit yourself to the LORD; ^alet Him deliver him;
Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."
- 9 ¹Yet Thou art He who ^adidst bring me forth from the womb;
Thou didst make me trust when upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 Upon Thee I was cast ^afrom ¹birth;
Thou hast been my God from my mother's womb.
- 11 ¹Be not far from me, for ¹trouble is near;
For there is ^bnone to help.
- 12 Many ^abulls have surrounded me;
Strong bulls of ^bBashan have encircled me.
- 13 They ^aopen wide their mouth at me,
As a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am ^apoured out like water,
And all my ^bbones are out of joint;
My ^cheart is like wax;
It is melted within ¹me.
- 15 My ^astrength is dried up like a potsherd,
And ^bmy tongue cleaves to my jaws;
And Thou dost ^cclay me to the dust of death.

- 16 For ^adogs have surrounded me;
¹A band of evildoers has encompassed me;
²They ^bpierced my hands and my feet.
- 17 I can count all my bones.
^aThey look, they stare at me;
- 18 They ^adivide my garments among them,
 And for my clothing they cast lots.
- 19 ¶ But Thou, O LORD, ^abe not far off;
 O Thou my help, ^bhasten to my assistance.
- 20 Deliver my ¹soul from ^athe sword,
 My ^bonly life from the ²power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the ^alion's mouth;
 And from the horns of the ^bwild oxen Thou dost ^canswer me.
- 22 ¶ I will ^atell of Thy name to my brethren;
 In the midst of the assembly I will praise Thee.
- 23 ^aYou who fear the LORD, praise Him;
 All you ¹descendants of Jacob, ^bglorify Him,
 And ^cstand in awe of Him, all you ¹descendants of Israel.
- 24 For He has ^anot despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
 Neither has He ^bhidden His face from him;
 But ^cwhen he cried to Him for help, He heard.
- 25 ¶ From Thee comes ^amy praise in the great assembly;
 I shall ^bpay my vows before those who fear Him.
- 26 The ¹afflicted shall eat and ^abe satisfied;

16 ¹Or, An assembly
²Another reading is Like a lion,
 my...
^aPs. 50:6, 7
^bMatt. 27:35;
 John 20:25
 17 ^aLuke 23:27, 35
 18 ^aMatt. 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:24
 19 ^aPs. 22:11 ^bPs. 70:5
 20 ¹Or, Life
²Lit., paw
^aPs. 37:14
^bPs. 35:17
 21 ^aPs. 22:13 ^bPs. 22:12 ^cPs. 34:4, 118:5, 120:1
 22 ^aPs. 40:10; Heb. 2:12
 23 ¹Lit., seed
^aPs. 135:19, 20 ^bPs. 66:12
^cPs. 33:8
 24 ^aPs. 69:33 ^bPs. 27:9; 69:17; 102:2 ^cPs. 31:22; Heb. 5:7
 25 ^aPs. 35:18, 40:9, 10 ^bPs. 61:8, Eccl. 5:4
 26 ¹Or, poor
^aPs. 107:9
^bPs. 40:16
^cPs. 69:32
 27 ¹Some versions read Him
^aPs. 2:8, 82:8
^bPs. 66:9
 28 ^aPs. 47:7, Obad. 21, Zech. 14:9, Matt. 8:13
^bPs. 47:8
 29 ¹Lit., full ones ²Or, did not
^aPs. 17:10, 45:12; Heb. 1:16 ^bPs. 28:1, 1a, 28:19 ^cPs. 89:48
 30 ¹Lit., A seed
^aPs. 102:28
^bPs. 102:18
 31 ^aPs. 40:9, 71:18 ^bPs. 78:6
 1 ¹Or, do
^aPs. 78:32, 80:1; 1a, 40:11; Jer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:11-13;
 John 10:11;
 1 Pet. 2:25
^bPs. 34:9, 10, Phil. 4:19

- Those who seek Him will ^bpraise the LORD.
 Let your ^cheart live forever!
- 27 All the ^aends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,
 And all the ^bfamilies of the nations will worship before ¹Thee.
- 28 For the ^akingdom is the LORD's,
 And He ^brules over the nations.
- 29 All the ¹aprosperous of the earth will eat and worship,
 All those who ^bgo down to the dust will bow before Him,
 Even he who ²cannot keep his soul alive.
- 30 ¹aPosterity will serve Him;
 It will be told of the Lord to ^bthe coming generation.
- 31 They will come and ^awill declare His righteousness
 To a people ^bwho will be born, that He has performed it.

PSALM 23

The LORD, the Psalmist's Shepherd.

A Psalm of David.

- THE LORD is my ^ashepherd,
 I ¹shall ^bnot want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in ^agreen pastures;
 He ^bleads me beside ¹cquiet waters.
- 3 He ^arestores my soul;
 He ^bguides me in the ¹cpaths of righteousness
 For His name's sake.
- 4 ¶ Even though I ^awalk through the ¹valley of the shadow of death,

3 ¹Lit., waters of rest ^aPs. 65:11-13; Ezek. 34:14 ^bRev. 7:17 ^cPs. 36:8, 46:4
 3 ¹Lit., tracks ^aPs. 19:7 ^bPs. 5:8, 31:3 ^cPs. 85:13, Prov. 4:11; 8:20
 4 ¹Or, valley of deep darkness ^aJob 10:21, 22, Ps. 107:14

I ^bfear no ²evil; for ^cThou art with me;

Thy ^drod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou dost ^aprepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Thou ^hast ^banointed my head with oil;

My ^ccup overflows.

6 ¹Surely ^agoodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will ^{2b}dwell in the house of the LORD ³for ever.

PSALM 24

The King of Glory Entering Zion.

A Psalm of David.

THE ^aearth is the LORD's, and ¹all it contains,

The ^bworld, and those who dwell in it.

2 For He has ^afounded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the rivers.

3 Who may ^aascend into the ^bhill of the LORD?
And who may stand in His holy ^cplace?

4 He who has ^aclean hands and a ^bpure heart,
Who has not ^clifted up his soul ¹to falsehood,
And has not ^dsworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive a ^ablessing from the LORD
And ^{1b}brighteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 ¹This is the generation of those who ^aseek Him,
Who seek Thy face—even Jacob. ^[2Selah.]

7 ¹Lift up your heads, O gates,
And be lifted up, O ¹ancient doors,

4 ²Or, harm
^bPs. 3:6; 27:1
^cPs. 18:8; Is. 43:2 ^dMic. 7:14

5 ¹Or, dost
ancient
^aPs. 78:19
^bPs. 92:10;
Luke 7:46
^cPs. 18:5

6 ¹Or, Only
Another
reading is return to ²Lit., for length of days

^aPs. 25:7, 10
^bPs. 27:4-6
¹Lit., its
fulness
^a1 Cor. 10:26
^bPs. 89:11

2 ^aPs. 104:3, 5;
138:6
3 ^aPs. 15:1
^bPs. 2:6 ^cPs. 65:4

4 ¹Or, in
vain
^aJob 17:9; Ps. 22:30; 28:6
^bPs. 51:10;
73:1; Matt. 5:8 ^cEzek. 18:15 ^dPs. 15:4

5 ¹Lit., as
vindicated
^aPs. 115:13
^bPs. 38:10
6 ¹Or,

Such ²Selah
may mean:
Pause, Crescendo or
Musical interlude

^aPs. 27:4, 8
7 ¹Lit.,
everlasting
^aPs. 118:20;
Is. 26:2 ^bPs. 29:2, 9; 97:8;
Acts 7:2;

1 Cor. 2:8
8 ^aDeut. 4:34; Ps. 96:7
^bEx. 15:3, 6;
Ps. 76:3-6

9 ¹Lit.,
everlasting
^aPs. 26:8;
57:11

10 ^aGen. 32:2; Josh. 5:14; 2 Sam. 5:10; Neh. 9:6
1 ^aPs. 86:4;
143:8

2 ^aPs. 31:1
^bPs. 25:20;
31:1 ^cPs. 13:4;
41:11

3 ¹Or, Let
those ... be
ashamed
^aPs. 37:9;
40:1; Is. 49:23
^bPs. 119:156;
Is. 21:2; Hab. 1:13

That the King of ^bglory may come in!

8 Who is the King of glory?
The LORD ^astrong and mighty,

The LORD ^bmighty in battle

9 Lift up your heads, O gates,
And lift *them* up, O ¹ancient doors,

That the King of ^aglory may come in!

10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of ^ahosts,
He is the King of glory ^[Selah]

PSALM 25

Prayer for Protection, Guidance and Pardon.

A Psalm of David.

TO Thee, O LORD, I ^alift up my soul.

2 O my God, in Thee ^aI trust
Do not let me ^bbe ashamed
Do not let my ^cenemies exult over me.

3 Indeed, ^anone of those who wait for Thee will be ashamed;

¹Those who ^bdeal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

4 ¹Make me know Thy ways, O LORD;
Teach me Thy paths.

5 Lead me in ^aThy truth and teach me,
For Thou art the ^bGod of my salvation;

For Thee I ^cwait all the day

6 ^aRemember, O LORD, Thy compassion and Thy lovingkindnesses,

For they have been ^{1b}from of old.

7 Do not remember the ^asins of my youth or my transgressions;

4 ^aEx. 33:13; Ps. 27:11, 86:11

5 ^aPs. 25:10; 43:3 ^bPs. 79:9 ^cPs. 40:1

6 ¹Or, everlasting ^aPs. 98:3 ^bPs. 103:17

7 ^aJob 13:26; 20:11

^bAccording to Thy loving-kindness remember Thou me,
For Thy ^c'goodness' sake, O LORD.

8 ¶ ^aGood and ^bupright is the LORD;
Therefore He ^cinstructs sinners in the way.

9 He ^aleads the ^bhumble in justice,
And He ^bteaches the ^bhumble His way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are ^alovingkindness and truth

To ^bthose who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

11 For ^aThy name's sake, O LORD,

^bPardon my iniquity, for it is great.

12 ¶ Who is the man who ^afears the LORD?

He will ^binstruct him in the way he should choose.

13 His soul will ^aabide in ^bprosperity,

And his ²descendants will ^binherit the ³land.

14 The ¹secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him,

²And He will ^bmake them know His covenant.

15 My ^aeyes are continually toward the LORD,

For He will ^bpluck my feet out of the net.

16 ¶ ^aTurn to me and be gracious to me,

For I am ^blonely and afflicted.

17 ¹The ^atroubles of my heart are enlarged;

Bring me ^bout of my distresses.

18 ^aLook upon my affliction and my ^btrouble,

And ^bforgive all my sins.

19 Look upon my enemies, for they ^aare many;

7 ^aPs. 51:1

^aPs. 31:19

8 ^aPs. 88:5

^aPs. 92:15

^aPs. 22:5

9 ^aOr, af-

flicted

^aPs. 23:3 ^aPs.

27:11

10 ^aPs.

40:11 ^aPs.

103:18

11 ^aPs. 31:3,

79:9 ^aEx. 34:9

12 ^aPs.

31:19 ^aPs.

25:8, 37:23

13 ^aLt.,

good ^aLt.,

seed ^aOr,

earth

^aProv. 1:33,

Jer. 23:6 ^aPs.

37:11, 88:36,

Matt. 5:5

14 ^aOr,

counsel or in-

timary ^aOr,

And His cov-

enant, to

make them

know it.

^aProv. 3:32,

John 7:17

^aGen. 17:1, 2

15 ^aLt.,

bring out

^aPs. 123:2,

141:8 ^aPs.

31:4, 124:7

16 ^aPs.

88:16 ^aPs.

143:4

17 ^aSome

commenta-

tors read Re-

lieve the

troubles of

my heart

^aPs. 60:12

^aPs. 107:6

18 ^aLt., soul

^a2 Sam.

16:12, ^aPs.

31:7 ^aPs.

103:3

19 ^aPs. 3:1

^aPs. 9:13

20 ^aPs. 88:2

^aPs. 25:2

21 ^aPs.

41:12 ^aPs.

25:3

22 ^aPs.

130:8

1 ^aLt.,

Judge ^aLt., I

do not slide

^aPs. 7:8

^a2 Kin. 20:3,

Prov. 20:7

^aPs. 13:5, 28:7

^aHab. 10:23

2 ^aLt., bad-

ness, figure-

trative for inner

man

^aPs. 17:3,

138:23 ^aPs.

7:9

And they ^bhate me with violent hatred.

20 ^aGuard my soul and deliver me;

Do not let me ^bbe ashamed, for I take refuge in Thee.

21 Let ^aintegrity and uprightness preserve me,

For ^bI wait for Thee.

22 ^aRedeem Israel, O God, Out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26

Protestation of Integrity and Prayer for Protection.

A Psalm of David.

1a **V**INDICATE me, O LORD, for I have ^bwalked in my integrity;

And I have ^ctrusted in the LORD ^{2d}without wavering.

2 ^aExamine me, O LORD, and try me;

^bTest my ¹mind and my heart.

3 For Thy ^alovingkindness is before my eyes,

And I have ^bwalked in Thy ¹truth.

4 I do not ^asit with ¹deceitful men,

Nor will I go with ^{2b}pretenders.

5 I ^ahate the assembly of evil-doers,

And I will not sit with the wicked.

6 I shall ^awash my hands in innocence,

And I will go about ^bThine altar, O LORD,

7 That I may proclaim with the voice of ^athanksgiving.

And declare all Thy ¹wonders.

3 ^aOr, faithfulness ^aPs. 48:9 ^a2 Kin. 20:3, ^aPs. 88:11

4 ^aOr, worthless man, lit., man of falsehood ^aOr, dissemblers, hypocrites ^aPs. 1:1 ^aPs. 28:3

5 ^aPs. 31:6, 138:21

6 ^aPs. 73:13 ^aPs. 43:3, 4

7 ^aOr, miracles ^aPs. 8:1

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- 8 ¶ O LORD, I ^alove the habitation of Thy house,
And the place ^lwhere Thy ^bglory dwells.
- 9 ^aDo not ^ltake my soul away along with sinners,
Nor my life with ^bmen of bloodshed,
- 10 In whose hands is a ^awicked scheme,
And whose right hand is full of ^bbribes.
- 11 But as for me, I shall ^awalk in my integrity;
^bRedeem me, and be gracious to me.
- 12 ^aMy foot stands on a ^blevel place;
In the ^ccongregations I shall bless the LORD.

PSALM 27

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.

A Psalm of David.

- T**HE LORD is my ^alight and my ^bsalvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the ^ldefense of my life;
^dWhom shall I dread?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to ^adevour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they ^bstumbled and fell.
- 3 Though a ^ahost encamp against me,
My heart will not fear;
Though war arise against me,
In ^cspite of this I ^lshall be ^bconfident.
- 4 ¶ ^aOne thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:
That I may ^bdwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold ^cthe ^lbeauty of the LORD,
And to ^{2d}meditate in His temple.

8 ^lLit., of the tabernacle of Thy glory
^aPs. 27:4 ^bPs. 24:7

9 ^lLit., gather
^aPs. 28:3 ^bPs. 139:19

10 ^aPs. 37:7
^bPs. 15:5

11 ^aPs. 28:1
^bPs. 44:26, 69:18

12 ^aPs. 40:2
^bPs. 27:11
^cPs. 22:22

1 ^lOr, refuge
^aPs. 18:28, Is. 60:20; Mic. 7:8 ^bEx. 15:2; Ps. 62:7; 118:14; Is. 33:2; Jon. 2:9

^cPs. 28:8 ^dPs. 118:6

2 ^aPs. 14:4
^bPs. 9:3

3 ^lLit., am confident
^aPs. 3:6 ^bJob 4:6

4 ^lLit., delightfulness
²Lit., inquire
^aPs. 26:8 ^bPs. 23:6 ^cPs. 90:17 ^dPs. 18:6

5 ^lOr, shelter
^aPs. 50:15
^bPs. 31:20
^cPs. 17:8 ^dPs. 40:2

6 ^lLit., of shouts
^aPs. 3:3 ^bPs. 107:22 ^cPs. 13:6

7 ^aPs. 4:3; 61:1 ^bPs. 13:3

8 ^aPs. 105:4; Amos 5:6 ^bPs. 34:4

9 ^aPs. 69:17 ^bPs. 6:1
^cPs. 40:17
^dPs. 94:14
^ePs. 37:28

10 ^lOr, If my father forsake me, Then the LORD

^aIs. 49:15 ^bIs. 40:11

11 ^lOr, those who lie in wait for me
^aPs. 25:4; 86:11 ^bPs. 5:8; 28:12

12 ^lLit., soul
^aPs. 41:2
^bDeut. 19:18; Ps. 35:11; Matt. 26:60

^cActs 9:1

- 5 For in the ^aday of trouble He will ^bconceal me in His ^ltabernacle;

In the secret place of His tent He will ^chide me;

He will ^dlift me up on a rock

- 6 And now ^amy head will be lifted up above my enemies around me;

And I will offer in His tent ^bsacrifices ^lwith shout of joy;

I will ^csing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

- 7 ¶ ^aHear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,

And be gracious to me and ^banswer me.

- 8 When Thou didst say, "^aSeek My face," my heart said to Thee,

"Thy face, O LORD, ^bI shall seek."

- 9 ^aDo not hide Thy face from me,

Do not turn Thy servant away in ^banger;

Thou hast been ^cmy help;

^dDo not abandon me now; ^eforsake me,

O God of my salvation!

- 10 ^lFor my father and ^amy mother have forsaken me,

But ^bthe LORD will take me up.

- 11 ¶ ^aTeach me Thy way, O LORD,

And lead me in a ^blevel path

Because of ^lmy foes.

- 12 Do not deliver me over to the ^ldesire of my adversaries;

For ^bfalse witnesses have risen against me,

And such as ^cbreathe out violence.

- 13 ^lI would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the ^agoodness of the LORD

In the ^bland of the living.

13 ^lOr, Surely I believed ^aPs. 31:19 ^bJob 28:13; Ps. 52:5; 118:9; 142:5; Is. 38:11; Jer. 11:19; Ezek. 28:20

- 14 ^aWait for the LORD;
Be ^bstrong, and let your
heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the LORD.

PSALM 28

*A Prayer for Help, and Praise for
Its Answer.*

A Psalm of David.

- T**O Thee, O LORD, I call;
My ^arock, do not be deaf to
me,
Lest, if Thou ^bbe silent to
me,
I become like those who ^cgo
down to the pit.
- 2 Hear the ^avoice of my sup-
plications when I cry to
Thee for help,
When I ^blift up my hands
^ctoward ^dThy holy ^esanc-
tuary.
- 3 ^aDo not drag me away with
the wicked
And with those who work
iniquity;
Who ^bspeak peace with
their neighbors,
While evil is in their hearts.
- 4 Requite them ^aaccording to
their work and according
to the evil of their prac-
tices;
Requite them according to
the deeds of their hands;
Repay them their ^brecom-
pense.
- 5 Because they ^ado not regard
the works of the LORD
Nor the deeds of His hands,
He will tear them down and
not build them up.
- 6 ^aBlessed be the LORD,
Because He ^ahas heard the
voice of my supplication.
- 7 The LORD is my ^astrength
and my ^bshield;
My heart ^ctrusts in Him, and
I am helped;
Therefore ^dmy heart exults,

14 ^aPs. 25:3,
37:34, 40:1;
62:5, 130:5;
Prov. 20:22;
Is. 25:9 ^aPs.
31:24

1 ^aPs. 18:2
^aPs. 35:22,
39:12, 83:1
^aPs. 88:4;
143:7, Prov.
1:12

2 ^aLit., the
innermost
place of Thy
sanctuary
^aPs. 140:6
^aPs. 134:2,
141:2, Lam.
2:19, 1 Tim.
2:8 ^aPs. 5:7,
138:2 ^a1 Kin.
6:5

3 ^aPs. 26:9
^aPs. 12:2,
55:21, 62:4,
Jer. 9:8

4 ^aOr,
dealings
^aPs. 62:12,
2 Tim. 4:14,
Rev. 18:6,
22:12

5 ^aIs. 5:12
6 ^aPs. 28:2
7 ^aPs. 18:2,
59:17 ^aPs. 33
^aPs. 13:5,
112:7 ^aPs.
18:9 ^aPs. 40:3,
69:30

8 ^aA few
mas. and an-
cient versions
read the
strength of
His people
^aOr, refuge of
salvation
^aPs. 20:6,
89:17 ^aPs.
27:1, 140:7

9 ^aPs.
106:47 ^aDeut.
9:29, 32:9,
1 Kin. 8:51,
Ps. 33:12,
106:40 ^aPs.
80:1 ^aDeut.
1:31, Is.
40:11, 48:3,
63:9

1 ^aOr, sons
of gods
^a1 Chr. 16:26,
29, Ps. 96:7-9

2 ^aLit., of
His name
^aOr, the ma-
jesty of hol-
iness
^a2 Chr. 20:21,
Ps. 110:3

3 ^aOr,
great
^aPs. 104:7
^aJob 37:4, 5,
Ps. 18:13 ^aPs.
18:16, 107:23
4 ^aPs.
68:33

5 ^aJudg.
9:15, 1 Kin.
5:6, Ps.
104:16, Is.
2:13, 14:8

And with ^amy song I shall
thank Him.

- 8 The LORD is ^btheir ^astrength,
And He is a ^bsaving de-
fense to His anointed.
- 9 ^aSave Thy people, and bless
^bThine inheritance;
Be their ^cshepherd also, and
^dcarry them forever.

PSALM 29

The Voice of the LORD in the Storm.

A Psalm of David.

- A**SCRIBE to the LORD, O ^bsons
of the mighty,
Ascribe to the LORD glory
and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glo-
ry ^bdue to His name;
Worship the LORD ^ain ^bholy
array.
- 3 ^aThe ^avoice of the LORD is
upon the waters;
The God of glory ^bthunders,
The LORD is over ^bmany
waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is
^apowerful,
The voice of the LORD is ma-
jestic.
- 5 The voice of the LORD
breaks the cedars;
Yes, the LORD breaks in
pieces ^athe cedars of
Lebanon.
- 6 And He makes Lebanon
^askip like a calf,
And ^bSirion like a young
wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD hews
out ^bflames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD
^bshakes the wilderness;
The LORD shakes the wil-
derness of ^aKadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD
makes ^athe deer to calve,

6 ^aPs. 114:4, 6 ^aDeut. 3:9

7 ^aLit., lightning

8 ^aOr, counsel to what ^aNum. 13:26

9 ^aJob 38:1

And strips the forests bare,
And ^bin His temple every-
thing says, "Glory!"

10 ¶ The LORD sat as King at
the ^aflood;

Yes, the LORD sits as ^bKing
forever.

11 ¹The LORD will give
^astrength to His people;

²The LORD will bless His
people with ^bpeace.

PSALM 30

*Thanksgiving for Deliverance from
Death.*

A Psalm; a Song at the
Dedication of the House.
A Psalm of David.

I WILL ^aextol Thee, O LORD, for
Thou hast ^blifted me up.
And hast not let my ^cene-
mies rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God,
I ^acried to Thee for help, and
Thou didst ^bheal me.

3 O LORD, Thou hast ^abrought
up my soul from ¹Sheol;
Thou hast kept me alive,
²that I should not ^bgo
down to the pit.

4 ^aSing praise to the LORD,
you ^bHis godly ones,
And ^cgive thanks to His
holy ¹dname.

5 For ^aHis anger is but for a
moment,
His ^bfavor is for a lifetime;
Weeping may ^clast for the
night,
But a shout of joy comes in
the morning.

6 ¶ Now as for me, I said in
my prosperity,
"I will ^anever be moved."

7 O LORD, by Thy favor Thou
hast made my mountain
to stand strong;
Thou didst ^ahide Thy face, I
was dismayed.

9 ^bPs. 26:8

10 ^aGen.

6:17 ^bPs.

10:16

11 ¹Or, May

the LORD give

²Or, May the

LORD bless

^aPs. 28:8;

68:33; Is.

40:29 ^bPs.

37:11, 72:3

1 ^aPs.

118:28; 145:1

^bPs. 3:3 ^cPs.

25:2, 35:19,

24

2 ^aPs.

88:13 ^bPs.

6:2, 103:3; Is.

53:5

3 ¹I.e., the

nether world

²Some mas.

read from

among those

who go down

^aPs. 88:13

^bPs. 28:1

4 ¹Lit., me-

morial

^aPs. 149:1

^bPs. 50:5 ^cPs.

97:12 ^dEx.

3:15; Ps.

135:13; Hos.

12:5

5 ^aPs.

103:9; Is.

26:20; 54:7, 8

^bPs. 118:1

^cPs. 126:5;

2 Cor. 4:17

6 ^aPs. 10:6;

62:2, 6

7 ^aDeut.

31:17; Ps.

104:29; 143:7

8 ^aPs. 28:1

^bPs. 6:5

10 ^aPs. 4:1;

27:7 ^bPs.

27:9; 54:4

11 ^aEcc.

3:4; Jer. 31:4,

13 ^bIsa. 20:2

^cPs. 4:7

12 ¹Lit., glo-

ry

^aPs. 16:9;

57:8; 108:1

^bPs. 44:8

1 ^aPs. 31:1-

3; 71:1-3 ^bPs.

25:2 ^cPs.

143:1

2 ¹Or, ref-

uge, protec-

tion

^aPs. 17:8;

71:2; 88:1;

102:2 ^bPs.

18:2; 71:3

3 ¹Or, crag

^aPs. 18:2 ^bPs.

23:3; 25:11

4 ^aPs.

25:15 ^bPs.

46:1

8 To Thee, O LORD, I called
And to the LORD I made sup-
plication:

9 "What profit is there in my
blood, if I ^ago down to the
pit?

Will the ^bdust praise Thee?
Will it declare Thy faith-
fulness?

10 ¶ "Hear, O LORD, and be
gracious to me;

O LORD, be Thou my ^bhelp-
er."

11 Thou hast turned for me
^amy mourning into danc-
ing;

Thou hast ^bbloosed my sack-
cloth and girded me with
^cgladness;

12 That my ¹soul may sing
praise to Thee, and not be
silent.

O LORD my God, I will ^bgive
thanks to Thee forever.

PSALM 31

*A Psalm of Complaint and of
Praise.*

For the choir director. A
Psalm of David.

IN Thee, O LORD, I have taken
refuge;

Let me never ^bbe ashamed;
^cIn Thy righteousness de-
liver me.

2 ^aIncline Thine ear to me,
rescue me quickly;

Be Thou to me a ^brock of
¹strength,

A stronghold to save me.

3 For Thou art my ¹rock and
^amy fortress;

For ^bThy name's sake Thou
wilt lead me and guide
me.

4 Thou wilt ^apull me out of the
net which they have se-
cretly laid for me;

For Thou art my ^bstrength.

- 5 ^aInto Thy hand I commit my spirit;
Thou hast ^bransomed me, O LORD, ^cGod of ^dtruth.
- 6 ¶ I hate those who ^aregard ^bvain idols;
But I ^btrust in the LORD.
- 7 I will ^arejoice and be glad in Thy lovingkindness,
Because Thou hast ^bseen my affliction;
Thou hast known the troubles of my soul,
- 8 And Thou hast not ^agiven me over into the hand of the enemy;
Thou hast set my feet in a large place.
- 9 ¶ Be gracious to me, O LORD, for ^aI am in distress;
My ^beye is wasted away from grief, ^cmy soul and my body ^also.
- 10 For my life is spent with ^asorrow,
And my years with sighing;
My ^bstrength has failed because of my iniquity,
And ^cmy ^bbody has wasted away.
- 11 Because of all my adversaries, I have become a ^areproach,
Especially to my ^bneighbors,
And an object of dread to my acquaintances;
Those who see me in the street flee from me.
- 12 I am ^aforgotten as a dead man, out of mind,
I am like a broken vessel.
- 13 For I have heard the ^aslander of many,
^bTerror is on every side;
While they ^ctook counsel together against me,
They ^dschemed to take away my life.

⁵ Or, faithfulness
^a Luke 23:46;
Acts 7:59 ^bPs.
55:18, 71:23
^c Deut. 32:4;
Ps. 71:22
⁶ Lit., empty vanities
^a Jon. 2:8 ^bPs.
52:8
⁷ ^aPs.
90:14 ^bPs.
10:14
⁸ ^a Deut.
32:30; Ps.
37:33
⁹ ^aPs.
65:14, 69:17
^bPs. 67 ^cPs.
63:1
¹⁰ Or, bones, substance
^aPs. 132 ^bPs.
39:11 ^cPs.
32:3, 38:3,
102:3
¹¹ ^aPs.
69:19 ^bJob
19:13; Ps.
38:11, 88:8,
18
¹² ^aPs. 88:5
¹³ Lit.,
whispering
^aPs. 50:20;
Jer. 20:10
^b Lam. 2:22
^cPs. 62:4,
Matt. 27:1
^dPs. 41:7
¹⁴ ^aPs.
140:6
¹⁵ ^aJob
14:5, 24:1
^bPs. 143:9
¹⁶ ^aNum.
6:25; Ps. 4:6,
80:3 ^bPs. 6:4
¹⁷ I.e., the
nether world
^aPs. 25:2, 20
^bPs. 25:3
¹⁸ ^a1 Sam. 2:8;
Ps. 94:17,
115:17
¹⁹ ^aPs.
109:2, 120:2
^b1 Sam. 2:3;
Ps. 94:4; Jude
15
²⁰ ^aPs. 65:4,
145:7; 1a.
64:4; Rom.
2:4, 11:22
^bPs. 5:11 ^cPs.
23:5
²¹ Or, po-
sition
^aPs. 27:5 ^bPs.
37:12 ^cJob
5:21; Ps.
31:13
²² ^aPs. 28:6
^bPs. 17:7
^c1 Sam. 23:7;
Ps. 87:5
²³ ^aPs.
118:11 ^bPs.
88:5; 1a.
38:11, 12;
Lam. 3:54
^cPs. 18:6;
88:19; 145:19

- 14 ¶ But as for me, I trust in Thee, O LORD.
I say, "^aThou art my God."
- 15 My ^atimes are in Thy hand;
^bDeliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make Thy ^aface to shine upon Thy servant;
^bSave me in Thy loving-kindness.
- 17 Let me not be ^aput to shame, O LORD, for I call upon Thee;
Let the ^bwicked be put to shame, let them ^cbe silent in ^dSheol.
- 18 Let the ^alying lips be dumb,
Which ^bspeak arrogantly against the righteous
With pride and contempt.
- 19 ¶ How great is Thy ^agoodness,
Which Thou hast stored up for those who fear Thee,
Which Thou hast wrought for those who ^btake refuge in Thee,
^cBefore the sons of men!
- 20 Thou dost hide them in the ^asecret place of Thy presence from the ^bconspiracies of man;
Thou dost keep them secretly in a ^dshelter from the ^cstrife of tongues.
- 21 ^aBlessed be the LORD,
For He has made ^bmarvelous His lovingkindness to me in a besieged ^ccity.
- 22 As for me, ^aI said in my alarm,
"^bI am ^ccut off from before Thine eyes";
Nevertheless Thou didst ^chear the voice of my supplications
When I cried to Thee.
- 23 ¶ O love the LORD, all you ^aHis godly ones!

23 ^aPs. 30:4; 37:28; 50:5

PSALMS 31-33

The LORD ^bpreserves the faithful,
And fully ^crecompenses the proud doer.

- 24 ^aBe strong, and let your heart take courage,
All you who ¹hope in the LORD.

PSALM 32

Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God.

A Psalm of David. A ^aMaskil.

HOW blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered!

- 2 How blessed is the man to whom the LORD ^adoes not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is ^bno deceit!

- 3 ^a When ^aI kept silent about my sin, ^bmy ¹body wasted away

Through my ^{2c}groaning all day long.

- 4 For day and night ^aThy hand was heavy upon me;

My ^{1b}vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. [²Selah.

- 5 I ^aacknowledged my sin to Thee,

And my iniquity I ^bdid not hide;

I said, "^cI will confess my transgressions to the LORD";

And Thou ^ddidst forgive the ¹guilt of my sin. [²Selah.

- 6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to Thee ^{1a}in a time when Thou mayest be found;

Surely ^bin a flood of great waters they shall not reach him.

23 ^aPs. 145:20; Rev. 2:10; ^cDeut. 32:41; Ps. 94:2
24 ¹Or, wait for
^aPs. 27:14
^bPossibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm
1 ^aPs. 85:2; 103:3; Rom. 4:7, 8
2 ^a2 Cor. 5:19; ^bJohn 1:47
3 ¹Or, bones, substance ²Lit., morning
^aPs. 39:2, 3
^bPs. 31:10
^cPs. 38:8
4 ¹Lit., life juices were turned into the drought of summer
²Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^a1 Sam. 5:6; Job 23:2; 33:7; Ps. 38:2; 39:10; ^bPs. 22:15
5 ¹Or, iniquity
^aLev. 26:40; Job 31:33
^bPs. 38:18; Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9
^cPs. 103:12
6 ¹Lit., in a time of finding out
^aPs. 69:13; Is. 55:6; ^bPs. 46:1-3; 69:1; 124:5; 144:7; Is. 43:2
7 ¹Or, shouts
^aPs. 9:9; 31:20; 91:1; 119:114; ^bPs. 121:7; ^cEx. 15:1; Judg. 5:1; Ps. 40:3
8 ^aPs. 25:8
^bPs. 33:18
9 ^aProv. 26:3
10 ^aPs. 16:4; Prov. 13:21; Rom. 2:9; ^bPs. 5:11, 12; Prov. 16:20
11 ^aPs. 64:10; 68:3; 97:12; ^bPs. 7:10; 64:10
1 ^aPs. 32:11; Phil. 3:1; 4:4; ^bPs. 92:1; 147:1
2 ^aPs. 71:22; 147:7
^bPs. 144:9

- 7 Thou art ^amy hiding place
Thou ^bdost preserve me from trouble;
Thou dost surround me with ^{1c}songs of deliverance. [²Selah.

- 8 ^a I will ^ainstruct you and teach you in the way which you should go;
I will counsel you ^bwith My eye upon you.

- 9 Do not be ^aas the horse or as the mule which have no understanding,

Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check,

Otherwise they will not come near to you.

- 10 Many are the ^asorrows of the wicked;

But ^bhe who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.

- 11 Be ^aglad in the LORD and rejoice you righteous ones,
And shout for joy all you who are ^bupright in heart.

PSALM 33

Praise to the Creator and Preserver.

SING for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones;

Praise is ^bbecoming to the upright.

- 2 Give thanks to the LORD with the ^alyre;

Sing praises to Him with a ^bharp of ten strings.

- 3 Sing to Him a ^anew song; Play skillfully with ^ba shout of joy.

- 4 For the word of the LORD ^ais upright;

And all His work is done ^bin faithfulness.

- 5 He ^aloves righteousness and justice;

3 ^aPs. 40:3; 98:1; 144:9; Is. 42:10; Rev. 5:9; ^bPs. 98:4
4 ^aPs. 19:8; ^bPs. 119:90
5 ^aPs. 11:7; 37:28

The ^bearth is full of the
lovingkindness of the
LORD.

6 ¶ By the ^aword of the LORD
the heavens were made,
And ^bby the breath of His
mouth ^call their host.

7 He gathers the ^awaters of
the sea together ¹as a
heap;

He lays up the deeps in
storehouses.

8 Let ^aall the earth fear the
LORD;

Let all the inhabitants of the
world ^bstand in awe of
Him.

9 For ^aHe spoke, and it was
done;

He commanded, and it
¹stood fast.

10 The LORD ^anullifies the
counsel of the nations;

He frustrates the plans of
the peoples.

11 The ^acounsel of the LORD
stands forever,

The ^bplans of His heart from
generation to generation.

12 Blessed is the ^anation
whose God is the LORD,

The people whom He has
^bchosen for His own in-
heritance.

13 ¶ The LORD ^alooks from
heaven;

He ^bsees all the sons of men;

14 From ^aHis dwelling place
He looks out

On all the inhabitants of the
earth,

15 He who ^afashions ¹the
hearts of them all,

He who ^bunderstands all
their works.

16 ^aThe king is not saved by a
mighty army;

A warrior is not delivered
by great strength.

17 A ^ahorse is a false hope for
victory;

Nor does it deliver anyone
by its great strength.

5 Ps.
119:84
6 Gen.
1:8; Ps. 148:5;
Job. 11:3
7 Ps. 104:30
8 Gen. 2:1
9 Some
versions read
in a water
skin, i.e., con-
tainer
10 Ex. 15:8;
Job. 3:18;
Ps. 78:13
11 Ps. 67:7
12 Ps. 98:9
13 Or,
stood forth
14 Gen. 1:3; Ps.
148:5
15 10 Ps. 2:1-
3; Is. 8:10;
16 Job
23:12; Prov.
19:21
17 Ps.
40:5, 92:5,
139:17; Is.
55:8
18 Ps.
144:15
19 Ex.
19:5; Deut.
7:8; Ps. 28:9
20 Job
28:24; Ps.
142
21 Ps. 11:4
22 1 Km.
8:38, 43; Ps.
102:19
23 Or, their
heart to-
gether
24 Job 10:8; Ps.
119:73
25 Chr. 16:8;
Job 34:21;
Jer. 32:19
26 Ps. 64:8;
60:11
27 Ps. 20:7;
147:10; Prov.
21:31
28 Or, wait
29 Job 36:7; Ps.
32:8, 34:15;
1 Pet. 3:12
30 Ps. 32:10;
147:11
31 Ps.
56:13; Acts
12:11
32 Job
5:20; Ps.
37:19
33 Ps. 62:1;
130:6; Is. 8:17
34 Ps. 115:9
35 10 Ps. 13:5;
28:7; Zach.
10:7; John
16:22
36 Or,
waited for
37 Or,
changed his
behavior
38 Possibly a
title of King
Achish of
Gath. See
1 Sam. 21:10-
15
39 1 Epht.
5:26; 1 Thess.
5:16
40 Ps. 71:6

18 ¶ Behold, ^athe eye of the
LORD is on those who fear
Him.

On those who ^{1b}hope for His
lovingkindness,

19 To ^adeliver their soul from
death,

And to keep them alive ^bin
famine.

20 Our soul ^awaits for the
LORD;

He is our ^bhelp and our
shield.

21 For our ^aheart rejoices in
Him,

Because we trust in His holy
name.

22 Let Thy lovingkindness, O
LORD, be upon us,

According as we have
¹hoped in Thee.

PSALM 34

The LORD a Provider and Deliverer.

A Psalm of David when he
^afeigned madness before
^bAbimelech, who drove
him away and he departed.

I WILL ^abless the LORD at all
times;

His ^bpraise shall continu-
ally be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall ^amake its
boast in the LORD;

The ^bhumble shall hear it
and rejoice.

3 O ^amagnify the LORD with
me,

And let us ^bexalt His name
together.

4 ¶ I ^asought the LORD, and
He answered me,

And ^bdelivered me from all
my fears.

5 They ^alooked to Him and
were radiant,

And their faces shall ^bnever
be ashamed.

2 Ps. 64:8; Jer. 2:24; 1 Cor. 1:31
3 Ps. 35:27; 68:28; Luke 1:46
4 10 Ps. 15:2; Ps. 81:10; Matt. 7:7
5 Ps. 34:17, 19
6 Ps. 34:21; Is. 62:5
7 Ps. 25:3

- 6 This ¹poor man cried and
^athe LORD heard him,
 And saved him out of all his
 troubles.
- 7 The ^aangel of the LORD en-
 camps around those who
 fear Him,
 And rescues them.
- 8 ¶ O ^ataste and see that the
 LORD is good;
 How ^bblessed is the man
 who takes refuge in Him!
- 9 O fear the LORD, you ^aHis
 saints;
 For to those who fear Him,
 there is ^bno want.
- 10 The young lions do lack and
 suffer hunger;
 But they who seek the LORD
 shall ^anot be in want of
 any good thing.
- 11 ^aCome, you children, listen
 to me;
^bI will teach you ^cthe fear of
 the LORD.
- 12 ^aWho is the man who de-
 sires life,
 And loves *length of days*
 that he may ^bsee good?
- 13 Keep ^ayour tongue from
 evil,
 And your lips from speak-
 ing ^bdeceit.
- 14 ^aDepart from evil, and do
 good;
 Seek peace, and ^bpursue it.
- 15 ¶ The ^aeyes of the LORD are
 toward the righteous,
 And His ears are open to
 their cry.
- 16 The ^aface of the LORD is
 against evildoers,
 To ^bcut off the memory of
 them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous ^acry and the
 LORD hears,
 And delivers them out of all
 their troubles.
- 18 The LORD ^ais near to the
^bbrokenhearted,
 And saves those who are
¹crushed in spirit.

⁶ ¹Or, af-
 flicted
^aPs. 34:4
⁷ ^aPs.
 91:11; Dan.
 6:22
⁸ ^aPs.
 119:103; Heb.
 6:5; 1 Pet. 2:3
^bPs. 2:12
⁹ ^aPs.
 31:23 ^bPs.
 23:1
¹⁰ ^aPs.
 84:11
¹¹ ^aPs.
 86:16 ^bPs.
 32:8 ^cPs.
 111:10
¹² ^aPs.
 34:12-16;
 1 Pet. 3:10-12
^bEcc. 3:13
¹³ ^aPs.
 141:3; Prov.
 13:3; James
 1:26 ^b1 Pet.
 2:22
¹⁴ ^aPs.
 37:27; Is.
 1:16, 17
^bRom. 14:19;
 Heb. 12:14
¹⁵ ^aJob
 38:7; Ps.
 33:18
¹⁶ ^aLev.
 17:10; Jer.
 44:11; Amos
 9:4 ^bJob
 18:17; Ps. 9:6;
 109:15; Prov.
 10:7
¹⁷ ^aPs. 34:6;
 145:19
¹⁸ ¹Or, con-
 tinue
^aPs. 145:18
^bPs. 147:3; Is.
 61:1 ^cPs.
 51:17; Is.
 57:15
¹⁹ ^aProv.
 24:16 ^bPs.
 71:20; 2 Tim.
 3:11 ^cPs.
 34:4, 6, 17
²⁰ ^aJohn
 19:33, 36
²¹ ¹Or, held
 guilty
^aPs. 94:23;
 140:11; Prov.
 24:16
²² ¹V. 21,
 note 1
^a1 Kin. 1:29;
 Ps. 71:23 ^bPs.
 37:40
¹ ^aPs.
 18:43; Is.
 49:25 ^bPs.
 56:2
² ¹i.e.,
 small shield
^aPs. 91:4 ^bPs.
 44:26
³ ¹Or,
 close up the
 path against
 those
^aPs. 62:2
⁴ ¹Or, soul
^aPs. 70:2 ^bPs.
 40:14; 129:5

- 19 ¶ ^aMany are the ^bafflictions
 of the righteous;
 But the LORD ^cdelivers him
 out of them all.
- 20 He keeps all his bones;
^aNot one of them is broken.
- 21 ^aEvil shall slay the wicked;
 And those who hate the
 righteous will be ¹con-
 demned.
- 22 The LORD ^aredeems the soul
 of His servants;
 And none of those who
^btake refuge in Him will
 be ¹condemned.

PSALM 35

Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.

A Psalm of David.

- C**ONTEND, O LORD, with
 those who ^acontend with
 me;
 Fight against those who
^bfight against me.
- 2 Take hold of ¹a buckler and
 shield,
 And rise up for ^bmy help.
- 3 Draw also the spear and
¹the battle-axe to meet
 those who pursue me;
 Say to my soul, "I am ^ayour
 salvation."
- 4 Let those be ^aashamed and
 dishonored who seek my
¹life;
 Let those be ^bturned back
 and humiliated who de-
 vise evil against me.
- 5 Let them be ^alike chaff be-
 fore the wind,
 With the angel of the LORD
 driving *them* on.
- 6 Let their way be dark and
^aslippery,
 With the angel of the LORD
 pursuing them.
- 7 For ^awithout cause they
^bhid their net for me;
 Without cause they dug a
¹pit for my soul.

⁵ ^aJob 21:18; Ps. 83:13; Is. 29:5

⁶ ^aPs. 73:18; Jer. 23:12

⁷ ¹Pu. has been transposed from line above ^aPs. 69:4;
 109:3; 140:5 ^bPs. 9:15

8 Let ^adestruction come upon him unawares;
And ^blet the net which he hid catch himself;
Into that very ^cdestruction let him fall.

9 ¶ And my soul shall ^arejoice in the LORD;
It shall ^bexult in His salvation.

10 All my ^abones will say,
"LORD, ^bwho is like Thee,
Who delivers the afflicted from him ^cwho is too strong for him,
And ^dthe afflicted and the needy from him who robs him?"

11 ^aMalicious witnesses rise up;

They ask me of things that I do not know.

12 They ^arepay me evil for good,
To the bereavement of my soul.

13 But as for me, ^awhen they were sick, my ^bclothing was sackcloth;
I ^chumbled my soul with fasting;

And my ^dprayer kept returning to my bosom.

14 I went about as though it were my friend or brother;

I ^abowed down ^bmourning, as one who sorrows for a mother.

15 But ^aat my ^bstumbling they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together;

The ^{ab}smilers whom I did not know gathered together against me.

They ^cslandered me without ceasing.

16 Like godless jesters at a feast,

They ^agnashed at me with their teeth.

17 ¶ Lord, ^ahow long wilt Thou look on?

Rescue my soul ^bfrom their ravages,

My ^conly life from the lions.

18 I will ^agive Thee thanks in the great congregation;
I will ^bpraise Thee among a mighty throng.

19 ^aDo not let those who are wrongfully ^bmy enemies rejoice over me;

Neither let those ^cwho hate me without cause ^dwink maliciously.

20 For they do not speak peace,

But they devise ^adeceitful words against those who are quiet in the land.

21 And they ^aopened their mouth wide against me;
They said, "^bAha, aha, our eyes have seen it!"

22 ¶ ^aThou hast seen it, O LORD, ^bdo not keep silent;
O Lord, ^cdo not be far from me.

23 ^aStir up Thyself, and awake to my right,
And to my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 ^aJudge me, O LORD my God, according to Thy righteousness;
And ^bdo not let them rejoice over me.

25 Do not let them say in their heart, "^aAha, our desire!"
Do not let them say, "We have ^bswallowed him up!"

26 Let ^athose be ashamed and humiliated altogether who rejoice at my distress;

Let those be ^bclothed with shame and dishonor who ^cmagnify themselves over me.

27 ¶ Let them ^ashout for joy and rejoice, who favor ^bmy vindication;

8 ^aPs. 50:23; Is. 47:11;
1 Thess. 5:3
^bPs. 9:15 ^cPs. 73:18
9 ^aPs. 61:10
^bPs. 9:14, 13:5; Luke 1:47
10 ^aPs. 51:8
^bEx. 15:11;
Ps. 80:8; Mic. 7:18 ^cPs. 18:17 ^dPs. 37:14, 109:16
11 ^aPs. 27:12
12 ^aPs. 38:20, 109:5;
Jer. 18:20;
John 10:32
13 ^aJob 30:25 ^bPs. 69:11 ^cPs. 69:10 ^dPs. 10:13; Luke 10:6
14 ^aOr, dressed in black
^bPs. 38:6
15 ^aOr, lumping ^bOr, smitten ones
16 ^aJob 30:1, 8
17 ^aPs. 7:2
18 ^aJob 16:2; Ps. 37:12; Lam. 2:18
19 ^aPs. 13:1; Hab. 1:13
^bPs. 35:7 ^cPs. 22:20, 21
20 ^aPs. 22:22 ^bPs. 22:26
21 ^aOr, with the eye
^bPs. 13:4, 30:1, 38:18
^cPs. 38:18
22 ^aJohn 15:25 ^bProv. 6:13, 10:10
23 ^aPs. 55:21; Jer. 9:8; Mic. 6:12
24 ^aJob 16:10; Ps. 22:13 ^bPs. 40:15, 70:3
25 ^aEx. 3:7;
Ps. 10:14 ^bPs. 28:1 ^cPs. 10:1, 22:11; 38:21, 71:12
26 ^aPs. 7:9;
44:23; 59:4
27 ^aPs. 9:4;
28:1; 43:1
^bPs. 35:19
28 ^aPs. 35:21 ^bPs. 38:1; 124:3
Prov. 1:12
Lam. 2:16
29 ^aPs. 48:14 ^bPs. 109:29 ^cJob 19:5; Ps. 38:16

27 ^aPs. 32:11 ^bPs. 94

And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified.
Who ^adelights in the prosperity of His servant."
28 And ^amy tongue shall declare Thy righteousness
And Thy praise all day long.

PSALM 36

*Wickedness of Men and
Lovingkindness of God.*

For the choir director. A
Psalm of David the servant of
the LORD.

TRANSGRESSION speaks to
the ungodly within ¹his
heart;
There is ^ano fear of God be-
fore his eyes.
2 For ¹it ^aflatters him in his
own eyes,
Concerning the discovery
of his iniquity and the ha-
tred of it.
3 The ^awords of his mouth are
wickedness and deceit;
He has ^bceased to ¹be wise
and to do good.
4 He ^aplans wickedness upon
his bed;
He sets himself on a ^bpath
that is not good;
He ^cdoes not despise evil.
5 ¶ Thy ^alovingkindness, O
LORD, ¹extends to the
heavens,
Thy faithfulness reaches to
the skies.
6 Thy ^arighteousness is like
the ¹mountains of God;
Thy ^bjudgments are like a
great deep.
O LORD, Thou ^cpreservest
man and beast.
7 How ^aprecious is Thy
lovingkindness, O God!
And the children of men
^btake refuge in the
shadow of Thy wings.

27 *Ps. 40:16;
70:4 *Ps.
147:11; 149:4
28 *Ps.
51:14; 71:15;
24
1 ¹Another
reading is my
heart
*Rom. 3:18
2 ¹Or, he
flatters him-
self
*Deut. 29:19;
Ps. 10:11;
49:18
3 ¹Or, un-
derstand to
do good
*Ps. 10:7; 12:2
*Ps. 94:8; Jer.
4:22
4 *Prov.
4:16; Mic. 2:1
*Is. 65:2 *Ps.
52:3; Rom.
12:9
5 ¹Lit., is
in
*Ps. 57:10;
103:11; 108:4
6 ¹Or,
mighty
mountains
*Ps. 71:19
*Job 11:8; Ps.
77:19; Rom.
11:33 *Neh.
9:6; Ps.
104:14, 15;
145:18
7 *Ps. 40:5;
139:17 *Ruth.
2:12; Ps. 17:8;
57:1; 91:4
8 ¹Lit., fat-
ness
*Ps. 63:5;
65:4; Is. 25:8;
Jer. 31:12-14
*Job 20:17;
Ps. 46:4; Rev.
22:1
9 *Jer. 2:13
10 *Jer.
22:16 *Ps.
24:5
12 *Ps.
140:10; Is.
26:14
1 ¹Prov.
23:17; 24:19
*Ps. 73:3;
Prov. 3:31
2 *Job
14:2; Ps. 90:8;
92:7; James
1:11 *Ps.
129:6
3 ¹Or, feed
securely or
feed on His
faithfulness
*Ps. 62:8
*Deut. 30:20
*Is. 40:11;
Ezek. 34:13;
14
4 *Job
22:26; Ps.
94:19; Is.
58:14 *Ps.
21:2; 145:19;
Matt. 7:7, 8

8 They ^adrink their fill of the
¹abundance of Thy
house;
And Thou dost give them to
drink of the ^briver of Thy
delights.
9 For with Thee is the ^afoun-
tain of life;
In Thy light we see light.
10 ¶ O continue Thy loving-
kindness to ^athose who
know Thee,
And Thy ^bbrighteousness to
the upright in heart.
11 Let not the foot of pride
come upon me,
And let not the hand of the
wicked drive me away.
12 There the doers of iniquity
have fallen;
They have been thrust
down and ^acannot rise.

PSALM 37

*Security of Those Who Trust in the
LORD, and Insecurity of the Wicked.*

A Psalm of David.

DO not fret because of evil-
doers,
Be not ^benvious toward
wrongdoers.
2 For they will ^awithen
quickly like the grass,
And ^bfade like the green
herb.
3 ^aTrust in the LORD, and do
good;
^bDwell in the land and ¹cul-
tivate faithfulness.
4 ^aDelight yourself in the
LORD;
And He will ^bgive you the
desires of your heart.
5 ^aCommit your way to the
LORD,
Trust also in Him, and He
will do it.
6 And He will bring forth
^ayour righteousness as
the light.

5 *Ps. 55:22; Prov. 16:3; 1 Pet. 5:7
6 *Ps. 97:11; Is. 58:8, 10; Mic. 7:9

- And your judgment ^bas the noonday.
- 7 ¶ ¹Rest in the LORD and ^await ²patiently for Him; ^bDo not fret because of him who ^cprosperes in his way, Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.
- 8 Cease from anger, and ^afor-sake wrath; Do not fret, *it leads only to evil-doing.*
- 9 For ^aevildoers will be cut off, But those who wait for the LORD, they will ^binherit the land.
- 10 Yet ^aa little while and the wicked man will be no more; And you will look carefully for ^bhis place, and he will not be *there*.
- 11 But ^athe humble will inherit the land, And will delight themselves in ^babundant prosperity.
- 12 ¶ The wicked ^aplots against the righteous, And ^bgnashes at him with his teeth.
- 13 The Lord ^alaughs at him; For He sees ^bhis day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn the sword and ^abent their bow, To cast down the ^bafflicted and the needy, To ^cslay those who are up-right in conduct.
- 15 Their sword will enter their own heart, And their ^abows will be broken.
- 16 ¶ ^aBetter is the little of the righteous Than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the ^aarms of the wicked will be broken;

8 ^bJob 11:17
7 ¹Or, Be still ²Or, longingly
^aPs. 40:1, 62:5; Lam. 3:26 ^aPs. 37:1, 8 ^cJer. 12:1
8 ^aEph. 4:31, Col. 3:8
9 ^aPs. 37:2, 22 ^aPs. 25:13, Prov. 2:21, Is. 57:13, 60:21, Matt. 5:5
10 ^aJob 24:24 ^aJob 7:10, Ps. 37:35, 36
11 ^aMatt. 5:5 ^aPs. 72:7
12 ^aPs. 31:13, 20 ^aPs. 35:16
13 ^aPs. 24 ^a1 Sam. 26:10, Job 18:20
14 ^aPs. 11:2, Lam. 2:4 ^aPs. 35:10, 88:1
^aPs. 11:2
15 ^a1 Sam. 2:4, Ps. 46:9
16 ^aProv. 15:16, 18:8
17 ^aJob 38:15, Ps. 10:15, Ezek. 30:21 ^aPs. 71:8, 145:14
18 ^aLat., complete, or, perfect
^aPs. 16, 31:7
^aPs. 37:27, 29
19 ^aJob 5:20, Ps. 33:19
20 ^a1 Cor. 11:2
21 ^aPs. 73:27
^aPs. 68:2, 102:3
22 ^aPs. 112:5, 9
23 ^aProv. 3:33 ^aPs. 37:9
^aJob 5:3
24 ^a1 Sam. 2:9, Ps. 40:2, 68:9, 119:5
^aPs. 147:11
25 ^aOr, who sustains him with His hand
^aPs. 145:14, Prov. 24:16, Mic. 7:8 ^aPs. 147:6
26 ^aLat., and
^aPs. 37:28, Is. 41:17, Hab. 1:3:5 ^aPs. 108:10
27 ^aLat., and
^aDeut. 15:8, Ps. 37:21 ^aPs. 147:13

- But the LORD ^bsustains the righteous.
- 18 The LORD ^aknows the days of the ^bblameless; And their ^binheritance will be forever.
- 19 They will not be ashamed in the time of evil; And ^ain the days of famine they will have abundance.
- 20 But the ^awicked will perish; And the enemies of the LORD will be like the ^bglory of the pastures, They vanish—^blike smoke they vanish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows and does not pay back, But the righteous ^ais gracious and gives.
- 22 For ^athose blessed by Him will ^binherit the land; But those ^ccursed by Him will be cut off.
- 23 ¶ ^aThe steps of a man are established by the LORD; And He ^bdelights in his way.
- 24 When ^ahe falls, he shall not be hurled headlong; Because ^bthe LORD is the One ^bwho holds his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now I am old; Yet ^aI have not seen the righteous forsaken, Or ^bhis ^bdescendants begging bread.
- 26 All day long ^ahe is gracious and lends; And ^bhis ^bdescendants are a blessing.
- 27 ¶ ^aDepart from evil, and do good, ^bSo you will abide ^bforever.
- 28 For the LORD ^aloves ^bjustice, And ^bdoes not forsake His godly ones; They are ^cpreserved forever.

27 ^aOr, And dwell forever ^aPs. 34:14 ^aPs. 37:18, 102:28
28 ^aLat., judgment ^aPs. 11:7, 32:5 ^aPs. 37:25 ^aPs. 31:23

- But the ^{2d}descendants of
the wicked will be cut off.
- 29 The righteous will ^ainherit
the land,
And ^bdwell in it forever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous
^autters wisdom,
And his tongue ^bspeaks jus-
tice.
- 31 The ^alaw of his God is in his
heart;
His ^bsteps do not slip.
- 32 The ^awicked spies upon the
righteous,
And ^bseeks to kill him.
- 33 The LORD will ^anot leave
him in his hand,
Or ^blet him be condemned
when he is judged.
- 34 ^aWait for the LORD, and
keep His way,
And He will exalt you to in-
herit the land;
When the ^bwicked are cut
off, you will see it.
- 35 ¶ I have ^aseen a violent,
wicked man
Spreading himself like a
^bluxuriant ¹tree in its na-
tive soil.
- 36 Then ¹he passed away, and
lo, he ^awas no more;
I sought for him, but he
could not be found.
- 37 Mark the ¹blameless man,
and behold the ^bupright;
For the man of peace will
have a ^{2c}posterity.
- 38 But transgressors will be al-
together ^adestroyed;
The ¹posterity of the wicked
will be ^bcut off.
- 39 But the ^asalvation of the
righteous is from the
LORD;
He is their strength ^bin time
of trouble.
- 40 And ^athe LORD helps them,
and delivers them;
He ^bdelivers them from the
wicked, and saves them,
Because they ^ctake refuge
in Him.

28 ¹Lit.,
seed
4Ps. 21:10;
37:9; Prov.
2:22; Is. 14:20
29 ^aPs. 37:9;
Prov. 2:21
30 ^aPs. 37:18
31 ^aPs. 49:3;
Prov. 10:13
32 ^aPs. 101:1;
119:13
33 ^aDeut.
6:6; Ps. 40:8;
119:11; Is.
51:7; Jer.
31:33 ^bPs.
26:1; 37:23
34 ^aPs. 10:8;
17:11 ^bPs.
37:14
35 ^aPs. 31:8;
2 Pet. 2:9 ^bPs.
34:22; 109:31
36 ^aPs.
27:14; 37:9
37 ^aPs. 32:5, 6;
91:8
38 ¹Lit., na-
tive; Heb. ob-
scure
39 ^aJob 5:3; Jer.
12:2 ^bJob
8:18
40 ¹Ancient
versions read
I passed by
41 ^aJob 20:5; Ps.
37:10
37 ¹Lit.,
complete; or,
perfect ²Lit.,
an end
38 ^aPs. 37:18
39 ^aPs. 7:10 ¹Is.
57:1, 2
40 ¹Lit., end
41 ^aPs. 1:4-6;
37:20, 28 ^bPs.
37:9; 73:17
42 ^aPs. 3:8;
62:1 ^bPs. 9:9;
37:19
43 ^aPs. 54:4
44 ^aPs. 22:4; Is.
31:5; Dan.
3:17; 6:23
45 ¹Chr. 5:20;
Ps. 34:22
46 ¹Ps. 6:1
47 ²Ps. 6:4
48 ^aPs. 32:4
49 ^aIs. 1:8
50 ^aPs. 102:10
51 ^aJob 33:19;
Ps. 6:2; 31:10
52 ^aEzra 9:8;
Ps. 40:12
53 ¹Or,
stripes
54 ^aPs. 69:5
55 ^aPs.
35:14 ^bJob
30:28; Ps.
42:9; 43:2
56 ^aPs.
102:3 ^bPs.
38:3
57 ¹Or,
greatly ²Lit.,
roar ³Lit.,
growling
58 ^aLam. 1:13;
20:1; 2:11;
5:17

PSALM 38

Prayer of a Suffering Penitent.

A Psalm of David, for a
memorial.

- O** LORD, ^arebuke me not in
Thy wrath;
And chasten me not in Thy
burning anger.
- 2 For Thine ^aarrows have
sunk deep into me,
And ^bThy hand has pressed
down on me.
- 3 There is ^ano soundness in
my flesh ^bbecause of
Thine indignation;
There is no health ^cin my
bones because of my sin.
- 4 For my ^ainiquities are gone
over my head;
As a heavy burden they
weigh too much for me.
- 5 My ¹wounds grow foul and
fester.
Because of ^amy folly.
- 6 I am bent over and ^agreatly
bowed down;
I ^bgo mourning all day long.
- 7 For my loins are filled with
^aburning;
And there is ^bno soundness
in my flesh.
- 8 I am ^abenumbed and ¹badly
crushed;
I ^{2b}groan because of the
³agitation of my heart.
- 9 ¶ Lord, all ^amy desire is
¹before Thee;
And my ^bsighing is not hid-
den from Thee.
- 10 My heart throbs, ^amy
strength fails me;
And the ^bblight of my eyes,
even ¹that ²has gone
from me.
- 11 My ¹loved ones and my
friends stand aloof from
my plague;
And my kinsmen ^bstand
afar off.

^bJob 3:24; Ps. 22:1; 32:3

9 ¹Or, known to Thee ^aPs. 10:17 ^bPs. 6:8; 102:5

10 ¹Lit., they have ²Lit., is not with me ^aPs. 31:10 ^bPs.
6:7; 69:3; 88:9

11 ¹Or, lovers ^aPs. 31:11; 88:18 ^bLuke 23:49

- 12 Those who ^aseek my life
^blay snares for me;
 And those who ^cseek to in-
 jure me have ^dthreatened
 destruction,
 And they ^edevise treachery
 all day long.
- 13 ¶ But I, like a deaf man, do
 not hear;
 And I am like a ^adumb man
 who does not open his
 mouth.
- 14 Yes, I am like a man who
 does not hear,
 And in whose mouth are no
 arguments.
- 15 For ^aI ^bhope in Thee, O
 LORD;
 Thou ^bwilt answer, O Lord
 my God.
- 16 For I said, "May they not re-
 joice over me,
 Who, when my foot slips,
^awould magnify them-
 selves against me."
- 17 For I am ^aready to fall,
 And ^bmy ^bsorrow is con-
 tinually before me.
- 18 For I ^aconfess my iniquity;
 I am full of ^banxiety because
 of my sin.
- 19 But my ^aenemies are vigor-
 ous and ^bstrong;
 And many are those who
^bhate me wrongfully.
- 20 And those who ^arepay evil
 for good,
 They ^boppose me, because I
 follow what is good.
- 21 Do not forsake me, O LORD;
 O my God, ^ado not be far
 from me!
- 22 Make ^ahaste to help me,
 O Lord, ^bmy salvation!

PSALM 39

The Vanity of Life.

For the choir director, for
^aJeduthun.
 A Psalm of David.

I SAID, "I will ^aguard my ways,
 That I ^bmay not sin with my
 tongue;

12 ¹Lit., spo-
 ken
^aPs. 54:3 ^bPs.
 140:5 ^cPs.
 35:4 ^dPs.
 35:20
 13 ^aPs.
 39:2, 9
 14 ¹Or, wait
 for
^aPs. 39:7 ^bPs.
 17:6
 15 ^aPs.
 35:26
 16 ¹Lit.,
 pain
^aPs. 35:15
^bPs. 13:2
 17 ¹Or, de-
 clare
^aPs. 32:5
^b2 Cor. 7:9,
 10
 18 ¹Or, nu-
 merous
^aPs. 18:17
^bPs. 35:19
 20 ^aPs.
 35:12 ^bPs.
 108:5, 1 John
 3:12
 21 ^aPs.
 22:19, 35:22
 22 ^aPs.
 40:13, 17 ^bPs.
 27:1
 • 1 Chr
 16:41
 1 • 1 Kin.
 2:4, 2 Kin.
 10:31, Ps.
 119:9 ^bJob
 2:10, Ps.
 34:13, James
 3:5-12 ^bPs.
 141:3, James
 3:2
 2 ¹Lit.,
 with silence
²Lit., kept si-
 lence ³Lit.,
 pain
^aPs. 38:13
 3 ^aPs. 32:4,
 Jer. 20:9,
 Luke 24:32
 4 ^aJob
 6:11, Ps.
 90:12, 119:84
^bPs. 78:39,
 103:14
 5 ¹Lit.,
 standing firm
²Or, alto-
 gether vainly
³Selah may
 mean, Paines,
 Crescendo or
 Musical in-
 terlude
^aPs. 88:47
^bPs. 144:4
^cJob 14:2, Ps.
 62:9, Eccl.
 6:12
 6 ¹Lit., an
 image
^a1 Cor. 7:31;
 James 1:10,
 11; 1 Pet.
 1:24 ^bPs.
 127:2, Eccl.
 5:17 ^cPs.
 48:10, Eccl.
 2:26, 5:14,
 Luke 12:20

- I will guard ^cmy mouth as
 with a muzzle.
 While the wicked are in my
 presence."
- 2 I was ^adumb ^band silent,
 I ²refrained even from good;
 And my ³sorrow grew
 worse.
- 3 My ^aheart was hot within
 me;
 While I was musing the fire
 burned;
 Then I spoke with my
 tongue:
- 4 "LORD, make me to know
^amy end,
 And what is the extent of
 my days,
 Let me know how ^btran-
 sient I am.
- 5 "Behold, Thou hast made
^amy days as hand-
 breadths,
 And my ^blifetime as nothing
 in Thy sight.
 Surely every man ^bat his
 best is ²a mere
^cbreath. [³Selah.
- 6 "Surely every man ^awalks
 about as ^ba phantom;
 Surely they make an ^bup-
 roar for nothing;
 He ^camasses riches, and
 does not know who will
 gather them.
- 7 ¶ "And now, Lord, for what
 do I wait?
 My ^ahope is in Thee.
- 8 "Deliver me from all my
 transgressions;
 Make me not the ^breproach
 of the foolish.
- 9 "I have become ^adumb, I do
 not open my mouth,
 Because it is ^bThou who
 hast done it.
- 10 "Remove Thy plague from
 me;
 Because of ^bthe opposition
 of Thy hand, I am ^bperish-
 ing.

7 ^aPs. 38:15
 8 ^aPs. 51:9, 14; 78:9 ^bPs. 44:13; 78:4, 119:22
 9 ^aPs. 38:2 ^b2 Sam. 16:10; Job 2:10
 10 ¹Or, wasting away Job 8:34; 13:21 ^bPs. 32:4

11 "With ^areproofs Thou dost chasten a man for iniquity;
Thou dost ^bconsume as a moth what is precious to him;
Surely ^cevery man is a mere breath. [Selah.]

12 "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
Do not be silent ^bat my tears;
For I am ^ca stranger with Thee,
A ^dsojourner like all my fathers.
13 "Turn Thy gaze away from me, that I may ^lsmile again,
Before I depart and am no more."

PSALM 40

God Sustains His Servant.

For the choir director.
A Psalm of David.

I ^aWAITED ^lpatiently for the LORD;
And He inclined to me, and ^bheard my cry.
2 He brought me up out of the ^apit of destruction, out of the ^lmiry clay;
And ^bHe set my feet upon a rock ^cmaking my footsteps firm.
3 And He put a ^anew song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
Many will ^bsee and fear,
And will trust in the LORD.
4 ¶ How ^ablessed is the man who has made the LORD his trust,
And ^bhas not ^lturned to the proud, nor to those who ^clapse into falsehood.
5 Many, O LORD my God, are ^athe wonders which Thou hast done,

11 ^aEzek 5:15; 2 Pet. 2:16; Job 13:28; Ps. 90:7; Is. 50:9; ^cPs. 39:5
12 ^aPs. 102:1; 143:1; ^b2 Kin. 20:5; Ps. 56:8; ^cLev. 25:23; 1 Chr. 29:15; Ps. 119:19; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11; ^dGen. 47:9
13 ^lOr, become cheerful
^aJob 7:19; 10:20, 21; 14:6; Ps. 102:24
1 ^lOr, intently
^aPs. 25:5; 27:14; 37:7
^bPs. 34:15
2 ^lLit., mud of the mire
^aPs. 89:2, 14; Jer. 38:6; ^bPs. 27:5; ^cPs. 37:23
3 ^aPs. 32:7; 33:3; ^bPs. 52:6; 64:9
4 ^lLit., regard
^aPs. 34:8; 84:12; ^bJob 37:24; ^cPs. 125:5
5 ^aJob 5:9; Ps. 136:4; ^bPs. 139:17; Is. 55:8; ^cPs. 71:15; 139:18
6 ^li.e., Blood sacrifice
²Lit., dug; or possibly, pierced
^a1 Sam. 15:22; Ps. 51:16; Is. 1:11; Jer. 6:20; 7:22, 23; Amos 5:22; Mic. 6:8; Heb. 10:5-7
7 ^lOr, prescribed for
8 ^aJohn 4:34; ^bPs. 37:31; Jer. 31:33; 2 Cor. 3:3
9 ^aPs. 22:22, 25; ^bPs. 118:13; ^cJosh. 22:22; Ps. 139:4
10 ^aActs 20:20, 27; ^bPs. 89:1
11 ^lOr, May preserve
^aPs. 43:3; 57:3; 61:7; Prov. 20:28
12 ^aPs. 18:5; 116:3; ^bPs. 38:4; 65:3

And Thy ^bthoughts toward us;
There is none to compare with Thee;
If I would declare and speak of them,
They ^cwould be too numerous to count.

6 ¶ ^aSacrifice and meal offering Thou hast not desired;
My ears Thou hast ²opened;
Burnt offering and sin offering Thou hast not required.
7 Then I said, "Behold, I come;
In the scroll of the book it is ^lwritten of me;
8 ^aI delight to do Thy will, O my God;
^bThy Law is within my heart."

9 ¶ I have ^aproclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation;
Behold, I will ^bnot restrain my lips,
O LORD, ^cThou knowest.
10 I have ^anot hidden Thy righteousness within my heart;
I have ^bspoken of Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation;
I have not concealed Thy lovingkindness and Thy truth from the great congregation.
11 ¶ Thou, O LORD, wilt not withhold Thy compassion from me;
^lThy ^alovingkindness and Thy truth will continually preserve me.
12 For evils beyond number have ^asurrounded me;
My ^biniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see;

They are ^cmore numerous
than the hairs of my
head;
And my ^dheart has ¹failed
me.

13 ¶ ^aBe pleased, O LORD, to
deliver me;
Make ^bhaste, O LORD, to
help me.

14 Let those he ^aashamed and
humiliated together
Who ^bseek my ¹life to de-
stroy it;

Let those be turned back
and dishonored
Who delight ²in my hurt.

15 Let those ^abe ¹appalled be-
cause of their shame
Who ^bsay to me, "Aha,
aha!"

16 ^aLet all who seek Thee re-
joice and be glad in Thee;
Let those who love Thy sal-
vation ^bsay continually,
"The LORD be magnified!"

17 Since ^aI am afflicted and
needy,

^{1b}Let the Lord be mindful of
me;

Thou art my help and my
deliverer;

Do not delay, O my God.

PSALM 41

*The Psalmist in Sickness Complains
of
Enemies and False Friends.*

For the choir director.
A Psalm of David.

HOW blessed is he who ^acon-
siders the ¹helpless;
The LORD will deliver him
^bin a day of ²trouble.

2 The LORD will ^aprotect him,
and keep him alive,
And he shall ¹be called
^bblessed upon the earth;
And ^cdo not give him over to
the desire of his enemies.

12 ¹Lat., for
sober
+Ps. 69:4 +Ps.
73:26

13 +Ps. 70:1
+Ps. 22:19,
71:12

14 ¹Or, soul
+Or, to injure
me

+Ps. 35:4, 26;
70:2, 71:13
+Ps. 63:9

15 ¹Or,
desolated
+Ps. 70:3 +Ps.
35:21, 70:3

16 +Ps. 70:4
+Ps. 35:27

17 ¹Or, The
Lord is mind-
ful

+Ps. 70:5;
88:1, 109:22
+Ps. 40:5;
1 Pet. 5:7

1 ¹Or, poor
+Or, evil
+Ps. 62:3, 4,
Prov. 14:21
+Ps. 27:5,
37:19

3 ¹Or, be
blamed
+Ps. 37:28
+Ps. 37:22
+Ps. 27:12

3 ¹Lat.,
turn all his
back

4 +Ps. 6:2;
103:3, 147:3
+Ps. 51:4

5 +Ps.
38:12

6 ¹Or, if he
+Or, empti-
ness
+Ps. 12:2,
62:4, Prov.
28:24-26

7 +Ps. 56:5

8 ¹Or,
within
+Ps. 71:10, 11

9 +2 Sam.
15:12, Job
19:13, 19: Ps.
55:12, 13, 20;
Jer. 20:10;
Mic. 7:5;
Matt. 26:23;
Luke 22:21;
John 13:18

10 +Ps. 3:3

11 +Ps.
37:23, 147:11
+Ps. 25:2

12 +Ps.
18:32, 37:17;
63:8 +Job
36:7, Ps. 21:6

13 +Ps.
72:18, 19;
89:52; 108:48;
150:6

3 The LORD will sustain him
upon his sickbed;
In his illness, Thou dost ¹re-
store him to health.

4 ¶ As for me, I said, "O
LORD, be gracious to me;
^aHeal my soul, for ^bI have
sinned against Thee."

5 My enemies ^aspeak evil
against me,
"When will he die, and his
name perish?"

6 And ¹when he comes to see
me, he ^aspeaks ²false-
hood;

His heart gathers wicked-
ness to itself;

When he goes outside, he
tells it.

7 All who hate me whisper to-
gether against me;
Against me they ^adevise my
hurt, saying,

8 "A wicked thing is poured
out ¹upon him,

That when he lies down, he
will ^anot rise up again."

9 Even my ^aclose friend, in
whom I trusted,

Who ate my bread,
Has lifted up his heel
against me.

10 ¶ But Thou, O LORD, be
gracious to me, and
^araise me up.

That I may repay them.

11 By this I know that ^aThou
art pleased with me,
Because ^bmy enemy does
not shout in triumph over
me.

12 As for me, ^aThou dost up-
hold me in my integrity,
And Thou dost set me ^bin
Thy presence forever.

13 ¶ ^aBlessed be the LORD, the
God of Israel,
From everlasting to ever-
lasting.
Amen, and Amen.

BOOK 2

PSALM 42

Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile.

For the choir director.
A ^aMaskil of the sons of
Korah.

AS the deer ¹pants for the wa-
ter brooks,
So my soul ^{1a}pants for Thee,
O God.

2 My soul ^athirsts for God, for
the ^bliving God;
When shall I come and ^{1c}ap-
pear before God?

3 My ^atears have been my
food day and night,
While they ^bsay to me all
day long, "Where is your
God?"

4 These things I remember,
and I ^apour out my soul
within me.

For I ^bused to go along with
the throng and ¹lead
them in procession to the
house of God,

With the voice of ^cjoy and
thanksgiving, a multi-
tude keeping festival.

5 ¶ ^aWhy are you ^{1b}in de-
spair, O my soul?

And why have you become
^cdisturbed within me?

^{2d}Hope in God, for I shall
³again praise ⁴Him
For the ^{5e}help of His pres-
ence.

6 O my God, my soul is ¹in de-
spair within me;

Therefore I ^aremember
Thee from ^bthe land of
the Jordan,

And the ²peaks of ^cHermon,
from Mount Mizar.

7 Deep calls to deep at the
sound of Thy waterfalls;
All Thy ^abreakers and Thy
waves have rolled over
me.

* Possibly,
Contemplative, or De-
dictive, or
Stillful
Psalm

1 ¹Lit.,

longs for

*Ps. 119:131

2 ¹Some

mas. read see

the face of

God

*Ps. 63:1;

84:2; 143:6

*Josh. 3:10;

Ps. 84:2; Jer.

10:10; Dan.

6:26; Matt.

26:63; Rom.

9:26; 1 Thess.

1:9 *Ex

23:17; Ps.

43:4; 84:7

3 *Ps. 80:5;

102:9 *Ps.

79:10; 115:2;

Joel 2:17;

Mic. 7:10

4 ¹Or,

move slowly

with them

*1 Sam. 1:15;

Job 30:16; Ps.

62:8; Lam.

2:19 *Ps.

55:14; 122:1;

Is. 30:29 *Ps.

100:4

5 ¹Or, sunk

down *Or,

Wait for *Or,

still *Some

ancient

versions read

Him, the help

of my coun-

tenance and

my God *Or,

saving acts of

*Ps. 42:11;

43:5 *Ps.

38:6; Matt.

26:38 *Ps.

77:3 *Ps.

71:14; Lam.

3:24 *Ps. 44:3

6 ¹Or, sunk

down *Lit.,

Hermons

*Ps. 61:2

*2 Sam. 17:22

*Deut. 3:8

7 *Ps. 69:1;

2; 88:7; Jon.

2:3

8 *Ps. 57:3;

133:3 *Job

35:10; Ps.

16:7; 63:6;

77:6; 149:5

*Ecc. 5:18;

8:15

9 ¹Or,

while the

enemy op-

presses

*Ps. 18:2 *Ps.

38:6 *Ps. 17:9

10 *Ps. 42:3;

Joel 2:17

11 ¹Or, sunk

down *Or,

Wait for *Or,

saving acts of

*Ps. 42:5; 43:5

8 The LORD will ^acommand
His lovingkindness in the
daytime;

And His song will be with
me ^bin the night.

A prayer to ^cthe God of my
life.

9 ¶ I will say to God ^amy
rock, "Why hast Thou
forgotten me?

Why do I go ^bmourning ¹be-
cause of the ^coppression
of the enemy?"

10 As a shattering of my
bones, my adversaries
revile me,

While they ^asay to me all
day long, "Where is your
God?"

11 ^aWhy are you ¹in despair, O
my soul?

And why have you become
disturbed within me?

²Hope in God, for I shall yet
praise Him,

The ³help of my counte-
nance, and my God.

PSALM 43

Prayer for Deliverance.

VINDICATE me, O God, and
^bplead my case against
an ungodly nation;

¹O deliver me from ^cthe de-
ceitful and unjust man!

2 For Thou art the ^aGod of my
strength; why hast Thou
^brejected me?

Why do I go ^cmourning ¹be-
cause of the oppression
of the enemy?

3 ¶ O send out Thy ^alight and
Thy truth, let them lead
me;

1 ¹Or, Mayest Thou *Ps. 26:1; 35:24 *1 Sam. 24:15;
Ps. 35:1 *Ps. 5:6; 38:12

2 ¹Or, while the enemy oppresses *Ps. 18:1; 28:7; 31:4
*Ps. 44:9; 68:14 *Ps. 42:9

3 *Ps. 36:9

- Let them bring me to Thy
holy hill,
And to Thy dwelling
places.
- 4 Then I will go to the altar of
God,
To God my exceeding joy;
And upon the lyre I shall
praise Thee, O God, my
God.
- 5 ¶ Why are you in despair,
O my soul?
And why are you disturbed
within me?
Hope in God, for I shall
again praise Him,
The help of my counte-
nance, and my God.

PSALM 44

Former Deliverances and Present
Troubles.

For the choir director.
A Maskil of the sons of
Korah.

- O** GOD, we have heard with
our ears,
Our fathers have told us,
The work that Thou didst
in their days,
In the days of old.
- 2 Thou with Thine own hand
didst drive out the na-
tions;
Then Thou didst plant
them;
Thou didst afflict the peo-
ples,
Then Thou didst spread
them abroad.
- 3 For by their own sword they
did not possess the land;
And their own arm did not
save them;
But Thy right hand, and
Thine arm, and the light
of Thy presence,
For Thou didst favor them.

3 ¹Ps. 2:6;
3:4; 42:4; 48:4;
4 ¹Ps. 84:1
4 ¹Lit., the
gladness of
my joy
4 ¹Ps. 28:6 ¹Ps.
21:6 ¹Ps. 33:2;
49:4; 57:8;
71:23
5 ¹Or, march
down ¹Or,
Wait for ¹Or,
still ¹Or, sav-
ing acts of
4 ¹Ps. 42:3, 11
Possibly,
Contem-
plative, or Di-
dactic, or
Strophic
Psalm
1 ¹Ex.
12:26, 27;
Deut. 6:20;
Judg. 6:13;
Ps. 78:3 ¹Ps.
78:12 ¹Deut.
32:7, Ps. 77:5;
Is. 51:9; 66:9
2 ¹Josh.
3:10; Neh.
9:24, Ps.
78:56, 60:6
3 ¹Ex. 15:17;
2 Sam. 7:10;
Jer. 24:6;
Amos 9:15
4 ¹Ps. 135:10-12
4 ¹Ps. 80:9-11;
Zech. 2:6
5 ¹Deut.
8:17, 18;
Josh. 24:12
6 ¹Ps. 77:15
7 ¹Ps. 4:6; 89:15
8 ¹Deut. 4:37;
7:7, 8:10; 15;
Ps. 108:4
9 ¹Lit., and
vation
10 ¹Ps. 74:12
11 ¹Ps. 42:6
12 ¹Deut.
33:17, Ps.
68:12; Dan.
8:4 ¹Ps.
108:13; Zech.
10:5
13 ¹1 Sam.
17:47; Ps.
33:16; Hos.
17
14 ¹Ps.
138:24 ¹Ps.
53:5
15 ¹Selah
may mean
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Ad libitum in-
terlude
16 ¹Ps. 34:2 ¹Ps.
32:12
17 ¹Ps. 43:2;
68:1, 10; 74:1;
88:38; 108:11
18 ¹Ps. 68:10
19 ¹Ps. 68:11
20 ¹Lev.
26:17; Josh.
7:8, 12; Ps.
88:43 ¹Ps.
88:41

- 4 ¶ Thou art my King, O
God;
Command victories for
Jacob.
- 5 Through Thee we will push
back our adversaries;
Through Thy name we will
trample down those
who rise up against us.
- 6 For I will not trust in my
bow,
Nor will my sword save me.
- 7 But Thou hast saved us
from our adversaries,
And Thou hast put to
shame those who hate us.
- 8 In God we have boasted all
day long,
And we will give thanks to
Thy name forever.
[Selah.]
- 9 ¶ Yet Thou hast rejected
us and brought us to disho-
nor,
And dost not go out with
our armies.
- 10 Thou dost cause us to turn
back from the adversary;
And those who hate us
have taken spoil for
themselves.
- 11 Thou dost give us as sheep
to be eaten,
And hast scattered us
among the nations.
- 12 Thou dost sell Thy people
cheaply,
And hast not profited by
their sale.
- 13 Thou dost make us a reproach
to our neighbors,
A scoffing and a derision to
those around us.
- 14 Thou dost make us a by-
word among the nations,
A laughingstock among
the peoples.

11 ¹Lit., for food ¹Ps. 44:22; Rom. 8:36 ¹Lev. 26:33;
Deut. 4:27; 28:64; Ps. 108:27; Ezek. 28:23
12 ¹Lit., for no wealth ¹Or, set a high price on them
13 ¹Deut. 32:38; Judg. 2:14; 3:18; Is. 52:3, 4; Jer. 15:13
14 ¹Deut. 28:37; Ps. 78:4; 88:41 ¹Ps. 88:4; Ezek. 23:32
15 ¹Lit., shaking of the hand Job 17:6; Ps. 68:11; Jer.
24:9 ¹Is. 19:21; Ps. 108:25

- 15 All day long my dishonor is before me,
And ¹my ^ahumiliation has overwhelmed me,
- 16 Because of the voice of him who ^areproaches and reviles,
Because of the presence of the ^benemy and the avenger.
- 17 ¶ All this has come upon us, but we have ^anot forgotten Thee,
And we have not ^bdealt falsely with Thy covenant.
- 18 Our heart has not ^aturned back,
And our steps ^bhave not deviated from Thy way.
- 19 Yet Thou hast ^acrushed us in a place of ^bjackals,
And covered us with ^cthe shadow of death.
- 20 ¶ If we had ^aforgotten the name of our God,
Or extended our ¹hands to ^ba strange god;
- 21 Would not God ^afind this out?
For He knows the secrets of the heart.
- 22 But ^afor Thy sake we are killed all day long;
We are considered as ^bsheep to be slaughtered.
- 23 ^aArouse Thyself, why ^bdost Thou sleep, O Lord?
Awake, ^cdo not reject us forever.
- 24 Why dost Thou ^ahide Thy face,
And ^bforget our affliction and our oppression?
- 25 For our ^asoul has sunk down into the dust;
Our body cleaves to the earth.
- 26 ^aRise up, be our help,
And ^bredeem us for the sake of Thy lovingkindness.

18 ¹Lit., the shame of my face has covered me.
²Chr. 32:21; Ps. 69:7.
16 ^aPs. 74:10; ^bPs. 8:2; 17 ^aPs. 78:7, 119:61, 83, 109, 141, 153, 176; ^bPs. 78:57.
18 ^aPs. 78:57; ^bJob 23:11; ^cPs. 119:51, 157.
19 ^aPs. 51:8; 94:5; ^bJob 30:29; ^cIs. 13:22; ^dJer. 9:11; ^eJob 3:5; ^fPs. 23:4.
20 ¹Lit., palms.
^aPs. 78:11; ^bDeut. 6:14; ^cPs. 81:9.
21 ^aPs. 139:1, 2; ^bJer. 17:10.
22 ^aRom. 8:36; ^bIs. 53:7; ^cJer. 12:3.
23 ^aPs. 7:6; ^bPs. 78:65; ^cPs. 77:7.
24 ^aJob 13:24; ^bPs. 88:14; ^cPs. 42:9; ^dLam. 5:20.
25 ^aPs. 119:25.
26 ^aPs. 35:2; ^bPs. 6:4; ^c25:22.
¹ Or possibly, ²Lit., am saying; ³Lit., works; ⁴Probably refers to Solomon as a type of Christ.
^aEzra 7:6.
2 ¹Or, through; ^aLuke 4:22; ^bPs. 21:6.
3 ¹Or, warrior; ^aHeb. 4:12; ^bRev. 1:16; ^cIs. 9:6.
4 ¹Or, fearful; ^aZeph. 2:3; ^bPs. 21:8.
5 ^aPs. 18:14; 120:4; ^bIs. 5:28; 7:13; ^cPs. 92:9.
² Sam. 18:14.
6 ^aPs. 83:2; ^bHeb. 1:8, 9; ^cPs. 98:9.

PSALM 45

A Song Celebrating the King's Marriage.

For the choir director;
according to the ¹Shoshannim.
A ^aMaskil of the sons of Korah.
A Song of Love.

MY heart ¹overflows with a good theme;
¹I ²address my ³verses to the ⁴King;
My tongue is the pen of ^aa ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than the sons of men;
^aGrace is poured ¹upon Thy lips;
Therefore God has ^bblessed Thee forever.

3 ¶ Gird ^aThy sword on Thy thigh, O ^{1b}Mighty One,
In Thy splendor and Thy majesty!

4 And in Thy majesty ride on victoriously,
For the cause of truth and ^ameekness and righteousness;
Let Thy ^bbright hand teach Thee ¹awesome things.

5 Thine ^aarrows are sharp;
The ^bpeoples fall under Thee;
Thine arrows are ^cin the heart of the King's enemies.

6 ¶ ^aThy throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of ^buprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom.

7 Thou hast ^aloved righteousness, and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, Thy God, has ^banointed Thee

7 ^aPs. 11:7; 33:3; ^bPs. 2:2

With the oil of joy above
Thy fellows.

8 All Thy garments are fragrant with ^amyrrh and aloes and cassia;

Out of ivory palaces
^bstringed instruments
have made Thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters are
among ^aThy noble ladies;
At Thy ^bbright hand stands
the queen in ^cgold from
Ophir.

10 [†] Listen, O daughter, give
attention and incline
your ear;

^aForget your people and
your father's house;

11 Then the King will desire
your beauty;

Because He is your ^aLord,
^bbow down to Him.

12 And the daughter of ^aTyre
will come with a gift;

The ^brich among the people
will entreat your favor.

13 [†] The King's daughter is all
glorious within;

Her clothing is ^ainterwoven
with gold.

14 She will be ^aled to the King
^bin embroidered work;

The ^cvirgins, her compan-
ions who follow her,

Will be brought to Thee.

15 They will be led forth with
gladness and rejoicing;

They will enter into the
King's palace.

16 [†] In place of your fathers
will be your sons;

You shall make them
princes in all the earth.

17 I will cause ^aThy name to be
remembered in all gen-
erations;

Therefore the peoples ^bwill
give Thee thanks forever
and ever.

⁸ Song

4:14; John

19:39 ^aPs.

150:4

⁹ Song 6:8

^a1 Kin. 2:19

^c1 Kin. 9:28;

Is. 13:12

¹⁰ ^aDeut.

21:13; Ruth

1:16, 17

¹¹ ^aGen.

18:12; 1 Pet.

3:6 ^aEph. 5:33

¹² ^aPs. 87:4

^aPs. 22:29;

68:29; 72:10;

11, Is. 49:23

¹³ ^aEx.

30:2, 3

¹⁴ ^aSong 1:4

^aJudg. 5:30;

Ezek. 16:10

^aPs. 45:9

¹⁷ ^aMal.

1:11 ^aPs.

138:4

^a Possibly,

for soprano

voices

¹ Or,

Abundantly

available for

help ² Or,

light places

^aPs. 14:6;

62:7, 8 ^aDeut.

4:7, Ps.

145:18 ^aPs.

9:9

² ^aLat.

^aPs. 23:4; 27:1

^aPs. 62:5 ^aPs.

18:7

³ ^a Selah

may mean

Pause, Cre-

scendo or

Musical in-

terlude

^aPs. 83:3, 4;

Jer. 5:22

⁴ ^aPs. 36:8;

65:9; Is. 8:6;

Rev. 23:1 ^aPs.

48:1, 87:3,

101:8; Is.

60:14; Rev.

3:12 ^aPs. 43:3

⁵ ^a Lat., at

the turning of

the morning

^aDeut. 23:14;

Is. 12:8; Ezek.

43:7, 8; Hos.

11:9; Joel

2:27; Zach.

2:5 ^aPs.

37:40; Is.

41:14; Luke

1:54

⁶ ^a Or, Gen-

tiles ^a Lat.,

gave forth

^aPs. 2:1, 2

^aPs. 18:13;

68:33; Jer.

25:30; Joel

2:11; Amos

1:2 ^a Amos

8:5; Mic. 1:4;

Nah. 1:5

PSALM 46

God the Refuge of His People.

For the choir director. A Psalm
of the sons of Korah, ^aset to
Alamoth. A Song.

GOD is our ^arefuge and
strength,

¹A very ^bpresent help ^cin
²trouble.

2 Therefore we will ^anot fear,
though ^bthe earth should
change,

And though ^cthe mountains
slip into the heart of the
¹sea;

3 Though its ^awaters roar and
foam,

Though the mountains
quake at its swelling
pride. [¹Selah.]

4 [†] There is a ^ariver whose
streams make glad the
^bcity of God,

The holy ^cdwelling places of
the Most High.

5 God is ^ain the midst of her,
she will not be moved;

God will ^bhelp her ¹when
morning dawns.

6 The ¹nations ^amade an up-
roar, the kingdoms tot-
tered;

He ²raised His voice, the
earth ^cmelted.

7 The LORD of hosts ^ais with
us;

The God of Jacob is ^bour
stronghold. [¹Selah.]

8 [†] Come, ^abehold the works
of the LORD,

¹Who has wrought ^bdesola-
tions in the earth.

9 He ^amakes wars to cease to
the end of the earth;

He ^bbreaks the bow and
cuts the spear in two;

He ^cburns the chariots with
fire.

7 ^aNum. 14:2; 2 Chr. 13:12 ^aPs. 9:9; 48:3

8 ^a Or, Which He has wrought as desolations ^aPs.

68:5 ^aIs. 61:4; Jer. 31:43

9 ^a Is. 2:4; Mic. 4:3 ^a1 Sam. 2:4; Ps. 78:3 ^aIs. 2:5; Ezek.

38:9

- 10¹ Cease striving and ^aknow that I am God;
I will be ^bexalted among the ²nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our stronghold. [Selah.]

PSALM 47

God the King of the Earth.

For the choir director.
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- O** ^aCLAP your hands, all peoples;
^bShout to God with the voice of ¹joy.
2 For the LORD Most High is to be ^afeared,
A ^bgreat King over all the earth.
3 He ^asubdues peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.
4 He chooses our ^ainheritance for us,
The ^bglory of Jacob whom He loves. [¹Selah.]
5 ¶ God has ^aascended ¹with a shout,
The LORD, ¹with the ^bsound of a trumpet.
6 ^aSing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to ^bour King, sing praises.
7 For God is the ^aKing of all the earth;
Sing praises ^bwith a ¹skillful psalm.
8 God ^areigns over the nations,
God ¹sits on ^bHis holy throne.
9 The ¹princes of the people have assembled themselves as the ^bpeople of the God of Abraham;
For the ^cshields of the earth belong to God;
He ²is ^dhighly exalted.

10 ¹Or, Let go, relax ²Or, Gentiles
^aPs. 100:3 ^bIs. 2:11, 17
1 ¹Or, a ringing cry
^aPs. 98:8 ^bPs. 106:47
2 ^aDeut. 7:21; Neh. 1:5; Ps. 66:3, 5, 68:35 ^bMal. 1:14
3 ^aPs. 18:47
4 ¹Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^a1 Pet. 1:4 ^bAmos 6:8, 8:7; Nah. 2:2
5 ¹Or, amid
^aPs. 68:18 ^bPs. 98:6
6 ^aPs. 68:4 ^bPs. 89:18
7 ¹Heb., Maskil
^aZech. 14:9 ^b1 Cor. 14:15
8 ¹Or, has taken His seat
^a1 Chr. 16:31; Ps. 22:28 ^bPs. 97:2
9 ¹Or, nobles ²Lit., has greatly exalted Himself
^aPs. 72:11; 102:22; Is. 49:7, 23
^bRom. 4:11; 12 ^cPs. 89:18
^aPs. 97:9
1 ^a1 Chr. 16:25; Ps. 98:4; 145:3
^bPs. 46:4 ^cPs. 2:6; 87:1; Is. 2:3; Mic. 4:1; Zech. 8:3
2 ^aPs. 50:2 ^bLam. 2:15
^cMat. 5:35
3 ^aPs. 46:7
4 ^a2 Sam. 10:6-19
5 ¹Lit., were hurried away
^aEx. 15:15
6 ¹Lit., Trembling
^aIs. 13:8
7 ^aJer. 18:17 ^b1 Kjn. 22:48 ^c1 Kjn. 10:22; Ezek. 27:25
8 ¹Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 87:5
9 ^aPs. 28:3; 40:10

PSALM 48

The Beauty and Glory of Zion.

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- G**REAT is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
In the ^bcity of our God, His ^choly mountain.
2 ^aBeautiful in elevation, ^bthe joy of the whole earth,
Is Mount Zion in the far north,
The ^ccity of the great King.
3 God, in her palaces,
Has made Himself known as a ^astronghold.
4 ¶ For, lo, the ^akings assembled themselves,
They passed by together.
5 They saw it, then they were amazed;
They were ^aterrified, they ¹fled in alarm.
6 ¹Panic seized them there,
Anguish, as of ^aa woman in childbirth.
7 With the ^aeast wind
Thou ^bdost break the ^cships of Tarshish.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God;
God will ^aestablish her forever. [¹Selah.]
9 ¶ We have thought on ^aThy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of Thy temple.
10 As is Thy ^aname, O God,
So is Thy ^bpraise to the ends of the earth;
Thy ^cright hand is full of righteousness.
11 Let Mount ^aZion be glad,
Let the ^adaughters of Judah rejoice,
Because of Thy judgments.

10 ^aDeut. 28:58; Josh. 7:9; Mal. 1:11 ^bPs. 65:1, 2; 100:1
^cIs. 41:10
11 ^aPs. 97:8

- 12 Walk about Zion, and go
around her;
Count her ^atowers;
13 Consider her ^aramparts;
Go through her palaces;
That you may ^btell it to the
next generation.
14 For ¹such is God,
Our God forever and ever;
He will ^aguide us ²until
death.

PSALM 49

The Folly of Trusting in Riches.

For the choir director.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

- H**EAR this, all peoples;
Give ear, all ^binhabitants
of the world,
2 Both ^alow and high,
Rich and poor together.
3 My mouth will ^aspeak wis-
dom;
And the meditation of my
heart will be ^bunder-
standing.
4 I will incline my ear to ^aa
proverb;
^bI will ¹express my ^criddle
on the harp.
5 ¹ Why should I ^afear in
days of adversity,
When the iniquity of my
¹foes surrounds me,
6 Even those who ^atrust in
their wealth,
And boast in the abundance
of their riches?
7 No man can by any means
^aredeem his brother,
Or give to God a ^bransom
for him—
8 For ^athe redemption of ¹his
soul is costly,
And he should cease trying
forever—
9 That he should ^alive on eter-
nally;
That he should not ^{1b}under-
go decay.

13 ^aHeb.
3:1, 11, 23-27
13 ^aPs.
122:7 ^aPs.
78:5-7
14 ¹Lit., this
²Lit., upon
some man
and the Gr
read forever.
^aPs. 23:4, 1a
58:11
1 ^aPs. 78:1.
1a 1:2, Mic
12 ^aPs. 33:8
2 ^aPs. 62:9
3 ^aPs.
37:30 ^aPs.
119:130
4 ¹Lit.,
open up
^aPs. 78:2
²2 Km. 3:15
^aNam. 12:8
5 ¹Lit.,
suppliants
^aPs. 23:4, 27:1
6 ^aJob
31:24, Ps.
52:7, Prov
11:28, Mark
10:24
7 ^aMatt.
25:8, 9 ^aJob
36:18, 19
8 ¹Lit.,
their
^aMatt. 18:28
9 ¹Or, new
corruption of
the pit
^aPs. 22:29
^aPs. 18:10,
89:48
10 ^aEcc.
2:18 ^aPs.
62:6, 94:8 ^aPs.
39:6, Ecc.
2:18, 21, Luth.
12:20
11 ¹Some
versions read
graves are
their houses
^aPs. 64:6 ^aPs.
10:6 ^aGen.
4:17, Deut.
3:14
12 ¹Lit.,
honor ²Or,
animals ¹Lit.,
are destroyed
^aPs. 49:20
13 ¹Selah
may mean,
Praise, Cre-
scendo or
Ad libitum in-
terlude
^aJer. 17:11
^aPs. 49:18
14 ¹Lit., the
entire world
¹Lit., Away
from his
habitation
^aPs. 8:17
^aGen. 7:18
Mid. 6:3
1 Cor. 6:2
Rev. 2:26
^aJob 24:19

- 10 ¹ For he sees that even
^awise men die;
The ^bstupid and the sense-
less alike perish.
And ^cleave their wealth to
others.
11 Their ^{1a}inner thought is,
that their houses ^bare for-
ever,
And their dwelling places to
all generations;
They have ^ccalled their
lands after their own
names.
12 But ^aman in his ¹pomp will
not endure;
He is like the ²beasts that
³perish.
13 ¹ This is the ^away of those
who are foolish,
And of those after them
who ^bapprove their
words. [¹Selah.
14 As sheep they are ap-
pointed ^afor ¹Sheol;
Death shall be their shep-
herd;
And the ^bupright shall rule
over them in the morn-
ing;
And their form shall be for
¹Sheol ^cto consume,
²So that they have no habi-
tation.
15 But God will ^aredeem my
soul from the ¹power of
²Sheol;
For ^bHe will receive me.
[Selah.
16 ¹ Do not be afraid ^awhen a
man becomes rich,
When the ¹glory of his
house is increased;
17 For when he dies he will
^acarry nothing away;
His ¹glory will not descend
after him.

15 ¹Lit., hand ¹Lit., the entire world ^aPs. 18:10, 58:12
Hos. 13:14 ^aGen. 5:24; Ps. 18:11; 73:24
16 ¹Or, wealth ^aPs. 37:7
17 ¹Or, wealth ^aPs. 17:14; 1 Tim. 6:7

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18 Though while he lives he
^acongratulates ¹him-
 self—

And though men praise you
 when you do well for
 yourself—

19 ¹He shall ^ago to the genera-
 tion of his fathers;
 They shall never see ^bthe
 light.

20 ^aMan in his ¹pomp, yet with-
 out understanding,
 Is ^blike the ²beasts that ³per-
 ish.

PSALM 50

*God the Judge of the Righteous and
 the Wicked.*

A Psalm of ^aAsaph.

^a**T**HE Mighty One, God, the
 LORD, has spoken,
 And summoned the earth
^bfrom the rising of the
 sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, ^athe perfection
 of beauty,

God ^bhas shone forth.

3 May our God ^acome and not
 keep silence;

^bFire devours before Him,
 And it is very ^ctempestuous
 around Him.

4 He ^asummons the heavens
 above,

And the earth, to judge His
 people:

5 "Gather My ^agodly ones to
 Me,

Those who have made a
^bcovenant with Me by
^csacrifice."

6 And the ^aheavens declare
 His righteousness,

For ^bGod Himself is judge.
 [¹Selah.

7 ¶ ^aHear, O My people, and I
 will speak;

O Israel, I will testify
¹against you;

I am God, ^byour God.

8 "I do ^anot reprove you for
 your sacrifices,

18 ¹Lit., his
 soul

^aDeut. 29:18;
 Ps. 10:3, 6;
 Luke 12:19

19 ¹Lit.,
 You; or, It

^aGen. 15:15;
^bJob 33:30;
 Ps. 58:13

20 ¹Lit.,
 honor ²Or,
 animals ³Lit.,
 are destroyed

^aPs. 49:12
^bEcc. 3:19

^c1 Chr.
 15:17; 2 Chr.
 29:30

1 Josh.
 22:22 ^bPs.
 113:3

2 ^aPs. 48:2,
 Lam. 2:15

^bDeut. 33:2;
 Ps. 80:1, 94:1

3 ^aPs.
 98:13 ^bLev.
 10:2; Num.

18:35; Ps.
 97:3; Dan.

7:10 ^cPs.
 18:12, 13

4 ^aDeut.
 4:26; 31:28;
 32:1; Is. 1:2

5 ^aPs. 30:4;
 37:28; 52:9

^bEx. 24:7;
 2 Chr. 6:11;
 Ps. 25:10 ^cPs.
 50:8

6 ¹Selah
 may mean:
 Pause, Cres-
 cendo or

Musical in-
 terlude

^aPs. 69:3; 97:8
^bPs. 75:7;
 98:13

7 ¹Or, to
^aPs. 49:1; 81:8

^bEx. 20:2; Ps.
 48:14

8 ^aPs. 40:6;
 51:16; Is.

1:11; Hos. 6:6

9 ^aPs.
 69:31

10 ^aPs.
 104:24

11 ¹Or, in
 My mind; lit.,
 with Me

^aMatt. 6:28

12 ¹Lit., its
 fulness

^aEx. 19:3;
 Deut. 10:14;
 Ps. 24:1;

1 Cor. 10:28

13 ¹Lit.,
 strong ones

^aPs. 50:9

14 ^aPs. 27:6;
 69:30; 107:22;
 116:17; Hos.

14:2; Rom.

12:1; Heb.

13:15 ^bNum.

30:2; Deut.

23:21; Ps.

22:25; 56:12;
 61:8; 65:1;
 78:11

And your burnt offerings
 are continually before
 Me.

9 "I shall take no ^ayoung bull
 out of your house,

Nor male goats out of your
 folds.

10 "For ^aevery beast of the for-
 est is Mine,

The cattle on a thousand
 hills.

11 "I know every ^abird of the
 mountains,

And everything that moves
 in the field is ¹Mine.

12 "If I were hungry, I would not
 tell you;

For the ^aworld is Mine, and
¹all it contains.

13 "Shall I eat the flesh of
¹bulls,

Or drink the blood of male
 goats?

14 "Offer to God ^aa sacrifice of
 thanksgiving,

And ^bpay your vows to the
 Most High;

15 And ^acall upon Me in the
 day of trouble;

I shall ^brescue you, and you
 will ^chonor Me."

16 ¶ But to the wicked God
 says,

"What right have you to tell
 of My statutes,

And to take ^aMy covenant
 in your mouth?

17 "For you ^ahate discipline,
 And you ^bcast My words be-
 hind you.

18 "When you see a thief, you
¹are pleased with him,

And ²you ^bassociate with
 adulterers.

19 "You ¹let your mouth loose
 in evil,

And your ^btongue frames
 deceit.

15 ^aPs. 91:15; 107:6, 13; Zech. 13:9 ^bPs. 81:7 ^cPs. 22:23

16 ^aIs. 29:13

17 ^aProv. 3:12; 12:1; Rom. 2:21, 22 ^b1 Kin. 14:9; Neh

9:28

18 ¹Some ancient versions read run together ²Lit.,
 your part is with ^aRom. 1:32 ^b1 Tim. 5:22

19 ¹Lit., and ^aPs. 10:7 ^bPs. 38:3; 52:2

20 "You sit and ^aspeak against your brother;
You slander your own mother's son.

21 "These things you have done, and ^aI kept silence;
You thought that I was just like you;
I will ^breprove you, and state the case in order before your eyes.

22 ¶ "Now consider this, you who ^aforget God,
Lest I ^btear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 "He who ^aoffers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me;
And to him who ^borders his way aright
I shall ^cshow the salvation of God."

PSALM 51

A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when ^aNathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

BE gracious to me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness;

According to the greatness of ^bThy compassion ^cblot out my transgressions.

2 ^aWash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And ^bcleanse me from my sin.

3 For ^aI ^bknow my transgressions,
And my sin is ever before me.

4 ^aAgainst Thee, Thee only, I have sinned,
And done what is ^bevil in Thy sight,
So that ^cThou ^dart justified
^ewhen Thou dost speak,
And ^fblameless when Thou dost judge.

20 Job 19:18; Matt. 10:21
21 Eccl. 8:11, 14; 42:14; 57:11
22 Ps. 90:8
23 Job 8:13; Ps. 9:17
24 Ps. 7:2
25 Lit., sets
26 Ps. 50:14
27 Ps. 85:13
28 Ps. 91:16
29 2 Sam. 12:1
30 1 Ps. 4:1
31 100:28 Ps. 69:18; 108:45
32 Ps. 51:9, 14; 43:25; 44:22
33 Acts 3:19
34 Col. 2:14
35 2 Ps. 51:7
36 Is. 1:18, 4:4
37 Jer. 4:14
38 Acts 22:16
39 Rev. 1:5
40 Jer. 33:8; Ezek. 36:33
41 Heb. 9:14, 1 John 1:7, 9
42 Or, I myself know
43 Is. 50:12
44 Or, mayest be in the right
45 Many mss. read in Thy words Lit., pure
46 Gen. 20:6
47 39:9; 2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 41:4
48 Luke 15:21
49 Rom. 3:4
50 Job 14:4; 15:14
51 Ps. 58:3; Eph. 2:3
52 Or, inward parts
53 Job 38:36
54 Ps. 15:2
55 Prov. 2:6
56 Eccl. 2:26
57 James 1:5
58 Or, Mayest Thou purify
59 That I may be clean
60 Or, Mayest Thou wash
61 Ex. 12:22
62 Lev. 14:4
63 Num. 19:18
64 Heb. 9:19
65 Ps. 118
66 Or, Mayest Thou make
67 Is. 35:10
68 Joel 1:16
69 Ps. 35:10
70 Or, 16:17
71 Lit., for
72 Or, an upright
73 Ezek. 18:31
74 Eph. 2:10

5 ¶ Behold, I was ^abrought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, Thou dost desire ^atruth in the ^binnermost being,
And in the hidden part Thou wilt ^bmake me know wisdom.

7 ^aPurify me ^awith hyssop, and I shall be clean;
^aWash me, and I shall be ^bwhiter than snow.

8 ^aMake me to hear ^ajoy and gladness,
Let the ^bbones which Thou hast broken rejoice.

9 ^aHide Thy face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.

10 ¶ ^aCreate ^bin me a ^cclean heart, O God,
And renew ^aa ^csteadfast spirit within me.

11 ^aDo not cast me away from Thy presence,
And do not take Thy ^bHoly Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the ^ajoy of Thy salvation,
And sustain me with a ^bwill-ing spirit.

13 Then I will ^ateach transgressors Thy ways,
And sinners will ^bbe ^cconverted to Thee.

14 ¶ Deliver me from ^ablood-guiltiness, O God, Thou ^bGod of my salvation;
Then my ^ctongue will joyfully sing of Thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, ^aopen my lips,
That my mouth may ^bde-clare Thy praise.

Ps. 24:4; Matt. 5:8; Acts 15:9
Ps. 78:37
11 2 Kin. 13:23; 24:20; Jer. 7:15
Is. 63:10, 11
12 Ps. 13:5
Ps. 110:3
13 Or, turn back
Acts 9:21, 22
Ps. 22:27
14 2 Sam. 12:9; Ps. 28:9
Ps. 25:5
Ps. 35:28, 71:15
15 Or, mayest Thou open
Ex. 4:15
Ps. 9:14

- 16 For Thou ^adost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
Thou art not pleased with burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a ^abroken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
- 18 ¶ ^aBy Thy favor do good to Zion;
^bBuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then Thou wilt delight in ¹righteous sacrifices,
In ^bburnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then ²young bulls will be offered on Thine altar.

PSALM 52

Futility of Boastful Wickedness.

For the choir director. A ^aMaskil of David, ^awhen Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

- W**HY do you ^aboast in evil, O mighty man?
The ^blovingkindness of God endures all day long.
- 2 Your tongue devises ^adestruction,
Like a ^bsharp razor, ^cO worker of deceit.
- 3 You ^alove evil more than good,
^bFalsehood more than speaking what is right. [¹Selah.]
- 4 You love all words that devour,
O ^adeceitful tongue.
- 5 ¶ ¹But God will break you down forever;
He will snatch you up, and ^atear you away from your tent,
And ^buproot you from the ^cland of the living. [¹Selah.]

16 ^a1 Sam. 15:22; Ps. 40:6
17 ^aPs. 34:18
18 ¹Or, Mayest Thou build
^aPs. 69:35; Is. 51:3 ^bPs. 102:18; 147:2
19 ¹Or, sacrifices of righteousness
²1.e., they will offer young bulls
^aPs. 4:5 ^bPs. 66:13, 15
Possibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm
¹1 Sam. 22:9
¹Ps. 94:4
^bPs. 52:8
²Ps. 5:9
^bPs. 57:4; 59:7 ^cPs. 101:7
³1Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 36:4 ^bPs. 58:3; Jer. 9:5
⁴Ps. 120:3
⁵1Or, Also
^aIs. 22:18, 19
^bProv. 2:22
^cPs. 27:13
⁶Ps. 37:34; 40:3
^bJob 22:19
⁷1Or, his destruction
^aPs. 49:6 ^bPs. 10:6
⁸Ps. 92:12; 128:3; Jer. 11:16
^bPs. 13:5
⁹Ps. 30:12 ^bPs. 54:6
^a1.e., sickness, a sad tone
Possibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm
¹Ps. 10:4; 14:1-7; 53:1-6
^bRom. 3:10
²1Or, acts wisely
^aRom. 3:11
^b2 Chr. 15:2
³Rom. 3:12
⁴Jer. 4:22

- 6 And the righteous will ^asee and fear,
And will ^blaugh at him, saying.
- 7 "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge,
But ^atrusted in the abundance of his riches,
And ^bwas strong in ¹his evil desire."
- 8 ¶ But as for me, I am like a ^agreen olive tree in the house of God;
I ^btrust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.
- 9 I will ^agive Thee thanks forever, because Thou hast done it,
And I will wait on Thy name, ^bfor it is good, in the presence of Thy godly ones.

PSALM 53

Folly and Wickedness of Men.

For the choir director; according to ^aMahalath. A ^aMaskil of David.

- T**HE fool has said in his heart,
"There is no God,"
They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice;
^bThere is no one who does good.
- 2 God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men,
To see if there is ^aanyone who ¹understands,
Who ^bseeks after God.
- 3 ^aEvery one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
There is no one who does good, not even one.
- 4 ¶ Have the workers of wickedness ^ano knowledge,

Who eat up My people as
though they ate bread,
And have not called upon
God?

5 There they were in great
¹fear ^awhere no ¹fear had
been;

For God ^bscattered the
bones of ²him who en-
camped against you;

You ^cput them to shame, be-
cause ^dGod had rejected
them.

6 Oh, that ^athe salvation of Is-
rael ¹would come out of
Zion!

When God ²restores His
captive people,

³Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel
be glad.

PSALM 54

Prayer for Defense against Enemies.

For the choir director; on
stringed instruments. A ^{*}Maskil
of David, when the Ziphites
came and said to Saul, "Is not
David hiding himself among us?"

SAVE me, O God, by ^aThy
name,
And ¹vindicate me by ^bThy
power.

2 ^aHear my prayer, O God;
^bGive ear to the words of my
mouth.

3 For strangers have ^arisen
against me,

And ^bviolent men have
^csought my ¹life;

They have ^dnot set God be-
fore them. [²Selah.

4 [¶] Behold, ^aGod is my
helper;

The Lord is ¹the ^bsustainer
of my soul.

5 ¹He will ^arecompense the
evil to ²my foes;

^{3b}Destroy them ^cin Thy
^dfaithfulness.

6 [¶] ^{1a}Willingly I will sacrifice
to Thee;

⁸ ¹Or,
dread ²Or
possibly,
those
^aLv. 26:17,
36; Prov. 28:1
^bPs. 141:7;
Jer. 8:1, 2;
Ezek. 6:5 ^cPs.
44:7 ^d2 Kin.
17:20; Jer.
6:30; Lam.
5:22

⁶ ¹Lit.,
would be ²Or,
restores the
fortunes of
His people
³Or, Jacob
will rejoice,
Israel will be
glad
^aPs. 14:7
^{*} Possibly,
Contempla-
tive, or Di-
dactic, or
Skillful
Psalm
¹ Sam.
23:19, 26:1
¹ ¹Lit.,
judge
^aPs. 20:1
² Chr. 20:6
³ ^aPs. 17:6,
55:1 ^bPs. 5:1
³ ¹Or, soul
²Selah may
mean: Pause,
Crescendo or
Musical in-
terlude
^aPs. 88:14
^bPs. 18:48;
88:14; 140:1,
4, 11 ¹ Sam.
20:1, 25:29;
Ps. 40:14,
63:9, 70:2
^aPs. 36:1
⁴ ¹Lit., as
those who
sustain
^aPs. 30:10;
37:40; 118:7
^bPs. 37:17,
24, 41:12,
51:12, 145:14,
Is. 41:10
⁵ ¹Lit., The
evil will re-
turn ²Or,
those who lie
in wait for
me ³Or, Put
to silence
⁴Or, truth
^aPs. 94:23
^bPs. 143:12
^cPs. 68:49;
98:13; Is. 42:3
⁶ ¹Or,
With a free-
will offering
^aNum. 15:3;
Ps. 118:17
^bPs. 50:14;
7 ¹Or, it;
i.e., His name
²Or, distress
^aPs. 34:6 ^bPs.
59:10; 92:11;
112:8; 118:7

I will give ^bthanks to Thy
name, O LORD, for it is
good.

7 For ¹He has ^adelivered me
from all ²trouble;

And my eye has ^blooked
with satisfaction upon
my enemies.

PSALM 55

*Prayer for the Destruction of the
Treacherous.*

For the choir director; on
stringed instruments.
A ^{*}Maskil of David.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O
God;

And ^bdo not hide Thyself
from my supplication.

2 Give ^aheed to me, and an-
swer me;

I am restless in my ^bcom-
plaint and ^{1c}am surely
distracted.

3 Because of the voice of the
enemy,

Because of the ^apressure of
the wicked;

For they ^bbring down ¹trou-
ble upon me,

And in anger they ^cbear a
grudge against me.

4 [¶] My ^aheart is in anguish
within me,

And the terrors of ^bdeath
have fallen upon me.

5 Fear and ^atrembling come
upon me;

And ^{1b}horror has over-
whelmed me.

6 And I said, "Oh, that I had
wings like a dove!

I would fly away and ^{1a}be at
rest.

^{*} Possibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful
Psalm

¹ ^aPs. 54:2; 61:1; 88:6 ^bPs. 27:9
² ¹Or, I must mean ^aPs. 68:19; 88:6, 7 ¹ Sam. 1:16;
Job 9:27; Ps. 64:1, 77:3, 142:2 ^cIs. 38:14, 58:11, Ezek.
7:16

³ ¹Or, wickedness ^aPs. 17:9 ² Sam. 16:7, 8 ^bPs.
71:11, 143:3

⁴ ^aPs. 38:6 ^bPs. 18:4, 5; 116:3

⁵ ¹Lit., shuddering ^aPs. 118:120; Job 21:6; Is. 21:4;
Ezek. 7:18

⁶ ¹Lit., settle down ^aJob 3:13

- 7 "Behold, I would wander far away,
I would lodge in the wilderness. [Selah.
- 8 "I would hasten to my place of refuge
From the stormy wind and tempest."
- 9 ¶ Confuse, O Lord, divide their tongues,
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- 10 Day and night they go around her upon her walls;
And iniquity and mischief are in her midst.
- 11 Destruction is in her midst;
Oppression and deceit do not depart from her streets.
- 12 ¶ For it is not an enemy who reproaches me,
Then I could bear it;
Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me,
Then I could hide myself from him.
- 13 But it is you, a man my equal,
My companion and my familiar friend.
- 14 We who had sweet fellowship together,
Walked in the house of God in the throng.
- 15 Let death come deceitfully upon them;
Let them go down alive to Sheol,
For evil is in their dwelling,
in their midst.
- 16 ¶ As for me, I shall call upon God,
And the LORD will save me.
- 17 Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur,
And He will hear my voice.
- 18 He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle which is against me,

7 ¹Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^a1 Sam. 23:14
^bIsa. 4:6
25:4; 29:6
^c1 Lit., Swallow up
^dGen. 11:9
^ePs. 11:5; Jer. 6:7
^f11 Or, place
^gPs. 5:9; ^hPs. 107:17-9
ⁱ12 ^hPs. 41:9
^jPs. 35:26
^k13 ⁱLit., according to my valuation
^lOr, acquaintance
^m2 Sam. 15:12
ⁿJob 19:14; Ps. 41:9
^o14 ⁱLit., counsel, or, intimacy
^pPs. 42:4
^q18 ⁱAnother reading is: *demolitions be upon them*
^rI.e., the nether world
^sPs. 64:7; Prov. 6:15; Isa. 47:11;
^t1 Thess. 5:3
^uNum. 16:30, 33
^v16 ^hPs. 57:2, 3
^w17 ^hPs. 141:2; Dan. 6:10; Acts 3:1; 10:3, 30
^xPs. 5:3; 88:13; 92:2
^yActs 10:9
^z18 ⁱOr, so that none may approach me
^{aa}Ps. 103:4
^{ab}Ps. 56:2
^{ac}19 ⁱOr, afflict
^{ad}Or, abides from
^{ae}Lit., are no changes
^{af}Ps. 78:59
^{ag}Deut. 33:27; Ps. 90:2; 93:2
^{ah}Ps. 36:1
^{ai}20 ⁱLit., profaned
^{aj}Ps. 7:4; 120:7
^{ak}Num. 30:2; Ps. 89:34
^{al}21 ⁱLit., mouth
^{am}Ps. 12:2; 28:3; Prov. 5:3, 4
^{an}Ps. 57:4; 59:7

- For they are many who strive with me.
- 19 God will hear and answer them—
Even the one who sits enthroned from of old— [Selah.
- With whom there is no change,
And who do not fear God.
- 20 He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him;
He has violated his covenant.
- 21 His speech was smoother than butter,
But his heart was war;
His words were softer than oil,
Yet they were drawn
his swords.
- 22 ¶ Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain you;
He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.
- 23 But Thou, O God, wilt bring them down to the pit of destruction;
Men of bloodshed and deceit will not live out half their days.
But I will trust in Thee.

PSALM 56

Supplication for Deliverance, and Grateful Trust in God.

For the choir director; according to Jonath elem rehokim. A Mikhtam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

BE gracious, O God, for man has trampled upon me;

22 ⁱOr, what He has given you
ⁱⁱOr, lotter
ⁱⁱⁱPs. 37:5; 1 Pet. 5:7
^{iv}Ps. 37:24; ^vPs. 15:5; 112:6
23 ⁱOr, lowest pit
ⁱⁱPs. 73:18; Isa. 38:17; Ezek. 28:8
ⁱⁱⁱPs. 5:6; Job 15:32; Prov. 10:27
^{iv}Ps. 25:2; 56:3
^vOr, The silent dove of those who are far off, or, The dove of the distant labyrinth.
^{vi}Possibly, Epigrammatic Poem, or Altonement Psalm
^{vii}1 Sam. 21:10, 11
^{viii}1 ⁱOr, snapped at
^{ix}Ps. 57:3

- 2 Fighting all day long he
b oppresses me.
- 2 My foes have ¹trampled
upon me all day long.
For ²they are many who
b fight proudly against
me.
- 3 ¹When I am ^aafraid,
²I will b put my trust in Thee.
- 4 ^aIn God, whose word I
praise,
In God I have put my trust;
I shall not be afraid.
b What can mere ¹man do to
me?
- 5 All day long they ¹distort
my words;
All their ²thoughts are
against me for evil.
- 6 They ¹attack, they lurk,
They b watch my ²steps,
As they have c waited to
take my ³life.
- 7 Because of wickedness,
¹cast them forth,
In anger b put down the peo-
ples, O God!
- 8 ¶ Thou ^ahast taken account
of my wanderings;
Put my b tears in Thy bottle;
Are they not in c Thy book?
- 9 Then my enemies will ^aturn
back b in the day when I
call;
This I know, ¹that c God is
for me.
- 10 In God, whose word I
praise,
In the LORD, whose word I
praise,
- 11 In God I have put my ¹trust,
I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
- 12 Thy ^avows are binding upon
me, O God;
I will render thank offerings
to Thee.
- 13 For Thou hast ^adelivered
my soul from death,
¹Indeed b my feet from
stumbling,

¹ Or, A fighting man
b Ps. 17:9
² Or, snapped at
Or, many are fighting
b Ps. 35:25;
57:3; 124:3
b Ps. 35:1
³ Lit., In the day Or, I am one who pulls
b Ps. 56:4, 5
b Ps. 11:1
⁴ Lit., flesh
b Ps. 56:10, 11
b Ps. 118:6,
Heb. 13:6
⁵ Or, trouble my affairs
Or, purposes
b 2 Pet. 3:16
b Ps. 41:7
⁶ Or, stir up sin b Lit., heels b Lit., soul
b Ps. 56:3,
140:2, 15
54:15 b Ps.
17:11 b Ps.
71:10
⁷ Or, will they have escape?
b Ps. 36:12;
Prov. 19:5,
Ezek. 17:15;
Rom. 7:3 b Ps.
55:23
⁸ b Ps.
139:3 b 2 Kin.
20:5; Ps.
39:12 b Mal.
3:16
⁹ Or, be-
cause
b Ps. 9:3 b Ps.
102:2 b Ps.
41:11, 118:6,
Rom. 8:31
¹⁰ Or, trust without fear
b Ps.
50:14
¹¹ Or, Hast Thou not de-
livered Or,
life
b Ps. 33:19,
49:15, 86:13
b Ps. 118:8
b Ps. 118:9
b Job 33:30
* Lit., Do Not Destroy
* Possibly,
Epigram-
matic Poem
or Alone Psalm
b 1 Sam. 22:1,
24:3
¹ b Ps. 2:12;
34:22 b Ruth.
2:12; Ps. 17:8;
36:7; 63:7;
91:4 b Is. 26:20
b Ps.
138:8

So that I may c walk before
God
In the d light of the ²living.

PSALM 57

Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors.

For the choir director; set to ^aAl-
tashheth. A ^aMikhtam of David,
^awhen he fled from Saul, in the
cave.

- B**E gracious to me, O God, be
gracious to me,
For my soul ^atakes refuge in
Thee;
And in the b shadow of Thy
wings I will take refuge,
Until destruction c passes
by.
- 2 I will cry to God Most High,
To God who ^aaccomplishes
all things for me.
- 3 He will ^asend from heaven
and save me;
He reproaches him who
b tramples upon me.
²Selah.
- God will send forth His c lov-
ingkindness and His
³truth.
- 4 ¶ My soul is among ^alions;
I must lie among those who
b breathe forth fire,
Even the sons of men,
whose b teeth are spears
and arrows,
And their c tongue a sharp
sword.
- 5 ^aBe exalted above the heav-
ens, O God;
Let Thy glory be above all
the earth.
- 6 They have ¹prepared a ^anet
for my steps;
My soul is b bowed down;
They c dug a pit before me;

³ Or, snare of ²Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo
or Musical interlude Or, faithfulness b Ps. 18:16, 144:5,
7 b Ps. 56:2 b Ps. 25:10, 40:11
⁴ b Ps. 35:17, 58:6 b Prov. 30:14 b Ps. 55:21, 59:7, 64:3,
Prov. 12:18
⁵ b Ps. 57:11; 108:5
⁶ Or, spread b Ps. 10:9, 31:4, 35:7, 140:5 b Ps. 145:14
b Ps. 7:15

They themselves have ^dfallen into the midst of it. [Selah.]

- 7 ¶ ^aMy ^bheart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
- 8 Awake, ^amy glory;
Awake, ^bharp and lyre,
I will awaken the dawn!
- 9 ^aI will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to Thee among the ¹nations.
- 10 For Thy ^alovingkindness is great to the heavens,
And Thy ¹truth to the clouds.
- 11 ^aBe exalted above the heavens, O God;
Let Thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 58

Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked.

For the choir director; set to ^aAl-tashheth.
A ^aMikhtam of David.

- D**O you indeed ¹speak righteousness, O ²gods?
Do you ^ajudge ³uprightly, O sons of men?
- 2 No, in heart you ^awork unrighteousness;
On earth you ^bweigh out the violence of your hands.
- 3 The wicked are estranged ^afrom the womb;
These who speak lies ^bgo astray from ¹birth.
- 4 They have venom like the ^avenom of a serpent;
Like a deaf cobra that stops up its ear,
- 5 So that it ^adoes not hear the voice of ¹charmners,
Or a skillful caster of spells.

⁶ ^aProv. 26:27; 28:10; Eccl. 10:8.
⁷ ^aPs. 57:7; 11; 108:1-3; ^bPs. 112:7.
⁸ ^aPs. 18:9; 30:12; ^bPs. 150:3.
⁹ ¹Lit., peoples.
^aPs. 108:3.
¹⁰ ¹Or, faithfulness.
^aPs. 36:5; 103:11; 108:4.
¹¹ ^aPs. 57:5; 108:5.
¹ ¹Lit., Do Not Destroy.
² Possibly, Epigrammatic Poem or Atonement Psalm.
³ ¹ Another reading is speak righteousness in silence. ² Or, mighty ones or judges. ³ Or, uprightly the sons of men.
^aPs. 82:2.
² ^aMal. 3:15; ^bPs. 94:20; Is. 10:1.
³ ¹ Lit., the womb.
^aPs. 51:5; Is. 48:8; ^bPs. 53:3.
⁴ ^aDeut. 32:33; Ps. 140:3.
⁵ ¹ Or, whisperers.
^aJer. 8:17.
^bEccl. 10:11.
⁶ ^aJob 4:10; Ps. 3:7.
⁷ ¹ Lit., binds. ² Lit., though they were cut off.
^aJosh. 2:11; 7:5; Ps. 112:10; Is. 13:7; Ezek. 21:7; ^bPs. 64:3.
⁸ ¹ I.e., secretes slime.
^aJob 3:18; Eccl. 6:3.
⁹ ¹ Lit., liv- ing.
^aPs. 118:12; Eccl. 7:6; ^bJob 27:21; Ps. 83:15; Prov. 10:25.
¹⁰ ^aJob 22:19; Ps. 32:11; 84:10; 107:42; ^bDeut. 32:43; Ps. 91:8; Jer. 11:20; 20:12.
^aPs. 68:23.
¹¹ ¹ Lit., fruit. ² Or, in.
^aPs. 18:20; 19:11; Is. 3:10; Luke 6:23, 35.

- 6 ¶ O God, ^ashatter their teeth in their mouth;
Break out the fangs of the young lions, O LORD.
- 7 Let them ^aflow away like water that runs off;
When he ¹aims his arrows, let them be as ²headless shafts.
- 8 Let them be as a snail which ¹melts away as it goes along.
Like the ^amiscarriages of a woman which never see the sun.
- 9 Before your ^apots can feel the fire of thorns,
He will ^bsweep them away with a whirlwind, the ¹green and the burning alike.
- 10 ¶ The ^arighteous will rejoice when he ^bsees the vengeance;
He will ^cwash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 And men will say, "Surely there is a ¹reward for the righteous;
Surely there is a God who ^bjudges ²on earth!"

PSALM 59

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies.

For the choir director; set to ^aAl-tashheth. A ^aMikhtam of David, ^awhen Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him.

- D**ELIVER me from my enemies, O my God;
¹Set me ^asecurely on high away from those who rise up against me.
- 2 Deliver me from ^athose who do iniquity,

^aPs. 9:8; 67:4; 75:7; 94:2.
¹ ¹ Lit., Do Not Destroy.
² Possibly, Epigrammatic Poem or Atonement Psalm.
^a1 Sam. 19:11.
¹ ¹ Or, Mayest Thou put me in an inaccessibly high place. ^aPs. 143:9; ^bPs. 20:1; 68:29.
² ^aPs. 28:3; 36:12; 53:4; 82:7; 94:16.

And save me from ^bmen of bloodshed.

3 For behold, they ^ahave ¹set an ambush for my ²life;
³Fierce men ^alaunch an attack against me,

^bNot for my transgression nor for my sin, O LORD,

4 ^{1a}For no guilt of mine, they run and set themselves against me.

^bArouse Thyself to ²help me, and see!

5 And Thou, ^aO LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, Awake to ^{1b}punish all the nations;

^cDo not be gracious to any who are treacherous in iniquity. [²Selah.

6 They ^areturn at evening, they howl like a ^bdog. And go around the city.

7 Behold, they ^abelch forth with their mouth;

^bSwords are in their lips, For, they say, "^cWho hears?"

8 But Thou, O LORD, dost ^alaugh at them; Thou dost ^bscoff at all the nations.

9 ^aBecause of ¹his ^astrength I will watch for Thee, For God is my ^bstronghold.

10 ¹My God ^ain His lovingkindness will meet me; God will let me ^blook triumphantly upon ²my foes.

11 Do not slay them, ^alest my people forget;

^{1b}Scatter them by Thy power, and bring them down,

O Lord, ^cour shield.

12 ¹On account of the ^asin of their mouth and the words of their lips, Let them even be ^bcaught in their pride,

And on account of ^ccurses and ²lies which they utter.

² ^aPs. 28:9; 139:19; Prov. 29:10

³ ^aOr, lean in wait ²Lt., soul ³Or, Strong ⁴Or, stir up strife ^aPs. 66:6; ¹1 Sam. 24:11; Ps. 7:2, 4; 69:4

⁴ ¹Lt., Without guilt ²Lt., meet ^aPs. 36:19; ^aPs. 7:6; 35:23

⁵ ¹Lt., visit ²Selah may mean Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude ^aPs. 69:6; 80:4, 84:6; ^aPs. 9:5; Is. 26:14; ^{1a}Is. 2:9; Jer. 18:23

⁶ ^aPs. 59:14; ^aPs. 22:16; ⁷^aPs. 64:4; Prov. 15:2, 28

^aPs. 57:4; Prov. 12:18; ¹Job 22:13; Ps. 10:11; 73:11; 94:7

⁸ ^aPs. 37:13; Prov. 1:26; ^aPs. 2:4; ⁹Many mss. and some ancient versions read My strength ^aPs. 18:17; ^aPs. 9:9; 62:2; ¹⁰Many mss. and some ancient versions read The God of my lovingkindness

¹¹ ^aOr, those who lie in wait for me ^aPs. 21:3; ^aPs. 54:7

¹² ^aOr, Make them wander ^aDeut. 4:9; 6:12; ^aPs. 108:27; 144:6; Is. 33:3; ^aPs. 84:9

¹³ ^aOr, The sin of their mouth is the word of their lips; ²Lt., lying

^aProv. 12:13; ^aZeph. 3:11; ^aPs. 10:7; ¹³ ¹Lt., Bring to an end ^aOr, as Rider ^aPs. 104:35; ^aPs. 83:18

13 ^{1a}Destroy them in wrath, ¹destroy them, that they may be no more;

That men may ^bknow that God ²rules in Jacob,

To the ends of the earth. [²Selah.

14 And they ^areturn at evening, they howl like a dog.

And go around the city.

15 They ^awander about ¹for food,

And ²growl if they are not satisfied.

16 ^aBut as for me, I shall ^asing of Thy strength;

Yes, I shall ^bjoyfully sing of Thy lovingkindness in the ^cmorning.

For Thou hast been my ^dstronghold,

And a ^erefuge in the day of my distress.

17 ^aO my strength, I will sing praises to Thee;

For God is my ^bstronghold, the ¹God who shows me lovingkindness.

PSALM 60

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the choir director, according to

^aShushan Eduth. A ^aMikhtam of David, to teach; ^awhen he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote twelve thousand of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

O GOD, ^aThou hast rejected us. Thou hast ^{1b}broken us;

¹⁴ ^aPs. 58:6; ¹⁵ ^aOr, to devour ²Another reading is carry all night Job 15:23

¹⁶ ^aPs. 21:13; ^aPs. 101:1; ^aPs. 5:3; 88:13; ^aPs. 59:9; ^a2 Sam. 22:3; Ps. 48:1

¹⁷ ¹Lt., God of my lovingkindness ^aPs. 58:9; ^aPs. 59:10

^a Lt., The lily of testimony

^a Possibly, Liturgical Psalm or Adornment Psalm

^a 2 Sam. 8:3, 13; 1 Chr. 18:3, 12

^a 1 Or, broken out upon us ^aPs. 64:9; 2 Sam. 5:20

- Thou hast been ^cangry; O,
^drestore us.
- 2 Thou hast made the ^{1a}land
quake, Thou hast split it
open;
^bHeal its breaches, for it tot-
ters.
- 3 Thou hast ^{1a}made Thy peo-
ple experience hardship;
Thou hast given us ²wine to
^bdrink that makes us
stagger.
- 4 Thou hast given a ^abanner
to those who fear Thee.
That it may be displayed be-
cause of the truth.
[¹Selah.]
- 5 ^aThat Thy ^bbeloved may be
delivered,
^cSave with Thy right hand,
and answer ¹us!
- 6 ^a God has spoken in His
^{1a}holiness:
"I will exult, I will portion out
^bShechem and measure
out the valley of ^cSuc-
coth.
- 7 ^aGilead is Mine, and Manas-
seh is Mine;
^bEphraim also is the ¹hel-
met of My head;
Judah is My ^{2c}scepter.
- 8 ^aMoab is My washbowl;
Over ^bEdom I shall throw
My shoe;
Shout loud, O ^cPhilistia, be-
cause of Me!"
- 9 ^a Who will bring me into
the besieged city?
Who ¹will lead me to Edom?
10 Hast not Thou Thyself, O
God, ^arejected us?
And ^bwilt Thou not go forth
with our armies, O God?
- 11 O give us help against the
adversary,
For ^adeliverance ¹by man is
in vain.
- 12 ¹Through God we shall ^ado
valiantly,

1 ^cPs. 79:5
^dPs. 80:3
2 ¹Or,
earth
^aPs. 18:7
b2 Chr. 7:14;
Is. 30:26
3 ¹Lit.,
caused Thy
people to see
4 ¹Lit., wine of
staggering
^aPs. 66:12;
71:20 ^bPs.
73:8; Is.
51:17, 22; Jer.
25:15
4 ¹Selah
may mean
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Musical in-
terlude
^aPs. 20:5; Is.
5:26, 11:12,
13:2
5 ¹Some
authorities
read me
^aPs. 60:5-12;
108:6-13
^bDeut. 33:12;
Ps. 127:2; Is.
5:1; Jer. 11:15
^cPs. 17:7
6 ¹Or,
sanctuary
^aPs. 88:35
^bGen. 12:6;
33:18; Josh.
17:7 ^cGen.
33:17; Josh.
13:27
7 ¹Lit., pro-
tection ²Or,
lawgiver
^aJosh. 13:31
^bDeut. 33:17
^cGen. 49:10
8 ^a2 Sam.
8:2 ^b2 Sam.
8:14 ^c2 Sam.
8:1
9 ¹Or, has
led
10 ^aPs. 60:1;
108:11 ^bJosh.
7:12; Ps. 44:9
11 ¹Lit., of
^aPs. 146:3
12 ¹Or, in or
with
^aNum. 24:18;
Ps. 118:16
^bPs. 44:5; Is.
63:3
1 ^aPs. 64:1
^bPs. 86:6
2 ^aPs. 42:6
^bPs. 77:3 ^cPs.
18:2; 94:22
3 ¹Lit.,
from
^aPs. 62:7 ^bPs.
59:9; Prov.
18:10
4 ¹Or, so-
journ ²Selah
may mean:
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Musical in-
terlude
^aPs. 23:6; 27:4
^bPs. 17:8;
91:4

And it is He who will ^btread
down our adversaries.

PSALM 61

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the choir director; on a
stringed instrument.
A Psalm of David.

- ^a**H**EAR my cry, O God;
^bGive heed to my prayer.
- 2 From the ^aend of the earth I
call to Thee, when my
heart is ^bfaint;
Lead me to ^cthe rock that is
higher than I.
- 3 For Thou hast been a ^aref-
uge for me,
A ^btower of strength
¹against the enemy.
- 4 Let me ^{1a}dwell in Thy tent
forever;
Let me ^btake refuge in the
shelter of Thy wings.
[²Selah.]
- 5 ^a For Thou hast heard my
^avows, O God;
Thou hast given me the in-
heritance of those who
^bfear Thy name.
- 6 Thou wilt ^{1a}prolong the
king's ²life;
His years will be as many
generations.
- 7 He will ¹abide ^abefore God
forever;
Appoint ^blovingkindness
and truth, that they may
preserve him.
- 8 So I will ^asing praise to Thy
name forever,
That I may ^bpay my vows
day by day.

3 ^aJob 22:27; Ps. 56:12 ^bDeut. 28:58; Neh. 1:11; Ps.
96:11; 102:15; Is. 59:19; Mal. 2:5; 4:2
6 ¹Lit., add days to ²Lit., days ^aPs. 21:4
7 ¹Or, sit enthroned ^aPs. 41:12 ^bPs. 40:11
8 ^aJudg. 5:3; Ps. 30:4; 33:2; 71:22 ^bPs. 65:1; Is. 19:21

PSALM 62

God Alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.

For the choir director;
according to Jeduthun.
A Psalm of David.

- M**Y soul waits in silence for God only;
From Him ^{is} my salvation.
- 2 He only is my ^arock and my salvation,
My ^bstronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.
- 3 ¶ How long will you assail a man,
That you may murder him, all of you,
Like a ^aleaning wall, like a tottering fence?
- 4 They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position;
They ^adelight in falsehood;
They ^bbless with ¹their mouth,
But inwardly they curse. [²Selah.]
- 5 ¶ My soul, ^await in silence for God only,
For my hope is from Him.
- 6 He only is ^amy rock and my salvation,
My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.
- 7 On God my ^asalvation and my glory rest;
The rock of my strength, my ^brefuge is in God.
- 8 ^aTrust in Him at all times, O people;
^bPour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us. [Selah.]
- 9 ¶ Men of ^alow degree are only ^bvanity, and men of rank are a ^clie;
In the ^dbalances they go up;
They are together lighter than breath.

* Cf. 1 Chr. 16:41; 25:1; Ps. 39 and 77
Titles
1 *Ps. 33:20 *Ps. 37:39
2 *Ps. 80:28 *Ps. 59:17; 62:6
3 *Ps. 30:13
4 *Lit., has
5 Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
*Ps. 42 *Ps. 28:3; 56:21
6 *Ps. 62:1
7 *Ps. 62:2
8 *Ps. 85:9; Jer. 3:23 *Ps. 46:1
9 *Ps. 37:3, 5, 52:8, 1a
10 4 *1 Sam. 1:15; Ps. 42:4; Lam. 2:19
11 *Ps. 49:2
12 Job 7:16; Ps. 39:5; 1a 40:17
*Ps. 116:11
13 *Ps. 40:15
14 *Lit., become vain in robbery
15 *Ps. 30:12 *Ps. 61:8; Ezek. 22:29; Nah. 3:1
16 Job 31:25; Ps. 49:6; 52:7; Mark 10:24; Luke 12:15; 1 Tim. 6:10
17 *Or, One thing *Or, These two things I have heard
18 Job 33:14; 40:5 *Ps. 59:17; Rev. 19:1
19 12 *Ps. 86:5; 103:8; 130:7
20 Job 34:11; Ps. 28:4; Jer. 17:10; Matt. 16:27; Rom. 2:6; 1 Cor. 3:8; Rev. 2:23
21 *1 Sam. 22:5; 23:14
22 *Lit., ear-ly
23 *Lit., faintly
24 *Ps. 118:28
25 *Ps. 42:2; 84:2; Matt. 5:6 *Ps. 143:6
26 2 *Ps. 27:4
27 3 *Ps. 69:16
28 4 *Ps. 104:33; 148:2
29 *Ps. 28:2; 143:6
30 3 *Lit., for
31 *Ps. 36:8 *Ps. 71:23
32 6 *Ps. 4:4
33 *Ps. 16:7; 42:8; 119:55
34 7 *Ps. 27:9
35 *Ps. 17:8

- 10 ^aDo not trust in oppression, And do not ¹vainly hope in ^brobbery;
If riches increase, ^cdo not set your heart upon them.
- 11 ¶ ¹Once God has ^aspoken; ²Twice I have heard this:
That ^bpower belongs to God;
- 12 And lovingkindness ^ais Thine, O Lord,
For Thou ^bdost recompense a man according to his work.

PSALM 63

The Thirsting Soul Satisfied in God.

A Psalm of David, ^awhen he was in the wilderness of Judah.

- O** GOD, ^aThou art my God; I shall seek Thee ¹earnestly;
My soul ^bthirsts for Thee, my flesh ²yearns for Thee,
In a ^cdry and weary land where there is no water.
- 2 Thus I have ^abeheld Thee in the sanctuary,
To see Thy power and Thy glory.
- 3 Because Thy ^alovingkindness is better than life,
My lips will praise Thee.
- 4 So I will bless Thee ^aas long as I live;
I will ^blift up my hands in Thy name.
- 5 My soul is ^asatisfied as with ¹marrow and fatness,
And my mouth offers ^bpraises with joyful lips.
- 6 ¶ When I remember Thee ^aon my bed,
I meditate on Thee in the ^bnight watches,
- 7 For ^aThou hast been my help,
And in the ^bshadow of Thy wings I sing for joy.

- 8 My soul ^aclings ¹to Thee;
Thy ^bbright hand upholds
me.
- 9 ¹ But those who ^aseek my
¹life, to destroy it,
Will go into the ^{2b}depths of
the earth.
- 10 ¹They will be ^{2a}delivered
over to the power of the
sword;
They will be a ^{3b}prey for
foxes.
- 11 But the ^aking will rejoice in
God;
Everyone who ^bswears by
Him will glory,
For the ^cmouths of those
who speak lies will be
stopped.

PSALM 64

*Prayer for Deliverance from Secret
Enemies.*

For the choir director.
A Psalm of David.

- H**EAR my voice, O God, in
^amy ¹complaint;
^bPreserve my life from
dread of the enemy.
- 2 Hide me from the ^asecret
counsel of evildoers,
From the tumult of ^bthose
who do iniquity.
- 3 Who ^ahave sharpened their
tongue like a sword.
They ^baimed bitter speech
as their arrow.
- 4 To ^ashoot ¹from conceal-
ment at the blameless;
Suddenly they shoot at him,
and ^bdo not fear.
- 5 They ¹hold fast to them-
selves an evil purpose;
They ²talk of ^alaying snares
secretly;
They say, "^bWho can see
them?"
- 6 They ¹devise injustices,
saying,
"We are ²ready with a well-
conceived plot";

8 ¹Lit., af-
ter
^aNum. 32:12;
Deut. 1:36;
Hos. 6:3 ^bPs.
18:35; 41:12

9 ¹Lit., soul
^aLit., lowest
places
^bPs. 40:14
^cPs. 55:15

10 ¹Lit.,
They will
pour him out
^aLit., poured
out by ^bLit.,
portion
^cJer. 18:21;
Ezek. 35:5
^dLam. 5:18
11 ^aPs. 21:1
^bDeut. 6:13;
Is. 45:23;
65:16 ^cJob
5:16; Ps.
107:42; Rom.
3:19
¹Or, con-
cern
^aPs. 55:2 ^bPs.
140:1
²^aPs. 56:6
^bPs. 59:2
³^aPs.
140:3 ^bPs.
58:7

4 ¹Lit., in
^aPs. 10:8; 11:2
^bPs. 55:19
8 ¹Lit.,
make firm
^aLit., tell of
^bPs. 140:5
^cJob 22:13;
Ps. 10:11
6 ¹Or,
search out
^aLit., com-
plete ^bOr, in-
ward part
^cOr, un-
searchable
^dPs. 49:11
7 ¹Or, shot
^aOr, they
were
wounded; lit.,
their wounds
occurred
^bPs. 7:12; 13
8 ¹Or, they
make their
tongue a
stumbling for
themselves
^aOr, made
^bPs. 9:3
^cProv. 12:13;
18:7 ^dPs. 22:7;
44:14; Jer.
18:16; 48:27;
Lam. 2:15
9 ¹Or,
feared ^aOr,
declared ^bOr,
considered
^cLit., His
work
^dPs. 40:3 ^eJer.
51:10
10 ^aJob
22:18; Ps.
32:11 ^bPs.
11:1; 25:20

For the ^{3a}inward thought
and the heart of a man are
⁴deep.

- 7 ¹ But ^aGod ¹will shoot at
them with an arrow;
Suddenly ²they will be
wounded.
- 8 So ¹they ²will ^amake him
stumble;
^bTheir own tongue is
against them;
All who see them will
^cshake the head.
- 9 Then all men ¹will ^afear,
And ²will ^bdeclare the work
of God,
And ³will consider ⁴what
He has done.
- 10 The righteous man will be
^aglad in the LORD, and
will ^btake refuge in Him;
And all the upright in heart
will glory.

PSALM 65

*God's Abundant Favor to Earth and
Man.*

For the choir director. A
Psalm of David. A Song.

- T**HERE will be silence ¹before
Thee, and praise in Zion,
O God;
And to Thee the ^avow will
be performed.
- 2 O Thou who dost hear
prayer,
To Thee ^aall ¹men come.
- 3 ^{1a}Iniquities prevail against
me;
As for our transgressions,
Thou dost ^{2b}forgive
them.
- 4 How ^ablessed is the one
whom Thou dost
^bchoose, and bring near
to Thee,
To dwell in Thy courts.

1 ¹Lit., to ^aPs. 116:15
2 ¹Lit., flesh ^aPs. 68:9; 145:21; Is. 66:23
3 ¹Lit., Words of iniquities ²Lit., cover over, atone
for ^aPs. 38:4; 40:12 ^bPs. 79:9
4 ^aPs. 33:12; 64:4 ^bPs. 4:3

We will be ^csatisfied with
the goodness of Thy
house,
Thy holy temple.

5 ^c By ^aawesome deeds Thou
dost answer us in right-
eousness, O ^bGod of our
salvation,

Thou who art the trust of all
the ^cends of the earth and
of the farthest ^dsea;

6 Who dost ^aestablish the
mountains by His
strength,

Being ^bgirded with might;

7 Who dost ^astill the roaring
of the seas,

The roaring of their waves,
And the ^btumult of the peo-
ples.

8 And they who dwell in the
^cends of the earth stand
in awe of Thy signs;

Thou dost make the ^ddawn
and the sunset shout for
joy.

9 ^c Thou dost visit the earth,
and ^acause it to overflow;
Thou dost greatly ^benrich it;
The ^dstream of God is full
of water;

Thou dost prepare their
^dgrain, for thus Thou dost
prepare ²the earth.

10 Thou dost water its furrows
abundantly;

Thou dost ¹settle its ridges;
Thou dost soften it ^awith
showers;

Thou dost bless its growth.

11 Thou hast crowned the year
¹with Thy ^{2a}bounty,

And Thy ³paths ^bdrip with
fatness.

12 ^aThe pastures of the wilder-
ness drip,

And the ^bhills gird them-
selves with rejoicing.

13 The meadows are ^aclothed
with flocks,

4 ^cPs. 36:8
8 ^cOr, ^aseed
+Ps. 45:4, 68:3
+Ps. 85:4 +Ps.
22:27, 48:10
+Ps. 107:23

6 ^cPs. 95:4
+Ps. 93:1

7 ^cPs. 88:9,
93:3, 4,
107:28; Matt.
8:26 +Ps. 2:1,
74:23, 1a,
17:12, 13

8 ^cLat., the
outgoing of
the morning
and evening
+Ps. 2:8,
139:9; 1a,
24:16

9 ^cOr,
channeled +Lat.
if

+Lev. 26:4,
Job 5:10; Ps.
88:9, 104:13,
147:8; Jer.
5:24 +Ps.
104:24 +Ps.
46:4 +Ps.
104:14,
147:14

10 ^cOr,
smooth
+Deut. 32:2,
Ps. 72:6,
147:8

11 ^cLat., of
+Or, goodness
+e., wagon
tracks
+Ps. 104:28
+Job 38:28;
Ps. 147:14

12 ^cJob
38:26, 27,
Joel 2:22 +Ps.
98:8; 1a, 55:12

13 ^cPs.
144:13, 1a,
30:23 +Ps.
72:16 +Ps.
98:8; 1a,
44:23, 55:12

1 ^cPs. 81:1,
95:1, 98:4,
100:1

2 ^cPs. 78:12;
1a, 42:8 +Ps.
42:12

3 ^cLat., de-
cive
+Ps. 47:2,
65:5, 145:6
+Ps. 18:44,
81:15

4 ^cSelah
may mean
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
musical in-
terlude

+Ps. 22:27,
67:7, 88:12,
117:1; Zach.
14:16 +Ps.
67:4

5 ^cPs. 48:6
+Ps. 108:22

And the valleys are ^bcov-
ered with grain;
They ^cshout for joy, yes,
they sing.

PSALM 66

*Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and
for His Answer to Prayer.*

For the choir director. A Song.
A Psalm.

^aSHOUT joyfully to God, all the
earth;

2 Sing the ^aglory of His name;
Make His ^bpraise glorious.

3 Say to God, "How ^aawe-
some are Thy works!

Because of the greatness of
Thy power Thine en-
emies will ^bgive feigned
obedience to Thee.

4 "All the earth will worship
Thee,

And will ^bsing praises to
Thee;

They will sing praises to
Thy name." [¹Selah.

5 ¹ "Come and see the works
of God,

Who is ^bawesome in His
deeds toward the sons of
men.

6 He ^aturned the sea into dry
land;

They passed through ^bthe
river on foot;

There let us ^crejoice in Him!

7 He ^arules by His might for-
ever,

His ^beyes keep watch on the
nations;

Let not the rebellious ^cexalt
themselves. [¹Selah.

8 ¹ Bless our God, O peoples,
And ^{1a}sound His praise
abroad,

6 ^cEx. 14:21; Ps. 108:9; Josh. 3:16; Ps. 114:3 +Ps.
105:43

7 ^cPs. 145:13 +Ps. 114:4 +Ps. 148:8

8 ^cLat., cause to hear the sound of His praise +Ps.
98:4

- 9 Who ¹keeps us in life,
And ^bdoes not allow our feet
to ²slip.
- 10 For Thou hast ^atried us, O
God;
Thou hast ^brefined us as sil-
ver is refined.
- 11 Thou ^adidst bring us into the
net;
Thou didst lay an oppres-
sive burden upon our
loins.
- 12 Thou didst make men ^aride
over our heads;
We went through ^bfire and
through water;
Yet Thou ^cdidst bring us out
into a place of abun-
dance.
- 13 I shall ^acome into Thy house
with burnt offerings;
I shall ^bpay Thee my vows.
- 14 Which my lips uttered
And my mouth spoke when
I was ^ain distress.
- 15 I shall ^aoffer to Thee burnt
offerings of fat beasts,
With the smoke of ^brams;
I shall make an offering of
¹bulls with male goats.
[Selah.]
- 16 ¶ ^aCome and hear, all who
¹fear God,
And I will ^btell of what He
has done for my soul.
- 17 I cried to Him with my
mouth,
And ¹He was ^aextolled with
my tongue.
- 18 If I ¹regard wickedness in
my heart,
The ^bLord ²will not ³hear;
- 19 But certainly ^aGod has
heard;
He has given heed to the
voice of my prayer.
- 20 ^aBlessed be God,
Who ^bhas not turned away
my prayer,
Nor His lovingkindness
from me.

9 ¹Lit.,
puts our soul
in life ²Or,
dodder, stum-
ble
^aPs. 30:3 ^bPs.
121:3
10 ^aJob
23:10; Ps. 7:9;
17:3; 26:2 ^bIs.
48:10; Zech.
13:9; Mal. 3:3;
1 Pet. 1:7
11 ^aLam
1:13; Ezek.
12:13
12 ^aIs. 51:23
^bPs. 78:21; Is.
43:2 ^cPs.
18:19
13 ^aPs. 98:8;
Jer. 17:26
^bPs. 22:25;
116:14; Eccl.
5:4
14 ^aPs. 18:6
15 ¹Or, cat-
tle
^aPs. 51:19
^bNum. 6:14
16 ¹Or, re-
vere
^aPs. 34:11
^bPs. 71:15, 24
17 ¹Or,
praise was
under my
tongue
^aPs. 30:1
18 ¹Or, had
regarded ²Or,
would ³Or,
have heard
^aJob 36:21;
John 9:31
^bJob 27:9; Ps.
18:41; Prov.
1:28; 28:9; Is.
1:15; James
4:3
19 ^aPs. 18:6;
116:1, 2
20 ^aPs.
68:35 ^bPs.
22:24
1 ¹Lit.,
with ²Selah
may mean:
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Musical in-
terlude
^aNum. 6:25
^bPs. 4:6;
31:18; 80:3, 7;
19; 119:135
2 ^aPs. 98:2;
Acts 18:25;
Titus 2:11 ^bIs.
52:10
3 ^aPs. 66:4
4 ^aPs.
100:1, 2 ^bPs.
9:8; 98:10, 13;
98:9 ^cPs. 47:8
5 ^aPs. 67:3
6 ^aLev.
26:4; Ps.
85:12; Ezek.
34:27; Zech.
8:12 ^bPs.
29:11; 115:12

PSALM 67

The Nations Exhorted to Praise God.

For the choir director; with
stringed instruments.
A Psalm. A Song.

- G**OD be gracious to us and
^abless us,
And ^bcause His face to
shine ¹upon us— [²Selah.]
- 2 That ^aThy way may be
known on the earth,
^bThy salvation among all
nations.
- 3 Let the ^apeoples praise
Thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise
Thee.
- 4 Let the ^anations be glad and
sing for joy;
For Thou wilt ^bjudge the
peoples with upright-
ness,
And ^cguide the nations on
the earth. [²Selah.]
- 5 Let the ^apeoples praise
Thee, O God;
Let all the peoples praise
Thee.
- 6 The ^aearth has yielded its
produce;
God, our God, ^bblesses us.
- 7 God blesses us,
¹That ^aall the ends of the
earth may fear Him.

PSALM 68

The God of Sinai and of the
Sanctuary.

For the choir director. A
Psalm of David. A Song.

- L**ET ^aGod arise, ²let His en-
emies be scattered;
And ³let those who hate
Him flee before Him.

7 ¹Or, And let all ... earth fear Him ^aPs. 22:27; 33:8
1 ¹Or, God shall ²Or, His enemies shall ³Or, those
who hate Him shall ^aNum. 10:35; Ps. 12:5; 132:8

- 2 As ^asmoke is driven away,
so drive *them* away;
As ^bwax melts before the
fire,
So let the ^cwicked perish be-
fore God.
- 3 But let the ^arighteous be
glad; let them exult be-
fore God;
Yes, let them rejoice with
gladness.
- 4 Sing to God, ^asing praises to
His name;
^{1b}Lift up a song for Him who
^crides through the des-
erts,
Whose ^dname is ²the LORD,
and exult before Him.
- 5 ¶ A ^afather of the father-
less and a ^bjudge ¹for the
widows,
Is God in His ^choly habita-
tion.
- 6 God ^{1a}makes a home for the
lonely;
He ^bleads out the prisoners
into prosperity,
Only ^cthe rebellious dwell in
a parched land.
- 7 ¶ O God, when Thou ^adidst
go forth before Thy peo-
ple,
When Thou didst ^bmarch
through the wilderness,
[¹Selah.]
- 8 The ^aearth quaked;
The ^bheavens also dropped
rain at the presence of
God;
^{1c}Sinai itself quaked at the
presence of God, the God
of Israel.
- 9 Thou didst ^ashed abroad a
plentiful rain, O God;
Thou didst confirm Thine
inheritance, when it was
¹parched.
- 10 Thy creatures settled in it;
Thou didst ^aprovide in Thy
goodness for the poor, O
God.
- 11 ¶ The Lord gives the ¹com-
mand;

2 ^aPs.
37:20; Is.
9:18; Hos.
13:3 ^aPs.
22:14; 97:5;
Mic. 1:4 ^aPs.
9:3; 37:20;
80:16

3 ^aPs.
32:11; 64:10;
97:12

4 ¹Or, *Cost*
up a highway
²Heb., *Yam*
^aPs. 68:2 ^{1a}
57:14; 62:10
^aDeut. 33:28;
Ps. 18:10;
68:33; Is. 40:3
^aEx. 8:3; Ps.
63:18

5 ¹Lat., *of*
^aPs. 10:14;
148:9 ^aDeut.
10:18 ^aDeut.
28:15

6 ¹Lat.,
makes the
solitary to
dwell in a
house
^aPs. 107:4-7;
113:9 ^aPs.
68:33; 102:20;
107:10, 14;
148:7; Acts
12:7; 16:26
^aPs. 78:17;
107:34, 40

7 ¹Selah
may mean
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Admusical in-
terlude
^aEx. 13:21;
Ps. 78:14;
Hab. 3:13
^aJudg. 5:4;
Ps. 78:52

8 ¹Lat.,
This is Sinai
which
^aEx. 19:18;
Judg. 5:4;
2 Sam. 22:8;
Ps. 77:18; Jer.
10:10 ^aJudg.
5:4; Ps. 18:8;
Is. 45:8 ^aEx.
19:18; Judg.
5:5

9 ¹Lat.,
wet
^aLev. 26:4;
Deut. 11:11;
Job 5:10;
Ezek. 34:26

10 ^aPs. 65:8;
74:18; 78:20;
107:9

11 ¹Lat.,
word
^aEx. 15:20;
1 Sam. 18:6

12 ^aJosh.
10:16; Judg.
5:18; Ps.
135:11 ^aJudg.
5:30; 1 Sam.
30:24

- The ^awomen who proclaim
the good tidings are a
great host:
- 12 ^aKings of armies flee, they
flee,
And she who remains at
home will ^bdivide the
spoil!"
- 13 ¹When you lie down
^aamong the ²sheepfolds,
You are like the wings of a
dove covered with silver,
And its pinions with glisten-
ing gold.
- 14 When the Almighty ^ascat-
tered the kings ¹there,
It was snowing in ^bZalmon.
- 15 ¶ A ^{1a}mountain of God is
the mountain of Bashan;
A mountain of *many* peaks
is the mountain of Ba-
shan.
- 16 Why do you look with envy,
O mountains with *many*
peaks,
At the mountain which God
has ^adesired for His
abode?
Surely, ^bthe LORD will dwell
there forever.
- 17 The ^achariots of God are
¹myriads, ^bthousands
upon thousands;
²The Lord is among them as
at Sinai, in holiness.
- 18 Thou hast ^aascended on
high, Thou hast ^bled cap-
tive Thy captives;
Thou hast received gifts
among men,
Even among the rebellious
also, that ¹the LORD God
may dwell *there*.
- 19 ¶ Blessed be the Lord, who
daily ^abears our burden.

13 ¹Lat., *if* ²Or, *cooling stones or saddle bags* ^aGen.
48:14; Judg. 5:16

14 ¹Lat., *in it* ^aJosh. 10:10 ^aJudg. 8:48

15 ¹Or, *majesty mountain* is ^aPs. 36:6

16 ^aDeut. 12:5; Ps. 67:1, 2; 132:13 ^aPs. 132:14

17 ¹Lat., *twice ten thousand* ²Another reading is *The*
Lord came from Sinai into the sanctuary ^a2 Km. 6:17;
Hab. 3:8 ^aDeut. 33:2; Dan. 7:10

18 ¹Heb., *Yam* ^aPs. 77:47:3; Eph. 4:8 ^aJudg. 5:12

19 ^aPs. 55:22; Is. 48:4

- ^bThe God who is our salvation.
[Selah.]
- 20 God is to us a ^aGod of deliverances;
And ^bto ¹God the Lord belong escapes ²from death.
- 21 Surely God will ^ashatter the head of His enemies,
The hairy crown of him who goes on in his guilty deeds.
- 22 The Lord ¹said, "I will bring *them* back from Bashan.
I will bring *them* back from the depths of the sea;
- 23 That ¹your foot may shatter *them* in blood,
The tongue of your ^bdogs may have its portion from your enemies."
- 24 ¶ They have seen ^aThy ¹procession, O God,
The ¹procession of my God, my King, ²into the sanctuary.
- 25 The ^asingers went on, the musicians after *them*,
¹In the midst of the ^bmaidens beating tambourines.
- 26 ^aBless God in the congregations,
Even the LORD, you who are of the ^bfountain of Israel.
- 27 There is ^aBenjamin, the ¹youngest, ²ruling them,
The princes of Judah in their throng,
The princes of ^bZebulun, the princes of Naphtali.
- 28 ¶ ¹Your God has ^acommanded your strength;
Show Thyself strong, O God, ^bwho hast acted ²on our behalf.
- 29 ¹Because of Thy temple at Jerusalem
^aKings will bring gifts to Thee.
- 30 Rebuke the ^abeasts ¹in the reeds,

19 ^bPs. 65:5
20 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord ²i.e., in view of, lit., for
^aPs. 108:43
^bDeut. 32:39; Ps. 49:15; 56:13
21 ^aPs. 110:6, Hab. 3:13
22 ¹Or, says ^aNum. 21:33; Amos 9:1-3
23 ¹Some versions render, you may hate your foot in blood
^aPs. 58:10
^b1 Kjn. 21:19; Jer. 15:3
24 ¹Lit., going ²Lit., in the sanctuary; or, in holiness
^aPs. 77:13
^bPs. 63:2
25 ¹Or, The maidens in the midst
^a1 Chr. 13:8; 15:6; Ps. 47:6
^bEx. 15:20; Judg. 11:34
26 ^aPs. 22:22, 23; 26:12 ^bDeut. 33:28; Is. 48:1
27 ¹Or, smallest ²Or, their ruler
^aJudg. 5:14; 1 Sam. 8:21
^bJudg. 5:18
28 ¹Some mss. read Command, God ²Lit., for us
^aPs. 29:11; 44:4 ^bIs. 26:12
29 ¹Or, From Thy temple
^a1 Kjn. 10:10; 25:2 Chr. 32:23; Ps. 45:12; 72:10; Is. 18:7
30 ¹Lit., of ^aJob 40:21; Ezek. 29:3
^bPs. 22:12
^cPs. 18:14; 89:10
31 ¹Lit., Cush
^aIs. 19:19, 21
^bIs. 45:14; Zeph. 3:10
32 ^aPs. 102:22 ^bPs. 67:4
33 ¹Lit., heaven of heavens of old ²Lit., gives forth

- The herd of ^bbulls with the calves of the peoples,
Trampling under foot the pieces of silver;
He has ^cscattered the peoples who delight in war.
- 31 Envoys will come out of ^aEgypt;
¹Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.
- 32 ¶ Sing to God, O ^akingdoms of the earth;
^bSing praises to the Lord, [Selah.]
- 33 To Him who ^arides upon the ¹highest heavens, which are from ancient times;
Behold, ^cHe ²speaks forth with His voice, a ^dmighty voice.
- 34 ^aAscribe strength to God;
His majesty is over Israel, And ^bHis strength is in the ¹skies.
- 35 ¹O God, *Thou art* ^aawesome from Thy ²sanctuary.
The God of Israel Himself ^bgives strength and power to the people.
^cBlessed be God!

PSALM 69

A Cry of Distress and Imprecation on Adversaries.

For the choir director;
according to
^aShoshannim. A Psalm of David.

SAVE me, O God,
For the ^awaters have ¹threatened my life.

^aDeut. 33:26; Ps. 18:10; 104:3 ^bDeut. 10:14; 1 Kjn. 8:27
^cPs. 46:6 ^dPs. 29:4
24 ¹Lit., clouds ^aPs. 29:1 ^bPs. 150:1
25 ¹Or, Awesome is God from your sanctuary ²Lit., holy places ^aDeut. 7:21; 10:17; Ps. 47:2; 66:5 ^bPs. 29:11; Is. 40:29 ^cPs. 66:20; 2 Cor. 1:3
^dOr possibly, Lilies
¹Lit., come to the soul ^aJob 22:11; Ps. 32:6; 42:7; 66:14, 15; Jon. 2:5

- 2 I have sunk in deep ^amire,
and there is no foothold;
I have come into deep wa-
ters, and a ^{1b}flood over-
flows me.
- 3 I am ^aweary with my crying;
my throat is parched;
My ^beyes fail while I wait
for my God.
- 4 Those ^awho hate me with-
out a cause are more than
the hairs of my head;
Those who would ¹destroy
me ^bare powerful, being
wrongfully my enemies.
^cWhat I did not steal, I then
have to restore.
- 5 ¶ O God, it is Thou who
dost know ^amy folly,
And ^bmy wrongs are not
hidden from Thee.
- 6 May those who wait for
Thee not ^abe ashamed
through me, O Lord ¹God
of hosts;
May those who seek Thee
not be dishonored
through me, O God of Is-
rael,
- 7 Because ^afor Thy sake I
have borne reproach;
^bDishonor has covered my
face.
- 8 I have become ^aestranged
¹from my brothers,
And an alien to my mother's
sons.
- 9 For ^azeal for Thy house has
consumed me,
And ^bthe reproaches of
those who reproach Thee
have fallen on me.
- 10 When I wept ^ain my soul
with fasting,
It became my reproach.
- 11 When I made ^asackcloth my
clothing,
I became ^ba byword to
them.
- 12 Those who ^asit in the gate
talk about me,
And I am the ^{1b}song of the
drunkards.

2 ¹Lit.,
flowing
stream
^aPs. 40:2
^bJon. 2:3
3 ^aPs. 6:6
^bDeut. 28:32;
Ps. 38:10;
119:82, 123;
Is. 38:14
4 ¹Or, si-
lence
^aPs. 35:19;
John 15:25
^bPs. 35:19;
38:19; 59:3
^cPs. 35:11;
Jer. 15:10
5 ^aPs. 38:5
^bPs. 44:21
6 ¹Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
Lord
^c2 Sam. 12:14
7 ^aJer.
15:15 ^bPs.
44:15, Is.
50:6, Jer.
51:51
8 ¹Lit., to
Job 19:13-15;
Ps. 31:11;
38:11
9 ^aPs.
119:139; John
2:17 ^bPs.
89:41, 50;
Rom. 15:3
10 ^aPs.
35:13
11 ^a1 Kin.
20:31, Ps.
35:13 ^b1 Kin.
9:7, Job 17:6;
Ps. 44:14; Jer.
24:9
12 ¹Lit.,
songs
^aGen. 19:1,
Ruth 4:1 ^bJob
30:9
13 ¹Or, the
faithfulness
of Thy salva-
tion
^aPs. 32:6; Is.
49:8; 2 Cor.
6:2 ^bPs. 51:1
14 ¹Lit.,
those who
hate me ²Lit.,
deep places
of water
^aPs. 69:2 ^bPs.
144:7 ^cPs.
69:2
15 ¹Lit.,
stream
^aPs. 124:4, 5
^bNum. 16:33;
Ps. 28:1;
141:7
16 ^aPs. 63:3;
108:21 ^bPs.
51:1; 108:45
^cPs. 25:16;
88:16
17 ^aPs. 27:9;
102:2; 143:7
^bPs. 31:9;
88:14
18 ^a2 Sam.
4:9; Ps. 28:11;
48:15 ^bPs.
118:134

- 13 ¶ But as for me, my prayer
is to Thee, O LORD, ^aat an
acceptable time;
O God, in the ^bgreatness of
Thy lovingkindness,
Answer me with ¹Thy sav-
ing truth.
- 14 Deliver me from the ^amire,
and do not let me sink;
May I be ^bdelivered from
¹my foes, and from the
^{2c}deep waters.
- 15 May the ^{1a}flood of water not
overflow me,
And may the deep not swal-
low me up,
And may the ^bpit not shut
its mouth on me.
- 16 ¶ Answer me, O LORD, for
^aThy lovingkindness is
good;
^bAccording to the greatness
of Thy compassion, ^cturn
to me,
- 17 And ^ado not hide Thy face
from Thy servant,
For I am ^bin distress; an-
swer me quickly.
- 18 Oh draw near to my soul
and ^aredeem it;
^bRansom me because of my
enemies!
- 19 Thou dost know my ^are-
proach and my shame
and my dishonor;
All my adversaries are ^{1b}be-
fore Thee.
- 20 ¶ Reproach has ^abroken
my heart, and I am so
sick.
And ^bI looked for sym-
pathy, but there was none,
And for ^ccomforters, but I
found none.
- 21 They also gave me ^{1a}gall
²for my food,
And for my thirst they
^bgave me vinegar to
drink.

19 ¹Or, known to Thee ^aPs. 22:9; 31:11
20 ^aJer. 23:9 ^bPs. 142:4; Is. 63:5 ^cJob 16:2
21 ¹Or, poison ²Or, in ^cDeut. 28:16 ^dMatt. 27:34, etc.
Mark 15:23, 36; Luke 23:36; John 19:29-30

- 22 ¶ May ^atheir table before them become a snare;
And ^bwhen they are in peace, may it become a trap.
- 23 May their ^aeyes grow dim so that they cannot see,
And make their ^bloins shake continually.
- 24 ^aPour out Thine indignation on them,
And may Thy burning anger overtake them.
- 25 May their ^{1a}camp be desolate;
May none dwell in their tents.
- 26 For they have ^apersecuted him whom ^bThou Thyself hast smitten,
And they tell of the pain of those whom ^cThou hast ¹wounded.
- 27 Do Thou add ^ainiquity to their iniquity,
And ^bmay they not come into ^cThy righteousness.
- 28 May they be ^ablotted out of the ^bbook of life,
And may they not be ^{1c}recorded with the righteous.
- 29 ¶ But I am ^aafflicted and in pain;
¹May Thy salvation, O God, ^bset me securely on high.
- 30 I will ^apraise the name of God with song,
And shall ^bmagnify Him with ^cthanksgiving.
- 31 And it will ^aplease the LORD better than an ox
Or a young bull with horns and hoofs.
- 32 The ^ahumble ¹have seen it and are glad;
You who seek God, ^blet your heart ²revive.
- 33 For ^athe LORD hears the needy,
And ^bdoes not despise His who are prisoners.

22 ¹Lit., for those who are secure
^aRom. 11:9, 10 ^b1 Thess. 5:3
23 ^aIsa. 6:10
^bDan. 5:6
24 ^aPs. 79:6, Jer. 10:25; Ezek. 20:8; Hos. 5:10
25 ¹Lit., encampment
^aMatt. 23:38, Luke 13:35, Acts 1:20
26 ¹Lit., pierced
^a2 Chr. 28:9, Zech. 1:15
^bIsa. 53:4 ^cPs. 109:22
27 ^aNeh. 4:5, Ps. 109:14, Rom. 1:28 ^bIsa. 26:10 ^cPs. 103:17
28 ¹Lit., written
^aEx. 32:32, 33, Rev. 3:5
^bPhil. 4:3; Rev. 13:8, 17:8, 20:15
^cPs. 87:6; Ezek. 13:9; Luke 10:20; Heb. 12:23
29 ¹Or, Thy salvation, O God, will set
^aPs. 70:5 ^bPs. 20:1, 59:1
30 ^aPs. 28:7
^bPs. 34:3 ^cPs. 50:14
31 ^aPs. 50:13, 14; 51:16
32 ¹Some mss. and ancient versions read will see
²Or, live
^aPs. 34:2 ^bPs. 22:26
33 ^aPs. 12:5
^bPs. 68:6
34 ^aPs. 96:11; 98:7; 148:1-13; Is. 44:23; 49:13
^bIs. 55:12
35 ^aPs. 46:5; 51:18 ^bPs. 147:2; Is. 44:26 ^cObad. 17
36 ¹Lit., seed
^aPs. 25:13; 102:28 ^bPs. 37:29
¹Ps. 40:13-17; 70:1-5
²Or, soul
^aOr, to injure me
^bPs. 35:4, 26

- 34 ¶ Let ^aheaven and earth praise Him,
The seas and ^beverything that moves in them.
- 35 For God will ^asave Zion and ^bbuild the cities of Judah
That they may dwell there and ^cpossess it.
- 36 And the ^{1a}descendants of His servants will inherit it,
And those who love His name ^bwill dwell in it.

PSALM 70

Prayer for Help against Persecutors.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David; for a memorial.

- O** GOD, hasten to deliver me;
O LORD, hasten to my help!
- 2 ^aLet those be ashamed and humiliated
Who seek my ¹life;
Let those be turned back and dishonored
Who delight ²in my hurt.
- 3 ^aLet those be ¹turned back because of their shame
Who say, "Aha, aha!"
- 4 ¶ Let all who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee;
And let those who love Thy salvation say continually,
"Let God be magnified."
- 5 But ^aI am afflicted and needy;
^bHasten to me, O God!
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay.

PSALM 71

Prayer of an Old Man for Deliverance.

- I**N Thee, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
Let me never be ashamed.

³ ¹Some mss. read appalled ^aPs. 40:15
^bPs. 40:17 ^cPs. 141:1
¹Ps. 25:2, 3; 31:1-3; 71:1-3

- 2 ^aIn Thy righteousness deliver me, and rescue me;
^bIncline Thine ear to me, and save me.
- 3 ^aBe Thou to me a rock of ^bhabitation, to which I may continually come;
 Thou hast given ^ccommandment to save me,
 For Thou art ^dmy ¹rock and my fortress.
- 4 ^aRescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
 Out of the ¹grasp of the wrongdoer and ruthless man.
- 5 For Thou art my ^ahope;
 O Lord ¹God, Thou art my ^bconfidence from my youth.
- 6 ¹By Thee I have been ^asustained from my birth;
 Thou art He who ^btook me from my mother's womb;
 My ^cpraise is continually ²of Thee.
- 7 ¶ I have become a ^amarvel to many;
 For Thou art ^bmy strong refuge.
- 8 My ^amouth is filled with Thy praise,
 And with ^bThy glory all day long.
- 9 Do not cast me off in the ^atime of old age;
 Do not forsake me when my strength fails.
- 10 For my enemies have spoken ^aagainst me;
 And those who ^awatch for my ²life ^bhave consulted together.
- 11 Saying, "^aGod has forsaken him;
 Pursue and seize him, for there is ^bno one to deliver."
- 12 ¶ O God, ^ado not be far from me;
 O my God, ^bhasten to my help!

2 ^aPs. 31:1
^bPs. 17:6

3 ¹Or, *crag*
^aPs. 31:2, 3
^bDeut. 33:27
^cPs. 90:1; 91:9
^dPs. 7:6; 42:8
^ePs. 18:2

4 ¹Lit.,
palm
^aPs. 140:1, 4

5 ¹Heb.,
 YHWH, usually rendered
Lord
^aPs. 39:7; Jer. 14:8, 17:7, 13, 17, 50:7
^bPs. 22:9

6 ¹Lit.,
 Upon Thee I have been supported
²Lit., in
^aPs. 22:10; Is. 48:3
^bJub. 10:18; Ps. 22:9
^cPs. 34:1

7 ^aIs. 8:18,
 1 Cor. 4:9
^bPs. 61:3

8 ^aPs.
 35:28, 63:5
^bPs. 88:6,
 104:1

9 ^aPs.
 71:18, 92:14,
 Is. 48:4

10 ¹Lit.,
 with reference to ²Lit.,
soul

^aPs. 56:6
^bPs. 31:13, 83:3,
 Matt. 27:1

11 ^aPs. 3:2
^bPs. 7:2

12 ^aPs. 10:1,
 22:11, 35:22,
 38:21
^bPs. 38:22, 40:13,
 70:1, 5

13 ¹Lit., my
 injury
^aPs. 35:4, 26,
 40:14
^bPs. 108:29
^cEmh.
 9:2, Ps. 71:24

14 ¹Lit., add
 upon all Thy
 praise
^aPs. 130:7
^bPs. 71:8

15 ¹Lit.,
 numbers
^aPs. 35:28
^bPs. 98:2
^cPs. 40:5

16 ¹Heb.,
 YHWH, usually rendered
Lord
^aPs. 108:2
^bPs. 51:14

17 ^aDeut.
 4:5, 6:7
^bPs. 26:7, 40:5,
 118:27

18 ¹Lit., *orn*
^aPs. 71:9
^bPs. 22:31, 78:4, 6

- 13 Let those who are adversaries of my soul be ^aashamed and consumed;

Let them be ^bcovered with reproach and dishonor,
 who ^cseek ¹to injure me.

- 14 But as for me, I will ^ahope continually.

And will ¹bpraise Thee yet more and more.

- 15 My ^amouth shall tell of Thy righteousness,

And of ^bThy salvation all day long;

For I ^cdo not know the ¹sum of them.

- 16 I will come ^awith the mighty deeds of the Lord ¹God;

I will ^bmake mention of Thy righteousness, Thine alone.

- 17 ¶ O God, Thou ^ahast taught me from my youth;

And I still ^bdeclare Thy wondrous deeds.

- 18 And even when I am ^aold and gray, O God, do not forsake me,

Until I ^bdeclare Thy ¹strength to this generation,

Thy power to all who are to come.

- 19 ¹For Thy ^arighteousness, O God, ^breaches to the ²heavens,

Thou who hast ^bdone great things;

O God, ^cwho is like Thee?

- 20 Thou, who hast ^ashown ¹me many troubles and distresses,

Wilt ^brevive ¹me again,

And wilt bring ¹me up again ^cfrom the depths of the earth.

- 21 Mayest Thou increase my ^agreatness,

And turn to ^bcomfort me.

19 ¹Or, And ²Lit., height
^aPs. 36:6, 57:10
^bPs. 128:2
^cLuke 1:49
^dDeut. 3:24; Ps. 35:10
 20 ¹Another reading is as ^aPs. 60:3
^bPs. 88:18, 85:8
 118:25, 138:7; Hos. 6:1, 2
^cPs. 88:13
 21 ^aPs. 18:35
^bPs. 23:4, 88:17; Is. 12:1, 48:13

- 22 ¶ I will also praise Thee
with ¹a harp.
Even Thy ²truth, O my God;
To Thee I will sing praises
with the ³lyre,
O Thou ⁴Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips will ⁵shout for joy
when I sing praises to
Thee;
And my ⁶soul, which Thou
hast redeemed.
- 24 My ⁷tongue also will utter
Thy righteousness all
day long;
For they are ⁸ashamed, for
they are humiliated who
seek ⁹my hurt.

PSALM 72

The Reign of the Righteous King.

A Psalm of Solomon.

- G**IVE the king ¹Thy judgments, O God,
And ²Thy righteousness to
the king's son.
- 2 ³May ⁴he ⁵judge Thy people
with righteousness,
And ⁶Thine afflicted with
justice.
- 3 ⁷Let the mountains bring
⁸peace to the people,
And the hills in righteous-
ness.
- 4 ⁹May he ¹⁰vindicate the ¹¹af-
flicted of the people,
Save the children of the
needy,
And crush the oppressor.
- 5 ¶ ¹²Let them fear Thee
¹³while the sun endures,
And ¹⁴as long as the moon,
throughout all genera-
tions.
- 6 ¹⁵May he come down ¹⁶like
rain upon the mown
grass,
Like ¹⁷showers that water
the earth.
- 7 In his days ¹⁸may the ¹⁹right-
eous flourish,

²² ¹Lit., an instrument of a harp ²Or, faithfulness ³Ps. 33:2; 81:2; 92:1-3; 144:9 ⁴Ps. 33:2; 147:7 ⁵2 Kin. 19:22; Ps. 78:41; 89:18; Is. 1:4 ⁶23 ⁷Ps. 5:11; 32:11; 132:9; 16 ⁸Ps. 34:22; 55:18; 103:4 ⁹24 ¹⁰Or, to injure me ¹¹Ps. 35:28 ¹²Ps. 71:13 ¹³1 ¹⁴1 Kin. 3:9; 1 Chr. 22:13 ¹⁵Ps. 24:5 ¹⁶2 ¹⁷Or, He will judge ¹⁸Many of the pronouns in this Psalm may be rendered He since the typical reference is to the Messiah. ¹⁹Or, Thy humble ²⁰Is. 9:7; 11:2-5; 32:1 ²¹Ps. 82:3 ²²3 ²³Or, The mountains will bring ²⁴Or, prosperity ²⁵Is. 2:4; 9:5; 6; Mic. 4:3, 4; Zech. 9:10 ²⁶4 ²⁷Or, He will vindicate ²⁸Or, humble ²⁹Is. 11:4 ³⁰5 ³¹Or, They will fear ³²Lit., before the moon ³³Ps. 72:17; 89:36, 37 ³⁴6 ³⁵Or, He will come down ³⁶Deut. 32:2; 2 Sam. 23:4; Hos. 6:3 ³⁷Ps. 65:10 ³⁸7 ³⁹Or, the righteous will flourish ⁴⁰Ps. 92:12 ⁴¹Is. 2:4 ⁴²8 ⁴³Ex. 23:31; Zech. 9:10 ⁴⁴9 ⁴⁵Or, The nomads... will bow ⁴⁶Ps. 74:14; Is. 23:13 ⁴⁷Ps. 22:29 ⁴⁸Is. 49:23; Mic. 7:17 ⁴⁹10 ⁵⁰Or, The kings... will bring ⁵¹Or, coastlands ⁵²Or, tribute

And ⁵³abundance of peace
till the moon is no more.

- 8 ¶ May he also rule ⁵⁴from sea to sea,
And from the River to the
ends of the earth.
- 9 ⁵⁵Let ⁵⁶the nomads of the des-
ert ⁵⁷bow before him;
And his enemies ⁵⁸lick the
dust.
- 10 ⁵⁹Let the kings of ⁶⁰Tarshish
and of the ⁶¹islands bring
presents;
The kings of ⁶²Sheba and
⁶³Seba ⁶⁴offer ⁶⁵gifts.
- 11 ⁶⁶And let all ⁶⁷kings bow
down before him,
All ⁶⁸nations serve him.
- 12 ¶ For he will ⁶⁹deliver the
needy when he cries for
help,
The ⁷⁰afflicted also, and him
who has no helper.
- 13 He will have ⁷¹compassion
on the poor and needy,
And the ⁷²lives of the needy
he will save.
- 14 He will ⁷³rescue their ⁷⁴life
from oppression and vio-
lence;
And their blood will be ⁷⁵pre-
cious in his sight;
- 15 So may he live; and may the
⁷⁶gold of Sheba be given
to him;
And let ⁷⁷them pray for him
continually;
Let ⁷⁸them bless him all day
long.
- 16 ¶ May there be abundance
of grain in the earth on
top of the mountains;
Its fruit will wave like the
cedars of ⁷⁹Lebanon;

⁵² Chr. 9:21; Ps. 48:7 ⁵³Ps. 97:1; Is. 42:4, 10; Zeph. 2:11 ⁵⁴1 Kin. 10:1; Job 6:19; Is. 60:6 ⁵⁵Gen. 10:7; Is. 43:3 ⁵⁶Ps. 45:12; 68:29 ⁵⁷11 ⁵⁸Or, All kings will bow down ⁵⁹Ps. 138:4; Is. 49:23 ⁶⁰Ps. 88:9 ⁶¹12 ⁶²Or, humble ⁶³Job 29:12; Ps. 72:4 ⁶⁴13 ⁶⁵Lit., souls ⁶⁶Prov. 19:17; 28:8 ⁶⁷14 ⁶⁸Lit., redeem ⁶⁹Lit., soul ⁷⁰Ps. 69:18 ⁷¹1 Sam. 26:21; Ps. 116:15 ⁷²15 ⁷³Lit., him ⁷⁴Is. 60:6 ⁷⁵16 ⁷⁶Ps. 104:16

And may those from the city flourish like ^bvegetation of the earth.

17 May his ^aname endure forever;

May his name ¹increase ^{2b}as long as the sun shines;

And let men ^cbless themselves by him;

^dLet all nations call him blessed.

18 ¶ ^aBlessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who alone ^bworks wonders.

19 And blessed be His ^aglorious name forever;

And may the whole ^bearth be filled with His glory.

^cAmen, and Amen.

20 ¶ The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

BOOK 3

PSALM 73

The End of the Wicked Contrasted with That of the Righteous.

A Psalm of Asaph.

SURELY God is ^agood to Israel,

To those who are ^bpure in heart!

2 But as for me, ^amy feet came close to stumbling;

My steps ¹had almost slipped.

3 For I was ^aenvious of the ¹arrogant,

As I saw the ^bprosperity of the wicked.

4 For there are no pains in their death;

And their ¹body is fat.

5 They are ^anot ¹in trouble as other ²men;

Nor are they ^bplagued ³like mankind.

16 ^aJob 5:25
17 ¹Or, sprout forth
2 ¹Lat., before the sun
3 ¹Ex. 3:15; Ps. 135:13
4 ¹Ps. 89:36
5 ¹Gen. 12:3; 22:18
6 ¹Luke 1:48
7 ¹1 Chr. 29:10; Ps. 41:13; 89:32; 108:48
8 ¹Ex. 15:11; Job 5:9; Ps. 77:14; 86:10; 136:4
9 ¹Neh. 9:5; Ps. 98:8
10 ¹Numb. 14:21
11 ¹Ps. 41:13
12 ¹Ps. 88:5
13 ¹Ps. 24:4; 51:10; Matt. 5:8
14 ¹Lat., were caused to slip
15 ¹Ps. 94:18
16 ¹Or, boasters
17 ¹Ps. 37:1; Prov. 23:17
18 ¹Job 21:7; Ps. 37:7; Jer. 12:1
19 ¹Or, badly
20 ¹Lat., in the trouble of men
21 ¹Or, mortals
22 ¹Lat., with
23 ¹Job 21:9; Ps. 73:12
24 ¹Ps. 73:14
25 ¹Gen. 41:42; Prov. 1:9
26 ¹Ps. 108:18
27 ¹Lat., goes forth
28 ¹Lat., over-flow
29 ¹Job 15:27; Ps. 17:10; Jer. 5:28
30 ¹Or, they speak in wickedness
31 ¹From on high they speak of oppression
32 ¹Ps. 1:1
33 ¹Ps. 17:10; 2 Pet. 2:18; Jude 16
34 ¹Or, in
35 ¹Lat., walks
36 ¹Rev. 13:6
37 ¹Or, His
38 ¹Lat., drained out
39 ¹Ps. 23:5
40 ¹Lat., in
41 ¹Job 22:13
42 ¹Ps. 49:6; 52:7
43 ¹Jer. 49:31; Ezek. 23:42
44 ¹Or, cleansed my heart
45 ¹Job 21:15; 34:2; 35:3
46 ¹Ps. 26:6

6 Therefore pride is ^atheir necklace;

The ^bgarment of violence covers them.

7 Their eye ¹bulges from ^afatness;

The imaginations of their heart ²run riot.

8 They ^amock, and ¹wickedly speak of oppression;

They ^bspeak from on high.

9 They have ^aset their mouth ¹against the heavens,

And their tongue ²parades through the earth.

10 ¶ Therefore ¹his people return to this place;

And waters of ^aabundance are ²drunk by them.

11 And they say, "^aHow does God know?

And is there knowledge ¹with the Most High?"

12 Behold, ^athese are the wicked;

And always ^bat ease, they have increased in wealth.

13 Surely ^ain vain I have ¹kept my heart pure,

And ^bwashed my hands in innocence;

14 For I have been stricken ^aall day long,

And ^{1b}chastened every morning.

15 ¶ If I had said, "I will speak thus,"

Behold, I should have betrayed the ^ageneration of Thy children.

16 When I ^apondered to understand this,

It was ¹troublesome in my sight

17 Until I came into the ^{1a}sanctuary of God;

Then I perceived their ^bend.

14 ¹Lat., my chastening
15 ¹Ps. 38:6
16 ¹Job 32:19; Ps. 118:18
17 ¹Ps. 14:5
18 ¹Lat., labor, trouble
19 ¹Ecc. 8:17
20 ¹Lat., sanctuaries
21 ¹Ps. 27:4; 77:13
22 ¹Ps. 37:38

18 Surely Thou dost set them
in ^aslippery places;
Thou dost cast them down
to ^bdestruction.

19 How they are ^{1a}destroyed in
a moment!

They are utterly swept
away by ^bsudden terrors!

20 Like a ^adream when one
awakes,

O Lord, when ^baroused,
Thou wilt ^cdespise their
¹form.

21 ¶ When my ^aheart was em-
bittered,

And I was ^bpierced ¹within,

22 Then I was ^asenseless and
ignorant;

I was like ^{1a} a ^bbeast ²before
Thee.

23 Nevertheless ^aI am continu-
ally with Thee;

Thou hast taken hold of my
right hand.

24 With Thy counsel Thou wilt
^aguide me,

And afterward ^breceive me
¹to glory.

25 ¶ ^aWhom have I in heaven
but Thee?

And ¹besides Thee, I desire
nothing on earth.

26 My ^aflesh and my heart may
fail,

But God is the ¹strength of
my heart and my ^bpor-
tion forever.

27 For, behold, ^athose who are
far from Thee will ^bper-
ish;

Thou hast ¹destroyed all
those who ^{2c}are unfaith-
ful to Thee.

28 But as for me, ^athe nearness
of God is my good;

I have made the Lord ¹God
my ^brefuge,

That I may ^ctell of all Thy
works.

18 ¹Lit., ru-
ins
^aPs. 35:6 ^bPs.
35:8; 36:12

19 ¹Lit., be-
come a deso-
lation
^aNum. 16:21;
Is. 47:11 ^bJob
18:11

20 ¹Or,
image
^aJob 20:8 ^bPs.
78:65 ^c1 Sam.
2:30

21 ¹Lit., in
my kidneys
^aJudg. 10:16
^bActs 2:37

22 ¹Or, an
animal ²Lit.,
with Thee
^aPs. 49:10;
92:6 ^bJob
18:3; Ps.
49:20; Eccl.
3:18

23 ^aPs. 16:8

24 ¹Or, with
honor
^aPs. 32:8;
48:14; Is.
58:11 ^bGen.
5:24; Ps.
49:15

25 ¹Or, with
^aPs. 16:2;
Phil. 3:8

26 ¹Lit.,
rock
^aPs. 38:10;
40:12; 84:2;
119:81 ^bPs.
16:5

27 ¹Or, si-
lenced ²Lit.,
go to a whor-
ing from
^aPs. 119:155
^bPs. 37:20
^cEx. 34:15;
Num. 15:39;
Ps. 106:39;
Hos. 4:12; 9:1

28 ¹Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
Lord
^aPs. 65:4;
Heb. 10:22;
James 4:8
^bPs. 14:8;
71:7 ^cPs. 40:5;
107:22;
118:17

* Possibly,
Contempla-
tive, or Di-
dactic, or
Skillful
Psalm

¹ Or, pas-
turing
^aPs. 44:9; 77:7
^bDeut. 29:20;
Ps. 18:8;
89:46 ^cPs.
79:13; 95:7;
100:3

PSALM 74

An Appeal against the Devastation
of the Land by the Enemy.

A ^aMaskil of Asaph.

O GOD, why hast Thou ^are-
jected us forever?

Why does Thine angel
^bsmoke against the
^csheep of Thy ¹pasture?

2 Remember Thy congrega-
tion, which Thou hast
^apurchased of old,

Which Thou hast ^bre-
deemed to be the ^ctribe of
Thine inheritance;

And Mount ^dZion, where
Thou hast dwelt.

3 ¹Turn Thy footsteps toward
the ^aperpetual ruins;

The enemy ^bhas damaged
everything within the
sanctuary.

4 Thine adversaries have
^aroared in the midst of
Thy meeting place;

They have set up their ^bown
¹standards ^cfor signs.

5 It seems as if one had lifted
up

His ^{1a}axe in a ²forest of
trees.

6 And now ¹all its ^acarved
work

They smash with hatchet
and ²hammers.

7 They have ^{1a}burned Thy
sanctuary ²to the ground;

They have ^bdefiled the
dwelling place of Thy
name.

8 They ^asaid in their heart,
"Let us ¹completely ²sub-
due them."

They have burned all the
meeting places of God in
the land.

2 ^aEx. 15:16; Deut. 32:6 ^bEx. 15:13; Ps. 77:15; 106:10;
Is. 63:9 ^cDeut. 32:9; Is. 63:17; Jer. 10:16; 51:19 ^dPs. 9:11;
68:16

3 ¹Lit., Lift up ^aIs. 61:4 ^bPs. 79:1
4 ¹Lit., signs ^aLam. 2:7 ^bNum. 2:2 ^cPs. 74:9
5 ¹Lit., axes ²Lit., thicket ^aJer. 46:22
6 ¹Lit., altogether ²Or, axes ^a1 Kin. 6:18, 29, 32, 35
7 ¹Lit., set on fire ²Or, To the ground they
^a2 Kin. 25:9 ^bPs. 89:39; Lam. 2:2
8 ¹Lit., altogether ²Or, oppress ^aPs. 83:4

- 9 We do not see our ^asigns;
There is ^bno longer any prophet,
Nor is there any among us
who knows ^chow long.
- 10 How long, O God, will the
adversary ^arevile,
And the enemy ^bspurn Thy
name forever?
- 11 Why ^adost Thou withdraw
Thy hand, even Thy right
hand?
From within Thy bosom,
^bdestroy them!
- 12 ¶ Yet God is ^amy king from
of old,
Who works deeds of deliverance
in the midst of the earth.
- 13 ¹Thou didst ^adivide the sea
by Thy strength;
¹Thou ^bdidst break the
heads of the ^csea monsters ²in the waters.
- 14 ¹Thou didst crush the heads
of ^{2a}Leviathan;
¹Thou didst give him as food
for the ³creatures ^bof the wilderness.
- 15 ¹Thou didst ^abreak open
springs and torrents;
¹Thou didst ^bdry up ever-flowing
streams.
- 16 Thine is the day, Thine is the
night;
¹Thou hast ^aprepared the
²light and the sun.
- 17 ¹Thou hast ^aestablished all
the boundaries of the earth;
¹Thou hast ²made ^bsummer
and winter.
- 18 ¶ Remember this, ¹O LORD,
that the enemy has ^are-
viled;
And a ^bfoolish people has
spurned Thy name.
- 19 Do not deliver the soul of
Thy ^aturtledove to the
wild beast;
^bDo not forget the life of
Thine afflicted forever.

9 *Ps.
78:43 *1 Sam.
3:1, Lam. 2:9.
Ezek. 7:26.
Amos 8:11
*Ps. 6:3; 79:5.
80:4
10 *Ps.
44:18; 79:12.
89:51 *Lev.
24:16
11 *Lam. 2:3
*Ps. 59:13
12 *Ps. 44:4
13 *Or,
Thou Thyself/
*Lit., on
*Ez. 14:21.
Ps. 78:13 *Is.
51:9 *Ps.
148:7, Jer.
51:34
14 *Or,
Thou Thyself/
*Or, sea mon-
ster *Lit.,
people
*Job 41:1. Ps.
104:28; Is.
27:1 *Ps. 72:9
15 *Or,
Thou Thyself/
*Ez. 17:5, 6.
Num. 20:11.
Ps. 78:15.
105:41, 114:8.
Is. 48:21 *Ez.
14:21, 22.
Josh. 2:10.
3:13, Ps.
114:3
16 *Or,
Thou Thyself/
*Or, luminary
*Gen. 1:14-18;
Ps. 104:19.
136:7, 8
17 *Or,
Thou Thyself/
*Or, formed
*Deut. 32:8.
Acts 17:28
*Gen. 8:22.
Ps. 147:16-18
18 *Or, that
the enemy
has reviled
the LORD
*Ps. 74:10
*Deut. 32:8.
Ps. 14:1, 39:8.
53:1
19 *Song
2:14 *Ps. 9:18
20 *Gen.
1:7, Ps.
108:45 *Ps.
88:6, 143:3
21 *Ps.
103:6 *Ps.
35:10; Is.
41:17
22 *Lit., Thy
reproach
from the
foolish man
*Ps. 43:1; Is.
3:13, 43:28.
Ezek. 20:35
*Ps. 14:1.
53:1, 74:18
23 *Ps.
74:10 *Ps.
65:7

- 20 Consider the ^acovenant;
For the ^bdark places of the
land are full of the habita-
tions of violence.
- 21 Let not the ^aoppressed re-
turn dishonored;
Let the ^bafflicted and needy
praise Thy name.
- 22 ¶ Do arise, O God, and
^aplead Thine own cause;
Remember ¹how the ^bfool-
ish man reproaches Thee
all day long.
- 23 Do not forget the voice of
Thine ^aadversaries,
The ^buproar of those who
rise against Thee which
ascends continually.

PSALM 75

*God Abases the Proud, but Exalts
the Righteous.*

For the choir director; set to
^aAl-tashheth.

A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

- W**E ^agive thanks to Thee, O
God, we give thanks,
For Thy name is ^bnear;
Men declare ^cThy won-
drous works.
- 2 "When I select an ^aappointed
time,
It is I who ^bjudge with eq-
uity.
- 3 "The ^aearth and all who
dwell in it ¹melt;
It is I who have firmly set its
^bpillars. [²Selah.
- 4 "I said to the boastful, 'Do
not boast,'
And to the wicked, 'Do not
lift up the horn;
5 Do not lift up your horn on
high,
^aDo not speak with insolent
¹pride.' "

* Lit., Do Not Destroy
1 *Ps. 78:13 *Ps. 145:18 *Ps. 28:7; 44:1; 71:17
2 *Ps. 102:13 *Ps. 9:8; 67:4; Is. 11:4
3 *Or, better *Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or
musical interlude *Ps. 48:6; Is. 24:19 *1 Sam. 2:8
4 *Zech. 1:21
5 *Lit., reach *1 Sam. 2:3; Ps. 94:4

- 6 ¶ For not from the east, nor from the west,
Nor from the ¹desert comes exaltation;
7 But ^aGod is the Judge;
He ^bputs down one, and exalts another.
8 For a ^acup is in the hand of the LORD, and the wine foams;
It is ^{1b}well mixed, and He pours out of this;
Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and ^cdrink down its dregs.
9 ¶ But as for me, I will ^adeclare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
10 And all the ^ahorns of the wicked ¹He will cut off,
But ^bthe horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

PSALM 76

The Victorious Power of the God of Jacob.

For the choir director; on stringed instruments.
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

- G**OD is ^aknown in Judah;
His name is ^bgreat in Israel.
2 And His ^{1a}tabernacle is in ^bSalem;
His ^cdwelling place also is in Zion.
3 There He ^abroke the ¹flaming arrows,
The shield, and the sword, and the ²weapons of war. [³Selah.]
4 ¶ Thou art resplendent,
¹More majestic than the mountains of prey.
5 The ^astouthearted were plundered;
¹They sank into sleep;
And none of the ²warriors could use his hands.
6 At Thy ^arebuke, O God of Jacob,

⁶ ¹Or, mountainous desert
^aPs. 3:3
⁷ ^aPs. 50:6
^b1 Sam. 2:7; Ps. 147:6; Dan. 2:21
⁸ ¹Lit., full of mixture
^aJob 21:20; Ps. 11:6; 60:3; Jer. 25:15
^bProv. 23:30
^cObed. 16
⁹ ^aPs. 22:22; 40:10
¹⁰ ¹Heb., I
^aPs. 101:8; Jer. 48:25
^b1 Sam. 2:1; Ps. 89:17; 92:10; 148:14
¹ ^aPs. 48:3
^bPs. 99:3
² ¹Lit., shelter
^aPs. 27:5; Lam. 2:6
^bGen. 14:18
^cPs. 9:11; 132:13; 135:21
³ ¹Lit., fiery shafts of the bow ²Lit., battle ³Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 46:9
⁴ ¹Or, Majestic from the mountains
⁵ ¹Lit., They slumbered their sleep ²Lit., men of might have found their hands
^aIs. 10:12; 46:12
⁶ ¹Lit., chariot
^aPs. 80:16
^bEx. 15:1, 21; Ps. 78:53
⁷ ¹Lit., Thine anger is
^a1 Chr. 16:25; Ps. 89:7; 98:4
^bEzra 9:15; Ps. 130:3; Nah. 1:6; Mal. 3:2; Rev. 6:17
⁸ ^a1 Chr. 16:30; 2 Chr. 20:29, 30; Ps. 33:8
⁹ ^aPs. 9:7; 8:74; 22; 82:8
¹⁰ ¹Lit., wrath
^aEx. 9:18; Rom. 9:17
¹¹ ^aEcc. 5:4-6
^bPs. 50:14
^c2 Chr. 32:23; Ps. 68:29

- Both ^{1b}brider and horse were cast into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, even Thou, art ^ato be feared;
And ^bwho may stand in Thy presence when once ¹Thou art angry?
8 ¶ Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven;
The earth ^afeared, and was still,
9 When God ^aarose to judgment,
To save all the humble of the earth. [Selah.]
10 For the ^{1a}wrath of man shall praise Thee;
With a remnant of wrath Thou shalt gird Thyself.
11 ¶ ^aMake vows to the LORD your God and ^bfulfill them;
Let all who are around Him ^cbring gifts to Him who is to be feared.
12 He will cut off the spirit of princes;
He is ^{1a}feared by the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

Comfort in Trouble from Recalling God's Mighty Deeds.

For the choir director;
^aaccording to Jeduthun.
A Psalm of Asaph.

- M**Y voice rises to God, and I will ^acry aloud;
My voice rises to God, and He will hear me.
2 In the ^aday of my trouble I sought the Lord;
^bIn the night my ^chand was stretched out ¹without weariness;

¹² ¹Lit., awesome to ^aPs. 47:2
^a1 Chr. 16:41
¹ ^aPs. 3:4; 142:1
² ¹Lit., and did not grow numb ^aPs. 50:15; 86:7 ^bPs. 63:6; Is. 26:9 ^cJob 11:13; Ps. 68:9

- My soul ^drefused to be comforted.
- 3 When I remember God, then I am ^adisturbed; When I ^bsigh, then ^cmy spirit grows faint. [Selah.]
- 4 Thou hast held my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I ^acannot speak.
- 5 I have considered the ^adays of old, The years of long ago.
- 6 I will remember my ^asong in the night; I ^bwill meditate with my heart; And my spirit ^lponders.
- 7 ¶ Will the Lord ^areject forever? And will He ^bnever be favorable again?
- 8 Has His ^alovingkindness ceased forever? Has His ^bpromise come to an end ²forever?
- 9 Has God ^aforgotten to be gracious? Or has He in anger ^lwithdrawn His ^bcompassion? [Selah.]
- 10 Then I said, "It is my ^lgrief, That the ^bbright hand of the Most High has changed."
- 11 ¶ I shall remember the ^adeeds of ^lthe LORD; Surely I will ^aremember Thy wonders of old.
- 12 I will ^ameditate on all Thy work, And muse on Thy deeds.
- 13 Thy way, O God, is ^aholy; ^bWhat god is great like our God?
- 14 Thou art the ^aGod who workest wonders; Thou hast ^bmade known Thy strength among the peoples.
- 15 Thou hast by Thy ^lpower ^aredeemed Thy people,

2 ^aGen. 37:25
3 ^lSelah
my moon:
Psalms, Crescendo or Musical Interlude
+Ps. 42:5, 11; 43:5 +Ps. 56:2, 142:2
+Ps. 61:2, 143:4
4 +Ps. 38:9
5 ^aDeut. 32:7, Ps. 44:1, 143:5; Is. 51:9
6 ^lLat. marched
+Ps. 42:8 +Ps. 44
7 +Ps. 44:9
+Ps. 86:1, 5
8 ^lLat. word
+Ps. 115:1, 135:4
9 ^lLat. shut up
+Is. 40:15 +Ps. 25:6, 40:11, 51:1
10 ^lOr, in firmity, the years of the right hand of the Most High
+Ps. 31:22, 73:14 +Ps. 44:2, 3
11 ^lHeb. Yaw
+Ps. 105:5, 143:5
12 +Ps. 145:5
13 +Ps. 63:2, 73:17 +Ex. 15:11, Ps. 71:19; 80:8
14 +Ps. 72:18 +Ps. 108:8
15 ^lLat. arm
+Ex. 6:6; Deut. 8:29; Ps. 74:2, 78:42 +Ps. 80:1
16 +Ex. 14:21, Ps. 114:3; Heb. 3:8, 10
17 ^lLat. went
+Judg. 5:4
+Ps. 68:33
+Ps. 18:14
18 +Ps. 18:13, 104:7
+Ps. 97:4
+Judg. 5:4, Ps. 18:7
19 ^lIs. 51:10; Heb. 3:15
20 ^lIs. 51:10; Heb. 3:15

The sons of Jacob and ^bJoseph. [Selah.]

- 16 ¶ The ^awaters saw Thee, O God; The waters saw Thee, they were in anguish; The deeps also trembled.
- 17 The ^aclouds poured out water; The skies ^bgave forth a sound; Thy ^carrows ^lflashed here and there.
- 18 The ^asound of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; The ^blightnings lit up the world; The ^cearth trembled and shook.
- 19 Thy ^away was in the sea, And Thy paths in the mighty waters, And Thy footprints may not be known.
- 20 Thou ^adidst lead Thy people like a flock, By the hand of ^bMoses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

God's Guidance of His People in Spite of Their Unfaithfulness.

A ^aMaskil of Asaph.

- ^a**L**ISTEN, O my people, to my ^linstruction; ^bIncline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will ^aopen my mouth in a parable; I will utter ^bdark sayings of old,
- 3 Which we have heard and known, And ^aour fathers have told us.

20 +Ex. 13:21, 14:19; Ps. 78:52; 80:1; Is. 43:11-13 +Ex. 6:26; Ps. 105:26

^a Possibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm

1 ^lOr, low, teaching +Is. 51:4 +Is. 35:3

2 +Ps. 48:4; Matt. 13:35 +Prov. 1:6

3 +Ps. 44:1

- 4 We will ^anot conceal them from their children,
But ^btell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
And His strength and His ^cwondrous works that He has done.
- 5 ¶ For He established a ^atestimony in Jacob,
And appointed a ^blaw in Israel,
Which He ^ccommanded our fathers,
That they should ^dteach them to their children,
- 6 ^aThat the generation to come might know, even ^bthe children yet to be born,
That they may arise and ^ctell them to their children,
- 7 That they should put their confidence in God,
And ^anot forget the works of God,
But ^bkeep His commandments.
- 8 And ^anot be like their fathers,
A ^bstubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that ^cdid not ^dprepare its heart,
And whose spirit was not ^efaithful to God.
- 9 ¶ The sons of Ephraim ^bwere ^aarchers equipped with bows,
Yet ^bthey turned back in the day of battle.
- 10 They ^adid not keep the covenant of God,
And refused to ^bwalk in His law;
- 11 And they ^aforgot His deeds,
And His ^bmiracles that He had shown them.
- 12 ^aHe wrought wonders before their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the ^bfield of Zoan.

4 ^aEx. 12:26; Deut. 6:7; 11:19; Job 15:18; Ps. 145:4; Is. 38:19; Joel 1:3 ^aEx. 13:8; 14; Ps. 22:30; Job 37:18; Ps. 26:7; 71:17
5 ^bLit., make them known
6 ^aPs. 19:7; 81:5; Is. 8:20
7 ^bPs. 147:19
8 ^cDeut. 6:4-9
9 ^dDeut. 4:9
10 ^ePs. 102:18
11 ^aPs. 22:31
12 ^bDeut. 11:19
13 ^cDeut. 4:9; 6:12; 8:14
14 ^dDeut. 4:2; 5:1; 29:27.1; Josh. 22:5
15 ^eOr, put right
16 ^a2 Kin. 17:14; 2 Chr. 30:7; Ezek. 20:18
17 ^bEx. 32:9; Deut. 9:7, 24; 31:27; Judg. 2:19; Is. 30:9
18 ^cJob 11:13; Ps. 78:37
19 ^dPs. 51:10
20 ^eOr, having
21 ^a1 Chr. 12:2
22 ^bJudg. 20:39; Ps. 78:57
23 ^c10 ^aJudg. 2:20; 1 Kin. 11:11; 2 Kin. 17:15; 18:12
24 ^bPs. 119:1; Jer. 32:23; 44:10, 23
25 ^c11 ^aOr, wonderful works
26 ^dPs. 106:13
27 ^e12 ^aEx. chs. 7-12; Ps. 106:22
28 ^bNum. 13:22; Ps. 78:43; Is. 19:11; 30:4; Ezek. 30:14
29 ^c13 ^aEx. 14:21; Ps. 74:13; 136:13
30 ^dEx. 15:8; Ps. 33:7
31 ^e14 ^aEx. 13:21; Ps. 105:39
32 ^bEx. 14:24
33 ^c15 ^aEx. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps. 105:41; 114:8; Is. 48:21; 1 Cor. 10:4
34 ^d16 ^aNum. 20:8, 10, 11
35 ^e17 ^aDeut. 9:22; Is. 63:10; Heb. 3:16
36 ^b18 ^aEx. 17:6; Deut. 8:16; Ps. 78:41, 56; 95:9; 106:14; 1 Cor. 10:9
37 ^c19 ^aNum. 11:4; 20:3; 21:5; Ps. 23:5
38 ^d20 ^aLit., flesh
39 ^e21 ^aNum. 20:11; Ps. 78:15, 16
40 ^bNum. 11:18
41 ^c22 ^aOr, became infuriated
42 ^dNum. 11:1
43 ^e22 ^aDeut. 1:32; 9:23; Heb. 3:16

- 13 He ^adivided the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And He made the waters stand ^bup like a heap.
- 14 Then He led them with the cloud by ^aday,
And all the night with a ^bblight of fire.
- 15 He ^asplit the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths.
- 16 He ^abrought forth streams also from the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
- 17 ¶ Yet they still continued to sin against Him,
To ^arebel against the Most High in the desert.
- 18 And in their heart they ^aput God to the test
By asking ^bfood according to their desire.
- 19 Then they spoke against God;
They said, "^aCan God prepare a table in the wilderness?"
- 20 "Behold, He ^astruck the rock, so that waters gushed out,
And streams were overflowing;
Can He give bread also?
Will He provide ^bmeat for His people?"
- 21 ¶ Therefore the LORD heard and ^bwas ^afull of wrath,
And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also mounted against Israel;
- 22 Because they ^adid not believe in God,
- 18 ^aEx. 17:6; Deut. 8:16; Ps. 78:41, 56; 95:9; 106:14;
19 ^aNum. 11:4
20 ^aEx. 16:3; Num. 11:4; 20:3; 21:5; Ps. 23:5
21 ^aLit., flesh
22 ^aNum. 20:11; Ps. 78:15, 16
23 ^aNum. 11:18
24 ^aOr, became infuriated
25 ^aNum. 11:1
26 ^aDeut. 1:32; 9:23; Heb. 3:16

- And did not trust in His salvation.
- 23 Yet He commanded the clouds above,
And ^aopened the doors of heaven;
- 24 And He ^arained down manna upon them to eat,
And gave them ^bfood from heaven.
- 25 Man did eat the bread of ^cangels;
He sent them ²food ³in abundance.
- 26 He ^acaused the east wind to blow in the heavens;
And by His ¹power He directed the south wind.
- 27 When He rained ¹meat upon them like the dust,
Even ^awinged fowl like the sand of the seas,
- 28 Then He let *them* fall in the midst of ¹their camp,
Round about their dwellings.
- 29 So they ^aate and were well filled;
And their desire He gave to them.
- 30 ¹Before they had satisfied their desire,
^aWhile their food was in their mouths,
- 31 The ^aanger of God rose against them,
And killed ¹some of their ^bstoutest ones,
And ²subdued the choice men of Israel.
- 32 In spite of all this they ^astill sinned,
And ^bdid not believe in His wonderful works.
- 33 So He brought ^atheir days to an end in ¹futility,
And their years in sudden terror.
- 34 ¶ When He killed them,
then they ^asought Him,
And returned and searched ^bdiligently for God;

23 ^aGen. 7:11; Mal. 3:10.
24 ¹Lat., grain.
^aEx. 16:4 ^bPs. 105:40; John 6:31.
25 ¹Lat., mighty ones.
²Or, provision ³Lat., to satisfaction.
^aEx. 16:3.
26 ¹Or, strength.
^aNum. 11:31.
27 ¹Lat., flesh.
^aEx. 16:13; Ps. 105:40.
28 ¹Lat., His.
29 ^aNum. 11:19, 20.
30 ¹Lat., They were not estranged from.
^aNum. 11:33.
31 ¹Lat., among their fat ones ²Lat., caused to bow down.
^aNum. 11:33; 34; Job 20:23.
¹Ps. 10:16.
32 ^aNum. chs. 14, 16, 17 ^bNum. 14:11; Ps. 78:11.
33 ¹Lat., vanity, a mere breath.
^aNum. 14:29, 35.
34 ^aNum. 21:7; Hos. 5:15 ^bPs. 63:1.
35 ^aDeut. 32:4 ^bEx. 15:13; Deut. 9:26; Ps. 74:2; Is. 41:14.
36 ^aEx. 24:7; & Ezek. 33:31.
^aEx. 32:7; & Is. 57:11.
37 ^aPs. 51:10; 78:8; Acts 2:21.
38 ¹Lat., covered over, adorned for ²Lat., turned away.
^aEx. 34:6.
^aNum. 14:18-20 ¹Is. 48:9.
39 ¹Or, breath.
Job 10:9; Ps. 103:14 ^aGen. 6:3; Job 7:7; 16; Ps. 103:14; James 4:14.
40 ^aPs. 95:8; & 105:43; 107:11; Heb. 3:16 ^bPs. 95:10; Is. 63:10; Eph. 4:30 ^cPs. 105:14.
41 ^aOr, put God to the test ^aNum. 14:22 ^b2 Km. 19:22; Ps. 89:18.
42 ¹Lat., hand ^aJudg. 8:24 ^bPs. 44:3 ^cPs. 108:10.
43 ^aPs. 105:27 ^bEx. 4:21, 7:3.
44 ^aEx. 7:20; Ps. 105:29.
45 ^aEx. 8:24; Ps. 105:31.

- 35 And they remembered that God was their ^arock,
And the Most High God their ^bRedeemer.
- 36 But they ^adeceived Him with their mouth,
And ^blied to Him with their tongue.
- 37 For their heart was not ^asteadfast toward Him,
Nor were they faithful in His covenant.
- 38 But He, being ^acompassionate, ^bforgave their iniquity, and did not destroy *them*;
And often He ²restrained His anger,
And did not arouse all His wrath.
- 39 Thus ^aHe remembered that they were but ^bflesh,
A ¹wind that passes and does not return.
- 40 ¶ How often they ^arebelled against Him in the wilderness,
And ^bgrieved Him in the ^cdesert!
- 41 And again and again they ¹tempted God,
And pained the ^bHoly One of Israel.
- 42 They ^adid not remember ^bHis ¹power,
The day when He ^credeemed them from the adversary.
- 43 When He performed His ^asigns in Egypt,
And His ^bmarvels in the field of Zoan,
- 44 And ^aturned their rivers to blood,
And their streams, they could not drink.
- 45 He sent among them swarms of ^aflies, which devoured them,

- And ^bfrogs which destroyed them.
- 46 He gave also their crops to the ^agrasshopper,
And the product of their labor to the ^blocust.
- 47 He ¹destroyed their vines with ^ahailstones,
And their sycamore trees with frost.
- 48 He gave over their ^acattle also to the hailstones,
And their herds to bolts of lightning.
- 49 He ^asent upon them His burning anger,
Fury, and indignation, and trouble,
¹A band of destroying angels.
- 50 He leveled a path for His anger;
He did not spare their soul from death,
But ^agave over their life to the plague,
- 51 And ^asmote all the first-born in Egypt,
The ^bfirst issue of their virility in the tents of ^cHam.
- 52 But He ^aled forth His own people like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness ^blike a flock;
- 53 And He led them ^asafely, so that they did not fear;
But ^bthe sea engulfed their enemies.
- 54 ¶ So ^aHe brought them to His holy ¹land,
To this ^{2b}hill country ^cwhich His right hand had gained.
- 55 He also ^adrove out the nations before them,
And He ^bapportioned them for an inheritance by measurement,
And made the tribes of Israel dwell in their tents.
- 56 Yet they ^{1a}tempted and ^brebelled against the Most High God,

46 ^aEx. 8:6; Ps. 105:30
46 ¹ Kin. 8:37; Ps. 105:34 ^bEx. 10:14
47 ¹Lit., was killing
^aEx. 9:23-25; Ps. 105:32
48 ^aEx. 9:19
49 ¹Lit., A deputation of angels of evil
^aEx. 15:7
50 ^aEx. 12:29, 30
51 ^aEx. 12:29; Ps. 105:36; 135:8; 136:10 ^bGen. 49:3 ^cPs. 105:23, 27; 108:22
53 ^aEx. 15:22 ^bPs. 77:20
53 ^aEx. 14:19, 20 ^bEx. 14:27, 28; Ps. 108:11
54 ¹Lit., border, territory
²Or, mountain
^aEx. 15:17
^bPs. 68:16; Is. 11:9 ^cPs. 44:3
55 ^aJosh. 11:16-23; Ps. 44:2 ^bJosh. 13:7, 23:4; Ps. 105:11; 135:12
56 ¹Or, put to the test
^aPs. 78:18
^bJudg. 2:11-13; Ps. 78:40
57 ^aEzek. 20:27, 28
^bHos. 7:16
58 ^aDeut. 4:25; Judg. 2:12; 1 Kin. 14:9; Is. 65:3
^bLev. 26:30; 1 Kin. 3:2; 2 Kin. 18:4; Jer. 17:3
^cDeut. 32:16, 21; 1 Kin. 14:22 ^dEx. 20:4; Lev. 26:1; Deut. 4:25
59 ¹Or, became infuriated
^aDeut. 1:34; 9:19; Ps. 106:40 ^bLev. 26:30; Deut. 32:19; Amos 6:8
60 ¹Some ancient versions read where He dwell
^a1 Sam. 4:11; Ps. 78:67; Jer. 7:12, 14; 26:6
^bJosh. 18:1
61 ^aPs. 63:2; 132:8 ^b1 Sam. 4:17

- And did not keep His testimonies,
- 57 But turned back and ^aacted treacherously like their fathers;
They ^bturned aside like a treacherous bow.
- 58 For they ^aprovoked Him with their ^bhigh places,
And ^caroused His jealousy with their ^dgraven images.
- 59 When God heard, He ¹was filled with ^awrath,
And greatly ^babhorred Israel;
- 60 So that He ^aabandoned the ^bdwelling place at Shiloh,
The tent ¹which He had pitched among men,
- 61 And gave up His ^astrength to captivity,
And His glory ^binto the hand of the adversary.
- 62 He also ^adelivered His people to the sword,
And ¹was filled with wrath at His inheritance.
- 63 ^aFire devoured ¹His young men;
And ¹His ^bvirgins had no wedding songs.
- 64 ¹His ^apriests fell by the sword;
And ¹His ^bwidows could not weep.
- 65 ¶ Then the Lord ^aawoke as if from sleep,
Like a ^bwarrior ¹overcome by wine.
- 66 And He ^{1a}drove His adversaries backward;
He put on them an everlasting reproach.
- 67 He also ^arejected the tent of Joseph,
And did not choose the tribe of Ephraim,

62 ¹Or, became infuriated ^aJudg. 20:21; 1 Sam. 4:10
63 ¹Or, their ^aNum. 11:1; 21:28; Is. 28:11; Jer. 48:45
^bJer. 7:34; 16:9; Lam. 2:21
64 ¹Or, their ^a1 Sam. 4:17; 22:18 ^bJob 27:15; Ezek. 24:23
65 ¹Or, sobered up from ^aPs. 44:23; 73:20 ^bIs. 42:13
66 ¹Lit., smote ^a1 Sam. 5:6
67 ^aPs. 78:60

- 68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
Mount ^aZion which He loved.
- 69 And He ^abuilt His sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which He has founded forever.
- 70 He also ^achose David His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;
- 71 From ^{1a}the care of the ²ewes ^bwith suckling lambs He brought him,
To ^cshepherd Jacob His people,
And Israel ^dHis inheritance.
- 72 So he shepherded them according to the ^aintegrity of his heart,
And guided them with his skillful hands.

PSALM 79

A Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem, and Prayer for Help.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- O** GOD, the ^anations have ¹invaded ^bThine inheritance;
They have defiled Thy ^choly temple;
They have ^dlaid Jerusalem in ruins.
- 2 They have given the ^adead bodies of Thy servants for food to the birds of the heavens,
The flesh of Thy godly ones to the beasts of the earth.
- 3 They have poured out their blood like water round about Jerusalem;
And there was ^ano one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a ^areproach to our neighbors,
A scoffing and derision to those around us.
- 5 ^aHow long, O LORD? Wilt Thou be angry forever?

68 ^aPs. 87:2; 122:13
69 ^a1 Kin. 8:1-28
70 ^a1 Sam. 16:11, 12
71 ¹Lit., following ²Lit., ewes which gave suck, He
²Sam. 7:8; Is. 40:11
^aGen. 33:13
²Sam. 5:2; 1 Chr. 11:2; Ps. 28:9
^a1 Sam. 10:1
72 ^a1 Kin. 9:4
¹Lit., come into
^aLam. 1:10
^aPs. 74:2; ^aPs. 74:3, 7
^a2 Kin. 25:9; 10:2; 2 Chr. 36:17-19; Jer. 26:18; 52:12; 14, Mic. 3:12
^aDeut. 28:26; Jer. 7:33; 18:4; 19:7; 34:20
^aJer. 14:18; 16:4
^aPs. 44:13; 80:6; Dan. 9:16
^aPs. 13:1; 74:1, 9, 10; 85:3; 88:46
^aDeut. 28:20; Ezek. 36:5; 38:19; ^aPs. 88:46; Zeph. 3:8
^aPs. 88:24; Jer. 10:25; Ezek. 21:31; Zeph. 3:8; 1 Thess. 4:5; 2 Thess. 1:8; ^aPs. 14:4; 53:4
7 ¹Lit., pasture
^aPs. 53:4
^a2 Chr. 36:19; Jer. 39:8
^aOr, our former iniquities
^aPs. 108:6; Is. 64:9; ^aPs. 21:3
^aDeut. 28:43; Ps. 118:6; 142:6; Is. 26:5
^aLit., cover over, alone for
^a2 Chr. 14:11
^aPs. 31:3; ^aPs. 25:11; 65:3
^aJer. 14:7
^aPs. 42:10; 115:2
^aPs. 94:1, 2
¹Lit., arm
²Lit., the chamber of death
^aPs. 102:20

- Will Thy ^bjealousy ^cburn like fire?
- 6 ^aPour out Thy wrath upon the nations which ^bdo not know Thee.
And upon the kingdoms which ^cdo not call upon Thy name.
- 7 For they have ^adevoured Jacob,
And ^blaid waste his ¹habitation.
- 8 ^aDo not remember ¹the iniquities of our forefathers against us;
Let Thy compassion come quickly to ^bmeet us;
For we are ^cbrought very low.
- 9 ^aHelp us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of ^bThy name;
And deliver us, and ¹forgive our sins, ^dfor Thy name's sake.
- 10 ^aWhy should the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Let there be known among the nations in our sight,
^bVengeance for the blood of Thy servants, which has been shed.
- 11 Let ^athe groaning of the prisoner come before Thee;
According to the greatness of Thy ¹power preserve ²those who are ^adoomed to die.
- 12 And return to our neighbors ^asevenfold ^binto their bosom
¹The ^creproach with which they have reproached Thee, O Lord.
- 13 So we Thy people and the ^asheep of Thy ¹pasture
Will ^bgive thanks to Thee forever;

12 ¹Lit., Their ^aGen. 4:15; Lev. 26:21, 28; Ps. 12:6; 118:104; Prov. 6:31; 24:16; Is. 30:28; ^aPs. 35:13; Is. 65:4; Jer. 32:18; Luke 6:38; ^aPs. 74:10, 18, 22
13 ^aOr, pasturing ^aPs. 74:1, 20-7; 102:3; ^aPs. 44:8

To all generations we will
tell of Thy praise.

PSALM 80

God Implored to Rescue His People
from Their Calamities.

For the choir director; set to
•El Shoshannim; •Eduth.
A Psalm of Asaph.

OH, give ear, •Shepherd of Is-
rael,

Thou who dost lead ^bJoseph
like a flock;

Thou who ^cart enthroned
above the cherubim,
shine forth!

2 Before •Ephraim and Ben-
jamin and Manasseh,
^bstir up Thy power,
And come to save us!

3 O God, •restore us,
And ^bcause Thy face to
shine upon us, ¹and we
will be saved.

4 ¶ O •LORD God of hosts,
^bHow long wilt Thou ¹be an-
gry with the prayer of
Thy people?

5 Thou hast fed them with the
^abread of tears,
And Thou hast made them
to drink tears in ¹large
measure.

6 Thou dost make us ¹an ob-
ject of contention ^ato our
neighbors;
And our enemies laugh
among themselves.

7 O God of hosts, restore us,
And cause Thy face to shine
upon us, ¹and we will be
saved.

8 ¶ Thou didst remove a
^avine from Egypt;
Thou didst ^bdrive out the
¹nations, and didst ^cplant
it.

13 •Ps.
89:1; Is. 43:21
• Possibly,
to the Lilies
• Lit., A testi-
mony
1 •Ps. 23:1
•Ps. 77:15;
78:67; Amos
5:15 •Ex.
25:22; 1 Sam.
4:4; 2 Sam.
6:2; Ps. 99:1
2 •Num.
2:18-24 •Ps.
35:23
3 •Or, that
we may
•Ps. 60:1;
80:7, 19; 85:4;
128:1; Lam.
5:21 •Num.
6:25; Ps. 4:6;
31:16
4 •Lit.,
smoke
against
•Ps. 59:5; 84:8
•Ps. 79:5;
85:5
5 •Lit., a
third part
of a
•Ps. 42:3;
102:9; Is.
30:20
6 •Lit., a
strife to
•Ps. 44:13;
79:4
7 •Or, that
we may
8 •Or, Gen-
tiles
•Ps. 80:15; Is.
5:1, 2, 7; Jer.
2:21; 12:10;
Ezek. 17:6;
19:10 •Josh.
13:6; 2 Chr.
20:7; Ps. 44:2;
Acts 7:45
•Jer. 11:17;
32:41; Ezek.
17:23; Amos
9:15
9 •Ex.
23:28; Josh.
24:12; Is. 5:2
•Hos. 14:5
10 •Or, its
boughs are
like the ce-
dars of God
•Gen. 49:22
11 •Ps. 72:8
12 •Or,
walls, fences
•Ps. 89:40; Is.
5:5
13 •Jer. 5:6
14 •Ps.
80:13 •Ps.
102:19; Is.
63:15
15 •Or, root
•Or, figura-
tively: branch
•Or, secured
•Ps. 80:8
16 •2 Chr.
36:19; Ps.
74:8; Jer.
52:13 •Ps.
39:11; 76:6

9 Thou didst ^aclear the
ground before it,
And it ^btook deep root and
filled the land.

10 The mountains were cov-
ered with its shadow;
And ¹the cedars of God with
its ^aboughs.

11 It was sending out its
branches ^ato the sea,
And its shoots to the River.

12 Why hast Thou ^abroken
down its ¹hedges,
So that all who pass that
way pick its fruit?

13 A boar from the forest ^aeats
it away,
And whatever moves in the
field feeds on it.

14 ¶ O God of hosts, ^aturr-
again now, we beseech
Thee;

^bLook down from heaven
and see, and take care of
this vine,

15 Even the ¹ashoot which Thy
right hand has planted,
And on the ²son whom Thou
hast ³strengthened for
Thyself.

16 It is ^aburned with fire, it is
cut down;
They perish at the ^brebuke
of Thy countenance.

17 Let ^aThy hand be upon the
man of Thy right hand,
Upon the son of man whom
Thou ^bdidst make strong
for Thyself.

18 Then we shall not ^aturr-
back from Thee;
^bRevive us, and we will cal-
upon Thy name.

19 O LORD God of hosts, •re-
store us;
Cause Thy face to shine
upon us, ¹and we will be
saved.

17 •Ps. 89:21 •Ps. 80:15
18 •Is. 50:5 •Ps. 71:20
19 •Or, that we may •Ps. 80:3

PSALM 81

God's Goodness and Israel's
Waywardness.

For the choir director; *on the
Gittith.
A Psalm of Asaph.

- S**ING for joy to God our
strength;
Shout joyfully to the God
of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song, strike the
timbrel,
The sweet sounding lyre
with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the
new moon,
At the full moon, on our
feast day.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel,
An ordinance of the God of
Jacob.
- 5 He established it for a testi-
mony in Joseph,
When he went throughout
the land of Egypt.
I heard a language that I
did not know:
- 6 "I relieved his shoulder
of the burden,
His hands were freed from
the basket.
- 7 "You called in trouble, and I
rescued you;
I answered you in the hid-
ing place of thunder;
I proved you at the waters
of Meribah. [Selah.
- 8 "Hear, O My people, and I
will admonish you;
O Israel, if you would listen
to Me!
- 9 "Let there be no strange god
among you;
Nor shall you worship any
foreign god.
- 10 "I, the LORD, am your God,
Who brought you up from
the land of Egypt;
Open your mouth wide and
I will fill it.

* Or, ac-
cording to
1 *Ps.
51:14; 59:18;
95:1 *Ps. 48:1
*Ps. 68:1;
95:2; 98:4
*Ps. 84:8
2 *Ex.
15:20; Ps.
149:3 *Ps.
92:3; 98:5;
147:7 *Ps.
108:2; 144:9
3 *Num.
10:10 *Lev.
23:24
4 *Lit.,
went out over
*Ex. 11:4
*Deut. 28:49;
Ps. 114:1; Jer.
5:15
5 *Lit., re-
moved his
shoulder
from *Or,
brick load
*Is. 9:4; 10:27
7 *Selah
may mean
Pause, Cre-
scendo or Musical in-
terlude
*Ex. 2:23;
14:10; Ps.
50:15 *Ex.
19:19; 20:18
*Ex. 17:6, 7;
Num. 20:13;
Ps. 95:8
8 *Or, bear
witness
against
*Ps. 50:7 *Ps.
95:7
9 *Ex. 20:3;
Deut. 5:7;
32:12; Ps.
44:20; Is.
43:12
10 *Ex. 20:2;
Deut. 5:6
*Job 29:23
*Ps. 37:4;
78:25; 107:9
11 *Lit.,
yield to
*Deut. 32:15;
Ps. 108:25
12 *Lit., him
*Job 8:4; Acts
7:42; Rom.
1:24, 26
13 *Deut.
5:29; Ps. 81:8;
Is. 48:18 *Ps.
128:1; Is.
42:24; Jer.
7:23
14 *Ps.
18:47; 47:3
*Amos 1:8
15 *Rom.
1:30 *Ps.
18:44; 68:3
16 *Lit., He
would feed
him *Lit., for
*Deut. 32:14;
Ps. 147:14
*Deut. 32:13

- 11 "But My people did not
listen to My voice;
And Israel did not obey
Me.
- 12 "So I gave them over to the
stubbornness of their
heart,
To walk in their own de-
vices.
- 13 "Oh that My people would
listen to Me,
That Israel would walk in
My ways!
- 14 "I would quickly subdue
their enemies,
And turn My hand against
their adversaries.
- 15 "Those who hate the LORD
would pretend obedi-
ence to Him;
And their time of punish-
ment would be forever.
- 16 "But I would feed you with
the finest of the wheat;
And with honey from the
rock I would satisfy
you."

PSALM 82

Unjust Judgments Rebuked.

A Psalm of Asaph.

- G**OD takes His stand in His
own congregation;
He judges in the midst of
the rulers.
- 2 How long will you judge
unjustly,
And show partiality to the
wicked? [Selah.
- 3 Vindicate the weak and fa-
therless;
Do justice to the afflicted
and destitute.
- 4 Rescue the weak and
needy;
Deliver them out of the
hand of the wicked.

1 *Lit., the congregation of God *Lit., gods *Is. 3:13
*2 Chr. 19:6; Ps. 58:11 *Ex. 21:6; 22:8, 28
3 *Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical
interlude *Ps. 58:1 *Deut. 1:17; Prov. 18:5
4 *Deut. 24:17; Ps. 10:18; Is. 11:4; Jer. 22:16
5 *Job 28:12

- 5 ¶ They ^ado not know nor do they understand;
They ^bwalk about in darkness;
All the ^cfoundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 ¶ I ^asaid, "You are gods,
And all of you are ^bsons of the Most High.
- 7 "Nevertheless ^ayou will die like men,
And fall like any ^bone of the princes."
- 8 ^aArise, O God, ^bjudge the earth!
For it is Thou who dost ^cpossess all the nations.

PSALM 83

God Implored to Confound His Enemies.

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

- O** GOD, ^ado not remain quiet;
^bDo not be silent and, O God, do not be still.
- 2 For, behold, Thine enemies ^amake an uproar;
And ^bthose who hate Thee have ^cexalted themselves.
- 3 They ^amake shrewd plans against Thy people,
And ^bconspire together against ^bThy ²treasured ones.
- 4 They have said, "Come, and ^alet us wipe them out ¹as a nation,
That the ^bname of Israel be remembered no more."
- 5 For they have ¹conspired together with one mind;
Against Thee do they make a covenant:
- 6 The tents of ^aEdom and the ^bIshmaelites;
^cMoab, and the ^dHagrites;
- 7 ^aGebal, and ^bAmmon, and ^cAmalek;

3 ^aPs. 14:4; Jer. 4:22; Mic. 3:1;
^bProv. 2:13; Is. 50:9; Jer. 23:12; ^cPs. 11:3
4 ^aLit., I, on my part
^aPs. 82:1; John 10:34
^bPs. 89:26
7 ^aJob 21:32; ^bPs. 49:12; ^cEzek. 31:14
^bPs. 83:11
8 ^aPs. 12:5
^bPs. 58:11; 98:13; ^cPs. 2:8; Rev. 11:15
1 ^aPs. 28:1; 35:22
^bPs. 109:1
2 ^aLit., lifted up the head
^aPs. 2:1; Is. 17:12
^bPs. 81:15; ^cJudg. 8:28; ^dZech. 1:21
3 ^aOr, consult
^aOr, hidden ones
^aPs. 64:2; Is. 29:15
^bPs. 27:5; 31:20
4 ^aLit., from
^aEzek. 3:6; ^bPs. 74:8; Jer. 48:2
^bPs. 41:5; Jer. 11:19
5 ^aOr, consulted
^aPs. 2:2; Dan. 6:7
6 ^a2 Chr. 20:10; ^bPs. 137:7
^bGen. 25:12-16
^c2 Chr. 20:10
^d1 Chr. 5:10
7 ^aJosh. 13:5; ^bEzek. 27:9
^c2 Chr. 20:10
^d1 Sam. 15:2
^e1 Sam. 4:1; 29:1
^fEzek. 27:3; Amos 1:9
8 ^aLit., an arm
^aSelah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^a2 Kin. 15:19
^bDeut. 2:9
9 ^aJudg. 7:1-24
^bJudg. 4:7, 15, 21-24
10 ^aZeph. 1:17
11 ^aJudg. 7:25
^bJudg. 8:12, 21
12 ^a2 Chr. 20:11
^bPs. 132:13

- ^aPhilistia with the inhabitants of ^aTyre;
- 8 ^aAssyria also has joined with them;
They have become ¹a help to the ^bchildren of Lot. [²Selah.]
- 9 ¶ Deal with them ^aas with Midian,
As ^bwith Sisera and Jabin, at the torrent of Kishon,
- 10 Who were destroyed at Endor,
Who ^abecame as dung for the ground.
- 11 Make their nobles like ^aOreb and Zeeb,
And all their princes like ^bZebah and Zalmunna,
- 12 Who said, "Let us possess for ourselves
The ^bpastures of God."
- 13 ¶ O my God, make them like the ¹whirling dust;
Like ^bchaff before the wind.
- 14 Like ^afire that burns the forest,
And like a flame that ^bsets the mountains on fire,
- 15 So pursue them ^awith Thy tempest,
And terrify them with Thy storm.
- 16 ^aFill their faces with dishonor,
That they may seek Thy name, O LORD.
- 17 Let them be ^aashamed and dismayed forever;
And let them be humiliated and perish,
- 18 That they may ^aknow that ^bThou alone, whose name is the LORD,
Art the ^cMost High over all the earth.

13 ^aOr, tumbleweed
^aIs. 17:13
^bJob 21:18; ^cPs. 35:5; Is. 40:24; Jer. 13:24
14 ^aIs. 9:18
^bEx. 19:18; ^cDeut. 32:22
15 ^aJob 9:17; ^bPs. 58:9
16 ^aJob 10:15; ^bPs. 109:29; 132:18
17 ^aPs. 35:4; 70:2
18 ^aPs. 59:13
^bPs. 86:10; Is. 45:21
^cPs. 9:2; 18:13; 97:9

PSALM 84

Longing for the Temple Worship.

For the choir director; *on the Gittith.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

HOW lovely are Thy ^adwell-
ing places,

O LORD of hosts!

2 My ^asoul longed and even
yearned for the courts of
the LORD;My heart and my flesh sing
for joy to the ^bliving God.3 The bird also has found a
house,And the swallow a nest for
herself, where she may
lay her young.Even Thine ^aaltars, O LORD
of hosts,^bMy King and my God.4 How ^ablessed are those who
dwell in Thy house!They are ^bever praising
Thee. [Selah.5 ¶ How blessed is the man
whose ^astrength is in
Thee;In ¹whose heart are the
^bhighways to Zion!6 Passing through the valley
of ¹Baca, they make it a
²spring.The ^aearly rain also covers it
with blessings.7 They ^ago from strength to
strength,¹Every one of them ^bap-
pears before God in Zion.8 ¶ O ^aLORD God of hosts,
hear my prayer;Give ear, O ^bGod of Jacob!
[Selah.9 Behold our ^ashield, O God,
And look upon the face of
^bThine anointed.10 For ^aa day in Thy courts is
better than a thousand
outside.I would rather stand at the
threshold of the house of
my God,* Or, ac-
cording to
1 *Ps. 43:3,
132:52 *Ps. 42:1,
2: 63:1 *Ps.
42:23 *Ps. 43:4
*Ps. 524 ¹Selah
may mean:
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Ad libitum in-
terlude
*Ps. 65:4 *Ps.
42:5, 115 ¹Li.,
their
*Ps. 81:1 *Ps.
88:11, 122:1,
Jer. 31:66 ¹Prob-
ably, Woe-
ing, or, Bal-
cony from
*Or, place of
spring
*Ps. 107:35,
Joel 2:237 ¹Some
ancient ver-
sions read
The God of
glory will be
seen in Zion.
*Prov. 4:18,
Isa. 40:31,
John 1:16,
2 Cor. 3:18*Ex. 34:23,
Deut. 16:16,
Ps. 42:28 *Ps. 58:3,
80:4, 84:1
*Ps. 81:19 *Gen.
15:1, Ps. 2:3,
28:7, 58:11;
115:8-11*1 Sam. 16:6,
2 Sam. 19:21,
Ps. 2:2,
132:1710 *Ps. 27:4
11 ¹Li.,
with regard
to ¹Li., with
integrity*Isa. 62:18, 20,
Mal. 4:2, Rev.
21:23 *Gen.
15:1 *Ps. 85:9
*Ps. 34:9, 10
12 *Ps. 2:12
42:41 ¹Or, re-
store the for-
tress
*Ps. 77:7,
108:4 *Ezra
1:11, Ps. 14:7,
128:1, Jer.
30:18, Ezek.
38:25, Hos.
6:11, Joel 3:12 ¹Selah
may mean:
Pause, Cre-
scendo or
Ad libitum in-
terludeThan dwell in the tents of
wickedness.11 For the LORD God is ^aa sun
and ^bshield;The LORD gives grace and
^cglory;^aNo good thing does He
withhold ¹from those
who walk ²uprightly.12 O LORD of hosts,
How ^ablessed is the man
who trusts in Thee!

PSALM 85

*Prayer for God's Mercy upon the
Nation.*For the choir director.
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.**O** LORD, Thou didst show
^afavor to Thy land;
Thou didst ^{1b}restore the
captivity of Jacob.2 Thou didst ^aforgive the iniqu-
ity of Thy people;Thou didst ^bcover all their
sin. [Selah.3 Thou didst ^awithdraw all
Thy fury;Thou didst ^bturn away from
Thy burning anger.4 ¶ ^aRestore us, O God of our
salvation,And ^bcause Thine indigna-
tion toward us to cease.5 Wilt ^aThou be angry with us
forever?Wilt Thou prolong Thine
anger to ¹all generations?6 Wilt Thou not Thyself ^{1a}re-
vive us again,That Thy people may ^bre-
joice in Thee?7 Show us Thy lovingkind-
ness, O LORD,And ^agrant us Thy salva-
tion.*Num. 14:18, 1 Km. 8:34, Ps. 78:38, 103:3, Jer.
31:34 *Ps. 32:13 *Ps. 78:38, 108:23 *Ezra. 32:12, Deut. 12:17, Ps.
108:23, Jer. 3:9

4 *Ps. 80:3, 7 *Deut. 2:16

5 ¹Li., generation and generation *Ps. 74:1, 79:5,
80:46 ¹Or, bring to life *Ps. 71:20, 80:18 *Ps. 33:1, 88:14,
108:2

7 *Ps. 108:4

- 8 ¶ I will hear what God the LORD will say;
For He will ^aspeak peace to His people, ²to His godly ones;
But let them not ^bturn back to ³folly.
- 9 Surely ^aHis salvation is near to those who ¹fear Him.
That ^bglory may dwell in our land.
- 10 ^aLovingkindness and ¹truth have met together;
^bRighteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 ¹Truth ^asprings from the earth;
And righteousness looks down from heaven.
- 12 Indeed, ^athe LORD will give what is good;
And our ^bland will yield its produce.
- 13 ^aRighteousness will go before Him,
And will make His footsteps into a way.

PSALM 86

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust.

A Prayer of David.

- ^a**I**NCLINE Thine ear, O LORD,
and answer me;
For I am ^bafflicted and needy.
- 2 ^aDo preserve my ¹soul, for I am a ^bgodly man;
O Thou my God, save Thy servant who ^ctrusts in Thee.
- 3 Be ^agracious to me, O Lord,
For ^bto Thee I cry all day long.
- 4 Make glad the soul of Thy servant,
For to Thee, O Lord, ^aI lift up my soul.
- 5 For Thou, Lord, art ^agood, and ^bready to forgive,
And ^cabundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon Thee.

8 ¹Or, Let me hear ²Lit. even to ³Or, stupidity
^aPs. 29:11; Hag. 2:9; Zech. 9:10
^bPs. 78:57; 2 Pet. 2:21
^cOr, reverence
^aPs. 34:18; Is. 48:13 ^bPs. 84:11; Hag. 2:7; Zech. 2:3; John 1:14
¹⁰ ¹Or, faithfulness
^aPs. 25:10; 89:14; Prov. 3:3 ^bPs. 72:3; Is. 32:17
¹¹ ¹Or, Faithfulness
^aIs. 45:8
¹² ^aPs. 84:11; James 1:17 ^bLev. 26:4; Ps. 67:6; Ezek. 34:27; Zech. 8:12
¹³ ^aPs. 89:14
¹ ^aPs. 17:6; 31:2; 71:2
^bPs. 40:17; 70:5
² ¹Or, life
^aPs. 25:20
^bPs. 4:3; 50:5
^cPs. 25:2; 31:14; 56:4
³ ^aPs. 4:1; 57:1 ^bPs. 25:5; 88:9
⁴ ^aPs. 25:1; 143:8
⁵ ^aPs. 25:8
^bPs. 130:4
^cEx. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 103:8; 145:8; Joel 2:13; Jon. 4:2
⁶ ^aPs. 55:1
⁷ ^aPs. 50:15; 77:2
^bPs. 17:6
⁸ ^aEx. 15:11; 2 Sam. 7:22; 1 Kin. 8:23; Ps. 89:6; Jer. 10:6
^bDeut. 3:24
⁹ ^aPs. 22:27; 66:4; Is. 66:23; Rev. 15:4
¹⁰ ¹Or, miracles
^aPs. 77:13
^bEx. 15:11; Ps. 72:18; 77:14; 136:4
^cDeut. 6:4; 32:39; Ps. 83:18; Is. 37:16; 44:6; 8; Mark 12:29; 1 Cor. 8:4
¹¹ ^aPs. 25:5
^bJer. 32:39
¹² ^aPs. 111:1

- 6 ^aGive ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
And give heed to the voice of my supplications!
- 7 In ^athe day of my trouble shall call upon Thee,
For ^bThou wilt answer me
- 8 There is ^ano one like Thee among the gods, O Lord
Nor are there any works ^blike Thine.
- 9 ^aAll nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee O Lord;
And they shall glorify Thy name.
- 10 For Thou art ^agreat and ^bdoest ¹wondrous deeds;
Thou alone ^cart God.
- 11 ¶ ^aTeach me Thy way, O LORD;
I will walk in Thy truth;
^bUnite my heart to fear Thy name.
- 12 I will ^agive thanks to Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And will glorify Thy name forever.
- 13 For Thy lovingkindness toward me is great,
And Thou hast ^adelivered my soul from the ¹depths of ²Sheol.
- 14 ¶ O God, arrogant men have ^arisen up against me,
And ¹a band of violent men have sought my ²life,
And they have not set Thee before them.
- 15 But Thou, O Lord, art a God ^amerciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and ¹truth.

13 ¹Lit., lowest Sheol ²i.e., the nether world ^aPs. 30:3
14 ¹Or, an assembly ²Lit., soul ^aPs. 54:3
15 ¹Or, faithfulness ^aPs. 86:5

- 16 *Turn to me, and be gracious to me;
Oh ^bgrant Thy strength to Thy servant,
And save the ^cson of Thy handmaid.
- 17 *Show me a sign for good,
That those who hate me may ^bsee it, and be ashamed,
Because Thou, O LORD, ^chast helped me and comforted me.

PSALM 87

The Privileges of Citizenship in Zion.

A Psalm of the sons of Korah.
A Song.

HIS ^afoundation is in the holy mountains.

- 2 The LORD ^aloves the gates of Zion

More than all the other dwelling places of Jacob.

- 3 *Glorious things are spoken of you,

O ^bcity of God. [¹Selah.

- 4 *I shall mention ^{1a}Rahab and Babylon ²among those who know Me;

Behold, Philistia and ^bTyre with ^{3c}Ethiopia:

'This one was born there.'

- 5 But of Zion it shall be said,
'This one and that one were born in her';

And the Most High Himself will ^aestablish her.

- 6 The LORD shall count when He ^aregisters the peoples,

'This one was born there.'

[¹Selah.

- 7 Then those who ^asing as well as those who ^{1b}play the flutes shall say,

'All my ^csprings of joy are in you.'

16 ^aPs.
25:16 ^aPs.
68:26 ^aPs.
116:16
17 ^aJudg.
6:17; ^aPs.
119:123 ^aPs.
112:10 ^aPs.
118:13
1 ^aPs.
78:68; ^aIs.
28:16
2 ^aPs.
78:67, 68
3 ¹Selah
may mean:
Psalms, Crescendo or
Musical interlude
4 ^aIs. 60:1 ^aPs.
46:4, 48:8
4 ¹Is.
Egypt ^aOr, as
11:11, Cush
5 Job 9:13, ^aPs.
89:10; ^aIs.
19:23-25 ^aPs.
46:12 ^aPs.
68:31
6 ^aPs. 48:8
6 ^aPs.
68:28; ^aIs. 4:3
Ezek. 13:9
7 ^aOr,
donce
8 ^aPs. 68:25;
148:3 ^a2 Sam.
6:14; ^aPs.
30:11 ^aPs.
38:9
Possibly,
Contemplative, or
Didactic, or
Stilted
Psalm
9 ¹1 Km. 4:31.
1 Chr. 2:4.
Ps. 88:14
1 ^aPs. 24:5.
27:9 ^aPs.
22:2; 68:3.
Luk. 18:7
2 ^aPs. 18:6
4 ^aPs. 31:2.
88:1
3 ^aOr, born
unfettered with
11:11, the
mother world
4 ^aPs. 107:26
4 ^aPs. 107:18;
116:3
4 ^aPs. 28:1.
143:7 ^aJob
28:12; ^aPs.
22:11
5 ¹Is. A
fread one
among the
dead
6 ^aPs. 31:12
4 ^aPs. 31:22; ^aIs.
53:8
6 ^aPs.
88:13; ^aLam.
3:35 ^aPs.
143:3 ^aPs.
68:15
7 ¹Selah may mean: Pausa, Crescendo or Musical
interlude 4 ^aPs. 32:4, 38:16 ^aPs. 42:7
8 ¹Is., allusion to them Job 19:13, 18; ^aPs.
31:11; 142:4 ^aJob 38:16 ^aPs. 142:7; ^aJer. 32:2, 38:5
9 ^aPs. 67, 31:9

PSALM 88

A Petition to Be Saved from Death.

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. For the choir director; according to Mahalath Leannoth. A ^aMaskil of Heman ^athe Ezrahite.

O LORD, the ^aGod of my salvation,

I have ^bcried out by day and in the night before Thee.

- 2 Let my prayer ^acome before Thee;

^bIncline Thine ear to my cry!

- 3 For my ^asoul has ¹had enough troubles,

And ^bmy life has drawn near to ²Sheol.

- 4 I am reckoned among those who ^ago down to the pit; I have become like a man ^bwithout strength,

- 5 ¹Forsaken ^aamong the dead,

Like the slain who lie in the grave,

Whom Thou dost remember no more.

And they are ^bcut off from Thy hand.

- 6 Thou hast put me in ^athe lowest pit,

In ^bdark places, in the ^cdepths.

- 7 Thy wrath ^ahas rested upon me,

And Thou hast afflicted me with ^ball Thy waves.

[¹Selah.

- 8 Thou hast removed ^amy acquaintances far from me;

Thou hast made me an ^{1b}object of loathing to them;

I am ^cshut up and cannot go out.

- 9 My ^aeye has wasted away because of affliction;

7 ¹Selah may mean: Pausa, Crescendo or Musical interlude 4 ^aPs. 32:4, 38:16 ^aPs. 42:7

8 ¹Is., allusion to them Job 19:13, 18; ^aPs. 31:11; 142:4 ^aJob 38:16 ^aPs. 142:7; ^aJer. 32:2, 38:5
9 ^aPs. 67, 31:9

I have ^bcalled upon Thee every day, O LORD;
I have ^cspread out my hands to Thee.

10 ¶ Wilt Thou perform wonders for the dead?

Will ^athe ¹departed spirits rise and praise Thee?

[Selah.]

11 Will Thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave,
Thy faithfulness in ¹Abaddon?

12 Will Thy wonders be made known in the ^adarkness?
And Thy ¹righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

13 ¶ But I, O LORD, have cried out ^ato Thee for help,
And ^bin the morning my prayer comes before Thee.

14 O LORD, why ^adost Thou reject my soul?
Why dost Thou ^bhide Thy face from me?

15 I was afflicted and ^aabout to die from my youth on;
I suffer ^bThy terrors; I am ¹overcome.

16 Thy ^aburning anger has passed over me;
Thy terrors have ¹destroyed me.

17 They have ^asurrounded me ^blike water all day long;
They have ^cencompassed me altogether.

18 Thou hast removed ^alover and friend far from me;
My acquaintances are in darkness.

PSALM 89

The LORD's Covenant with David, and Israel's Afflictions.

A ^aMaskil of ^aEthan ⁺the Ezrahite.

I WILL ^asing of the lovingkindness of the LORD forever;

9 ¹Lt., palms
Ps. 22:2;
88:3; Job 11:13; Ps. 143:6
10 ¹Or, ghosts, shades
Ps. 6:5; 30:9
11 ¹i.e., place of destruction
12 ¹i.e., faithfulness to His gracious promises
Job 10:21; Ps. 88:6
13 ^aPs. 30:2
Ps. 5:3; 119:147
14 ^aPs. 43:2; 44:9; Job 13:24; Ps. 13:1; 44:24
15 ¹Or, embarrassed
Prov. 24:11
Job 6:4; 31:23
16 ¹Or, silenced
2 Chr. 28:11; Is. 13:13; Lam. 1:12
bLam. 3:54; Ezek. 37:11
17 ^aPs. 118:10-12
bPs. 124:4
cPs. 17:11; 22:12, 16
18 ^aJob 19:13; Ps. 88:8; 31:11; 38:11
Possibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful Psalm
a 1 Kin. 4:31
+ Ps. 88:11de
1 ^aPs. 59:16; 101:1
bPs. 40:10
cPs. 36:5; 88:11; 89:5, 8, 24, 33, 49; 92:2; 119:90; Is. 25:1; Lam. 3:23
2 ^aPs. 103:17; bPs. 36:5; 119:90
3 ^a1 Kin. 8:16; bPs. 132:11
4 ¹Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
2 Sam. 7:16
2 Sam. 7:13; Is. 9:7; Luke 1:33
5 ^aPs. 19:1; 97:6; bPs. 149:1; Job 5:1

To all generations I will ^bmake known Thy ^cfaithfulness with my mouth.

2 For I have said, "^aLoving-kindness will be built up forever;

In the heavens Thou wilt establish Thy ^bfaithfulness."

3 "I have made a covenant with ^aMy chosen;

I have ^bsworn to David My servant,

4 I will establish your ^aseced forever,

And build up your ^bthrone to all generations." [Selah]

5 ¶ And the ^aheavens will praise Thy wonders, O LORD;

Thy faithfulness also ^bin the assembly of the ^choly ones.

6 For ^awho in the skies is comparable to the LORD?
Who among the ^bsons of the mighty is like the LORD,

7 A God ^agreatly feared in the council of the ^bholy ones,
And ^cawesome above all those who are around Him?

8 O LORD God of hosts, ^awho is like Thee, O mighty ¹LORD?

Thy faithfulness also surrounds Thee.

9 Thou dost rule the swelling of the sea;

When its waves rise, Thou ^adost still them.

10 Thou Thyself didst crush ¹Rahab like one who is slain;

Thou didst ^bscatter Thine enemies with ²Thy mighty arm.

6 ¹Or, sons of gods Ps. 88:8; 113:5; bPs. 29:1; 62:1

7 ^aPs. 47:2; 68:35; 76:7, 11; bPs. 89:5; cPs. 98:4

8 ¹Heb., YAH ^aPs. 35:10; 71:19

9 ^aPs. 65:7; 107:29

10 ¹i.e., Egypt ²Lt., an arm of might Ps. 87:4; Is. 30:7; 51:9; bPs. 18:14; 68:1; 144:6

- 11 ¶ The ^aheavens are Thine,
the earth also is Thine;
The ^bworld and ^call it con-
tains, Thou hast founded
them.
- 12 The ^anorth and the south,
Thou hast created them;
^bTabor and ^cHermon ^dshout
for joy at Thy name.
- 13 Thou hast ^aa strong arm;
Thy hand is mighty, Thy
^aright hand is exalted.
- 14 ^aRighteousness and justice
are the foundation of Thy
throne;
^bLovingkindness and ^ctruth
go before Thee.
- 15 How blessed are the people
who know the ^ajoyful
sound!
O LORD, they walk in the
^blight of Thy counte-
nance.
- 16 In ^aThy name they rejoice
all the day,
And by Thy righteousness
they are exalted.
- 17 For Thou art the glory of
^atheir strength,
And by Thy favor ^bour ^bhorn
is exalted.
- 18 For our ^ashield belongs to
the LORD,
^aAnd our king to the ^bHoly
One of Israel.
- 19 ¶ ^aOnce Thou didst speak
in vision to Thy godly
^aones,
And didst say, "I have
^agiven help to one who is
^amighty;
I have exalted one ^bchosen
from the people.
- 20 "I have ^afound David My ser-
vant;
With My holy ^boil I have
anointed him,
- 21 With whom ^aMy hand will
be established;
My arm also will ^bstrength-
en him.
- 22 "The enemy will not ^adeceive
him,

11 ^aLat., as
fulness
Gen. 1:1;
1 Chr. 29:11;
Ps. 98:5 ^bPs.
24:1

12 ^aJob 28:7
^bJob. 19:22;
Judg. 4:6; Jer.
46:18 ^cDeut.
3:8; Josh.
11:17; 12:1;
Ps. 133:3;
Song 4:8 ^dPs.
98:8

13 ^aLat., on
arm with
strength
^bPs. 98:1,
118:16

14 ^aOr,
faithfulness
^bPs. 87:2 ^cPs.
85:13

15 ^aOr, blast
of the trum-
pet, shout of
joy
^bLev. 23:24;
Num. 10:10;
Ps. 98:8 ^cPs.
46:44; 3;
87:1, 80:3;
90:8

16 ^aPs.
100:3

17 ^aAnother
reading is
Thou dost
exalt our
horn
^bPs. 28:8 ^cPs.
75:10; 92:10;
148:14

18 ^aOr,
Even to the
Holy One of
Israel our
King
^bPs. 47:9 ^cPs.
71:22, 78:41

19 ^aOr, At
that time
^bSome mss.
read one
^cLat., placed
help upon
^d2 Sam. 17:10
^e1 Kin. 11:34;
Ps. 78:70

20 ^a1 Sam.
13:14, 18:1;
12, Acts
13:22 ^b1 Sam.
16:13

21 ^aPs.
18:35, 80:17
^bPs. 18:32

22 ^aOr,
exact enemy
from him
^bOr, wicked
man
^c2 Sam. 7:10;
Ps. 125:3

23 ^a2 Sam.
7:9; Ps. 18:40

24 ^aPs. 89:1
^bPs. 132:17

25 ^aPs. 72:8

- Nor the ^ason of wickedness
afflict him.
- 23 "But I shall ^acrush his adver-
saries before him,
And strike those who hate
him.
- 24 "And My ^afaithfulness and
My lovingkindness will
be with him,
And in My name his ^bhorn
will be exalted.
- 25 "I shall also set his hand ^aon
the sea,
And his right hand on the
rivers.
- 26 "He will cry to Me, 'Thou art
^amy Father,
My God, and the ^brock of
my salvation.'
- 27 "I also shall make him My
^afirst-born,
The ^bhighest of the kings of
the earth.
- 28 "My ^alovingkindness I will
keep for him forever,
And My ^bcovenant shall be
confirmed to him.
- 29 "So I will establish his ^ade-
scendants forever,
And his ^bthrone ^cas the days
of heaven.
- 30 ¶ "If his sons ^aforsake My
law,
And do not walk in My judg-
ments,
- 31 If they ^aviolate My statutes,
And do not keep My com-
mandments,
- 32 Then I will visit their trans-
gression with the ^arod,
And their iniquity with
stripes.
- 33 "But I will not break off ^aMy
lovingkindness from
him,
- 26 ^a2 Sam. 7:14; 1 Chr. 22:10; Jer. 3:19 ^b2 Sam. 22:47;
Ps. 95:1
- 27 ^aEx. 4:22; Ps. 2:7; Jer. 31:9; Col. 1:15, 18 ^bNum.
24:7; Ps. 72:11; Rev. 18:10
- 28 ^aPs. 89:33 ^bPs. 89:3, 34
- 29 ^aLat., and ^bPs. 18:50; 89:4, 36 ^c1 Kin. 2:4; Ps. 89:4;
132:12; Is. 9:7; Jer. 33:17 ^dDeut. 11:21
- 30 ^a2 Sam. 7:14; Ps. 119:53
- 31 ^aLat., promise
32 ^aJob 8:34; 21:9
- 33 ^a2 Sam. 7:15

Nor deal falsely in My faithfulness.

34 "My ^acovenant I will not ¹violate,

Nor will I ^balter ²the utterance of My lips.

35 "Once I have ^asworn by My holiness;

I will not lie to David.

36 "His ¹descendants shall endure forever,

And his ^bthrone ^cas the sun before Me.

37 "It shall be established forever ^alike the moon,

And the ^bwitness in the sky is faithful." [Selah.

38 ¶ But Thou hast ^acast off and ^brejected,

Thou hast been full of wrath ¹against Thine ^canointed.

39 Thou hast ^aspurned the covenant of Thy servant;

Thou hast ^bprofaned ^chis crown ¹in the dust.

40 Thou hast ^abroken down all his walls;

Thou hast ^bbrought his strongholds to ruin.

41 ^aAll who pass along the way plunder him;

He has become a ^breproach to his neighbors.

42 Thou hast ^aexalted the right hand of his adversaries;

Thou hast ^bmade all his enemies rejoice.

43 Thou dost also turn back the edge of his sword,

And hast ^anot made him stand in battle.

44 Thou hast made his ¹splendor to cease,

And cast his throne to the ground.

45 Thou hast ^ashortened the days of his youth;

Thou hast ^bcovered him with shame. [Selah.

46 ¶ ^aHow long, O LORD?

Wilt Thou hide Thyself forever?

34 ¹Lit., profane ²Lit., that which goes forth
^aDeut. 7:9;
Jer. 33:20, 21
^bNum. 23:19
35 ¹Or, One thing
^aPs. 80:8;
Amos 4:2
36 ¹Lit., seed
^aPs. 89:29;
Luke 1:33
^bPs. 72:5 ^cPs. 72:17

37 ¹Selah may mean: Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
^aPs. 72:5 ^bJob 18:19
38 ¹Lit., with
^aPs. 44:9;
^bDeut. 32:19;
1 Chr. 28:9
^cPs. 20:6;
89:20, 51
39 ¹Lit., to the ground
^aPs. 78:59;
Lam. 2:7 ^bPs. 74:7 ^cLam. 5:18
40 ^aPs. 80:12 ^bLam. 2:2, 5
41 ^aPs. 80:12 ^bPs. 44:13; 69:9;
19; 79:4
42 ^aPs. 13:2
^bPs. 80:6
43 ^aPs. 44:10
44 ¹Lit., clearness, luster
^aEzek. 28:7
45 ^aPs. 102:23 ^bPs. 44:15; 71:13;
109:29
46 ^aPs. 13:1;
44:24 ^bPs. 79:5; 80:4
47 ¹Lit., of what duration I am
²Or, hast Thou ... men?
^aJob 7:7; 10:9;
14:1 ^bPs. 39:5; 62:9;
Ecc. 1:2; 2:11
48 ¹Lit., hand ²i.e., the nether world
^aPs. 22:29;
49:9 ^bPs. 49:15
49 ^a2 Sam. 7:15; Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:23
50 ¹Lit., My bearing in my bosom
^aPs. 69:9;
74:18, 22

Will Thy ^bwrath burn like fire?

47 ^aRemember ¹what my space of life is;

For what ^bvanity ²Thou hast created all the sons of men!

48 What man can live and not ^asee death?

Can he ^bdeliver his soul from the ¹power of ²Sheol? [Selah.

49 ¶ Where are Thy former lovingkindnesses, O Lord,

Which Thou didst ^aswear to David in Thy faithfulness?

50 Remember, O Lord, the ^areproach of Thy servants;

¹How I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples,

51 With which ^aThine enemies have reproached, O LORD,

With which they have reproached the footsteps of ^bThine anointed.

52 ¶ ^aBlessed be the LORD forever!

Amen and Amen.

BOOK 4

PSALM 90

God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness.

A Prayer of ^aMoses the man of God.

LORD, Thou hast been our ¹dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before ^athe mountains were born,

51 ^aPs. 74:10, 18, 22 ^bPs. 89:38

52 ^aPs. 41:13; 72:19; 106:48

^aDeut. 33:1

1 ¹Or, hiding place; some ancient mss. read place of refuge ^aDeut. 33:27; Ps. 71:3; 91:1; Ezek. 11:18

2 ^aJob 15:7; Prov. 8:25

¹Or Thou ^bdidst give birth to the earth and the world, Even ^cfrom everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

3 ¶ Thou dost ^aturn man back into dust, And dost say, "Return, O children of men."

4 For ^aa thousand years in Thy sight Are like ^byesterday when it passes by,

¹Or as a ^cwatch in the night.

5 Thou ^ahast ¹swept them away like a flood, they ^{2b}fall asleep;

In the morning they are like ^cgrass which ³sprouts anew.

6 In the morning it ^aflourishes, and ¹sprouts anew; Toward evening it ^bfades, and ^cwithers away.

7 ¶ For we have been ^aconsumed by Thine anger, And by Thy wrath we have been ¹dismayed.

8 Thou hast ^aplaced our iniquities before Thee, Our ^bsecret sins in the light of Thy presence.

9 For ^aall our days have declined in Thy fury; We have finished our years like a ¹sigh.

10 As for the days of our ¹life, ²they contain seventy years,

Or if due to strength, ^aeighty years, Yet their pride is but ^blabor and sorrow;

For soon it is gone and we ^cfly away.

11 Who ¹understands the ^apower of Thine anger, And Thy fury, according to the ^bfear ²that is due Thee?

12 So ^ateach us to number our days,

² ¹Or, And
Gen. 1:1; Ps.
102:25; 104:5
Ps. 93:2;
102:24, 27;
Jer. 10:10
3 ¹Or, And
3:19; Job
34:14, 15; Ps.
104:29

4 ¹Or, And
2 Pet. 3:8
Ps. 39:5; Eccl.
14:24; Jude
7:19

5 ¹Or,
flooded ²Lat.
become
asleep ³Or,
passes away
Job 22:16;
27:20; Job
14:12, 20:8;
Ps. 78:5; Ps.
103:15; Is.
40:6

6 ¹Or,
passes away
Job 14:2; Ps.
92:7; Matt.
6:30; James
1:11

7 ¹Or, ter-
rified
Ps. 39:11
8 ¹Or,
50:21; Jer.
18:17; Ps.
19:12; Eccl.
12:14

9 ¹Or,
whisper
Ps. 78:33
10 ¹Lat.,
years ²Lat., in
them are
Eccl. 12:2, 7;
Jer. 20:18
Job 20:8; Ps.
78:38

11 ¹Or,
knows ²Lat.
of Thee
Ps. 78:7
Neh. 5:9
12 ¹Or, gain,
bring in
Deut. 32:29;
Ps. 39:4
Prov. 2:1-6
13 ¹Or, re-
pent in re-
gard to
Ps. 64, 80:14
Ps. 63,
74:10; Eccl.
32:12; Deut.
32:38; Ps.
108:45;
135:14; Amos
7:3, 8; Jon.
3:9

14 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps.
44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3
17 ¹Or, give permanence to
Ps. 27:4; Ps. 37:23; Is.
28:12; 1 Cor. 3:7
1 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3
2 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3
3 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3
4 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3

That we may ^{1b}present to Thee a heart of wisdom.

13 ¶ Do ^areturn, O LORD; ^bhow long will it be?

And ^{1b}be ^csorry for Thy servants.

14 O ^asatisfy us in the morning with Thy lovingkindness, That we may ^bsing for joy and be glad all our days.

15 ^aMake us glad ¹according to the days Thou hast afflicted us,

And the ^byears we have seen ²evil.

16 Let Thy ^awork appear to Thy servants,

And Thy ^bmajesty ¹to their children.

17 And let the ^afavor of the Lord our God be upon us; And do ^{1b}confirm for us the work of our hands;

Yes, ¹confirm the work of our hands.

PSALM 91

Security of the One Who Trusts in the LORD

HE who dwells in the ^ashelter of the Most High Will abide in the ^bshadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say to the LORD, "My ^arefuge and my ^bfortress, My God, in whom I ^ctrust!"

3 For it is He who delivers you from the ^asnare of the trapper, And from the deadly ^bpestilence.

4 He will ^acover you with His pinions,

¹⁶ ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3

¹⁷ ¹Or, give permanence to
Ps. 27:4; Ps. 37:23; Is.
28:12; 1 Cor. 3:7

1 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3
2 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3
3 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3
4 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3

5 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3

6 ¹Or, upon
Deut. 32:4; Ps. 44:1, 77:12; Eccl. 4:1;
Hab.
3:2; 1 Km. 8:11; Is. 6:3

And ^bunder His wings you
may seek refuge;
His ^cfaithfulness is a ^dshield
and bulwark.

5 ¶ You ^awill not be afraid of
the ^bterror by night,
Or of the ^carrow that flies by
day;

6 Of the ^apestilence that
¹stalks in darkness,
Or of the ^bdestruction that
lays waste at noon.

7 A thousand may fall at your
side,
And ten thousand at your
right hand;
But ^ait shall not approach
you.

8 You will only look on with
your eyes,
And ^asee the recompense of
the wicked.

9 ¹For you have made the
LORD, ^amy refuge,
Even the Most High, ^byour
dwelling place.

10 ^aNo evil will befall you,
Nor will any plague come
near your ¹tent.

11 ¶ For He will give ^aHis an-
gels charge concerning
you,
To guard you in all your
ways.

12 They will ^abear you up in
their hands,
Lest you strike your foot
against a stone.

13 You will ^atread upon the
lion and cobra,
The young lion and the ¹ser-
pent you will trample
down.

14 ¶ ^aBecause he has loved
Me, therefore I will de-
liver him;
I will ^bset him *securely* on
high, because he has
^cknown My name.

15 ^aHe will call upon Me, and I
will answer him;
I will be with him in ¹trou-
ble;

4 ^aPs. 17:8;
36:7; 57:1;
63:7 ^cPs.
40:11 ^aPs.
35:2

5 ^aJob
5:19-23; Ps.
23:4; 27:1
^bSong 3:8
^cPs. 64:4

6 ¹Or,
walks
^a2 Kin. 19:35;
Ps. 91:10
^bJob 5:22

7 ^aGen.
7:23; Josh.
14:10

8 ^aPs.
37:34; 58:10
9 ¹Or, For
Thou O LORD
art my Ref-
uge; You
have made
the Most
High your
dwelling
place.

^aPs. 91:2 ^bPs.
90:1

10 ¹Or,
dwelling
^aProv. 12:21
11 ^aPs. 34:7;
Matt. 4:6;
Luke 4:10, 11;
Heb. 1:14

12 ^aMatt.
4:6; Luke 4:11
13 ¹Or,
dragon
^aJudg. 14:6;
Dan. 8:22;
Luke 10:19

14 ^aPs.
145:20 ^bPs.
59:1 ^cPs. 9:10
15 ¹Or, di-
treas

^aJob 12:4; Ps.
50:15 ^b1 Sam.
2:30; John
12:28

16 ¹Lit.,
length of
days ²Or,
cause him to
feast his eyes
on

^aDeut. 6:2;
Ps. 21:4;
Prov. 3:1, 2
^bPs. 50:23

1 ^aPs.
147:1 ^bPs.
135:3

2 ¹Lit.,
nights
^aPs. 59:16
^bPs. 89:1

3 ¹Lit.,
Upon ²Lit.,
by means of
^a1 Sam. 10:5;
1 Chr. 13:8;
Neh. 12:27;
Ps. 33:2

4 ¹Lit., Thy
working
^aPs. 40:5;
90:16 ^bPs.
106:47 ^cPs.
8:6; 111:7;
143:5

I will rescue him, and ^bhon-
or him.
16 ^aWith ¹a ^along life I will sat-
isfy him,
And ²let him behold My
salvation."

PSALM 92

Praise for the LORD's Goodness.

A Psalm, a Song for the
Sabbath day.

IT is ^agood to give thanks to
the LORD,

And to ^bsing praises to Thy
name, O Most High;

2 To ^adeclare Thy lovingkind-
ness in the morning,
And Thy ^bfaithfulness ¹by
night,

3 ¹With the ^aten-stringed
lute, and ¹with the ^aharp.
¹With resounding music
²upon the ^alyre.

4 For Thou, O LORD, hast
made me glad by ¹what
Thou ^ahast done,

I will ^bsing for joy at the
^cworks of Thy hands.

5 ¶ How ^agreat are Thy
works, O LORD!
Thy ¹thoughts are very
^cdeep.

6 A ^asenseless man has no
knowledge;
Nor does a ^astupid man un-
derstand this:

7 That when the wicked
^asprouted up like grass,
And all ^bwho did iniquity
flourished,

It was *only* that they might
be ^cdestroyed forever-
more.

8 But Thou, O LORD, art ^aon
high forever.

9 For, behold, Thine enemies,
O LORD,

5 ¹Or, purposes ^aPs. 40:5; 111:2; Rev. 15:3 ^bPs. 33:11;
40:5; 139:17 ^cPs. 36:6; Rom. 11:33

6 ^aPs. 49:10; 73:22; 94:8

7 ^aJob 12:6; Ps. 90:5 ^bPs. 94:4 ^cPs. 37:38

8 ^aPs. 83:18; 83:4; 113:5

For, behold, ^aThine enemies
will perish;
All who do iniquity will be
^bscattered.

10 ¶ But Thou hast exalted my
^ahorn like *that of the wild*
ox;

I have ¹been ^banointed with
fresh oil.

11 And my eye has ^alooked ex-
ultantly upon ¹my foes.
My ears hear of the evil-
doers who rise up against
me.

12 The ^arighteous man will
¹flourish like the palm
tree.

He will grow like a ^bcedar in
Lebanon.

13 ^aPlanted in the house of the
LORD,

They will flourish ^bin the
courts of our God.

14 They will still ¹yield fruit in
old age;

They shall be ²full of sap
and very green.

15 To ¹declare that ^athe LORD is
upright;

He is my ^brock, and there is
^cno unrighteousness in
Him.

PSALM 93

The Majesty of the LORD.

THE LORD ¹reigns. He is
^bclothed with majesty;

The LORD has ^cclothed and
girded Himself with
strength;

Indeed, the ^dworld is firmly
established, it will not be
moved.

2 Thy ^athrone is established
from of old;

Thou ^bart from everlasting.

3 ¶ The ^afloods have lifted
up, O LORD,

The floods have lifted up
their voice;

9 ^aPs.
37:20 ^bPs.
88:1; 89:10
10 ¹Or, be-
come moist
^aPs. 75:10;
89:17; 112:9
^bPs. 23:5;
45:7
11 ¹Or,
those who lie
in wait for
me
^aPs. 54:7, 91:8
12 ¹Lat.,
sprout
^aNum. 24:6;
Ps. 1:3, 52:8;
72:7; Jer.
17:8; Hos.
14:5, 6 ^bPs.
104:16; Ezek.
31:3
13 ^aPs.
80:15; Is.
60:21 ^bPs.
100:4, 116:19
14 ¹Or,
thrive in
the fat and
^aProv. 11:30;
Is. 37:31;
John 18:2;
James 3:18
15 ¹Or,
show forth
^aJob 34:10;
Ps. 25:8
^bDeut. 32:4;
Ps. 18:2;
94:23 ^cRom.
9:14
1 ¹Or, has
consumed
iniquity
^aPs. 88:10;
97:1; 99:1
^bPs. 104:1
^cPs. 65:6; Is.
51:9 ^dPs.
98:10
2 ^aPs. 45:6
Lam. 5:19
^bPs. 90:2
3 ^aPs.
95:11, 96:7, 8
4 ^aPs. 65:7;
89:6, 9; 92:8
5 ¹Lat., for
length of
days
^aPs. 18:7 ^bPs.
29:2; 88:18
1 Cor. 1:17
1 ¹Or,
overpowering acts
²Or, has
shown forth
^aDeut. 32:35;
Is. 35:4; Nah.
1:2; Rom.
12:19 ^bPs.
50:2; 80:1
3 ^aPs. 7:6
^bGen. 18:25
^cPs. 31:23
3 ¹Or, 20:5
4 ^aPs.
31:18; 75:5
^bPs. 10:3;
52:1
5 ^aPs. 3:15
^bPs. 78:1
6 ¹Or, no-
journer
^aPs. 10:3

The floods lift up their
pounding waves.

4 More than the sounds of
many waters,

Than the mighty breakers
of the sea.

The LORD ^aon high is
mighty.

5 Thy ^atestimonies are fully
confirmed;

^bHoliness befits Thy house,
O LORD, ¹forevermore.

PSALM 94

The Lord Implored to Avenge His People.

O LORD, God of ¹vengeance;
God of ¹vengeance, ²shine
forth!

2 ^aRise up, O ^bJudge of the
earth;

Render recompense ^cto the
proud.

3 How long shall the wicked,
O LORD,

How long shall the ^awicked
exult?

4 They pour forth words, they
^aspeak arrogantly;

All who do wickedness
^bvaunt themselves.

5 They ^acrush Thy people, O
LORD,

And ^bafflict Thy heritage.

6 They ^aslay the widow and
the ¹stranger,

And murder the orphans.

7 And ^athey have said, "The
LORD does not see.

Nor does the God of Jacob
pay heed."

8 ¶ Pay heed, you ^asenseless
among the people;

And when will you under-
stand, ^astupid ones?

9 He who ^aplanted the ear,
¹does He not hear?

He who formed the eye,
¹does He not see?

7 ¹Hab. Yaa Job 22:12; Ps. 10:11
8 ^aPs. 92:6
9 ¹Or, can ^aPs. 4:11; Prov. 20:12

- 10 He who ¹chastens the nations, will He not rebuke,
Even He who ^bteaches man knowledge?
- 11 The LORD ^aknows the thoughts of man,
¹That they are a mere breath.
- 12 ¶ Blessed is the man whom
^aThou dost chasten, O
¹LORD.
And ^bdost teach out of Thy law;
- 13 That Thou mayest grant him ^arelief from the ^bdays of adversity,
Until ^ca pit is dug for the wicked.
- 14 For ^athe LORD will not abandon His people,
Nor will He ^bforsake His inheritance.
- 15 For ¹judgment ²will again be righteous;
And all the upright in heart ³will follow it.
- 16 Who will ^astand up for me against evildoers?
Who will take his stand for me ^bagainst those who do wickedness?
- 17 ¶ If ^athe LORD had not been my help,
My soul would soon have dwelt in the *abode* of silence.
- 18 If I should say, "^aMy foot has slipped,"
Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.
- 19 When my anxious thoughts ¹multiply within me,
Thy ^aconsolations delight my soul.
- 20 Can a ¹throne of destruction be allied with Thee,
One ^bwhich devises ²mischiefs by decree?
- 21 They ^aband themselves together against the ¹life of the righteous,
And ^bcondemn ²the innocent to death.

¹⁰ ¹Or, instructs
^aPs. 44:2; Job 35:11; Is. 28:28
¹¹ ¹Or, For Job 11:11; 1 Cor. 3:20
¹² ¹Heb., YAH
^aDeut. 8:5; Job 5:17; Ps. 119:71; Prov. 3:11, 12; Heb. 12:5, 6; ^bPs. 119:171
¹³ ¹Job 34:29; Hab. 3:16; ^bPs. 49:5
^cPs. 9:15; 55:23
¹⁴ ¹Sam. 12:22; Lam. 3:31; Rom. 11:2; ^bPs. 37:28
¹⁵ ¹i.e., administration of justice
²Lit., will return to righteousness
³Lit., will be after it
^aPs. 97:2; Is. 42:3; Mic. 7:9
¹⁶ ^aNum. 10:35; Is. 28:21; 33:10
^bPs. 17:13; 59:2
¹⁷ ^aPs. 124:1, 2
¹⁸ ^aPs. 38:16; 73:2
¹⁹ ¹Or, are many
^aIs. 57:18; 66:13
²⁰ ¹Or, tribunal ²Or, trouble, misfortune
^aAmos 6:3
^bPs. 50:16; 58:2
²¹ ¹Or, soul
²Lit., innocent blood
^aPs. 58:6; 59:3
^bEx. 23:7; Ps. 106:38; Prov. 17:15; Matt. 27:4
²² ^aPs. 9:9; 59:9; ^bPs. 18:2; 71:7
²³ ¹Or, silence
^aPs. 7:16; 140:9, 11
^bGen. 19:15
¹ ^aPs. 66:1; 81:1; ^bPs. 89:28
² ¹Or, a song of thanksgiving
²Or, songs (with instrumental accompaniment)

- 22 But the LORD has been my ^astronghold,
And my God the ^brock of my refuge.
- 23 And He has ^abrought back their wickedness upon them,
And will ¹destroy them in their evil;
The LORD our God will ¹destroy them.

PSALM 95

Praise to the LORD, and Warning against Unbelief.

- COME, let us ^asing for joy to the LORD;
Let us shout joyfully to ^bthe rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us ^acome before His presence ^bwith ¹thanksgiving;
Let us shout joyfully to Him ^cwith ²psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a ^agreat God,
And a great King ^babove all gods,
- 4 In whose hand are the ^adepths of the earth;
The peaks of the mountains are His also.
- 5 ¹The sea is His, for it was He ^awho made it;
And His hands formed the dry land.
- 6 ¶ Come, let us ^aworship and bow down;
Let us ^bkneel before the LORD our ^cMaker.
- 7 For He is our God,
And ^awe are the people of His ¹pasture, and the sheep of His hand.
^cToday, ²if you would hear His voice,

^aMic. 6:6; ^bPs. 100:4; 147:7; Jon. 2:9
^cPs. 81:2; Eph. 5:19; James 5:13
³ ^aPs. 48:1; 135:5; 145:3; ^bPs. 98:4; 97:9
⁴ ^aPs. 135:6
⁵ ¹Lit., Who has the sea ^aGen. 1:9, 10; Ps. 146:6; Jon. 1:9
⁶ ^aPs. 96:9; 98:5, 9; ²Chr. 6:13; Dan. 6:10; Phil. 2:10
^cPs. 100:3; 149:2; Is. 17:7; Hos. 8:14
⁷ ¹Lit., pasturing ²Or, O that you would obey ^aPs. 79:13; ^bPs. 74:1; ^cHeb. 3:7-11, 15; 4:7

8 Do not harden your hearts,
as at ^{1a}Meribah,
As in the day of ^{2b}Massah in
the wilderness;

9 "When your fathers ^atested
Me,

They tried Me, though they
had seen My work.

10 "For ^aforty years I loathed
that generation,

And said they are a people
who err in their heart,

And they do not know My
ways.

11 "Therefore I ^aswore in My
anger,

Truly they shall not enter
into My ^brest."

PSALM 96

A Call to Worship the LORD the
Righteous Judge.

SING to the LORD a ^bnew song;
Sing to the LORD, all the
earth.

2 Sing to the LORD, bless His
name;

^aProclaim good tidings of
His salvation from day to
day.

3 Tell of ^aHis glory among the
nations,

His wonderful deeds
among all the peoples.

4 For ^agreat is the LORD, and
^bgreatly to be praised;

He is to be ^cfeared ^aabove all
gods.

5 For ^aall the gods of the peo-
ples are ⁱidols,

But ^bthe LORD made the
heavens.

6 ^aSplendor and majesty are
before Him,

Strength and beauty are in
His sanctuary.

7 ¶ ¹Ascribe to the LORD, O
^afamilies of the peoples,

^{1b}Ascribe to the LORD glory
and strength.

8 ¹Ascribe to the LORD the
^aglory of His name;

⁸ ¹Or,
place of strife
²Or, temptation

^aEx. 17:2-7;
Num. 20:13

^bEx. 17:7;
Deut. 8:16

⁹ ^aNum.
14:22; Ps.
78:18; 1 Cor.
10:9

¹⁰ ^aActs
7:36; 13:18;
Heb. 3:10, 17

¹¹ ^aNum.
14:23, 28-30;
Deut. 1:35;
Heb. 4:3, 5

^aDeut. 12:9
¹ ¹Chr.
16:23-33 ^aPs.
10:3

² ^aPs.
71:15

³ ^aPs.
145:12

⁴ ^aPs. 48:1;
145:3 ^aPs.
18:3 ^aPs. 89:7

^aPs. 89:3
⁸ ¹Or, non-
existent things

¹ ¹Chr. 16:26;
Jer. 10:11

^aPs. 115:12;
Is. 42:9

⁶ ^aPs.
104:1

⁷ ¹Is.
Give

^aPs. 22:27
¹ ¹Chr. 16:28;
29; Ps. 29:1, 3

⁸ ¹Is.
Give ¹Or,
meal offering

^aPs. 79:9;
115:1 ^aPs.
45:12; 72:10

⁹ ¹Or, the
splendor of
holiness

¹ ¹Chr. 16:29;
2 Chr. 20:21;
Ps. 29:2;

110:3 ^aPs.
33:8, 114:7

¹⁰ ¹Or, up-
rightness

^aPs. 83:1, 97:1
^aPs. 9:8;

58:11, 67:4;
98:9

¹¹ ¹Or,
thunder ²Is.
its fulness

^aPs. 68:34; Is.
48:13 ^aPs.
97:1 ^aPs. 98:7

¹² ^aPs.
65:13; Is.
35:1, 55:12;

13 ^aIs. 44:23
13 ^aPs. 98:9

^aRev. 18:11
¹ ¹Or, has
assumed

Kingship ²Or,
coastlands

^aPs. 98:10
^aPs. 98:11 ^aIs.
42:10, 12

Bring an ^{2b}offering, and
come into His courts.

9 ^aWorship the LORD in ¹holy
attire;

^bTremble before Him, all
the earth.

10 Say among the nations,
"The LORD reigns;

Indeed, the ^aworld is firmly
established, it will not be

moved;
He will ^bjudge the peoples
with ¹equity."

11 ¶ Let the ^aheavens be glad,
and let the ^bearth rejoice;

Let ^cthe sea ¹roar, and ²all it
contains;

12 Let the ^afield exult, and all
that is in it.

Then all the ^btrees of the for-
est will sing for joy

13 Before the LORD, ^afor He is
coming;

For He is coming to judge
the earth.

^bHe will judge the world in
righteousness,

And the peoples in His
faithfulness.

PSALM 97

The LORD's Power and Dominion.

THE LORD ¹reigns; let the
^bearth rejoice;

Let the many ^{2c}islands be
glad.

2 ^aClouds and thick darkness
surround Him;

^bRighteousness and justice
are the foundation of His
throne.

3 ^aFire goes before Him,
And ^bburns up His adver-
saries round about.

4 His ^alightnings lit up the
world;

The earth saw and
^btrembled.

² ^aEx. 19:9; Deut. 4:11; 1 Km. 8:12; Ps. 18:11 ^aPs.
98:14

³ ^aPs. 18:8; 50:3; Dan. 7:10; Heb. 3:3 ^aMal. 4:1; Heb.
12:29

⁴ ^aEx. 19:18; Ps. 77:18 ^aPs. 98:9; 104:32

5 The mountains ^amelted like wax at the presence of the LORD.

At the presence of the ^bLord of the whole earth.

6 The ^aheavens declare His righteousness,

And ^ball the peoples have seen His glory.

7 ¶ Let all those be ashamed who serve ^agraven images,

Who boast themselves of ^bidols;

^{1c}Worship Him, all you ²gods.

8 Zion ¹heard this and ^awas glad,

And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced

Because of Thy judgments, O LORD.

9 For Thou art the LORD ^aMost High over all the earth;

Thou art exalted far ^babove all ¹gods.

10 ¶ ^aHate evil, you who love the LORD,

Who ^bpreserves the souls of His godly ones;

He ^cdelivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 ^aLight is sown like seed for the righteous,

And ^bgladness for the upright in heart.

12 Be ^aglad in the LORD, you righteous ones;

And ^bgive thanks ¹to His holy name.

PSALM 98

A Call to Praise the LORD for His Righteousness.

A Psalm.

O SING to the LORD a ^anew song,
For He has done ^bwonderful things,

⁵ ^aPs. 48:6; Amos 9:5; Mic. 1:4; Nah. 1:5; ^bJosh. 3:11

⁶ ^aPs. 18:1; 50:6; ^bPs. 98:2; Is. 63; 40:5; 68:18

⁷ ¹Or, All the gods have worshiped Him ²Or, supernatural powers

^aPs. 78:58; Is. 42:17, 44:9; 11; Jer. 10:14; ^bPs. 108:36; Jer. 50:2; Hab. 2:18; ^cHeb. 1:8

⁸ ¹Or possibly, hears and is glad ^aPs. 48:11; Zeph. 3:14

⁹ ¹Or, supernatural powers ^aPs. 83:18; ^bEx. 18:11; Ps. 85:3; 98:4, 135:5

¹⁰ ^aPs. 34:14; Prov. 8:13; Amos 5:15; Rom. 12:9; ^bPs. 31:23; 145:20; Prov. 2:8; ^cPs. 37:40; Jer. 15:21; Dan. 3:28

¹¹ ^aJob 22:28; Ps. 112:4; Prov. 4:18; ^bPs. 64:10

¹² ¹Lit., for the memory of His holiness ^aPs. 32:11; ^bPs. 30:4

¹ ¹Or, accomplished salvation ^aPs. 33:3; ^bPs. 40:5; 98:3; ^cEx. 15:6; ^dIs. 52:10

² ¹I.e., faithfulness to His gracious promises ^aIs. 52:10; ^bPs. 62:2; Rom. 3:25

³ ^aLuke 1:54, 72; ^bPs. 22:27

⁴ ^aPs. 100:1; ^bIs. 44:23

⁵ ¹Or, voice of song (accompanied by music) ^aPs. 92:3; ^bIs. 51:3

⁶ ^aNumb. 10:10; 2 Chr. 15:14; ^bPs. 68:1; ^cPs. 47:7

His ^cright hand and His ^dholy arm have ¹gained the victory for Him.

2 ^aThe LORD has made known His salvation;

He has ^brevealed His ¹righteousness in the sight of the nations.

3 He has ^aremembered His lovingkindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

^bAll the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 ¶ ^aShout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;

^bBreak forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

5 Sing praises to the LORD with the ^alyre;

With the lyre and the ^{1b}sound of melody.

6 With ^atrumpets and the sound of the horn

^bShout joyfully before ^cthe King, the LORD.

7 ¶ Let the ^asea roar and ¹all it contains,

The ^bworld and those who dwell in it.

8 Let the ^arivers clap their hands;

Let the ^bmountains sing together for joy

9 Before the LORD; for He is coming to ^ajudge the earth;

He will judge the world with righteousness,

And ^bthe peoples with ¹equity.

PSALM 99

Praise to the LORD for His Fidelity to Israel.

^a**T**HE LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble;

⁷ ¹Lit., its fulness ^aPs. 98:11; ^bPs. 24:1

⁸ ^aPs. 93:3; Is. 55:12; ^bPs. 65:12; 88:12

⁹ ¹Or, uprightness ^aPs. 98:13; ^bPs. 98:10

¹ ^aPs. 97:1

5 Whoever secretly ^aslanders his neighbor, him I will ¹destroy;

No one who has a ^bhaughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.

6 ¶ My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me;

He who walks in a ^{1a}blameless way is the one who will minister to me.

7 He who ^apractices deceit shall not dwell within my house;

He who speaks falsehood ^bshall not ¹maintain his position before me.

8 ^aEvery morning I will ^{1b}destroy all the wicked of the land,

So as to ^ccut off from the ^dcity of the LORD all those who do iniquity.

PSALM 102

Prayer of an Afflicted Man for Mercy on Himself and on Zion.

A Prayer of the Afflicted, when he is faint, and ^apours out his complaint before the LORD.

^a**H**EAR my prayer, O LORD! And let my cry for help ^bcome to Thee.

2 ^aDo not hide Thy face from me in the day of my distress;

^bIncline Thine ear to me; In the day when I call ^canswer me quickly.

3 For my days ^ahave been ¹consumed in smoke, And my ^bbones have been scorched like a hearth.

4 My heart ^ahas been smitten like ¹grass and has ^bwithered away,

Indeed, I ^cforget to eat my bread.

5 Because of the ¹loudness of my groaning

8 ¹Or, silence
*Ps. 50:20;
Jer. 9:4 *Ps.
10:4; 18:27;
Prov. 6:17

8 ¹Or, way of integrity
*Ps. 119:1

7 ¹Lit., be established before my eyes
*Ps. 43:1; 52:2
*Ps. 52:4, 5

8 ¹Or, silence
Jer. 21:12
*Ps. 75:10
*Ps. 118:10-12
*Ps. 40:4;
48:2, 8

* Ps. 142:2
1 *Ps.
39:12; 61:1
*Ex. 2:23;
1 Sam. 9:16

2 *Ps.
69:17 *Ps.
31:2 *Ps.
69:17

3 ¹Or, finished
*Ps. 37:20;
James 4:14
*Job 30:30;
Lam. 1:13

4 ¹Lit., herbage
*Ps. 90:5, 6
*Ps. 37:2; Is.
40:7 *1 Sam.
1:7; 2 Sam.
12:17; Ezra
10:6; Job
33:20

8 ¹Lit., voice
*Lit., have cleaved
*Job 19:20;
Lam. 4:8

6 ¹Lit., have become similar to
*Is. 34:11;
Zeph. 2:14

7 *Ps. 77:4

8 ¹Or, made a fool of
*Lit., have sworn by me
*Ps. 31:11
*Acts 28:11
*2 Sam. 16:5;
Is. 65:15; Jer.
29:22

9 *Ps. 42:3;
80:5

10 *Ps. 38:3
*Job 27:21;
30:22

11 ¹Lit., stretched out
*Or, as for me, I
*Lit., herbage
*Job 14:2; Ps.
109:23 *Ps.
102:4

My ^abones ²cling to my flesh.

6 I ¹resemble a ^apelican of the wilderness;

I have become like an owl of the waste places.

7 I ¹lie awake, I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.

8 ¶ My enemies ^ahave reproached me all day long. Those who ^{1b}deride me ²have used my name as a ^ccurse.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, And ^amingled my drink with weeping.

10 ^aBecause of Thine indignation and Thy wrath; For Thou hast ^blifted me up and cast me away.

11 My days are like a ^{1a}lengthened shadow; And ²I ^bwither away like ³grass.

12 ¶ But Thou, O LORD, dost ^{1a}abide forever; And Thy ^{2b}name to all generations.

13 Thou wilt ^aarise and have ^bcompassion on Zion; For ^cit is time to be gracious to her, For the ^dappointed time has come.

14 Surely Thy servants ¹find pleasure in her stones, And feel pity for her dust.

15 ¹So the ^{2a}nations will fear the name of the LORD, And ^ball the kings of the earth Thy glory.

16 For the LORD has ^abuilt up Zion; He has ^bappeared in His glory.

12 ¹Or, sit enthroned
*Lit., memorial
*Ps. 9:7; 10:16;
Lam. 5:19 *Ex. 3:15; Ps. 135:13

13 *Ps. 12:5; 44:28 *Is. 60:10; Zech. 1:12 *Ps. 119:126
*Ps. 75:2; Dan. 8:19

14 ¹Or, have found

15 ¹Or, And
*Or, Gentiles, heathen
*1 Kin. 8:43; Ps.
67:7 *Ps. 138:4

16 *Ps. 147:2 *Is. 60:1, 2

17 He has ^aregarded the prayer
of the ¹destitute,
And has not despised their
prayer.

18 ¶ ¹This will be ^awritten for
the ^bgeneration to come;
²That ^aa people yet to be cre-
ated ³may praise ⁴the
LORD.

19 For He ^alooked down from
His holy height;
^bFrom heaven the LORD
gazed ¹upon the earth,

20 To hear the ^agroaning of the
prisoner;
To ^bset free ¹those who
were doomed to death;

21 That *men* may ^atell of the
name of the LORD in Zion,
And His praise in Jerusa-
lem;

22 When ^athe peoples are
gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve
the LORD.

23 ¶ He has weakened my
strength in the way;
He has ^ashortened my days.

24 I say, "O my God, ^ado not
take me away in the
¹midst of my days,
Thy ^byears are throughout
all generations.

25 "Of old Thou didst ^afound the
earth;
And the ^bheavens are the
work of Thy hands.

26 "Even they will ^aperish, but
Thou dost endure;
And all of them will wear
out like a garment;
Like clothing Thou wilt
change them, and they
will be changed.

27 "But Thou art ¹the same,
And Thy years will not
come to an end.

28 "The ^achildren of Thy ser-
vants will continue,
And their ^bdescendants
will be established be-
fore Thee."

17 ¹Or,
naked
^aNeb. 1:6; Ps.
22:24

18 ¹Or, Let
this be writ-
ten ²Or, And
³Or, will
^aNeb., Yash
^aDeut. 31:19;
Rom. 15:4;
1 Cor. 10:11
^bPs. 22:30;
48:13 ^cPs.
22:31, 78:67

19 ¹Lat.
toward
^aDeut. 26:15;
Ps. 14:2, 53:2
^bPs. 33:13

20 ¹Lat., the
sons of death
^aPs. 79:11
^bPs. 146:7

21 ^aPs.
22:22

22 ^aPs.
22:27, 88:9;
Is. 49:22, 23;
60:3, Zach.
8:20-23

23 ^aPs. 39:5

24 ¹Lat., half/
^aPs. 39:13; Is.
38:10 ^bJob
38:28; Ps.
60:2, 102:12;
Neb. 1:12

25 ^aGen.
1:1; Neb. 9:6;
Neb. 1:10-12
^bPs. 98:5

26 ¹Lat.,
Thy ^aHeav-
ens

^aIs. 34:4, 51:6;
Matt. 24:35;
2 Pet. 3:10;
Rev. 20:11

27 ¹Lat., He
^aIs. 41:4;
43:10; Mal.
3:6; James
1:17

28 ¹Lat.,
and
^aPs. 69:36
^bPs. 69:4

1 ^aPs.
104:1, 35 ^bPs.
33:21, 106:3;
145:21; Ezek.
38:21, 39:7

2 ^aDeut.
6:12, 8:11

3 ^aEx. 34:7;
Ps. 69:3;
130:8; Is.
43:25 ^bEx.
15:26; Ps.
30:2; Jer.
30:17

4 ^aPs.
69:15 ^bPs.
5:12

5 ¹Or, de-
scend
^aPs. 107:2;
145:16 ^bIs.
40:31

PSALM 103

Praise for the LORD's Mercies.

A Psalm of David.

BLESS the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
bless His ^bholy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And ^aforget none of His
benefits;

3 Who ^apardons all your iniq-
uities;
Who ^bheals all your dis-
eases;

4 Who ^aredeems your life
from the pit;
Who ^bcrowns you with
lovingkindness and com-
passion;

5 Who ^asatisfies your ¹years
with good things,
So that your youth is ^bre-
newed like the eagle.

6 ¶ The LORD ^aperforms
¹righteous deeds,
And judgments for all who
are ^boppressed.

7 He ^amade known His ways
to Moses,
His ^bacts to the sons of Is-
rael.

8 The LORD is ^acompassion-
ate and gracious,
^bSlow to anger and abound-
ing in lovingkindness.

9 He ^awill not always strive
with us;
Nor will He ^bkeep His anger
forever.

10 He has ^anot dealt with us ac-
cording to our sins,
Nor rewarded us according
to our iniquities.

11 For as high ^aas the heavens
are above the earth,
So great is His lovingkind-
ness toward those who
¹fear Him.

6 ¹Or, deeds of vindication ^aPs. 69:4; 146:7 ^bPs. 12:5
7 ^aEx. 33:12; Ps. 69:7, 147:19 ^bPs. 78:11, 106:22
8 ^aEx. 34:6; Num. 14:18; Neb. 9:17; Ps. 99:15; Jam.
4:2; James 3:11 ^bPs. 145:8; Joel 2:12; Neb. 1:3
9 ^aPs. 39:5; Is. 57:16 ^bJer. 2:5, 12; Mic. 7:18
10 ^aEx. 9:12; Lam. 3:22
11 ¹Or, revere ^aPs. 38:2; 57:10

- 12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He ^aremoved our transgressions from us.
- 13 Just ^aas a father has compassion on his children,
So the LORD has compassion on those who ¹fear Him.
- 14 For ^aHe Himself knows ¹our frame;
He ^bis mindful that we are but ^cdust.
- 15 ¶ As for man, his days are ^alike grass;
As a ^bflower of the field, so he flourishes.
- 16 When the ^awind has passed over it, it is no more;
And its ^bplace acknowledges it no longer.
- 17 But the ^alovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who ¹fear Him,
And His ²righteousness ^bto children's children,
- 18 To ^athose who keep His covenant,
And who remember His precepts to do them.
- 19 ¶ The LORD has established His ^athrone in the heavens;
And His ^bsovereignty rules over ²all.
- 20 Bless the LORD, you ^aHis angels,
^bMighty in strength, who ^cperform His word,
^dObedying the voice of His word!
- 21 Bless the LORD, all you ^aHis hosts,
You ^bwho serve Him, doing His will.
- 22 Bless the LORD, ^aall you works of His,
In all places of His dominion;
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

12 ^a2 Sam. 12:13; 1s. 38:17; 43:25; Zech. 3:9; Heb. 9:26
13 ¹Or, remove
^aMal. 3:17
14 ¹i.e., what we are made of
^aIs. 29:16 ^bPs. 78:39 ^cGen. 3:19; Eccl. 12:7
15 ^aPs. 90:5; Is. 40:6; 1 Pet. 1:24
^bJob 14:2; James 1:10, 11
16 ^aIs. 40:7
^bJob 7:10; 8:18, 20:9
17 ¹Or, remove ²i.e., faithfulness to His gracious promises
^aPs. 25:6 ^bEx. 20:8; Deut. 5:10; Ps. 105:8
18 ^aDeut. 7:9; Ps. 25:10
19 ¹Or, kingdom ²i.e., the universe
^aPs. 11:4 ^bPs. 47:2, 8; Dan. 4:17, 25
20 ^aPs. 148:2 ^bPs. 29:1; 78:25
^cMatt. 6:10
^dPs. 91:11; Heb. 1:14
21 ^a1 Kin. 22:19; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 148:2; Luke 2:13
^bPs. 104:4
22 ^aPs. 145:10
1 ^aPs. 103:22 ^bPs. 93:1
2 ^aDan. 7:9
^bIs. 40:22
3 ¹Lit., The one who
^aAmos 9:6
^bIs. 19:1 ^cPs. 18:10
4 ¹Lit., Who ²Or, His angels, spirits
³Or, His ministers flames of fire
^aPs. 148:8; Heb. 1:7 ^b2 Kin. 2:11; 6:17
5 ¹Or, move out of place
^aJob 38:4; Ps. 24:2
6 ^aGen. 1:2
7 ^aPs. 18:15; 108:9; Is. 50:2 ^bPs. 29:3; 77:18
8 ^aPs. 33:7

PSALM 104

The LORD's Care over All His Works.

- ^a**B**LESS the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, Thou art very great;
Thou art ^bclothed with splendor and majesty.
- 2 Covering Thyself with ^alight as with a cloak,
^bStretching out heaven like a tent curtain.
- 3 ¹He ^alays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters;
¹He makes the ^bclouds His chariot;
¹He walks upon the ^cwings of the wind;
- 4 ¹He makes ^{2a}the winds His messengers,
³Flaming ^bfire His ministers.
- 5 ¶ He ^aestablished the earth upon its foundations,
So that it will not ¹totter forever and ever.
- 6 Thou ^adidst cover it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters were standing above the mountains.
- 7 At Thy ^arebuken they fled;
At the ^bsound of Thy thunder they hurried away.
- 8 The mountains rose; the valleys sank down
To the ^aplace which Thou didst establish for them.
- 9 Thou didst set a ^aboundary that they may not pass over;
That they may not return to cover the earth.
- 10 ¶ ¹He sends forth ^asprings in the valleys;
They flow between the mountains;

⁹ ^aJob 38:10, 11; Jer. 5:22

¹⁰ ¹Lit., The one who sends ^aPs. 107:35; Is. 41:18

- 11 They ^agive drink to every
beast of the field;
The ^bwild donkeys quench
their thirst.
- 12 ¹Beside them the birds of
the heavens ^adwell;
They ²lift up *their* voices
among the branches.
- 13 ¹He ^awaters the mountains
from His upper cham-
bers;
^bThe earth is satisfied with
the fruit of His works.
- 14 ¶ ¹He causes the ^agrass to
grow for the ²cattle,
And ^bvegetation for the ³la-
bor of man,
So that ⁴he may bring forth
⁵food ^cfrom the earth,
- 15 And ^awine which makes
man's heart glad,
^bSo that he may make *his*
face glisten with oil,
And ¹food which ^csustains
man's heart.
- 16 The trees of the LORD ¹drink
their fill,
The cedars of Lebanon
which He planted,
- 17 Where the ^abirds build their
nests,
And the ^bstork, whose home
is the ¹fir trees.
- 18 ¶ The high mountains are
for the ^awild goats;
The ^bcliffs are a refuge for
the ^crock badgers.
- 19 He made the moon ^afor the
seasons;
The ^bsun knows the place of
its setting.
- 20 Thou ^adost appoint dark-
ness and it becomes
night,
In which all the ^bbeasts of
the forest ¹prowl about.
- 21 The ^ayoung lions roar after
their prey,
¹And ^bseek their food from
God.
- 22 When the sun rises they
withdraw,
And lie down in their ^adens.

11 ^aPs.
104:13 ^bJob
30:5
12 ^cOr,
Over, Above
²Lit., give
forth
^aMatt. 8:20
13 ¹Lit.,
Who
^aPs. 65:9,
147:8 ^bJer.
10:13
14 ¹Lit.,
Who ²Or,
beasts ³Or,
cultivation
by or service
of ⁴Or, He
⁵Lit., bread
^aJob 38:27,
Ps. 147:8
^bGen. 1:29
^cJob 28:5
15 ¹Lit.,
bread
^aJudg. 9:13,
Prov. 31:6,
Eccl. 10:19
^bPs. 23:5,
Eccl. 10:14, 5,
Luk. 7:46
^cGen. 18:5,
Judg. 19:5, 8
16 ¹Lit., are
satisfied
17 ^cOr, cy-
press
^aPs. 104:12
^bLev. 11:19
18 ^aJob 39:1
^bProv. 30:26
^cLev. 11:5
19 ^aGen.
1:14 ^bPs. 104:
20 ¹Lit.,
creep
^aPs. 74:16, 18,
45:7 ^bPs.
50:10, 18
50:9, Mic. 5:8
21 ¹Lit.,
And to seek
^aJob 38:39
^bPs. 145:15,
Joel 1:20
22 ^aJob 37:8
23 ^aGen.
1:19
24 ^cOr,
With ²Or,
creatures
^aPs. 40:5 ^bPs.
136:5, Prov.
3:19, Jer.
10:12, 51:15
^cPs. 65:9
25 ^cOr, Then
²Or, bread of
dimensions
(lit., hands)
^aPs. 8:6, 92:34
26 ^cOr, a
sea monster
^aPs. 107:23;
Ezek. 27:9
^bJob 41:1; Ps.
74:14; Is. 27:1
27 ¹Lit., its
appointed
time
^aPs. 145:15
^bJob 38:31;
38:41; Ps.
138:23; 147:9

- 23 Man goes forth to ^ahis work
And to his labor until eve-
ning.
- 24 ¶ O LORD, how ^amany are
Thy works!
¹In ^bwisdom Thou hast
made them all;
The ^cearth is full of Thy
²possessions.
- 25 ¹There is the ^asea, great and
²broad,
In which are swarms with-
out number,
Animals both small and
great.
- 26 There the ^aships move
along,
And ¹Leviathan, which
Thou hast formed to
sport in it.
- 27 ¶ They all ^await for Thee,
To ^bgive them their food in
¹due season.
- 28 Thou dost give to them,
they gather it up;
Thou ^adost open Thy hand,
they are satisfied with
good.
- 29 Thou ^adost hide Thy face,
they are dismayed;
Thou ^bdost take away their
¹spirit, they expire,
And ^creturn to their dust.
- 30 Thou dost send forth Thy
¹aSpirit, they are created;
And Thou dost renew the
face of the ground.
- 31 ¶ Let the ^aglory of the LORD
endure forever,
Let the LORD ^bbe glad in His
works;
- 32 ¹He ^alooks at the earth, and
it ^btrembles;
He ^ctouches the mountains,
and they smoke.

28 ^aPs. 145:16
29 ^cOr, breath ^aDeut. 31:17; Ps. 30:7; Job 34:14, 15;
Ps. 145:4; Eccl. 12:7 ^bGen. 3:12; Job 10:2; Ps. 99:3
30 ^cOr, breath ^aJob 33:4; Ezek. 37:9
31 ^aPs. 98:12; 111:10 ^bGen. 1:31
32 ¹Lit., The one who ^aJudg. 5:5; Ps. 97:4, 5; 114:7
^bJob 3:10 ^cEx. 19:18; Ps. 144:5

PSALMS 104, 105

- 33 ¹I will sing to the LORD ^{2a}as long as I live;
¹I will ^bsing praise to my God ³while I have my being.
 34 Let my ^ameditation be pleasing to Him;
 As for me, I shall ^bbe glad in the LORD.
 35 Let sinners be ^aconsumed from the earth,
 And let the ^bwicked be no more.
^cBless the LORD, O my soul.
^{1d}Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 105

*The LORD's Wonderful Works in
 Behalf of Israel.*

- O** ^agive thanks to the LORD,
^bcall upon His name;
^cMake known His deeds among the peoples.
 2 Sing to Him, ^asing praises to Him;
^{1b}Speak of all His ²wonders.
 3 ¹Glory in His holy name;
 Let the ^aheart of those who seek the LORD be glad.
 4 Seek the LORD and ^aHis strength;
^bSeek His face continually.
 5 Remember His ^{1a}wonders which He has done,
 His marvels, and the ^bjudgments ²uttered by His mouth,
 6 O seed of ^aAbraham, His servant,
 O sons of ^bJacob, His ^cchosen ones!
 7 He is the LORD our God;
 His ^ajudgments are in all the earth.
 8 ¶ He has ^aremembered His covenant forever,
 The word which He commanded to a ^bthousand generations,
 9 The ^acovenant which He made with Abraham,
 And His ^boath to Isaac.

33 ¹Or, Let me sing ²Lit., in my life-time ³Lit., while I still am
 *Ps. 63:4 *Ps. 148:2
 34 *Ps. 19:14
 *Ps. 9:2
 35 ¹Or, Hal-lelujah!
 *Heb., YAN
 *Ps. 39:13
 *Ps. 37:10
 *Ps. 104:1
 *Ps. 105:45;
 106:48
 1 *1 Chr. 16:8-22, 34;
 Ps. 106:1; Is. 12:4 *Ps. 99:6
 *Ps. 145:12
 2 ¹Or, Meditate on
 2 i.e., wonder-ful acts
 *Ps. 98:1; 98:5
 *Ps. 77:12;
 119:27; 145:5
 3 ¹Or, Boast
 *Ps. 33:21
 4 *Ps. 63:2
 *Ps. 27:8
 5 i.e., wonderful acts ²Lit., of His mouth
 *Ps. 40:5;
 77:11 *Ps. 119:13
 6 *Ps. 105:42 *Ps. 135:4 *1 Chr. 16:13; Ps. 106:5; 135:4
 7 *Is. 28:9
 8 *Ps. 105:42;
 106:45; Luke 1:72 *Deut. 7:9
 9 *Gen. 12:7; 17:2, 8;
 22:16-18; Gal. 3:17 *Gen. 28:3
 10 *Gen. 28:13-15
 11 ¹Lit., measuring line
 *Gen. 13:15;
 15:18 *Josh. 23:4; Ps. 78:55
 12 *Gen. 34:30; Deut. 7:7 *Gen. 23:4; Heb. 11:9
 14 *Gen. 20:7; 35:5
 *Gen. 12:17;
 20:3, 7
 18 *Gen. 28:11
 16 *Gen. 41:34 *Lev. 26:26; Is. 3:1;
 Ezek. 4:16
 17 *Gen. 45:5 *Gen. 37:28, 36;
 Acts 7:9

- 10 Then He ^aconfirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
 To Israel as an everlasting covenant.
 11 Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
 As the ^{1b}portion of your inheritance."
 12 When they were only a ^afew men in number,
 Very few, and ^bstrangers in it.
 13 And they wandered about from nation to nation,
 From one kingdom to another people.
 14 He ^apermitted no man to oppress them,
 And He ^breproved kings for their sakes:
 15 "Do not touch My anointed ones,
 And do My prophets no harm."
 16 ¶ And He ^acalled for a famine upon the land;
 He ^bbroke the whole staff of bread.
 17 He ^asent a man before them, Joseph, who was ^bsold as a slave.
 18 They afflicted his ^afeet with fetters,
¹He himself was laid in irons;
 19 Until the time that his ^aword came to pass,
 The word of the LORD ^{1b}tested him.
 20 The ^aking sent and released him,
 The ruler of peoples, and set him free.
 21 He ^amade him lord of his house,
 And ruler over all his possessions,
 22 To ¹imprison his princes
^{2a}at will,

18 ¹Lit., His soul came into *Gen. 39:20; 40:15
 19 ¹Or, refined *Gen. 40:20, 21 *Ps. 68:10
 20 *Gen. 41:14
 21 *Gen. 41:40-44
 22 ¹Lit., bind ²Lit., at his *Gen. 41:44

- That he might teach his elders wisdom.
- 23 ^aIsrael also came into Egypt;
Thus Jacob ^bsojourned in the land of Ham.
- 24 And He ^acaused His people to be very fruitful,
And made them stronger than their adversaries.
- 25 ¶ He ^aturned their heart to hate His people,
To ^bdeal craftily with His servants.
- 26 He ^asent Moses His servant,
And ^bAaron whom He had chosen.
- 27 They ¹performed His wondrous acts among them,
And miracles in the land of Ham.
- 28 He ^asent darkness and made it dark;
And they did not ^brebel against His words.
- 29 He ^aturned their waters into blood,
And caused their fish to die.
- 30 Their land swarmed with ^afrogs
Even in the ^bchambers of their kings.
- 31 He spoke, and there came a ^aswarm of flies
And ^bgnats in all their territory.
- 32 He ¹gave them ^ahail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
- 33 He ^astruck down their vines also and their fig trees,
And shattered the trees of their territory.
- 34 He spoke, and ^alocusts came,
And young locusts, even without number,
- 35 And ate up all vegetation in their land,
And ate up the fruit of their ground.
- 36 He also ^astruck down all the first-born in their land,

23 ^aGen. 46:6; Acts 7:15 ^bActs 13:17
24 ^aEx. 1:7, 9
25 ^aEx. 1:8; 4:21 ^bEx. 1:10; Acts 7:19
26 ^aEx. 3:10; 4:12 ^bEx. 4:14; Num. 16:5; 17:5-8
27 ¹Lit., and the words of His signs
^aPs. 78:43-51; 105:27-38
28 ^aEx. 10:21; 22 ^bPs. 88:7
29 ^aEx. 7:20; 21
30 ^aEx. 8:6
^bEx. 8:3
31 ^aEx. 8:21
^bEx. 8:16; 17
32 ¹Or, made their rain hail
^aEx. 9:23-25
33 ^aPs. 78:47
34 ^aEx. 10:12-15
35 ^aEx. 12:29; 13:15; Ps. 135:8; 138:10 ^bGen. 49:3
36 ^aEx. 12:35; 36
37 ^aEx. 12:33 ^bEx. 15:16
38 ¹Or, cur-
tain
^aEx. 13:21; Neh. 9:12; Ps. 78:14; Is. 4:5
^bEx. 40:38
39 ¹Or, One
^aOr, food
^bEx. 16:12; Ps. 78:18 ^cEx. 16:13; Num. 11:31; Ps. 78:27 ^dEx. 16:15; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 78:24; John 6:31
40 ¹Or, boulder ²Lit., They went
^aEx. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps. 78:15; 114:8; Is. 48:21; 1 Cor. 10:4
41 ^aGen. 15:13; 14; Ps. 105:8
42 ^aEx. 15:1; Ps. 105:12
43 ¹Or, Gen-
esis 11:16-23; 13:7; Ps. 78:56 ^bDeut. 6:10; 11

The ^bfirst fruits of all their vigor.

- 37 ¶ Then He brought them out with ^asilver and gold;
And among His tribes there was not one who stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was ^aglad when they departed;
For the ^bdread of them had fallen upon them.
- 39 He spread a ^acloud for a ¹covering,
And ^bfire to illumine by night.
- 40 ¹They ^aasked, and He brought ^bquail,
And satisfied them with the ²bread of heaven.
- 41 He opened the ¹rock, and ^awater flowed out;
²It ran in the dry places like a river.
- 42 For He ^aremembered His holy word
With Abraham His servant;
- 43 And He brought forth His people with joy,
His chosen ones with a joyful ^ashout.
- 44 He ^agave them also the lands of the ¹nations,
That they ^bmight take possession of the fruit of the peoples' labor.
- 45 So that they might ^akeep His statutes,
And observe His laws,
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 106

Israel's Rebelliousness and the
LORD's Deliverances.

¹**PRAISE** ²the LORD!
Oh ^agive thanks to the LORD, for He ^bis good;
For ^cHis lovingkindness is everlasting.

46 ¹Or, Hallelujah! ²Neh. Yaa ^aDeut. 4:1, 49
1 ¹Or, Hallelujah! ²Neh. Yaa ^aPs. 105:1; 107:1;
118:1; 136:1; Jer. 33:11 ^bChr. 3:13; 7:3; Ezra 3:11; Ps.
100:5 ^c1 Chr. 16:34; 41

- 2 Who can speak of the
 ^amighty deeds of the
 LORD,
Or can show forth all His
praise?
- 3 How blessed are those who
keep ¹justice,
 ²Who ^apractice righteous-
 ness at all times!
- 4 ¶ Remember me, O LORD,
in Thy ^afavor ¹toward
Thy people;
Visit me with Thy salvation,
- 5 That I may see the ^aprosper-
ity of Thy chosen ones,
That I may ^brejoice in the
gladness of Thy nation,
That I may ^cglory with
Thine ¹inheritance.
- 6 ¶ ^aWe have sinned ^{1b}like
our fathers,
We have committed iniqu-
ity, we have behaved
wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers in Egypt did not
understand Thy ¹won-
ders;
They ^adid not remember
 ²Thine abundant kind-
 nesses,
But ^brebelled by the sea, at
the ³Red Sea.
- 8 Nevertheless He saved
them ^afor the sake of His
name,
That He might ^bmake His
power known.
- 9 Thus He ^arebuked the ¹Red
Sea and it ^bdried up;
And He ^cled them through
the deeps, as through the
wilderness.
- 10 So He ^asaved them from the
¹hand of the one who
hated them,
And ^bredeemed them from
the ¹hand of the enemy.
- 11 And ^athe waters covered
their adversaries;
Not one of them was left.
- 12 Then they ^abelieved His
words;
They ^bsang His praise.

2 ^aPs.
145:4, 12;
150:2
3 ¹Or,
judgment
²Mary Heb.
mas. read The
one who per-
forms
^aPs. 15:2
4 ¹Lit., of
^aPs. 44:3;
119:132
5 ¹I.e., peo-
ple
^aPs. 1:3 ^bPs.
118:15 ^cPs.
106:3
6 ¹Lit.,
with
^a1 Kin. 8:47;
Ezra 9:7;
Neh. 1:7; Jer.
3:25; Dan. 9:5
^b2 Chr. 30:7;
Neh. 9:2; Ps.
78:8, 57;
Zech. 1:4
7 ¹I.e.,
wonderful
acts ²Lit., the
multitude of
Thy loving-
kindnesses
³Lit., Sea of
Reeds
^aJudg. 3:7;
Ps. 78:11, 42
^bEx. 14:11,
12; Ps. 78:17
8 ^aEzek.
20:9 ^bEx. 9:16
9 ¹Lit., Sea
of Reeds
^aPs. 18:15;
78:13; Is.
50:2; Nah. 1:4
^bEx. 14:21; Is.
51:10 ^cIs.
63:11-13
10 ¹Or,
power
^aEx. 14:30
^bPs. 78:42;
107:2
11 ^aEx.
14:27, 28;
15:5; Ps.
78:53
12 ^aEx.
14:31 ^bEx.
15:1-21; Ps.
105:43
13 ^aEx.
15:24; 16:2;
17:2 ^bPs.
107:11
14 ¹Or, put
God to the
test
^aNum. 11:4;
Ps. 78:18;
1 Cor. 10:6
^bEx. 17:2; 1
Cor. 10:9
15 ¹Or,
learnness into
their soul
^aNum. 11:31;
Ps. 78:29 ^bIs.
10:16
16 ^aNum.
16:1-3

- 13 ¶ They quickly ^aforgot His
works;
They ^bdid not wait for His
counsel,
- 14 But ^acraved intensely in the
wilderness,
And ^{1b}tempted God in the
desert.
- 15 So He ^agave them their re-
quest,
But ^bsent a ¹wasting disease
among them.
- 16 ¶ When they became ^aen-
vious of Moses in the
camp,
And of Aaron, the holy one
of the LORD,
- 17 The ^aearth opened and
swallowed up Dathan,
And engulfed the ¹company
of Abiram.
- 18 And a ^afire blazed up in their
¹company;
The flame consumed the
wicked.
- 19 ¶ They ^amade a calf in Hor-
eh,
And worshiped a molten
image.
- 20 Thus they ^aexchanged their
glory
For the image of an ox that
eats grass.
- 21 They ^aforgot God their Sav-
ior,
Who had done ^bgreat things
in Egypt,
- 22 ^{1a}Wonders in the land of
Ham,
And awesome things by the
²Red Sea.
- 23 Therefore ^aHe said that He
would destroy them,
Had not ^bMoses His chosen
one stood in the breach
before Him,
To turn away His wrath
from destroying them.

17 ¹Or, assembly, band ^aNum. 16:32; Deut. 11:6
18 ¹Or, assembly, band ^aNum. 16:35
19 ^aEx. 32:4; Deut. 9:8; Acts 7:41
20 ^aJer. 2:11; Rom. 1:23
21 ^aPs. 78:11; 106:7, 13 ^bDeut. 10:21
22 ¹I.e., Wonderful acts ²Lit., Sea of Reeds ^aPs. 105:27
23 ^aEx. 32:10; Deut. 9:14; Ezek. 20:8, 13 ^bEx. 32:11-14;
Deut. 9:25-29

- 24 Then they ^adespised the ^bpleasant land;
They ^cdid not believe in His word,
- 25 But ^agrumbled in their tents;
They did not listen to the voice of the LORD.
- 26 Therefore He ^{1a}swore to them,
That He would cast them down in the wilderness,
- 27 And that He would ^acast their seed among the nations,
And ^bscatter them in the lands.
- 28 ¶ They ^ajoined themselves also to ¹Baal-peor,
And ate ^bsacrifices offered to the dead.
- 29 Thus they ^aprovoked Him to anger with their deeds;
And the plague broke out among them.
- 30 Then Phinehas ^astood up and interposed;
And so the ^bplague was stayed.
- 31 And it was ^areckoned to him for righteousness,
To all generations forever.
- 32 ¶ They also ^aprovoked Him to wrath at the waters of ¹Meribah,
So that it ^bwent hard with Moses on their account;
- 33 Because they ^awere rebellious against ¹His Spirit,
He spoke rashly with his lips.
- 34 ¶ They ^adid not destroy the peoples,
As ^bthe LORD commanded them,
- 35 But ^athey mingled with the nations,
And learned their ¹practices,
- 36 And ^aserved their idols,
^bWhich became a snare to them.

24 ^aNum. 14:31 ^bDeut. 8:7; Jer. 3:19; Ezek. 20:6 ^cDeut. 1:32; 9:23; Heb. 3:19
25 ^aNum. 14:2; Deut. 1:27
26 ^{1a} ^bLit., lifted up His hand
27 ^aNum. 14:28-35; Ps. 95:11; Ezek. 20:15; Heb. 3:11
28 ^aDeut. 4:27 ^bLev. 24:32; Ps. 44:11
29 ^aOr, Bond of Peor
30 ^aNum. 25:3; Deut. 4:3; Hos. 9:10
31 ^aNum. 25:2
32 ^aNum. 25:4
33 ^aNum. 25:7 ^bNum. 25:8
34 ^aGen. 15:8; Num. 25:11-13
35 ^aLit., strike
36 ^aNum. 20:2-13; Ps. 81:7; 95:9 ^bNum. 20:12
37 ^aOr, As spirit
38 ^aNum. 20:3; 10; Ps. 78:40; 107:11
39 ^aJudg. 1:21; 27:36
40 ^aDeut. 7:2, 10
41 ^aLit., works
42 ^aJudg. 3:5, 6
43 ^aJudg. 2:12 ^bDeut. 7:18
44 ^aDeut. 12:31; 32:17; 2 Kin. 18:3; 17:17; Ezek. 16:20, 21; 1 Cor. 10:20
45 ^aLev. 17:7
46 ^aPs. 94:21 ^bDeut. 18:10 ^cNum. 35:33; Is. 24:5; Jer. 3:1, 2
47 ^aLit., works
48 ^aLev. 18:24; Ezek. 20:18
49 ^aLev. 17:7; Num. 15:38; Judg. 2:17; Hos. 4:12
50 ^aLit., people
51 ^aJudg. 2:14; Ps. 78:39
52 ^aLev. 24:32; Deut. 32:19
53 ^aDeut. 8:29; 32:9
54 ^aOr, Gentiles
55 ^aJudg. 2:14; 3:2; 6:7; 10:10
56 ^aLit., was sorry
57 ^aLev. 24:22; Ps. 105:8
58 ^aJudg. 2:18
59 ^aPs. 68:16
60 ^a1 Kin. 8:50; 2 Chr. 30:22; Ezra 9:2; Neh. 1:11; Jer. 42:12

- 37 They even ^asacrificed their sons and their daughters to the ^bdemons,
- 38 And shed ^ainnocent blood,
The blood of their ^bsons and their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;
And the land was ^cpolluted with the blood.
- 39 Thus they became ^aunclean in their ¹practices,
And ^bplayed the harlot in their deeds.
- 40 ¶ Therefore the ^aanger of the LORD was kindled against His people,
And He ^babhorred His ^{1c}inheritance.
- 41 Then ^aHe gave them into the hand of the ¹nations;
And those who hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies also ^aoppressed them,
And they were subdued under their ¹power.
- 43 Many times He would ^adeliver them;
They, however, were rebellious in their ^bcounsel,
And so ^csank down in their iniquity.
- 44 ¶ Nevertheless He looked upon their distress,
When He ^aheard their cry;
- 45 And He ^aremembered His covenant for their sake,
And ^brelented ^caccording to the greatness of His lovingkindness.
- 46 He also made them ^aobjects of compassion
In the presence of all their captors.

- 47 ¶ ^aSave us, O LORD our God,
And ^bgather us from among the nations,
To give thanks to Thy holy name,
And ^cglory in Thy praise.
- 48 ^aBlessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting.
And let all the people say,
"Amen."
¹Praise ²the LORD!

BOOK 5

PSALM 107

*The LORD Delivers Men from
Manifold Troubles.*

- O** ^aGive thanks to the LORD,
for ^bHe is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Let ^athe redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom He has ^bredeemed from the hand of the adversary,
- 3 And ^agathered from the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the ¹south.
- 4 ¶ They ^awandered in the wilderness in a ¹desert region;
They did not find a way to ²an inhabited ^bcity.
- 5 They were hungry ¹and thirsty;
Their ^asoul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they ^acried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He delivered them out of their distresses.
- 7 He led them also by a ¹straight way,
To go to ^{2b}an inhabited city.

47 ¹Lit.,
boost
^a1 Chr. 16:35;
36 ^bPs. 147:2
^cPs. 47:1
48 ¹Or, Hal-
lelujah!
²Heb., YAH
^aPs. 41:13;
72:18; 89:52
Psalm 107
1 ^a1 Chr.
16:34; Ps.
106:1; 118:1;
136:1; Jer.
33:11 ^b2 Chr.
5:13; 7:3;
Ezra 3:11; Ps.
100:5
2 ^aIs. 35:9;
10; 62:12;
63:4 ^bPs.
78:42; 106:10
3 ¹Lit., sea
^aDeut. 30:3;
Neh. 1:9; Ps.
106:47; Is.
11:12; 43:5;
56:8; Ezek.
11:17; 20:34
4 ¹Lit.,
waste ²Or, a
habitable
city; lit., a
city of habi-
tation
^aNum. 14:33;
32:13; Deut.
2:7; 32:10;
Josh. 5:6;
14:10 ^bPs.
107:7, 36
5 ¹Lit., also
^aPs. 77:3
6 ^aPs.
50:15; 107:13;
19, 28
7 ¹Or, level
²Or, a habi-
table city; lit.,
a city of habi-
tation
^aEzra 8:21;
Ps. 5:8; Jer.
31:9 ^bPs.
107:4, 36
8 ¹Lit.,
wonderful
acts
^aPs. 107:15;
21, 31
9 ¹Or,
parched
^aPs. 22:26;
34:10; 63:5;
103:5 ^bPs.
146:7; Matt.
5:6; Luke 1:53
10 ¹Lit., af-
fliction ²Lit.,
iron
^aPs. 143:3; Is.
42:7; Mic. 7:8;
Luke 1:79
^bJob 36:8; Ps.
102:20
11 ^aPs.
78:40; 106:7;
Lam. 3:42
^bNum. 15:31;
2 Chr. 36:16;
Prov. 1:25; Is.
5:24 ^cPs.
73:24
12 ^aPs.
22:11; 72:12

- 8 ^aLet them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,
And for His ¹wonders to the sons of men!
- 9 For He has ^asatisfied the ¹thirsty soul,
And the ^bhungry soul He has filled with what is good.
- 10 ¶ There were those who ^adwelt in darkness and in the shadow of death,
^bPrisoners in ¹misery and ²chains,
- 11 Because they had ^arebelled against the words of God,
And ^bspurned the ^ccounsel of the Most High.
- 12 Therefore He humbled their heart with labor;
They stumbled and there was ^anone to help.
- 13 Then they ^acried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He saved them out of their distresses.
- 14 He ^abrought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And ^bbroke their bands apart.
- 15 ^aLet them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,
And for His ¹wonders to the sons of men!
- 16 For He has ^ashattered gates of bronze,
And cut bars of iron asunder.
- 17 ¶ Fools, because of ¹their rebellious way,
And ^abecause of their iniquities, were afflicted.

13 ^aPs. 107:6
14 ^aPs. 86:13; 107:10 ^bPs. 116:16; Jer. 2:20; 30:8; Nah.
1:13; Luke 13:16; Acts 12:7
15 ¹Lit., wonderful acts
^aPs. 107:8, 21, 31
16 ^aIs. 45:1, 2
17 ¹Lit., the way of their transgression ^aIs. 63:6, 7;
Jer. 30:14, 15; Lam. 3:39; Ezek. 24:23

- 18 Their ^asoul abhorred all kinds of food;
And they ^bdrew near to the ^cgates of death.
- 19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble;
He saved them out of their distresses.
- 20 He ^asent His word and ^bhealed them,
And ^cdelivered them from their ^ddestructions.
- 21 ^aLet them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,
And for His ^bwonders to the sons of men!
- 22 Let them also offer ^asacrifices of thanksgiving,
And ^btell of His works with joyful singing.
- 23 ¶ Those who ^ago down to the sea in ships,
Who do business on great waters;
- 24 They have seen the works of the LORD,
And His ^bwonders in the deep.
- 25 For He ^aspoke and raised up a ^bstormy wind,
Which ^clifted up the waves ^dof the sea.
- 26 They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths;
Their soul ^amelted away in their misery.
- 27 They reeled and ^astaggered like a drunken man,
And ^bwere at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
And He brought them out of their distresses.
- 29 He ^acaused the storm to be still,
So that the waves ^bof the sea were hushed.
- 30 Then they were glad because they were quiet;
So He guided them to their desired haven.

18 ^aJob 33:20; Ps. 102:4; ^bJob 33:22; Ps. 88:3; ^cJob 38:17; Ps. 9:13
20 ^aOr, pits
21 ^aPs. 147:15; 18; Matt. 8:8
22 ^a2 Kin. 20:5; Ps. 30:2; 100:3; 147:3
23 ^aJob 33:28; 30; Ps. 30:3; 48:15; 58:13; 103:4
24 ^a11.e., wonderful acts
25 ^aPs. 107 & 15, 31
26 ^aLev. 7:12; Ps. 50:14; 118:17
27 ^aPs. 9:11; 73:28; 118:17
28 ^aIs. 42:10; Jon. 1:3
29 ^a11.e., wonderful acts
30 ^a11.e., of
31 ^aPs. 108:31; 34; ^bPs. 148:8; Jon. 1:4; ^cPs. 88:3, 4
32 ^aPs. 22:14; 118:28
33 ^a11.e., all their wisdom was overwhelmed up
34 ^aJob 12:23; Is. 24:20
35 ^a11.e., of
36 ^aPs. 65:7; 89:8; Matt. 6:28; Luke 8:24
37 ^a11.e., wonderful acts
38 ^aPs. 107 & 15, 21; ^bPs. 78:4; 111:4
39 ^aPs. 34:3; 88:3; Is. 25:1
40 ^aPs. 22:22, 25
41 ^aPs. 35:18
42 ^aOr, turns
43 ^aOr, desert
44 ^a1 Kin. 17:1; 7; Ps. 74:15; Is. 42:15; 50:2
45 ^aGen. 13:10; 14:3; 19:24, 25; Deut. 28:23
46 ^aJob 38:8; Jer. 17:6
47 ^aOr, turns
48 ^aOr, desert
49 ^aPs. 105:41; 114:8; Is. 35:8; 7; 41:18
50 ^aOr, a habitable city; lit., a city of habitation
51 ^aPs. 107:4, 7
52 ^a11.e., acquire fruits of yield
53 ^a2 Kin. 19:28; Is. 38:21; Amos 9:14
54 ^aGen. 12:2; 17:20; Ex. 1:7; Deut. 1:10
55 ^aDeut. 7:14
56 ^a2 Kin. 19:32; Ezek. 3:11; 28:15
57 ^aPs. 38:8; 44:25; 57:6
58 ^aOr, nobles
59 ^aJob 12:21; Job 12:24
60 ^aDeut. 32:10
61 ^a11.e., in an unconcealably high place
62 ^a1 Sam. 2:8; Ps. 58:1; 113:7, 8

- 31 ^aLet them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness,
And for His ^bwonders to the sons of men!
- 32 Let them ^aextol Him also ^bin the congregation of the people,
And ^cpraise Him at the seat of the elders.
- 33 ¶ He ^achanges rivers into a ^bwilderness,
And springs of water into a thirsty ground;
- 34 A ^afruitful land into a ^bsalt waste,
Because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
- 35 He ^achanges a ^bwilderness into a pool of water,
And a dry land into springs of water;
- 36 And there He makes the hungry to dwell,
So that they may establish ^aan inhabited city.
- 37 And sow fields, and ^aplant vineyards,
And ^bgather a fruitful harvest.
- 38 Also He blesses them and they ^amultiply greatly;
And He ^bdoes not let their cattle decrease.
- 39 ¶ When they are ^adiminished and ^bbowed down
Through oppression, misery, and sorrow,
- 40 He ^apours contempt upon ^bprinces,
And ^cmakes them wander ^din a pathless waste.
- 41 But He ^asets the needy ^bsecurely on high away from affliction,

And ^bmakes his families
like a flock.

42 The ^aupright see it, and are
glad;

But all ^bunrighteousness
shuts its mouth.

43 Who is ^awise? Let him give
heed to these things;

And consider the ^bloving-
kindnesses of the LORD.

PSALM 108

*God Praised and Supplanted to
Give Victory.*

A Song, a Psalm of David.

^a**M**Y heart is steadfast, O
God;

I will sing, I will sing
praises, even with my
¹soul.

2 Awake, harp and lyre;

I will awaken the dawn!

3 I will give thanks to Thee, O
LORD, among the peo-
ples;

And I will sing praises to
Thee among the nations.

4 For Thy ^alovingkindness is
great ^babove the heav-
ens;

And Thy truth *reaches* to
the skies.

5 ^aBe exalted, O God, above
the heavens,

And Thy glory above all the
earth.

6 ^aThat Thy beloved may be
delivered,

Save with Thy right hand,
and answer me!

7 ¶ God has spoken in His
¹holiness:

"I will exult, I will portion out
Shechem,

And measure out the valley
of Succoth.

8 "Gilead is Mine, Manasseh is
Mine;

Ephraim also is the ¹helmet
of My head;

^aJudah is My ²scepter.

41 ^aJob
21:11; Ps.
78:52; 113:9

42 ^aJob
22:18; Ps.
52:6 ^bJob
5:16; Ps.
63:11; Rom.
3:19

43 ^aPs. 64:9;
Jer. 9:12;
Hos. 14:9 ^bPs.
107:1

1 ¹Lit.,
glory
^aPs. 57:7-11;
108:1-5

4 ^aNum.
14:18; Deut.
7:9; Ps. 36:5;
100:5; Mic.
7:18-20 ^bPs.
113:4

5 ^aPs. 57:5

6 ^aPs. 60:5-
12; 108:6-13

7 ¹Or,
sanctuary

8 ¹Lit., pro-
tection ²Or,
lawgiver
^aGen. 49:10

10 ¹Or, has
led
^aPs. 60:9

11 ^aPs. 44:9

12 ¹Lit., of
^aIs. 30:3

13 ¹Or, in or
with
^aIs. 60:12;
63:1-4

1 ^aDeut.
10:21 ^bPs.
28:1; 83:1

2 ¹Lit.,
wicked
mouth and
the deceitful
²Lit., with
^aPs. 10:7; 52:4
^bPs. 120:2

3 ^aPs. 35:7;
69:4; John
15:25

4 ^aPs.
38:20 ^bPs.
69:13; 141:5

5 ¹Lit., laid
upon me
^aPs. 35:12;
38:20 ^bJohn
7:7; 10:32

6 ¹Or, ad-
versary, Sa-
tan
^aZech. 3:1

7 ^aPs. 1:5
^bProv. 28:9

9 "Moab is My washbowl;
Over Edom I shall throw My
shoe;
Over Philistia I will shout
aloud."

10 ¶ ^aWho will bring me into
the besieged city?

Who ¹will lead me to Edom?

11 Hast not Thou Thyself, O
God, ^arejected us?

And wilt Thou not go forth
with our armies, O God?

12 Oh give us help against the
adversary,

For ^adeliverance ¹by man is
in vain.

13 ¹Through God we shall do
valiantly;

And ^ait is He who will tread
down our adversaries.

PSALM 109

*Vengeance Invoked upon
Adversaries.*

For the choir director.
A Psalm of David.

O ^aGOD of my praise,
^bDo not be silent!

2 For they have opened the
¹wicked and ^adeceitful
mouth against me;

They have spoken ²against
me with a ^blying tongue.

3 They have also surrounded
me with words of hatred,
And fought against me
^awithout cause.

4 In return ^afor my love they
act as my accusers;

But ^bI am in prayer.

5 Thus they have ¹repaid me
evil for good,
And ^bhatred for my love.

6 ¶ Appoint a wicked man
over him;

And let an ¹accuser stand
at his right hand.

7 When he is judged, let him
^acome forth guilty;

And let his ^bprayer become
sin.

- 8 Let ^ahis days be few;
Let ^banother take his office.
- 9 Let his ^achildren be fatherless,
And his ^bwife a widow.
- 10 Let his ^achildren wander about and beg;
And let them ^bseek sustenance ¹far from their ruined homes.
- 11 Let ^athe creditor ¹seize all that he has;
And let ^bstrangers plunder the product of his labor.
- 12 Let there be none to ¹extend lovingkindness to him,
Nor ^bany to be gracious to his fatherless children.
- 13 Let his ^aposterity be ¹cut off;
In a following generation let their ^bname be blotted out.
- 14 ¶ Let ^athe iniquity of his fathers be remembered ¹before the LORD,
And do not let the sin of his mother be ^bblotted out.
- 15 Let ^athem be before the LORD continually,
That He may ^bcut off their memory from the earth;
- 16 Because he did not remember to show lovingkindness,
But persecuted the ^aafflicted and needy man,
And the ^bdespondent in heart, to ^cput them to death.
- 17 He also loved cursing, so ^ait came to him;
And he did not delight in blessing, so it was far from him.
- 18 But he ^aclothed himself with cursing as with his garment,
And it ^bentered into ¹his body like water,
And like oil into his bones.
- 19 Let it be to him as ^aa garment with which he covers himself,

8 ^aPs. 55:23 ^bActs 1:20

9 ^aEx. 22:24 ^bJer. 18:21

10 ¹Or, out of their desolate places
^aGen. 4:12, Job 30:3-8, Ps. 58:15 ^bPs. 37:25

11 ¹Lat., *enmore, strike at*
^aNeh. 5:7, Job 5:5, 20:15 ^bIsa. 1:7, Lam. 5:2, Ezek. 7:21

12 ¹Lat., *continue*
^aEzra 7:28, 8:9 ^bJob 8:4, Is. 48:17

13 ¹Lat., *for cutting off*
^aJob 18:19, Ps. 21:10, 37:28 ^bPs. 9:5, Prov. 10:7

14 ¹Lat., *to*
^aEx. 28:3, Num. 14:18, Is. 65:6, 7, Jer. 22:18, ^bNeh. 4:5, Jer. 18:23

15 ^aPs. 80:8, Jer. 16:17, ^bJob 18:17, Ps. 34:16

16 ^aPs. 37:14 ^bPs. 34:18 ^cPs. 37:32, 94:6

17 ^aProv. 14:14, Ezek. 35:9, Matt. 7:3

18 ¹Lat., *his inward parts*
^aPs. 73:6, 109:28, Ezek. 7:27 ^bNum. 5:22

19 ^aPs. 73:6, 109:28, Ezek. 7:27 ^b2 Sam. 22:40, Ps. 30:11, Is. 11:5

20 ¹Lat., *This is*
^aPs. 54:5, 94:23, Is. 3:11, 2 Tim. 4:14 ^bPs. 41:5, 71:10

21 ¹Heb., *YHWH, usually rendered Lord*
^aPs. 29:3, 25:11, 78:9, 108:6, Ezek. 38:22 ^bPs. 68:16

- And for a belt with which he constantly ^bgirds himself.
- 20 ¹Let this be the ^areward of my accusers from the LORD,
And of those who ^bspeak evil against my soul.
- 21 ¶ But Thou, O ¹GOD, the Lord, deal *kindly* with me ^afor Thy name's sake;
Because ^bThy lovingkindness is good, deliver me;
- 22 For ^aI am afflicted and needy,
And ¹my heart is ^bwounded within me.
- 23 I am passing ^alike a shadow when it lengthens;
I am shaken off ^blike the locust.
- 24 My ^aknees ¹are weak from ^bfasting;
And my flesh has grown lean, without fatness.
- 25 I also have become a ^areproach to them;
When they see me, they ^bwag their head.
- 26 ¶ ^aHelp me, O LORD my God;
Save me according to Thy lovingkindness.
- 27 ¹And let them ^aknow that this is Thy hand;
Thou, LORD, hast done it.
- 28 ^aLet them curse, but do Thou bless;
When they arise, they shall be ashamed,
But Thy ^bservant shall be glad.
- 29 ¹Let ^amy accusers be clothed with dishonor,

22 ¹Lat., *one has pierced my heart within me* ^aPs. 40:17, 88:1 ^bJob 24:12, Ps. 143:4, Prov. 18:14

23 ^aPs. 102:11 ^bEx. 10:18, Job 39:20

24 ¹Or, totter ^aHeb. 12:12 ^bPs. 35:13

25 ^aPs. 22:6 ^bPs. 22:7, Jer. 18:16, Lam. 2:15, Matt. 27:30, Mark 15:29

26 ^aPs. 119:88

27 ¹Or, *That they may know* ^aJob 37:7

28 ^a2 Sam. 16:11, 12 ^bIsa. 65:14

29 ¹Or, *My accusers will be* ^aJob 8:22, Ps. 132:18

And ²let them ^bcover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.

30 ¶ With my mouth I will give thanks abundantly to the LORD;

And in the midst of many ^aI will praise Him.

31 For He stands ^aat the right hand of the needy,
To save him from those who ^bjudge his soul.

PSALM 110

The LORD Gives Dominion to the King.

A Psalm of David.

^a**T**HE LORD says to my Lord:
"Sit at My right hand,
Until I make ^cThine enemies a footstool for Thy feet."

2 The LORD will stretch forth Thy strong ^ascepter from Zion, saying,

"Rule in the midst of Thine enemies."

3 Thy ^apeople ¹will volunteer freely in the day of Thy ²power;

^bIn ³holy array, from the womb of the dawn,

⁴Thy youth are to Thee as the ^cdew.

4 ¶ ^aThe LORD has sworn and will ^bnot ¹change His mind,

"Thou art a ^cpriest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek."

5 The Lord is ^aat Thy right hand;

He ¹will ^bshatter kings in the ^cday of His wrath.

6 He will ^ajudge among the nations,

He ¹will fill *them* with ^bcorpses,

He ²will ^cshatter the ³chief men over a broad country.

²⁹ Or, they will cover
^bJob 8:22; Ps. 35:26

³⁰ Or, Ps. 22:22; 35:18; 111:1

³¹ Or, Ps. 16:8; 73:23; 110:5; 121:5 Or, Ps. 37:33

¹ Or, Matt. 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:42, 43; Acts 2:34, 35; Heb. 1:13
^bMatt. 26:64; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3, 8:1; 10:12; 12:2
^c1 Cor. 15:25; Eph. 1:22

² Or, Ps. 45:6; Jer. 48:17; Ezek. 19:14
^bPs. 2:9; 72:8; Dan. 7:13, 14

³ Lit., will be freewill offerings ²Or, army ³Or, the splendor of holiness ⁴Or, The dew of Thy youth is Thine.

^aJudg. 5:2; Neh. 11:2
^b1 Chr. 16:29; Ps. 98:9
^c2 Sam. 17:12; Mic. 5:7

⁴ Lit., be sorry
^aHeb. 7:21
^bNum. 23:19
^cZech. 6:13; Heb. 5:6, 10; 6:20; 7:17, 21

⁵ Or, has shattered
^aPs. 18:8; 109:31 Or, Ps. 68:14; 78:12
^cPs. 2:5, 12; Rom. 2:5; Rev. 6:17

⁶ Or, has filled ²Or, has shattered
³Lit., head over
^aIs. 2:4; Joel 3:12; Mic. 4:3
^bIs. 66:24 Or, Ps. 68:21

⁷ Or, 7:5, 6 Or, 27:6

¹ Or, Hallelujah! I will ²Heb., YAM
^aPs. 35:18; 138:1 Or, Ps. 89:7; 149:1

² Lit., sought out
^aPs. 92:5 Or, Ps. 143:5

7 He will ^adrink from the brook by the wayside;
Therefore He will ^blift up His head.

PSALM 111

The LORD Praised for His Goodness.

¹**P**RAISE ²the LORD!

¹ I ^awill give thanks to the LORD with all my heart,
In the ^bcompany of the upright and in the assembly.

2 ^aGreat are the works of the LORD;

They are ^bstudied by all who delight in them.

3 ^{1a} Splendid and majestic is His work;
And ^bHis righteousness endures forever.

4 He has made His ¹wonders ²to be remembered;
The LORD is ^agracious and compassionate.

5 He has ^agiven ¹food to those who ²fear Him;
He will ^bremember His covenant forever.

6 He has made known to His people the power of His works,
In giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 ¶ The works of His hands are ^{1a}truth and justice;
All His precepts ^bare ²sure.

8 They are ^aupheld forever and ever;
They are performed in ^btruth and uprightness.

9 He has sent ^aredemption to His people;
He has ¹ordained His covenant forever;

³ Lit., Splendor and majesty Or, Ps. 98:6; 145:5 Or, Ps. 112:3, 9; 119:142

⁴ I.e., wonderful acts ²Lit., a memorial Or, Ps. 86:5, 15; 103:8; 145:8

⁵ Lit., prey ²Or, reverse Or, Matt. 6:31-33 Or, Ps. 105:8

⁷ Or, faithfulness ²Or, trustworthy Or, Rev. 15:3 Or, Ps. 19:7; 93:5

⁸ Or, faithfulness Or, Ps. 119:160; Is. 40:8; Matt. 5:19
^bPs. 19:9

⁹ Lit., commanded Or, Luke 1:68

^bHoly and ²awesome is His name.

- 10 The ¹fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
A ^bgood understanding have all those who ²do His commandments;
His ^cpraise endures forever.

PSALM 112

Prosperity of the One Who Fears the LORD.

PRAISE ²the LORD!

- How ^ablessed is the man who ³fears the LORD,
Who greatly ^bdelights in His commandments.
2 His ¹descendants will be mighty ²on earth;
The generation of the ^bupright will be blessed.
3 ^aWealth and riches are in his house,
And his righteousness endures forever.
4 Light arises in the darkness ^afor the upright;
He is ^bgracious and compassionate and righteous.
5 It is well with the man who ^ais gracious and lends;
He will ¹maintain his cause in judgment.
6 For he will ^anever be shaken;
The ^bbrighteous will be ¹remembered forever.

- 7 ^aHe will not fear ^aevil tidings;
His ^bheart is steadfast, ^ctrusting in the LORD.
8 His ^aheart is upheld, he ^bwill not fear,
Until he ^clooks with satisfaction on his adversaries.
9 ¹He ^ahas given freely to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;

⁹ ^aHe, inspiring reverence
^aPs. 88:3; Luke 1:49
¹⁰ ^aOr, reverence for
^aJob 28:28; Prov 1:7; 9:10; Eccl. 12:13 ^aPs. 119:88; Prov 3:4 ^aPs. 145:2
¹ ^aOr, Hal-
leluah!
Blessed
^aHeb. YAH
^aOr, reverses
^aPs. 128:1
^aPs. 12,
119:14, 16
² ^aLa.,
need ^aOr, in
the land
^aPs. 102:28;
127:4 ^aPs.
128:4
³ ^aProv
3:18; 8:18;
Matt. 6:33
⁴ ^aJob
11:17; Ps.
97:11 ^aPs.
37:28
⁵ ^aOr, con-
stant has af-
fairs with
justice
^aPs. 37:21
⁶ ^aLa., for
an eternal re-
membrance
^aPs. 15:5;
55:22 ^aProv
10:7
⁷ ^aProv
1:33 ^aPs.
57:7, 108:1
^aPs. 58:4
⁸ ^aHeb.
13:9 ^aPs.
27:1, 56:11;
Prov 1:33;
32:4; Is. 12:2
^aPs. 34:7;
59:10
⁹ ^aLa., He
has scattered,
he has given
to
^a2 Cor 9:9
^aPs. 75:10;
88:17; 92:10;
148:14
¹⁰ ^aOr, an-
gry
^aPs. 88:17
^aPs. 35:18;
37:12; Matt.
8:12; 25:30;
Luke 13:28
^aPs. 57:4; Job
8:13; Prov
10:28; 11:7
¹ ^aOr, Hal-
leluah!
Praise ^aHeb.
YAH
^aPs. 135:1
^aPs. 34:22;
88:30; 79:10;
88:13
² ^aPs.
145:21; Dan.
2:20

His ^bhorn will be exalted in honor.

- 10 ^aThe ^awicked will see it and be ¹vexed;
He will ^bgnash his teeth and ^cmelt away;
The ^ddesire of the wicked will perish.

PSALM 113

The LORD Exalts the Humble.

PRAISE ²the LORD!

- ^aPraise, O ^bservants of the LORD.
Praise the name of the LORD.
2 ^aBlessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and forever.
3 ^aFrom the rising of the sun to its setting
The ^bname of the LORD is to be praised.
4 The LORD is ^ahigh above all nations;
His ^bglory is above the heavens.
5 ^aWho is like the LORD our God,
Who ^bis enthroned on high,
6 Who ¹humbles Himself to behold
The things that are in heaven and in the earth?
7 He ^araises the poor from the dust,
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,
8 To make them ^asit with ¹princes,
With the ¹princes of His people.

³ ^aPs. 50:1; Is. 59:18; Matt. 1:11 ^aPs. 148:3, 48:1, 10
⁴ ^aPs. 97:8; 98:2 ^aPs. 8:1; 57:11; 148:13
⁵ ^aEx. 15:11; Ps. 35:10; 88:6 ^aPs. 103:19
⁶ ^aOr, looks for below in the heavens and on the earth? ^aPs. 11:4; 138:6; Is. 57:15
⁷ ^a1 Sam. 2:8; Ps. 107:41
⁸ ^aOr, nobles ^aJob 38:7

PSALMS 113-115

- 9 He ^amakes the barren woman abide in the house
As a joyful mother of children.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 114

God's Deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

WHEN Israel went forth ^afrom Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of ^bstrange language,
2 Judah became ^aHis sanctuary,
Israel, ^bHis dominion.

- 3 ¶ The ^asea looked and fled;
The ^bJordan turned back.
4 The mountains ^askipped like rams,
The hills, like lambs.
5 What ^aails you, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
6 O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?
7 ¶ ^aTremble, O earth, before the Lord,
Before the God of Jacob,
8 Who ^aturned the rock into a ^bpool of water,
The ^cflint into a fountain of water.

PSALM 115

Heathen Idols Contrasted with the LORD.

- ^a**N**OT to us, O LORD, not to us,
But ^bto Thy name give glory
Because of Thy lovingkindness,
because of Thy ¹truth.
2 ^aWhy should the nations say,
"Where, now, is their God?"

⁹ ¹Or, Hal-
lelujah!
²Heb., YAM
¹Sam. 2:3;
Ps. 68:6; Is.
54:1

¹Ex.
12:51; 13:3
^bPs. 81:5

²Ex.
15:17; 29:43;
46; Ps. 78:68;
89 ^bEx. 19:6

³Ex.
14:21; Ps.
77:16 ^bJoah.
3:13, 16

⁴Ex.
19:18; Judg.
5:5; Ps. 18:7;
29:6; Hab. 3:6

⁵ ^aHab. 3:8
7 ^aPs. 98:9

⁸ ^aEx. 17:6;
Num. 20:11;
Ps. 78:15;
105:41 ^bPs.
107:35 ^cDeut.
8:15

¹ ¹Or,
faithfulness
^aIs. 48:11;
Ezek. 36:22
^bPs. 29:2;
98:8

² ^aPs.
79:10 ^bPs.
42:3, 10

³ ^aPs.
103:19 ^bPs.
135:6; Dan.
4:35

⁴ ^aPs.
115:4-8;
135:15-18;
Jer. 10:4

^bDeut. 4:28;
2 Kin. 19:18;
Is. 37:19;
44:10, 20; Jer.
10:3

⁸ ^aJer. 10:5

⁷ ¹Lit.,
Their hands
²Lit., Their
feet

⁸ ¹Or, are
like them
^aPs. 135:18;
Is. 44:9-11

⁹ ^aPs.
118:2; 135:19
^bPs. 37:3;
62:8 ^cPs.
33:20

¹⁰ ^aPs.
118:3; 135:19

¹¹ ¹Or, re-
vere
^aPs. 22:23;
103:11;
135:20

¹² ^aPs. 98:3

¹³ ¹Or, re-
vere
^aPs. 103:11;
112:1; 128:1
^bRev. 11:18;
19:5

¹⁴ ^aDeut.
1:11

- 3 But our ^aGod is in the heav-
ens;
He ^bdoes whatever He
pleases.
4 Their ^aidols are silver and
gold,
The ^bwork of man's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they
^acannot speak;
They have eyes, but they
cannot see;
6 They have ears, but they
cannot hear;
They have noses, but they
cannot smell;
7 ¹They have hands, but they
cannot feel;
²They have feet, but they
cannot walk;
They cannot make a sound
with their throat.
8 ^aThose who make them
¹will become like them.
Everyone who trusts in
them.
9 ¶ O ^aIsrael, ^btrust in the
LORD;
He is their ^chelp and their
shield.
10 O house of ^aAaron, trust in
the LORD;
He is their help and their
shield.
11 You who ^{1a}fear the LORD,
trust in the LORD;
He is their help and their
shield.
12 The LORD ^ahas been mindful
of us; He will bless us;
He will bless the house of Is-
rael;
He will bless the house of
Aaron.
13 He will ^abless those who
¹fear the LORD,
^bThe small together with
the great.
14 May the LORD ^agive you in-
crease,
You and your children.
15 May you be blessed of the
LORD,

*Maker of heaven and earth.

16 ¶ The heavens are *the heavens of the LORD;
But ^bthe earth He has given to the sons of men.

17 The *dead do not praise ^lthe LORD,
Nor do any who go down into ^bsilence;

18 But as for us, we will *bless ^lthe LORD
From this time forth and forever.
²Praise ^lthe LORD!

PSALM 116

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death.

I LOVE the LORD, because He ^bhears
My voice and my supplications.

2 Because He has *inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live.

3 The *cords of death encompassed me,
And the ^lterrors of ²Sheol ³came upon me;
I found distress and sorrow.

4 Then *I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I beseech Thee, ^lsave my life!"

5 ¶ *Gracious is the LORD, and ^brighteous;
Yes, our God is ^ccompassionate.

6 The LORD preserves *the simple;
I was ^bbrought low, and He saved me.

7 Return to your *rest, O my soul,
For the LORD has ^bdealt bountifully with you.

8 For Thou hast *rescued my soul from death,
My eyes from tears,
My feet from stumbling.

18 *Gen. 1:1; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 88:5; 102:25; 121:2; 124:8; 134:3; 146:6; Acts 14:15; Rev. 14:7

16 *Ps. 89:11 *Ps. 86 17 *Heb.

Yam *Ps. 8:5; 88:10-12; 1a 38 18 *Ps. 31 17

18 *Heb. Yam *Or. Hallelujah! *Ps. 113 2. Dan. 2:20

1 *Ps. 18:1 *Ps. 6:8; 88 19; 1a 37 17. Dan. 9:18

2 *Ps. 17:6 31 2. 40 1 3 *Lat.

strata *i.e., the northern world *Lat., found me *Ps. 18:4, 5

4 *Or. deliver my soul *Ps. 18:6; 118:5 *Ps. 17 13; 22:20

5 *Ps. 88:15; 103:8 *Exra. 8:15; Neh. 9:8; Ps. 119:137; 145:17; Jer. 12:1; Dan.

9:14 *Ex. 34:6 6 *Ps. 18:7; Prov. 1:4 *Ps. 79:8; 142:6

7 *Jer. 6:18; Matt. 11:29 *Ps. 13:6; 142:7

8 *Ps. 49:15; 56:13; 88:13

9 *Lat. lands *Ps. 27:13

10 *2 Cor. 4:13 *Ps. 88:7 11 *Ps. 31:22 *Ps. 62:8; Rom. 3:4

12 *Lat. upon *2 Chr. 32:25; 1 Thes. 3:9

*Ps. 103:2 13 *Ps. 18:5 *Ps. 80:18; 108:1

14 *Ps. 50:14; 116:18 *Ps. 22:25 18 *Ps. 72:14

16 *Or. be cause *Ps. 88:16; 118:125; 143:13 *Ps. 88:16 *Ps. 107:14

9 I shall walk before the LORD
In the ^lland of the living.

10 I *believed when I said,
"I am ^bgreatly afflicted."

11 I *said in my alarm,
"^bAll men are liars."

12 ¶ What shall I *render to the LORD
For all His ^bbenefits ^ltoward me?

13 I shall lift up the *cup of salvation,
And ^bcall upon the name of the LORD.

14 I shall *pay my vows to the LORD,
Oh may it be ^bin the presence of all His people.

15 *Precious in the sight of the LORD
Is the death of His godly ones.

16 O LORD, ^lsurely I am *Thy servant,
I am Thy servant, the ^bson of Thy handmaid,
Thou hast ^cloosed my bonds.

17 To Thee I shall offer *a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And ^bcall upon the name of the LORD.

18 I shall *pay my vows to the LORD,
Oh may it be in the presence of all His people.

19 In the *courts of the LORD's house,
In the midst of you, O ^bJerusalem.
^lPraise ²the LORD!

PSALM 117

A Psalm of Praise.

PRAISE the LORD, all nations;
Laud Him, all peoples!

17 *Lev. 7:12; Ps. 50:14 *Ps. 116:13

18 *Ps. 116:14

19 *Or. Hallelujah! *Heb. Yam *Ps. 88:13; 88:2; 135:2

*Ps. 102:21

1 *Rom. 15:11

- 2 For His ^alovingkindness ¹is
great toward us,
And the ^{2b}truth of the LORD
is everlasting.
³Praise ⁴the LORD!

PSALM 118

*Thanksgiving for the LORD's Saving
Goodness.*

- ^a**G**IVE thanks to the LORD, for
^bHe is good;
For His lovingkindness is
everlasting.
2 Oh let ^aIsrael say,
"His lovingkindness is ever-
lasting."
3 Oh let the ^ahouse of Aaron
say,
"His lovingkindness is ever-
lasting."
4 Oh let those ^awho ¹fear the
LORD say,
"His lovingkindness is ever-
lasting."
5 ¶ From my ^adistress I
called upon ¹the LORD;
¹The LORD answered me
and ^bset me in a large
place.
6 The LORD is ^afor me; I will
^bnot fear;
^cWhat can man do to me?
7 The LORD is for me ^aamong
those who help me;
Therefore I shall ^blook with
satisfaction on those
who hate me.
8 It is ^abetter to take refuge in
the LORD
Than to trust in man.
9 It is ^abetter to take refuge in
the LORD
Than to trust in princes.
10 ¶ All nations ^asurrounded
me;
In the name of the LORD I
will surely ^bcut them off.
11 They ^asurrounded me, yes,
they surrounded me;
In the name of the LORD I
will surely cut them off.

² ¹Lit., pre-
vails over us
^aOr, faithful-
ness ^aOr,
Hallelujah!
⁴Heb., YAH
^aPs. 103:11
^bPs. 100:5;
146:6
¹ ^a1 Chr.
16:8, 34; Ps.
106:1, 107:1;
Jer. 33:11
² ^a2 Chr. 5:13;
7:3; Ezra
3:11; Ps.
100:5; 136:1-
26
³ ^aPs.
115:9
³ ^aPs.
115:10
⁴ ^aOr, re-
vive
^aPs. 115:11
⁵ ^aHeb.,
YAH
^aPs. 18:6;
86:7, 120:1
^bPs. 18:19
⁶ ^aJob
19:27; Ps.
56:9; Heb.
13:6 ^bPs.
23:4; 27:1 ^cPs.
56:4, 11
⁷ ^aPs. 54:4
^bPs. 54:7;
58:10
⁸ ^a2 Chr.
32:7, 8; Ps.
40:4; 108:12;
Is. 31:1, 3;
57:13; Jer.
17:5
⁹ ^aPs.
146:3
¹⁰ ^aPs. 3:6;
88:17 ^bPs.
18:40
¹¹ ^aPs.
88:17
¹² ^aDeut.
1:44 ^bPs.
58:9; Nah.
1:10
¹³ ^aOr, fell
^aPs. 140:4
^bPs. 86:17
¹⁴ ^aHeb.,
YAH
^aEx. 15:2; Is.
12:2 ^bPs. 27:1
¹⁵ ^aPs. 68:3
^bEx. 15:6; Ps.
89:13; Luke
1:51
¹⁶ ^aEx. 15:6;
Ps. 89:13
¹⁷ ^aHeb.,
YAH
^aPs. 6:5;
116:8, 9; Hab.
1:12 ^bPs.
73:28; 107:22
¹⁸ ^aHeb.,
YAH
^aPs. 73:14;
Jer. 31:18;
1 Cor. 11:32;
2 Cor. 8:9
^bPs. 86:13
¹⁹ ^aHeb.,
YAH
^aIs. 28:2

- 12 They surrounded me ^alike
bees;
They were extinguished as
a ^bfire of thorns;
In the name of the LORD I
will surely cut them off.
13 You ^apushed me violently
so that I ¹was falling.
But the LORD ^bhelped me.
14 ^{1a}The LORD is my strength
and song,
And He has become ^bmy
salvation.
15 ¶ The sound of ^ajoyful
shouting and salvation is
in the tents of the right-
eous;
The ^bbright hand of the LORD
does valiantly.
16 The ^aright hand of the LORD
is exalted;
The right hand of the LORD
does valiantly.
17 I ^ashall not die, but live,
And ^btell of the works of
¹the LORD.
18 ¹The LORD has ^adisciplined
me severely,
But He has ^bnot given me
over to death.
19 ¶ ^aOpen to me the gates of
righteousness;
I shall enter through them, I
shall give thanks to ¹the
LORD.
20 This is the gate of the LORD;
The ^arighteous will enter
through it.
21 I shall give thanks to Thee,
for Thou hast ^aanswered
me;
And Thou hast ^bbecome my
salvation.
22 ¶ The ^astone which the
builders rejected
Has become the chief cor-
ner stone.
23 This is ¹the LORD's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁰ ^aPs. 15:1, 2; 24:3-6; 140:13; Is. 35:8; Rev. 22:14
²¹ ^aPs. 116:1; 118:5 ^bPs. 118:14
²² ^aMatt. 21:42; Mark 12:10, 11; Luke 20:17; Acts
4:11; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:7
²³ ^aLit., from the LORD

- 24 This is the day which the LORD has made;
Let us ^arejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 O LORD, ^ado save, we beseech Thee;
O LORD, we beseech Thee, do send ^bprosperity!
- 26 ^aBlessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
We have ^bblessed you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 ^aThe LORD is God, and He has given us ^blight;
Bind the festival sacrifice with cords ¹to the ^chorns of the altar.
- 28 ^aThou art my God, and I give thanks to Thee;
Thou art my God, ^bI extol Thee.
- 29 ^aGive thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

PSALM 119

Meditations and Prayers Relating to the Law of God.

N Aleph.

- H**OW blessed are those whose way is ^{1a}blameless,
Who ^bwalk in the law of the LORD.
- 2 How blessed are those who ^aobserve His testimonies,
Who ^bseek Him ^cwith all their heart.
- 3 They also ^ado no unrighteousness;
They walk in His ways.
- 4 Thou hast ^{1a}ordained Thy precepts,
²That we should keep them diligently.
- 5 Oh that my ^aways may be established
To ^bkeep Thy statutes!
- 6 Then I ^ashall not be ashamed

24 ^aPs. 31:7
25 ^aPs. 108:47 ^aPs. 122:8, 7
26 ^aMatt. 21:9, 23:39; Mark 11:9; Luke 13:35; 19:38; John 12:13 ^aPs. 129:8
27 ¹Lit., unto
^a1 Km. 18:39
^aEzek. 8:16; Ps. 18:28; 27:1, 1 Pet. 2:9 ^aEx. 27:2
28 ^aPs. 63:1, 140:6 ^aEx. 15:2, 1s. 25:1
29 ^aPs. 118:1
1 ¹Lit., complete, or, having integrity
^aPs. 101:2, 6; Prov. 11:20; 13:6 ^aPs. 128:1, Ezek. 11:20; 18:17; Mic. 4:2
2 ^aPs. 25:10, 89:7; 119:22, 168
^aDeut. 4:29; Ps. 119:10
^aDeut. 6:5; 10:12, 11:13; 13:3, 30:2
3 ^a1 John 3:9, 5:18
4 ¹Lit., commanded
²Lit., To keep
^aDeut. 4:13; Neh. 9:13
5 ^aPs. 40:2; Prov. 4:26
^aDeut. 12:1; 2 Chr. 7:17
6 ¹Lit., to
^aJob 22:26; Ps. 119:80
7 ^aPs. 119:42
8 ^aPs. 38:21, 71:9, 18
9 ^a1 Km. 2:4, 8:25; 2 Chr. 6:16
10 ^a2 Chr. 15:15; Ps. 119:2, 145
^aPs. 119:21, 118
11 ^aPs. 37:31; 40:8; Luke 2:19, 51
12 ^aPs. 119:26, 64, 108, 124, 135, 171
13 ^aPs. 40:9
^aPs. 118:72
14 ¹Lit., As over all
^aPs. 119:111, 162

When I look ¹upon all Thy commandments.

7 I shall ^agive thanks to Thee with uprightness of heart.

When I learn Thy righteous judgments.

8 I shall keep Thy statutes;
Do not ^aforsake me utterly!

2 Beth.

9 ¹ How can a young man keep his way pure?

By ^akeeping it according to Thy word.

10 With ^aall my heart I have sought Thee;

Do not let me ^bwander from Thy commandments.

11 Thy word I have ^atreasured in my heart,

That I may not sin against Thee.

12 Blessed art Thou, O LORD;
^aTeach me Thy statutes.

13 With my lips I have ^atold of All the ^bordinances of Thy mouth.

14 I have ^arejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies,

¹As much as in all riches.

15 I will ^ameditate on Thy precepts,

And ¹regard ^bThy ways.

16 I shall ^{1a}delight in Thy statutes;

I shall ^bnot forget Thy word.

3 Gimel.

17 ¹ ^aDeal bountifully with Thy servant,

That I may live and keep Thy word.

18 Open my eyes, that I may behold

Wonderful things from Thy law.

18 ¹Or, look upon ^aPs. 1:2, 119:23, 48, 78, 97, 148 ^aPs. 25:4, 27:11, 1s. 58:2
19 ¹Lit., delight myself ^aPs. 1:2, 119:24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174 ^aPs. 119:23
17 ^aPs. 13:6, 116:7

- 19 I am a ^astranger in the earth;
Do not hide Thy command-
ments from me.
- 20 My soul is crushed ^{1a}with
longing
After Thine ordinances at
all times.
- 21 Thou dost ^arebuke the arro-
gant, ^{1b}the ^bcursed,
Who ^cwander from Thy
commandments.
- 22 ^aTake away reproach and
contempt from me,
For I ^bobserve Thy testimo-
nies.
- 23 Even though ^aprinces sit
and talk against me,
Thy servant ^bmeditates on
Thy statutes.
- 24 Thy testimonies also are my
^adelight;
They are ^{1b}my counselors.
- 7 Daleth.
- 25 ¶ My ^asoul cleaves to the
dust;
^bRevive me ^caccording to
Thy word.
- 26 I have told of my ways, and
Thou hast answered me;
^aTeach me Thy statutes.
- 27 Make me understand the
way of Thy precepts,
So I will ^ameditate on Thy
wonders.
- 28 My ^asoul ^{1b}weeps because of
grief;
^bStrengthen me according
to Thy word.
- 29 Remove the false way from
me,
And graciously grant me
Thy law.
- 30 I have chosen the faithful
way;
I have ^{1b}placed Thine ordi-
nances *before me*.
- 31 I ^acleave to Thy testimo-
nies;
O LORD, do not put me to
shame!
- 32 I shall run the way of Thy
commandments,
For Thou wilt ^aenlarge my
heart.

19 ^aGen.
47:9; Lev.
25:23; 1 Chr.
29:15; Ps.
39:12; 119:54;
Heb. 11:13
20 ¹Lit., for
^aPs. 42:1, 2;
63:1; 84:2;
119:40, 131
21 ¹Or,
Cursed are
those who
wander
^aPs. 68:30
^bDeut. 27:26;
Ps. 37:22 ^cPs.
119:10, 118
22 ^aPs. 39:8;
119:39 ^bPs.
119:2
23 ^aPs.
119:161 ^bPs.
119:15
24 ¹Lit., the
men of my
counsel
^aPs. 119:18
25 ^aPs.
44:25 ^bPs.
119:37, 40,
88, 93, 107,
149, 154, 156,
159; 143:11
^cPs. 119:85
26 ^aPs. 25:4;
27:11; 86:11;
119:12
27 ^aPs.
105:2; 145:3
28 ¹Lit.,
drops
^aPs. 22:14;
107:26 ^bPs.
20:2; 1 Pet.
5:10
29 ¹Or, ac-
counted
Thine ordi-
nances wor-
thy
31 ^aDeut.
11:22
32 ^a1 Kin.
4:29; Is. 60:5;
2 Cor. 8:11,
13
33 ^aPs.
119:5, 12
34 ^aPs.
119:27, 73,
125, 144, 169
^b1 Chr. 22:12;
Ezek. 44:24
^cPs. 119:2, 69
35 ^aPs. 25:4;
Is. 40:14 ^bPs.
112:1; 119:16
36 ^a1 Kin.
8:58 ^bEzek.
33:31; Mark
7:21, 22; Luke
12:15; Heb.
13:5
37 ^aIs. 33:15
^bPs. 71:20;
119:25
38 ¹Or,
promise ²Lit.,
Which is for
the fear of
Thee
^a2 Sam. 7:25
29 ^aPs.
119:22

7 He.

- 33 ¶ ^aTeach me, O LORD, the
way of Thy statutes,
And I shall observe it to the
end.
- 34 ^aGive me understanding,
that I may ^bobserve Thy
law,
And keep it ^cwith all my
heart.
- 35 Make me walk in the ^apath
of Thy commandments,
For I ^bdelight in it.
- 36 ^aIncline my heart to Thy tes-
timonies,
And not to ^bdishonest gain.
- 37 Turn away my ^aeyes from
looking at vanity,
And ^brevive me in Thy
ways.
- 38 ^aEstablish Thy ^{1b}word to Thy
servant,
²As that which produces
reverence for Thee.
- 39 ^aTurn away my reproach
which I dread,
For Thine ordinances are
good.
- 40 Behold, I ^along for Thy pre-
cepts;
Revive me through Thy
righteousness.
- 1 Vav.
- 41 ¶ May Thy ^alovingkind-
nesses also come to me,
O LORD,
Thy salvation ^baccording to
Thy ^{1b}word;
- 42 So I shall have an ^aanswer
for him who ^breproaches
me,
For I trust in Thy word.
- 43 And do not take the word of
truth utterly out of my
mouth,
For I ^await for Thine ordi-
nances.
- 44 So I will ^akeep Thy law con-
tinually,
Forever and ever.

40 ^aPs. 119:20
41 ¹Or, promise ^aPs. 119:77 ^bPs. 119:58, 76, 118, 170
42 ^aProv. 27:11 ^bPs. 102:8; 119:39
43 ¹Or, hope in ^aPs. 119:49, 74, 81, 114, 147
44 ^aPs. 119:33

- 45 And I will ^awalk ¹at liberty,
For I ^bseek Thy precepts.
46 I will also speak of Thy tes-
timonies ^abefore kings,
And shall not be ashamed.
47 And I shall ¹delight in Thy
commandments,
Which I ^blove.
48 And I shall lift up my hands
to Thy commandments,
Which I ^alove;
And I will ^bmeditate on Thy
statutes.

† Zayin.

- 49 ¶ Remember the word to
Thy servant,
¹In which Thou hast made
me hope.
50 This is my ^acomfort in my
affliction,
That Thy word has ¹revived
me.
51 The arrogant ^autterly deride
me,
Yet I do not ^bturn aside from
Thy law.
52 I have ^aremembered Thine
ordinances from ¹of old,
O LORD,
And comfort myself.
53 Burning ^aindignation has
seized me because of the
wicked,
Who ^bforsake Thy law.
54 Thy statutes are my songs
In the house of my ^apilgrim-
age.
55 O LORD, I ^aremember Thy
name ^bin the night,
And keep Thy law.
56 This has become mine,
¹That I ^aobserve Thy pre-
cepts.

□ Heth.

- 57 ¶ The LORD is my ^aportion;
I have ¹promised to ^bkeep
Thy words.
58 I ^aentreated Thy favor ^bwith
all my heart;
^cBe gracious to me ^daccord-
ing to Thy ¹word.

45 ¹Lt., in a wide place
Prov. 4:12
Ps. 119:94, 155
46 ^atest. 10:18; Acts 26:1, 2
47 ¹Lt., do light myself
Ps. 119:16
Ps. 119:97, 127, 159
48 ^aPs. 119:97, 127, 159
49 ¹Lt., On 80 ¹Or, pre- served me alive
Job 6:10; Rom. 15:4
51 ¹Job 30:1, Jer. 20:7
Job 23:11, Ps. 44:18, 119:157
52 ¹Or, over- looking
Ps. 103:18
53 ^aEx. 32:18; Ezra 9:3; Neh. 13:25, Ps. 119:158
54 ^aGen. 47:9, Ps. 119:19
55 ^aPs. 63:6
56 ¹2, 119:92, Is. 28:9; Acts 16:25
57 ¹Or, Be- cause
Ps. 119:22, 60, 100
58 ¹Lt., and that I would keep
Ps. 16:5, Lam. 3:24
59 ¹Or, promise
1 Km. 13:6
Ps. 119:2
Ps. 41:4, 56:1, 57:1
Ps. 119:41
60 ^aPs. 14:72; Luke 15:17
61 ¹Job 36:6, Ps. 140:3
62 ^aPs. 119:63, 141, 153, 176
63 ^aPs. 119:56
64 ¹Or, re- vore
Ps. 101:6
65 ^aPs. 33:5
66 ¹Or, judgment
Ps. 1:9
67 ^aPs. 119:71, 75; Jer. 31:18, 18; Neh. 12:5, 11

- 59 I ^aconsidered my ways,
And turned my feet to Thy
testimonies.
60 I hastened and did not delay
To keep Thy command-
ments.
61 The ^acords of the wicked
have encircled me,
But I have ^bnot forgotten
Thy law.
62 At ^amidnight I shall rise to
give thanks to Thee
Because of Thy ^bbrighteous
ordinances.
63 I am a ^acompanion of all
those who ¹fear Thee,
And of those who keep Thy
precepts.
64 ^aThe earth is full of Thy
lovingkindness, O LORD;
^bTeach me Thy statutes.

□ Teth.

- 65 ¶ Thou hast dealt well with
Thy servant,
O LORD, according to Thy
word.
66 Teach me good ¹discern-
ment and knowledge,
For I believe in Thy com-
mandments.
67 ^aBefore I was afflicted I
went astray,
But now I keep Thy word.
68 Thou art ^agood and ^bdoest
good;
^cTeach me Thy statutes.
69 The arrogant ¹have ^aforged
a lie against me;
With all my heart I will ^bob-
serve Thy precepts.
70 Their heart is ¹covered
with fat,
But I ^bdelight in Thy law.
71 It is ^agood for me that I was
afflicted,
That I may learn Thy stat-
utes.

65 ^aPs. 88:5, 108:5, 108:1, 107:1; Matt. 19:17
66 ¹Or, 28:63, 30:5; Ps. 123:4
67 ¹Lt., borrow me with him
Job 12:4, Ps. 108:2
68 ¹Or, 70
70 ¹Lt., press like fat
Ps. 32:15; Job 15:27, Ps. 17:10; Is. 6:10; Jer. 5:28; Acts 28:27
71 ^aPs. 119:67, 75

72 The ^alaw of Thy mouth is better to me
Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Yodh.

73 ^aThy hands made me and ^lfashioned me;

^bGive me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

74 May those who ^lfear Thee ^asee me and be glad,
Because I ^{2b}wait for Thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that Thy judgments are ^arighteous,

And that ^bin faithfulness Thou hast afflicted me.

76 O may Thy lovingkindness ^lcomfort me,

According to Thy ²word to Thy servant.

77 May ^aThy compassion come to me that I may live,

For Thy law is my ^bdelight.

78 May ^athe arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me ^bwith a lie;

But I shall ^cmeditate on Thy precepts.

79 May those who ^lfear Thee turn to me,

Even those who know Thy testimonies.

80 May my heart be ^lblameless in Thy statutes,

That I may not ^bbe ashamed.

Kaph.

81 ^aMy ^asoul languishes for Thy salvation;

I ^lwait for Thy word.

82 My ^aeyes fail with longing for Thy ^lword,

²While I say, "When wilt Thou comfort me?"

83 Though I have ^abecome like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do ^bnot forget Thy statutes.

72 ^aPs. 119:10; 119:127; Prov. 8:10, 11, 19
73 ^lLit., established
^aJob 10:8; 31:15; Ps. 100:3; 138:8; 139:15, 16
^bPs. 119:34
74 ^lOr, revive
²Or, hope in
^aPs. 34:2; 35:27; 107:42
^bPs. 119:43
75 ^aPs. 119:138 ^bHeb 12:10
76 ^lLit., be for my comfort
²Or, promise
77 ^aPs. 119:41 ^bPs. 119:16
78 ^aJer. 50:32 ^bPs. 119:88 ^cPs. 119:15
79 ^lOr, revive
80 ^lLit., complete; or, having integrity
^aPs. 119:1 ^bPs. 119:46
81 ^lOr, hope in
^aPs. 84:2 ^bPs. 119:43
82 ^lOr, promise
²Lit., saying
^aPs. 68:3; 119:123; Is. 38:14; Lam. 2:11
83 ^aJob 30:30 ^bPs. 119:61
84 ^aPs. 39:4
^bRev. 8:10
85 ^lLit., according to Thy law
^aPs. 7:15; 35:7; 57:8; Jer. 18:22
86 ^aPs. 119:138 ^bPs. 35:19; 119:78; 161 ^cPs. 109:28
87 ^lLit., in the earth
^aIs. 58:2
88 ^lLit., stands firm
^aPs. 89:2; 119:160; Is. 40:8; Matt. 24:35; 1 Pet. 1:25
89 ^lLit., to
^aPs. 38:5; 89:1, 2 ^bPs. 148:6 ^cEcc. 1:4
90 ^aJer. 31:35; 33:25
^bPs. 104:2-4

84 How many are the ^adays of Thy servant?

When wilt Thou ^bexecute judgment on those who persecute me?

85 The arrogant have ^adug pits for me,

Men who are not ^lin accord with Thy law.

86 All Thy commandments are ^afaithful;

They have ^bpersecuted me with a lie; ^chelp me!

87 They almost destroyed me ^lon earth,

But as for me, I ^adid not forsake Thy precepts.

88 Revive me according to Thy lovingkindness,

So that I may keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

Lamedh.

89 ^aForever, O LORD, Thy word ^lis settled in heaven.

90 Thy ^afaithfulness continues ^lthroughout all generations;

Thou didst ^bestablish the earth, and it ^cstands.

91 They stand this day according to Thine ^aordinances,

For ^ball things are Thy servants.

92 If Thy law had not been my ^adelight,

Then I would have perished ^bin my affliction.

93 I will ^anever forget Thy precepts,

For by them Thou hast ^lrevived me.

94 I am Thine, ^asave me;
For I have ^bsought Thy precepts.

95 The wicked ^await for me to destroy me;

I shall diligently consider Thy testimonies.

92 ^aPs. 119:16 ^bPs. 119:50
93 ^lOr, kept me alive ^aPs. 119:16, 83 ^bPs. 119:25
94 ^aPs. 119:146 ^bPs. 119:45
95 ^aPs. 40:14; Is. 32:7

96 I have seen ^{1a}a limit to all perfection;
Thy commandment is exceedingly broad.

Mem.

97 ¶ O how I ^{1a}love Thy law!
It is my ^bmeditation all the day.

98 Thy ^acommandments make me wiser than my enemies,
For they are ever ¹mine.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers,
For Thy testimonies are my ^ameditation.

100 I understand ^amore than the aged,
Because I have ^bobserved Thy precepts.

101 I have ^arestrained my feet from every evil way,
That I may keep Thy word.

102 I have not ^aturned aside from Thine ordinances,
For Thou Thyself hast taught me.

103 How ^asweet are Thy ¹words to my ²taste!
Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 From Thy precepts I ^aget understanding;
Therefore I ^bhate every false way.

Nun.

105 ¶ Thy word is a ^alamp to my feet,
And a light to my path.

106 I have ^asworn, and I will confirm it,
That I will keep Thy righteous ordinances.

107 I am exceedingly ^aafflicted;
^{1b}Revive me, O LORD, according to Thy word.

108 O accept the ^afreewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And ^bteach me Thine ordinances.

96 ¹Lit., an end of
97 ^aPs. 119:47, 48, 127, 163, 165
98 ¹2; 119:15

98 ¹Or, with me
99 ^aDeut. 4:6; Ps. 119:130

99 ^aPs. 119:15
100 ^aJob 32:7, 9; ^aPs. 119:22, 56

101 ^aProv. 1:5

102 ^aDeut. 17:20; Josh. 23:6; 1 Kin. 15:5

103 ¹Or, promises

103 ²Lit., palate
104 ^aPs. 19:10; Prov. 8:11, 24:13, 14

104 ^aPs. 119:130; ^aPs. 119:128

105 ^aProv. 6:23

106 ^aNeh. 10:29

107 ¹Or, Keep me alive

107 ^aPs. 119:25, 50; ^aPs. 119:25

108 ^aJob. 14:2; Heb. 13:15; ^aPs. 119:12

109 ¹Lit., soul of me, in danger

109 ^aJudg. 12:3; Job 13:14

109 ^aPs. 119:16

110 ^aPs. 91:3, 140:5, 141:9; ^aPs. 119:10

111 ^aDeut. 33:4; ^aPs. 119:14, 162

112 ^aPs. 119:36; ^aPs. 119:33

113 ^a1 Kin. 18:21; James 1:8, 4:8; ^aPs. 119:47

114 ¹Or, hope in

114 ^aPs. 31:20; 32:7, 61:4, 91:1; ^aPs. 84:9

115 ^aPs. 119:74

116 ^aPs. 68:139; 18; Matt. 7:23; ^aPs. 119:22

117 ¹Or, promises

117 ²Lit., put to shame because of

117 ^aPs. 37:17, 24; 54:4; ^aPs. 25:2, 20; 31:1, 17; Rom. 5:5; 9:33; Phil. 1:20

118 ^aPs. 119:47

119 ¹Lit., made light of

119 ²Lit., foolishness

119 ^aPs. 119:10, 21

119 ¹Lit., caused to cease

119 ^aIs. 1:22, 25; Ezek. 22:18, 19

120 ¹Lit., bristled up from

120 ^aJob 4:14; Heb. 3:16; ^aPs. 119:161

109 My ^{1a}life is continually ²in my hand,

Yet I do not ^bforget Thy law.

110 The wicked have ^alaid a snare for me,

Yet I have not ^bgone astray from Thy precepts.

111 I have ^ainherited Thy testimonies forever,

For they are the ^bjoy of my heart.

112 I have ^ainclined my heart to perform Thy statutes
Forever, even ^bto the end.

Samekh.

113 ¶ I hate those who are ^adouble-minded,
But I love Thy ¹law.

114 Thou art my ^ahiding place and my ^bshield;
I ^{1c}wait for Thy word.

115 ^aDepart from me, evildoers,
That I may ^bobserve the commandments of my God.

116 ^aSustain me according to Thy ¹word, that I may live;

And ^bdo not let me be ²ashamed of my hope.

117 Uphold me that I may be ^asafe,

That I may ^bhave regard for Thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast ¹rejected all those ^awho wander from Thy statutes,

For their deceitfulness is ²useless.

119 Thou hast ¹removed all the wicked of the earth like ^adrass;

Therefore I ^blove Thy testimonies.

120 My flesh ^{1a}trembles for fear of Thee,

And I am ^bafraid of Thy judgments.

117 ^aPs. 12:5; Prov. 29:25; ^aPs. 119:6, 15

118 ¹Lit., made light of

118 ²Lit., foolishness

119 ¹Lit., caused to cease

119 ^aIs. 1:22, 25; Ezek. 22:18, 19

120 ¹Lit., bristled up from

120 ^aJob 4:14; Heb. 3:16; ^aPs. 119:161

♪ Ayin.

- 121 ¶ I have ^adone justice and righteousness;
Do not leave me to my oppressors.
- 122 Be ^asurety for Thy servant for good;
Do not let the arrogant ^boppress me.
- 123 My ^aeyes fail with longing for Thy salvation,
And for Thy righteous ^lword.
- 124 Deal with Thy servant ^aaccording to Thy loving-kindness,
And ^bteach me Thy statutes.
- 125 ^aI am Thy servant; ^bgive me understanding,
That I may know Thy testimonies.
- 126 It is time for the LORD to ^aact,
For they have broken Thy law.
- 127 Therefore I ^alove Thy commandments
Above gold, yes, above fine gold.
- 128 Therefore I esteem right all Thy ^aprecepts concerning everything,
I ^bhate every false way.

♪ Pe.

- 129 ¶ Thy testimonies are ^awonderful;
Therefore my soul ^bobserves them.
- 130 The ^aunfolding of Thy words gives light;
It gives ^bunderstanding to the simple.
- 131 I ^aopened my mouth wide and ^bpanted,
For I ^clonged for Thy commandments.
- 132 ^aTurn to me and be gracious to me,
After Thy manner ^lwith those who love Thy name.

121 ^a2 Sam. 8:15; Job 29:14
122 ^aJob 17:3; Heb 7:22 ^bPs. 119:134
123 ^lOr, promise ^aPs. 119:82
124 ^aPs. 51:1, 106:45; 109:26; 119:88, 149; 159 ^bPs. 119:12
125 ^aPs. 116:16 ^bPs. 119:27
126 ^aJer. 18:23; Ezek. 31:11
127 ^aPs. 19:10; 119:47
128 ^aPs. 19:8 ^bPs. 119:104
129 ^aPs. 119:18 ^bPs. 119:22
130 ^aProv. 8:23 ^bPs. 19:7
131 ^aJob 29:23; Ps. 81:10 ^bPs. 42:1 ^cPs. 119:20
132 ^lLit., to ^aPs. 25:16; 108:4
133 ^lOr, promise ^aPs. 17:5 ^bPs. 19:13; Rom. 6:12
134 ^aPs. 119:84; 142:6; Luke 1:74
135 ^aNum. 6:25; Ps. 4:6; 31:16; 67:1; 80:3, 7, 19
136 ^aPs. 119:12
137 ^lLit., run down ^aJer. 9:1, 18; 14:17; Lam. 3:48 ^bPs. 119:158
138 ^aEzra 9:15; Neh. 9:33; Ps. 118:5; 129:4; 145:17; Jer. 12:1; Lam. 1:18; Dan. 9:7, 14
139 ^aPs. 19:7-9; 119:144, 172 ^bPs. 119:88, 90
140 ^lLit., put an end to ^aPs. 68:9; John 2:17
141 ^lOr, promise ²Lit., refined ^aPs. 12:6; 19:8 ^bPs. 119:47
142 ^aPs. 22:6 ^bPs. 119:61

- 133 Establish my ^afootsteps in Thy ^lword,
And do not let any iniquity ^bhave dominion over me.
- 134 ^aRedeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep Thy precepts.
- 135 ^aMake Thy face shine upon Thy servant,
And ^bteach me Thy statutes.
- 136 My eyes ^lshed ^astreams of water,
Because they ^bdo not keep Thy law.

♪ Tsadhe.

- 137 ¶ ^aRighteous art Thou, O LORD,
And upright are Thy judgments.
- 138 Thou hast commanded Thy testimonies in ^arighteousness
And exceeding ^bfaithfulness.
- 139 My ^azeal has ^lconsumed me,
Because my adversaries have forgotten Thy words.
- 140 Thy ^la word is very ²pure,
Therefore Thy servant ^bloves it.
- 141 I am small and ^adespised,
Yet I do not ^bforget Thy precepts.
- 142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And ^aThy law is truth.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have ^lcome upon me;
Yet Thy commandments are my ^adelight.
- 144 Thy ^atestimonies are righteous forever;
^bGive me understanding that I may live.

142 ^aPs. 19:9; 119:151, 160
143 ^lLit., found me ^aPs. 119:24
144 ^aPs. 19:9 ^bPs. 119:27

Qoph.

- 145 ¶ I cried ^awith all my heart;
answer me, O LORD!
I will ^bobserve Thy statutes.
- 146 I cried to Thee; ^asave me,
And I shall keep Thy testi-
monies.
- 147 I ^arise before dawn and cry
for help;
I ²wait for Thy words.
- 148 My eyes anticipate the
^anight watches,
That I may ^bmeditate on
Thy ¹word.
- 149 Hear my voice ^aaccording
to Thy lovingkindness;
^bRevive me, O LORD, ac-
cording to Thine ordi-
nances.
- 150 Those who follow after
wickedness draw near;
They are far from Thy law.
- 151 Thou art ^anear, O LORD,
And all Thy command-
ments are ^btruth.
- 152 Of old I have ^aknown from
Thy testimonies,
That Thou hast founded
them ^bforever.

Resh.

- 153 ¶ ^aLook upon my ^bafflic-
tion and rescue me,
For I do not ^cforget Thy law.
- 154 ^aPlead my cause and ^bre-
deem me;
Revive me according to Thy
¹word.
- 155 Salvation is ^afar from the
wicked,
For they ^bdo not seek Thy
statutes.
- 156 ^{1a}Great are Thy mercies, O
LORD;
Revive me according to
Thine ordinances.
- 157 Many are my ^apersecutors
and my adversaries,
Yet I do not ^bturn aside from
Thy testimonies.
- 158 I behold the ^atreacherous
and ^bloathe them,
Because they do not keep
Thy ¹word.

146 +Ps.
119:10 +Ps.
119:22, 58
146 +Ps. 3:7
147 ¹Lat.,
anticipate the
dawn ²Or,
hope in
+Ps. 5:3, 57 &
108:2
148 ¹Or,
promise
+Ps. 63:6 +Ps.
119:15
149 +Ps.
119:124 +Ps.
119:25
150 +Ps.
34:18, 140:18,
Is. 50:8 +Ps.
119:142
151 +Ps.
119:125 +Ps.
119:89, Luke
21:33
152 +Lam.
5:1 +Ps.
119:50 +Ps.
119:18, Prov.
3:1, Hos. 4:6
154 ¹Or,
promise
+1 Sam.
24:15, Ps.
35:1, Mic. 7:9
+Ps. 119:134
155 Job 5:4
+Ps. 119:45,
94
156 ¹Or,
Many
+2 Sam. 24:14
157 +Ps. 7:1,
119:88, 161
+Ps. 119:51
158 ¹Or,
promise
+Is. 21:2,
24:16 +Ps.
139:21
159 +Ps.
119:47 +Ps.
119:25
160 +Ps.
139:17 +Ps.
119:142 +Ps.
119:89, 152
161 +1 Sam.
24:11, 28:18,
Ps. 119:23
+Ps. 119:120
162 ¹Or,
promise
+Ps. 119:14,
111 +1 Sam.
30:16, Is. 9:3
163 +Ps.
31:6, 119:104,
128, Prov.
13:5 +Ps.
119:47
164 +Ps.
119:7, 160
165 ¹Lat.,
they have no
stumbling
block
+Ps. 37:11,
Prov. 3:2, Is.
28:3, 32:17
+Prov. 3:23,
Is. 63:13,
1 John 2:10
166 +Gen.
48:18, Ps.
119:61, 174

- 159 Consider how I ^alove Thy
precepts;
^bRevive me, O LORD, ac-
cording to Thy loving-
kindness.
- 160 The ^asum of Thy word is
^btruth,
And every one of Thy right-
eous ordinances ^cis ever-
lasting.

Shin.

- 161 ¶ ^aPrinces persecute me
without cause,
But my heart ^bstands in awe
of Thy words.
- 162 I ^arejoice at Thy ¹word,
As one who ^bfinds great
spoil.
- 163 I ^ahate and despise false-
hood,
But I ^blove Thy law.
- 164 Seven times a day I praise
Thee,
Because of Thy ^arighteous
ordinances.
- 165 Those who love Thy law
have ^agreat peace,
And ^bnothing causes them
to stumble.
- 166 I ^ahope for Thy salvation, O
LORD,
And do Thy command-
ments.
- 167 My ^asoul keeps Thy testi-
monies,
And I ^blove them exceed-
ingly.
- 168 I ^akeep Thy precepts and
Thy testimonies,
For all my ^bways are before
Thee.

Tav.

- 169 ¶ Let my ^acry ¹come before
Thee, O LORD;
^bGive me understanding
^caccording to Thy word.

167 +Ps. 119:129 +Ps. 119:47
168 +Ps. 119:22 +Job 24:23; Ps. 130:3, Prov. 5:21
169 ¹Lat., come near before Job 16:18; Ps. 18:9, 102:1
+Ps. 119:27, 144 +Ps. 119:65, 154

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- 170 Let my ^asupplication come before Thee;
^bDeliver me according to Thy ¹word.
- 171 Let my ^alips utter praise, For Thou ^bdost teach me Thy statutes.
- 172 Let my ^atongue sing of Thy ¹word,
 For all Thy ^bcommandments are righteousness.
- 173 Let Thy ^ahand be ¹ready to help me,
 For I have ^bchosen Thy precepts.
- 174 I ^along for Thy salvation, O LORD,
 And Thy law is my ^bdelight.
- 175 Let my ^asoul live that it may praise Thee,
 And let Thine ordinances help me.
- 176 I have ^agone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant,
 For I do ^bnot forget Thy commandments.

PSALM 120

Prayer for Deliverance from the Treacherous.

A Song of ^aAscents.

- ^a**I**N my trouble I cried to the LORD,
 And He answered me.
- 2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from ^alying lips,
 From a ^bdeceitful tongue.
- 3 What shall be given to you, and what more shall be done to you,
 You ^adeceitful tongue?
- 4 ^aSharp arrows of the warrior,
 With the *burning* ^bcoals of the broom tree.
- 5 ¶ Woe is me, for I sojourn in ^aMeshech,
 For I dwell among the ^btents of ^cKedar!

170 ¹Or, promise
^aPs. 28:2; 130:2; 140:6; 143:1 ^bPs. 22:20; 31:2; 59:1
 171 ^aPs. 51:13; 63:3 ^bPs. 94:12; 119:12; Is. 2:3; Mic. 4:2
 172 ¹Or, promise
^aPs. 51:14 ^bPs. 119:138
 173 ¹Lit., to help me
^aPs. 37:24; 73:23 ^bJosh. 24:22; Luke 10:42
 174 ^aPs. 119:166 ^bPs. 119:18; 24
 175 ^aIs. 55:3
 176 ^aIs. 53:8; Jer. 50:6; Matt. 18:12; Luke 15:4 ^bPs. 119:16
 * Ex. 34:24; 1 Kin. 12:27
 1 ^aPs. 18:6; 68:14; 102:2; Jon. 2:2
 2 ^aPs. 109:2; Prov. 12:22 ^bPs. 52:4; Zeph. 3:13
 3 ^aPs. 52:4; Zeph. 3:13
 4 ^aPs. 45:5; Prov. 25:18; Is. 5:28 ^bPs. 140:10
 5 ^aGen. 10:2; 1 Chr. 1:5; Ezek. 27:13; 38:2; 3:39:1 ^bSong 1:5 ^cGen. 25:13; Is. 21:18; 60:7; Jer. 2:10; 49:28; Ezek. 27:21
 6 ^aPs. 35:20
 7 ^aPs. 109:4 ^bPs. 55:21
 1 ^aPs. 123:1; Is. 40:26 ^bPs. 87:1
 2 ^aPs. 124:8 ^bPs. 115:15
 3 ^a1 Sam. 2:9; Ps. 68:9
^bPs. 41:2; 127:1; Is. 27:3
 5 ^aPs. 91:4
 91:1; Is. 25:4
 6 ^aPs. 91:5; Is. 49:10; Jon. 4:8; Rev. 7:16
 7 ¹Or, keep
^aPs. 41:2; 91:10-12

- 6 Too long has my soul had its dwelling
 With those who ^ahate peace.
- 7 I ^aam for peace, but when I speak,
 They are ^bfor war.

PSALM 121

The LORD the Keeper of Israel.

A Song of Ascents.

- I** WILL ^alift up my eyes to ^bthe mountains;
 From whence shall my help come?
- 2 My ^ahelp comes from the LORD,
 Who ^bmade heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not ^aallow your foot to slip;
 He who ^bkeeps you will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel
 Will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 ¶ The LORD is your ^akeeper;
 The LORD is your ^bshade on your right hand.
- 6 The ^asun will not smite you by day,
 Nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD will ¹a protect you from all evil;
 He will keep your soul.
- 8 The LORD will ¹a guard your going out and your coming in
^bFrom this time forth and forever.

PSALM 122

Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- I** WAS glad when they said to me,

8 ¹Or, keep ^aDeut. 28:6 ^bPs. 113:2; 115:18

- "Let us ^ago to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Our feet are standing
Within your ^agates, O Jerusalem,
- 3 Jerusalem, that is ^abuilt
As a city that is ^bcompact together;
- 4 To which the tribes ^ago up,
even the tribes of ¹the LORD—
²An ordinance for Israel—
To give thanks to the name
of the LORD.
- 5 For there ^athrones were set
for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
- 6 ¶ Pray for the ^apeace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who ^blove you.
7 "May peace be within your ^awalls,
And prosperity within your ^bpalaces."
- 8 For the sake of my ^abrothers
and my friends,
I will now say, "^bMay peace
be within you."
- 9 For the sake of the house of
the LORD our God
I will ^aseek your good.

PSALM 123

Prayer for the Lord's Help.

A Song of Ascents.

- T**O Thee I ^alift up my eyes,
O Thou who ^bart enthroned
in the heavens!
- 2 Behold, as the eyes of ^aser-
vants look to the hand of
their master,
As the eyes of a maid to the
hand of her mistress;
So our ^beyes look to the
LORD our God,
Until He shall be gracious to
us.

1 ^aPs. 42:4.
Is. 2:3; Mic.
4:2; Zach.
8:21.
2 ^aPs. 9:14.
87:2; 116:19;
Jer. 7:2.
3 ^aPs.
48:13; 147:2.
4 ^aSam. 5:9;
Neh. 4:6.
4 ^aHeb.
YAN ^aOy. A
testimony.
5 ^aEx. 23:17.
Deut. 18:16;
Ps. 84:5.
6 ^aDeut.
17:8; 2 Chr.
19:8; Ps.
89:29.
7 ^aPs.
29:11; Jer.
29:7 ^aPs.
102:14.
8 ^aPs.
51:18; Is. 62:6.
9 ^aPs. 48:3, 13;
Jer. 17:27.
10 ^aPs.
133:1 ^aSam.
25:6; John
20:19.
11 ^aNeh.
2:10; Eccl.
10:3.
12 ^aPs.
121:1, 141:8.
13 ^aPs. 2:4, 11:4.
14 ^aProv.
27:18; Mal.
1:6 ^aPs. 25:15.
15 ^aPs. 4:1.
16 ^aNeh.
4:4; Ps.
119:22.
17 ^aNeh.
2:19; Ps. 79:4.
18 ^aJob 12:5; Is.
32:9, 11.
19 ^aAmos 6:1.
20 ^aNeh. 4:4; Ps.
119:22.
21 ^aPs.
84:17 ^aPs.
129:1.
22 ^aNum.
16:30; Ps.
35:25; 56:1.
23 ^aProv.
1:12 ^aGem.
38:19; Ps.
138:7.
24 ^aOr,
passed over
Job 22:11.
Ps. 18:16;
32:6; 89:2;
144:7.
25 ^aOr,
passed over
Job 38:11.
26 ^aLat., as
a prey to
Ps. 77:2;
Prov. 30:14.
27 ^aPs.
141:10; 2 Cor.
11:33; Heb.
11:34 ^aProv.
6:5 ^aPs. 91:3;
Hos. 8:8.
28 ^aPs.
121:2 ^aGem.
1:1; Ps. 134:3.

- 3 ¶ ^aBe gracious to us, O
LORD, be gracious to us;
For we are greatly filled
^bwith contempt.
- 4 Our soul is greatly filled
With the ^ascoffing of ^bthose
who are at ease,
And with the ^ccontempt of
the proud.

PSALM 124

Praise for Rescue from Enemies.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- 6 ^a**H**AD it not been the LORD
who was on our side,"
^bLet Israel now say,
- 2 "Had it not been the LORD
who was on our side,
When men rose up against
us;
- 3 Then they would have
^aswallowed us alive,
When their ^banger was kin-
dled against us;
- 4 Then the ^awaters would
have engulfed us,
The stream would have
¹swept over our soul;
- 5 Then the ^araging waters
would have ¹swept over
our soul."
- 6 ¶ Blessed be the LORD,
Who has not given us ¹to be
^atorn by their teeth.
- 7 Our soul has ^aescaped ^bas a
bird out of the ^csnare of
the trapper;
The snare is broken and we
have escaped.
- 8 Our ^ahelp is in the name of
the LORD,
Who ^bmade heaven and
earth.

PSALM 125

The Lord Surrounds His People.

A Song of Ascents.

- T**HOSE who trust in the LORD
Are as Mount Zion, which

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- ^acannot be moved, but
^babides forever.
- 2 As the mountains surround
Jerusalem,
So ^athe LORD surrounds His
people
^bFrom this time forth and
forever.
- 3 For the ^ascepter of wicked-
ness shall not rest upon
the ¹land of the right-
eous;
That the righteous ^bmay not
put forth their hands to
do wrong.
- 4 ¶ ^aDo good, O LORD, to
those who are good,
And to those who are ^bup-
right in their hearts.
- 5 But as for those who ^aturn
aside to their ^bcrooked
ways,
The LORD will lead them
away with the ^cdoers of
iniquity.
^dPeace be upon Israel.

PSALM 126

*Thanksgiving for Return from
Captivity.*

A Song of Ascents.

- W**HEN the LORD ^abrought
back ¹the captive ones of
Zion,
We were ^blike those who
dream.
- 2 Then our ^amouth was filled
with laughter,
And our ^btongue with joyful
shouting;
Then they said among the
nations,
"The LORD has ^cdone great
things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great
things for us;
We are ^aglad.
- 4 ¶ Restore our captivity, O
LORD,
As the ¹streams in the
²South.

¹Ps. 46:5
^bPs. 61:7;
Eccl. 1:4
²Zech.
2:5 ^bPs. 121:8
³Lit., lot
^aPs. 89:22;
Prov. 22:8; Is.
14:5 ^b1 Sam.
24:10; Ps.
55:20; Acts
12:1
⁴Ps.
119:68 ^bPs.
7:10; 11:2;
32:11; 36:10;
94:15
⁵Job
23:11; Ps.
40:4; 101:3
^bProv. 2:15;
Is. 59:8 ^cPs.
92:7; 94:4
^dPs. 128:6;
Gal. 6:16
¹Or,
those who re-
turned to
^aPs. 85:1; Jer.
29:14; Hos.
6:11 ^bActs
12:9
²Job 6:21
^bPs. 51:14; Is.
35:6 ^c1 Sam.
12:24; Ps.
71:19; Luke
1:49
³Is. 25:9;
Zeph. 3:14
⁴Lit.,
stream-beds
²Heb., Nagev
^aIs. 35:6;
43:19
⁵Ps. 80:5;
Jer. 31:9; 16;
Lam. 1:2 ^bIs.
35:10; 51:11;
61:7; Gal. 6:9
¹Ps.
78:69 ^bPs.
121:4
²Lit., de-
lay sitting
²Lit., toils
^aGen. 3:17, 19
^bPs. 60:5 ^cJob
11:18, 19;
Prov. 3:24;
Eccl. 5:12
³Or, heri-
tage
^aGen. 33:5;
48:4; Josh.
24:3, 4; Ps.
113:9 ^bDeut.
7:13; 28:4; Is.
13:18
⁴Ps.
112:2; 120:4
⁵Ps.
128:2, 3
^bProv. 27:11
^cIs. 29:21;
Amos 5:12
^dGen. 34:20
¹Ps.
112:1; 119:1
^bPs. 119:3

- 5 Those who sow in ^atears
shall reap with ^bjoyful
shouting.
- 6 He who goes to and fro
weeping, carrying his
bag of seed,
Shall indeed come again
with a shout of joy, bring-
ing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 127

Prosperity Comes from the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of Solomon.

- U**NLESS the LORD ^abuilds the
house,
They labor in vain who
build it;
Unless the LORD ^bguards
the city,
The watchman keeps
awake in vain.
- 2 It is vain for you to rise up
early,
To ¹retire late,
To ^aeat the bread of ²painful
labors;
For He gives to His ^bbeloved
^ceven in his sleep.
- 3 ¶ Behold, ^achildren are a
¹gift of the LORD;
The ^bfruit of the womb is a
reward.
- 4 Like arrows in the hand of a
^awarrior,
So are the children of one's
youth.
- 5 How ^ablessed is the man
whose quiver is full of
them;
^bThey shall not be ashamed,
When they ^cspeak with
their enemies ^din the
gate.

PSALM 128

Blessedness of the Fear of the LORD.

A Song of Ascents.

- ^a**H**OW blessed is everyone
who fears the LORD,
Who ^bwalks in His ways.

- 2 When you shall eat of the
fruit of your hands,
You will be happy and it
will be well with you.
- 3 Your wife shall be like a
fruitful vine,
Within your house,
Your children like olive
plants
Around your table.
- 4 Behold, for thus shall the
man be blessed
Who fears the LORD.

- 5 ¶ The LORD bless you
from Zion,
And may you see the prosper-
ity of Jerusalem all
the days of your life.
- 6 Indeed, may you see your
children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

PSALM 129

*Prayer for the Overthrow of Zion's
Enemies.*

A Song of Ascents.

- 66 **M**ANY times they have
persecuted me from
my youth up,
Let Israel now say,
2 Many times they have
persecuted me from my
youth up;
Yet they have not pre-
vailed against me.
- 3 The plowers plowed upon
my back;
They lengthened their fur-
rows."
- 4 The LORD is righteous;
He has cut in two the cords
of the wicked.
- 5 ¶ May all who hate Zion,
Be put to shame and turned
backward.
- 6 Let them be like grass upon
the housetops,
Which withers before it
grows up;

2 ¹Lt., la-
bor
Is. 2:10; Hag.
109:11; Hag.
2:17; Eccl.
8:12, Eph. 6:2
3 ¹Lt., in
the innermost
parts of
Ezek. 19:10
Ps. 52:8;
144:12
4 ¹Ps.
134:3; Ps.
20:2, 135:21
5 ¹Gen.
48:11; 50:23;
Job 42:16, Ps.
103:17, Prov.
17:6; Ps.
125:5
6 ¹Lt.,
Much ¹Lt.,
showed hos-
tility toward
Ex. 1:11,
Judg. 3:8, Ps.
88:15; Ps.
47:12, Jer.
2:2, 22:21,
Ezek. 16:22;
Hos. 2:15,
11:1; Ps.
124:1
7 ¹Lt.,
Much ¹Lt.,
showed hos-
tility toward
Jer. 1:18;
15:20, 20:11,
Matt. 18:18,
2 Cor. 4:8, 9
8 ¹Ps.
119:137; Ps.
140:5
9 ¹Mic.
4:11; Ps.
70:3, 71:13
10 ¹Lt.,
drawn and
2 Kin. 18:26,
Ps. 37:2, Is.
37:27
11 ¹Lt.,
palm
Ps. 78:12
12 ¹Ruth
2:4, Ps.
118:26
13 ¹Ps. 42:7,
69:2, Lam.
3:55
14 ¹Ps. 64:1,
119:149
15 ¹Chr. 6:40,
Neh. 1:8, 11
16 ¹Ps. 28:2,
140:6
17 ¹Heb.,
Yam
Ps. 78:7,
143:2, Neh.
1:6, Mal. 3:2,
Rev. 8:17
18 ¹Ex. 34:7,
Neh. 8:17; Ps.
86:5, Is. 55:7,
Dan. 9:9
19 ¹Kin. 6:39,
40; Jer.
33:8, 9

- 7 With which the reaper does
not fill his hand,
Or the binder of sheaves his
bosom;
- 8 Nor do those who pass by
say,
"The blessing of the LORD be
upon you;
We bless you in the name of
the LORD."

PSALM 130

Hope in the LORD's Forgiving Love.

A Song of Ascents.

- O**UT of the depths I have
cried to Thee, O LORD.
- 2 Lord, hear my voice!
Let Thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my suppli-
cations.
- 3 If Thou, LORD, shouldst
mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
4 But there is forgiveness
with Thee,
That Thou mayest be
feared.
- 5 ¶ I wait for the LORD, my
soul does wait,
And in His word do I hope.
- 6 My soul waits for the Lord
More than the watchmen
for the morning;
Indeed, more than the
watchmen for the morn-
ing.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD;
For with the LORD there is
lovingkindness,
And with Him is abundant
redemption.
- 8 And He will redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

3 ¹Lt., for Ps. 27:14, 33:20, 40:1, 42:1, 5:1a, 8:17,
28:5; Ps. 118:74, 81
4 ¹Ps. 63:6, 119:147
5 ¹Ps. 131:3; Ps. 86:5, 102:4; Ps. 111:9, Rom. 3:24,
Eph. 1:7
6 ¹Ps. 103:3, 4, Luke 1:68, Titus 2:14

PSALM 131

Childlike Trust in the LORD.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

- O** LORD, my heart is not
 *proud, nor my eyes
^{1b}haughty;
 Nor do I ²involve myself in
 *great matters,
 Or in things ^dtoo ³difficult
 for me.
 2 Surely I have *composed
 and quieted my soul;
 Like a weaned ^bchild rests
¹against his mother,
 My soul is like a weaned
 child ¹within me.
 3 O Israel, *hope in the LORD
^bFrom this time forth and
 forever.

PSALM 132

*Prayer for the LORD's Blessing upon
 the Sanctuary.*

A Song of Ascents.

- R**EMEMBER, O LORD, on Da-
 vid's behalf,
 All *his affliction;
 2 How he swore to the LORD,
 And vowed to *the Mighty
 One of Jacob,
 3 "Surely I will not ¹enter *my
 house,
 Nor ²lie on my bed;
 4 I will not *give sleep to my
 eyes,
 Or slumber to my eyelids;
 5 Until I find a *place for the
 LORD,
¹A dwelling place for ^bthe
 Mighty One of Jacob."
 6 ¶ Behold, we heard of it in
 *Ephrathah;
 We found it in the ^bfield of
¹Jaar.
 7 Let us go into His ¹dwelling
 place;
 Let us ^bworship at His ^cfoot-
 stool.

¹Or, lofty
¹Lit., go after,
 walk ²Or,
 marvelous
²Sam.
 22:28; Ps.
 101:5; Is.
 2:12; Zeph.
 3:11 ^bProv.
 30:13; Is. 5:15
^cJer. 45:5;
 Rom. 12:16
^dJob 42:3; Ps.
 139:6
²Or,
 upon
^aPs. 62:1
^bMatt. 18:3;
 1 Cor. 14:20
³^aPs.
 130:7 ^bPs.
 113:2
¹^aGen.
 49:24; 2 Sam.
 16:12
²^aGen.
 49:24; Is.
 49:26; 60:16
³¹Lit.,
 come into the
 tabernacle of
²Lit., go up
 into the
 couch of
^aJob 21:28
⁴^aProv.
 6:4
⁵¹Lit.,
 Dwelling
 places
^a1 Kin. 8:17;
 1 Chr. 22:7;
 Ps. 26:8; Acts
 7:46 ^bPs.
 132:2
⁶¹Or, the
 wood
^aGen. 35:19;
 1 Sam. 17:12
^b1 Sam. 7:1
⁷¹Lit.,
 dwelling
 places
^aPs. 43:3 ^bPs.
 5:7; 99:5
^c1 Chr. 28:2
⁸^aNum.
 10:35; 2 Chr.
 6:41; Ps. 68:1
^bPs. 132:14
^cPs. 78:61
⁹^aJob
 29:14 ^bPs.
 30:4; 132:16;
 149:5
¹⁰^aPs. 2:2;
 132:17
¹¹^aPs. 89:3;
 35 ^b2 Sam.
 7:12-16;
 1 Chr. 17:11-
 14; 2 Chr.
 6:16; Ps. 89:4;
 Acts 2:30
¹²^aLuke
 1:32; Acts
 2:30
¹³^aPs. 48:1;
 2:78-88 ^bPs.
 68:16
¹⁴^aPs.
 132:8 ^bPs.
 68:16; Matt.
 23:21

- 8 *Arise, O LORD, to Thy ^brest-
 ing place;
 Thou and the ark of Thy
^cstrength.
 9 Let Thy priests be *clothed
 with righteousness;
 And let Thy ^bgodly ones
 sing for joy.
 10 ¶ For the sake of David Thy
 servant,
 Do not turn away the face of
 Thine *anointed.
 11 The LORD has *sworn to Da-
 vid,
 A truth from which He will
 not turn back;
^b"Of the fruit of your body I
 will set upon your throne.
 12 "If your sons will keep My
 covenant,
 And My testimony which I
 will teach them,
 Their sons also shall *sit
 upon your throne for-
 ever."
 13 ¶ For the LORD has *chosen
 Zion;
 He has ^bdesired it for His
 habitation.
 14 "This is My *resting place
 forever;
 Here I will ^bdwell, for I have
 desired it.
 15 "I will abundantly *bless her
 provision;
 I will ^bsatisfy her needy
 with bread.
 16 "Her *priests also I will
 clothe with salvation;
 And her *godly ones will
 sing aloud for joy.
 17 "There I will cause the *horn
 of David to spring forth;
 I have prepared a ^blamp for
 Mine anointed.
 18 "His enemies I will *clothe
 with shame;
 But upon himself his
^bcrown shall shine."

18 ^aPs. 147:14 ^bPs. 107:9
 10 ^a2 Chr. 6:41; Ps. 132:9
 17 ^aEzek. 29:21; Luke 1:69 ^b1 Kin. 11:36; 15:4; 2 Kin.
 8:19; 2 Chr. 21:7; Ps. 18:28
 18 ^aJob 8:22; Ps. 35:26; 109:29 ^bPs. 21:3

PSALM 133

The Excellency of Brotherly Unity.

A Song of Ascents, of David.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is
For ^abrothers to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious ^aoil upon the head,
Coming down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard,
Coming down upon the ^bedge of his robes.
3 It is like the ^adew of ^bHermon,
Coming down upon the ^cmountains of Zion;
For there the LORD ^dcommanded the blessing—
^elife forever.

PSALM 134

Greetings of Night Watchers.

A Song of Ascents.

BEHOLD, ^abless the LORD, all ^bservants of the LORD,
Who ^cserve ^dby night in the house of the LORD!
2 ^aLift up your hands to the ^bsanctuary,
And bless the LORD.
3 May the LORD ^abless you from Zion,
He who ^bmade heaven and earth.

PSALM 135

*Praise the LORD's Wonderful Works.
Vanity of Idols.*

PRAISE ^athe LORD!
Praise the name of the LORD;
Praise Him, O ^bservants of the LORD,
2 You who stand in the house of the LORD,
In the ^acourts of the house of our God!

1 ^aGen. 13:8; Heb. 13:1
2 ^aEx. 29:7; 30:25, 30; Lev. 8:12 ^bEx. 28:33; 38:24
3 ^aProv. 19:12; Hos. 14:5; Mic. 5:7
4 ^aDeut. 3:9; 4:48 ^bPs. 48:2; 74:2, 78:68
5 ^aLev. 25:21; Deut. 28:8; Ps. 42:8 ^bPs. 21:4
1 ^aLit. stand
2 ^aPs. 103:21
3 ^aPs. 135:1, 2
4 ^aDeut. 10:8; 1 Chr. 23:30; 2 Chr. 29:11
5 ^a1 Chr. 9:33
3 ^aPs. 28:2; 1 Tim. 2:8
4 ^aPs. 63:2
3 ^aPs. 128:5 ^bPs. 124:8
1 ^aOr, Hal-
leluah!
2 ^aHeb. YAM
3 ^aPs. 113:1
4 ^aPs. 134:1
3 ^aPs. 92:13, 118:19
3 ^aOr, Hal-
leluah!
2 ^aHeb. YAM
3 ^aPs. 100:5; 119:68 ^bPs. 98:4
4 ^aPs. 147:1
4 ^aHeb. YAM
5 ^aOr, special treasure
6 ^aDeut. 7:6; 10:15; Ps. 105:6 ^bEx. 19:5; Mal. 3:17; Titus 2:14, 1 Pet. 2:9
3 ^aPs. 48:1; 95:3, 145:3
4 ^aPs. 97:9
5 ^aPs. 115:3
7 ^aLit. The one who ^bi.e., clouds
8 ^aJer. 10:13; 51:18 ^bJob. 28:25, 28; 38:25, 28; Zach. 10:1
9 ^aJer. 10:13; 51:18
8 ^aLit. The one who ^bLit. From man to beast
9 ^aEx. 12:12; Ps. 78:51; 105:36
9 ^aLit. The one who
10 ^aEx. 7:10; Deut. 8:22; Ps. 78:43 ^bPs. 136:15
3 ^aPraise ^bthe LORD, for ^cthe LORD is good;
4 ^aSing praises to His name, ^bfor it is lovely.
5 For ^athe LORD has ^bchosen Jacob for Himself,
Israel for His ^cown possession.
6 ^aFor I know that ^bthe LORD is great,
And that our Lord is ^cabove all gods.
7 ^aWhatever the LORD pleases, He does,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.
8 ^aHe ^bcauses the ^cvapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
Who ^dmakes lightnings for the rain;
Who ^ebrings forth the wind from His treasures.
9 ^aHe ^bsmote the first-born of Egypt,
^cBoth of man and beast.
10 ^aHe sent ^bsigns and wonders into your midst, O Egypt,
Upon ^cPharaoh and all his servants.
11 ^aHe ^bsmote many nations,
And slew mighty kings,
12 ^aSihon, king of the Amorites,
And ^bOg, king of Bashan,
And ^call the kingdoms of Canaan;
13 And He ^agave their land as a heritage,
A heritage to Israel His people.
14 Thy ^aname, O LORD, is everlasting,
Thy ^bremembrance, O LORD, ^cthroughout all generations.

10 ^aLit. The one who ^bNum. 21:24; Ps. 135:10-12; 136:17-21 ^cPs. 44:2
11 ^aNum. 21:21-28; Deut. 29:7 ^bNum. 21:33-35 ^cJosh. 12:7-24
12 ^aDeut. 29:8; Ps. 78:55; 136:21, 22
13 ^aOr, memorial ^bLit. to ^cEx. 3:15; Ps. 102:12

- 14 For the LORD will ^ajudge His people,
And ^bwill have compassion on His servants.
- 15 The ^aidols of the nations are but silver and gold,
The work of man's hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but they do not speak;
They have eyes, but they do not see;
- 17 They have ears, but they do not hear;
Nor is there any breath at all in their mouths.
- 18 Those who make them will be like them,
Yes, everyone who trusts in them.
- 19 ¶ O house of ^aIsrael, bless the LORD;
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD;
- 20 O house of Levi, bless the LORD;
You ^awho ¹revere the LORD, bless the LORD.
- 21 Blessed be the LORD ^afrom Zion,
Who ^bdwells in Jerusalem.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 136

Thanks for the LORD's Goodness to Israel.

- ^a**G**IVE thanks to the LORD, for ^bHe is good;
For ^cHis lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 2 Give thanks to the ^aGod of gods,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 3 Give thanks to the ^aLord of lords,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 4 To Him who ^aalone does great ¹wonders,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

14 ^aDeut. 32:36; Ps. 50:4; ^bPs. 90:13; 106:46
18 ^aPs. 115:4-8; 135:15-18
19 ^aPs. 115:9
20 ¹Lit., fear
^aPs. 118:4
21 ¹Or, Hal-
lelujah!
²Heb., YAH
^aPs. 128:5;
134:3; ^bPs. 132:14
1 ^aChr. 16:34; Ps. 108:1; 107:1;
118:1; Jer. 33:11 ²Chr. 5:13; 7:3;
Ezra 3:11; Ps. 100:5 ^aChr. 16:41; 2 Chr. 20:21; Ps. 118:1-4
2 ^aDeut. 10:17
3 ^aDeut. 10:17
4 ¹Lit., wonderful
acts
^aDeut. 6:22;
Job 9:10; Ps. 72:18
5 ¹Lit.,
with under-
standing
^aGen. 1:1; ^bPs. 104:24; Prov. 3:19; Jer. 10:12; 51:15
6 ^aGen. 1:2, 8, 9; Ps. 42:2; Is. 42:5;
44:24; Jer. 10:12
7 ^aGen. 1:14-18; Ps. 74:16
8 ¹Or, over
the
^aGen. 1:16
9 ¹Or, over
the
^aGen. 1:16
10 ¹Lit.,
Egypt
^aEx. 12:29;
Ps. 78:51;
135:8
11 ^aEx. 12:51; 13:3;
Ps. 105:43
12 ^aEx. 6:1;
13:9; 1 Kin. 6:42; Neh. 1:10; Ps. 44:3;
Jer. 32:21
^bEx. 6:8;
Deut. 4:34;
5:15; 7:19;
9:29; 11:2;
2 Kin. 17:36;
2 Chr. 6:32;
Jer. 32:17
13 ¹Lit., Sea
of Reeds
²Lit., in parts
^aEx. 14:21;
Ps. 68:8;
78:13

- 5 To Him who ^amade the heavens ^{1b}with skill,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 6 To Him who ^aspread out the earth above the waters,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 7 To Him who ^amade the great lights,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 8 The ^asun to rule ^{1b}by day,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 9 The ^amoon and stars to rule ^{1b}by night,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 10 ¶ To Him who ^asmote ¹the Egyptians in their first-born,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 11 And ^abrought Israel out from their midst,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 12 With a ^astrong hand and an ^boutstretched arm,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 13 To Him who ^adivided the ¹Red Sea ²asunder,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 14 And ^amade Israel pass through the midst of it,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 15 But ^aHe ¹overthrew Pha-
raoh and his army in the ²Red Sea,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 16 To Him who ^aled His people through the wilderness,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;

14 ^aEx. 14:22; Ps. 108:9
15 ¹Lit., shook off ²Lit., Sea of Reeds ^aEx. 14:27; Ps. 78:53; 108:11
16 ^aEx. 13:18; 15:22; Deut. 8:15; Ps. 78:52

- 17 To Him who ^asmote great kings,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 18 And ^aslew ¹mighty kings,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting:
- 19 ^aSihon, king of the Amorites,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 20 And ^aOg, king of Bashan,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 21 And ^agave their land as a heritage,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 22 Even a heritage to Israel His ^aservant,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 23 ¶ Who ^aremembered us in our low estate,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 24 And has ^arescued us from our adversaries,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting:
- 25 Who ^agives food to all flesh,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 26 Give thanks to the ^aGod of heaven,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

PSALM 137

An Experience of the Captivity.

- B**Y the ^arivers of Babylon,
There we sat down and ^bwept,
When we remembered Zion.
- 2 Upon the ¹willows in the midst of it
We ^bhung our ²harps.
- 3 For there our captors ¹demanded of us ²songs,
And ^bour tormentors mirth,
saying,

17 ^aPs. 135:10-12; 136:17-22
18 ¹Lit., majestic
^aDeut. 20:7
19 ^aNum. 21:21-24
20 ^aNum. 21:33-35
21 ^aJosh. 12:1
22 ^aPs. 100:6, 14; 41:8; 44:1; 45:4
23 ^aPs. 9:12; 103:14; 108:45
24 ^aJudg. 6:9; Neh. 9:28; Ps. 107:2
25 ^aPs. 104:27; 145:15
26 ^aGen. 24:3, 7, 2; Chr. 36:23; Ezra 1:2, 5-11; Neh. 1:4
1 ^aEzek. 1:1, 3; Neh. 1:4
2 ¹Or, poplars ²Lit., lym
^aLev. 23:40; Is. 44:4; Job 30:31; Is. 24:8; Ezek. 26:13
3 ¹Lit., asked ²Lit., words of song
^aPs. 80:6; ¹Is. 49:17
4 ²Chr. 29:27; Neh. 12:46
5 ¹Is., become lame
¹Is. 65:11
6 ¹Lit., cause to ascend
Job 29:10; Ps. 22:15; Ezek. 3:20
^aNeh. 2:3
7 ^aPs. 83:4
8 ¹Is. 34:5, 8; Jer. 49:7-22; Lam. 4:21; Ezek. 25:12-14; 35:2; Amos 1:11; Obad. 10-14
^aPs. 74:7; Hab. 3:13
9 ¹Or, devastator ²Lit., your recompense
¹Is. 13:1-22; 47:1-13; Jer. 25:12; 50:1-46; 51:1-64
^aJer. 50:15; 51:24, 35, 38; 49: Rev. 18:6

"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."

- 4 ¶ How can we sing ^athe LORD's song
In a foreign land?
- 5 If I ^aforget you, O Jerusalem,
May my right hand ¹forget her skill.
- 6 May my ^atongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
If I do not remember you,
If I do not ¹exalt Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.
- 7 ¶ Remember, O LORD,
against the sons of ^aEdom
The day of Jerusalem,
Who said, "Raze it, raze it,
^bTo its very foundation."
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, you ¹devastated one,
How blessed will be the one
who ^brepays you
With ²the recompense with which you have repaid us.
- 9 How blessed will be the one
who seizes and ^adashes your little ones
Against the rock.

PSALM 138

Thanksgiving for the LORD's Favor.

A Psalm of David.

- I** WILL give Thee thanks with all my heart;
I will sing praises to Thee before the ^bgods.
- 2 I will bow down ^atoward Thy holy temple,
And ^bgive thanks to Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and Thy ¹truth;
For Thou hast ^cmagnified Thy ²word ³according to all Thy name.

9 ²Chr. 2:12; Is. 13:10; Hos. 13:10; Neh. 3:10
1 ^aPs. 111:1; ^aPs. 85:3; 98:4; 97:7
2 ¹Or, faithfulness ²Or, promise ³Or, together with
1 ¹Chr. 2:20; Ps. 5:7; 28:2; ^aPs. 140:13; ¹Is. 42:31

3 On the day I ^acalled Thou didst answer me;
Thou didst make me bold with ^bstrength in my soul.

4 ¶ ^aAll the kings of the earth will give thanks to Thee, O LORD,
When they have heard the words of Thy mouth.

5 And they will ^asing of the ways of the LORD.
For ^bgreat is the glory of the LORD.

6 For ^athough the LORD is exalted,
Yet He ^bregards the lowly;
But the ^chaughty He knows from afar.

7 ¶ Though I ^awalk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt ^brevive me;
Thou wilt ^cstretch forth Thy hand against the wrath of my enemies,
And Thy right hand will ^dsave me.

8 The LORD will ^aaccomplish what concerns me;
Thy ^blovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting;
^cDo not forsake the ^dworks of Thy hands.

PSALM 139

God's Omnipresence and Omniscience.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

O LORD, Thou hast ^asearched me and known me.

2 Thou ^adost know ¹when I sit down and ²when I rise up;
Thou ^bdost understand my thought from afar.

3 Thou ^adost ¹scrutinize my ²path and my lying down,
And art intimately acquainted with all my ways.

3 ^aPs. 118:5 ^bPs. 28:7, 48:1
4 ^aPs. 72:11; 102:13
5 ^aPs. 145:7 ^bPs. 21:5
6 ^aPs. 113:4-7
^bProv. 3:34; Is. 57:15; Luke 1:48; James 4:8; 1 Pet. 5:5 ^cPs. 40:4; 101:5
7 ¹Or, keep me alive
^aPs. 23:4; 143:11 ^bEzra 9:8, 9; Ps. 71:20; Is. 57:15 ^cEx. 7:5, 15:12; Is. 5:25; Jer. 51:25; Ezek. 6:14, 25:13
^dPs. 20:8; 60:5
8 ^aPs. 57:2; Phil. 1:8 ^bPs. 138:1 ^cJob 10:8; Ps. 27:9; 71:9; 119:8
^dJob 10:3; 14:15; Ps. 100:3
1 ^aPs. 17:3; 44:21; Jer. 12:3
2 ¹Lit., my sifting ²Lit., my rising
^a2 Kin. 19:27
^bPs. 94:11; Is. 66:18; Matt. 9:4
3 ¹Lit., winnow ²Or, journeying
^aJob 14:18; 31:4
4 ¹Lit., For there is not
^aHeb. 4:13
5 ^aPs. 34:7; 125:2 ^bJob 9:33
6 ^aRom. 11:33 ^bJob 42:3
7 ^aJer. 23:24
8 ¹I.e., the nether world
^aAmos 9:2-4
^bJob 26:8; Prov. 15:11
10 ^aPs. 23:2, 3
11 ¹Lit., bruise; some commentators read cover
^aJob 22:13
12 ¹Lit., from
^aJob 34:22; Dan. 2:22
^b1 John 1:5
13 ¹Lit., kidneys
^aPs. 119:73; Is. 44:24 ^bJob 10:11

4 ¹Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O LORD, Thou ^adost know it all.

5 Thou hast ^aenclosed me behind and before,
And ^bblaid Thy hand upon me.

6 Such ^aknowledge is ^btoo wonderful for me;
It is too high, I cannot attain to it.

7 ¶ ^aWhere can I go from Thy Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Thy presence?

8 ^aIf I ascend to heaven, Thou art there;
If I make my bed in ¹Sheol, behold, ^bThou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,

10 Even there Thy hand will ^alead me,
And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.

11 If I say, "Surely the ^adarkness will ^boverwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"

12 Even the ^adarkness is not dark ¹to Thee,
And the night is as bright as the day.

^bDarkness and light are alike to Thee.

13 ¶ For Thou didst ^aform my ¹inward parts;
Thou didst ^bweave me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to Thee, for ¹I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
^aWonderful are Thy works,
And my soul knows it very well.

14 ¹Some ancient versions read Thou art fearfully wonderful ^aPs. 40:5

- 15 My ¹frame was not hidden from Thee,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the ^bdepths of the earth.
- 16 Thine ^aeyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in ^bThy book they were all written,
The ^cdays that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.
- 17 ¶ How precious also are Thy ^athoughts to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 If I should count them, they would ^aoutnumber the sand.
When ^bI awake, I am still with Thee.
- 19 ¶ O that Thou wouldst ^aslay the wicked, O God;
^bDepart from me, therefore, ^cmen of bloodshed.
- 20 For they ^aspeak ¹against Thee wickedly,
And Thine enemies ^{2b}take Thy name in vain.
- 21 Do I not ^ahate those who hate Thee, O LORD?
And do I not ^bloathe those who rise up against Thee?
- 22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;
They have become my enemies.
- 23 ¶ ^aSearch me, O God, and know my heart;
^bTry me and know my anxious thoughts;
- 24 And see if there be any ^{1a}hurtful way in me,
And ^bblead me in the ^ceverlasting way.

18 ¹Lit., bones were
Job 10:8-10;
Eccl. 11:5
Ps 63:9
16 Job 10:8-10; Eccl. 11:5; Ps 56:8
Job 14:5
17 Ps 40:5; 82:5
18 Ps 40:5
Ps 3:5
19 ¹Lit., 11:4
Ps 6:8, 119:115; Ps 56:28-9
20 ¹Or, of
Some mss. read lift themselves up against Thee
Jude 15; Ex 20:7; Deut 5:11
21 ²Chr 19:2; Ps 26:5, 31:6; Ps 119:158
22 Job 31:6; Ps 26:2
Ps 7:9; Prov 17:3; Jer 11:20; 1 Thess. 2:4
24 ¹Lit., way of pain
Ps 146:9; Prov 15:9; 28:10; Jer 25:5, 38:3
Ps 5:8, 143:10; Ps 16:11
1 Ps 17:13; 50:2, 71:4; Ps 18:48; 88:14; 140:11
2 Ps 7:14, 38:4, 52:2; Prov 8:14, 15:50; 4, Hos 7:15; Ps 58:6
3 ¹Selah may mean Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude
Ps 57:4, 64:3; Ps 58:4; Rom. 3:13; James 3:6
4 ¹Or, devised ¹Lit., push violently
Ps 71:4; Ps 140:1; Ps 38:11
5 ¹Lit., track
Job 18:9; Ps 35:7, 141:9; 142:3; Ps 31:4, 57:6; Lam. 1:13
Ps 141:9; Is 8:14; Amos 3:5
6 Ps 18:2; 31:14; Ps 143:1; Ps 116:1; 130:2

PSALM 140

Prayer for Protection against the Wicked.

For the choir director. A Psalm of David.

- R**ESCUE me, O LORD, from evil men;
Preserve me from ^bviolent men,
- 2 Who ^adevise evil things in their hearts;
They ^bcontinually stir up wars.
- 3 They ^asharpen their tongues as a serpent;
^bPoison of a viper is under their lips. [¹Selah.]
- 4 ¶ ^aKeep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
^bPreserve me from violent men,
Who have ¹purposed to ^{2c}trip up my feet.
- 5 The proud have ^ahidden a trap for me, and cords;
They have spread a ^bnet by the ¹wayside;
They have set ^csnare for me. [¹Selah.]
- 6 ¶ I ^asaid to the LORD, "Thou art my God;
^bGive ear, O LORD, to the ^cvoice of my supplications.
- 7 "O ¹God the Lord, ^athe strength of my salvation,
Thou hast ^bcovered my head in the day of ²battle.
- 8 "Do not grant, O LORD, the ^adesires of the wicked;
Do not promote ^bhis evil device, lest they be exalted. [¹Selah.]
- 9 ¶ "As for the head of those who surround me,
May the ^amischievous of their lips cover them.

7 ¹Hab., YHWH, usually rendered Lord ¹Lit., weapons; Ps 28:2; 118:14; Ps 144:10
8 Ps 112:10; ¹Eccl. 8:25; Ps 10:2, 3
9 Ps 7:16; Prov 18:7

- 10 "May ^aburning coals fall upon them;
May they be ^bcast into the fire,
Into ¹deep pits from which they ^ccannot rise.
11 "May a ¹slanderer not be established in the earth;
^aMay evil hunt the violent man ²speedily."

- 12 ¶ I know that the LORD will ^amaintain the cause of the afflicted,
And ^bjustice for the poor.
13 Surely the ^arighteous will give thanks to Thy name;
The ^bupright will dwell in Thy presence.

PSALM 141

An Evening Prayer for Sanctification and Protection.

A Psalm of David.

- O** LORD, I call upon Thee;
^ahasten to me!
^bGive ear to my voice when I call to Thee!
2 May my prayer be ¹counted as ^aincense before Thee;
The ^blifting up of my hands as the ^cevening offering.
3 Set a ^aguard, O LORD, ¹over my mouth;
Keep watch over the ^bdoor of my lips.
4 ^aDo not incline my heart to any evil thing,
To practice deeds ¹of wickedness
With men who ^bdo iniquity;
And ^cdo not let me eat of their delicacies.
5 ¶ Let the ^arighteous smite me ¹in kindness and reprove me;
It is ^boil upon the head;
Do not let my head refuse it,
²For still my prayer ^cis ³against their wicked deeds.

¹⁰ ¹Lit., wattery
^aPs. 11:6 ^bPs. 21:9; Matt. 3:10 ^cPs. 36:12
¹¹ ¹Lit., man of tongue ²Lit., thrust upon thrust
^aPs. 34:21
¹² ¹Kin. 8:45, 49; Ps. 9:4; 18:27; 82:3 ^bPs. 12:5, 35:10
¹³ ^aPs. 97:12 ^bPs. 11:7; 16:11; 17:15
¹ ^aPs. 22:19; 38:22; 70:5 ^bPs. 5:1; 143:1
² ¹Lit., fixed
^aEx. 30:8; Luke 1:10; Rev. 5:8; 8:3; 4 ^b1 Tim. 2:8
^cEx. 29:39; 41; 1 Kin. 18:29, 36; Dan. 9:21
³ ¹Lit., to
^aPs. 34:13; 39:1; Prov. 13:3; 21:23
^bMic. 7:5
⁴ ¹Lit., in
^aPs. 119:36
^bIsa. 32:6; Hos. 6:8; Mal. 3:15
^cProv. 23:6
⁵ ¹Or, lovingly ²Lit., And my prayer ³Or, in spite of their calamities
^aProv. 9:8; 19:25; 25:12; 27:6; Ecc. 7:5; Gal. 6:1
^bPs. 23:5; 133:2 ^cPs. 35:14
⁶ ²Chr. 25:12
⁷ ¹I.e., the nether world
^aPs. 129:3
^bPs. 53:5
^cNum. 16:32; 33; Ps. 88:3-5
⁸ ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Lit., pour out my soul
^aPs. 25:15; 123:2 ^bPs. 2:12; 11:1 ^cPs. 27:9
⁹ ¹Lit., hands of the trap
^aPs. 38:12; 64:5; 91:3; 119:110 ^bPs. 140:5

- 6 Their judges are ^athrown down by the sides of the rock,
And they hear my words, for they are pleasant.
7 As when one ^aplows and breaks open the earth,
Our ^bbones have been scattered at the ^cmouth of ¹Sheol.
8 ¶ For my ^aeyes are toward Thee, O ¹GOD, the LORD;
In Thee I ^btake refuge; ^cdo not ²leave me defenseless.
9 Keep me from the ¹jaws of the trap which they have set for me,
And from the ^bsnare of those who do iniquity.
10 Let the wicked ^afall into their own nets,
While I pass by ¹safely.

PSALM 142

Prayer for Help in Trouble.

^aMaskil of David, when he was ^cin the cave. A Prayer.

- I** ^aCRY aloud with my voice to the LORD;
I ^bmake supplication with my voice to the LORD.
2 I ^apour out my complaint before Him;
I declare my ^btrouble before Him.
3 When ^amy spirit ¹was overwhelmed within me,
Thou didst know my path.
In the way where I walk
They have ^bhidden a trap for me.
4 Look to the right and see;
For there is ^ano one who regards me;
¹There is no ^bescape for me;
^cNo one cares for my soul.

¹⁰ ¹Lit., altogether ^aPs. 7:15; 35:8; 57:6 ^bPs. 124:7
^c Possibly, Contemplative, or Didactic, or Skillful
Psalm
¹ Sam. 22:1; 24:3
¹ ^aPs. 77:1 ^bPs. 30:8
² ^aPs. 102:1 ^bPs. 77:2
³ ¹Lit., faintly ^aPs. 77:3; 143:4 ^bPs. 140:5
⁴ ¹Lit., Escape has perished from me ^aPs. 31:11; 88:8;
18 ^bJob 11:20; Jer. 25:35 ^cJer. 30:17

5 ¶ I cried out to Thee, O LORD;
I said, "Thou art ^amy refuge.
My ^bportion in the ^cland of the living.

6 "Give heed to my cry,
For I am ^bbrought very low;
Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are too ^cstrong for me.

7 "Bring my soul out of prison,
So that I may give thanks to Thy name;
The righteous will surround me,
For Thou wilt ^bdeal bountifully with me."

PSALM 143

Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance.

A Psalm of David.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD.
^aGive ear to my supplications!

Answer me in Thy ^bfaithfulness, in Thy ^crighteousness!

2 And ^ado not enter into judgment with Thy servant,
For in Thy sight ^bno man living is righteous.

3 For the enemy has persecuted my soul;
He has crushed my life ^ato the ground;
He ^bhas made me dwell in dark places, like those who have long been dead.

4 Therefore ^amy spirit is overwhelmed within me;
My heart is ^{2b}appalled within me.

5 ¶ I ^aremember the days of old;
I ^bmeditate on all Thy doings;
I ^cmuse on the work of Thy hands.

5 ^aPs. 91:2.
9 ^aPs. 18:5;
73:28 ^aPs.
27:13
6 ^aPs. 17:1
^aPs. 79:8
116:6 ^aPs.
18:17
7 ^aPs.
143:11, 148:7
^aPs. 13:6
1 ^aPs.
140:6 ^aPs.
89:1, 2 ^aPs.
71:2
2 ^aJob
14:3, 22:4
31 ^aKin. 8:48;
Job 4:17, 9:2;
25:4; ^aPs.
130:3; ^aEcc.
7:20; ^aRom.
3:10, 20; ^aGal.
2:18
3 ^aPs.
44:25 ^aPs.
88:8; ^aLam.
3:6
4 ^aLit.,
forsake ^aOr,
desolate
^aPs. 77:3;
142:3 ^aLam.
3:11
5 ^aPs. 77:3,
10, 11 ^aPs.
77:12 ^aPs.
105:2
6 ^aLit.,
weary ^aSelah
may mean.
Pause, Cres-
cendo or
Musical in-
terlude
^aJob 11:13,
Ps. 88:9 ^aPs.
42:2, 63:1
7 ^aPs.
69:17 ^aPs.
73:28, 84:2;
Jer. 8:18;
Lam. 1:22
^aPs. 27:9;
69:17; 102:2
^aPs. 28:1,
88:4
8 ^aPs.
90:14 ^aPs.
46:5 ^aPs. 25:2
^aPs. 27:11,
32:8, 88:11
^aPs. 25:1, 88:4
9 ^aLit., To
Those have I
hidden
^aPs. 31:15;
59:1
10 ^aLit.,
land
^aPs. 25:4, 5;
119:12 ^aNab.
2:20 ^aPs. 23:3
11 ^aPs.
25:11 ^aPs.
119:25 ^aPs.
31:1, 71:2
12 ^aOr, a-
lance
^aPs. 54:5 ^aPs.
52:5 ^aPs.
116:16
1 ^aPs. 18:2
32 ^aSam.
22:35; ^aPs.
18:34

6 I ^astretch out my hands to Thee;
My ^bsoul longs for Thee, as a ¹parched land. ²Selah.

7 ¶ Answer me quickly, O LORD, my ^bspirit fails;
^cDo not hide Thy face from me.

Lest I become like ^dthose who go down to the pit.

8 Let me hear Thy ^aloving-kindness ^bin the morning;

For I trust ^cin Thee;
Teach me the ^dway in which I should walk;
For to Thee I ^elift up my soul.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
I take refuge in Thee.

10 ¶ Teach me to do Thy will,
For Thou art my God;
Let ^bThy good Spirit ^clead me on level ¹ground.

11 For the sake of Thy name, O LORD, ^brevive me.
^cIn Thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And in Thy lovingkindness ^{1a}cut off my enemies,
And ^bdestroy all those who afflict my soul;
For ^cI am Thy servant.

PSALM 144

Prayer for Rescue and Prosperity.

A Psalm of David.

BLESSED be the LORD, ^amy rock,
Who ^btrains my hands for war,
And my fingers for battle;
2 My lovingkindness and ^amy fortress,
My ^bstronghold and my deliverer;
My ^cshield and He in whom I take refuge;

2 ^aPs. 18:2, 91:2 ^aPs. 59:9 ^aPs. 3:3, 28:7, 84:9

- Who ^dsubdues ^lmy people under me.
- 3 O LORD, ^awhat is man, that Thou dost take knowledge of him?
Or the son of man, that Thou dost think of him?
- 4 ^aMan is like a mere breath;
His ^bdays are like a passing shadow.
- 5 ¶ ^aBow Thy heavens, O LORD, and ^bcome down;
^cTouch the mountains, that they may smoke.
- 6 Flash forth ^alightning and scatter them;
Send out Thine ^barrows and confuse them.
- 7 Stretch forth Thy hand ^afrom on high;
Rescue me and ^bdeliver me out of great waters,
Out of the hand of ^caliens
- 8 Whose mouths ^aspeak deceit,
And whose ^bright hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 ¶ I will sing a ^anew song to Thee, O God;
Upon a ^bharp of ten strings I will sing praises to Thee,
- 10 Who dost ^agive salvation to kings;
Who ^bdost rescue David His servant from the evil sword.
- 11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of ^aaliens,
Whose mouth ^bspeaks deceit,
And whose ^cright hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 12 ¶ Let our sons in their youth be as ^agrown-up plants,
And our daughters as ^bcorner pillars ^lfashioned as for a palace;
- 13 Let our ^agarners be full, furnishing every kind of produce,

2 ^lAnother reading is peoples
4Ps. 18:39
3 ^aJob 7:17; Ps. 8:4; Heb. 2:6
4 ^aPs. 39:11; Job 8:9, 14:2; Ps. 102:11, 109:23
5 ^aPs. 18:9
6 ^aIs. 64:1; ^cPs. 104:32
7 ^aPs. 18:14; ^bPs. 7:13, 58:7; Hab. 3:11; Zech. 9:14
8 ^aPs. 18:16; ^bPs. 69:1, 14; ^cPs. 18:44, 54:3
9 ^aPs. 12:2, 41:6; ^bGen. 14:22; Deut. 32:40; Ps. 106:26; Is. 44:20
10 ^aPs. 33:3; 40:3; ^bPs. 33:2
11 ^aPs. 18:50; ^b2 Sam. 18:7; Ps. 140:7
12 ^aPs. 18:44, 54:3
13 ^aPs. 12:2; 41:6; ^bGen. 14:22; Deut. 32:40; Ps. 106:26; Is. 44:20
14 ^lLit., cut after the pattern of
15 ^aPs. 92:12-14; 128:3; ^bSong 4:4, 7:4
16 ^lLit., outside
17 ^aProv. 3:9, 10
18 ^lLit., be laden
19 ^lLit., bursting forth
20 ^lLit., going out
21 ^aProv. 14:4
22 ^a2 Kin. 25:10; 11; ^bAmos 5:3
23 ^aIs. 24:11; Jer. 14:2
24 ^aPs. 33:12
25 ^aPs. 30:1; 66:17; ^bPs. 5:2
26 ^aPs. 34:1
27 ^aPs. 71:6
28 ^aPs. 48:1; 86:10; 147:5
29 ^aJob 5:9; 9:10; 11:7; Is. 40:28; Rom. 11:33
30 ^aPs. 22:30, 31; Is. 38:19
31 ^lOr, majesty of Thy splendor
32 ^aPs. 145:12
33 ^aPs. 119:27

- And our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our ^lfields;
- 14 Let our ^acattle ^bbear,
Without ^{2b}mishap and without ^{3c}loss,
Let there be no ^doutcry in our streets!
- 15 How blessed are the people who are so situated;
How ^ablessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

PSALM 145

The LORD Extolled for His Goodness

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

- I WILL ^aextol Thee, ^bmy God, O King;
And I will ^cbless Thy name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless Thee,
And I will ^apraise Thy name forever and ever.
- 3 ^aGreat is the LORD, and highly to be praised;
And His ^bgreatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One ^ageneration shall praise Thy works to another,
And shall declare Thy mighty acts.
- 5 On the ^aglorious ^lsplendor of Thy majesty,
And ^bon Thy wonderful works, I will meditate.
- 6 And men shall speak of the ^lpower of Thine ^aawesome acts;
And I will ^btell of Thy greatness.
- 7 They shall ^leagerly utter the memory of Thine ^aabundant goodness,
And shall ^bshout joyfully of Thy righteousness.

6 ^lOr, strength ^aDeut. 10:21; Ps. 66:3; 106:22 ^bDeut. 32:3

7 ^lOr, bubble over with ^aPs. 31:19; Is. 63:7 ^bPs. 51:14

PSALM 146

*The LORD an Abundant Helper.***P**RAISE ²the LORD!¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul!2 I will praise the LORD ¹while I live;I will ¹sing praises to my God while I have my being.3 ¹Do not trust in princes, In ¹mortal ¹man, in whom there is ¹no salvation.4 His ¹spirit departs, he ¹returns to ¹the earth; In that very day his ¹thoughts perish.5 How ¹blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, Whose ¹hope is in the LORD his God;6 Who ¹made heaven and earth, The ¹sea and all that is in them;Who ¹keeps ¹faith forever;7 Who ¹executes justice for the oppressed; Who ¹gives food to the hungry.The LORD ¹sets the prisoners free.8 ¹The LORD ¹opens the eyes of the blind;The LORD ¹raises up those who are bowed down;The LORD ¹loves the righteous;9 The LORD ¹protects the ²strangers;He ³supports the fatherless and the widow;But He ⁴thwarts ¹the way of the wicked.10 The LORD will ¹reign forever,

Thy God, O Zion, to all generations.

¹Praise ²the LORD!7 ¹Ps. 103:6 ²Ps. 107:9; 145:15 ³Ps. 82:6; 145:18 ¹Ps. 113:7; John 8:12 ²Ps. 145:14 ³Ps. 113:79 ¹Or, keeps ²Or, supports ³Or, delivers ⁴Ps. 113:7; makes crooked ⁵Ex. 22:21; Lev. 19:34 ⁶Ps. 113:7; 145:110 ¹Or, Halleluyah! ²Ps. 113:7; Ex. 15:18; Ps. 103:18 ¹The LORD is ¹gracious and merciful; Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.9 The LORD is ¹good to all, And His ¹mercies are over all His works.10 ¹All Thy works shall give thanks to Thee, O LORD, And Thy ¹godly ones shall bless Thee.11 They shall speak of the ¹glory of Thy kingdom, And talk of Thy power;12 To ¹make known to the sons of men ¹Thy mighty acts, And the ¹glory of the majesty of ¹Thy kingdom.13 Thy kingdom is ¹an ¹everlasting kingdom, And Thy dominion ¹endures throughout all generations.14 ¹The LORD ¹sustains all who fall, And ¹raises up all who are bowed down.15 The eyes of all ¹look to Thee, And Thou ¹dost give them their food in due time.16 Thou ¹dost open Thy hand, And dost satisfy the desire of every living thing.17 ¹The LORD is ¹righteous in all His ways, And kind in all His deeds.18 The LORD is ¹near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him ¹in truth.19 He will ¹fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also ¹hear their cry and will save them.20 The LORD ¹keeps all who love Him; But all the ¹wicked, He will destroy.21 My ¹mouth will speak the praise of the LORD; And ¹all flesh will ¹bless His holy name forever and ever.8 ¹Ex. 34:6; Num. 14:18; Ps. 86:5, 15; 103:89 ¹Ps. 100:5; 138:1; Jer. 33:11;

Nah. 1:7; Matt. 19:17;

Mark 10:18 ²Ps. 145:1510 ¹Ps. 19:1; 103:22 ²Ps. 86:2611 ¹Jer. 14:2112 ¹Is. 40:5; ²Ps. 105:1³Ps. 145:5; Is. 2:10, 19, 2113 ¹Is. 40:5; ²Ps. 105:114 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:115 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:116 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:117 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:118 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:119 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:120 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:121 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:122 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:123 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:124 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:125 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:126 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:127 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:128 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:129 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:130 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:131 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:132 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:133 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:134 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:135 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:136 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:137 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:138 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:139 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:140 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:141 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:142 ¹Ps. 105:1; 106:1

PSALM 147

Praise for Jerusalem's Restoration and Prosperity.

- 1 PRAISE** ²the LORD!
For ^ait is good to sing
praises to our God;
For ³it is pleasant and
praise is ^bbecoming.
- 2** The LORD ^abuilds up Jerusa-
lem;
He ^bgathers the outcasts of
Israel.
- 3** He heals the ^abroken-
hearted,
And ^bbinds up their
¹wounds.
- 4** He ^acounts the number of
the stars;
He ^bgives names to all of
them.
- 5** ^aGreat is our Lord, and
abundant in strength;
His ^bunderstanding is ¹infi-
nite.
- 6** The LORD ^{1a}supports the af-
flicted;
He brings down the wicked
to the ground.
- 7** ^aSing to the LORD with
thanksgiving;
Sing praises to our God on
the lyre,
- 8** Who ^acovers the heavens
with clouds,
Who ^bprovides rain for the
earth,
Who ^cmakes grass to ¹grow
on the mountains.
- 9** He ^agives to the beast its
food,
And to the ^byoung ravens
which cry.
- 10** He does not delight in the
strength of the ^ahorse;
He ^bdoes not take pleasure
in the legs of a man.
- 11** The LORD ^afavors those who
fear Him,
^bThose who wait for His
lovingkindness.

¹ Or, Hal-
lelujah!
² Heb., YAH
³ Or, He is
gracious
^a Ps. 92:1;
135:3 ^b Ps.
33:1
² ^a Ps.
51:18, 102:16
^b Deut. 30:3,
Ps. 106:47; Is.
11:12; 56:8;
Ezek. 39:28
³ ¹ Lit., sur-
rounds
^a Ps. 34:18;
51:17; Is. 61:1
^b Job 5:18; Is.
30:26; Ezek.
34:16
⁴ ¹ Or, calls
them all by
their names
^a Gen. 15:5
^b Is. 40:26
⁵ ¹ Lit., in-
numerable
^a Ps. 48:1;
145:3 ^b Is.
40:28
⁶ ¹ Or, re-
lieves
^a Ps. 37:24;
146:8, 9
⁷ ^a Ps. 33:2;
95:1, 2
⁸ ¹ Lit.,
spring forth
^a Job 26:8
^b Job 5:10;
38:26; Ps.
104:13 ^c Job
38:27; Ps.
104:14
⁹ ^a Ps.
104:27, 28;
145:15 ^b Job
38:41; Matt.
6:26
¹⁰ ^a Ps.
33:17 ^b 1 Sam.
16:7
¹¹ ^a Ps.
149:4 ^b Ps.
33:18
¹² ^a Neh.
3:3; 7:3 ^b Ps.
37:26
¹³ ¹ Lit.,
your borders
peace ² Lit.,
fat
^a Ps. 29:11; Is.
54:13; 60:17;
18 ^b Ps.
132:15 ^c Deut.
32:14; Ps.
81:16
¹⁵ ^a Job
37:12; Ps.
148:5 ^b Ps.
104:4
¹⁶ ^a Job
37:8; Ps.
148:8 ^b Job
38:29
¹⁷ ^a Job
37:10 ^b Job
37:9
¹⁸ ^a Ps. 33:9;
107:20;
147:15 ^b Ps.
107:25

- 12** ^a Praise the LORD, O Jeru-
salem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- 13** For He has strengthened
the ^abars of your gates;
He has ^bblessed your sons
within you.
- 14** He ^amakes ¹peace in your
borders;
He ^bsatisfies you with ^cthe
²finest of the wheat.
- 15** He sends forth His ^acom-
mand to the earth;
His ^bword runs very swiftly.
- 16** He gives ^asnow like wool;
He scatters the ^bfrost like
ashes.
- 17** He casts forth His ^aice as
fragments;
Who can stand before His
^bcold?
- 18** He ^asends forth His word
and melts them;
He ^bcauses His wind to
blow and the waters to
flow.
- 19** He ^adeclares His words to
Jacob,
His ^bstatutes and His ordi-
nances to Israel.
- 20** He ^ahas not dealt thus with
any nation;
And as for His ordinances,
they have ^bnot known
them.
¹ Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 148

*The Whole Creation Invoked to
Praise the LORD.*

- 1 PRAISE** ²the LORD!
Praise the LORD ^afrom the
heavens;
Praise Him ^bin the heights!
- 2** Praise Him, ^aall His angels;
Praise Him, ^ball His hosts!

¹⁹ ^a Deut. 33:3, 4 ^b Mal. 4:4
²⁰ ¹ Or, Hallelujah! ² Heb., YAH ^a Deut. 4:7, 8, 32-34;
Rom. 3:1, 2 ^b Ps. 79:6; Jer. 10:25
¹ ¹ Or, Hallelujah! ² Heb., YAH ^a Ps. 68:34 ^b Job 16:19;
Ps. 102:19; Matt. 21:9
² ^a Ps. 103:20 ^b Ps. 103:21

- 3 Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all stars of light!
- 4 Praise Him, ¹highest heavens,
And the ^bwaters that are
above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of
the LORD,
For ^aHe commanded and
they were created.
- 6 He has also ^aestablished
them forever and ever;
He has made a ^bdecree
which will not pass away.
- 7 [¶] Praise the LORD from the
earth,
^aSea monsters and all
^bdeeps;
- 8 ^aFire and hail, ^bsnow and
^cclouds;
^dStormy wind, ^afulfilling
His word;
- 9 ^aMountains and all hills;
Fruit ^btrees and all cedars;
- 10 ^aBeasts and all cattle;
^bCreeping things and
winged fowl;
- 11 ^aKings of the earth and all
peoples;
Princes and all judges of the
earth;
- 12 Both young men and vir-
gins;
Old men and children.
- 13 [¶] Let them praise the name
of the LORD,
For His ^aname alone is ex-
alted;
His ^bglory is above earth
and heaven.
- 14 And He has ^alifted up a horn
for His people,
^bPraise for all His godly
ones;
Even for the sons of Israel, a
people ^cnear to Him.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

4 ¹Lit.
heavens of
heavens
^aDeut. 10:14;
1 Kin. 8:27;
Neh. 9:6; Ps.
88:33 ²Gen.
1:7
8 ^aGen.
1:1, Ps.
33:6, 9
6 ^aPs.
88:37, Jer.
31:35, 36;
33:20, 25
^bJob 38:33
7 ^aGen.
1:21, Ps.
74:13 ²Gen.
1:2, Deut.
33:13, Hab.
3:10
8 ^aPs.
18:12 ^bPs.
147:16 ^cPs.
138:7 ^dPs.
107:25 ^eJob
37:12, Ps.
103:20
9 ^aIs.
44:23, 49:13
^bIs. 58:12
10 ^aIs. 43:20
^bHos. 2:18
11 ^aPs.
102:15
13 ^aIs. 12:4
^bPs. 8:1,
113:4
14 ¹Or, Hal-
leluah!
²Heb., Yau
^a1 Sam. 2:1,
Ps. 75:10
^bDeut. 10:21,
Ps. 109:1, Jer.
17:14 ^cLev.
10:3; Eph.
2:17
1 ¹Or, Hal-
leluah!
²Heb., Yau
^aPs. 33:3 ^bPs.
35:18, 88:5
3 ^aPs. 95:6
^bJudg. 8:23;
Ps. 47:6,
Zech. 9:9
3 ^c2 Sam.
6:14, Ps.
150:4 ^dEx.
15:20, Ps.
81:2
4 ^aJob
38:11, Ps.
18:11, 35:27;
147:11 ^bPs.
132:16; Is.
61:3
5 ^aPs.
132:16 ^bJob
35:10, Ps.
42:8
6 ¹Lit.
through
^aPs. 68:17
^bHeb. 4:12
^cNeh. 4:17
7 ^aEzek.
25:17; Mic.
5:15
8 ^aJob 38:8
^bNah. 3:10

PSALM 149

¹ Israel Invoked to Praise the LORD.

- P**RAISE ²the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a ^anew
song.
And His praise ^bin the con-
gregation of the godly
ones.
- 2 Let Israel be glad in ^aHis
Maker;
Let the sons of Zion rejoice
in their ^bKing.
- 3 Let them praise His name
with ^adancing;
Let them sing praises to
Him with ^btimbrel and
lyre.
- 4 For the LORD ^atakes plea-
sure in His people;
He will ^bbeautify the af-
flicted ones with salva-
tion.
- 5 [¶] Let the ^agodly ones exult
in glory;
Let them ^bsing for joy on
their beds.
- 6 Let the ^ahigh praises of God
be in their ^bmouth,
And a ^ctwo-edged ^dsword in
their hand,
- 7 To ^aexecute vengeance on
the nations,
And punishment on the
peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings ^awith
chains,
And their ^bnobles with fet-
ters of iron;
- 9 To ^aexecute on them the
judgment written;
This is an ^bhonor for all His
godly ones.
¹Praise ²the LORD!

PSALM 150

A Psalm of Praise.

- P**RAISE ²the LORD!
Praise God in His ^asanctu-
ary;

9 ¹Or, Hallelujah! ²Heb., Yau ^aDeut. 7:12; Ezek.
28:26 ^bPs. 112:2; 148:14
1 ¹Or, Hallelujah! ²Heb., Yau ^aPs. 73:17;
102:19

PROVERBS 1

- Praise Him in His mighty
^{3b}expanse.
- 2 Praise Him for His ^amighty
deeds;
Praise Him according to His
excellent ^bgreatness.
- 3 ¶ Praise Him with ^atrum-
pet sound;
Praise Him with ^bharp and
lyre.
- 4 Praise Him with ^atimbrel
and dancing;

¹ ^aOr.
firmament
^bPs. 19:1

² ^aPs.
145:12 ^bDeut.
32:4; Ps.
145:3

³ ^aPs. 98:6
^bPs. 33:2

⁴ ^aPs.
149:3 ^bPs.
45:8, Is. 38:20
^cGen. 4:21;
Job 21:12

- Praise Him with ^bstringed
instruments and ^cpipe.
- 5 Praise Him with loud ^acym-
bals;
Praise Him with resounding
cymbals.
- 6 Let ^aeverything that has
breath praise ¹the LORD.
²Praise ¹the LORD!

⁵ ^a2 Sam. 6:5; 1 Chr. 13:8, 15:16, Ezra 3:10; Neh.
12:27
⁶ ¹Heb., YAM ^aOr. Hallelujah! ^aPs. 103:22, 145:21

THE PROVERBS

The Usefulness of Proverbs

THE ^aproverbs of Solomon
^bthe son of David, king of Is-
rael:

- 2 To know ^awisdom and in-
struction,
To discern the sayings of
^bunderstanding.
- 3 To ^areceive instruction in
wise behavior,
^bRighteousness, justice and
equity;
- 4 To give ^aprudence to the
¹naive,
To the youth ^bknowledge
and discretion,
- 5 A wise man will hear and
^aincrease in learning,
And a ^bman of understand-
ing will acquire wise
counsel,
- 6 To understand a proverb
and a figure,
The words of the wise and
their ^ariddles.
- 7 ¶ ^aThe fear of the LORD is
the beginning of knowl-
edge;
Fools despise wisdom and
instruction.
- 8 ¶ ^aHear, my son, your fa-
ther's instruction,

¹ ^a1 Kin.
4:32; Prov.
10:1, 25:1,
Ecc. 12:9
^bEcc. 1:1

² ^aProv.
15:33 ^bProv.
4:1

³ ^aProv.
2:1, 19:20
^bProv. 2:9

⁴ ¹Lit.,
simple ones
^aProv. 8:5, 12
^bProv. 2:10,
11, 3:21

⁵ ^aProv.
9:9 ^bProv.
14:6, Ecc.
9:11

⁶ ^aNum.
12:8; Ps. 49:4;
78:2; Dan.
8:23

⁷ ^aJob
28:28, Ps.
111:10; Prov.
9:10, 15:33;
Ecc. 12:13

⁸ ^aProv.
4:1 ^bProv.
6:20

⁹ ¹Lit.,
necklaces
^aProv. 4:9
^bGen. 41:42;
Dan. 5:29

¹⁰ ^aProv.
16:29 ^bGen.
39:7-10; Deut.
13:8; Ps.
50:18; Eph.
5:11

¹¹ ^aProv.
12:6; Jer. 5:28
^bPs. 10:8;
Prov. 1:18

¹² ^aPs.
124:3 ^bPs.
28:1

¹⁴ ¹Lit., in
the midst of
us

- And ^bdo not forsake your
mother's teaching;
- 9 Indeed, they are a ^agraceful
wreath to your head,
And ¹ornaments about
your neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners ^aentice
you,
^bDo not consent.
- 11 If they say, "Come with us,
Let us ^alie in wait for blood,
Let us ^bambush the inno-
cent without cause;
- 12 Let us ^aswallow them alive
like Sheol,
Even whole, as those who
^bgo down to the pit;
- 13 We shall find all *kinds* of
precious wealth,
We shall fill our houses with
spoil;
- 14 Throw in your lot ¹with us,
We shall all have one
purse."
- 15 My son, ^ado not walk in the
way with them.
^bKeep your feet from their
path,
- 16 For ^atheir feet run to evil,
And they hasten to shed
blood.

¹⁵ ^aPs. 1:1; Prov. 4:14 ^bPs. 119:101
¹⁶ ^aProv. 6:17, 18; Is. 59:7

- 17 Indeed, it is ¹useless to spread the net
In the eyes of any ²bird;
18 But they ¹lie in wait for their own blood;
They ambush their own lives.
19 So are the ways of everyone who ¹gains by violence;
It takes away the life of its possessors.
20 ¹Wisdom shouts in the street,
She ¹lifts her voice in the square;
21 At the head of the noisy streets she cries out;
At the entrance of the gates in the city, she utters her sayings:
22 "How long, O ¹naive ones, will you love ²simplicity?
And ³scoffers delight themselves in scoffing,
And fools ¹hate knowledge?
23 "Turn to my reproof,
Behold, I will ¹pour out my spirit on you;
I will make my words known to you.
24 Because ¹I called, and you ¹refused;
I ¹stretched out my hand, and no one paid attention;
25 And you ¹neglected all my counsel,
And did not ¹want my reproof;
26 I will even ¹laugh at your ¹calamity;
I will mock when your ¹dread comes,
27 When your dread comes like a storm,
And your calamity comes on like a ¹whirlwind,
When distress and anguish come on you.
28 "Then they will ¹call on me, but I will not answer;
They will ¹seek me diligently, but they shall not find me.
- ¹⁷ ¹Lat., in vain ²Lat., possessor of wing
¹⁸ ¹Prov 11:19
¹⁹ ¹Prov 15:27
²⁰ ¹Lat., given
²¹ ¹Prov 8:1-3; 9:3
²² ¹Lat., simple ones
²³ ¹Or, naive
²⁴ ¹Prov 1:4, 32; 8:5, 9:4, 22:3
²⁵ ¹Ps 11
²⁶ ¹Prov 1:29; 5:12
²⁷ ¹Lat., 32:15, Joel 2:28, John 7:39
²⁸ ¹Lat., 85:12, 86:4, Jer 7:13
²⁹ ¹Zech 7:11
³⁰ ¹Lat., 85:2, Rom 10:21
³¹ ¹Ps 107:11, Luke 7:30
³² ¹Prov 15:10
³³ ¹Ps 2:4
³⁴ ¹Prov 6:15
³⁵ ¹Prov 10:24
³⁶ ¹Prov 10:25
³⁷ ¹Lat., 28:1, Sam 8:18, Job 27:9, 35:12, Ps 18:41, Is 1:15, Jer 11:11, 14:12, Ezek 8:18, Mic 3:4, Zech 7:13, James 4:3
³⁸ ¹Prov 8:17
³⁹ ¹Lat., 29:Job 21:14, Prov 1:22
⁴⁰ ¹Ps 81:11, Prov 1:25
⁴¹ ¹Lat., 31:Job 4:8, Prov 5:22, 23:22-6, Is 3:11, Jer 6:19
⁴² ¹Prov 14:14
⁴³ ¹Lat., simple ones
⁴⁴ ¹Jer 2:19
⁴⁵ ¹Lat., dwell
⁴⁶ ¹Ps 25:12, 13, Prov 3:24-26
⁴⁷ ¹Prov 4:10
⁴⁸ ¹Prov 3:1
⁴⁹ ¹Prov 23:17
⁵⁰ ¹Lat., Give
⁵¹ ¹Prov 3:14
⁵² ¹Job 3:21, Matt 13:44
⁵³ ¹Prov 1:7

- 29 Because they ¹hated knowledge,
And did not choose the fear of the LORD.
30 "They ¹would not accept my counsel,
They spurned all my reproof.
31 "So they shall ¹eat of the fruit of their own way,
And be ¹satiated with their own devices.
32 "For the ¹waywardness of the ¹naive shall kill them,
And the complacency of fools shall destroy them.
33 "But ¹he who listens to me shall ¹live securely,
And shall be at ease from the dread of evil."

CHAPTER 2

- M**Y son, if you will ¹receive my sayings,
And ¹treasure my commandments within you,
2 ¹Make your ear attentive to wisdom,
Incline your heart to understanding;
3 For if you cry for discernment,
¹Lift your voice for understanding;
4 If you seek her as ¹silver,
And search for her as for ¹hidden treasures;
5 Then you will discern the ¹fear of the LORD,
And discover the knowledge of God.
6 For ¹the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.
7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a ¹shield to those who walk in integrity.
8 Guarding the paths of justice,

6:1 Kin. 3:12; Job 32:8; James 1:5
7:1 Ps 84:11; Prov. 30:5

- And He ^apreserves the way
of His godly ones.
- 9 Then you will discern
^arighteousness and justice
And equity and every ^bgood
course.
- 10 For ^awisdom will enter your
heart,
And ^bknowledge will be
pleasant to your soul;
- 11 Discretion will ^aguard you,
Understanding will watch
over you,
- 12 To ^adeliver you from the
way of evil,
From the man who speaks
^bperverse things;
- 13 From those who ^aleave the
paths of uprightness,
To walk in the ^bways of
darkness;
- 14 Who ^adelight in doing evil,
And rejoice in the perversity
of evil;
- 15 Whose paths are ^acrooked,
And who are devious in
their ways;
- 16 To ^adeliver you from the
strange woman,
From the ^badulteress who
flatters with her words;
- 17 That leaves the ^acompanion
of her youth,
And forgets the ^bcovenant
of her God;
- 18 For ^aher house ^bsinks down
to death,
And her tracks lead to the
^cdead;
- 19 None ^awho go to her return
again,
Nor do they reach the
^bpaths of life.
- 20 So you will ^awalk in the way
of good men,
And keep to the ^bpaths of
the righteous.
- 21 For ^athe upright will ^blive in
the land,
And ^bthe blameless will re-
main in it;
- 22 But ^athe wicked will be cut
off from the land,

8 ^a1 Sam.
2:9; Ps. 66:9
9 ^aProv.
8:20 ^bProv.
4:18
10 ^aProv.
14:33 ^bProv.
22:18
11 ^aProv.
4:6, 6:22
12 ^aProv.
28:26 ^bProv.
6:12
13 ^aProv.
21:16 ^bPs.
82:5; Prov.
4:19; John
3:19, 20
14 ^aProv.
10:23, Jer.
11:15
15 ^aPs.
125:5, Prov.
21:8
16 ^aLit.,
strange
woman
^aProv. 6:24,
7:5 ^bProv.
23:27
17 ^aMal.
2:14, 15 ^bGen.
2:24
18 ^aLit.,
hows down
^aLit., de-
parted spirits
^aProv. 7:27
19 ^aEcc.
7:28 ^bPs.
16:11, Prov.
5:6
20 ^aHeb.
6:12 ^bProv.
4:18
21 ^aOr,
dwell
^aPs. 37:9, 29;
Prov. 10:30
^bProv. 28:10
22 ^aPs.
37:38, Prov.
10:30 ^bProv.
11:3 ^cDeut.
28:63; Ps.
52:5
1 ^aOr, law
^aPs. 119:61;
Prov. 4:5 ^bEx.
20:6; Deut.
30:16
2 ^aPs.
91:16; Prov.
3:16; 4:10;
9:11; 10:27
3 ^a2 Sam.
15:20; Prov.
14:22 ^bDeut.
6:8; 11:18;
Prov. 1:9;
6:21 ^cProv.
7:3; Jer. 17:1;
2 Cor. 3:3
4 ^aLit., un-
derstanding
^a1 Sam. 2:26;
Prov. 8:35;
Luke 2:52
^bPs. 111:10
5 ^aPs. 37:3,
5; Prov. 22:19
^bProv. 23:4;
Jer. 9:23

And ^bthe treacherous will
be ^cuprooted from it.

CHAPTER 3

- M**Y son, ^ado not forget my
^bteaching.
But let your heart ^bkeep my
commandments;
- 2 For ^alength of days and
years of life,
And peace they will add to
you.
- 3 Do not let ^akindness and
truth leave you;
^bBind them around your
neck,
^cWrite them on the tablet of
your heart.
- 4 So you will ^afind favor and
^bgood ^crepute
In the sight of God and man.
- 5 ^aTrust in the LORD with all
your heart,
And ^bdo not lean on your
own understanding.
- 6 In all your ways ^aacknowl-
edge Him,
And He will ^bmake your
paths straight.
- 7 ^aDo not be wise in your own
eyes;
^bFear the LORD and turn
away from evil.
- 8 It will be ^ahealing to your
^bbody,
And ^brefreshment to your
bones.
- 9 ^aHonor the LORD from your
wealth,
And from the ^bfirst of all
your produce;
- 10 So your ^abarns will be filled
with plenty,
And your ^bvats will over-
flow with new wine.
- 11 ^aMy son, do not reject the
^bdiscipline of the LORD,
Or loathe His reproof,

6 ^a1 Chr. 28:9; Prov. 16:3; Phil. 4:6; James 1:5 ^bIs.
45:13; Jer. 10:23
7 ^aRom. 12:16 ^bJob 1:1, 28:28; Prov. 8:13, 16:6
8 ^aLit., navel ^aProv. 4:22 ^bJob 21:24
9 ^aIs. 43:23 ^bEx. 23:19; Deut. 26:2; Mal. 3:10
10 ^aDeut. 28:8 ^bJoel 2:24
11 ^aOr, instruction ^aJob 5:17; Heb. 12:5, 6

12 For ^awhom the LORD loves
He reproves,
Even ^bas a father, the son in
whom he delights.

13 ¶ ^aHow blessed is the man
who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains un-
derstanding.

14 For its ^aprofit is better than
the profit of silver,
And its gain than fine gold.

15 She is ^amore precious than
^bjewels;
And nothing you desire
compares with her.

16 ^aLong life is in her right
hand;
In her left hand are ^briches
and honor.

17 Her ^aways are pleasant
ways,
And all her paths are
^bpeace.

18 She is a ^atree of life to those
who take hold of her,
And happy are all who hold
her fast.

19 The LORD ^aby wisdom
founded the earth;
By understanding He ^bes-
tablished the heavens.

20 By His knowledge the
^adeeps were broken up,
And the ^bskies drip with
dew.

21 My son, ^alet them not depart
from your sight;
Keep sound wisdom and
discretion.

22 So they will be ^alife to your
soul,
And ^badornment to your
neck.

23 Then you will ^awalk in your
way securely,
And your foot will not
^bstumble.

24 When you ^alie down, you
will not be afraid;
When you lie down, your
sleep will be sweet.

25 ^aDo not be afraid of sudden
fear,

12 ^aRev.
3:19 ^bDeut.
8:5, Prov.
13:24
13 ^aProv.
8:32, 34
14 ^aJob
28:15-19;
Prov. 8:10,
19; 16:16
15 ^aLat., cor-
als
^bJob 28:18,
Prov. 8:11
16 ^aLat.,
Length of
days
^bProv. 3:2
^cProv. 8:18,
22-4
17 ^aMatt.
11:29 ^bPs.
119:105,
Prov. 16:7
18 ^aGen.
2:9, Prov.
11:30, 13:12;
15:4, Rev. 2:7
19 ^aPs.
104:24, Prov.
8:27 ^bProv.
8:27, 28
20 ^aGen.
7:11 ^bDeut.
33:28, Job
36:28
21 ^aProv.
4:21
22 ^aDeut.
32:47, Prov.
4:22, 8:35,
16:22, 21:21
^bProv. 1:9
23 ^aProv.
4:12, 10:9
^bPs. 91:12, Is.
52:7, 63:13
24 ^aJob
11:19; Ps. 3:5,
Prov. 1:33,
6:22
25 ^aLat.,
storm
^bPs. 91:5,
1 Pet. 3:14
^cJob 5:21
26 ^aOr, at
your side
^b1 Sam. 2:9
27 ^aLat., the
owners
^bRom. 13:7,
Gal. 6:10
28 ^aLev.
19:13; Deut.
24:15
29 ^aProv.
6:14, 14:22
30 ^aProv.
26:17; Rom.
12:18
31 ^aPs. 37:1,
Prov. 24:1
32 ^aLat., His
private coun-
sel is
^bProv. 11:20
^cJob 28:4; Ps.
25:14
33 ^aLev.
26:14, 16;
Deut. 11:28;
Zech. 5:3, 4;
Mal. 2:2 ^bJob
8:6; Ps. 1:3

Nor of the ^bonslaught of
the wicked when it
comes;

26 For the LORD will be ^byour
confidence,
And will ^akeep your foot
from being caught.

27 ¶ ^aDo not withhold good
from ^bthose to whom it is
due,
When it is in your power to
do it.

28 ^aDo not say to your neigh-
bor, "Go, and come back,
And tomorrow I will give
it,"
When you have it with you.

29 ^aDo not devise harm against
your neighbor,
While he lives in security
beside you.

30 ^aDo not contend with a man
without cause,
If he has done you no harm.

31 ^aDo not envy a man of vio-
lence,
And do not choose any of
his ways.

32 For the ^acrooked man is an
abomination to the LORD;
But ^bHe is ^bintimate with
the upright.

33 The ^acurse of the LORD is on
the house of the wicked,
But He ^bblesses the dwell-
ing of the righteous.

34 Though ^aHe scoffs at the
scoffers,
Yet ^bHe gives grace to the
afflicted.

35 ^aThe wise will inherit honor,
But fools ^bdisplay dishonor.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR, O sons, the ^ainstruc-
tion of a father,
And ^bgive attention that
you may ^bgain under-
standing.

34 ^aJames 4:6 ^b1 Pet. 5:5
35 ^aLat., raise high ^bDeut. 12:3
1 ^aLat., know ^bPs. 34:11; Prov. 1:8 ^cProv. 1:2, 2:2

- 2 For I give you ¹sound
teaching;
^bDo not abandon my ²in-
struction.
- 3 When I was a son to my fa-
ther,
Tender and ^bthe only son in
the sight of my mother,
- 4 Then he ^ataught me and said
to me,
"Let your heart ^bhold fast my
words;
Keep my commandments
and live;
- 5 ^aAcquire wisdom! ^bAcquire
understanding!
Do not forget, nor turn
away from the words of
my mouth.
- 6 "Do not forsake her, and she
will guard you;
Love her, and she will
watch over you.
- 7 "The ¹beginning of wisdom
is: ^bAcquire wisdom;
And with all your acquiring,
get understanding.
- 8 "Prize her, and she will exalt
you;
She will honor you if you
embrace her.
- 9 "She will place ^aon your head
a garland of grace;
She will present you with a
crown of beauty."
- 10 ¶ Hear, my son, and ^aac-
cept my sayings,
And the ^byears of your life
will be many.
- 11 I have ^adirected you in the
way of wisdom;
I have led you in upright
paths.
- 12 When you walk, your ^asteps
will not be impeded;
And if you run, you ^bwill not
stumble.
- 13 ^aTake hold of instruction;
do not let go.
Guard her, for she is your
^blife.
- 14 ^aDo not enter the path of the
wicked,

2 ¹Lit.,
good ²Or, low
^aDeut. 32:2;
Job 11:4 ^bPs.
89:30; 119:87;
Prov. 3:1
3 ¹Chr.
22:5; 29:1
^bZech. 12:10
4 ^aEph. 6:4
^bPs. 119:168
^cProv. 7:2
5 ^aProv.
4:7 ^bProv.
16:16
6 ²Thess.
2:10
7 ¹Or, the
primary thing
is wisdom
^aProv. 8:23
^bProv. 23:23
8 ¹Sam.
2:30
9 ^aProv.
1:9
10 ^aProv.
2:1 ^bProv. 3:2
11 ¹Sam.
12:23
12 ^aJob
18:7; Ps.
18:36 ^bPs.
91:11; Prov.
3:23
13 ^aProv.
3:18 ^bProv.
3:22; John
6:63
14 ^aPs. 1:1;
Prov. 1:15
15 ¹Lit.,
their sleep is
robbed
^aPs. 36:4;
Mic. 2:1
17 ^aProv.
13:2
18 ^aIs. 26:7;
Matt. 5:14;
Phil. 2:15
^b2 Sam. 23:4
^cDan. 12:3
^dJob 11:17
19 ¹Or, may
stumble
^aJob 18:5, 6;
Prov. 2:13; Is.
50:9, 10; Jer.
23:12; John
12:35 ^bJohn
11:10
20 ^aProv.
5:1 ^bProv. 2:2
21 ^aProv.
3:21 ^bProv.
7:1, 2
22 ¹Lit., his
^aProv. 3:22
^bProv. 3:8;
12:18
23 ^aMatt.
12:34; 15:18;
19; Mark
7:21; Luke
6:45
24 ^aProv.
6:12; 10:32
^bProv. 19:1
25 ¹Or, eye-
lids
26 ^aProv.
5:21; Heb.
12:13 ^bPs.
119:5

- And do not proceed in the
way of evil men.
- 15 Avoid it, do not pass by it;
Turn away from it and pass
on.
- 16 For they ^acannot sleep un-
less they do evil;
And ¹they are robbed of
sleep unless they make
someone stumble.
- 17 For they ^aeat the bread of
wickedness,
And drink the wine of vio-
lence.
- 18 But the ^apath of the right-
eous is like the ^bblight of
dawn,
That ^cshines brighter and
brighter until the ^dfull
day.
- 19 The ^away of the wicked is
like darkness;
They do not know over
what they ¹bstumble.
- 20 ¶ My son, ^agive attention to
my words;
^bIncline your ear to my say-
ings.
- 21 ^aDo not let them depart
from your sight;
^bKeep them in the midst of
your heart.
- 22 For they are ^alife to those
who find them,
And ^bhealth to all ¹their
whole body.
- 23 Watch over your heart with
all diligence,
For ^afrom it flow the springs
of life.
- 24 Put away from you a ^ade-
ceitful mouth,
And ^bput devious lips far
from you.
- 25 Let your eyes look directly
ahead,
And let your ¹gaze be fixed
straight in front of you.
- 26 ^aWatch the path of your
feet,
And all your ^bways will be
established.

- 27 ^aDo not turn to the right nor to the left;
^bTurn your foot from evil.

CHAPTER 5

- M**Y son, ^agive attention to my wisdom,
^bIncline your ear to my understanding;
 2 That you may ^aobserve discretion,
 And your ^blips may reserve knowledge.
 3 For the lips of an ^aadulteress ^bdrip honey,
 And ^csmoother than oil is her ²speech;
 4 But in the end she is ^abitter as wormwood,
^bSharp as a two-edged sword.
 5 Her feet ^ago down to death,
 Her steps lay hold of Sheol.
 6 ¹She does not ponder the ^apath of life;
 Her ways are ^bunstable, she ^cdoes not know it.
 7 ¶ ^aNow then, my sons, listen to me,
 And ^bdo not depart from the words of my mouth.
 8 ^aKeep your way far from her,
 And do not go near the ^bdoor of her house.
 9 Lest you give your vigor to others,
 And your years to the cruel one;
 10 Lest strangers be filled with your strength,
 And your hard-earned goods go to the house of an alien;
 11 And you groan at your latter end,
 When your flesh and your body are consumed;
 12 And you say, "How I have ^ahated instruction!
 And my heart ^bspurned reproof!

27 ^aDeut. 5:32; 28:14;
^bProv. 1:15;
 Is. 1:16
 1 ^aProv.
 4:20 ^bProv.
 22:17
 2 ^aProv.
 3:21 ^bMal. 2:7
 3 ¹Lat.,
 strange woman ²Lat.,
 palate
^aProv. 2:16;
 5:20; 7:5;
 22:14 ^bSong
 4:11 ^cPs.
 55:21
 4 ^aEcc.
 7:28 ^bPs.
 57:4; Heb.
 4:12
 5 ^aProv.
 7:27
 6 ¹Lat., Last
 she watch
^aProv. 4:28;
 5:21 ²Lat. Pol.
 2:14 ^aProv.
 30:20
 7 ^aProv.
 7:24 ^bPs.
 119:102
 8 ^aProv.
 7:25 ^bProv.
 9:14
 12 ^aProv.
 17:22, 29
^bProv. 1:25;
 12:1
 13 ^aProv.
 18
 18 ¹Lat.,
 flowing
 18 ^aProv.
 5:18; 9:17;
 Song 4:12, 15
 18 ^aProv.
 9:17; Song
 4:12, 15
^aEcc. 9:9
^bMal. 2:14
 19 ¹Lat., in-
 toxicated
^aSong 2:9, 17;
 4:5, 7, 3
 20 ¹Lat.,
 strange woman
^aProv. 5:3
^bProv. 2:16;
 6:24, 7:5;
 23:27
 21 ^aJob
 14:16, 31; 4;
 34:21; Ps.
 119:108;
 Prov. 15:3;
 Jer. 16:17;
 32:18; Hos.
 7:2; Heb. 4:13
^aProv. 4:28
 22 ^aNum.
 32:23; Ps.
 7:15; 9:15;
 40:12; Prov.
 1:31, 32
 23 ^aJob
 4:21, 38; 12
 1 ¹Lat.,
 clapped your
 palms
^aProv. 11:15;
 17:18; 20:16;
 22:26; 27:13

- 13 "And I have not listened to the voice of my ^ateachers,
 Nor inclined my ear to my instructors!
 14 "I was almost in utter ruin
 In the midst of the assembly and congregation."
 15 ¶ Drink water from your own cistern,
 And ¹fresh water from your own well.
 16 Should your ^asprings be dispersed abroad,
 Streams of water in the streets?
 17 Let them be yours alone,
 And not for strangers with you.
 18 Let your ^afountain be blessed,
 And ^brejoice in the ^cwife of your youth.
 19 As a loving ^ahind and a graceful doe,
 Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;
 Be ¹exhilarated always with her love.
 20 For why should you, my son, be exhilarated with an ^aadulteress,
 And embrace the bosom of a ^bforeigner?
 21 For the ^aways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD,
 And He ^bwatches all his paths.
 22 His ^aown iniquities will capture the wicked,
 And he will be held with the cords of his sin.
 23 He will ^adie for lack of instruction,
 And in the greatness of his folly he will go astray.

CHAPTER 6

- M**Y son, if you have become ^asurety for your neighbor,
 Have ¹given a pledge for a stranger,

- 2 If you have been snared
with the words of your
mouth,
Have been caught with the
words of your mouth,
3 Do this then, my son, and
deliver yourself;
Since you have come into
the ¹hand of your neigh-
bor,
Go, humble yourself, and
importune your neigh-
bor.
4 Do not give ^asleep to your
eyes,
Nor slumber to your eye-
lids;
5 Deliver yourself like a ga-
zelle from the hunter's
hand,
And like a ^abird from the
hand of the fowler.
6 ¶ Go to the ^aant, O ^bslug-
gard,
Observe her ways and be
wise,
7 Which, having ^ano chief,
Officer or ruler,
8 Prepares her food ^ain the
summer,
And gathers her provision
in the harvest.
9 How long will you lie down,
O sluggard?
When will you arise from
your sleep?
10 "A little sleep, a little slum-
ber,
A little folding of the hands
to ¹rest"—
11 ^aAnd your poverty will
come in like a ¹vagabond,
And your need like ²an
armed man.
12 ¶ A ^aworthless person, a
wicked man,
Is the one who walks with a
^bfalse mouth,
13 Who ^awinks with his eyes,
who ¹signals with his
feet,
Who ²points with his fin-
gers;

3 ¹Lit.,
palm
4 ^aPs.
132:4
5 ^aPs. 91:3;
124:7
6 ^aProv.
30:24, 25
7 ^aProv. 6:9;
10:26; 13:4;
20:4, 26:16
7 ^aProv.
30:27
8 ^aProv.
10:5
10 ¹Lit., lie
down
11 ^aProv. 24:33
12 ¹Lit., one
who walks
13 ¹Lit., a man
with a shield
14 ^aProv. 24:34
15 ^aProv.
16:27 ^bProv.
4:24; 10:32
16 ¹Lit.,
scrapes ²Lit.,
instructs with
17 ^aJob 15:12;
Ps. 35:19;
Prov. 10:10
18 ¹Lit.,
sends out
19 ^aProv. 17:20
20 ^aProv. 3:29;
Mic. 2:1
21 ^aProv. 6:19;
16:28
22 ^aProv.
24:22 ^bIs.
30:13, 14; Jer.
19:11 ^c2 Chr.
36:16
23 ¹Lit., of
His soul
24 ^aPs.
18:27; 101:5;
Prov. 21:4;
30:13 ^bPs.
31:18; 120:2;
Prov. 12:22;
17:7 ^cDeut.
19:10; Prov.
28:17; Is.
1:13; 59:7
25 ^aGen.
6:5; Prov.
24:2 ^bProv.
1:16; Is. 59:7;
Rom. 3:15
26 ¹Lit.,
sends out
27 ^aPs. 27:12;
Prov. 12:17;
19:5, 9; 21:28
28 ^aProv. 6:14
29 ¹Or, law
30 ^aEph. 6:1
31 ^aProv.
3:3
32 ¹Lit., she
33 ^aProv. 3:23
34 ¹Or, law
35 ^aPs. 18:8;
119:105
36 ¹Lit., for-
eign woman
37 ^aProv. 5:3;
7:5, 21
38 ^aMatt.
5:28 ^b2 Kin.
9:30; Jer.
4:30; Ezek.
23:40

- 14 Who with ^aperversity in his
heart ^bdevises evil con-
tinually,
Who ¹cspreads strife.
15 Therefore ^ahis calamity will
come suddenly;
^bInstantly he will be broken,
and there will be ^cno heal-
ing.
16 ¶ There are six things
which the LORD hates,
Yes, seven which are an
abomination ¹to Him:
17 ^aHaughty eyes, a ^blying
tongue,
And hands that ^cshed inno-
cent blood,
18 A heart that devises
^awicked plans,
^bFeet that run rapidly to
evil,
19 A ^afalse witness who utters
lies,
And one who ¹bspreads
strife among brothers.
20 ¶ ^aMy son, observe the
commandment of your
father,
And do not forsake the
¹teaching of your
mother;
21 ^aBind them continually on
your heart;
Tie them around your neck.
22 When you ^awalk about,
¹they will guide you;
When you sleep, ¹they will
watch over you;
And when you awake, ¹they
will talk to you.
23 For ^athe commandment is a
lamp, and the ¹teaching
is light;
And reproofs for discipline
are the way of life,
24 To ^akeep you from the evil
woman,
From the smooth tongue of
the ¹adulteress.
25 ^aDo not desire her beauty in
your heart,
Nor let her catch you with
her ^beyelids.

- 26 For ^aon account of a harlot
one is reduced to a loaf of
bread.
And ¹an adulteress ^bhunts
for the precious life.
- 27 Can a man ¹take fire in his
bosom,
And his clothes not be
burned?
- 28 Or can a man walk on hot
coals,
And his feet not be
scorched?
- 29 So is the one who ^agoes in to
his neighbor's wife;
Whoever touches her ^bwill
not ¹go unpunished.
- 30 ¹Men do not despise a thief
if he steals
To ^asatisfy ²himself when
he is hungry;
- 31 But when he is found, he
must ^arepay sevenfold;
He must give all the ¹sub-
stance of his house.
- 32 The one who commits adul-
tery with a woman is
^alacking ¹sense;
He who would ^bdestroy
²himself does it.
- 33 Wounds and disgrace he
will find,
And his reproach will not be
blotted out.
- 34 For ^ajealousy ¹enrages a
man,
And he will not spare in the
^bday of vengeance.
- 35 He will not ¹accept any ran-
som,
Nor will he be ²content
though you give many
³gifts.

26 ¹Lt., a
man's wife
^aProv. 5:9, 10;
29:3 ^bProv.
7:21, Ezek.
13:18
27 ¹Lt.,
snatch up
28 ¹Lt., be
innocent
^aEzek. 18:6;
33:26 ^bProv.
16:5
28 ¹Lt.,
They do not,
or, Do not
men
¹Lt., has soul
^aJob 38:36
31 ¹Or,
wealth
^aEx. 22:14
32 ¹Lt.,
heart ¹Lt.,
has soul
^aProv. 7:7,
9:4, 18:10, 13;
21:11, 12;
12:11 ^bProv.
7:22, 23
34 ¹Lt., is
the rage of
^aProv. 27:4,
Song 8:6
^bProv. 11:4
35 ¹Lt., lift
up the face
of any ¹Lt.,
willing ²Or,
brides
1 ^aProv.
2:1, 6:20
2 ¹Or, law
¹Lt., pupil
^aProv. 4:4
^bDeut. 32:10;
Ps. 17:8,
Zech. 2:8
3 ^aDeut.
6:8, 11:18;
Prov. 6:21
^bProv. 3:3
8 ¹Lt.,
strange
woman ¹Lt.,
is smooth
8 ^aJudg.
5:28 ^bSong
2:9
7 ¹Lt.,
simple ones
¹Lt., sons
¹Lt., heart
^aProv. 1:22
^bProv. 8:32;
9:4
8 ¹Lt.,
steps
^aProv. 7:12
^bProv. 7:27
9 ¹Lt., eve-
ning of the
day ¹Lt., pu-
pil (of the
eye)
^aJob 24:15
10 ^aGen.
38:14, 15;
1 Tim. 2:9
11 ^aProv.
8:13 ^b1 Tim.
5:13; Titus
2:5

- 3 ^aBind them on your fingers;
^bWrite them on the tablet of
your heart.
- 4 Say to wisdom, "You are
my sister,"
And call understanding
your intimate friend;
- 5 That they may keep you
from an ¹adulteress,
From the foreigner who
²flatters with her words.
- 6 ¹ For ^aat the window of my
house
I looked out ^bthrough my
lattice,
- 7 And I saw among the
¹naïve,
I discerned among the
²youths,
A young man ^blacking
³sense,
- 8 Passing through the street
near ^aher corner;
And he ¹takes the way to
^bher house,
- 9 In the ^atwilight, in the ¹eve-
ning,
In the ²middle of the night
and in the darkness.
- 10 And behold, a woman
comes to meet him,
^aDressed as a harlot and
cunning of heart.
- 11 She is ^aboisterous and re-
bellious;
Her ^bfeet do not remain at
home;
- 12 She is now in the streets,
now ^ain the squares,
And ^blurks by every corner.
- 13 So she seizes him and kisses
him,
¹And with a ^abrazen face
she says to him:
- 14 "I was due to offer ^apeace of-
ferings;
Today I have ^bpaid my
vows.

13 ^aProv. 8:14 ^bProv. 23:28
14 ¹Lt., She makes bold her face and says ^aProv.
21:20
14 ¹Lt., Sacrifices of peace offerings are with me
^aLev. 7:11 ^bLev. 7:16

CHAPTER 7

- M**Y son, ^akeep my words,
And treasure my com-
mandments within
you.
- 2 ^aKeep my commandments
and live,
And my ¹teaching ^bas the
²apple of your eye.

- 15 "Therefore I have come out to meet you,
To seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you.
- 16 "I have spread my couch with ^acoverings,
With colored ^blinens of Egypt.
- 17 "I have sprinkled my bed
With ^amyrrh, aloes and ^bcinnamon.
- 18 "Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning;
Let us delight ourselves with caresses.
- 19 "For ¹the man is not at home,
He has gone on a long journey;
- 20 He has taken a ^abag of money ¹with him,
At full moon he will come home."
- 21 With her many persuasions she entices him;
With her ^{1a}flattering lips she seduces him.
- 22 Suddenly he follows her,
As an ox goes to the slaughter,
Or as ¹one in fetters to the discipline of a fool,
- 23 Until an arrow pierces through his liver;
As a ^abird hastens to the snare,
So he does not know that it will cost him his life.
- 24 ¶ Now therefore, my sons,
^alisten to me,
And pay attention to the words of my mouth.
- 25 Do not let your heart ^aturn aside to her ways,
Do not stray into her paths.
- 26 For many are the ¹victims she has cast down,
And ^anumerous are all her slain.
- 27 Her ^ahouse is the way to Sheol,
Descending to the chambers of death.

- 16 ^aProv. 31:22 ^bIs. 19:9; Ezek. 27:7
- 17 ^aPs. 45:8 ^bEx. 30:23
- 19 ¹i.e., my husband
- 20 ¹Lit., in his hand ^aGen. 42:35
- 21 ¹Lit., smooth ^aProv. 5:3; 6:24
- 22 ¹Or, as a stag goes into a trap, so some ancient versions
- 23 ¹Ecc. 9:12
- 24 ^aProv. 5:7
- 25 ^aProv. 5:8
- 26 ¹Lit., mortally wounded ^aProv. 9:18
- 27 ^aProv. 2:18; 5:5; 9:18; 1 Cor. 6:9, 10; Rev. 22:15
- 1 ¹Lit., give ^aProv. 1:20, 21; 8:1-3; 9:3; 1 Cor. 1:24
- 2 ^aProv. 9:3, 14
- 3 ^aJob 29:7
- 9 ¹Lit., simple ²Lit., heart ^aProv. 1:4 ^bProv. 1:22, 32; 3:35
- 6 ^aProv. 22:20 ^bProv. 23:16
- 7 ^aPs. 37:30; John 8:14; Rom. 15:8
- 8 ^aDeut. 32:5; Prov. 2:15; Phil. 2:15
- 9 ^aProv. 14:6 ^bProv. 3:13
- 10 ^aProv. 3:14, 15; 8:19
- 11 ¹Lit., corals ^aJob 28:15, 18; Ps. 10:10 ^bProv. 3:15
- 12 ^aProv. 8:5 ^bProv. 1:4
- 13 ^aProv. 3:7; 16:6

CHAPTER 8

- D**OES not ^awisdom call,
And understanding ¹lift up her voice?
- 2 On top of ^athe heights beside the way,
Where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
- 3 Beside the ^agates, at the opening to the city,
At the entrance of the doors, she cries out:
- 4 "To you, O men, I call,
And my voice is to the sons of men.
- 5 "O ^{1a}naive ones, discern prudence;
And, O ^bfools, discern ²wisdom.
- 6 "Listen, for I shall speak ^anoble things;
And the opening of my lips will produce ^bbright things.
- 7 "For my ^amouth will utter truth;
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 "All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness;
There is nothing ^acrooked or perverted in them.
- 9 "They are all ^astraightforward to him who understands,
And right to those who ^bfind knowledge.
- 10 "Take my ^ainstruction, and not silver,
And knowledge rather than choicest gold.
- 11 "For wisdom is ^abetter than ¹jewels;
And ^ball desirable things can not compare with her.
- 12 ¶ I, wisdom, ^adwell with prudence,
And I find ^bknowledge and discretion.
- 13 "The ^afear of the LORD is to hate evil;

- ^bPride and arrogance and
^cthe evil way,
 And the ^dperverted mouth, I
 hate.
- 14" ^aCounsel is mine and
^bsound wisdom;
 I am understanding, ^cpower
 is mine.
- 15" By me ^akings reign,
 And rulers decree justice.
- 16" By me princes rule, and
 nobles,
 All who judge rightly.
- 17" I ^alove those who love me;
 And ^bthose who diligently
 seek me will find me.
- 18" ^aRiches and honor are with
 me,
 Enduring ^bwealth and right-
 eousness.
- 19" My fruit is ^abetter than gold,
 even pure gold,
 And my yield than ^bchoicest
 silver.
- 20" I walk in the way of right-
 eousness,
 In the midst of the paths of
 justice.
- 21 To endow those who love
 me with wealth,
 That I may ^afill their trea-
 suries.
- 22 ¶ "The LORD possessed me
^aat the beginning of His
 way,
 Before His works ^bof old.
- 23" From everlasting I was
^aestablished,
 From the beginning, ^bfrom
 the earliest times of the
 earth.
- 24" When there were no
^adepths I was ^bbrought
 forth,
 When there were no springs
 abounding with water.
- 25" ^aBefore the mountains were
 settled,
 Before the hills I was
^bbrought forth;
- 26 While He had not yet made
 the earth and the ^bfields,
 Nor the first dust of the
 world.

18 ^b1 Sam.
 2:3;
 Prov. 16:18;
 Is. 13:11;
^cProv. 15:9;
^dProv. 6:12;
 14 ^aProv.
 1:25; 10:20;
 Is. 28:29; Jer.
 32:19 ^bProv.
 27, 3:21; 18:1;
^cEcc. 7:19;
 9:16;
 18 ^a2 Chr.
 1:10; Prov.
 29:4; Dan.
 2:21; Matt.
 28:18; Rom.
 13:1;
 17 ^a1 Sam.
 2:30; Prov.
 4:6; John.
 14:21 ^bProv.
 24, 5; John.
 7:37; James.
 1:5;
 18 ^aProv.
 3:18 ^bPs.
 112:3; Matt.
 6:33;
 19 ^aJob.
 28:15; Prov.
 3:14 ^bProv.
 10:20;
 21 ^aProv.
 24:4;
 22 ^aLat.,
 from them;
 Job 28:28-29;
 Ps. 104:24;
 Prov. 3:19;
 23 ^aOr, con-
 sidered;
 John 1:1-3;
^bJohn 17:5;
 24 ^aOr, born;
 Gen. 1:2; Ex.
 15:5; Job.
 38:16; Prov.
 3:20;
 25 ^aOr, born;
 Job 15:7; Ps.
 90:2;
 26 ^aLat., out
 side places;
 27 ^aProv.
 3:19; Job.
 28:10;
 28 ^aLat.,
 strong;
 29 ^aLat.,
 mouth;
 Job 38:10;
 Ps. 104:9;
 Job 38:6; Ps.
 104:5;
 30 ^aOr,
 playing;
 John 1:2, 3;
 31 ^aOr,
 playing;
 Ps. 18:3;
 John 13:1;
 23 ^aProv.
 3:7, 7:24 ^bPs.
 118:1, 2;
 128:1; Prov.
 28:18; Luke.
 11:28;
 23 ^aProv.
 4:1;
 34 ^aProv.
 3:13, 18;

- 27" When He ^aestablished the
 heavens, I was there,
 When ^bHe inscribed a circle
 on the face of the deep.
- 28 When He made firm the
 skies above,
 When the springs of the
 deep became ^bfixed,
- 29 When ^aHe set for the sea its
 boundary,
 So that the water should not
 transgress His ^bcom-
 mand,
- When He marked out ^bthe
 foundations of the earth;
- 30 Then ^aI was beside Him, as
 a master workman;
 And I was daily His delight,
^bRejoicing always before
 Him,
- 31 ^aRejoicing in the world, His
 earth,
 And having ^amy delight in
 the sons of men.
- 32 ¶ "Now therefore, O sons,
^alisten to me,
 For ^bblessed are they who
 keep my ways.
- 33" ^aHeed instruction and be
 wise,
 And do not neglect it.
- 34" ^aBlessed is the man who lis-
 tens to me,
 Watching daily at my gates,
 Waiting at my doorposts.
- 35" For ^ahe who finds me finds
 life,
 And ^bobtains favor from the
 LORD.
- 36" But he who ^bsins against me
^ainjures himself;
 All those who ^bhate me
^clove death."

CHAPTER 9

WISDOM has ^abuilt her
 house,
 She has hewn out her seven
 pillars;

26 ^aProv. 4:22; John 17:3 ^bProv. 3:4; 12:2;
 28 ^aOr, mine; ^bProv. 1:31, 32; 15:32 ^cProv. 3:12;
 12:1 ^dProv. 21:6;
 1 ^a1 Cor. 3:9, 10; Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:5

- 2 She has ¹prepared her food, she has ^bmixed her wine;
She has also ^cset her table;
- 3 She has ^asent out her maidens, she ^bcalls
From the ^ctops of the heights of the city:
- 4 ^a"Whoever is ¹naive, let him turn in here!"
To him who ^blacks ²understanding she says,
- 5 "Come, ^aeat of my food,
And drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6 ¹"Forsake your folly and ^alive,
And ^bproceed in the way of understanding."
- 7 ¹ He who ^acorrects a scoffer gets dishonor for himself,
And he who reproves a wicked man gets ¹insults for himself.
- 8 ^a"Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you,
^bReprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- 9 Give *instruction* to a wise man, and he will be still wiser,
Teach a righteous man, and he will ^aincrease his learning.
- 10 The ^afear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
- 11 For ^aby me your days will be multiplied,
And years of life will be added to you.
- 12 If you are wise, you are wise ^afor yourself,
And if you ^bscoff, you alone will bear it.
- 13 ¹ The ¹woman of folly is ^aboisterous,
She is ²naive, and ^bknows nothing.

2 ¹Lit., slaughtered her slaughter
^aMatt. 22:4
^bSong 8:2
^cLuke 14:16, 17
3 ^aPs. 68:11; Matt. 22:3 ^bProv. 8:1, 2 ^cProv. 9:14
4 ¹Lit., simple ²Lit., heart
^aProv. 8:5, 9:16 ^bProv. 6:32
5 ^aSong 5:1; Is. 55:1; John 6:27
6 ¹Or, For sake the simple ones
^aProv. 8:35; 9:11 ^bEzek. 11:20; 37:24
7 ¹Lit., a hemish
^aProv. 23:9
8 ^aProv. 15:12; Matt. 7:6 ^bPs. 141:5; Prov. 10:8
9 ^aProv. 1:5
10 ^aJob 28:28; Ps. 111:10; Prov. 1:7
11 ^aProv. 3:16; 10:27
12 ^aJob 22:2; Prov. 14:14 ^bProv. 19:29
13 ¹Or, foolish woman
²Lit., simple
^aProv. 7:11
^bProv. 5:6
14 ^aProv. 9:3
15 ¹Lit., simple ²Lit., heart
^aProv. 9:4
17 ^aProv. 20:17
18 ¹Lit., departed spirits
^aProv. 7:27
1 ^aProv. 1:1 ^bProv. 15:20; 29:3
^cProv. 17:25; 29:15
2 ¹Lit., Treasures of wickedness
^aPs. 48:7; Prov. 11:4; 21:6; Ezek. 7:19; Luke 12:19, 20
3 ¹Lit., soul of the righteous
^aPs. 34:9, 10; 37:25; Prov. 28:25; Matt. 6:33 ^bPs. 112:10; Prov. 28:9

- 14 And she sits at the doorway of her house,
On a seat by ^athe high places of the city,
- 15 Calling to those who pass by,
Who are making their paths straight:
- 16 ^a"Whoever is ¹naive, let him turn in here,"
And to him who lacks ²understanding she says,
- 17 "Stolen water is sweet;
And ^abread eaten in secret is pleasant."
- 18 But he does not know that the ¹dead are there,
That her guests are in the ^adepths of Sheol.

CHAPTER 10

- T**HE ^aproverbs of Solomon.
^bA wise son makes a father glad,
But ^aa foolish son is a grief to his mother.
- 2 ¹A ill-gotten gains do not profit,
But righteousness delivers from death.
- 3 The LORD ^awill not allow the ¹righteous to hunger,
But He ^bwill thrust aside the craving of the wicked.
- 4 Poor is he who works with a negligent hand,
But the ^ahand of the diligent makes rich.
- 5 He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely,
But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.
- 6 ^aBlessings are on the head of the righteous,
But ^bthe mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 7 The ^amemory of the righteous is blessed,
But ^bthe name of the wicked will rot.

4 ^aProv. 13:4; 21:5
6 ^aProv. 28:20 ^bProv. 10:11; Obad. 10
7 ^aPs. 112:6 ^bPs. 9:5, 6; 109:13; Eccl. 8:10

- 8 The ^awise of heart will receive commands,
But ^{1a} babbling fool will be thrown down.
- 9 He ^awho walks in integrity walks securely,
But ^bhe who perverts his ways will be found out.
- 10 He ^awho winks the eye causes trouble,
And ^{1ba} babbling fool will be thrown down.
- 11 The ^amouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,
But ^bthe mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
- 12 Hatred stirs up strife,
But ^alove covers all transgressions.
- 13 On ^athe lips of the discerning, wisdom is found,
But ^{ba} rod is for the back of him who lacks ¹understanding.
- 14 Wise men ^astore up knowledge,
But with ^bthe mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand.
- 15 The ^arich man's wealth is his ¹fortress,
The ^bruin of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The ^{1a}wages of the righteous is life,
The income of the wicked, punishment.
- 17 He ^ais on the path of life who heeds instruction,
But he who forsakes reproof goes astray.
- 18 He ^awho conceals hatred has lying lips,
And he who spreads slander is a fool.
- 19 When there are ^amany words, transgression is unavoidable,
But ^bhe who restrains his lips is wise.
- 20 The tongue of the righteous is as ^achoice silver,
The heart of the wicked is worth little.

8 ¹Lit., the foolish of lips
Prov. 9:2
Matt. 7:24
9 ^aPs. 22:4
Prov. 3:23
28:18; Is. 33:15, 16
Prov. 28:28
Matt. 10:28
1 Tim. 5:23
10 ¹Lit., the foolish of lips
Ps. 36:19
Prov. 6:13
Prov. 10:8
11 ^aPs. 37:38; Prov. 13:14, 18:4
Prov. 10:6
12 ^aProv. 17:9; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; James 5:20; 1 Pet. 4:8
13 ¹Lit., heart
Prov. 10:31
Prov. 19:28
28:3
14 ^aProv. 9:9
Prov. 10:8, 10:13; 18:7
15 ¹Lit., strong city
Job 31:24
Ps. 52:7
Prov. 18:11
Prov. 18:7
16 ¹Or, work
Prov. 11:18, 19
17 ^aProv. 6:23
18 ^aProv. 28:24
19 ^aJob 11:2; Prov. 18:21; Eccl. 5:3
Prov. 17:27; James 1:19; 3:2
20 ^aProv. 8:19
21 ¹Lit., heart
Prov. 10:11
Prov. 5:23
Hos. 4:6
22 ^aGen. 34:35; 28:12; Deut. 8:18
Prov. 8:21
23 ^aProv. 2:14; 15:21
24 ^aJob 15:21; Prov. 1:27; Is. 66:4
Ps. 145:18
Prov. 15:8
Matt. 5:8
1 John 5:14, 15
25 ^aJob 21:18; Ps. 58:9; Prov. 12:7
Ps. 15:5; Prov. 12:3; Matt. 7:24, 25
26 ^aProv. 28:6

- 21 The ^alips of the righteous feed many,
But fools ^bdie for lack of ¹understanding.
- 22 It is the ^ablessing of the LORD that makes rich,
And He adds no sorrow to it.
- 23 Doing wickedness is like ^asport to a fool;
And so is wisdom to a man of understanding.
- 24 What ^athe wicked fears will come upon him,
And the ^bdesire of the righteous will be granted.
- 25 When the ^awhirlwind passes, the wicked is no more,
But the ^brighteous has an everlasting foundation.
- 26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
So is the ^alazy one to those who send him.
- 27 The ^afear of the LORD prolongs ¹life,
But the ^byears of the wicked will be shortened.
- 28 The ^ahope of the righteous is gladness,
But the ^bexpectation of the wicked perishes.
- 29 The ^away of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright,
But ^bruin to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The ^arighteous will never be shaken,
But ^bthe wicked will not dwell in the land.
- 31 The ^amouth of the righteous flows with wisdom,
But the ^bperverted tongue will be cut out.
- 32 The lips of the righteous bring forth ^awhat is acceptable,

27 ¹Lit., days
Prov. 3:2; 8:11; 14:27; Job 15:23, 32; 22:14; Ps. 35:23
28 ^aProv. 11:23; Job 8:13; 11:20; Prov. 11:7
29 ^aProv. 13:6
Prov. 21:15
30 ^aPs. 37:28; 125:1; Ps. 2:21
Prov. 2:22
31 ^aPs. 37:38; Prov. 18:13
Prov. 17:20
32 ^aEccl. 12:10

But the ^bmouth of the wicked, what is perverted.

CHAPTER 11

A ^aFALSE balance is an abomination to the LORD, But a ^bjust weight is His delight.

2 When ^apride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.

3 The ^aintegrity of the upright will guide them, But the ^bfalseness of the treacherous will destroy them.

4 ^aRiches do not profit in the day of wrath, But ^brighteousness delivers from death.

5 The ^arighteousness of the blameless will smooth his way, But ^bthe wicked will fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, But the treacherous will ^abe caught by their own greed.

7 When a wicked man dies, his ^aexpectation will perish, And the ^bhope of strong men perishes.

8 The righteous is delivered from trouble, But the wicked ¹takes his place.

9 With his ^amouth the godless man destroys his neighbor, But through knowledge the ^brighteous will be delivered.

10 When it ^agoes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, And when the wicked perish, there is glad shouting.

11 By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,

32 ^aProv. 2:12; 6:12
1 ^aLev. 19:35, 36; Deut. 25:13-16; Prov. 20:10, 23; Mic. 6:11
^bProv. 16:11
2 ^aProv. 16:18; 18:12; 29:23
3 ^aProv. 13:6; ^bProv. 19:3; 22:12
4 ^aProv. 10:2; Ezek. 7:19; Zeph. 1:18
^bGen. 7:1
5 ^aProv. 3:6
^bProv. 5:22
6 ^aPs. 7:15; 16; 9:15; Eccl. 10:8
7 ^aProv. 10:28
^bJob. 8:13, 14
8 ¹Lit., *en-lern*
9 ^aProv. 16:29
^bProv. 11:6
10 ^aProv. 28:12
12 ¹Lit., *heart*
13 ¹Lit., *faithful of spirit*
^aLev. 19:16; Prov. 20:19; 1 Tim. 5:13
^bProv. 19:11
14 ¹Lit., *deliverance*
^aProv. 15:22; 20:18; 24:6
15 ¹Lit., *those who strike hands*
^aProv. 6:1; 27:13
16 ^aProv. 31:28, 30
17 ¹Lit., *good to his own soul*
²Lit., *troubles his flesh*
^aMatt. 5:7; 25:34-36
18 ^aHos. 10:12; Gal. 6:8, 9; James 3:18
19 ^aProv. 10:16; 12:28; 19:23
^bProv. 21:16; Rom. 6:23; James 1:15
20 ¹Lit., *way*
^aPs. 119:1; Prov. 13:6
^bChr. 29:17
21 ¹Lit., *hand to hand*
²Lit., *seed*
22 ¹Lit., *taste*
^aGen. 24:47

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But by the mouth of the wicked it is torn down.

12 He who despises his neighbor lacks ¹sense, But a man of understanding keeps silent.

13 He ^awho goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is ¹trustworthy ^bconceals a matter.

14 Where there is no ^aguidance, the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is ¹victory.

15 He who is ^asurety for a stranger will surely suffer for it, But he who hates ¹going surety is safe.

16 A ^agracious woman attains honor, And violent men attain riches.

17 The ^amerciful man does ¹himself good, But the cruel man ²does himself harm.

18 The wicked earns deceptive wages, But he who ^asows righteousness gets a true reward.

19 He who is steadfast in ^arighteousness will *at-tain* to life, And ^bhe who pursues evil will *bring about* his own death.

20 The perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD, But the ^ablameless in their ¹walk are His ^bdelight.

21 ¹Assuredly, the evil man will not go unpunished, But the ²descendants of the righteous will be delivered.

22 As a ^aring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a beautiful woman who lacks ¹discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous is only good,

- But the ^aexpectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is one who scatters, yet increases all the more,
And there is one who withholds what is justly due, but *it results* only in want.
- 25 The ^{1a}generous man will be ²prosperous,
And he who ^bwaters will himself be watered.
- 26 He who withholds grain, the ^apeople will curse him,
But ^bblessing will be on the head of him who ^csells it.
- 27 He who diligently seeks good seeks favor,
But ^ahe who searches after evil, it will come to him.
- 28 He who ^atrusts in his riches will fall,
But ^bthe righteous will flourish like the green leaf.
- 29 He who ^atroubles his own house will ^binherit wind,
And ^cthe foolish will be servant to the wisehearted.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is ^aa tree of life,
And ^bhe who is wise ¹wins souls.
- 31 If ^athe righteous will be rewarded in the earth,
How much more the wicked and the sinner!

CHAPTER 12

- W**HOEVER loves ¹discipline loves knowledge,
But he who hates reproof is stupid.
- 2 A ^agood man will obtain favor from the LORD,
But He will condemn a man ¹who devises evil.
- 3 A man will ^anot be established by wickedness,
But the root of the ^brighteous will not be moved.
- 4 An ^{1a}excellent wife is the crown of her husband,

23 ^aProv. 10:28; Rom. 2:8, 9
24 ¹Lit., soul of blessing
25 ¹Lit., made fat
26 ^aProv. 3:9, 10; 2 Cor. 9:6, 7
27 ^aMatt. 5:7
28 ^aProv. 24:24; Job 29:13; Gen. 42:6
29 ^aEcc. 7:10; Ps. 7:15, 16; 57:6
30 ^aPs. 49:6; Mark 10:25; 1 Tim. 6:17
31 ^aPs. 1:3; Eccl. 12:17
32 ^aProv. 15:27; Ecc. 5:16; Prov. 14:19
33 ¹Lit., taken
34 ^aProv. 3:18
35 ^aProv. 14:25; Dan. 12:3; 1 Cor. 9:19
36 James 5:20
37 ^a2 Sam. 22:21, 25; Prov. 13:21
38 ¹Pet. 4:18
39 ¹Or, instruction
40 ¹Lit., of evil devices
41 ^aProv. 3:4; 8:35
42 ^aProv. 11:5; Prov. 10:25
43 ¹Or, virtuous
44 ^aProv. 31:11; 1 Cor. 11:7
45 ^aProv. 14:30; Heb. 3:16
46 ^aProv. 11:16
47 ^aProv. 14:3
48 ^aJob 34:25; Prov. 10:25; Matt. 7:24-27
49 ¹Lit., heart
50 ^aDeut. 25:4
51 ¹Lit., heart
52 ^aProv. 28:19
53 ¹Lit., not
54 ^aProv. 21:10
55 ^aProv. 11:30
56 ¹Lit., in the transgression of the lips is an evil snare
57 ^aProv. 11:8; 21:23; 2 Pet. 2:9
58 ¹Lit., mouth
59 ^aProv. 13:2; 15:23; 18:20
60 Job 34:11

- But she who shames him is as ^brotteness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous are just,
But the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.
- 6 The ^awords of the wicked lie in wait for blood,
But the ^bmouth of the upright will deliver them.
- 7 The ^awicked are overthrown and are no more,
But the ^bhouse of the righteous will stand.
- 8 A man will be praised according to his insight,
But one of perverse ¹mind will be despised.
- 9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant,
Than he who honors himself and lacks bread.
- 10 A ^arighteous man has regard for the life of his beast,
But the compassion of the wicked is cruel.
- 11 He ^awho tills his land will have plenty of bread,
But he who pursues vain things lacks ¹sense.
- 12 The ^awicked desires the ¹booty of evil men,
But the root of the righteous ^byields fruit.
- 13 ¹An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,
But the ^arighteous will escape from trouble.
- 14 A man will be ^asatisfied with good by the fruit of his ¹words,
And the ^bdeeds of a man's hands will return to him.
- 15 The ^away of a fool is right in his own eyes,
But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.
- 16 A ^afool's vexation is known at once,

Prov. 1:31; 24:12; Is. 3:10, 11; Hos. 4:9
18 ^aProv. 14:12; 16:2; 21:2
19 ^aProv. 14:33; 27:3; 28:11

- But a prudent man conceals dishonor.
- 17 He who ¹speaks truth tells what is right,
But a false witness, deceit.
- 18 There is one who ^aspeaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword,
But the ^btongue of the wise brings healing.
- 19 Truthful lips will be established forever,
But a ^alying tongue is only for a moment.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil,
But counselors of peace have joy.
- 21 ^aNo harm befalls the righteous,
But the wicked are filled with trouble.
- 22 ^aLying lips are an abomination to the LORD,
But those who deal faithfully are His delight.
- 23 A ^aprudent man conceals knowledge,
But the heart of fools proclaims folly.
- 24 The hand of the diligent will rule,
But the ¹slack hand will be ^aput to forced labor.
- 25 ^aAnxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down,
But a ^bgood word makes it glad.
- 26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbor,
But the way of the wicked leads them astray.
- 27 A ¹slothful man does not ²roast his prey,
But the ^aprecious possession of a man is diligence.
- 28 ^aIn the way of righteousness is life,
And in its pathway there is no death.

CHAPTER 13

A ^aWISE son accepts his father's discipline,

17 ¹Lit., breathes
18 ^aPs. 57:4
^bProv. 4:22; 15:4
19 ^aPs. 52:4; 5; Prov. 19:9
21 ^aPs. 91:10; 121:7; Prov. 1:33; 1 Pet. 3:13
22 ^aRev. 22:15
23 ^aProv. 10:14; 11:13; 13:16; 15:2; 29:11
24 ¹Lit., slackness
^aGen. 49:15; Judg. 1:28; 1 Kin. 9:21
25 ^aProv. 15:13 ^bIs. 50:4
27 ¹Lit., slackness
²Or, catch
^aProv. 10:4; 13:4
28 ^aDeut. 30:15f.; 32:46f.; Jer. 21:8
1 ^aProv. 10:1; 15:20
^bProv. 9:7, 8; 15:12
2 ¹Lit., soul
²Lit., soul
^aProv. 12:14
^bProv. 1:31; Hos. 10:13
3 ¹Lit., ruin is his
^aProv. 18:21; 21:23; James 3:2
^bProv. 18:7; 20:19
5 ¹Lit., causes a bad odor and causes shame
^aCol. 3:9
^bProv. 3:35
6 ¹Lit., blamelessness of way
²Lit., sin
^aProv. 11:3
7 ¹Lit., impoverishes himself
^aProv. 11:24; Luke 12:20; 21 ^bLuke 12:33; 2 Cor. 6:10; James 2:5
9 ¹Lit., shines brightly
^aJob 29:3; Prov. 4:18
^bJob 18:5; Prov. 24:20
10 ¹Lit., gives
11 ¹Lit., vanity
²Or, gradually; lit., on the hand

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- But a ^bscoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- 2 From the fruit of a man's mouth he ^{1a}enjoys good,
But the ²desire of the treacherous is ^bviolence.
- 3 The one who ^aguards his mouth preserves his life;
The one who ^bopens wide his lips ¹comes to ruin.
- 4 The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,
But the soul of the diligent is made fat.
- 5 A righteous man ^ahates falsehood,
But a wicked man ^{1b}acts disgustingly and shamefully.
- 6 Righteousness ^aguards the ¹one whose way is blameless,
But wickedness subverts the ²sinner.
- 7 There is one who ^apretends to be rich, but has nothing;
Another ¹pretends to be ^bpoor, but has great wealth.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches,
But the poor hears no rebuke.
- 9 The ^alight of the righteous ¹rejoices,
But the ^blamp of the wicked goes out.
- 10 Through presumption ¹comes nothing but strife,
But with those who receive counsel is wisdom.
- 11 Wealth obtained by ¹fraud dwindles,
But the one who gathers ^{2b}by labor increases it.
- 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
But desire ¹fulfilled is a tree of life.
- 13 The one who ^adespises the word will be ¹in debt to it,

12 ¹Lit., coming

13 ¹Lit., pledged to it ^aNum. 15:31; 2 Chr. 36:16

- But the one who fears the commandment will be rewarded.
- 14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life.
To turn aside from the snares of death.
- 15 Good understanding produces favor,
But the way of the treacherous is hard.
- 16 Every prudent man acts with knowledge,
But a fool displays folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falls into adversity,
But a faithful envoy brings healing.
- 18 Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline,
But he who regards reproof will be honored.
- 19 Desire realized is sweet to the soul,
But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.
- 20 He who walks with wise men will be wise,
But the companion of fools will suffer harm.
- 21 Adversity pursues sinners,
But the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity.
- 22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.
- 23 Abundant food is in the fallow ground of the poor,
But it is swept away by injustice.
- 24 He who spares his rod hates his son,
But he who loves him disciplines him diligently.
- 25 The righteous has enough to satisfy his appetite,
But the stomach of the wicked is in want.

13 Prov. 13:21
14 Or, law
Prov. 10:11;
14:27 Ps.
18:5
18 Ps.
111:10; Prov.
3:4
16 Lat.,
springs out
Prov. 12:23
17 Prov.
25:13
18 Or, in-
struction
Prov. 15:3,
32
20 Prov.
2:20; 15:31
21 Ps.
32:10; 54:5;
Is. 47:11
Prov. 11:31;
13:13; Is. 3:10
22 Lat.,
saves soul
Ezra 9:12;
Ps. 37:25
Job 27:16;
17; Prov.
28:6; Eccl.
2:26
23 Lat.,
there is what
is swept
Prov. 12:11
24 Lat.,
saves him
diligently
with disci-
pline
Prov. 19:18;
22:15; 23:13;
14; 28:15; 17
Deut. 8:5;
Prov. 3:12;
Heb. 12:7
25 Lat.,
leads to the satis-
faction of his
soul
Ps. 34:10;
103:5; 132:15;
Prov. 10:3
Prov. 13:18;
Luk. 15:14
1 Ruth
4:11; Prov.
31:10-27
2 Prov.
18:1; 28:6
Prov. 2:15
3 Lat.,
of
pride
Prov. 12:6
4 Lat.,
breathes out
Rev. 1:5;
3:14 Ex.
23:1; Deut.
19:16; Prov.
6:18; 12:17
Prov. 18:5
7 Lat.,
knows Lat.,
Lys.
Prov. 23:9
8 1 Cor.
3:19
9 Lat.,
guides Or, the
favor of God
Prov. 3:34;
11:20

CHAPTER 14

- THE wise woman builds her house,
But the foolish tears it down
with her own hands.
- 2 He who walks in his up-
rightness fears the LORD,
But he who is crooked in
his ways despises Him.
- 3 In the mouth of the foolish is
a rod for his back,
But the lips of the wise will
preserve them.
- 4 Where no oxen are, the
manger is clean,
But much increase comes
by the strength of the ox.
- 5 A faithful witness will not
lie,
But a false witness
speaks lies.
- 6 A scoffer seeks wisdom,
and finds none,
But knowledge is easy to
him who has understand-
ing.
- 7 Leave the presence of a
fool,
Or you will not discern
words of knowledge.
- 8 The wisdom of the prudent
is to understand his way,
But the folly of fools is de-
ceit.
- 9 Fools mock at sin,
But among the upright
there is good will.
- 10 The heart knows its own
bitterness,
And a stranger does not
share its joy.
- 11 The house of the wicked
will be destroyed,
But the tent of the upright
will flourish.
- 12 There is a way which seems
right to a man,
But its end is the way of
death.
- 13 Even in laughter the heart
may be in pain,

10 1 Sam. 1:10; Job 21:25
11 Job 8:15
12 Prov. 12:15; 18:25 Rom. 8:21

- And the ^aend of joy may be grief.
- 14 The backslider in heart will have his ^afill of his own ways.
But a good man will ^bbe satisfied ¹with his.
- 15 The ¹naive believes everything.
But the prudent man considers his steps.
- 16 A wise man ¹is cautious and ^aturns away from evil,
But a fool is arrogant and careless.
- 17 A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,
And a man of evil devices is hated.
- 18 The ¹naive inherit folly,
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The ^aevil will bow down before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The ^apoor is hated even by his neighbor,
But those who love the rich are many.
- 21 He who ^adespises his neighbor sins,
But ^bhappy is he who is gracious to the ¹poor.
- 22 Will they not go astray who ^adevise evil?
But kindness and truth will be to those who devise good.
- 23 In all labor there is profit,
But ¹mere talk leads only to poverty.
- 24 The ^acrown of the wise is their riches,
But the folly of fools is foolishness.
- 25 A truthful witness saves lives,
But he who ¹aspeaks lies is ²treacherous.
- 26 In the ¹fear of the LORD there is strong confidence,

13 ^aEcc. 2:1, 2
14 ¹Lit., from himself
^aProv. 1:31;
12:21 ^bProv.
12:14; 18:20
18 ¹Lit., simple
16 ¹Lit., fears
^aJob 28:28;
Ps. 34:14;
Prov. 3:7;
22:3
18 ¹Lit., simple
19 ^a1 Sam. 2:36; Prov. 11:29
20 ^aProv. 19:7
21 ¹Or, afflicted
^aProv. 11:12
^bPs. 41:1;
Prov. 19:17;
28:8
22 ^aPs. 36:4;
Prov. 3:29;
12:2; Mic. 2:1
23 ¹Lit., word of lips
24 ^aProv. 10:22; 13:8;
21:20
25 ¹Lit., breathes out
²Lit., treachery
^aProv. 14:5
26 ¹Or, reverence
²Or, His
^aProv. 18:10;
19:23; Is. 33:8
27 ¹Or, reverence
29 ¹Lit., short of spirit
^aProv. 18:32;
19:11; Eccl. 7:9; James 1:19
30 ^aProv. 15:13 ^bProv. 12:4; Hab. 3:18
31 ^aProv. 17:5; Matt. 25:40; 1 John 3:17 ^bJob 31:15; Prov. 22:2
32 ¹Or, calamity
^aProv. 6:15;
24:16 ^bGen. 49:18; Ps. 16:11; 17:15;
37:37; 73:24;
2 Cor. 1:9;
5:8; 2 Tim. 4:18
33 ¹Lit., mudst
35 ^aMatt. 24:45, 47;
25:21, 23
1 ¹Lit., painful
^aJudg. 8:1-3;
Prov. 15:18;
25:15 ^b1 Sam. 25:10-13

- And ²his children will have refuge.
- 27 The ¹fear of the LORD is ^aa fountain of life,
That one may avoid the snares of death.
- 28 In a multitude of people is a king's glory,
But in the dearth of people is a prince's ruin.
- 29 He who is ^aslow to anger has great understanding;
But he who is ¹quick-tempered exalts folly.
- 30 A ^atranquil heart is life to the body,
But passion is ^brottenness to the bones.
- 31 He ^awho oppresses the poor reproaches ^bhis Maker,
But he who is gracious to the needy honors Him.
- 32 The wicked is ^athrust down by his ¹wrongdoing,
But the ^brighteous has a refuge when he dies.
- 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of one who has understanding,
But in the ¹bosom of fools it is made known.
- 34 Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a disgrace to any people.
- 35 The king's favor is toward a ^aservant who acts wisely,
But his anger is toward him who acts shamefully.

CHAPTER 15

- A** ^aGENTLE answer turns away wrath,
But a ^bharsh word stirs up anger.
- 2 The ^atongue of the wise makes knowledge ¹acceptable,
But the ^bmouth of fools spouts folly.
- 3 The ^aeyes of the LORD are in every place,

2 ¹Lit., good ^aProv. 15:7 ^bProv. 12:23; 13:16; 15:28
3 ^a2 Chr. 16:9; Job 31:4; Jer. 16:17; Zech. 4:10; Heb. 4:13

- Watching the evil and the good.
- 4 A ¹soothing tongue is a tree of life,
But perversion in it ²crushes the spirit.
- 5 A fool ¹rejects his father's discipline,
But he who regards reproof is prudent.
- 6 Much wealth is in the house of the ^arighteous,
But trouble is in the income of the wicked.
- 7 The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
But the hearts of fools are not so.
- 8 The ^asacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,
But ^bthe prayer of the upright is His delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,
But He loves him who ^apursues righteousness.
- 10 Stern discipline is for him who forsakes the way;
He who hates reproof will die.
- 11 ¹Sheol and ²Abaddon lie open before the LORD,
How much more the ^bhearts of ³men!
- 12 A ^ascoffer does not love one who reproves him,
He will not go to the wise.
- 13 A ^ajoyful heart makes a ¹cheerful face,
But ²when the heart is ^bsad, the ^cspirit is broken.
- 14 The ^amind of the intelligent seeks knowledge,
But the mouth of fools feeds on folly.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are bad,
But a ¹cheerful heart has a continual feast.
- 16 ^aBetter is a little with the ¹fear of the LORD,
Than great treasure and turmoil with it.

4 ¹Lit., heading ²Lit., is the crushing of the spirit
5 ¹Or, depresses
6 ¹Prov. 8:21
7 ¹Prov. 21:27; Eccl. 5:1, 1a, 111; Jer. 6:20; Mic. 6:7
8 ¹Prov. 15:29
9 ¹Tim. 6:11
11 ¹I.e., the nether world
12 ¹I.e., place of destruction
13 ¹Lit., sons of Adam
14 ¹Job 28:6, Ps. 139:8 ¹Sam. 16:7, 2 Chr. 6:30; Ps. 44:21; Acts 1:24
15 ¹Prov. 13:1; Amos 5:10
16 ¹Lit., good
17 ¹Lit., in wisdom of heart
18 ¹Prov. 17:22
19 ¹Prov. 12:25
20 ¹Prov. 17:22; 18:14
21 ¹Prov. 18:15
22 ¹Lit., good
23 ¹Or, reverence
24 ¹Ps. 37:16; Prov. 16:8; Eccl. 4:6
25 ¹Tim. 6:6
26 ¹Or, portion
27 ¹Or, herbs
28 ¹Prov. 17:1
29 ¹Matt. 23:4; Luke 13:23
30 ¹Prov. 16:28; 28:21; 29:22
31 ¹Prov. 14:29
32 ¹Gen. 13:8; Prov. 16:14; Eccl. 10:4
33 ¹Prov. 10:1; 28:3
34 ¹Prov. 30:17
35 ¹Lit., heart
36 ¹Prov. 14:8; Eph. 5:15
37 ¹Or, are established
38 ¹Lit., answer of his mouth
39 ¹Prov. 12:14
40 ¹Prov. 25:11; Is. 50:4
41 ¹I.e., the nether world
42 ¹Prov. 4:18

- 17 ^aBetter is a ¹dish of ²vegetables where love is,
Than a ^bfattened ox and hatted with it.
- 18 A ^ahot-tempered man stirs up strife,
But the ^bslow to anger ^cpacifies contention.
- 19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns,
But the path of the upright is a highway.
- 20 A ^awise son makes a father glad,
But a foolish man ^bdespises his mother.
- 21 Folly is joy to him who lacks ¹sense,
But a man of understanding ^awalks straight.
- 22 Without consultation, plans are frustrated,
But with many counselors they ¹succeed.
- 23 A ^aman has joy in an ¹apt answer,
And how delightful is a timely ^bword!
- 24 The ^apath of life leads upward for the wise,
That he may keep away from ¹Sheol below.
- 25 The LORD will ^atear down the house of the proud,
But He will ^bestablish the boundary of the ^cwidow.
- 26 Evil plans are an abomination to the LORD,
But pleasant words are pure.
- 27 He who ^aprofits illicitly troubles his own house,
But he who ^bhates bribes will live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous ^aponders how to answer,
But the ^bmouth of the wicked pours out evil things.

25 ¹Prov. 12:7, 14:11 ²Deut. 19:14; Prov. 23:10 ³Ps. 68:5, 148:9
27 ¹Prov. 1:18; 28:25; 1 Tim. 6:10 ²Ex. 23:2; Deut. 16:19; 1 Sam. 12:3; Is. 33:15
28 ¹1 Pet. 3:15 ²Prov. 10:32; 15:2

- 29 The LORD is ^afar from the wicked,
But He ^bhears the prayer of the righteous.
- 30 ¹Bright eyes gladden the heart;
Good news puts fat on the bones.
- 31 He whose ear listens to the life-giving reproof
Will dwell among the wise.
- 32 He who ^aneglects discipline ^bdespises himself,
But he who ^clistens to reproof acquires ¹understanding.
- 33 The ¹fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor comes humility.

CHAPTER 16

- T**HE ^aplans of the heart belong to man,
But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight,
But the ^aLORD weighs the ¹motives.
- 3 ^{1a}Commit your works to the LORD,
And your plans will be established.
- 4 The LORD ^ahas made everything for ¹its own purpose,
Even the ^bwicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD;
Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.
- 6 By ^alovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for,
And by the ^{1b}fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD,
He ^amakes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

29 ^aPs. 18:41; Prov. 1:28 ^bPs. 145:18, 19

30 ¹Lit., The light of the eyes gladdens

32 ¹Lit., heart ^aProv. 1:7; 8:33 ^bProv. 8:36 ^cProv. 15:5

33 ¹Or, reverence

1 ^aProv. 16:9; 19:21

2 ¹Lit., spirits ^a1 Sam. 16:7; Dan. 5:27

3 ¹Lit., Roll ^aPs. 37:5; 55:22; Prov. 3:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

4 ¹Or, His ^aGen. 1:31; Eccl. 3:11 ^bRom. 9:22

6 ¹Or, reverence ^aDan. 4:27; Luke 11:41 ^bProv. 8:13; 14:18

7 ^aGen. 33:4; 2 Chr. 17:10

9 ^aProv. 16:1; 19:21 ^bPs. 37:23; Prov. 20:24; Jer. 10:23

10 ¹Lit., be unfaithful ^a1 Kin. 3:28

11 ¹Lit., stones ²Lit., work ^aProv. 11:1

12 ^aProv. 25:5

15 ¹Lit., later ^aJob 29:23

16 ^aProv. 8:10, 19

17 ¹Lit., soul ^aIs. 35:8

18 ^aProv. 11:2; 18:12; Jer. 49:18; Obad. 3, 4

19 ^aProv. 3:34; 29:23; Is. 57:15 ^bEx. 15:9; Judg. 5:30; Prov. 1:13, 14

20 ^aProv. 19:8 ^bPs. 2:12; 34:8; Jer. 17:7

- 8 Better is a little with righteousness
Than great income with injustice.
- 9 The mind of ^aman plans his way,
But ^bthe LORD directs his steps.
- 10 A divine ^adecision is in the lips of the king;
His mouth should not ¹err in judgment.
- 11 A ^ajust balance and scales belong to the LORD;
All the ¹weights of the bag are His ²concern.
- 12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness,
For a ^athrone is established on righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings,
And he who speaks right is loved.
- 14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death,
But a wise man will appease it.
- 15 In the light of a king's face is life,
And his favor is like a cloud with the ^{1a}spring rain.
- 16 How much ^abetter it is to get wisdom than gold!
And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver.
- 17 The ^ahighway of the upright is to depart from evil;
He who watches his way preserves his ¹life.
- 18 ^aPride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before stumbling.
- 19 It is better to be of a ^ahumble spirit with the lowly,
Than to ^bdivide the spoil with the proud.
- 20 He who gives attention to the word shall ^afind good,
And ^bblessed is he who trusts in the LORD.

- 21 The ^awise in heart will be called discerning,
And sweetness of ¹speech
^bincreases ²persuasiveness.
- 22 Understanding is a fountain of life to him who has it,
But the discipline of fools is folly.
- 23 The ^aheart of the wise teaches his mouth,
And adds ¹persuasiveness to his lips.
- 24 ^aPleasant words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and ^bhealing to the bones.
- 25 ^aThere is a way which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.
- 26 A worker's appetite works for him,
For his ¹hunger urges him on.
- 27 A ^aworthless man digs up evil,
While ¹his words are as a ^bscorching fire.
- 28 A perverse man spreads strife,
And a slanderer separates intimate friends.
- 29 A man of violence ^aentices his neighbor,
And leads him in a way that is not good.
- 30 He who winks his eyes does so to devise perverse things;
He who compresses his lips brings evil to pass.
- 31 A ^agray head is a crown of glory;
It ^bis found in the way of righteousness.
- 32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,
And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.
- 33 The ^alot is cast into the lap,
But its every ^bdecision is from the LORD.

21 ¹Lit., lips
²Or, learning
^aHos. 14:9
^bProv. 16:23
22 ¹Or, learning
^aPs. 37:30,
Prov. 15:28,
Matt. 12:34
23 ^aPs.
19:10, Prov.
15:26, 24:13,
14 ^bProv.
4:22, 17:22
24 ^aProv.
12:15, 14:12
25 ¹Lit.,
mouth
26 ¹Lit., on
his lips
^aProv. 6:12,
14:18 ^bJames
3:6
27 ^aProv.
1:10, 12:26
31 ^aProv.
20:29 ^bProv.
3:1, 2
32 ^aProv.
18:18 ^bProv.
29:28
1 ¹Lit., nec-
rness of
wife
^aProv. 15:17
3 ^aProv.
27:21 ^b1 Chr.
29:17, Ps.
26:2, Prov.
15:11, Jer.
17:10, Mal.
3:3
4 ¹Lit.,
falsehood
^aProv. 14:15
5 ^aProv.
14:31 ^bJob
31:29, Prov.
24:17, Ubad.
12
6 ^aGen.
48:11, Prov.
13:22 ^bEx.
20:12, Mal.
1:6
7 ¹Lit., A
lip of abun-
dance
^aProv. 24:7
^bPs. 31:18,
Prov. 12:22
8 ¹Lit.,
stone of fa-
vor
^aProv. 21:14,
Is. 1:23,
Amos 5:12
9 ^aProv.
10:12, James
5:20, 1 Pet.
4:8 ^bProv.
16:28
12 ^aProv.
22:9 ^b2 Sam.
17:8, Hos.
13:8

CHAPTER 17

- B**^a¹BETTER is a dry morsel and
quietness with it
Than a house full of ¹feast-
ing with strife.
- 2 A servant who acts wisely
will rule over a son who
acts shamefully,
And will share in the inher-
itance among brothers.
 - 3 The ^arefining pot is for silver
and the furnace for gold,
But ^bthe LORD tests hearts.
 - 4 An ^aevildoer listens to
wicked lips,
A ¹liar pays attention to a
destructive tongue.
 - 5 He who mocks the ^apoor re-
proaches his Maker;
He who ^brejoices at calam-
ity will not go unpun-
ished.
 - 6 ^aGrandchildren are the
crown of old men,
And the ^bglory of sons is
their fathers.
 - 7 ¹Excellent speech is not fit-
ting for a fool;
Much less are ^blying lips to a
prince.
 - 8 A ^abribe is a ¹charm in the
sight of its owner,
Wherever he turns, he pros-
pers.
 - 9 He who ^acovers a transgres-
sion seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter
^bseparates intimate
friends.
 - 10 A rebuke goes deeper into
one who has understand-
ing
Than a hundred blows into a
fool.
 - 11 A rebellious man seeks only
evil,
So a cruel messenger will be
sent against him.
 - 12 Let a ^aman meet a ^bbear
robbed of her cubs,
Rather than a fool in his
folly.

- 13 He who ^areturns evil for good,
^bEvil will not depart from his house.
- 14 The beginning of strife is like letting out water,
 So ^aabandon the quarrel before it breaks out.
- 15 He who ^ajustifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous,
 Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.
- 16 Why is there a price in the hand of a fool to ^abuy wisdom,
 When ¹he has no sense?
- 17 A ^afriend loves at all times,
 And a brother is born for adversity.
- 18 A man lacking in ¹sense ²pledges,
 And becomes surety in the presence of his neighbor.
- 19 He who ^aloves transgression loves strife;
 He who ^braises his door seeks destruction.
- 20 He who has a crooked ¹mind ^afinds no good,
 And he who is ^bperverted in his language falls into evil.
- 21 He who ^abegets a fool does so to his sorrow,
 And the father of a fool has no joy.
- 22 A ^ajoyful heart ¹is good medicine,
 But a broken spirit ^bdries up the bones.
- 23 A wicked man receives a ^abribe from the bosom
 To ^bpervert the ways of justice.
- 24 Wisdom is in the presence of the one who has understanding,
 But the ^aeyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.
- 25 A ^afoolish son is a grief to his father,
 And ^bbitterness to her who bore him.

13 ^aPs. 35:12, 109:5, Jer. 18:20
^b2 Sam. 12:10, 1 Kin. 21:22, Prov. 13:21
 14 ^aProv. 20:3, 25:8, 1 Thess. 4:11
^bEx. 23:7, Prov. 18:5, 24:24, Is. 5:23
 16 ¹Lit., there is no heart
^aProv. 23:23
 17 ^aRuth 1:16, Prov. 18:24
 18 ¹Lit., heart ²Lit., shakes hands
^aProv. 6:1, 11:15, 22:26
 19 ^aProv. 29:22 ^bProv. 16:18, 29:23
 20 ¹Lit., heart
^aProv. 24:20
^bJames 3:8
 21 ^aProv. 10:1, 17:25, 19:13
 22 ¹Lit., causes good healing
^aProv. 15:13
^bPs. 22:15
 23 ^aProv. 17:8 ^bEx. 23:8, Mic. 3:11, 7:3
 24 ^aEcc. 2:14
 25 ^aProv. 19:13 ^bProv. 10:1
 26 ^aProv. 17:15, 18:5
 27 ¹Lit., knows
^aProv. 10:19, James 1:19
^bProv. 14:29
 28 ^aJob 13:5
 1 ¹Lit., breaks out
^aProv. 3:21, 8:14
 2 ¹Lit., heart
^aProv. 12:23, 13:16, Ecc. 10:3
 4 ¹Or, A bubbling brook, a fountain of wisdom
^aProv. 20:5
 5 ^aLev. 19:15, Deut. 1:17, 16:19, Ps. 82:2, Prov. 17:15, 24:23, 28:21
^bEx. 23:2, 6; Prov. 17:26, 31:5, Mic. 3:9
 6 ¹Lit., come with
^aProv. 19:29

- 26 It is also not good to ^afine the righteous,
 Nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.
- 27 He who ^arestrains his words ¹has knowledge,
 And he who has a ^bcool spirit is a man of understanding.
- 28 Even a fool, when he ^akeeps silent, is considered wise;
 When he closes his lips, he is counted prudent.

CHAPTER 18

- H**E who separates himself seeks his own desire,
 He ¹aquarrels against all sound wisdom.
- 2 A fool does not delight in understanding,
 But only ^ain revealing his own ¹mind.
- 3 When a wicked man comes, contempt also comes,
 And with dishonor comes reproach.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are ^adeep waters;
¹The fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.
- 5 To ^ashow partiality to the wicked is not good,
 Nor to ^bthrust aside the righteous in judgment.
- 6 A fool's lips ¹bring strife,
 And his mouth calls for ^ablows.
- 7 A ^afool's mouth is his ruin,
 And his lips are the snare of his soul.
- 8 The words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels,
 And they go down into the ¹innermost parts of the body.
- 9 He also who is ^aslack in his work
^bIs brother to him who destroys.

7 ^aPs. 64:8, 140:9; Prov. 10:14, 12:13, 13:3; Ecc. 10:12
 8 ¹Lit., chambers of the belly
 9 ^aProv. 10:4 ^bProv. 28:24

- 10 The ^aname of the LORD is a
^bstrong tower;
The righteous runs into it
and ^cis ¹safe.
- 11 A ^arich man's wealth is his
strong city,
And like a high wall in his
own imagination.
- 12 ^aBefore destruction the
heart of man is haughty,
But ^bhumility goes before
honor.
- 13 He who ^agives an answer
before he hears,
It is folly and shame to him.
- 14 The ^aspirit of a man can en-
dure his sickness,
But a ^bbroken spirit who
can bear?
- 15 The ¹mind of the prudent
acquires knowledge,
And the ^bear of the wise
seeks knowledge.
- 16 A man's ^agift makes room
for him,
And brings him before
great men.
- 17 The first ¹to plead his case
seems just,
Until ²another comes and
examines him.
- 18 The ¹lot puts an end to con-
tentions,
And ¹decides between the
mighty.
- 19 A brother offended is
harder to be won than a
strong city,
And contentions are like the
bars of a castle.
- 20 With the ¹fruit of a man's
mouth his stomach will
be satisfied;
^bHe will be satisfied with
the product of his lips.
- 21 ^aDeath and life are in the
¹power of the tongue,
And those who love it will
eat its ^bfruit.
- 22 He who finds a ^awife finds a
good thing,
And ^bobtains favor from the
LORD.

10 ¹Lat., and
on high
+Ex. 3:15
+2 Sam. 22:2
1. 33: Ps.
18:2; 61:3
91:2; 144:2
+Prov. 29:25
11 +Prov.
10:15
12 +Prov.
11:2; 16:18;
29:23 +Prov.
15:33
13 +Prov.
20:25; John
7:51
14 +Prov.
17:22 +Prov.
15:13
15 ¹Lat.
heart
+Prov. 15:14.
Eph. 1:17
+Prov. 15:31
16 +Gen.
32:20; 1 Sam.
25:27
17 ¹Lat., in
his place ²Lat.
his neighbor
18 ¹Lat.
makes a divi-
sion
+Prov. 16:33
20 ¹Lat.
speech
+Prov. 12:14
+Prov. 14:14
21 ¹Lat.
hand
+Prov. 12:13.
13:3; Matt.
12:37 +Prov.
13:2; 14:3; 19:
10; 13
22 +Gen.
2:16; Prov.
12:4; 19:14.
31:10-31
+Prov. 8:35
23 +Prov.
19:7; James
2:3; 6:1; 1 Km.
12:13; 2 Chr.
10:13
24 ¹Lat., he
broken in
pieces ²Chr.
lover
+Prov. 17:17;
John 15:14;
15
1 ¹Lat., his
lips
+Prov. 28:6
+Ps. 20:11.
Prov. 14:2.
20:7
2 ¹Lat., and
+Prov. 21:5;
28:26; 29:20
3 +Prov.
11:3; 14:21
4 +Prov.
14:20
5 ¹Lat.,
breaches
+Ex. 23:1;
Deut. 18:16;
18: Prov.
18:2; 21:28
+Prov. 6:19

- 23 The ^apoor man utters sup-
plications,
But the ^brich man ^canswers
roughly.
- 24 A man of many friends
comes to ¹ruin,
But there is ^aa ²friend who
sticks closer than a
brother.

CHAPTER 19

- ^a**B**BETTER is a poor man who
^bwalks in his integrity
Than he who is perverse in
¹speech and is a fool.
- 2 Also it is not good for a per-
son to be without knowl-
edge.
And he who makes ^ahaste
with his feet ¹errs.
- 3 The ^afoolishness of man
subverts his way,
And his heart ^brages against
the LORD.
- 4 ^aWealth adds many friends,
But a poor man is separated
from his friend.
- 5 A ^afalse witness will not go
unpunished,
And he who ¹tells lies will
not escape.
- 6 ^aMany will entreat the favor
of a ¹generous man,
And every man is a friend to
him who ^bgives gifts.
- 7 All the brothers of a poor
man hate him;
How much more do his
^afriends go far from him!
He ^bpursues them with
words, but they are
¹gone.
- 8 He who gets ¹wisdom loves
his own soul;
He who keeps understand-
ing will ^afind good.
- 9 A ^afalse witness will not go
unpunished,
And he who ¹tells lies will
perish.

6 ¹Chr., noble +Prov. 29:26 +Prov. 18:18; 21:14
7 ¹Lat., and +Ps. 38:11 +Prov. 18:25
8 ¹Lat., heart +Prov. 18:20
9 ¹Lat., breaches +Prov. 18:25; Deut. 8:24

- 10 Luxury is ^anot fitting for a fool;
Much less for a ^bslave to rule over princes.
- 11 A man's ^adiscretion makes him slow to anger.
And it is his glory ^bto overlook a transgression.
- 12 The ^aking's wrath is like the roaring of a lion,
But his favor is like ^bdew on the grass.
- 13 A ^afoolish son is destruction to his father.
And the ^bcontentions of a wife are a constant dripping.
- 14 House and wealth are an ^ainheritance from fathers.
But a prudent wife is from the LORD.
- 15 ^aLaziness casts into a deep sleep,
And an idle ^bman will suffer hunger.
- 16 He who ^akeeps the commandment keeps his soul,
But he who ^bis careless of his ways will die.
- 17 He who ^ais gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD,
And He will repay him for his ^bgood deed.
- 18 ^aDiscipline your son while there is hope,
And do not desire ^bhis death.
- 19 A man of great anger shall bear the penalty,
For if you rescue him, you will only have to do it again.
- 20 ^aListen to counsel and accept discipline,
That you may be wise ^bthe rest of your days.
- 21 Many are the ^aplans in a man's heart,
But the ^bcounsel of the LORD, it will stand.
- 22 What is desirable in a man is his ^bkindness.

10 ^aProv. 17:7; 26:1; Eccl. 10:6, 7
^bProv. 30:22
11 ^aProv. 14:29; 16:32
^bMatt. 5:44; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13
12 ^aProv. 16:14
^bGen. 27:28; Deut. 33:28; Ps. 133:3; Hos. 14:5; Mic. 5:7
13 ^aProv. 17:25
^bProv. 21:9, 19; 27:15
14 ^a2 Cor. 12:14
15 ^aLit., soul
^bProv. 6:9, 10; 24:33
16 ^aLit., de-
spise
^bProv. 13:13; 16:17; Luke 10:28; 11:28
17 ^aOr, benefits
^bDeut. 15:7; 8; Prov. 14:31; 28:27; Eccl. 11:1, 2; Matt. 10:42; 25:40; 2 Cor. 9:8-8; Heb. 6:10
^bProv. 12:14; Luke 6:38
18 ^aLit., causing him to die
^bProv. 13:24; 23:13; 29:15, 17
19 ^aLit., in your latter end
^bProv. 4:1; 8:33; 12:15
20 ^aProv. 16:1; 9
^bPs. 33:10, 11; Is. 14:26, 27
21 ^aOr, loyalty
^bOr, reverence
^cLit., not visited
^dProv. 14:27; 1 Tim. 4:8
^ePs. 25:13
^fPs. 91:10; Prov. 12:21
22 ^aProv. 26:15
^bMatt. 26:23; Mark 14:20
23 ^aLit., simple
^bLit., discern
^cProv. 21:11
^dProv. 9:8
24 ^aProv. 28:24
25 ^aOr, swallows
^bJob 15:16; 20:12, 13; 34:7

- And it is better to be a poor man than a liar.
- 23 The ^afear of the LORD leads to life,
So that one may sleep ^bsatisfied, ^cuntouched by evil.
- 24 The ^asluggard buries his hand ^bin the dish,
And will not even bring it back to his mouth.
- 25 ^aStrike a scoffer and the ^bnaive may become shrewd,
But ^breprove one who has understanding and he will ^cgain knowledge.
- 26 He ^awho assaults his father and drives his mother away
Is a shameful and disgraceful son.
- 27 Cease listening, my son, to discipline,
And you will stray from the words of knowledge.
- 28 A rascally witness makes a mockery of justice,
And the mouth of the wicked ^aspreads iniquity.
- 29 ^aJudgments are prepared for ^bscoffers,
And ^bblows for the back of fools.

CHAPTER 20

- ^aWINE is a mocker, ^bstrong drink a brawler,
And whoever ^bis intoxicated by it is not wise.
- 2 The terror of a king is like the growling of a lion;
He who provokes him to anger ^aforfeits his own life.
- 3 ^aKeeping away from strife is an honor for a man,
But any fool will ^cquarrel.

29 ^aGr., Rods
^bPs. 1:1; Prov. 9:12
^cProv. 10:13; 18:6; 26:3
1 ^aLit., errs
^bGen. 9:21; Prov. 23:29, 30; Is. 28:7; Hos. 4:11
^cProv. 31:4; Is. 5:22; 58:12
2 ^aLit., sins against
^bNum. 16:38; 1 Kin. 2:23; Prov. 8:36; Hab. 2:10
3 ^aLit., Ceasing
^bLit., burst out
^cGen. 13:7f.; Prov. 17:14

- 4 The ^asluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he ^bbegs during the harvest and has nothing.
- 5 A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, But a man of understanding draws it out.
- 6 Many a man ^aproclaims his own loyalty, But who can find a ^btrust-worthy man?
- 7 A righteous man who ^awalks in his integrity—
^bHow blessed are his sons after him.
- 8 ^aA king who sits on the throne of justice
^bDisperses all evil with his eyes.
- 9 ^aWho can say, "I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin?"
- 10 ^aDiffering weights and differing measures, Both of them are abominable to the LORD.
- 11 It is by his deeds that a lad ^adistinguishes himself
If his conduct is pure and right.
- 12 The hearing ^aear and the seeing eye,
The LORD has made both of them.
- 13 ^aDo not love sleep, lest you become poor;
Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with ^bfood.
- 14 "Bad, bad," says the buyer;
But when he goes his way, then he boasts.
- 15 There is gold, and an abundance of ^bjewels;
But the lips of knowledge are a more precious thing.
- 16 Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger;
And for foreigners, hold him in pledge.
- 17 ^aBread obtained by falsehood is sweet to a man,

4 ^aLit., asks
^aProv. 13:4, 21:25
6 ^aProv. 25:14, Matt. 6:2, Luke 18:11
^bPs. 12:1, Luke 18:8
7 ^aProv. 19:1
^bPs. 37:26, 112:2
8 ^aOr, Sifts
^aProv. 20:28, 25:5
9 ^a1 Kin. 8:46, 2 Chr. 6:36, Job 14:4, Eccl. 7:20, Rom. 3:9, 1 John 1:8
10 ^aLit., A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah
^aProv. 11:1, 20:23
11 ^aOr, makes himself known
^aMatt. 7:18
12 ^aEx. 4:11, Ps. 94:9
13 ^aLit., bread
^aProv. 6:9, 10:19, 15:24, 33:15
15 ^aOr, corals
17 ^aProv. 9:17
18 ^aProv. 11:14, 15:22
^aProv. 24:6, Luke 14:31
19 ^aLit., one who opens his lips
^aProv. 11:13
^aProv. 13:3
20 ^aEx. 21:17, Lev. 20:9
^aProv. 30:11, Matt. 15:4
^aJob 18:5, Prov. 13:9, 24:20
22 ^aProv. 24:29, Matt. 5:38, Rom. 12:17, 19:1 Thess. 5:15, 1 Pet. 3:9
^aPs. 27:14
23 ^aLit., A stone and a stone
^aLit., balance of deceit
^aProv. 20:10
^aProv. 11:1
24 ^aProv. 16:9
25 ^aEccl. 5:4, 5
26 ^aLit., turns
^aProv. 20:8
^aPs. 28:27

- But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.
- 18 Prepare ^aplans by consultation,
And ^bmake war by wise guidance.
- 19 He who ^agoes about as a slanderer reveals secrets,
Therefore do not associate with ^ba gossip.
- 20 He who ^acurses his father or his mother,
His ^blamp will go out in time of darkness.
- 21 An inheritance gained hurriedly at the beginning,
Will not be blessed in the end.
- 22 ^aDo not say, "I will repay evil";
^bWait for the LORD, and He will save you.
- 23 ^aDiffering weights are an abomination to the LORD,
And a ^bfalse scale is not good.
- 24 ^aMan's steps are ordained by the LORD,
How then can man understand his way?
- 25 It is a snare for a man to say rashly, "It is holy!"
And ^aafter the vows to make inquiry.
- 26 A ^awise king winnows the wicked,
And ^bdrives the ^bthreshing wheel over them.
- 27 The ^aspirit of man is the lamp of the LORD,
Searching all the ^binnermost parts of his being.
- 28 ^aLoyalty and ^atruth preserve the king,
And he upholds his throne by ^brighteousness.
- 29 The glory of young men is their strength,
And the ^bhonor of old men is their gray hair.

27 ^aLit., breath
^aLit., chambers of the body
21 Cor. 2:11
28 ^aLit., Covenant loyalty
^aProv. 23:14
29 ^aOr, splendor
^aProv. 16:31

- 30 *Stripes that wound scour away evil,
And strokes reach the innermost parts.

CHAPTER 21

THE king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD;

He turns it wherever He wishes.

- 2 *Every man's way is right in his own eyes,

But the LORD weighs the hearts.

- 3 To do righteousness and justice

Is desired by the LORD rather than sacrifice.

- 4 Haughty eyes and a proud heart,

The lamp of the wicked, is sin.

- 5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage,

But everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty.

- 6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue

Is a fleeting vapor, the pursuit of death.

- 7 The violence of the wicked will drag them away,

Because they refuse to act with justice.

- 8 The way of a guilty man is crooked,

But as for the pure, his conduct is upright.

- 9 It is better to live in a corner of a roof,

Than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

- 10 The soul of the wicked desires evil;

His neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

- 11 When the scoffer is punished, the naive becomes wise;

But when the wise is instructed, he receives knowledge.

30 ¹Lit., chambers of the body
*Ps. 89:32;
Prov. 22:15;
Is. 53:5;
1 Pet. 2:24
1 *Ezra
6:22

2 *Prov.
16:2; *Prov.
16:2; 24:12;
Luke 16:15

3 *1 Sam.
15:22; Prov.
15:8; Is. 1:11;
16, 17, Hos.
6:6, Mic.
6:7, 8

4 *Prov.
24:20; Luke
11:34

5 *Prov.
10:4, 13:4
*Prov. 28:22

6 ¹Lit., seekers
*Prov. 13:11;
20:21; *Prov.
8:36

7 *Amos
5:7; Mic. 3:9
8 *Prov.
2:15

9 ¹Lit., with a woman of contentions and a house of association
10 *Ps. 52:3;
Prov. 2:14;
14:21

11 ¹Lit., simple
*Prov. 19:25

12 *Prov.
14:11

13 *Matt.
18:30-34;
1 John 3:17

*James 2:13
14 *Prov.
18:16, 19:6

15 *Prov.
10:29

16 ¹Lit., departed spirits
*Ps. 49:14

17 *Prov.
23:21

18 *Is. 43:3
*Prov. 11:8

19 *Prov.
21:9

20 *Ps.
112:3; Prov.
8:21; 22:4

*Job 20:15,
18
21 *Prov.
15:9; Matt.
5:6; 1 Cor.
15:58

22 ¹Lit., strength of trust
*2 Sam. 5:6-9;
Prov. 24:5;
Eccl. 7:19;
9:15, 16

- 12 The righteous one considers the house of the wicked,

Turning the wicked to ruin.

- 13 He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor

Will also cry himself and not be answered.

- 14 A gift in secret subdues anger,

And a bribe in the bosom, strong wrath.

- 15 The execution of justice is joy for the righteous,

But is terror to the workers of iniquity.

- 16 A man who wanders from the way of understanding

Will rest in the assembly of the dead.

- 17 He who loves pleasure will become a poor man;

He who loves wine and oil will not become rich.

- 18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous,

And the treacherous is in the place of the upright.

- 19 It is better to live in a desert land,

Than with a contentious and vexing woman.

- 20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise,

But a foolish man swallows it up.

- 21 He who pursues righteousness and loyalty

Finds life, righteousness and honor.

- 22 A wise man scales the city of the mighty,

And brings down the stronghold in which they trust.

- 23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue,

Guards his soul from troubles.

- 23 *Prov. 12:13; 13:3; 18:21; James 3:2

- 24 "Proud," "Haughty,"
"Scoffer," are his
names,
Who acts with insolent
pride.
- 25 The desire of the sluggard
puts him to death,
For his hands refuse to
work;
- 26 All day long he is craving,
While the righteous gives
and does not hold back.
- 27 The sacrifice of the wicked
is an abomination,
How much more when he
brings it with evil intent!
- 28 A false witness will perish,
But the man who listens to
the truth will speak for-
ever.
- 29 A wicked man shows a
bold face,
But as for the upright, he
makes his way sure.
- 30 There is no wisdom and no
understanding
And no counsel against the
LORD.
- 31 The horse is prepared for
the day of battle,
But victory belongs to the
LORD.

CHAPTER 22

- A** GOOD name is to be more
desired than great riches,
Favor is better than silver
and gold.
- 2 The rich and the poor have
a common bond,
The LORD is the maker of
them all.
- 3 The prudent sees the evil
and hides himself,
But the naive go on, and are
punished for it.
- 4 The reward of humility and
the fear of the LORD
Are riches, honor and life.
- 5 Thorns and snares are in
the way of the perverse;
He who guards himself will
be far from them.
- 6 Train up a child in the way
he should go,

24 ¹Ps. 1:1;
Prov. 1:22;
1:34; 24:2; Is.
28:20 ²Is.
16:6; Jer.
48:20

25 ¹Prov.
13:4

26 ¹Lat., de-
sires desire
²Ps. 37:26;
112:5; R.
Matt. 5:42;
Eph. 4:28

27 ¹Prov.
15:2; Is. 68:3;
Jer. 6:28;
Amos 5:22

28 ¹Prov.
19:5; 9

29 ¹Lat.,
makes firm
with his face
²Ecc. 8:1 ³Ps.
119:5; Prov.
11:5

30 ¹Jer.
9:23; Acts
5:30; 39;
1 Cor. 1:10;
20

31 ¹Ps. 20:7;
30:17; Is. 31:1
²Ps. 3:8; Jer.
2:23; 1 Cor.
15:57

1 ¹Prov.
10:7; Ecc. 7:1

2 ¹Lat.,
most together
Job 31:15;
Prov. 14:31

3 ¹Lat.,
simple
²Prov. 14:16;
27:12; Is.
28:20

4 ¹Or, re-
verence

5 ¹Prov.
15:19

6 ¹Lat., ac-
cording to his
way
²Eph. 4:4

7 ¹Prov.
18:23; James
2:6

8 ¹Job 4:8
²Ps. 125:3

9 ¹Lat., has
a good eye
²Prov. 18:17;
2 Cor. 9:6
³Luke 14:13

10 ¹Can.
21:9; 10;
Prov. 18:6;
20:20

11 ¹Lat., has
grace on his
lips
²Ps. 24:4;
Matt. 5:6

³Prov. 14:33;
16:13

12 ¹Prov.
20:13

- Even when he is old he will
not depart from it.
- 7 The rich rules over the
poor,
And the borrower becomes
the lender's slave.
- 8 He who sows iniquity will
reap vanity,
And the rod of his fury will
perish.
- 9 He who is generous will be
blessed,
For he gives some of his
food to the poor.
- 10 Drive out the scoffer, and
contention will go out,
Even strife and dishonor
will cease.
- 11 He who loves purity of
heart
And whose speech is gra-
cious, the king is his
friend.
- 12 The eyes of the LORD pre-
serve knowledge,
But He overthrows the
words of the treacherous
man.
- 13 The sluggard says, "There
is a lion outside;
I shall be slain in the
streets!"
- 14 The mouth of an adulter-
ess is a deep pit;
He who is cursed of the
LORD will fall into it.
- 15 Foolishness is bound up in
the heart of a child;
The rod of discipline will
remove it far from him.
- 16 He who oppresses the poor
to make much for himself
Or who gives to the rich,
will only come to pov-
erty.
- 17 Incline your ear and
hear the words of the
wise,
And apply your mind to my
knowledge;

14 ¹Lat., strange woman ²Lat., there ³Prov. 2:16; 5:3;
7:2; 23:27 ⁴Ecc. 7:26

15 ¹Prov. 13:24; 23:14

16 ¹Ecc. 5:8; James 2:13 ²Prov. 20:22

17 ¹Prov. 5:1

CHAPTER 23

- 18 For it will be ^apleasant if
you keep them within
you,
¹That they may be ready on
your lips.
- 19 So that your ^atrust may be
in the LORD,
I have ¹taught you today,
even you.
- 20 Have I not written to you
¹excellent things
Of counsels and knowl-
edge,
- 21 To make you ^aknow the
¹certainty of the words of
truth
That you may ^{2b}correctly
answer to him who sent
you?
- 22 ¶ ^aDo not rob the poor be-
cause he is poor,
Or ^bcrush the afflicted at the
gate;
- 23 For the LORD will ^aplead
their case,
And ¹take the life of those
who rob them.
- 24 ¶ Do not associate with a
man given to anger;
Or go with a ^ahot-tempered
man,
- 25 Lest you ^alearn his ways,
And ¹find a snare for your-
self.
- 26 ¶ Do not be among those
who ^agive ¹pledges,
Among those who become
sureties for debts.
- 27 If you have nothing with
which to pay,
Why should he ^atake your
bed from under you?
- 28 ¶ ^aDo not move the ancient
boundary
Which your fathers have
set.
- 29 ¶ Do you see a man skilled
in his work?
He will ^astand before kings;
He will not stand before ob-
scure men.

¹⁸ ¹Lit.,
They together
^aProv. 2:10
¹⁹ ¹Lit.,
made you
know
^aProv. 3:5
²⁰ ¹Or, pre-
vious
^aProv. 8:6
²¹ ¹Lit.,
truth ²Lit., re-
turn words of
truth
^aLuke 1:3, 4
^aProv. 25:13,
1 Pet. 3:15
²² ^aEx. 23:6,
Job 31:16,
Prov. 22:16
^bZech. 7:10,
Mal. 3:5
²³ ¹Lit., with
the soul
^a1 Sam.
25:39; Ps.
12:5; 35:10,
140:12; Prov.
23:11; Jer.
51:36
²⁴ ^aProv.
29:22
²⁵ ¹Lit.,
take
^a1 Cor. 15:33
²⁶ ¹Lit.,
strike hands
^aProv. 17:18
²⁷ ^aEx.
22:28; Prov.
20:18
²⁸ ^aDeut.
19:14; 27:17,
Job 24:2,
Prov. 23:10
²⁹ ^aGen.
41:48; 1 Kin.
10:8
¹ ¹Or, who
² ^aProv.
23:20
³ ^aPs.
141:4; Prov.
23:6; Dan.
1:5, 8, 13, 15,
16
⁴ ¹Or, un-
derstanding
^aProv. 15:27;
28:20; Matt.
6:19; 1 Tim.
6:9; Heb. 13:5
^bProv. 3:5, 7
⁵ ¹Lit.,
Will your
eyes fly upon
it and it is
not?
^aProv. 27:24;
1 Tim. 6:17
⁶ ¹Lit., an
evil eye
^aPs. 141:4
^bDeut. 15:9;
Prov. 28:22
⁷ ¹Lit.,
reckons in
his soul
^aProv. 28:24,
25
⁸ ¹Lit.,
your ²Lit.,
pleasant
words
^aProv. 25:16

- WHEN you sit down to dine
with a ruler,
Consider carefully ¹what is
before you;
- 2 And put a knife to your
throat,
If you are a ^aman of great
appetite.
- 3 Do not ^adesire his delica-
cies,
For it is deceptive food.
- 4 ¶ ^aDo not weary yourself to
gain wealth,
^bCease from your ¹consid-
eration of it.
- 5 ¹When you set your eyes on
it, it is gone.
For ^awealth certainly
makes itself wings,
Like an eagle that flies
¹toward the heavens.
- 6 ¶ ^aDo not eat the bread of
¹a ^bselfish man,
Or desire his delicacies;
- 7 For as he ¹thinks within
himself, so he is.
He says to you, "Eat and
drink!"
But ^ahis heart is not with
you.
- 8 You will ^avomit up ¹the
morsel you have eaten,
And waste your ²compliments.
- 9 ¶ ^aDo not speak in the
¹hearing of a fool,
For he will ^bdespise the wis-
dom of your words.
- 10 ¶ Do not move the ancient
boundary,
Or ^ago into the fields of the
fatherless;
- 11 For their ^aRedeemer is
strong;
^bHe will plead their case
against you.
- 12 Apply your heart to disci-
pline,

⁹ ¹Lit., ears ^aMatt. 7:6 ^bProv. 1:7
¹⁰ ^aJer. 22:3; Zech. 7:10
¹¹ ^aJob 19:25; Jer. 50:34 ^bProv. 22:23

- And your ears to words of knowledge.
- 13 ¶ ¹Do not hold back discipline from the child.
Although you ¹beat him with the rod, he will not die.
- 14 You shall ¹beat him with the rod,
And ²deliver his soul from Sheol.
- 15 ¶ My son, if your heart is ²wise,
My own heart also will be glad;
- 16 And my ¹inmost being will rejoice,
When your lips speak ²what is right.
- 17 ¶ ¹Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But live in the ^{1b}fear of the LORD ²always.
- 18 Surely there is a ¹future,
And your ^{1b}hope will not be cut off.
- 19 Listen, my son, and ²be wise,
And ^{1b}direct your heart in the way.
- 20 Do not be with ²heavy drinkers of wine,
Or with ^{1b}gluttonous eaters of meat;
- 21 For the ²heavy drinker and the glutton will come to poverty,
And ^{1b}drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.
- 22 ¶ ¹Listen to your father who begot you,
And ^{1b}do not despise your mother when she is old.
- 23 ²Buy truth, and do not sell it,
Get wisdom and instruction and understanding.
- 24 ¶ The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And ²he who begets a wise son will be glad in him.
- 25 Let your ²father and your mother be glad,
And let her rejoice who gave birth to you.
- 26 ¶ ²Give me your heart, my son,
And let your eyes ^{1b}delight in my ways.
- 27 For a harlot is a ²deep pit,
And an ^{1b}adulterous woman is a narrow well.
- 28 Surely she ²lurks as a robber,
And increases the ¹faithless among men.
- 29 ¶ Who has ²woe? Who has sorrow?
Who has contentions? Who has complaining?
Who has wounds without cause?
Who has redness of eyes?
- 30 Those who ²linger long over wine,
Those who go to ¹taste ^{1b}mixed wine.
- 31 Do not look on the wine when it is red,
When it ¹sparkles in the cup,
When it ²goes down smoothly;
- 32 At the last it ²bites like a serpent,
And stings like a ^{1b}viper.
- 33 Your eyes will see strange things,
And your ¹mind will ²utter perverse things.
- 34 And you will be like one who lies down in the ¹middle of the sea,
Or like one who lies down on the top of a ²mast.
- 35 ²They ²struck me, but I did not become ill;
They beat me, but I did not know it.
When shall I awake?
I will ^{1b}seek ¹another drink."

13 ¹Lat. smile
Prov. 13:24, 19:18
14 ¹Lat. smile
1 Cor 5:5
15 Prov 23:24, 27:11, 29:3
16 ¹Lat. Ind. nerya
Prov 8:6
17 Or, reverence
1 Lat. all the day
Ps 37:1, Prov 24:1, 19
Prov 28:14
18 ¹Lat. lat. ter end
Ps 19:11, 58:11, Prov 24:14
Ps 9:18
19 Prov 6:6
Prov 4:23, 9:6
20 Prov 20:1, 23:29, 30:16, 5:22, Matt 24:49, Luke 21:34, Rom. 13:13, Eph 5:18
21 Deut. 21:20, Prov 28:7
21 Prov 21:17
Prov 8:10, 11
22 Prov 1:8, Eph 6:1
Prov 15:20, 30:17
23 Prov 4:7, 18:15, Matt 13:44
24 Prov 10:1, 15:20, 29:3
25 Prov 27:11
26 Another reading is observe
Prov 31:4, 4
Ps 1:2, 118:24
27 ¹Lat. strange
Prov 22:14
Prov 5:20
28 ¹Lat. treacherous
Prov. 6:26, 7:12, Eccl 7:26
29 ¹Lat. 5:11, 21
30 Or, search out
1 Sam. 25:38, Prov 20:1, Is. 5:11, 28:7, Eph 5:18
Ps 75:8
31 ¹Lat. gives its eye
Song 7:9
32 Job 20:16, Prov 20:1, Eph 5:18
Ps 91:13, Is. 11:8

33 ¹Lat. heart
Prov. 2:12
34 ¹Lat. heart
Or, lookout
35 ¹Lat. if yet again
Prov. 27:22, Jer 5:3
Prov. 28:11, Is. 58:12

CHAPTER 24

DO not be ^aenvious of evil men,

Nor desire to ^bbe with them;

2 For their ¹minds devise ^aviolence,
And their lips ^btalk of trouble.

3 ¶ ^aBy wisdom a house is built,
And by understanding it is established;

4 And by knowledge the rooms are ^afilled
With all precious and pleasant riches.

5 ¶ A ^awise man is ¹strong,
And a man of knowledge ²increases power.

6 For ^aby wise guidance you will ¹wage war,
And ^bin abundance of counselors there is victory.

7 ¶ Wisdom is ^atoo high for a fool,
He does not open his mouth ^bin the gate.

8 ¶ He who ^aplans to do evil,
Men will call him a ¹schemer.

9 The ^adevising of folly is sin,
And the scoffer is an abomination to men.

10 ¶ If you ^aare slack in the day of distress,
Your strength is limited.

11 ¶ ^aDeliver those who are being taken away to death,
And those who are staggering to slaughter, O hold *them* back.

12 If you say, "See, we did not know this,"
Does He not ^aconsider it ^bwho weighs the hearts?
And ^cdoes He not know it who ^dkeeps your soul?

1 ^aPs. 37:1; Prov. 3:31; 23:17; 24:19
^bPs. 1:1; Prov. 1:15
2 ¹Lit., hearts
^aIs. 30:12; Jer. 22:17
^bJob 15:35; Ps. 10:7; 38:12
3 ^aProv. 9:1; 14:1
4 ^aProv. 8:21
5 ¹Lit., in strength ²Lit., strengthens power
^aProv. 21:22
6 ¹Lit., make battle for yourself
^aProv. 20:18
^bProv. 11:14
7 ^aPs. 10:5; Prov. 14:6; 17:16 ^bJob 5:4; Ps. 127:5
8 ¹Or, deviser of evil
^aProv. 6:14; 14:22; Rom. 1:30
9 ^aMatt. 15:19; Acts 8:22
10 ^aDeut. 20:8; Job 4:5; Jer. 51:46; Heb. 12:3
11 ^aPs. 82:4; Is. 58:6, 7
12 ¹Lit., bring back
^aEcc. 5:8
^b1 Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2
^cPs. 94:9-11
^dPs. 121:3-8
^eJob 34:11; Prov. 12:14
13 ^aPs. 19:10; 119:103; Prov. 25:16; Song 5:1
^bProv. 16:24; 27:7; Song 4:11
14 ¹Lit., latter end
^aProv. 2:10
^bProv. 23:18
15 ^aPs. 10:9; 10
16 ^aJob 5:19; Ps. 37:24; Mic. 7:8 ^bProv. 6:15; 14:32; 24:22; Jer. 18:17
17 ^aJob 31:29; Ps. 35:15; 19; Prov. 17:5; Obad. 12
18 ¹Lit., it is evil in His eyes
19 ^aPs. 37:1
^bProv. 23:17; 24:1

Precepts and Warnings.

And will He not ¹render to man according to his work?

13 ¶ My son, eat ^ahoney, for it is good,
Yes, the ^bhoney from the comb is sweet to your taste;

14 Know *that* ^awisdom is thus for your soul;
If you find *it*, then there will be a ¹future,
And your hope will not be cut off.

15 ¶ ^aDo not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous;
Do not destroy his resting place;

16 For a ^arighteous man falls seven times, and rises again,
But the ^bwicked stumble in *time of calamity*.

17 ¶ ^aDo not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;

18 Lest the LORD see *it* and ¹be displeased,
And He turn away His anger from him.

19 ¶ ^aDo not fret because of evildoers,
Or be ^benvious of the wicked;

20 For ^athere will be no ¹future for the evil man;
The ^clamp of the wicked will be put out.

21 ¶ My son, ¹fear the LORD and the king;

Do not associate with those who are given to change;

22 For their ^acalamity will rise suddenly,

20 ¹Lit., latter end ^aJob 15:31 ^bProv. 23:18 ^cJob 18:5; 6:21:17; Prov. 13:9; 20:20
21 ¹Or, reverence ^aRom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:17
22 ^aProv. 24:16

- And who knows the ruin
that comes from both of
them?
- 23 ¶ These also are ^asayings of
the wise.
To ^{1b}show partiality in judg-
ment is not good.
- 24 He ^awho says to the wicked,
"You are righteous,"
^bPeoples will curse him, na-
tions will abhor him;
- 25 But ^ato those who rebuke
the wicked will be de-
light,
And a good blessing will
come upon them.
- 26 He kisses the lips
Who gives ^{1a}a right answer.
- 27 ¶ Prepare your work out-
side,
And ^amake it ready for
yourself in the field;
Afterwards, then, build
your house.
- 28 ¶ Do not be a ^awitness
against your neighbor
without cause,
And ^bdo not deceive with
your lips.
- 29 ^aDo not say, "Thus I shall do
to him as he has done to
me;
I will ¹render to the man ac-
cording to his work."
- 30 ¶ I passed by the field of the
sluggard,
And by the vineyard of the
man ^alacking ¹sense;
- 31 And behold, it was com-
pletely ^aovergrown with
thistles,
Its surface was covered
with ^{1b}nettles,
And its stone ^cwall was bro-
ken down.
- 32 When I saw, I ¹reflected
upon it;
I looked, and received in-
struction.
- 33 ^aA little sleep, a little slum-
ber,

23 ¹Lit., re-
gard the face
^aProv. 1:6;
22:17 ^bProv.
18:5; 28:21

24 ^aProv.
17:15; 18:5-23
^bProv. 11:26

25 ^aProv.
28:23

26 ¹Or, an
honest

27 ^aProv.
27:23-27

28 ^aProv.
25:18 ^bLv.
6:2, 3, 19:11,
Eph. 4:25

29 ¹Lit.,
bring back
^aProv. 30:22,
Matt. 5:39,
Rom. 12:17

30 ¹Lit.,
heart
^aProv. 6:32

31 ¹Or, a
kind of weed
^aGen. 3:18
^bJob 30:7 ^{1a}
5:5

32 ¹Lit., set
my heart

33 ^aProv.
6:10

34 ¹Or, a
vagabond,
i.e., one who
walks ¹Lit., a
man with a
shield

1 ^aProv.
1:1

2 ^aDeut.
29:29; Rom.
11:33 ^bEzra
6:1

4 ^aProv.
26:23; Ezek.
22:18 ^bMal.
3:2, 3

5 ^aProv.
20:8 ^bProv.
16:12

7 ^aLuke
14:7-11

8 ¹Lit.,
condemned ²Lit.,
Lest ³Lit., its
^aProv. 17:14;
Matt. 3:25

9 ¹Lit.,
Condemned
^aMatt. 18:15
^bProv. 11:13

10 ¹Lit., re-
turn

A little folding of the hands
to rest,"

- 34 Then your poverty will
come as ^{1a}a robber,
And your want like ^{2a}an
armed man.

CHAPTER 25

THESE also are ^aproverbs of
Solomon which the men of
Hezekiah, king of Judah, tran-
scribed.

- 2 ¶ It is the glory of God to
^aconceal a matter,
But the glory of ^bkings is to
search out a matter.
- 3 As the heavens for height
and the earth for depth,
So the heart of kings is un-
searchable.
- 4 Take away the ^adross from
the silver,
And there comes out a ves-
sel for the ^bsmith;
- 5 Take away the ^awicked
from before the king,
And his ^bthrone will be es-
tablished in righteous-
ness.
- 6 Do not claim honor in the
presence of the king,
And do not stand in the
place of great men;
- 7 For ^ait is better that it be
said to you, "Come up
here,"
Than that you should be put
lower in the presence of
the prince,
Whom your eyes have seen.
- 8 ¶ Do not go out ^ahastily to
¹argue your case;
²Otherwise, what will you
do in ³the end,
When your neighbor puts
you to shame?
- 9 ^{1a}Argue your case with your
neighbor,
And ^bdo not reveal the se-
cret of another,
- 10 Lest he who hears it re-
proach you,
And the evil report about
you not ¹pass away.

- 11 ¶ Like apples of gold in settings of silver
Is a ^aword spoken in ¹right circumstances.
- 12 Like ¹an ^aearring of gold and an ^bornament of ^cfine gold
Is a wise reprover to a ^dlistening ear.
- 13 Like the cold of snow in the ¹time of harvest
Is a ^afaithful messenger to those who send him,
For he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- 14 Like ^aclouds and ^bwind without rain
Is a man who boasts ¹of his gifts falsely.
- 15 By ¹a forbearance a ruler may be persuaded,
And a soft tongue breaks the bone.
- 16 Have you ^afound honey?
Eat only ¹what you need,
Lest you have it in excess and vomit it.
- 17 Let your foot rarely be in your neighbor's house,
Lest he become ¹weary of you and hate you.
- 18 Like a club and a ^asword and a sharp ^barrow
Is a man who bears ^cfalse witness against his neighbor.
- 19 Like a bad tooth and ¹an unsteady foot
Is confidence in a ^afaithless man in time of trouble.
- 20 Like one who takes off a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar on ¹soda,
Is he who sings songs to ²a troubled heart.
- 21 ¶ If ¹your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;
And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;
- 22 For you will ¹heap burning coals on his head,
And ^athe LORD will reward you.
- 23 The north wind brings forth rain,

11 ¹Lit., its
•Prov. 15:23
12 ¹Or, a nose ring
•Ex. 32:2;
35:22; Ezek.
16:12 ²Sam.
1:24 •Job
28:17 •Prov.
15:31, 20:12
13 ¹Lit., day
•Prov. 13:17
14 ¹Lit., in a gift of falsehood
•Jude 12 ^bJer.
5:13; Mic.
2:11
15 ¹Lit., length of anger
•Gen. 32:4,
1 Sam. 25:24;
Eccl. 10:4
16 ¹Lit., your sufficiency
•Judg. 14:8,
1 Sam. 14:25
17 ¹Lit., surfeited with
18 •Ps. 57:4;
Prov. 12:18
^bJer. 9:8 •Ex.
20:16; Prov.
24:28
19 ¹Lit., a slipping foot
•Job 6:15, Is.
38:6
20 ¹I.e., nation ²Lit., an evil
21 ¹Lit., one who hates you
•Ex. 23:4, 5;
2 Kin. 6:22;
2 Chr. 28:15;
Matt. 5:44;
Rom. 12:20
22 ¹Lit., snatch up
•2 Sam.
18:12; Matt.
6:4, 6
23 ¹Lit., tongue of secrecy
•Ps. 101:5
24 ¹Lit., with a woman of contentions and a house of association
•Prov. 21:9
25 •Prov.
15:30
26 ¹Lit., ruined
•Ezek. 32:2;
34:18, 19
27 ¹Lit., their
•Prov. 27:2;
Luke 14:11
28 •Prov.
16:32 ²Chr.
32:5; Neh. 1:3
1 •1 Sam.
12:17 •Prov.
17:7

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- And a ¹backbiting tongue,
an angry countenance.
- 24 It is ^abetter to live in a corner of the roof
Than ¹in a house shared with a contentious woman.
- 25 Like cold water to a weary soul,
So is ^agood news from a distant land.
- 26 Like a ^atrampled spring and a ¹polluted well
Is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked.
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey,
Nor is it glory to ^asearch out ¹one's own glory.
- 28 Like a ^acity that is broken into and without walls
Is a man ^bwho has no control over his spirit.

CHAPTER 26

- L**IKE snow in summer and like ^arain in harvest,
So honor is not ^bfitting for a fool.
- 2 Like a ^asparrow in its ¹flitting, like a swallow in its flying,
So a ^bcurse without cause does not ²alight.
- 3 A ^awhip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey,
And a ^brod for the back of fools.
- 4 ¶ Do not answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest you also be like him.
- 5 ¶ Answer a fool as his folly deserves,
Lest he be ^bwise in his own eyes.
- 6 He cuts off his own feet, and drinks violence
Who sends a message by the hand of a fool.

2 ¹Lit., wandering ²Lit., come •Prov. 27:8, Is. 16:2
•Num. 23:8; Deut. 23:5; 2 Sam. 16:12
3 •Ps. 32:9 •Prov. 10:13; 19:29
4 •Prov. 23:9; 29:9; Is. 36:21; Matt. 7:6
5 •Matt. 16:1-4; 21:24-27 •Prov. 3:7; 28:11; Rom.
12:16

- 7 Like the legs which hang down from the lame,
So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 8 Like ¹one who binds a stone in a sling,
So is he who gives honor to a fool.
- 9 Like a thorn which ¹falls into the hand of a drunkard,
So is a proverb in the mouth of fools.
- 10 ¹Like an archer who wounds everyone,
So is he who hires a fool or who hires those who pass by.
- 11 Like ^aa dog that returns to its vomit
Is a fool who ^brepeats ¹his folly.
- 12 Do you see a man ^awise in his own eyes?
^bThere is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 13 The ^asluggard says, "There is a lion in the road!
A lion is ¹in the open square!"
- 14 As the door turns on its hinges,
So does the ^asluggard on his bed.
- 15 The ^asluggard buries his hand in the dish;
He is weary of bringing it to his mouth again.
- 16 The sluggard is ^awiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can ¹give a discreet answer.
- 17 Like one who takes a dog by the ears
Is he who passes by and ¹meddles with ^astrife not belonging to him.
- 18 Like a madman who throws ^aFirebrands, arrows and death,
So is the man who ^adeceives his neighbor,
And says, "^bWas I not joking?"

⁸ ¹Lit., the binding of
⁹ ¹Lit., goes up
¹⁰ ¹Or, A master workman produces all things. But he who hires a fool is like one who hires those who pass by
¹¹ ¹Lit., with his
¹² ¹Ps. 2:22
¹³ ¹Ex. 8:15
¹⁴ ¹Prov. 3:7, 28:5
¹⁵ ¹Prov. 29:20
¹⁶ ¹Lit., within
¹⁷ ¹Prov. 22:13
¹⁸ ¹Prov. 6:9
¹⁹ ¹Prov. 19:24
²⁰ ¹Lit., return discreetly
²¹ ¹Prov. 27:11
²² ¹Lit., infatuates himself
²³ ¹Prov. 3:30
²⁴ ¹Ps. 50:11
²⁵ ¹Prov. 24:28
²⁶ ¹Eph. 5:4
²⁷ ¹Prov. 16:28
²⁸ ¹Prov. 22:10
²⁹ ¹Prov. 15:18, 29:22
³⁰ ¹Lit., chambers of the belly
³¹ ¹Prov. 18:8
³² ¹Matt. 23:27, Luke 11:39
³³ ¹Prov. 25:4
³⁴ ¹Lit., inward part
³⁵ ¹Ps. 41:6
³⁶ ¹Prov. 10:18
³⁷ ¹Prov. 12:20
³⁸ ¹Lit., his voice is gracious
³⁹ ¹Ps. 28:3
⁴⁰ ¹Prov. 26:23
⁴¹ ¹Jer. 9:8
⁴² ¹Matt. 23:28
⁴³ ¹Luke 8:17
⁴⁴ ¹Eph. 7:10
⁴⁵ ¹Prov. 28:10
⁴⁶ ¹Lit., its crushed ones
⁴⁷ ¹Prov. 28:5
⁴⁸ ¹James 4:13-16
⁴⁹ ¹Luke 12:19, 20
⁵⁰ ¹James 4:14
⁵¹ ¹Prov. 25:27, 2 Cor. 10:12, 18:12:11

- 20 For lack of wood the fire goes out.
And where there is no ^awhisperer, ^bcontention quiets down.
- 21 Like charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,
So is a ^acontentious man to kindle strife.
- 22 The ^awords of a whisperer are like dainty morsels,
And they go down into the ¹innermost parts of the body.
- 23 Like an earthen ^avessel overlaid with silver ^bdross
Are burning lips and a wicked heart.
- 24 He who ^ahates disguises it with his lips,
But he lays up ^bdeceit in his ¹heart.
- 25 When ¹he ^aspeaks graciously, do not believe him,
For there are seven abominations in his heart.
- 26 Though his hatred ^acovers itself with guile,
His wickedness will be ^brevealed before the assembly.
- 27 He who ^adigs a pit will fall into it,
And he who rolls a stone, it will come back on him.
- 28 A lying tongue hates ¹those it crushes,
And a ^aflattering mouth works ruin.

CHAPTER 27

- ^a **D**O not boast about tomorrow,
For you ^bdo not know what a day may bring forth.
- 2 Let ^aanother praise you, and not your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own lips.
- 3 A stone is heavy and the sand weighty,

- But the provocation of a fool is heavier than both of them.
- 4 Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood,
But ^awho can stand before jealousy?
- 5 Better is ^aopen rebuke
Than love that is concealed.
- 6 Faithful are the ^awounds of a friend,
But ¹deceitful are the ^bkisses of an enemy.
- 7 A sated ¹man ²loathes honey,
But to a famished ¹man any bitter thing is sweet.
- 8 Like a ^abird that wanders from her nest,
So is a man who ^bwanders from his ¹home.
- 9 ^aOil and perfume make the heart glad,
So a ¹man's counsel is sweet to his friend.
- 10 Do not forsake your own ^afriend or ^byour father's friend,
And do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity;
Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother far away.
- 11 ^aBe wise, my son, and make my heart glad,
That I may ^breply to him who reproaches me.
- 12 A prudent man sees evil and hides himself,
The ¹naive proceed and pay the penalty.
- 13 ^aTake his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger;
And for an ¹adulterous woman hold him in pledge.
- 14 ^aHe who blesses his friend with a loud voice early in the morning,
It will be reckoned a curse to him.
- 15 A ^aconstant dripping on a day of steady rain

4 ^aProv. 6:34; 1 John 3:12
5 ^aProv. 28:23; Gal. 2:14
6 ¹Or, excessive
^aPs. 141:5; Prov. 20:30
^bMatt. 26:49
7 ¹Lit., soul
²Lit., tramples on
8 ¹Lit., place
^aProv. 26:2; Is. 16:2
^bGen. 21:14
9 ¹Lit., soul's
^aPs. 23:5; 141:5
10 ^aProv. 18:24
^b1 Kin. 12:6-8; 2 Chr. 10:6-8
11 ^aProv. 10:1, 23:15; 29:3
^bPs. 119:42
12 ¹Lit., simple
13 ¹Lit., strange
^aProv. 20:18
14 ^aPs. 12:2
15 ^aProv. 19:13
16 ¹Lit., hide(s)
²Lit., encounters
18 ^a2 Kin. 18:31; Song 8:12; Is. 36:16; 1 Cor. 3:8; 9:7; 2 Tim. 2:6
^bLuke 12:42-44; 19:17
20 ¹Lit., The nether world
²Lit., the place of destruction
^aJob 28:6; Prov. 15:11
^bProv. 30:15; 18; Hab. 2:5
^cEcc. 1:8; 4:8
21 ^aProv. 17:3
^bLuke 6:26
22 ^aProv. 23:35; 26:11; Jer. 5:3
23 ¹Lit., face
^aJer. 31:10; Ezek. 34:12; John 10:3
24 ^aJob 19:9; Ps. 89:39; Jer. 13:18; Lam. 5:16; Ezek. 21:28
25 ^aIs. 17:5; Jer. 40:10, 12

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- And a contentious woman are alike;
- 16 He who would ¹restrain her ¹restrains the wind,
And ²grasps oil with his right hand.
- 17 Iron sharpens iron,
So one man sharpens another.
- 18 He who tends the ^afig tree will eat its fruit;
And he who ^bcares for his master will be honored.
- 19 As in water face *reflects* face,
So the heart of man *reflects* man.
- 20 ^{1a}Sheol and ²Abaddon are ^bnever satisfied,
Nor are the ^ceyes of man ever satisfied.
- 21 The ^acrucible is for silver and the furnace for gold,
And a man ^bis tested by the praise accorded him.
- 22 Though you ^apound a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with crushed grain,
Yet his folly will not depart from him.
- 23 ¶ ^aKnow well the ¹condition of your flocks,
And pay attention to your herds;
- 24 For riches are not forever,
Nor does a ^acrown endure to all generations.
- 25 When the grass disappears, the new growth is seen,
And the herbs of the mountains are ^agathered in,
- 26 The lambs *will be* for your clothing,
And the goats *will bring* the price of a field,
- 27 And *there will be* goats' milk enough for your food,
For the food of your household,
And sustenance for your maidens.

CHAPTER 28

THE wicked ^aflee when no one is pursuing.

But the righteous are ^bbold as a lion.

2 By the transgression of a land ^amany are its princes,

But ^bby a man of understanding *and* knowledge, so it endures.

3 A ^apoor man who oppresses the lowly

Is *like* a driving rain ^bwhich leaves no food.

4 Those who forsake the law ^apraise the wicked,

But those who keep the law ^bstrive with them.

5 Evil men ^ado not understand justice,

But those who seek the LORD ^bunderstand all things.

6 ^aBetter is the poor who walks in his integrity,

Than he who is ^bcrooked though he be rich.

7 He who keeps the law is a discerning son,

But he who is a companion of ^agluttons humiliates his father.

8 He who increases his wealth by ^ainterest and usury,

Gathers it ^bfor him who is gracious to the poor.

9 He who turns away his ear from listening to the law,

Even his ^aprayer is an abomination.

10 He who leads the upright astray in an evil way

Will ^ahimself fall into his own pit,

But the ^bblameless will inherit good.

11 The rich man is ^awise in his own eyes,

But the poor who has understanding ^bsees through him.

1 ¹ Lit., confident
^a Lev. 28:17, 36; Ps. 53:5
² ¹ Kun.
16:8-28.
² Kun. 15:8-15
^a Prov. 11:11
³ ¹ Lit., and there is no bread
^a Matt. 18:28
⁴ ^a Ps.
40:18, Rom. 1:32 ¹ Kun.
18:18, Neh. 13:11, 15.
Matt. 3:7,
14:4, Eph. 5:11
⁵ ^a Ps. 92:6,
Is. 6:9, 44:18
^a Ps. 119:100;
Prov. 2:9;
John 7:17,
1 Cor. 2:15,
1 John 2:20.
27
⁶ ¹ Lit., per-verse of two ways
^a Prov. 19:1
⁷ ^a Prov.
23:20
⁸ ^a Ex.
22:25, Lev. 25:36 ^b Job
27:17, Prov. 13:22, 14:31
⁹ ^a Ps.
66:18, 109:7,
Prov. 15:8,
21:27
¹⁰ ^a Ps. 7:15,
Prov. 26:27
^a Matt. 6:33,
Heb. 6:12,
1 Pet. 3:9
¹¹ ¹ Lit., ex-amine hum
^a Prov. 3:7,
26:5, 12
¹² ¹ Lit., will be searched for
^a Prov. 11:10,
29:2 ^a Prov.
28:28, Eccl. 10:5, 6
¹³ ^a Job
31:33, Ps.
32:3 ^a Ps.
32:5, 1 John
1:9
¹⁴ ^a Prov.
23:17 ^a Ps.
95:8, Rom.
2:5
¹⁵ ^a Prov.
19:12, 1 Pet.
5:8 ^a Ex. 1:14,
Prov. 20:2,
Matt. 2:16
¹⁶ ^a Eccl.
10:16, Is. 3:12
¹⁷ ¹ Lit., flee to the pit
^a Gen. 2:6, Ex.
21:14
¹⁸ ¹ Lit., per-verse of two ways
^a Prov. 10:27
¹⁹ ^a Prov.
12:11 ^a Prov.
20:13

12 When the ^arighteous triumph, there is great glory,

But ^bwhen the wicked rise, men ^bhide themselves.

13 He who ^aconceals his transgressions will not prosper,

But he who ^bconfesses and forsakes *them* will find compassion.

14 How blessed is the man who ^afears always,

But he who ^bhardens his heart will fall into calamity.

15 *Like* a ^aroaring lion and a rushing bear

Is a ^bwicked ruler over a poor people.

16 A ^aleader who is a great oppressor lacks understanding,

But he who hates unjust gain will prolong his days.

17 A man who is ^aladen with the guilt of human blood

Will ^bbe a fugitive until death; let no one support him.

18 He who walks blamelessly will be delivered,

But he who is ^bcrooked will fall all at once.

19 ^aHe who tills his land will ^bhave plenty of food,

But he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.

20 A ^afaithful man will abound with blessings,

But he who ^bmakes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.

21 To ^ashow partiality is not good,

^bBecause for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

22 A man with an ^aevil eye ^bhastens after wealth,

20 ^a Prov. 10:6, Matt. 24:45, 25:21 ^a Prov. 20:21, 28:22,
1 Tim. 6:9
21 ¹ Lit., regard the face ^a Prov. 24:23 ^a Eccl. 13:19
22 ^a Prov. 23:6 ^a Prov. 21:5

- And does not know that
want will come upon
him.
- 23 He who ^arebukes a man will
afterward find more fa-
vor
Than he who ^bflatters with
the tongue.
- 24 He who ^arobs his father or
his mother,
And says, "It is not a trans-
gression,"
Is the ^bcompanion of a man
who destroys.
- 25 An ^aarrogant man ^astirs up
strife,
But he who ^btrusts in the
LORD ^cwill ²prosper.
- 26 He who ^atrusts in his own
heart is a fool,
But he who walks wisely
will be delivered.
- 27 He who ^agives to the poor
will never want,
But he who ¹shuts his eyes
will have many curses.
- 28 When the wicked rise, men
hide themselves;
But when they perish, the
righteous increase.

CHAPTER 29

- A** MAN who hardens his neck
after ^amuch reproof
Will ^bsuddenly be broken
¹beyond remedy.
- 2 When the ^arighteous ¹in-
crease, the people re-
joice,
But when a wicked man
rules, people groan.
- 3 A man who ^aloves wisdom
makes his father glad,
But he who ^bkeeps com-
pany with harlots wastes
his wealth.
- 4 The ^aking gives stability to
the land by justice,
But a man who takes bribes
overthrows it.
- 5 A man who ^aflatters his
neighbor
Is spreading a net for his
steps.

23 ^aProv.
27:3, 6 ^bProv.
29:5
24 ^aProv.
19:26 ^bProv.
18:9
25 ¹Lit.,
broad soul
²Lit., he made
fat
^aProv. 15:18
^bProv. 29:25;
1 Tim. 6:6
^cProv. 11:25
26 ^aProv.
3:5
27 ¹Lit.,
hides
^aProv. 11:24,
19:17
1 ¹Lit., and
there is no
remedy
^a1 Sam. 2:25;
2 Chr. 36:16;
Prov. 1:24-31
^bProv. 6:15
2 ¹Or, he
come great
^aEph. 8:15;
Prov. 11:10;
28:12
3 ^aProv.
10:1, 15:20;
27:11; 28:7
^bProv. 5:10;
6:26; Luke
15:30
4 ^a2 Chr.
9:8; Prov.
8:15; 29:14
5 ^aPs. 5:9
6 ^aProv.
22:5; Eccl.
9:12 ^bEx. 15:1
7 ¹Lit.,
knows the
cause ²Lit.,
knowledge
^aJob 29:16;
Ps. 41:1;
Prov. 31:8, 9
8 ^aProv.
11:11 ^bProv.
18:14
9 ¹Lit., He
10 ¹Lit.,
seek his soul
^aGen. 4:5-8;
1 John 3:12
11 ¹Lit.,
sends forth
all his spirit
^aProv. 12:18;
14:33 ^bProv.
18:11
12 ^a1 Kin.
12:14
13 ¹Lit.,
meet together
^aProv. 22:2
^bEzra 9:8; Ps.
13:3
14 ^aPs. 72:4;
Is. 11:4
^bProv. 16:12;
25:5
15 ¹Lit., left
to himself
^aProv. 13:24;
22:15 ^bProv.
10:1; 17:25
16 ¹Or, become great ^aPs. 37:34, 36; 58:10; 91:8; 92:11;
Prov. 21:12
17 ¹Lit., gave delight to ^aProv. 13:24; 29:15 ^bProv. 10:1

- 6 By transgression an evil
man is ^aensnared,
But the righteous ^bsings and
rejoices.
- 7 The ^arighteous ¹is con-
cerned for the rights of
the poor,
The wicked does not under-
stand such ²concern.
- 8 Scorners ^aset a city aflame,
But ^bwise men turn away
anger.
- 9 When a wise man has a con-
troversy with a foolish
man,
¹The foolish man either
rages or laughs, and
there is no rest.
- 10 Men of ^abloodshed hate the
blameless,
But the upright ¹are con-
cerned for his life.
- 11 A ^afool ¹always loses his
temper,
But a ^bwise man holds it
back.
- 12 If a ^aruler pays attention to
falsehood,
All his ministers *become*
wicked.
- 13 The ^apoor man and the op-
pressor ¹have this in
common:
The LORD gives ^bblight to the
eyes of both.
- 14 If a ^aking judges the poor
with truth,
His ^bthrone will be estab-
lished forever.
- 15 The ^arod and reproof give
wisdom,
But a child ¹who gets his
own way ^bbrings shame
to his mother.
- 16 When the wicked ¹increase,
transgression increases;
But the ^arighteous will see
their fall.
- 17 ^aCorrect your son, and he
will give you comfort;
He will also ¹delight your
soul.

18 Where there is ^ano ¹vision,
the people ^bare unre-
strained,
But ^chappy is he who keeps
the law.

19 A slave will not be in-
structed by words ^{alone};
For though he understands,
there will be no response.

20 Do you see a man who is
^ahasty in his words?
There is ^bmore hope for a
fool than for him.

21 He who pampers his slave
from childhood
Will in the end find him to
be a son.

22 An ^aangry man stirs up
strife,
And a hot-tempered man
abounds in transgres-
sion.

23 A man's ^apride will bring
him low,
But a ^bhumble spirit will ob-
tain honor.

24 He who is a partner with a
thief hates his own life;
He ^ahears the oath but tells
nothing.

25 The ^afear of man ¹brings a
snare,
But he who ^btrusts in the
LORD will be exalted.

26 ^aMany seek the ruler's ¹fa-
vor,
But ^bjustice for man comes
from the LORD.

27 An ^aunjust man is abomina-
ble to the righteous,
And he who is ^bupright in
the way is abominable to
the wicked.

CHAPTER 30

THE words of Agur the son of
Jakeh, the ¹oracle.

[¶] The man declares to Ithiel, to
Ithiel and Ucal:

2 Surely I am more ^astupid
than any man,
And I do not have the under-
standing of a man.

3 Neither have I learned wis-
dom,

18 ¹Or, rev-
elation
^a1 Sam. 3:1;
Ps. 74:9;
Amos 8:11.
12 ^bEx. 32:25
^cPs. 1:1, 2;
108:3; 119:2;
Prov. 8:32;
John 13:17
20 ^aJames
1:19 ^bProv
26:12
22 ^cProv
15:18; 26:21
23 ^cProv
11:2, 18:18,
Dan. 4:30, 31,
Matt. 23:12,
James 4:6
^bProv. 15:33,
18:12, 22:4,
Is. 66:2, Luke
14:11, 18:14,
James 4:10
24 ^aLev. 5:1
25 ¹Lat.
given
^aGen. 12:12,
20:2, Luke
12:4, John
12:42, 43 ^bPs.
91:1-16; Prov.
18:10; 28:25
26 ¹Lat.
face
^aProv. 19:6
^bIs. 49:4,
1 Cor. 4:4
27 ^cPs. 6:8,
139:21, 22,
Prov. 12:8
^bPs. 69:4,
Prov. 29:10,
Matt. 10:22,
24:9, John
15:18, 17:14,
1 John 3:13
1 ¹Or, bur-
den
2 ^aPs.
49:10; 73:22,
Prov. 12:1
3 ^aProv
9:10
4 ¹Lat., the
^aPs. 68:18,
John 3:13,
Eph. 4:8 ^bEx.
15:10; Ps.
135:7 ^cJob
26:8; 38:8, 9
^aPs. 24:2, Is.
45:18 ^bRev.
19:12
5 ^aPs. 12:6,
18:30 ^bPs.
3:3; 84:11,
Prov. 2:7
6 ^aDeut.
4:2, 12:32,
Rev. 22:18
6 ¹Lat.,
words of
folishood
Job 23:12,
Matt. 6:11
9 ^aDeut.
8:12; 31:20;
Neh. 9:25;
Hos. 13:6
^aJosh. 24:27;
Job 31:28
^aProv. 6:30
^aEx. 20:7

Nor do I have the ^aknowl-
edge of the Holy One.

4 Who has ^aascended into
heaven and descended?
Who has gathered the
^bwind in His fists?
Who has ^cwrapped the wa-
ters in ¹His garment?
Who has ^destablished all
the ends of the earth?
What is His ^aname or His
son's name?
Surely you know!

5 [¶] Every ^aword of God is
tested;
He is a ^bshield to those who
take refuge in Him.

6 ^aDo not add to His words
Lest He reprove you, and
you be proved a liar.

7 [¶] Two things I asked of
Thee,
Do not refuse me before I
die:

8 Keep deception and ¹lies far
from me,
Give me neither poverty nor
riches;
Feed me with the ^afood that
is my portion.

9 Lest I be ^afull and deny
^bThee and say, "Who is
the LORD?"
Or lest I be ^cin want and
steal,
And ^dprofane the name of
my God.

10 [¶] Do not slander a slave to
his master,
Lest he ^acurse you and you
be found guilty.

11 [¶] There is a ¹kind of man
who ^acurses his father,
And does not bless his
mother.

12 There is a ¹kind who is ^apure
in his own eyes,
Yet is not washed from his
filthiness.

10 ^aEcc. 7:21

11 ¹Or, generation ^aEx. 21:17; Prov. 20:20

12 ¹Or, generation ^aProv. 16:2; Is. 65:5; Luke 18:11,
Titus 1:15, 16

13 There is a ¹kind—oh how
 ^alofty are his eyes!
And his eyelids are raised in
 arrogance.

¹³ ¹Or, gen-
eration
^aProv. 6:17;
Is. 2:11; 5:15

14 There is a ¹kind of man
 whose ^ateeth are like
 swords,
And his ^bjaw teeth like
 knives,
To ^cdevour the afflicted
 from the earth,
And the needy from among
 men.

¹⁴ ¹Or, gen-
eration
^aPs. 37:4 ^bJob
29:17 ^cPs.
14:4, Amos
8:4

15 ¶ The leech has two daugh-
 ters,
 "Give," "Give."
There are three things that
 will not be satisfied,
Four that will not say,
 "Enough":

¹⁶ ¹i.e., The
nether world
^aProv. 27:20
^bGen. 30:1

16 ^{1a}Sheol, and the ^bbarren
 womb,
Earth that is never satisfied
 with water,
And fire that never says,
 "Enough."

¹⁷ ¹Lit., de-
spises to obey
^aGen. 9:22
^bProv. 15:20
^cDeut. 28:26

17 The eye that ^amocks a fa-
 ther,
And ^bscorns a mother,
The ^cravens of the valley
 will pick it out,
And the young ^ceagles will
 eat it.

¹⁸ ^aDeut.
28:49; Jer.
48:40; 49:22

18 ¶ There are three things
 which are too wonderful
 for me,
Four which I do not under-
 stand:

²⁰ ^aProv.
5:6

19 The way of an ^aeagle in the
 sky,
The way of a serpent on a
 rock,
The way of a ship in the mid-
 dle of the sea,
And the way of a man with
 a maid.

²² ^aProv.
19:10; Eccl.
10:7

20 This is the way of an ^aadul-
 terous woman:
She eats and wipes her
 mouth,
And says, "I have done no
 wrong."

²⁵ ^aProv.
6:6

²⁶ ^aLev.
11:5; Ps.
104:18

²⁷ ^aJoel 2:7

³⁰ ¹Lit.,
turn back
^aJudg. 14:18;
2 Sam. 1:23
^bMic. 5:8

³¹ ¹Lit., girl
in the loins

³² ^aJob
21:5; 40:4;
Mic. 7:16

³³ ¹Lit.,
pressing

21 ¶ Under three things the
 earth quakes,
And under four, it cannot
 bear up:

22 Under a ^aslave when he be-
 comes king,
And a fool when he is satis-
 fied with food,

23 Under an unloved woman
 when she gets a husband,
And a maidservant when
 she supplants her mis-
 tress.

24 ¶ Four things are small on
 the earth,
But they are exceedingly
 wise:

25 The ^aants are not a strong
 folk,
But they prepare their food
 in the summer;

26 The ^abadgers are not
 mighty folk,
Yet they make their houses
 in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king,
Yet all of them go out in
 ^aranks;

28 The lizard you may grasp
 with the hands,
Yet it is in kings' palaces.

29 ¶ There are three things
 which are stately in *their*
 march,
Even four which are stately
 when they walk:

30 The lion *which* is ^amighty
 among beasts
And does not ^bretreat be-
 fore any,

31 The ¹strutting cock, the
 male goat also,
And a king *when his army* is
 with him.

32 ¶ If you have been foolish
 in exalting yourself
Or if you have plotted evil,
 ^aput your hand on your
 mouth.

33 For the ¹churning of milk
 produces butter,

And pressing the nose
brings forth blood;
So the ¹churning of ^aanger
produces strife.

CHAPTER 31

THE words of King Lemuel,
the ¹oracle which his mother
taught him.

- 2 ¶ What, O my son?
And what, O ^ason of my
womb?
And what, O son of my
^bvows?
- 3 ^aDo not give your strength
to women,
Or your ways to that which
^bdestroys kings.
- 4 It is not for ^akings, O Lem-
uel,
It is not for kings to ^bdrink
wine,
Or for rulers to desire
strong drink,
- 5 Lest they drink and forget
what is decreed,
And ^apervert the ¹rights of
all the ²afflicted.
- 6 Give strong drink to him
who is ^aperishing,
And wine to him ^{1b}whose
life is bitter.
- 7 Let him drink and forget his
poverty,
And remember his trouble
no more.
- 8 ^aOpen your mouth for the
dumb,
For the ¹rights of all the ²un-
fortunate.
- 9 Open your mouth, ^ajudge
righteously,
And ¹defend the ^brights of
the afflicted and needy.
- 10 ¶ An ^aexcellent wife, who
can find?
For her worth is far ^babove
jewels.
- 11 The heart of her husband
trusts in her,
And he will have no lack of
gain.

23 ¹Lit.,
pressing
Prov. 10:12;
29:22
1 ¹Or, bur-
den
2 ^aIs. 49:15
1 ¹Sam. 1:11
3 ^aProv.
5:9 ^bDeut.
17:17; 1 ¹Kin.
11:1, Neh.
13:28
4 ^aEcc.
10:17 ^bProv.
20:1, Is. 5:22;
Hos. 4:11
8 ¹Lit.,
judgment
2 ¹Lit., sons of
affliction
Ex. 23:6,
Deut. 16:19;
Prov. 17:15
6 ¹Lit., bit-
ter of soul
Job 29:13
Job 3:20; Is.
38:15
8 ¹Lit.,
judgment
2 ¹Lit., sons of
passing away
Job 29:12-17;
Ps. 82
9 ¹Lit.,
judge the af-
flicted
Lev. 19:15;
Deut. 1:16
Isa. 1:17; Jer.
22:16
10 ^aRuth
3:11, Prov.
12:4; 19:14
Job 22:18;
Prov. 8:11
13 ¹Lit.,
palms ^aOr,
willingly
14 ^aEzek.
27:25
15 ¹Or, pre-
scribed tasks
Prov. 20:13;
Rom. 12:11
Luke 12:42
16 ¹Lit., the
fruit of her
palms
17 ¹Lit., her
loins
1 ¹Kin. 18:46;
2 ¹Kin. 4:29;
Job 38:3
19 ¹Lit.,
palms
20 ¹Lit.,
spreads out
her palm
Deut. 15:11;
Job 31:16-20;
Prov. 22:9;
Rom. 12:13;
Eph. 4:28
21 ^aSam.
1:24
22 ^aProv.
7:16 ^bGen.
41:42; Rev.
19:8, 14
Judg. 6:28;
Luke 16:19

- 12 She does him good and not
evil
All the days of her life.
- 13 She looks for wool and flax,
And works with her ¹hands
²in delight.
- 14 She is like ^amerchant ships;
She brings her food from
afar.
- 15 She ^aarises also while it is
still night,
And ^bgives food to her
household,
And ¹portions to her maid-
ens.
- 16 She considers a field and
buys it;
From ¹her earnings she
plants a vineyard.
- 17 She ^agirds ¹herself with
strength,
And makes her arms
strong.
- 18 She senses that her gain is
good;
Her lamp does not go out at
night.
- 19 She stretches out her hands
to the distaff,
And her ¹hands grasp the
spindle.
- 20 She ^{1a}extends her hand to
the poor;
And she stretches out her
hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow
for her household,
For all her household are
^aclothed with scarlet.
- 22 She makes ^acoverings for
herself;
Her clothing is ^bfine linen
and ^cpurple.
- 23 Her husband is known ^ain
the gates,
When he sits among the el-
ders of the land.
- 24 She makes ^alinen garments
and sells them,
And ¹supplies belts to the
²tradesmen.

23 ^aDeut. 16:18; Ruth 4:1, 11

24 ¹Lit., gives 2 ¹Lit., Commerce 4 ¹Judg. 14:12

- 25 Strength and ^adignity are
her clothing.
And she smiles at the ¹fu-
ture.
- 26 She ^aopens her mouth in
wisdom,
And the ¹teaching of kind-
ness is on her tongue.
- 27 She looks well to the ways
of her household,
And does not eat the ^abread
of idleness.
- 28 Her children rise up and
bless her;
- ²⁵ ¹Lit., lat-
ter days
^a1 Tim. 2:9,
10
- ²⁶ ¹Or, law
^aProv. 10:31
- ²⁷ ^aProv.
19:15
- ²⁸ ¹Or, rev-
erences
^aPs. 112:1,
Prov. 22:4
- ³¹ ¹Lit.,
fruit

- Her husband also, and he
praises her, saying:
- 29 "Many daughters have done
nobly,
But you excel them all."
- 30 Charm is deceitful and
beauty is vain,
But a woman who ^{1a}fears
the LORD, she shall be
praised.
- 31 Give her the ¹product of her
hands,
And let her works praise her
in the gates.

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

The Futility of All Endeavor

THE words of the ^aPreacher,
the son of David, king in Je-
rusalem.

- 2 "^{1a}Vanity of vanities," says
the Preacher,
"¹Vanity of vanities! All is
²vanity."

- 3 ¶ ^aWhat advantage does
man have in all his work
Which he does under the
sun?

- 4 A generation goes and a
generation comes,
But the ^aearth ¹remains for-
ever.

- 5 Also, ^athe sun rises and the
sun sets;
And ¹hastening to its place
it rises there again.

- 6 ^{1a}Blowing toward the
south,
Then turning toward the
north,
The wind continues ²swirl-
ing along;
And on its circular courses
the wind returns.

- ¹ ^aEcc.
1:12; 7:27;
12:8-10
- ² ¹Or, Fu-
tility of futili-
ties ^aOr, fu-
tile
^aPs. 39:5, 6;
62:9; 144:4;
Ecc. 12:8;
Rom. 8:20
- ³ ^aEcc.
2:11; 3:9; 5:16
- ⁴ ¹Lit.,
stands
^aPs. 104:5;
119:90
- ⁵ ¹Lit.,
panting
^aPs. 19:6
- ⁶ ¹Lit.,
Going ²Lit.,
turning
^aEcc. 11:5;
John 3:8
- ⁷ ¹Lit., go
- ⁸ ^aProv.
27:20; Ecc.
4:8
- ⁹ ^aEcc.
1:10; 2:12;
3:15; 8:10
- ¹¹ ¹Lit., first
or former
²Lit., latter or
after
^aEcc. 2:18;
9:5

- 7 All the rivers ¹flow into the
sea,
Yet the sea is not full.
To the place where the riv-
ers ¹flow,
There they ¹flow again.
- 8 All things are wearisome;
Man is not able to tell it.
^aThe eye is not satisfied
with seeing,
Nor is the ear filled with
hearing.
- 9 ^aThat which has been is that
which will be,
And that which has been
done is that which will be
done.
So, there is nothing new un-
der the sun.
- 10 Is there anything of which
one might say,
"See this, it is new?"
Already it has existed for
ages
Which were before us.
- 11 There is ^ano remembrance
of ¹earlier things;
And also of the ²later things
which will occur,
There will be for them no re-
membrance

Among those who will come ²later still.

12 ¶ I, the ^aPreacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I ^aset my ¹mind to seek and ^bexplore by wisdom concerning all that has been done under heaven. *It is* ²a grievous ^ctask which God has given to the sons of men to be afflicted with.

14 I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is ¹vanity and striving after wind.

15 What is ^acrooked cannot be straightened, and what is lacking cannot be counted.

16 I ¹said to myself, "Behold, I have magnified and increased ^awisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my ²mind has observed ³a wealth of wisdom and knowledge."

17 And I ^aset my ¹mind to know wisdom and to ^bknow madness and folly; I realized that this also is ^cstriving after wind.

18 Because ^ain much wisdom there is much grief, and increasing knowledge results in increasing pain.

CHAPTER 2

I SAID ¹to myself, "Come now, I will test you with ^apleasure. So ²enjoy yourself." And behold, it too was futility.

2 ^aI said of laughter, "It is madness," and of pleasure, "What does it accomplish?"

3 I explored with my ¹mind how to ^astimulate my body with wine while my ¹mind was guiding me wisely, and how to take hold of ^bfolly, until I could see ^cwhat good there is for the sons of men ²to do under heaven the ³few years of their lives.

4 I enlarged my works: I ^abuilt houses for myself, I planted ^bvineyards for myself;

11 ¹Lit., latter or after
12 ^aEcc.
1:1, 7:27,
12:8-10

13 ¹Lit., heart ²Lit., an evil

^aEcc. 1:17
^aEcc. 3:10,
11, 7:25, 8:17
^aEcc. 2:23,
26, 3:10, 4:8

14 ¹Or, futility
^aEcc. 2:11,
17, 4:4, 6:9

15 ^aEcc.
7:13

16 ¹Lit., spoke with my heart, saying ²Lit., heart ³Lit., an abundant

dance
^a1 Kin. 3:12,
4:30, 10:23,
Ecc. 2:9

17 ¹Lit., heart
^aEcc. 1:13,
7:25 ^aEcc.
2:12, 7:25

^aEcc. 1:14,
2:11, 17:28,
4:4, 6:16, 6:9

18 ^aEcc.
2:23, 12:12

1 ¹Lit., in my heart
²Lit., consider with good-
ness

^aEcc. 7:4,
8:15

2 ^aProv.
14:13, Ecc.
7:3, 6

3 ¹Lit., heart ²Lit., which they do ³Lit., days

^aJudg. 9:13,
Ps. 104:15,
Ecc. 10:19

^aEcc. 7:25
^aEcc. 2:24,
3:12, 13, 5:18,
6:12, 8:15,
12:13

4 ^a1 Kin.
7:1-12 ^aSong
8:11

5 ^aSong
4:16, 5:1
^aNeh. 2:8

6 ^aNeh.
2:14, 3:15, 16

7 ¹Lit., sons of the house
^aGen. 14:14,
15:3 ^a1 Kin.
4:23

8 ^a1 Kin.
9:28, 10:10,
14:21

9 ^a2 Sam. 19:35
9 ^a1 Chr.
29:25, Ecc.
1:16

10 ^aEcc. 6:2
^aEcc. 3:22,
5:18, 9:9

5 I made ^agardens and ^bparks for myself, and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees;

6 I made ^aponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees.

7 I bought male and female slaves, and I had ¹homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and ^bherds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.

8 Also, I collected for myself silver and ^agold, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself ^bmale and female singers and the pleasures of men—many concubines.

9 Then I became ^agreat and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me.

10 And ^aall that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my ^breward for all my labor.

11 Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had ¹exerted, and behold all was ²vanity and striving after wind and there was ^bno profit under the sun.

12 ¶ So I turned to ^aconsider wisdom, madness and folly, for what will the man do who will come after the king except ^bwhat has already been done?

13 And I saw that ^awisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the ^afool walks in darkness. And yet I know that ^bone fate befalls them both.

15 Then I said ¹to myself, "^aAs is the fate of the fool, it will also befall me. ^bWhy then have I been

11 ¹Lit., labored to do ²Or, futility, and so throughout the ch. ^aEcc. 1:14; 2:22, 23 ^aEcc. 1:3, 3:8, 5:16

12 ^aEcc. 1:17 ^aEcc. 1:8, 10; 3:15

13 ^aEcc. 7:11, 12, 19; 9:18; 10:10

14 ^a1 John 2:11 ^aPs. 48:10; Ecc. 3:19; 6:6; 7:2, 3

15 ¹Lit., in my heart ^aEcc. 2:16 ^aEcc. 8:8, 11

extremely wise?" So ²¹I said to myself, "This too is vanity."

16 For there is ^ano ¹lasting remembrance of the wise man as with the fool, inasmuch as in the coming days all will be forgotten. And ^bhow the wise man and the fool alike die!

17 So I ^ahated life, for the work which had been done under the sun was ¹grievous to me; because everything is futility and striving after wind.

18 ¶ Thus I hated ^aall the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun, for I must ^bleave it to the man who will come after me.

19 And who knows whether he will be a wise man or ^aa fool? Yet he will have ¹control over all the fruit of my labor for which I have labored by acting wisely under the sun. This too is ^bvanity.

20 Therefore I ¹completely despaired of all the fruit of my labor for which I had labored under the sun.

21 When there is a man who has labored with wisdom, knowledge and ^askill, then he ^bgives his ¹legacy to one who has not labored with them. This too is vanity and a great evil.

22 For what does a man get in ^aall his labor and in ¹his striving with which he labors under the sun?

23 Because all his days his task is painful and ^agrievous; even at night his ¹mind ^bdoes not rest. This too is vanity.

24 ¶ There is ^anothing better for a man *than* to eat and drink and ¹tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen, that it is ^bfrom the hand of God.

25 For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without ¹Him?

26 For to a person who is good in His sight ^aHe has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collect-

13 ¹Lit., I spoke in heart
16 ¹Lit., forever
17 ¹Lit., evil
18 ¹Eccel. 4:2, 3
19 ¹3, 2:11 ^bPs. 39:6, 49:10
20 ¹Lit., dominion
21 ¹Kin. 12:13
22 ¹Tim. 6:10
23 ¹Lit., turned aside my heart to despair
24 ¹Lit., share
25 ¹Eccel. 4:4
26 ¹Eccel. 2:18
27 ¹Lit., the striving of his heart
28 ¹Eccel. 1:3, 2:11
29 ¹Lit., heart
30 ¹Job 5:7, 14:1, Eccel. 1:18, 5:17 ^bPs. 127:2
31 ¹Lit., cause his soul to see good in his labor
32 ¹Eccel. 2:3, 3:12, 13, 22; 5:18, 8:12; 8:15, 9:7; 18:56
33 ¹Luke 12:19; 1 Cor. 15:32, 1 Tim. 6:17 ^bEccel. 3:13
34 ¹So Gr., Heb., me
35 ¹Job 32:8; Prov. 2:6 ^bJob 27:16, 17; Prov. 13:22
36 ¹Eccel. 1:14
37 ¹Lit., delight
38 ¹Eccel. 3:17; 8:6
39 ¹Job 14:5; Heb. 9:27
40 ¹Gen. 9:6; 1 Sam. 2:8; Hos. 6:1, 2
41 ¹Rom. 12:15 ^bPs. 128:2 ^cEx. 15:20
42 ¹Amos 5:13
43 ¹Ps. 101:3; Prov. 13:5
44 ¹Eccel. 1:3; 2:11; 5:16
45 ¹Eccel. 1:13; 2:28

ing so that he may ^bgive to one who is good in God's sight. This too is ^cvanity and striving after wind.

CHAPTER 3

THERE is an appointed time for everything. And there is a ^atime for every ¹event under heaven—

- 2 A time to give birth, and a ^atime to die;
A time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted.
- 3 A ^atime to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to tear down, and a time to build up.
- 4 A time to ^aweep, and a time to ^blaugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to ^cdance.
- 5 A time to throw stones, and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, and a time to shun embracing.
- 6 A time to search, and a time to give up as lost;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away.
- 7 A time to tear apart, and a time to sew together;
A time to ^abe silent, and a time to speak.
- 8 A time to love, and a time to ^ahate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

9 ¶ ^aWhat profit is there to the worker from that in which he toils?

10 I have seen the ^atask which God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves.

11 He has ^amade everything ¹appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, ²yet so that man ^bwill not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

11 ¹Lit., beautiful ²Or, without which man ^aGen. 1:31
^bJob 5:9; Eccel. 7:23; 8:17; Rom. 11:33

CHAPTER 4

12 ¶ I know that there is ^anothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime;

13 moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the ^agift of God.

14 I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should ¹fear Him.

15 That ^awhich is has been already, and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.

16 Furthermore, I have seen under the sun *that* in the place of justice there is ^awickedness, and in the place of righteousness there is wickedness.

17 I said ¹to myself, "God will judge both the righteous man and the wicked man," for a ^btime for every ²matter and for every deed is there.

18 I said ¹to myself concerning the sons of men, "God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they are but ^abeasts."

19 ^aFor the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts ¹is the same. As one dies so dies the other; indeed, they all have the same breath and there is no advantage for man over beast, for all is ²vanity.

20 All go to the same place. All came from the ^adust and all return to the dust.

21 Who knows that the ^abreath of man ascends upward and the breath of the beast descends downward to the earth?

22 And I have seen that ^anothing is better than that man should be happy in his activities, for that is his lot. For who will bring him to see ^bwhat will occur after him?

12 ^aEcc. 2:24
13 ^aEcc. 2:24; 5:19
14 ¹Or, be in awe before Him
^aEcc. 5:7, 7:18, 8:12, 13:12
18 ^aEcc. 1:9, 6:10
19 ^aEcc. 4:1, 5:8, 8:9
17 ¹Lat., in my heart ²Or, delight
^aGen. 18:25, Ps. 98:13, 98:9, Ecc. 11:9, Matt. 16:27, Rom. 2:6-10, 2 Thess. 1:6-9
^aEcc. 3:1, 8:6
18 ¹Lat., in my heart
^aPs. 49:12, 20:73
19 ¹Lat., and they have one fate ²Or, futility
^aPs. 49:12, Ecc. 9:12
20 ^aGen. 3:19, Ps. 103:14, Ecc. 12:7
21 ^aEcc. 12:7
22 ^aEcc. 2:24
23 ^aEcc. 2:18, 8:12, 8:7, 10:14
1 ^aJob. 35:9, Ps. 12:5, Ecc. 3:16, 5:8, Is. 5:7
^aJer. 16:7, Lam. 1:9
2 ^aJob. 3:11-28, Ecc. 2:17, 7:1
3 ^aJob. 3:11-22, Ecc. 6:3, Luke 23:29
4 ¹Or, futility, and so throughout the ch.
^aEcc. 2:21
^aEcc. 1:14
5 ^aProv. 6:10, 24:33
^aIs. 9:20
6 ^aProv. 15:16, 17:16, 8
7 ¹Lat., second
^aProv. 27:20, Ecc. 1:8, 5:10
^aEcc. 2:21
^aEcc. 1:13
10 ¹Lat., they fall ²Lat., a second
11 ¹Lat., have warmth
^a1 Km. 1:1-4

THEN I looked again at all the acts of ^aoppression which were being done under the sun. And behold I saw the tears of the oppressed and *that* they had ^bno one to comfort *them*; and on the side of their oppressors was power, but they had no one to comfort *them*.

2 So I congratulated the dead who are already dead more than the living who are still living.

3 But ^abetter off than both of them is the one who has never existed, who has never seen the evil activity that is done under the sun.

4 ¶ And I have seen that every labor and every ^askill which is done is *the result of rivalry* between a man and his neighbor. This too is ¹vanity and striving after wind.

5 The fool ^afolds his hands and ^bconsumes his own flesh.

6 One hand full of rest is ^abetter than two fists full of labor and striving after wind.

7 ¶ Then I looked again at vanity under the sun.

8 There was a certain man without a ¹dependent, having neither a son nor a brother, yet there was no end to all his labor. Indeed, ^ahis eyes were not satisfied with riches and he never asked, "And ^bfor whom am I laboring and depriving myself of pleasure?" This too is vanity and it is a ^cgrievous task.

9 ¶ Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.

10 For if ¹either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not ²another to lift him up.

11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they ¹keep warm, but ^ahow can one be warm alone?

12 And if ¹one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

13 ¶ A ^apoor, yet wise lad is better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows how to receive ¹instruction.

14 For he has come ^aout of prison to become king, even though he was born poor in his kingdom.

15 I have seen all the living under the sun throng to the side of the second lad who ¹replaces him.

16 There is no end to all the people, to all who were before them, and even the ones who will come later will not be happy with him, for this too is ^avanity and striving after wind.

CHAPTER 5

1a **G**UARD your steps as you go to the house of God, and draw near to listen rather than to offer the ^bsacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil.

2 ¹Do not be ^ahasty ²in word or ³impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your ^bwords be few.

3 For the dream comes through much ¹effort, and the voice of a ^afool through many words.

4 When you ^amake a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for *He takes* no delight in fools. ^bPay what you vow!

5 It is ^abetter that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay.

6 Do not let your ¹speech cause ²you to sin and do not say in the presence of the messenger of God that it was a ^amistake. Why should God be angry on account of your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

12 ¹Lit., he
13 ¹Or,
warning
^aEcc. 7:19;
9:15

14 ^aGen.
41:14, 41:43
15 ¹Lit.,
stands in his
stead

16 ^aEcc.
1:14
1 ¹Ch. 4:17
in Heb.
^aEx. 3:5,
30:18-20; 1s
1:12 ^b1 Sam.
15:22; Prov.
15:8, 21:27
2 ¹Ch. 5:1 in
Heb. ²Lit.,
with your
mouth ³Lit.,
hurry your
heart

^aProv. 20:25
^bProv. 10:19;
Matt. 6:7
3 ¹Lit., task

^aJob 11:2;
Prov. 15:2;
Ecc. 10:14
4 ^aNum.
30:2; Ps.
50:14; 78:11
^bPs. 68:13, 14

5 ^aProv.
20:25; Acts
5:4

6 ¹Lit.,
mouth ²Lit.,
your body
^aLev. 4:2, 22;
Num. 15:25

7 ¹Lit., van-
ity ²Or, re-
vere

^aEcc. 3:14;
7:18; 8:12, 13;
12:13

8 ¹Lit., de-
light ²Lit.,
high one
³Lit., ones
^aEcc. 4:1

^bEzek. 18:18
1 ¹Pet. 4:12
10 ¹Or, fu-
tility

^aEcc. 1:8;
2:10, 11; 4:8

11 ¹Lit., see
with their
eyes

^aEcc. 2:9
12 ¹Lit., so-
lidity

^aProv. 3:24
13 ¹Lit.,
guarded

^aEcc. 6:2
14 ¹Lit., an
evil task

²Lit., in his
hand

15 ^aJob 1:21
^bPs. 49:17;
1 Tim. 6:7

16 ¹Lit.,
comes ²Lit.,
go

^aEcc. 1:3;
2:11; 3:9
^bProv. 11:29

7 For in many dreams and in many words there is ¹emptiness. Rather, ^{2a}fear God.

8 ¶ If you see ^aoppression of the poor and ^bdenial of justice and righteousness in the province, do not be ^cshocked at the ¹sight, for one ²official watches over another ²official, and there are higher ³officials over them.

9 After all, a king who cultivates the field is an advantage to the land.

10 ¶ ^aHe who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with *its* income. This too is ¹vanity.

11 ^aWhen good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to ¹look on?

12 The sleep of the working man is ^apleasant, whether he eats little or much. But the ¹full stomach of the rich man does not allow him to sleep.

13 ¶ There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: ^ariches being ¹hoarded by their owner to his hurt.

14 When those riches were lost through ^{1a} a bad investment and he had fathered a son, then there was nothing ²to support him.

15 ^aAs he had come naked from his mother's womb, so will he return as he came. He will ^btake nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.

16 And this also is a grievous evil—exactly as a man ¹is born, thus will he ²die. So, ^awhat is the advantage to him who ^btoils for the wind?

17 Throughout his life ^ahe also eats in darkness with ^bgreat vexation, sickness and anger.

17 ^aPs. 127:2 ^bEcc. 2:23

18 ¶ Here is what I have seen to be ^agood and ¹fitting: to eat, to drink and ²enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun *during* the few ³years of his life which God has given him; for this is his ⁴reward.

19 Furthermore, as for every man to whom ^aGod has given riches and wealth, He has also ^bempowered him to eat from them and to receive his ¹reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the ^cgift of God.

20 For he will not often ¹consider the ²years of his life, because ^aGod keeps ³him occupied with the gladness of his heart.

CHAPTER 6

THERE is an ^aevil which I have seen under the sun and it is prevalent ¹among men—

2 a man to whom God has ^agiven riches and wealth and honor so that his soul ^blacks nothing of all that he desires, but God has not empowered him to eat from them, for a foreigner ¹enjoys them. This is ²vanity and a severe affliction.

3 If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, however many ¹they be, but his soul is not satisfied with good things, and he does not even have a *proper* ^aburial, then I say, "Better ^bthe miscarriage than he.

4 for it comes in futility and goes into obscurity; and its name is covered in obscurity.

5 "It never sees the sun and it never knows *anything*; ¹it is better off than he.

6 "Even if the *other* man lives a thousand years twice and does not ¹enjoy good things—"do not all go to one place?"

7 ¶ ^aAll a man's labor is for his mouth and yet the ¹appetite is not ²satisfied.

8 For ^awhat advantage does the wise man have over the fool?

18 ¹Lit., beautiful
²Lit., see
³good
⁴Or, days
⁵Or, share
⁶Ecc. 2:24
⁷Ecc. 2:10
⁸Or, share
⁹2 Chr. 1:12
¹⁰Ecc. 6:2
¹¹Ecc. 6:2
¹²Ecc. 3:13
¹³28 ¹Lit., remember
²Or, days
³So with Gr
⁴Ex. 23:25
⁵1 ¹Lit., upon
⁶Ecc. 5:13
⁷2 ¹Lit., eats
²from them
³Or, futility
⁴1 Kin. 3:13
⁵Ps. 17:14, 73:7, Ecc. 2:10
⁶3 ¹Lit., the days of his years
⁷Is. 14:20
⁸Jer. 8:2, 22:19
⁹Job 3:18
¹⁰Ecc. 4:3
¹¹5 ¹Lit., more real has this one than that
¹²6 ¹Lit., see
¹³Ecc. 2:14
¹⁴7 ¹Lit., soul
¹⁵1 ¹Lit., Allied
¹⁶Prov. 16:26
¹⁷8 ¹Ecc. 2:15
¹⁸9 ¹Lit., gone after
¹⁹Ecc. 11:9
²⁰Ecc. 1:14
²¹10 ¹Ecc. 1:9, 3:15
²²Job 9:32, 40:2
²³Prov. 21:30
²⁴Is. 45:9
²⁵12 ¹Lit., days
²⁶2 ¹Lit., do
²⁷Ecc. 3:22
²⁸1 ¹Prov. 22:1
²⁹Ecc. 4:2, 7:8
³⁰2 ¹Lit., death
³¹1 ¹Lit., given
³²2 ¹Lit., has heart
³³Ecc. 2:14, 16:3, 19:20, 6:6, 9:2, 3
³⁴Ps. 90:12
³⁵3 ¹Ecc. 2:2
³⁶2 Cor. 7:10
³⁷4 ¹Lit., heart
³⁸3 ¹Ps. 141:5
³⁹Prov. 6:23, 13:18, 15:31, 32:25, 12
⁴⁰Ecc. 8:17
⁴¹6 ¹Lit., voice
⁴²Ps. 58:8
⁴³118:12
⁴⁴Ecc. 2:2

What advantage does the poor man have, knowing how to walk before the living?

9 What the eyes ^asee is better than what the soul ¹desires. This too is ^bfutility and a striving after wind.

10 ¶ Whatever ^aexists has already been named, and it is known what man is; for he ^bcannot dispute with him who is stronger than he is.

11 For there are many words which increase futility. What *then* is the advantage to a man?

12 For who knows what is good for a man during *his* lifetime, *during* the few ¹years of his futile life? He will ²spend them like a shadow. For who can tell a man ^awhat will be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER 7

A ^aGOOD name is better than a good ointment, And the ^bday of one's death is better than the day of one's birth.

2 It is better to go to a house of mourning

Than to go to a house of feasting,

Because ¹that is the ^aend of every man,

And the living ²takes it to ³heart.

3 ^aSorrow is better than laughter,

For ^bwhen a face is sad a heart may be happy.

4 The ¹mind of the wise is in the house of mourning,

While the ¹mind of fools is in the house of pleasure.

5 It is better to ^alisten to the rebuke of a wise man

Than for one to listen to the song of fools.

6 For as the ¹crackling of ^athorn bushes under a pot,

So is the ^blaughter of the fool,

And this too is futility.

- 7 For ^aoppression makes a wise man mad,
And a ^bbribe ¹corrupts the heart.
- 8 The ^aend of a matter is better than its beginning;
^bPatience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.
- 9 Do not be ¹eager in your heart to be angry.
For anger resides in the bosom of fools.
- 10 Do not say, "Why is it that the former days were better than these?"
For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this.
- 11 Wisdom along with an inheritance is good
And an ^aadvantage to those who see the sun.
- 12 For ^awisdom is ¹protection just as money is ¹protection.
But the advantage of knowledge is that ^bwisdom preserves the lives of its possessors.
- 13 Consider the ^awork of God,
For who is ^bable to straighten what He has bent?
- 14 ^aIn the day of prosperity be happy,
But ^bin the day of adversity consider—
God has made the one as well as the other
So that man may ^cnot discover anything that will be after him.
- 15 ¶ I have seen everything during my ¹lifetime of futility; there is ^ba righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is ^ca wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness.
- 16 Do not be excessively ^arighteous, and do not ^bbe overly wise. Why should you ruin yourself?

7 ¹Lit., destroy
^aEcccl. 4:1, 5:8
^bEx. 23:8;
Deut. 18:18;
Prov. 17:8, 23
8 ^aEcccl. 7:1
^bProv. 14:29;
16:32; Gal.
5:22; Eph. 4:2
9 ¹Lit.,
hasty in your
spirit
^aProv. 14:17;
James 1:19
11 ^aProv.
8:10, 11; Ecccl.
2:13
12 ¹Lit., in a
shadow
^aEcccl. 7:19;
9:18 ^bProv.
3:18, 8:35
13 ^aEcccl.
3:11; 8:17
^bEcccl. 1:15
14 ^aDeut.
28:11; Ecccl.
3:22; 9:7, 11
9 ^bDeut. 8:5;
Job 2:10
^cEcccl. 3:22
15 ¹Lit.,
days
^aEcccl. 6:12;
9:9 ^bEcccl.
8:14 ^cEcccl.
8:12, 13
16 ^aProv.
25:16; Phil.
3:6 ^bRom.
12:3
17 ^aJob
22:16; Ps.
55:23; Prov.
10:27
18 ¹Lit., rest
your hand
¹Lit., all
^aEcccl. 3:14;
5:7, 8:12, 13;
12:13
19 ^aEcccl.
7:12; 9:13-18
20 ^a1 Kin.
8:46; 2 Chr.
6:36; Ps.
143:2; Prov.
20:9; Rom.
3:23
21 ¹Lit., give
your heart to
^aProv. 30:10
22 ¹Lit.,
your heart
knows also
23 ^aEcccl.
3:11; 8:17
24 ¹Lit.,
deep
^aRom. 11:33
^bJob 11:7;
37:23; Ecccl.
8:17
25 ¹Lit.,
turned about
¹Lit., heart
^aEcccl. 1:15;
17:10-13
26 ^aProv.
5:4 ^bProv.
7:23 ^cProv.
6:23, 24
^aProv. 22:14

17 Do not be excessively wicked, and do not be a fool.
Why should you ^adie before your time?

18 It is good that you grasp one thing, and also not ¹let go of the other; for the one who ^afears God comes forth with ²both of them.

19 ¶ ^aWisdom strengthens a wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

20 Indeed, ^athere is not a righteous man on earth who *continually* does good and who never sins.

21 Also, do not ¹take seriously all words which are spoken, lest you hear your servant ^acursing you.

22 For ¹you also have realized that you likewise have many times cursed others.

23 ¶ I tested all this with wisdom, and I said, "I will be wise," ^abut it was far from me.

24 What has been is remote and ^aexceedingly ¹mysterious. ^bWho can discover it?

25 I ¹directed my ²mind to know, to investigate, and to seek wisdom and an explanation, and to know the evil of folly and the foolishness of madness.

26 And I discovered more ^abitter than death the woman whose heart is ^bsnare and nets, whose hands are chains. ^cOne who is pleasing to God will escape from her, but ^dthe sinner will be captured by her.

27 ¶ "Behold, I have discovered this," says the Preacher, "adding one thing to another to find an explanation,

28 which ¹I am still seeking but have not found. I have found one man among a thousand, but I have not found a ^awoman among all these.

29 "Behold, I have found only this, that ^aGod made men upright, but they have sought out many devices."

26 ¹Lit., my soul still seeks ^a1 Kin. 11:3
29 ^aGen. 1:27

CHAPTER 8

WHO is like the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter? A man's wisdom ¹illuminates ¹him and causes his ²stern face to ²beam.

2 ¶ I say, "Keep the ¹command of the king because of the ²oath ²before God.

3 "Do not be in a hurry ¹to leave him. Do not join in an evil matter, for he will do whatever he pleases."

4 Since the word of the king is authoritative, ²who will say to him, "What are you doing?"

5 ¶ He who ²keeps a royal command ²experiences no ¹trouble, for a wise heart knows the proper time and procedure.

6 For ²there is a proper time and procedure for every delight, when a man's trouble is heavy upon him.

7 If no one ²knows what will happen, who can tell him when it will happen?

8 ²No man has authority to restrain the wind with the wind, or authority over the day of death; and there is no discharge in the time of war, and ²evil will not deliver ¹those who practice it.

9 All this I have seen and applied my ¹mind to every deed that has been done under the sun wherein a man has exercised ²authority over another man to his hurt.

10 ¶ So then, I have seen the wicked buried, those who used to go in and out from the holy place, and they are ²soon forgotten in the city where they did thus. This too is futility.

11 Because the ²sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore ²the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

12 Although a sinner does evil a hundred times and may ²lengthen his life, still I know

1 ¹Lat., his face ²Or, change
Ex. 34:20, 30
Deut. 28:50
2 ¹Lat., mouth
3 ¹Lat., to go out from his presence
Ecc. 10:4
4 ¹Job 9:12, Dan 4:35
5 ¹Lat., evil thing
Ecc. 12:13
Prov. 12:21
6 ¹Ecc. 3:1, 17
7 ¹Ecc. 3:22, 6:12, 7:14, 9:12
8 ¹Lat., its possessions
Ps. 40:7
Ecc. 8:13
9 ¹Lat., heart
Ecc. 4:1, 5:8, 7:7
10 ¹Ecc. 1:11, 2:16, 9:5, 15
11 ¹Ex. 34:6, Ps. 88:15, Rom. 2:4, 2 Pet. 3:9
Ecc. 9:3
12 ¹Lat., before him
Ecc. 7:15
Deut. 4:40, 12:25, Ps. 37:11, Prov. 1:33, Is. 3:10
13 ¹Ecc. 8:8, Is. 3:11
Job 14:2, Ecc. 8:12
14 ¹Lat., stripes
Ps. 73:14, Ecc. 7:15
Job 21:7, Ps. 73:3, 12, Jer. 12:1, Mal. 3:15
15 ¹Lat., labor
Ecc. 2:24, 3:12, 13:5, 18:9, 7
16 ¹Lat., see no sleep in his eyes
Ecc. 1:13, 14
Ecc. 2:23
17 ¹Ecc. 3:11, Ps. 73:16, Ecc. 7:23, Rom. 11:33
18 ¹Lat., all these things, as before them
Deut. 33:3, Job 12:10, Ps. 118:100
Ecc. 10:14
Ecc. 9:6

that it will be ²well for those who fear God, who fear ¹Him openly.

13 But it will ²not be well for the evil man and he will not lengthen his days like a ²shadow, because he does not fear God.

14 There is futility which is done on the earth, that is, there are ²righteous men to whom it ¹happens according to the deeds of the wicked. On the other hand, there are ²evil men to whom it ¹happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I say that this too is futility.

15 So I commended pleasure, for there is nothing good for ²a man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be merry, and this will stand by him in his ¹toils throughout the days of his life which God has given him under the sun.

16 ¶ When I ²gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the task which has been done on the earth (even though one should ²never sleep day or night),

17 and I saw every work of God, I concluded that ²man cannot discover the work which has been done under the sun. Even though man should seek laboriously, he will not discover; and ²though the wise man should say, "I know," he cannot discover.

CHAPTER 9

FOR I have taken all this to my heart and explain ¹it that righteous men, wise men, and their deeds are ²in the hand of God. ²Man does not know whether it will be ²love or hatred; anything ²awaits him.

2 ¶ ²It is the same for all. There is ²one fate for the righteous and for the wicked; for the good, for the clean, and for the unclean; for the man who offers a sacrifice and for the one who does not sacrifice. As the good

3 ¹Job 9:22, Ecc. 9:11, Ecc. 2:14, 3:18, 9:6, 7:2

man is, so is the sinner; as the swearer is, so is the one who is afraid to swear.

3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is ^aone fate for all men. Furthermore, ^bthe hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and ^cinsanity is in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they go to the dead.

4 For whoever is joined with the living, there is hope; surely a live dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know they will die; but the dead ^ado not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their ^bmemory is forgotten.

6 Indeed their love, their hate, and their zeal have already perished, and they will no longer have a ^ashare in all that is done under the sun.

7 ¶ Go then, ^aeat your bread in happiness, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works.

8 Let your ^aclothes be white all the time, and let not ^boil be lacking on your head.

9 Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your ^afleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your ^breward in life, and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

10 ¶ Whatever your hand finds to do, verily, ^ado it with all your might; for there is no ^bactivity or planning or wisdom in ^cSheol where you are going.

11 I again saw under the sun that the ^arace is not to the swift, and the ^bbattle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise, nor ^cwealth to the discerning, nor favor to men of ability; for time and ^dchance overtake them all.

2 ^aLit., fears an oath
3 ^aEcccl.
9:2; Jer. 17:10
4 ^aEcccl. 8:11
5 ^aEcccl. 1:17
6 ^aJob
14:21 ^aPs
88:12; Ecccl.
1:11; 2:16;
8:10; Is. 26:14
7 ^aEcccl.
2:10; 3:22
8 ^aEcccl.
2:24; 8:15
9 ^aRev. 3:4
10 ^aPs. 23:5
11 ^aLit., life of vanity
12 ^aEcccl. 6:12;
7:15 ^aEcccl.
2:10
13 ^aEcccl.
11:6; Rom.
12:11; Col.
3:23 ^aEcccl.
9:5 ^aGen.
37:35; Job
21:13; Is.
38:10
14 ^aAmos
2:14; 15
15 ^aChr. 20:15;
Ps. 78:5;
Zech. 4:6
16 ^aDeut. 8:17;
18 ^a1 Sam.
6:9
17 ^aEcccl. 8:7
18 ^aProv. 7:23
19 ^aProv. 29:6;
Is. 24:18;
Hos. 9:8
20 ^aLuke 21:34;
35
21 ^aLit., great it was to me
22 ^a2 Sam.
20:16-22
23 ^aOr, might have delivered
24 ^aEcccl. 4:13
25 ^a2 Sam. 20:22
26 ^aEcccl. 2:16;
8:10
27 ^aProv.
21:22; Ecccl.
7:12; 19
28 ^aEcccl.
7:5; 10:12
29 ^aEcccl.
9:18 ^aJosh.
7:1-26; 2 Kin.
21:2-17
30 ^aEx.
30:25
31 ^aMatt.
6:33; Col. 3:1
32 ^aLit., heart
33 ^aLit., says
34 ^aProv. 13:18;
18:2
35 ^aLit., spirit
36 ^aEcccl. 8:3
37 ^a1 Sam.
25:24-33;
Prov. 25:15
38 ^aEcccl.
3:1; 5:1; Prov.
28:12; 29:2

12 Moreover, man does not ^aknow his time: like fish caught in a treacherous net, and ^bbirds trapped in a snare, so the sons of men are ^censnared at an evil time when it ^dsuddenly falls on them.

13 ¶ Also this I came to see as wisdom under the sun, and ^ait impressed me.

14 There ^awas a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it, and constructed large siegeworks against it.

15 But there was found in it a ^apoor wise man and he ^bdelivered the city ^bby his wisdom. Yet ^cno one remembered that poor man.

16 So I said, "^aWisdom is better than strength." But the wisdom of the poor man is despised and his words are not heeded.

17 The ^awords of the wise heard in quietness are *better* than the shouting of a ruler among fools.

18 ^aWisdom is better than weapons of war, but ^bone sinner destroys much good.

CHAPTER 10

DEAD flies make a ^aperfumer's oil stink, so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom *and* honor.

2 A wise man's heart *directs* him toward the right, but the foolish ^aman's heart *directs* him toward the left.

3 Even when the fool walks along the road his ^asense is lacking, and he ^ademonstrates to everyone *that* he is a fool.

4 If the ruler's ^atemper rises against you, ^ado not abandon your position, because ^bcomposure allays great offenses.

5 ¶ There is an evil I have seen under the sun, like an error which goes forth from the ruler—

6 ^afolly is set in many exalted

CHAPTER 11

places while rich men sit in humble places.

7 I have seen ^aslaves riding ^bon horses and princes walking like slaves on the land.

8 ¶ ^aHe who digs a pit may fall into it, and a ^bserpent may bite him who breaks through a wall.

9 He who quarries stones may be hurt by them, and he who splits logs may be endangered by them.

10 If the ¹axe is dull and he does not sharpen *its* edge, then he must ²exert more strength. Wisdom has the advantage of giving success.

11 If the serpent bites ¹before being charmed, there is no profit for the charmer.

12 ^aWords from the mouth of a wise man are gracious, while the lips of a ^bfool consume him;

13 the beginning of ¹his talking is folly, and the end of ²it is wicked ^amadness.

14 Yet the ^afool multiplies words. No man knows what will happen, and who can tell him ^bwhat will come after him?

15 The toil of ¹a fool so wearies him that he does not even know how to go to a city.

16 Woe to you, O land, whose ^aking is a lad and whose princes ¹feast in the morning.

17 Blessed are you, O land, whose king is of nobility and whose princes eat at the appropriate time—for strength, and not for ^adrunkenness.

18 Through ^aindolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.

19 Men prepare a meal for enjoyment, and ^awine makes life merry, and ^bmoney ¹is the answer to everything.

20 Furthermore, ^ain your bed-chamber do not ^bcurse a king, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens will carry the sound, and the winged creature will make the matter known.

7 ^aProv. 19:10 ^bEcc. 10:8-10
8 ^aPs. 7:15; Prov. 28:27
^aAmos 5:19
10 ¹Lat., iron
²Lat., strengthen
11 ¹Lat., without enchantment
^aPs. 58:4, 5; Jer. 8:17
12 ^aProv. 10:32, 22; Luke 4:22
^aProv. 10:14, 18; Ecc. 4:5
13 ¹Lat., the words of his mouth
²Lat., his mouth
^aEcc. 7:25
14 ^aProv. 15:2; Ecc. 5:3
^aEcc. 3:22, 6; 12:7, 14, 8, 7
15 ¹Lat., fools
16 ¹Lat., and
^aIs. 3:4, 12
17 ^aProv. 31:4, 16, 5, 11
18 ^aProv. 24:30-34
19 ¹Lat., answer all
^aJudg. 9:13; Ps. 104:15; Ecc. 2:3
^aEcc. 7:12
20 ^a2 Kin. 6:12; Luke 12:3
^aEx. 22:28; Acts 23:5
1 ¹Lat., in, within
^aDeut. 15:10; Prov. 19:17; Matt. 10:42; Gal. 6:9; Heb. 6:10
2 ^aPs. 112:9; Matt. 5:42; Luke 6:30; 1 Tim. 6:18, 19
^aEcc. 11:8, 12, 1
3 ¹Lat., is
4 ^aOr, with many men, how the spirit enters the bones in the womb
²Lat., full
^aJohn 3:8
^aPs. 139:13-16
^aEcc. 1:13; 3:10, 11, 8, 17
5 ¹Lat., let down your hand
²Lat., this or that
^aEcc. 9:10
6 ^aEcc. 8:5; 7:11
7 ^aEcc. 9:7
^aEcc. 12:1

CAST your bread on the surface of the waters, for you ^awill find it ¹after many days.

2 ^aDivide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what ^bmisfortune may occur on the earth.

3 If the clouds are full, they pour out rain upon the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it ¹lies.

4 He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap.

5 Just as you do not ^aknow ¹the path of the wind and ^bhow bones are formed in the womb of the ²pregnant woman, so you do not ^cknow the activity of God who makes all things.

6 Sow your seed ^ain the morning, and do not ¹be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether ²morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good.

7 ¶ The light is pleasant, and it is good for the eyes to ^asee the sun.

8 Indeed, if a man should live many years, let him ^arejoice in them all, and let him remember the ^bdays of darkness, for they shall be many. Everything that is to come *will be* futility.

9 Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the ¹impulses of your heart and the ²desires of your eyes. Yet know that ^bGod will bring you to judgment for all these things.

10 So, remove vexation from your heart and put away ¹pain from your body, because childhood and the prime of life are fleeting.

9 ¹Lat., ways
²Lat., sights
^aNum. 15:38; Job 31:7; Ecc. 2:10
^aEcc. 3:17; 12:14; Rom. 14:10
10 ¹Lat., evil
^a2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Tim. 2:22

CHAPTER 12

REMEMBER also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the ^bevil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

2 before the ^asun, the light, the moon, and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain;

3 in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men ^astoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, and ^bthose who look through ^lwindows grow dim;

4 and the doors on the street are shut as the ^asound of the grinding mill is low, and one will arise at the sound of the bird, and all the ^bdaughters of song will ^lsing softly.

5 Furthermore, ^lmen are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry is ineffective. For man goes to his eternal ^ahome while ^bmourners go about in the street.

6 Remember Him before the silver cord is ^lbroken and the ^agolden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered

1 ^aDeut. 8:18; Neh. 4:14; Ps. 63:6; 119:55 ^bEcc. 11:8

2 ^aIs. 5:30; 13:10; Ezek. 32:7, 8; Joel 3:15; Matt. 24:29

3 ^lOr,

holes

^aPs. 35:14;

38:6 ^bGen.

27:1, 48:10;

1 Sam. 3:2

4 ^lLit., he

brought low

^aJer. 23:10;

Rev. 18:22

^b2 Sam. 19:35

5 ^lLit.,

they

^aJob 17:13;

30:23 ^bGen.

50:10; Jer.

9:17

6 ^lSo with

Gr.; Heb., re-

moved

^aZech. 4:2, 3

7 ^lOr,

breath

^aGen. 3:19;

Job 34:15; Ps.

104:29; Ecc.

3:20 ^bJob

34:14; Ecc.

3:21; Luke

23:48; Acts

7:59 ^cNum.

16:22; 27:16;

Is. 57:16;

Zech. 12:1

8 ^aEcc. 1:2

9 ^a1 Kin.

4:32

10 ^aProv.

10:32 ^bProv.

22:20, 21

11 ^lLit.,

planted

^aProv. 1:6;

22:17; Ecc.

7:5; 10:12

^bActs 2:37

^cEzra 9:8; Is.

22:23

and the wheel at the cistern is crushed;

7 then the ^adust will return to the earth as it was, and the ^lspir- it will return to ^cGod who gave it.

8 ^a"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "all is vanity!"

9 ¶ In addition to being a wise man, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge; and he pondered, searched out and arranged ^amany proverbs.

10 The Preacher sought to find ^adelightful words and to write ^bwords of truth correctly.

11 ¶ The ^awords of wise men are like ^bgoads, and masters of these collections are like ^lwell-driven ^cnails; they are given by one Shepherd.

12 But beyond this, my son, be warned: the ^lwriting of ^amany books is endless, and excessive ^bdevotion to books is wearying to the body.

13 ¶ The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: ^afear God and ^bkeep His commandments, because this *applies to* ^cevery person.

14 For ^aGod will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

12 ^lLit., making ^a1 Kin. 4:32 ^bEcc. 1:18

13 ^aEcc. 3:14; 5:7; 7:18; 8:12 ^bDeut. 4:2; Ecc. 8:5

^cDeut. 10:12; Mic. 6:8

14 ^aEcc. 3:17; 11:9; Matt. 10:26; Rom. 2:16, 1 Cor. 4:5

THE SONG OF SOLOMON

*The Young Shulammite Bride and
Jerusalem's Daughters*

THE ^lSong of ^aSongs, which is Solomon's.

2 ¶ "May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!"

1 ^lOr, Best
of the Songs
^a1 Kin. 4:32

2 ^lBRIDE
^aSong 1:4;
4:10

For your ^alove is better than wine.

3 "Your ^aoils have a pleasing fragrance,

Your ^bname is like ^lpurified oil;

3 ^lLit., oil which is emptied (from one vessel to another) ^aSong 4:10; John 12:3 ^bEcc. 7:1

- Therefore the ^{2c}maidens
love you.
- 4 "Draw me after you and let
us run *together*!
The ^aking has brought me
into his chambers."
- ¶ "We will rejoice in you
and be glad;
We will ²extol your ^blove
more than wine.
Rightly do they love you."
- 5 ¶ "I am black but ^alovely,
(^b) daughters of Jerusalem,
Like the ^ctents of ^dKedar,
Like the curtains of Solo-
mon.
- 6 "Do not stare at me because
I am ¹swarthy,
For the sun has burned me.
My ^amother's sons were an-
gry with me;
They made me ^bcaretaker
of the vineyards,
But I have not taken care of
my own vineyard.
- 7 "Tell me, O you ^awhom my
soul loves,
Where do you ^bpasture your
flock,
Where do you make it ^clie
down at noon?
For why should I be like one
who ¹veils herself
Beside the flocks of your
^dcompanions?"
- 8 ¶ "If you yourself do not
know,
^aMost beautiful among
women,
Go forth on the trail of the
flock,
And pasture your young
goats
By the tents of the shep-
herds.
- 9 ¶ "To me, ^amy darling, you
are like
My ^bmare among the chari-
ots of Pharaoh.
- 10 "Your ^acheeks are lovely
with ornaments,

3 ^aOr.
virgins
*Ps 46:14
4 ^aCHO-
RUS ²Lit.,
mention with
praise
*Ps 46:14, 15
*Song 1:4,
4:10
5 ^aBRIDE
*Song 2:14;
4:3, 6:4 *Song
2:7, 3:5, 10;
5:8, 16, 8:4
*Ps 120:5 *Isa
60:7
6 ^aOr.
black
*Ps 69:8
*Song 8:11
7 ¹Some
versions read
wanders
*Song 3:1-4
*Song 2:16,
6:3 *Isa 13:20;
Jer 33:12
*Song 8:13
8 ^aBRIDE.
GROOM
*Song 5:9, 6:1
9 ¹Lit., I
have com-
pared you to
*Song 1:15,
2:2, 10:13
*2 Chr 1:18,
17
10 *Song
5:13 *Gen.
24:53, 1s.
61:10
11 ^aCHO-
RUS
12 ^aBRIDE
*Or. couch
*Lit., hard
*Song 4:14,
Mark 14:3;
John 12:3
13 *Ps 45:8;
John 19:30
14 *Song
4:13 *1 Sam.
23:20
15 ^aBRIDE.
GROOM
*Lit., Behold
*Song 1:16;
2:10, 13, 4:1,
7, 8:4, 10
*Song 4:1,
5:12
16 ^aBRIDE
*Lit., Behold
*Song 2:3, 9,
17:5, 2, 5, 6, 8
17 ^aOr. mari-
age
*1 Kin. 6:9,
10; Jer 22:14
*2 Chr 3:5
1 ^aBRIDE
*Lit., crocus
*Isa 35:1 *Isa
33:9, 35:2
*Song 5:13;
7:2; Hos. 14:5
2 ^aBRIDE.
GROOM
*Lit., daugh-
ters
*Song 1:9

Your neck with strings of
^bbeads."

- 11 ¶ "We will make for you
ornaments of gold
With beads of silver."
- 12 ¶ "While the king was at
his ²table,
My ^{3a}perfume gave forth its
fragrance.
- 13 "My beloved is to me a pouch
of ^amyrrh
Which lies all night be-
tween my breasts.
- 14 "My beloved is to me a clus-
ter of ^ahenna blossoms
In the vineyards of ^bEnged-
di."
- 15 ¶ "1. ^{2a}How beautiful you
are, my darling,
²How beautiful you are!
Your ^beyes are like doves."
- 16 ¶ "1. ²How handsome you
are, ^amy beloved,
And so pleasant!
Indeed, our couch is luxuri-
ant!
- 17 "The beams of our houses
are ^acedars,
Our rafters, ^{1b}cypresses.

CHAPTER 2

- ¶ "I AM the ^{2a}rose of ^bSharon,
The ^clily of the valleys."
- 2 ¶ "Like a lily among the
thorns,
So is ^amy darling among the
²maidens."
- 3 ¶ "Like an ^{2a}apple tree
among the trees of the
forest,
So is my beloved among the
³young men.
In his shade I took great de-
light and sat down,
And his ^bfruit was sweet to
my ⁴taste.

2 ^aBRIDE ²Or. apricot *Lit., rose *Lit., palace *Song
8:5 *Song 4:13, 16 & 11, 12

- 4 "He has ^abrought me to his ^bbanquet hall,
And his ^bbanner over me is love.
- 5 "Sustain me with ^araisin cakes,
Refresh me with ^bapples,
Because ^cI am lovesick.
- 6 "Let ^ahis left hand be under my head
And ^ahis right hand ^bembrace me."
- 7 ¶ "I ^aadjure you, O ^bdaughters of Jerusalem,
By the ^cgazelles or by the ^dhinds of the field,
^aThat you will not arouse or awaken my love,
Until ²she pleases."
- 8 ¶ "Listen! My beloved!
Behold, he is coming,
Climbing ^aon the mountains,
Leaping on the hills!
- 9 "My beloved is like a ^agazelle or a ^byoung ¹stag.
Behold, he is standing behind our wall,
He is looking through the windows,
He is peering ^cthrough the lattice.
- 10 ¶ "My beloved responded and said to me,
^aArise, my darling, my beautiful one,
And come along.
- 11 "For behold, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.
- 12 "The flowers have *already* appeared in the land;
The time has arrived for ¹pruning the vines,
And the voice of the ^aturtle-dove has been heard in our land.
- 13 "The ^afig tree has ripened its figs,
And the ^bvines in blossom have given forth *their* fragrance.

4 ¹Lit., house of wine
^aSong 1:4
^bPs. 20:3
5 ¹Or, apricots
^a2 Sam. 6:19;
1 Chr. 16:3;
Hos. 3:1
^bSong 7:8
^cSong 5:8
6 ^aSong 8:3
^bProv. 4:8
7 ¹BRIDE-
GROOM ²Or, if
^aSong 3:5,
5:8, 9; 8:4
^bSong 1:5
^cProv. 6:5,
Song 2:9, 17;
3:5, 8; 14
^dGen. 49:21;
Ps. 18:33;
Hab. 3:19
8 ¹BRIDE
^aSong 2:17;
Is. 52:7
9 ¹Lit., of the stags
^aProv. 6:5,
Song 2:17;
3:5, 8; 14
^bSong 2:17;
8:14 ^cJudg. 5:28
10 ^aSong 2:13
12 ¹Or, singing
^aGen. 15:9;
Ps. 74:19; Jer. 8:7
13 ^aMatt. 24:32 ^bSong 7:12
14 ¹BRIDE-
GROOM ²Or, cliff
¹Lit., appearance
^aSong 5:2; 6:9
^bJer. 48:28
^cSong 8:13
^dSong 1:5
15 ¹CHO-
RUS ²Or, young
^aEzek. 13:4;
Luke 13:32
^bSong 2:13
16 ¹BRIDE
^aSong 6:3;
7:10 ^bSong 4:5; 8:2, 3
17 ¹Lit., the day blows
²Or, cleavage or a land of spice
^aSong 4:8
^bSong 2:9
^cSong 2:8
1 ¹BRIDE
^aSong 1:7
^bSong 5:8
2 ¹Or, Let me arise ²Or, Let me seek
^aJer. 5:1
3 ^aSong 5:7; Is. 21:6-8,

- Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,
And come along!" "
- 14 "O ^amy dove, ^bin the clefts of the ²rock,
In the secret place of the steep ³pathway,
Let me see your ⁴form,
^cLet me hear your voice;
For your voice is sweet,
And your ⁴form is ^dlovely."
- 15 ¶ "Catch the foxes for us,
The ²little foxes that are ruining the vineyards,
While our ^bvineyards are in blossom."
- 16 "My beloved is mine, and I am his;
He ^bpastures his flock among the lilies.
- 17 "Until ¹the cool of the day when the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved, and be like a ^bgazelle
Or a young stag ^con the mountains of ²Bether."

CHAPTER 3

- ¶ "ON my bed night after night I sought him
^aWhom my soul loves;
I ^bsought him but did not find him.
- 2 "I must arise now and ¹go about the city;
In the ^astreets and in the squares
²I must seek him whom my soul loves.'
- I sought him but did not find him.
- 3 "The watchmen who make the rounds in the city found me,
And I said, 'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
- 4 "Scarcely had I ¹left them
When I found him whom my soul loves;

11, 12

4 ¹Lit., passed ^aProv. 8:17

I ^bheld on to him and would
not let him go.
Until I had ^cbrought him to
my mother's house.
And into the room of her
who conceived me."

5 ¶ "I ^aadjure you, O daugh-
ters of Jerusalem,
By the ^bgazelles or by the
hinds of the field,
That you will not arouse or
awaken my love,
Until ²she pleases."

6 ¶ "1.2 What is this coming
up from the wilderness
Like ^bcolumns of smoke,
Perfumed with ^cmyrrh and
^dfrankincense,
With all scented powders of
the merchant?

7 "Behold, it is the traveling
couch of Solomon;

Sixty mighty men around it,
Of the mighty men of Israel.

8 "All of them are wielders of
the sword,

^aExpert in war;

Each man has his ^bsword at
his side,

Guarding against the ¹ter-
rors of the night.

9 "King Solomon has made for
himself a sedan chair

From the timber of Leba-
non.

10 "He made its posts of silver,
Its ¹back of gold

And its seat of purple fab-
ric,

With its interior lovingly
fitted out

By the ^adaughters of Jeru-
salem.

11 "Go forth, O ^adaughters of
Zion,

And gaze on King Solomon
with the ¹crown

With which his mother has
crowned him

On the ^bday of his wedding,
And on the day of his glad-
ness of heart."

4 ^bProv
4:13;
Rom. 8:35, 39
Song 8:2

8 ¹BRIDE-
GROOM ^aOr.
Song 2:7,
5:8; 8:4 ^bSong
2:7

8 ¹CHO-
RUS ¹Lat.,
Who
Song 8:5
Ex. 13:21,
Joel 2:30
Song 1:13,
4:6, 14, Matt.
2:11 ^aEx
30:34, Rev.
18:13

8 ¹Lat., ter-
ror in the
night
Jer. 50:9 ^bPs.
45:3 ^cPs. 91:5

10 ^aOr. sup-
port
Song 1:5

11 ^aOr.
wrath
Is. 3:16, 17,
44:14 ^bIs. 62:5

1 ¹BRIDE-
GROOM
¹Lat., Behold
Song 1:15
Song 1:15,
5:12 ^aSong
8:7 ^bSong 8:5
^cNbc. 7:14

2 ^aOr. mus-
carned
Song 8:6

3 ^aJosh.
2:18 ^bSong
5:16 ^cSong
8:7

4 ^aOr. for
an animal
Song 7:4
Ezek. 27:10,
11 ^b2 Sam.
1:21

8 ^aSong 7:1
Song 2:16,
6:2, 3

8 ¹Lat., the
day blows
Song 2:17
Song 4:14

7 ^aSong
1:15, Eph.
5:27

8 ^aOr.
Look
1 Kin. 4:33;
Ps. 72:16
Song 5:1, Is.
62:5 ^b2 Kin.
5:12 ^cDeut.
3:9, 1 Chr.
5:23, Ezek.
27:5

CHAPTER 4

66.2 HOW beautiful ^ayou
are, my darling.

²How beautiful you are!

Your ^beyes are like doves
^cbehind your veil;

Your ^dhair is like a flock of
goats

That have descended from
Mount ^eGilead.

2 "Your ^ateeth are like a flock
of newly shorn ewes

Which have come up from
their washing.

All of which bear twins.

And not one among them
has ¹lost her young.

3 "Your lips are like a ^ascarlet
thread,

And your ^bmouth is lovely.
Your ^ctemples are like a

slice of a pomegranate
Behind your veil.

4 "Your ^aneck is like the tower
of David

Built ¹with rows of stones,
On which are ^bhung a thou-
sand shields,

All the round ^cshields of the
mighty men.

5 "Your ^atwo breasts are like
two fawns,

Twins of a gazelle,

Which ^bfeed among the lil-
ies.

6 "Until ¹the cool of the day
When the shadows flee
away,

I will go my way to the
mountain of ^bmyrrh

And to the hill of ^bfrankin-
cense.

7 ¶ "You are altogether
beautiful, my darling.

And there is no blemish in
you.

8 "Come with me from ^aLeba-
non, my ^bbride,

May you come with me
from Lebanon.

¹Journey down from the
summit of ^cAmana,

From the summit of ^dSenir
and Hermon.

From the dens of lions,
From the mountains of
leopards.

9 "You have made my heart
beat faster, ^amy sister,
my bride;

You have made my heart
beat faster with a single
glance of your eyes,

With a single strand of your
^bnecklace.

10 "How beautiful is your love,
my sister, my bride!

How much ^bbetter is your
love than wine,

And the ^cfragrance of your
oils

Than all *kinds* of ¹spices!

11 "Your lips, my bride, ^adrip
^bhoney;

Honey and milk are under
your tongue,

And the fragrance of your
garments is like the ^cfra-
grance of Lebanon.

12 "A garden locked is my sis-
ter, my bride,

A ¹rock garden locked, a
^aspring ^bsealed up.

13 "Your shoots are an ¹aor-
chard of ^bpomegranates

With ^cchoice fruits, ^dhenna
with nard plants,

14 ^aNard and saffron, calamus
and ^bcinnamon,

With all the trees of ^cfrank-
incense,

^dMyrrh and aloes, along
with all the finest ¹spices.

15 "You are a garden spring,

A well of ¹fresh water,

And streams *flowing* from
Lebanon."

16 ¶ "Awake, O north wind,
And come, wind of the
south;

Make my ^agarden breathe
out *fragrance*,

Let its ²spices ³be wafted
abroad.

May ^bmy beloved come into
his garden

And eat its ^cchoice fruits!"

9 ^aSong
4:10, 12, 5:1,
2 ^aGen. 41:42;
Prov. 1:9;
Ezek. 16:11;
Dan. 5:7
10 ¹Or, bal-
sam odors
^aSong 7:6
^bSong 1:2, 4
^cSong 1:3
11 ^aProv
5:3 ^bPs
19:10; Prov
24:13 ^cGen
27:27, Hos
14:6
12 ¹Lit.,
stone heap
^aProv. 5:15-18
^bGen. 29:3
13 ¹Or, park
or paradise
^aEccl. 2:5
^bSong 6:11,
7:12 ^cSong
2:3, 4:16, 7:13
^dSong 1:14
14 ¹Or, bal-
sam odors
^aSong 1:12
^bEx. 30:23
^cSong 4:6
^dPs. 45:8;
Song 3:6;
John 19:39
15 ¹Lit., liv-
ing
^aZech. 14:8;
John 4:10
16 ¹BRIDE
^aOr, balsam
odors ²Lit.,
flow forth
^aSong 5:1, 6:2
^bSong 1:13,
2:3, 8:6; 2
^cSong 4:13
1 ¹BRIDE-
GROOM
²Lit., with
^aOr, become
drunk
^aSong 6:2
^bSong 4:9
^cSong 1:13,
4:14 ^dSong
4:11 ^eProv.
9:5; Is. 55:1
^fJudg. 14:11,
20; John 3:29
2 ¹BRIDE
²Lit., filled
³Lit., drops
^aSong 4:9
^bSong 2:14;
6:9 ^cSong
5:11
3 ^aLuke
11:7 ^bGen.
19:2
4 ¹Lit.,
bowels
^aJer. 31:20
5 ¹Lit.,
passing
^aSong 5:13
6 ¹Lit., soul
^aSong 6:1
^bSong 5:2
^cSong 3:1
^dProv. 1:28
7 ^aSong 3:3

CHAPTER 5

6 "I HAVE ^acome into my gar-
den, ^bmy sister, my bride;
I have gathered my ^cmyrrh
along with my balsam.
I have eaten my honeycomb
²and my ^dhoney;
I have ^adrunk my wine ²and
my milk.
Eat, ^ffriends;
Drink and ³imbibe deeply,
O lovers."

2 ¶ "I was asleep, but my
heart was awake.
A voice! My beloved was
knocking:

'Open to me, ^amy sister, my
darling,

^bMy dove, my perfect one!
For my head is ²drenched
with dew,

My ^clocks with the ³damp of
the night.'

3 "I have ^ataken off my dress,
How can I put it on *again*?
I have ^bwashed my feet,
How can I dirty them
again?

4 "My beloved extended his
hand through the open-
ing,

And my ¹afeelings were
aroused for him.

5 "I arose to open to my be-
loved;

And my hands ^adripped
with myrrh,

And my fingers with ¹liquid
myrrh,

On the handles of the bolt.

6 "I opened to my beloved,
But my beloved had ^aturned
away and had gone!

My ¹heart went out to him
as he ^bspoke.

I ^csought for him, but I did
not find him;

I ^dcalled him, but he did not
answer me.

7 "The ^awatchmen who make
the rounds in the city
found me,

They struck me and wounded me;

The guardsmen of the walls took away my shawl from me.

8["]I ^aadjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
If you find my beloved,
As to what you will tell him:
For ^bI am lovesick."

9 ["]1.2 What kind of beloved is your beloved,
O ^amost beautiful among women?
2 What kind of beloved is your beloved,
That thus you adjure us?"

10 ["]1 My beloved is dazzling and ^aruddy,
2^b Outstanding among ten thousand.

11 "His head is like gold, pure gold;
His ^alocks are like clusters of dates,
And black as a raven.

12 "His ^aeyes are like doves,
Beside streams of water,
Bathed in milk,
And ^breposed in their ^bsetting.

13 "His cheeks are like a ^abed of balsam,
Banks of sweet-scented herbs;
His lips are ^blilies,
^cDripping with liquid myrrh.

14 "His hands are rods of gold
Set with ^aberyl;
His abdomen is carved ivory
Inlaid with ^bsapphires.

15 "His legs are pillars of alabaster
Set on pedestals of pure gold;
His appearance is like ^aLebanon,
Choice as the ^bcedars.

16 "His ^amouth is full of sweetness.
And he is wholly ^bdesirable.

8 ^aSong 2:7, 3:5 ^aSong 2:5

9 ^aCHO-RUS ^aOr, What is your beloved more than another beloved

^aSong 1:8, 6:1
10 ^aBRIDE ^aLit., Lifted up banner
^a1 Sam 16:12
^aPs 45:2

11 ^aSong 5:2

12 ^aLit., sitting upon
^aSong 1:15,
4:1 ^aEx 25:7

13 ^aSong 6:2
^aSong 2:1
^aSong 5:5

14 ^aLit., lap lazuli
^aEx 28:20,
39:13, Ezek 1:16, Dan 10:6 ^aEx 24:10, 28:18,
Job 28:16, 1a 54:11

18 ^aSong 7:4
^a1 Kin 4:33,
^aPs 80:10,
Ezek 17:23,
31:8

16 ^aLit., pul-
ate
^aSong 7:9
^a2 Sam 1:23

1 ^aCHO-RUS
^aSong 5:6
^aSong 1:8

2 ^aBRIDE
^aSong 4:16,
5:1 ^aSong 5:13 ^aSong 1:7 ^aSong 2:1,
5:13

3 ^aSong 2:16, 7:10
^aSong 2:16,
4:5

4 ^aBRIDE-GROOM
^aLit., burn-
nured ones
^aSong 1:15
^a1 Kin 14:17
^aSong 1:5
^aPs 48:2,
50:2 ^aSong 6:10

5 ^aSong 4:1
6 ^aOr, mus-
carned
^aSong 4:2

7 ^aSong 4:3
8 ^aOr, vir-
gins
^a1 Kin 11:3
^aSong 1:3

9 ^aLit., one
^aSong 2:14,
5:2

This is my beloved and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem."

CHAPTER 6

6["]1 ["]WHERE has your be-
loved gone,
O ^bmost beautiful among women?
Where has your beloved
turned,
That we may seek him with you?"

2 ["]1 My beloved has gone
down to his ^agarden,
To the ^bbeds of balsam,
To ^cpasture his flock in the
gardens
And gather ^dlilies.

3["]1 I am my beloved's and my
beloved is mine,
He who ^bpastures his flock
among the lilies."

4 ["]1 ["]You are as beautiful as
^bTirzah, my darling,
As ^clovely as ^dJerusalem,
As ^aawesome as ²an army
with banners.

5["] Turn your eyes away from
me,
For they have confused me;
^aYour hair is like a flock of
goats
That have descended from
Gilead.

6["] ["]Your teeth are like a flock
of ewes
Which have come up from
their washing.

All of which bear twins,
And not one among them
has ^blost her young.

7["] ["]Your temples are like a
slice of a pomegranate
Behind your veil.

8["] There are sixty ^aqueens and
eighty concubines,
And ^bmaidens without
number;

9 But ^amy dove, my perfect
one, is ^bunique:
She is her mother's ^conly
daughter;

She is the pure child of the
one who bore her.
The ^{2b}maidens saw her and
called her blessed.
The ^cqueens and the concu-
bines also, and they
praised her, saying.

10 ¶ 'Who is this that ¹grows
like the dawn,
As beautiful as the full
^amoon,
As pure ^bas the sun,
As ^cawesome as ²an army
with banners?

11 "I went down to the orchard
of nut trees
To see the blossoms of the
valley,
To see whether ^athe vine
had budded
Or the ^bpomegranates had
bloomed.

12 "Before I was aware, my soul
set me
Over the chariots of ¹my
noble people."

13 ¶ ^{1,2}Come back, come
back, O Shulammitte;
Come back, come back,
that we may gaze at
you!"

¶ ³Why should you gaze at
the Shulammitte,
As at the ^adance of ^{4b}the two
companies?

CHAPTER 7

66¹ **H**OW beautiful are your
²feet in sandals,
O ^{3a}prince's daughter!
The curves of your hips are
like ⁴jewels,
The work of the hands of an
artist.
2 "Your navel is *like* a round
goblet
Which never lacks mixed
wine;
Your belly is like a heap of
wheat
Fenced about with lilies.

9 ¹Lit.
daughters
^aGen. 30:13
^{c1} Kin. 1:3

10 ¹Lit.,
looks down
²Lit., ban-
nered ones
^aJob 31:26
^bMatt. 17:2,
Rev. 1:16
^cSong 6:4

11 ^aSong
7:12 ^bSong
4:13

12 ¹Another
reading is
Ammi-nadib

13 ¹CHO-
RUS ²Ch. 7:1
in Heb.
³BRIDE.
GROOM ⁴Or,
Mahana'im
^aJudg. 21:21
^bGen. 32:2,
2 Sam. 17:24

1 ¹Ch. 7:2
in Heb. ²Lit.,
footsteps ³Or,
nobleman's
⁴Or, orna-
ments
^aPs. 45:13

3 ^aSong 4:5

4 ^aSong 4:4
^bNum. 21:26

5 ¹Lit., is
upon
^aIs. 35:2

6 ¹Or,
With love
among your
delights
^aSong 1:15,
16:4:10

7 ¹Lit.,
This stature
of yours

8 ¹Lit.,
nose ²Or,
apricots
^aSong 2:5

9 ¹Lit., pal-
ate ²BRIDE
^aSong 5:16
^bProv. 23:31

10 ^aSong
2:16; 6:3 ^bPs.
45:11; Gal.
2:20

11 ¹Lit.,
field

12 ^aSong
6:11

Mutual Praise and Delight.

3 "Your ^atwo breasts are like
two fawns,
Twins of a gazelle.

4 "Your ^aneck is like a tower of
ivory,

Your eyes *like* the pools in
^bHeshbon

By the gate of Bath-rabbim;
Your nose is like the tower
of Lebanon,

Which faces toward Da-
mascus.

5 "Your head ¹crowns you like
^aCarmel,

And the flowing locks of
your head are like purple
threads;

The king is captivated by
your tresses.

6 "How ^abeautiful and how de-
lightful you are,

¹My love, with *all* your
charms!

7 "Your stature is like a palm
tree,

And your breasts are *like its*
clusters.

8 "I said, 'I will climb the palm
tree,

I will take hold of its fruit
stalks.'

Oh, may your breasts be
like clusters of the vine,

And the fragrance of your
¹breath like ^{2a}apples.

9 And your ^{1a}mouth like the
best wine!"

¶ ²It ^bgoes down smoothly
for my beloved,

Flowing gently *through* the
lips of those who fall
asleep.

10 ¶ ^{1a}I am my beloved's,
And his ^bdesire is for me.

11 "Come, my beloved, let us go
out into the ¹country.
Let us spend the night in the
villages.

12 "Let us rise early *and* go to
the vineyards;
Let us ^asee whether the vine
has budded

And its blossoms have opened,

And whether the pomegranates have bloomed.
There I will give you my love.

13^a "The ^amandrakes have given forth fragrance;
And over our doors are all ^bchoice fruits,
Both new and old,
Which I have saved up for you, my beloved.

CHAPTER 8

66 **O**H that you were like a brother to me
Who nursed at my mother's breasts.

If I found you outdoors, I would kiss you;
No one would despise me, either.

2^a "I would lead you and ^abring you

Into the house of my mother, who used to instruct me;

I would give you spiced wine to drink from the juice of my pomegranates.

3^a "Let ^ahis left hand be under my head,
And his right hand embrace me."

4 ¹ "I want you to swear, O daughters of Jerusalem,
²Do not arouse or awaken my love,
Until ³she pleases."

5 ¹ "Who is this coming up from the wilderness,
Leaning on her beloved?"

¹ "Beneath the ^{3b}apple tree I awakened you;
There your mother was in labor with you,
There she was in labor and gave you birth.

6^a "Put me like a ¹seal over your heart,
Like a ^aseal on your arm.

19 ^aGen. 30:14 ^bSong 2:3, 4:13, 16
Matt. 13:52

2 ^aSong 3:4

3 ^aSong 2:6

4 ¹BRIDE-GROOM ¹Or. Why should you arouse ¹Or. it ^aSong 2:7, 3:5

8 ¹CHORUS ¹BRIDE-GROOM ¹Or. apricot ^aSong 3:6 ^aSong 2:3

6 ¹Or. signal ¹Or. its order is as unfeasible ¹Another reading is A vehement ^aSome ^aIs. 49:16, Jer. 22:24, Hag. 2:23 ^aProv. 6:34

7 ¹Prov. 6:35

8 ¹CHORUS ^aLev. 16:7

9 ¹1 Km. 6:15

10 ¹BRIDE ^aLev. 16:7

11 ^aEcc. 2:4 ^aMatt. 21:33 ^aSong 1:6 ^aIs. 7:23 ^aSong 2:3, 8:12

12 ¹Le. before me

13 ¹BRIDE-GROOM ^aSong 1:7 ^aSong 2:14

14 ¹BRIDE ^aLe. ^aFlav ^aLe. of the steps ^aSong 2:7, 8, 17 ^aSong 4:6

For love is as strong as death,

2^b Jealousy is as severe as Sheol;

Its flashes are flashes of fire.
3^a The very flame of the LORD.

7^a "Many waters cannot quench love,

Nor will rivers overflow it;

^a "If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love,

It would be utterly despised."

8 ¹ "We have a little sister,
And she ^ahas no breasts;
What shall we do for our sister

On the day when she is spoken for?

9^a "If she is a wall,
We shall build on her a battlement of silver;
But if she is a door,
We shall barricade her with ^aplanks of cedar."

10 ¹ "I was a wall, and ^amy breasts were like towers;
Then I became in his eyes as one who finds peace.

11^a "Solomon had a ^avineyard at Baal-hamon;
He ^bentrusted the vineyard to ^ccaretakers;
Each one was to bring a ^athousand *shekels* of silver for its ^afruit.

12^a "My very own vineyard is ¹at my disposal;
The thousand *shekels* are for you, Solomon,
And two hundred are for those who take care of its fruit."

13^a "O you who sit in the gardens,

My ^acompanions are listening for your voice—

^bLet me hear it!"

14^a "Hurry, my beloved,
And be ^alike a gazelle or a young ³stag
On the ^bmountains of spices."

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Rebellion of God's People

THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, concerning ^aJudah and Jerusalem which he saw during the ¹reigns of ^bUzziah, ^cJotham, ^dAhaz, and ^eHezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 ^aListen, O heavens, and hear, O ^bearth;

For the LORD speaks,

"Sons I have reared and brought up,

But they have ^drevolted against Me.

3 "An ox knows its owner,
And a donkey its master's manger,

But Israel ^adoes not know,
My people ^bdo not understand."

4 ¶ Alas, sinful nation,
People weighed down with iniquity,

¹Offspring of evildoers,
Sons who ^bact corruptly!
They have ^cabandoned the LORD,

They have ^ddespised the Holy One of Israel,
They have turned away ²from Him.

5 ¶ Where will you be stricken again,
As you ^acontinue in your rebellion?

The whole head is ^bsick,
And the whole heart is faint.

6 ^aFrom the sole of the foot even to the head

There is ^bnothing sound in it,

Only bruises, welts, and raw wounds,

1 ¹Lit., days
^aIs. 2:1, 40:9
^b2 Kin. 15:1-7, 13, 2 Chr. 26:1-23
^c2 Kin. 15:32-38, 2 Chr. 27:1-9
^d2 Kin. 16:1-20, 2 Chr. 28:1-27, Is. 7:1-2
^e2 Kin. 18:1-20, 2 Chr. 29:1-32, 33

2 ^aDeut. 32:1
^bMic. 1:2
^cJer. 3:22
^dIs. 30:1, 9, 65:2

3 ^aJer. 9:3, 6
^bIs. 44:18

4 ¹Lit., Seed ²Lit., backward
^aIs. 14:20
^bNeh. 1:7
^cIs. 1:28
^dIs. 5:24

5 ^aIs. 31:6
^bIs. 33:24
^cEzek. 34:4, 16

6 ^aJob 2:7
^bPs. 38:3
^cJer. 8:22

7 ¹Lit., And
^aLev. 26:33
^bJer. 44:6

9 ^aRom. 9:29
^bIs. 10:20-22, 11:11, 16, 37:4, 31, 32, 46:3
^cGen. 19:24

10 ^aIs. 8:20, 28:14
^bIs. 3:9
^cEzek. 16:49
^dRom. 9:29
^eRev. 11:8

11 ¹Or, am sated with
^aPs. 50:8
^bJer. 6:20
^cAmos 5:21, 22
^dMal. 1:10

12 ¹Lit., of your hand
^aEx. 23:17

13 ^aIs. 66:3

^cNot pressed out or bandaged,

Nor softened with oil.

7 ¶ Your ^aland is desolate,
Your cities are burned with fire,

Your fields—strangers are devouring them in your presence;

¹It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard,

Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

9 ^aUnless the LORD of hosts Had left us a few ^bsurvivors,
We would be like ^cSodom,
We would be like Gomorrah.

10 ¶ Hear ^athe word of the LORD,

You rulers of ^bSodom;
Give ear to the instruction of our God,

You people of Gomorrah.

11 "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?"
Says the LORD.

"I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams,
And the fat of fed cattle.
And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats.

12 "When you come ^ato appear before Me,

Who requires ¹of you this trampling of My courts?

13 "Bring your worthless offerings no longer,

^aIncense is an abomination to Me.

- ^bNew moon and sabbath,
the ^ccalling of assem-
blies—
I cannot ^dendure iniquity
and the solemn assem-
bly.
14 "I hate your new moon festi-
vals and your ^aappointed
feasts.
They have become a burden
to Me.
I am ^bwearry of bearing
them.
15 "So when you ^aspread out
your hands in prayer,
^bI will hide My eyes from
you.
Yes, even though you ^cmul-
tiply prayers,
I will not listen.
^dYour hands are ^lcovered
with blood.
16 "Wash yourselves,
^bmake yourselves clean;
^cRemove the evil of your
deeds from My sight.
^dCease to do evil,
17 Learn to do good;
^aSeek justice,
Reprove the ruthless;
^bDefend the orphan,
Plead for the widow.
18 "Come now, and ^alet us
reason together,"
Says the LORD.
^bThough your sins are as
scarlet,
They will be as white as
snow;
Though they are red like
crimson,
They will be like wool.
19 "If you consent and obey,
You will ^beat the best of the
land;
20 "But if you refuse and rebel,
You will be ^adevoured by
the sword."
Truly, ^bthe mouth of the
LORD has spoken.
21 ¶ How the faithful city has
become a ^aharlot,

13 ¹ Chr.
23:31
^cEx. 12:16
^dJer. 7:9, 10
14 ^aIs. 29:1.
2 ^aIs. 7:13.
43:24
18 ¹ Lit., full
of
¹ Kin. 8:22.
Lam. 1:17 ^aIs.
8:17; 59:2
^cMic. 3:4 ^aIs.
59:3
16 ^aPs. 26:6
^aIs. 32:11 ^aIs.
55:7 ^dJer.
25:5
17 ¹ Or, Vin-
dicate the fa-
therless
^cJer. 22:3.
Zeph. 2:3 ^aPs.
82:3
18 ^aIs. 41:1.
21. 43:28.
Mic. 6:2 ^aPs.
51:7. Is.
43:25, 44:22.
Rev. 7:14
19 ^aDeut.
28:1, 30:15.
16 ^aIs. 55:2
20 ^aIs. 3:25.
65:12 ^aIs.
40:5, 58:14.
Mic. 4:4. Ti-
tus 1:2
21 ^aIs. 57:3.
9. Jer. 2:20
23 ¹ Or, vin-
dicate ^aOr,
fatherless
^aHos. 5:10.
Mic. 7:3 ^aEx.
23:8, Mic. 7:3
^aIs. 10:2. Jer.
5:28. Ezech.
22:7. Zech.
7:10
24 ¹ Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
Lord
^aPs. 132:2. Is.
49:26, 60:16
^aDeut. 28:63.
Is. 35:4.
59:18, 61:2.
63:4
25 ^aEzech.
22:19-22. Mal.
3:3
26 ^aIs. 60:17
^aIs. 33:3.
60:14; 62:1, 2.
Zech. 8:3
27 ¹ Or, re-
turnees
^aIs. 35:9.
62:12, 63:4
28 ¹ Lit., the
crushing of
transgressors
and sinners
shall be to-
gether
^aPs. 95:1a.
66:24.
2 Thes.
1:8, 9
29 ¹ So with
some mss.;
M.T., they

- She who was full of justice!
Righteousness once lodged
in her,
But now murderers.
22 Your silver has become
dross,
Your drink diluted with wa-
ter.
23 Your ^arulers are rebels,
And companions of thieves;
Everyone ^bloves a bribe,
And chases after rewards.
They ^cdo not ^ldefend the
²orphan,
Nor does the widow's plea
come before them.
24 ¶ Therefore the Lord ¹God
of hosts,
The ^aMighty One of Israel
declares,
"Ah, I will be relieved of My
adversaries,
And ^bavenge Myself on My
foes.
25 "I will also turn My hand
against you,
And will ^asmelt away your
dross as with lye,
And will remove all your al-
loy.
26 "Then I will restore your
^ajudges as at the first,
And your counselors as at
the beginning;
After that you will be called
the ^bcity of righteous-
ness,
A faithful city."
27 ¶ Zion will be ^aredeemed
with justice,
And her ^lrepentant ones
with righteousness.
28 But ^ltransgressors and sin-
ners will be ^acrushed to-
gether,
And those who forsake the
LORD shall come to an
end.
29 Surely, ^lyou will be
ashamed of the ²oaks
which you have desired,

^aOr, are built ^aIs.

And you will be embarrassed at the ^bgardens which you have chosen.

30 For you will be like an ¹oak whose ^aleaf fades away, Or as a garden that has no water.

31 And the strong man will become tinder, His work also a spark. Thus they shall both ^aburn together. And there will be ^bnone to quench them.

CHAPTER 2

THE word which ^aIsaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 ^a Now it will come about that

^aIn the last days, The ^bmountain of the house of the LORD

Will be established ¹as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills;

And ^call the nations will stream to it.

3 And many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob;

That He may teach us ¹concerning His ways,

And that we may walk in His paths."

For the ²law will go forth ^afrom Zion,

And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And He will judge between the nations,

And will ¹render decisions for many peoples;

And ^athey will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

^bNation will not lift up sword against nation,

²⁹ ^aIs. 65:3; 66:17

³⁰ ¹Or, ^bterribleness ^aIs. 64:6

³¹ ^aIs. 5:24; 9:19; 26:11; 33:11-14 ^bIs. 66:24, Matt. 3:12, Mark 9:43

¹ ^aIs. 1:1

² ¹Lit., on ^aMic. 4:1-3 ^bIs. 27:13; 66:20 ^cIs. 56:7

³ ¹Or, some of ²Or, instruction ^aIs. 51:4, 5; Luke 24:47

⁴ ¹Or, ^breprove many ^aIs. 32:17, 18; Joel 3:10 ^bIs. 9:5, 7; 11:6-9; Hos. 2:18; Zech. 9:10

⁵ ^aIs. 58:1 ^bIs. 60:1, 2; 19, 20; 1 John 1:5

⁶ ^aDeut. 31:17 ^b2 Kin. 1:2 ^c2 Kin. 16:7, 8; Prov. 6:1

⁷ ^aDeut. 17:16; Is. 30:16; 31:1; Mic. 5:10

⁸ ^aIs. 10:11 ^bPs. 115:4-8; Is. 17:8; 37:19; 40:19; 44:17

⁹ ^aPs. 48:2; 62:9; Is. 5:15 ^bNeh. 4:5

¹⁰ ^aIs. 2:19; 21: Rev. 8:15; 16 ^b2 Thess. 1:9

¹¹ ¹Lit., eyes of the loftiness of men ^aIs. 5:15; 37:23 ^bPs. 18:27; Is. 13:11; 23:9; 2 Cor. 10:5

¹² ^aJob 40:11, 12; Is. 24:4, 21; Mal. 4:1

And never again will they learn war.

5 ¶ Come, ^ahouse of Jacob, and let us walk in the ^bblight of the LORD.

6 For Thou hast ^aabandoned Thy people, the house of Jacob,

Because they are filled with influences from the east, And they are soothsayers ^blike the Philistines,

And they ^cstrike bargains with the children of foreigners.

7 Their land has also been filled with silver and gold,

And there is no end to their treasures;

Their land has also been filled with ^ahorses,

And there is no end to their chariots.

8 Their land has also been ^afilled with idols;

They worship the ^bwork of their hands,

That which their fingers have made.

9 So ^athe common man has been humbled,

And the man of importance has been abased,

But ^bdo not forgive them.

10 ^aEnter the rock and hide in the dust

^bFrom the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.

11 The ¹proud look of man will be abased,

And the ^bloftiness of man will be humbled,

And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

12 ¶ For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning Against ^aeveryone who is proud and lofty,

And against everyone who is lifted up,

That he may be abased.

CHAPTER 3

- 13 And it will be against all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up,
Against all the ^aoaks of Bashan,
14 Against all the ^alofty mountains,
Against all the hills that are lifted up,
15 Against every ^ahigh tower,
Against every fortified wall,
16 Against all the ^aships of Tarshish,
And against all the beautiful craft.
17 And the pride of man will be humbled,
And the loftiness of men will be abased,
And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.
18 But the ^aidols will completely vanish.
19 And men will ^ago into caves of the rocks,
And into holes of the ¹ground
Before the terror of the LORD,
And before the splendor of His majesty,
When He arises ^bto make the earth tremble.
20 In that day men will ^acast away to the moles and the ^bbats
Their idols of silver and their idols of gold,
Which they made for themselves to worship.
21 In order to ^ago into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs,
Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty,
When He arises to make the earth tremble.
22 ^{1a}Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils;
For ^{2b}why should he be esteemed?

¹³ ^aZech. 11:2
¹⁴ ^aIs. 40:4
¹⁵ ^aIs. 25:12
¹⁶ ^a1 Kin. 10:22, Is. 23:1, 14: 60:9
¹⁸ ^aIs. 21:9; Mic. 1:7
¹⁹ ¹Lit., dual
^aIs. 2:10 ^bPs. 18:7, Is. 2:21, 13:13, 24:1, 19:20, Hag. 2:6, 7, Heb. 12:26
²⁰ ^aIs. 30:22, 31:7
^aLev. 11:19
²¹ ^aIs. 2:19
²² ¹Lit., Cause from man ²Lit., in what
^aPs. 148:3, Jer. 17:5 ^bPs. 8:4, 144:3, 4, Is. 40:15, 17, James 4:14
¹ ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Lit., staff
^aLev. 26:26, Is. 5:13, 9:20, Ezek. 4:16
² ^a2 Kin. 24:14, Is. 9:14, 15, Ezek. 17:12, 13
⁴ ¹Lit., arbitrary power will rule
^aEcc. 10:16
⁸ ^aMic. 7:3
⁶ ^aIs. 8:19, Jer. 9:3-8
⁶ ¹Lit., hand
^aIs. 4:1
⁷ ¹Lit., lift up his voice
²Lit., blunder of wounds
^aEzek. 34:4, Hos. 5:13
⁸ ¹Lit., tongue ²Lit., the eyes of his glory
^aIs. 1:7, 6:11 ^bPs. 73:9-11, Is. 6:17, 58:3
^aIs. 65:3

- FOR behold, the Lord ¹God of hosts ^ais going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah
Both ²supply and support, the whole ²supply of bread,
And the whole ²supply of water;
2 ^aThe mighty man and the warrior,
The judge and the prophet, The diviner and the elder,
3 The captain of fifty and the honorable man,
The counselor and the expert artisan,
And the skillful enchanter.
4 And I will make mere ^alads their princes
And ¹capricious children will rule over them,
5 And the people will be ^aoppressed,
Each one by another, and each one by his ^bneighbor;
The youth will storm against the elder,
And the inferior against the honorable.
6 When a man ^alays hold of his brother in his father's house, saying,
"You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler,
And these ruins will be under your ¹charge."
7 On that day will he ¹protest, saying,
"I will not be your ^{2a}healer, For in my house there is neither bread nor cloak;
You should not appoint me ruler of the people."
8 For ^aJerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen,
Because their ^{1b}speech and their actions are against the LORD,
To ^arebel against ²His glorious presence.

- 9 ¹The expression of their faces bears witness against them.
And they display their sin like ^aSodom;
They do not even conceal it.
Woe to ²them!
For they have ^bbrought evil on themselves.
- 10 Say to the ^arighteous that it will go well with them.
For they will eat the fruit of their actions.
- 11 Woe to the wicked! It will go badly with him,
For ^{1a}what he deserves will be done to him.
- 12 O My people! Their oppressors ^{1a}are ^achildren,
And women rule over them.
O My people! ^bThose who guide you lead you astray,
And confuse the direction of your paths.
- 13 ¶ ^aThe LORD arises to contend,
And stands to judge the people.
- 14 The LORD ^aenters into judgment with the elders and princes of His people,
"It is you who have ^bdevoured the vineyard;
The ^cplunder of the poor is in your houses.
- 15 "What do you mean by ^acrushing My people,
And grinding the face of the poor?"
Declares the Lord ¹God of hosts.
- 16 ¶ Moreover, the LORD said,
"Because the ^adaughters of Zion are proud,
And walk with ¹heads held high and seductive eyes,
And go along with mincing steps,
And tinkle the bangles on their feet,

⁹ ¹Or, Their partiality bears
²Lit., their soul
^aGen. 13:13;
Is. 1:10-15;
^bProv. 8:36;
15:32; Rom. 6:23
¹⁰ ^aDeut. 28:1-14; Eccl. 8:12; Is. 54:17
¹¹ ¹Lit., the dealing of his hands
^aDeut. 28:15-68; Is. 65:6, 7
¹² ¹Or, deal severely
^aIs. 3:4 ^bIs. 9:16, 28-34, 15
¹³ ^aIs. 66:16; Hos. 4:1; Mic. 6:2
¹⁴ ^aJob 22:4; Ps. 143:2; Ezek. 20:35, 36 ^bPs. 14:4; Mic. 3:3
^cJob 24:9, 14; Ps. 10:8; Prov. 30:14; Is. 10:1, 2; Ezek. 18:12; James 2:6
¹⁵ ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD
^aPs. 94:5
¹⁶ ¹Lit., outstretched necks
^aSong 3:11; Is. 3:16-4:1, 4; 32:9-15
¹⁸ ¹Judg. 8:21, 28
²⁰ ^aEx. 39:28
²¹ ¹Or, signet rings
^aGen. 24:47; Ezek. 16:12
²⁴ ¹Or, balsam oil
^aEzra. 2:12
^b1 Pet. 3:3
^cIs. 22:12; Ezek. 27:31; Amos 8:10
^dIs. 15:3; Lam. 2:10
²⁵ ¹Lit., strength
^aIs. 1:20; 65:12
²⁶ ¹Lit., entrances
^aJer. 14:2; Lam. 1:4
^bLam. 2:10
¹ ^aIs. 13:12
^bGen. 30:23; Is. 54:4
² ^aIs. 11:1; 53:2; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12 ^bPs. 72:16 ^cIs. 10:20; 37:31, 32; Joel 2:32; Obad. 17

- 17 Therefore the Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs.
And the LORD will make their foreheads bare."
- 18 In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of ^{their}anklets, headbands, ^acrescent ornaments,
- 19 dangling earrings, bracelets, veils,
- 20 ^aheaddresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets,
- 21 ¹finger rings, ^anose rings,
- 22 festal robes, outer tunics, cloaks, money purses,
- 23 hand mirrors, undergarments, turbans, and veils.
- 24 Now it will come about that instead of ¹sweet ^aperfume there will be putrefaction;
Instead of a belt, a rope;
Instead of ^bwell-set hair, a ^cplucked-out scalp;
Instead of fine clothes, a ^ddonning of sackcloth;
And branding instead of beauty.
- 25 Your men will ^afall by the sword,
And your ¹mighty ones in battle.
- 26 And her ^{1a}gates will lament and mourn;
And deserted she will ^bsit on the ground.

CHAPTER 4

FOR seven women will take hold of ^aone man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; ^btake away our reproach!"

2 ¶ In that day the ^aBranch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the ^bfruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the ^csurvivors of Israel.

3 And it will come about that he who is ^aleft in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called ^bholy—everyone who is ^crecorded for life in Jerusalem.

4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the ^adaughters of Zion, and ¹purged the ^bbloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the ^cspirit of judgment and the ^dspirit of burning.

5 then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies ^aa cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the ^bglory will be a canopy.

6 And there will be a ^ashelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and ¹protection from the storm and the rain.

CHAPTER 5

LET me sing now for my well-beloved

A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard.

My well-beloved had a ^avineyard on ¹a fertile hill.

2 And He dug it all around, removed its stones,

And planted it with ¹the ^achoicest vine.

And He built a tower in the middle of it,

And hewed out a ²wine vat in it;

Then He ^bexpected it to produce good grapes,

But it produced only ³worthless ones.

3 ¹"And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,

^aJudge between Me and My vineyard.

4 ^a"What more was there to do for My vineyard ¹that I have not done in it?

Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did

3 ^aIs. 28:5;
46:3; Rom.
11:4, 5 ^aIs.
52:1; 62:12
^cEx. 32:32;
Ps. 69:28;
Luke 10:20
4 ¹Lat.,
runned away
^aIs. 3:16 ^aIs.
1:15 ^aIs. 28:6
^aIs. 1:31;
9:19; Matt.
3:11
5 ^aEx.
13:21, 22;
24:16; Num.
9:15-23 ^aIs.
60:1, 2
6 ¹Lat., a
hiding place
^aPs. 27:5; Is.
25:4, 32:1, 2
7 ¹Lat., a
horn, the son
of fatness
^aPs. 80:8; Jer.
12:10; Matt.
21:33; Mark
12:1; Luke
20:9
8 ¹Lat., a
bright red
grape ^aOr,
wine press
^aOr, wild
grapes
^aJer. 2:21
^aMatt. 21:19;
Mark 11:13;
Luke 13:6
9 ^aMatt.
21:40
4 ¹Lat., and
I have not
done ^aOr,
wild grapes
^a2 Chr. 36:16;
Jer. 2:5, 7:25;
26; Mic. 6:3;
Matt. 23:37
5 ^aPs.
89:40 ^aPs.
80:12 ^aIs.
10:6, 28:18;
Lam. 1:15;
Luke 21:24;
Rev. 11:2
6 ^a2 Chr.
36:19-21; Is.
7:19-25, 24:1;
3; Jer. 25:11
^a1; Kin. 8:35;
17:1; Jer.
14:1-22
7 ^aPs. 80:8;
11 ^aIs. 3:14;
15, 30:12;
39:13
8 ^aJer.
22:13-17; Mic.
2:2; Hab. 2:9-
12
9 ^aIs. 6:11;
12 ^aMatt.
23:38
10 ¹Lat., Ap-
prox. 10½
gal. ^aLat., Ap-
prox. one bu.
^aLev. 26:26;
Is. 7:23; Hag.
1:6, 2:16
^aEzek. 45:11

it produce ²worthless ones?

5 ^a"So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard:

I will ^aremove its hedge and it will be consumed;

I will ^bbreak down its wall and it will become ^ctrampled ground.

6 ^a"And I will ^alay it waste;

It will not be pruned or hoed.

But briars and thorns will come up.

I will also charge the clouds to ^brain no rain on it."

7 ¹ For the ^avineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

And the men of Judah His delightful plant.

Thus He looked for justice, but behold, ^bbloodshed;

For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

8 ¹ Woe to those who ^aadd house to house and join field to field,

Until there is no more room, So that you have to live alone in the midst of the land!

9 In my ears the LORD of hosts has sworn, "Surely, ^amany houses shall become ^bdesolate,

Even great and fine ones, without occupants.

10 ^a"For ^aten acres of vineyard will yield only one ¹bath of wine,

And a ^bhomer of seed will yield but an ²ephah of grain."

11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue ^astrong drink;

11 ^aProv. 23:29, 30; Eccl. 10:16, 17; Is. 5:22; 22:13; 28:1, 3, 7, 8

- Who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them!
- 12 And their banquets are accompanied by lyre and ^aharp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine; But they ^bdo not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD, Nor do they consider the work of His hands.
- 13 ¶ Therefore My people go into exile for their ^alack of knowledge; And ¹their ^bhonorable men are famished, And their multitude is parched with thirst.
- 14 Therefore ^aSheol has enlarged its ¹throat and opened its mouth without measure; And ²Jerusalem's splendor, her multitude, her din of revelry, and the jubilant within her, descend into it.
- 15 So the common man will be humbled, and the man of importance abased, ^aThe eyes of the proud also will be abased.
- 16 But the ^aLORD of hosts will be ^bexalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself ^choly in righteousness.
- 17 ^aThen the lambs will graze as in their pasture, And strangers will eat in the waste places of the ¹wealthy.
- 18 ¶ Woe to those who drag ^ainiquity with the cords of ¹falsehood, And sin as if with cart ropes;
- 19 ^aWho say, "Let Him make speed, let Him hasten His work, that we may see it; And let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near
- 12 ^aAmos 6:5, 6 ^bJob 34:27; Ps. 28:5
13 ¹Lit., their glory are men of famine
^aIs. 1:3; 27:11; Hos. 4:8 ^bIs. 3:3
14 ¹Or, appetite ²Lit., her
^aProv. 30:16; Hab. 2:5
15 ^aIs. 2:11; 10:33
16 ^aIs. 28:17, 30:18; 61:8 ^bIs. 2:11; 17:33, 5; 10
^cIs. 8:13; 29:23; 1 Pet. 3:15
17 ¹Lit., the fat
^aIs. 7:25; Mic. 2:12; Zeph. 2:6
18 ¹Or, worthlessness
^aIs. 59:4-8; Jer. 23:10-14
19 ^aEzek. 12:22; 2 Pet. 3:4
20 ¹Lit., art
^aProv. 17:15; Amos 5:7
^bJob 17:12; Matt. 6:22; 23; Luke 11:34, 35
21 ^aProv. 3:7; Rom. 12:16; 1 Cor. 3:18-20
22 ^aProv. 23:20; Is. 5:11; 56:12; Hab. 2:15
23 ¹Lit., righteousness
^aEx. 23:8; Is. 1:23; 10:1; 2; Mic. 3:11; 7:3
^bPs. 94:21; James 5:6
24 ¹Lit., ascend
^aIs. 9:18, 19; Joel 2:5 ^bJob 18:16 ^cHos. 5:12 ^dIs. 8:8; 30:9, 12; Acts 13:41
25 ¹Lit., were ²Lit., has not turned away
^a2 Kin. 22:13; 17; Is. 66:15
^bPs. 18:7; Is. 64:3; Jer. 4:24; Nah. 1:5
^c2 Kin. 9:37; Is. 14:19; Jer. 16:4 ^dIs. 9:12; 17, 19, 21; 10:4; Jer. 4:8; Dan. 9:16
^eEx. 7:19; Is. 23:11

- And come to pass, that we may know it!"
- 20 Woe to those who ^acall evil good, and good evil; Who ^{1b}substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who ¹substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- 21 Woe to those who are ^awise in their own eyes, And clever in their own sight!
- 22 ^aWoe to those who are heroes in drinking wine, And valiant men in mixing strong drink;
- 23 ^aWho justify the wicked for a bribe, And ^btake away the ¹rights of the ones who are in the right!
- 24 ¶ Therefore, ^aas a tongue of fire consumes stubble, And dry grass collapses into the flame, So their ^broot will become ^clike rot and their blossom ¹blow away as dust; For they have ^drejected the law of the LORD of hosts, And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
- 25 On this account the ^aanger of the LORD has burned against His people, And He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them down, And the ^bmountains quaked; and their ^ccorpses ¹lay like refuse in the middle of the streets.
- ^dFor all this His anger ²is not spent, But His ^ahand is still stretched out.
- 26 ¶ He will also lift up a ^astandard to the ¹distant nation,

26 ¹Lit., nations; probably Assyria ^aIs. 13:2, 3

- And will ^bwhistle for it
^cfrom the ends of the
 earth;
 And behold, it will ^dcome
 with speed swiftly.
- 27 ^aNo one in it is weary or
 stumbles,
 None slumbers or sleeps;
 Nor is the ^bbelt at its waist
 undone,
 Nor its sandal strap broken.
- 28 ¹Its arrows are sharp, and
 all its bows are bent;
 The hoofs of its horses
²seem like flint, and its
 chariot ^bwheels like a
 whirlwind.
- 29 Its ^aroaring is like a lioness,
 and it roars like young
 lions;
 It growls as it ^bseizes the
 prey.
 And carries it off with ^cno
 one to deliver it.
- 30 And it shall ^agrowl over it in
 that day like the roaring
 of the sea.
 If one ^blooks to the land, be-
 hold, there is darkness
 and distress;
 Even the light is darkened
 by its clouds.

CHAPTER 6

IN the year of ^aKing Uzziah's
 death, ^bI saw the Lord sitting
 on a throne, lofty and exalted,
 with the train of His robe filling
 the temple.

2 Seraphim stood above Him,
^aeach having six wings; with two
 he covered his face, and with
 two he covered his feet, and
 with two he flew.

3 And one called out to another
 and said,

"^aHoly, Holy, Holy, is the
 LORD of hosts,

The ^bwhole earth is full of
 His glory."

4 And the ¹foundations of the
 thresholds trembled at the voice

28 ^aIs. 7:18,
 Zach. 10:8
^cDeut. 28:40
^dIs. 13:4, 5

27 ^aJoel 2:7,
 8 ^bJob 12:18

28 ¹Lat.
 Which, its ar-
 rows ²Lat.
 are regarded
 as

^aPs. 7:12, 13,
 45:5, Is. 13:18
^bIs. 21:1, Jer
 4:13

29 ^aJer
 51:38, Zeph.
 3:3, Zach.
 11:3 ^bIs. 10:6,
 40:24, 25,
 Mic. 5:8 ^cIs.
 42:22

30 ^aIs.
 17:12, Jer
 6:23, Luke
 21:25 ^bIs.
 8:22, Jer
 4:23-28, Joel
 2:10, Luke
 21:25, 26

1 ^a2 Kin.
 15:7, 2 Chr.
 26:23, Is. 1:1
^bJohn 12:41,
 Rev. 4:2, 3,
 20:11

2 ^aRev. 4:8

3 ¹Lat., ful-
 ness of the
 whole earth
 is His glory
^aRev. 4:8
^bNum. 14:21,
 Ps. 72:19

4 ¹Lat.
 door sockets
²Lat., houses
^aRev. 15:8

5 ^aEx.
 33:20, Luke
 5:8 ^bEx. 6:12,
 30 ^cIs. 50:3,
 Jer. 9:3-8
^dJer. 51:57

6 ^aRev. 8:3

7 ¹Lat.,
 adorned for
^aJer. 1:8,
 Dan. 10:10
^bIs. 40:2,
 53:5, 6, 11,
 1 John 1:7

8 ^aEx.
 10:3, Acts 9:4
^bActs 28:19

9 ^aIs. 43:8,
 Matt. 13:14,
 Mark 4:12,
 Luke 8:10,
 John 12:40,
 Acts 28:26,
 Rom. 11:8

10 ¹Lat., ful-
²Lat., heavy
³Lat., be-
 measured
^aMatt. 13:15
^bDeut. 31:20,
 32:15 ^cJer
 5:21

of him who called out, while the
²temple was filling with smoke.

5 Then I said,

"^aWoe is me, for I am ruined!
 Because I am a man of ^bun-
 clean lips,

And I live among a ^cpeople
 of unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the
^dKing, the LORD of
 hosts."

6 ¹ Then one of the seraphim
 flew to me, with a burning coal in
 his hand which he had taken
 from the ^aaltar with tongs.

7 And he ^atouched my mouth
 with it and said, "Behold, this
 has touched your lips; and ^byour
 iniquity is taken away, and your
 sin is ¹forgiven."

8 Then I heard the ^avoice of the
 Lord, saying, "Whom shall I
 send, and who will go for Us?"
 Then ^bI said, "Here am I. Send
 me!"

9 And He said, "Go, and tell
 this people:

'Keep on ^alistening, but do
 not perceive;

Keep on looking, but do not
 understand.'

10 ^aRender the hearts of this
 people ^binsensitive,

Their ears ²dull,

And their eyes ³dim,

^cLest they see with their
 eyes,

Hear with their ears,

Understand with their
 hearts,

And return and be healed."

11 Then I said, "Lord, ^ahow
 long?" And He an-
 swered,

"Until ^bcities are devastated
 and without inhabitant,
 Houses are without people,
 And the land is utterly deso-
 late,

12 ^aThe LORD has ^aremoved
 men far away,

11 ^aPs. 78:5 ^bLev. 26:31; Is. 1:7, 3:8, 26
 12 ^aDeut. 28:44

And the ^{1b}forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

13 "Yet there will be a tenth portion in it,

And it will again be subject to burning,

Like a terebinth or an ^aoak Whose stump remains when it is felled.

The ^bholy seed is its stump."

CHAPTER 7

NOW it came about in the days of ^aAhaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that ^bRezin the king of Aram and ^cPekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but ^dcould not ¹conquer it.

2 When it was reported to the ^ahouse of David, saying, "The Arameans ^{1b}have camped in ^cEphraim," his heart and the hearts of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake ²with the wind.

3 ^c Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son ¹Shear-jashub, at the end of the ^aconduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the ²fuller's field,

4 and say to him, 'Take care, and be ^acalm, have no ^bfear and ^cdo not be fainthearted because of these two stubs of smoldering ^dfirebrands, on account of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and the ^eson of Remaliah.

5 'Because ^aAram, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has planned evil against you, saying,

6 "Let us go up against Judah and ¹terrorize it, and make for ourselves a breach in ²its walls, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,"

7 thus says the Lord ¹God, "It shall not stand nor shall it come to pass.

8 "For the head of Aram is ^aDamascus and the head of Damas-

12 ¹Or, for sicknesses will be great
²Jer. 4:29

13 ¹Job 14:7
²Deut. 7:6; Ezra 9:2

1 ¹Lit., fight against
²Kin. 16:1, 15:37
³2 Kin. 15:25, 2 Chr. 28:6
⁴Is. 7:6, 7

2 ¹Lit., has settled down on
²Lit., from before
³Is. 7:13, 22:22
⁴Is. 12:9, 9

3 ¹I.e., a remnant shall return
²I.e., laundryman's
³2 Kin. 18:17, 15:36
⁴Ex. 14:13, 30:15, Lam. 3:28
⁵Is. 10:24, Matt. 24:6
⁶Deut. 20:3, 1 Sam. 17:32, 15:35
⁷Amos 4:11, Zech. 3:2
⁸Is. 7:1, 9

8 ¹Is. 7:2
²Lit., cause it a sickening dread
³Lit., if
⁴Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord
⁵Is. 8:10, 28:18, Acts 4:25, 28

8 ¹Gen. 14:13, 15:17
²Is. 17:1-3

9 ¹Or, be established
²Chr. 20:20; Is. 5:24; 8:6-8, 30:12-14

11 ¹So with the versions; M.T., make the request deep or high
²Lit., heights
³2 Kin. 19:29; Is. 37:30, 38:7, 8; 55:13
⁴Is. 7:2
⁵Is. 1:14, 43:24
⁶Is. 25:1

14 ¹Or, maiden
²I.e., God is with us
³Matt. 1:23
⁴Is. 8:8, 10

15 ¹Lit., with respect to his knowing
²Is. 7:22

cus is Rezin (now within another 65 years Ephraim will be shattered, so that it is no longer a people),

9 and the head of Ephraim is Samaria and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. "If you will not believe, you surely shall not ¹last."

10 ¶ Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11 "Ask a ^asign for yourself from the LORD your God; ¹make it deep as Sheol or high as ²heaven."

12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!"

13 Then he said, "Listen now, O ^ahouse of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will ^btry the patience of ^cmy God as well?

14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, ^aa ¹virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name ^{2b}Immanuel.

15 "He will eat ^acurds and honey ¹at the time He knows enough to refuse evil and choose good.

16 "For before the boy will know enough to refuse evil and choose good, ^bthe land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken.

17 "The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house such days as have never come since the day that ^aEphraim separated from Judah, the ^bking of Assyria."

18 And it will come about in that day, that the LORD will ^awhistle for the fly that is in the ^{1b}remotest part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19 And they will all come and settle on the steep ¹ravines, on the ^aledges of the cliffs, ^bon all

16 ¹Is. 8:4
²Is. 8:14, 17:3; Jer. 7:19; Hos. 5:3, 9:14; Amos 1:3-5

17 ¹Kin. 12:16
²Chr. 28:20; Is. 8:7, 8; 10:5, 6
³Or, mouth of the rivers; i.e., the Nile Delta
⁴Is. 5:28
⁵Is. 13:5

19 ¹Or, wadis
²Is. 2:19; Jer. 16:16
³Is. 7:24, 25

the thorn bushes, and on all the watering places.

20 ¶ In that day the Lord will shave with a razor, hired from regions beyond the Euphrates (that is, with the king of Assyria), the head and the hair of the legs; and it will also remove the beard.

21 ¶ Now it will come about in that day that a man may keep alive a heifer and a pair of sheep;

22 and it will happen that because of the abundance of the milk produced he will eat curds, for everyone that is left within the land will eat curds and honey.

23 And it will come about in that day, that every place where there used to be a thousand vines, valued at a thousand shekels of silver, will become briars and thorns.

24 People will come there with bows and arrows because all the land will be briars and thorns.

25 And as for all the hills which used to be cultivated with the hoe, you will not go there for fear of briars and thorns; but they will become a place for pasturing oxen and for sheep to trample.

CHAPTER 8

THEN the LORD said to me, "Take for yourself a large tablet and write on it in ordinary letters; Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey.

2 "And I will take to Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."

3 So I approached the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Name him Maher-shal-hash-baz;

4 for before the boy knows how to cry out 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will

19 Or, pastures
20 Lit., River
21 Kin. 18:13
18:14, 24:1
Ezek. 5:1-4
Isa. 10:5, 15
4:8, 8:7,
11:15, Jer.
2:18

21 4s
14:30, 27:10,
Jer. 39:10
22 4s 8:15
23 4s 5:10,
22:13, 14:4s
5:6

28 Lit., sending
4s 5:17
1 Lit., with the stylus of man
Heb. Maher-shal-hash-baz
4s 30:8,
Hab. 2:2 4s
8:3

2 Another reading is take for me
2 Kin. 16:10,
11:15, 16

3 4s, swift is the booty, speedy is the prey
4s 8:1

4 4s 7:16
4s 7:8, 9
6 4s 1:20,
5:24, 7:9,
30:12 4s 7:1

7 Lit., River
4s 17:12, 13
4s 7:20,
11:15 4s
7:17, 10:5
Amos 8:8,
9:5

8 Lit., be the fulness of
Or, Your
4s 10:6 4s
30:26 4s 7:14

9 Or, she mayed
4s 17:12-14
Dan. 7:34,
35

10 Lit., word Heb. Immanuel of
Job 3:12, Isa.
28:16 4s 7:7
4s 8:8, Rom.
8:31

11 Lit., with strength of the hand
Ezek. 3:14
Ezek. 2:8

12 Lit., their fear
4s 7:2, 30:1
1 Pet. 3:14,
15

be carried away before the king of Assyria."

5 ¶ And again the LORD spoke to me further, saying,

6 "Inasmuch as these people have rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloh,

And rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah;

7 "Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates.

Even the king of Assyria and all his glory;

And it will rise up over all its channels and go over all its banks.

8 "Then it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through.

It will breach even to the neck;

And the spread of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.

9 ¶ "Be broken, O peoples, and be shattered;

And give ear all remote places of the earth.

Gird yourselves, yet be shattered;

Gird yourselves, yet be shattered.

10 "Devise a plan but it will be thwarted;

State a proposal, but it will not stand.

For God is with us."

11 For thus the LORD spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 "You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!'

In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, And you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it.

13 "It is the ^aLORD of hosts
^bwhom you should re-
 gard as holy.

And He shall be your fear,
 And He shall be your
 dread.

14 "Then He shall become a
^asanctuary;

But to both the houses of
 Israel, a ^bstone to strike
 and a rock to stumble
 over,

And a snare and a ^ctrap for
 the inhabitants of Jerusa-
 lem.

15 "And many ^awill stumble
 over them,

Then they will fall and be
 broken;

They will even be snared
 and caught."

16 ¶ ^aBind up the testimony,
^bseal the ¹law among ^cmy disci-
 ples.

17 And I will ^await for the LORD
^bwho is hiding His face from the
 house of Jacob; I will even look
 eagerly for Him.

18 ^aBehold, I and the children
 whom the LORD has given me are
 for ^bsigns and wonders in Israel
 from the LORD of hosts, who
^cdwells on Mount Zion.

19 ¶ And when they say to
 you, "^aConsult the mediums and
 the spiritists who whisper and
 mutter," should not a people
^bconsult their God? *Should they*
^cconsult the dead on behalf of
 the living?

20 To the ¹law and to the testi-
 mony! If they do not speak ac-
 cording to this word, it is be-
 cause ^bthey have no dawn.

21 And they will pass through
¹the land ^ahard-pressed and fam-
 ished, and it will turn out that
 when they are hungry, they will
 be enraged and curse ²their king
 and their God as they face up-
 ward.

22 Then they will ^alook to the
 earth, and behold, distress and
 darkness, the gloom of anguish;

and they will be ^bdriven away
 into darkness.

CHAPTER 9

BUT there will be no more
^agloom for her who was in
 anguish; in earlier times He
^btreated the ^cland of Zebulun
 and the land of Naphtali with
 contempt, but later on He shall
 make it glorious, by the way of
 the sea, on the other side of Jor-
 dan, Galilee of the ²Gentiles.

2 ^{1a}The people who walk in
 darkness

Will see a great light;

Those who live in a dark
 land,

The light will shine on them.

3 ^aThou shalt multiply the na-
 tion,

Thou ^bshalt ¹increase ²their
 gladness;

They will be glad in Thy
 presence

As with the gladness ³of
 harvest,

As ⁴men rejoice when they
 divide the spoil.

4 For ^aThou shalt break the
 yoke of their burden and
 the staff on their shoul-
 ders,

The rod of their ^boppressor,
 as ¹at the battle of ^cMid-
 ian.

5 For every boot of the booted
 warrior in the battle tu-
 mult,

And cloak rolled in blood,
 will be for burning, fuel
 for the fire.

6 For a ^achild will be born to
 us, a ^bson will be given to
 us;

And the ^cgovernment will
¹rest ^don His shoulders;

And His name will be called
^cWonderful Counselor,

^cMighty God,

Eternal ^aFather, Prince of
^bPeace.

¶ ¹Lit., be ^aIs. 7:14; 11:1, 2; 53:2; Luke 2:11 ^bJohn
 3:16 ^cMatt. 28:18; 1 Cor. 15:25 ^dIs. 22:22 ^eIs. 28:29
^fDeut. 10:17; Neh. 9:32; Is. 10:21 ^gIs. 63:16; 64:8 ^hIs.
 28:3, 12; 54:10; 66:12

13 ^aIs. 5:16;
 29:23 ^bNum.
 20:12
 14 ^aIs. 4:4;
 25:4; Ezek.
 11:16 ^bLuke
 2:34; Rom.
 9:33; 1 Pet.
 2:8 ^cIs. 24:17,
 18
 15 ^aIs.
 28:13, 59:10;
 Luke 20:18,
 Rom. 9:32
 16 ¹Or,
 teaching
^aIs. 8:1, 2;
 29:11, 12
^bDan. 12:4
^cIs. 50:4
 17 ^aIs. 25:9;
 30:18, Hab.
 2:3 ^bDeut.
 31:17, Is.
 1:15; 45:15;
 54:8
 18 ^aHeb.
 2:13 ^bLuke
 2:34 ^cPs. 9:11;
 Zech. 8:3
 19 ^aLev.
 20:6; 2 Kin.
 21:6, 23:24;
 Is. 19:3; 29:4;
 47:12, 13 ^bIs.
 30:2; 45:11
^c1 Sam. 28:8-
 11
 20 ¹Or,
 teaching
^aIs. 1:10; 8:16;
 Luke 16:29
^bIs. 8:22; Mic.
 3:6
 21 ¹Lit., it
²Or, by their
 king
^aIs. 9:20, 21
 22 ^aIs. 5:30;
 59:9; Jer.
 13:16; Amos
 5:18, 20;
 Zeph. 1:14;
 15 ^bIs. 8:20
 1 ¹Ch. 8:23
 in Heb. ²Or,
 nations
^aIs. 8:22
^b2 Kin. 15:29;
 2 Chr. 16:4
^cMatt. 4:13,
 16
 2 ¹Ch. 8:1
 in Heb.
^aMatt. 4:16;
 Luke 1:79;
 Eph. 5:8
 3 ¹An-
 other reading
 is not in-
 crease ²Lit.,
 the ³Lit., in
⁴Lit., they
^aIs. 28:15 ^bIs.
 35:10; 65:14,
 18, 19; 66:10
^c1 Sam. 30:16
 4 ¹Lit., in
 the day of
 Midian
^aIs. 10:27;
 14:25 ^bIs.
 14:4; 49:26;
 51:13; 54:14
^cJudg. 7:25;
 Is. 10:26

- 7 There will be ^ano end to the increase of His government or of peace.
On the ^bthrone of David and over his kingdom,
To establish it and to uphold it with ^cjustice and righteousness
From then on and forevermore.
^dThe zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.
- 8 ¶ The LORD sends a ¹message against Jacob,
And it falls on Israel.
- 9 And all the people know it,
That is, ^aEphraim and the inhabitants of Samaria,
Asserting in pride and in ^barrogance of heart:
- 10 "The bricks have fallen down,
But we will ^arebuild with smooth stones;
The sycamores have been cut down,
But we will replace them with cedars."
- 11 Therefore the LORD raises against them adversaries from ^aRezin,
And spurs their enemies on.
- 12 The Arameans on the east and the ^aPhilistines on the west;
And they ^bdevour Israel with ^cgaping jaws.
^dIn spite of all this His anger does not turn away,
And His hand is still stretched out.
- 13 ¶ Yet the people ^ado not turn back to Him who struck them,
Nor do they ^bseek the LORD of hosts.
- 14 So the LORD cuts off ^ahead and tail from Israel,
Both palm branch and bulrush ^bin a single day.
- 15 The head is ^athe elder and honorable man,

7 ^aChm.
2:44; Luke
1:32, 33 ^aCh.
10:5 ^aCh. 11:4
5:32-1:42-3
4:42-1 ^aCh.
37:32-38:17

8 ^aLa.
word

9 ^aCh. 7:8
9:28 1:3 ^aCh.
48:12

10 ^aMal 1:4

11 ^aCh. 71:8

12 ^aLa. the
whole mouth
2 Chr 28:18
^aCh. 79:7, Jer.
10:25 ^aCh. 5:25

13 ^aJer 5:3
Hos. 7:10 ^aCh.
31:1, Hos. 3:5

14 ^aCh. 18:15
^aJer 18:8

15 ^aCh. 32:3
^aCh. 28:15
39:1, 4, Jer.
23:14, 32
Matt. 24:24

16 ^aOr.
swallowed up
^aCh. 3:12
Matt. 15:14
23:14, 24

17 ^aOr. Je-
thephon
^aJer 18:21,
Amos 4:10;
8:13 ^aCh.
27:11 ^aCh.
10:8, 32:6 ^aCh.
1:4, 14:28;
31:2 ^aCh.
12:34 ^aCh. 5:25

18 ^aCh.
83:14, Is. 1:7,
Neh. 1:10
Mal. 4:1

19 ^aCh. 10:8
13:8, 13;
42:25 ^aJer.
2:3 ^aCh. 1:31,
24:6 ^aCh.
7:2, 6

20 ^aLa. the
sheep ^aCh. the
sheep
^aCh. 8:21, 22
^aCh. 48:28

21 ^aCh.
28:6, 8, Is.
11:13 ^aCh.
5:25

And the prophet who teaches ^bfalsehood is the tail.

16 ^aFor those who guide this people are leading them astray;

And those who are guided by them are ^bbrought to confusion.

17 Therefore the LORD does ^anot take pleasure in their young men,

^bNor does He have pity on their ^corphans or their widows;

For every one of them is ^cgodless and an ^devil-doer.

And every ^amouth is speaking foolishness.

¹In spite of all this His anger does not turn away.

And His hand is still stretched out.

18 ¶ ^aFor wickedness burns like a fire;

It consumes briars and thorns;

It even sets the thickets of the forest aflame,

And they roll upward in a column of smoke.

19 By the ^afury of the LORD of hosts the ^bland is burned up.

And the ^cpeople are like fuel for the fire;

No ^aman spares his brother.

20 And ^bthey slice off what is on the right hand but still are ^ahungry.

And ^bthey eat what is on the left hand but they are not satisfied;

Each of them eats the ^bflesh of his own arm.

21 Manasseh devours Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh,

^aAnd together they are against Judah.

^bIn spite of all this His anger does not turn away.

And His hand is still stretched out.

CHAPTER 10

WOE to those who enact evil statutes,

And to those who constantly record unjust decisions,

2 So as to deprive the needy of justice.

And rob the poor of My people of their rights,

In order that widows may be their spoil,

And that they may plunder the orphans.

3 Now what will you do in the day of punishment, And in the devastation which will come from afar?

To whom will you flee for help?

And where will you leave your wealth?

4 Nothing remains but to crouch among the captives

Or fall among the slain.

In spite of all this His anger does not turn away,

And His hand is still stretched out.

5 ¶ Woe to Assyria, the brood of My anger

And the staff in whose hands is My indignation,

6 I send it against a godless nation

And commission it against the people of My fury

To capture booty and to seize plunder,

And to trample them down like mud in the streets.

7 Yet it does not so intend Nor does it plan so in its heart,

But rather it is its purpose to destroy,

And to cut off many nations.

1 Lit., mischief or misfortune
*Ps. 94:20; Is. 29:21; 59:4, 13

2 Lit., turn aside from Or, fatherless
*Is. 5:23 *Is. 1:23, 3:14, 15

3 Lit., glory
*Job 31:14
*Is. 13:8, 26:14, 21, 29:6; Jer. 9:9, Hos. 9:7, Luke 19:44
*Is. 5:28 *Is. 20:6, 30:5, 7, 31:3

4 Lit., under
*Is. 24:22 *Is. 22:2, 34:3, 66:16 *Is. 5:25

5 *Is. 7:17, 8:7, 14:24-27, Zeph. 2:13-15
*Jer. 51:20
*Is. 13:5, 30:30, 34:2, 66:14

6 Lit., make them a trampled place
*Is. 9:17 *Is. 9:19 *Is. 5:29
*Is. 5:25

7 Lit., its heart so plan
2 Lit., in its heart
3 Lit., not a few
*Gen. 50:20; Mic. 4:11, 12, Acts 2:23, 24

8 Lit., altogether
9 *Gen. 10:10; Amos 6:2 *2 Chr. 35:20 *Num. 34:8 *2 Kin. 17:8 *2 Kin. 16:9

10 *2 Kin. 19:17, 18
11 Lit., do thus
*Is. 2:8

12 Lit., visit
2 Lit., haughtiness of his eyes
*2 Kin. 19:31; Is. 28:21, 22, 29:14; 65:7
*Is. 37:23

13 Or, those who sit on thrones
*2 Kin. 19:22-24; Is. 37:24-27; Ezek. 28:4; Dan. 4:30 *Hab. 2:6-11

14 *Jer. 49:18; Obad. 4

8 For it says, "Are not my princes all kings?"

9 "Is not Calno like Carchemish,

Or Hamath like Arpad,

Or Samaria like Damascus?"

10 "As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols,

Whose graven images were greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria,

11 Shall I not do to Jerusalem and her images

Just as I have done to Samaria and her idols?"

12 ¶ So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, He will say, "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness."

13 For he has said, "By the power of my hand and by my wisdom I did this,

For I have understanding; And I removed the boundaries of the peoples,

And plundered their treasures,

And like a mighty man I brought down their inhabitants,

14 And my hand reached to the riches of the peoples like a nest,

And as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth;

And there was not one that flapped its wing or opened its beak or chirped."

15 ¶ Is the axe to boast itself over the one who chops with it?

Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it?

15 *Jer. 51:20 *Is. 29:16; 45:9; Rom. 9:20, 21

That would be like ^aa club
wielding those who lift it,
Or like ^aa rod lifting him
who is not wood.

16 Therefore the Lord, the
¹God of hosts, will send a
^awasting disease among
his ^bstout warriors;

And under his ^cglory a fire
will be kindled like a
burning flame.

17 And the ^alight of Israel will
become a fire and his
^bHoly One a flame,

And it will ^cburn and devour
his thorns and his briars
in a single day.

18 And He will ^adestroy the
glory of his forest and of
his fruitful garden, both
soul and body;

And it will be as when a sick
man wastes away.

19 And the ^arest of the trees of
his forest will be so small
in number

That a child could write
them down.

20 ¶ Now it will come about in
that day that the ^aremnant of Is-
rael, and those of the house of
Jacob ^bwho have escaped, will
never again rely on the one who
struck them, but will truly ^crely
on the LORD, the Holy One of Is-
rael.

21 A ^aremnant will return, the
remnant of Jacob, to the
^bmighty God.

22 For ^athough your people, O
Israel, may be like the
sand of the sea,

Only a remnant within
them will return;

A ^bdestruction is deter-
mined, overflowing with
righteousness.

23 For a complete destruction,
one that is decreed, ^athe Lord
¹God of hosts will execute in the
midst of the whole land.

24 ¶ Therefore thus says the
Lord ¹God of hosts, "O My peo-
ple who dwell in ^aZion, ^bdo not
fear the Assyrian ^awho ^cstrikes

18 ¹La.
staff
^cIs. 10:5
^aIs. 10:5
16 ¹Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD
^aPs. 108:15
^aIs. 17:4 ^aIs.
8:7, 10:18
17 ^aIs.
30:33, 31:9
^aIs. 37:23
^cNum. 11:1-3.
^aIs. 27:4.
33:12, Jer.
4:4, 7:20
18 ^aIs.
10:33, 34.
19 ^aIs. 21:17
20 ^aIs. 1:9.
11:11, 16.
46:3 ^aIs. 4:2.
37:31, 32:2
Chr. 14:11, Is.
17:7, 8, 50:10
21 ^aIs. 7:3
^aIs. 9:6
22 ^aRom.
9:27, 28 ^aIs.
28:22, Dan.
9:27, Rom.
9:28
23 ¹Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD
^aIs. 28:22.
Dan. 9:27.
Rom. 9:28
24 ¹Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD ^aLa., he
^aPs. 87:5, 6
^aIs. 7:4, 12:2.
37:6 ^aEx.
5:14-16
25 ^aIs.
17:14, Hag.
2:6 ^aIs. 10:5.
26:20, Dan.
11:36
26 ^aIs.
37:36-38
^aJudg. 7:25.
^aIs. 9:4 ^aEx.
14:16 ^aEx.
14:27
27 ¹Is., the
Assyrian
^aIs. 9:4, 14:25
^aIs. 30:23,
55:2
28 ^a1 Sam.
14:2 ^a1 Sam.
13:2, 5 ^aJudg.
18:21, 1 Sam.
17:22
29 ^a1 Sam.
13:23 ^aJosh.
21:17, 1 Sam.
13:16 ^aJosh.
18:25, 1 Sam.
7:17 ^a1 Sam.
10:26
30 ¹An an-
cient version
reads Answer
her, O Ana-
thoth
^a1 Sam. 25:44
^aJosh. 21:18;
Jer. 1:1

you with the rod and lifts up his
staff against you, the way Egypt
did.

25 "For in a very ^alittle while
^bMy indignation against you will
be spent, and My anger will be
directed to their destruction."

26 And the LORD of hosts will
^aarouse a scourge against him
like the slaughter of ^bMidian at
the rock of Oreb; and His ^cstaff
will be over the sea, and He will
lift it up ^dthe way He did in
Egypt.

27 So it will be in that day, that
¹his ^aburden will be removed
from your shoulders and his
yoke from your neck, and the
yoke will be broken because ^bof
fatness.

28 ¶ He has come against
Aiath,

He has passed through
^aMigron;

At ^bMichmash he deposited
his ^cbaggage.

29 They have gone through
^athe pass, saying,

"^bGeba will be our lodging
place."

^cRamah is terrified, and
^dGibeah of Saul has fled
away.

30 Cry aloud with your voice,
O daughter of ^aGallim!

Pay attention, Laishah and
¹wretched ^bAnathoth!

31 Madmenah has fled.
The inhabitants of Gebim
have sought refuge.

32 Yet today he will halt at
^aNob;

He ^bshakes his fist at the
mountain of the ¹daugh-
ter of Zion, the hill of Je-
rusalem.

33 ¶ Behold, the Lord, the
¹God of hosts, will lop off
the boughs with a terrible
crash;

32 ¹Another reading is house of ^a1 Sam. 21:1; 22:9 ^aIs.
19:16; Zech. 2:9 ^aIs. 1:8; Jer. 6:23
33 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD

Those also who are ^atall in stature will be cut down, And those who are lofty will be abased.

34 And He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an iron axe, And ^aLebanon will fall ¹by the Mighty One.

CHAPTER 11

THEN a ^ashoot will spring from the ^bstem of Jesse, And a ^cbranch from ^dhis roots will bear fruit.

2 And the ^aSpirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of ^bwisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and ^cstrength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes ^asee, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

4 But with ^arighteousness He will judge the ^bpoor, And decide with fairness for the ^cafflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the ^drod of His mouth, And with the ^ebreath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

5 Also ^arighteousness will be the belt about His loins, And ^bfaithfulness the belt about His waist.

6 ¶ And the ^awolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the kid, And the calf and the young lion ¹and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.

33 ^aIs. 37:24, 36-38; Ezek. 31:3; Amos 2:9
34 ¹Or, as a mighty one
^aIs. 2:13; 33:9; 37:24
1 ^aIs. 4:2; 53:2 ^bIs. 9:7; 11:10; Acts 13:23 ^cIs. 6:13; Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8 ^dRev. 5:5; 22:16
2 ^aIs. 42:1; 48:16; 61:1; Matt. 3:16; John 1:32
^bJohn 16:13; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:17; 18
^c2 Tim. 1:7
3 ^aJohn 2:25; 7:24
4 ^aIs. 9:7; 16:5; 32:1
^bPs. 72:2, 13; 14; Is. 3:14
^cIs. 29:19; 32:7; 61:1
^dPs. 2:9; Is. 49:2; Mal. 4:6
^eJob 4:9; Is. 30:28; 33; 2 Thessa. 2:8
5 ^aEph. 6:14 ^bIs. 25:1
6 ¹Some versions read will feed together
^aIs. 65:25
7 ^aIs. 65:25
9 ^aJob 5:23; Is. 65:25; Ezek. 34:25; Hos. 2:18
^bPs. 98:2, 3; Is. 45:6; 52:10; 66:18-23; Hab. 2:14
10 ¹Or, standard
²Lit., glory
^aLuke 2:32; Acts 11:18
^bIs. 11:1; Rom. 15:12
^cIs. 11:12; 48:22; 62:10; John 3:14, 15; 12:32
^dIs. 14:3; 28:12; 32:17, 18
11 ¹Or, coastlands
^aIs. 10:20-22; 37:4, 31, 32; 46:3
^bIs. 19:23-25; Hos. 11:11; Zech. 10:10
^cIs. 19:21, 22; Mic. 7:12
^dGen. 10:22; 14:1
^eIs. 24:15; 42:4; 10, 12; 49:1; 51:5; 60:9; 66:19

7 Also the cow and the bear will graze; Their young will lie down together; And the ^alion will eat straw like the ox.

8 And the nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

9 They will ^anot hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the ^bearth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

10 ¶ Then it will come about in that day That the ^anations will resort to the ^broot of Jesse, Who will stand as a ¹signal for the peoples; And His ^dresting place will be ²glorious.

11 ¶ Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The ^aremnant of His people, who will remain, From ^bAssyria, ^cEgypt, Pathros, Cush, ^dElam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the ¹islands of the sea.

12 And He will lift up a ^astandard for the nations, And will ^bassemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

13 Then the ^ajealousy of Ephraim will depart, And those who harass Judah will be cut off;

12 ^aIs. 11:10 ^bIs. 56:8; Zeph. 3:10; Zech. 10:6
13 ^aIs. 9:21; Jer. 3:18; Ezek. 37:16, 17, 22; Hos. 1:11

- Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah,
And Judah will not harass Ephraim.
- 14 And they will ^aswoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the ^bwest;
Together they will ^cplunder the sons of the east;
¹They will possess ^dEdom and ^eMoab;
And the sons of Ammon will be ²subject to them.
- 15 And the LORD will ^{1a}utterly destroy
The tongue of the ²Sea of Egypt;
And He will ^bwave His hand over the ^{3c}River
With His scorching wind;
And He will strike it into seven streams,
And make men walk over ^ddry-shod.
- 16 And there will be a ^ahighway from Assyria
For the ^bremnant of His people who will be left,
Just as there was for Israel
In ^cthe day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 12

- T**HEN you will say on that day,
"I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD;
For ^balthough Thou wast angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away,
And Thou dost comfort me.
- 2 "Behold, ^aGod is my salvation,
I will ^btrust and not be afraid;
For ^cthe LORD GOD is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation."
- 3 Therefore you will joyously ^adraw water
From the ^bsprings of salvation.

14 ¹Lat. Edom and Moab will be the outstretching of their hand
²Lat. their obedience

^aJer. 48:40; 49:22; Hab. 1:8; ^bIs. 9:12; ^cJer. 49:28; ^dIs. 63:1; Dan. 11:41; Joel 3:19; Amos 9:12; ^eIs. 16:14; 25:10

¹⁵ ¹Another reading is dry up the tongue
²Perhaps the Red Sea
³Is. 11:1; Euphrates
⁴Lat. in mandals

^aIs. 43:16; 44:27; 50:2; 51:10; 11:1; ^bIs. 19:16; ^cIs. 7:20; 8:7; Rev. 18:12; 16:1; 19:23; 35:8; 40:3; 42:10; ^dIs. 11:11; ^eEx. 14:28-29

¹⁶ ¹Ps. 9:1; Is. 25:1; ^bPs. 30:5; Is. 40:1; 2:54; 7:10; ^cIs. 32:2; 45:17; 42:11; ^dIs. 28:3; ^eEx. 15:2; Ps. 118:14

³ ¹John 4:10; 7:37; 38; ^bIs. 41:18; Jer. 2:13

⁴ ¹Or, Proclaim to them that
^aIs. 24:15; 42:12; 48:20; ^bPs. 105:1; ^cPs. 145:4

⁸ ¹Or, gloriously
^aEx. 15:1; Ps. 98:1; Is. 24:14; 42:10; 11:44; 23

⁶ ^aIs. 52:9; 54:1; Zeph. 3:14; ^bIs. 1:24; 49:26; 60:16; Zeph. 3:15; 17; Zach. 2:5; 10:11

¹ ¹Or, burden of
^aIs. 14:28; 15:1; ^bIs. 13:18; 14:4; 47:1-13; Jer. 24:1; 50:1-51:64; Matt. 1:11; Rev. 14:8; ^cIs. 1:1

³ ¹Or, wind-swept mountain
^aIs. 5:26; Jer.

- 4 And in that day you will ^asay,
"Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name.
^cMake known His deeds among the peoples;
¹Make *them* remember that His name is exalted."
- 5 ^aPraise the LORD in song, for He has done ¹excellent things;
Let this be known throughout the earth.
- 6 ^aCry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
For ^bgreat in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

CHAPTER 13

THE ^{1a}oracle concerning ^bBabylon which ^cIsaiah the son of Amoz saw.

- 2 ^aLift up a standard on the ^{1b}bare hill,
Raise your voice to them,
^cWave the hand that they may ^denter the doors of the nobles.
- 3 I have commanded My consecrated ones,
I have even called My ^amighty warriors,
My proudly exulting ones,
To execute My anger.
- 4 A ^asound of tumult on the mountains,
Like that of many people!
A sound of the uproar of kingdoms,
Of nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts is mustering the army for battle.
- 5 They are coming from a far country
From the ^{1a}farthest horizons,
The LORD and His instruments of ^bindignation,
To ^cdestroy the whole land.

50:2; Jer. 51:25; ^aIs. 10:32; 19:16; ^bIs. 45:1-3; Jer. 51:38

³ ¹Jer. 3:11

⁴ ^aIs. 5:30; 17:12; Joel 3:14

⁵ ¹Lat. end of heaven ^aIs. 5:28; 7:18; ^bIs. 10:5; ^cIs. 24:1

- 6 Wail, for the ^aday of the LORD is near!
It will come as ^bdestruction from ¹the Almighty.
- 7 Therefore ^aall hands will fall limp,
And every man's ^bheart will melt.
- 8 And they will be ^aterrified,
Pains and anguish will take hold of *them*;
They will ^bwrithe like a woman in labor,
They will look at one another in astonishment,
Their faces aflame.
- 9 Behold, ^athe day of the LORD is coming,
Cruel, with fury and burning anger,
To make the land a desolation;
And He will exterminate its sinners from it.
- 10 For the ^astars of heaven and their constellations
Will not flash forth their light;
The ^bsun will be dark when it rises,
And the moon will not shed its light.
- 11 Thus I will ^apunish the world for its evil,
And the ^bwicked for their iniquity;
I will also put an end to the ^carrogance of the proud,
And abase the ^dhaughtiness of the ^{1e}ruthless.
- 12 I will make mortal man ^{1a}scarcer than pure gold,
And mankind than the ^bgold of Ophir.
- 13 Therefore I shall make the ^aheavens tremble,
And ^bthe earth will be shaken from its place
At the fury of the LORD of hosts
In ^cthe day of His burning anger.
- 14 And it will be that like a hunted gazelle,

6 ¹Heb. Shaddai.
^aIs. 2:12; 10:3, 13:9; 34:2, 8; 61:2; Ezek. 30:3; Amos 5:18; Zeph. 1:7 ^bIs. 10:25; 14:23; Joel 1:15.
7 ^aEzek. 7:17 ^bIs. 19:1; Ezek. 21:7; Nah. 2:10.
8 ^a2 Kin. 19:26; Is. 21:3; Jer. 46:5 ^bIs. 26:17; Jer. 4:31; John 16:21.
9 ^aIs. 13:6; 10 ^aIs. 5:30; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:10; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Luke 21:25; Rev. 6:13; 8:12 ^bIs. 24:23; 50:3; Ezek. 32:7; Acts 2:20; Rev. 6:12.
11 ¹Or, tyrants, despots ^aIs. 26:21 ^bIs. 3:11; 11:4; 14:5 ^cIs. 2:11; 23:9; Dan. 5:22, 23 ^dJer. 48:29 ^eIs. 25:3; 29:5, 20.
12 ¹Lit., more precious ^aIs. 4:1; 6:11; 12 ^b1 Kin. 9:28; Job 28:16; Ps. 45:9.
13 ^aIs. 34:4; 51:6 ^bPs. 18:7; Is. 2:19; 24:1, 19, 20; Hag. 2:6 ^cLam. 1:12.
14 ^a1 Kin. 22:17; Matt. 9:38; Mark 6:34; 1 Pet. 2:25.
15 ^aIs. 14:19; Jer. 50:25; 51:3, 4.
16 ^aPs. 137:8, 9; Is. 13:18; 14:21; Hos. 10:14; Nah. 3:10.
17 ^aJer. 51:11; Dan. 5:28 ^bProv. 6:34, 35.
18 ¹Lit., dash in pieces ²Lit., sons ^a2 Kin. 8:12; 2 Chr. 38:17; ^bEzek. 9:5, 10; 19 ^aIs. 21:9; 48:14 ^bDan. 4:30; Rev. 18:11-16, 19, 21.

- Or like ^asheep with none to gather *them*,
They will each turn to his own people,
And each one flee to his own land.
- 15 Anyone who is found will be ^athrust through,
And anyone who is captured will fall by the sword.
- 16 Their ^alittle ones also will be dashed to pieces
Before their eyes;
Their houses will be plundered
And their wives ravished.
- 17 ¶ Behold, I am going to ^astir up the Medes against *them*,
Who will not value silver or ^btake pleasure in gold,
- 18 And *their* bows will ¹mow down the ^ayoung men,
They will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb,
Nor will their ^beye pity ²children.
- 19 And ^aBabylon, the ^bbeauty of kingdoms, the glory of the Chaldeans' pride,
Will be as when God ^coverthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
- 20 It will ^anever be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation;
Nor will the ^bArab pitch his tent there,
Nor will shepherds make *their* flocks lie down there.
- 21 But ^adesert creatures will lie down there,
And their houses will be full of ¹owls,
Ostriches also will live there, and ²shaggy goats will frolic there.

^cGen. 19:24; Deut. 29:23; Jer. 49:18; Amos 4:11.
20 ^aIs. 14:23; 34:10-15; Jer. 51:37-43 ^b2 Chr. 17:11.
21 ¹Or, howling creatures ²Or, goat demons ^aIs. 34:11-15; Zeph. 2:14; Rev. 18:2.

22 And ¹hyenas will howl in
their fortified towers
And jackals in their luxuri-
ous ^apalaces.
Her fateful time also ²will
soon come
And her days will not be
prolonged.

CHAPTER 14

WHEN the LORD will ^ahave
compassion on Jacob, and
again ^bchoose Israel, and settle
them in their own land, then
^cstrangers will join them and at-
tach themselves to the house of
Jacob.

2 And the peoples will take
them along and bring them to
their place, and the ^ahouse of Is-
rael will possess them as an in-
heritance in the land of the LORD
^bas male servants and female
servants; and ¹they will take
their captors captive, and will
rule over their oppressors.

3 ¶ And it will be in the day
when the LORD gives you ^arest
from your pain and turmoil and
harsh service in which you have
been enslaved.

4 that you will ^atake up this
¹taunt against the king of Baby-
lon, and say,

"How ^bthe oppressor has
ceased.

And how ²fury has ceased!

5 "The LORD has broken the
staff of the wicked.

The scepter of rulers

6 ^aWhich used to strike the
peoples in fury with un-
ceasing strokes.

Which ¹subdued the na-
tions in anger with unre-
strained persecution.

7 "The whole earth is at rest
and is quiet;

They ^abreak forth into
shouts of joy.

8 "Even the ^acypress trees re-
joice over you, and the
cedars of Lebanon, say-
ing,

22 ¹Or,
howling crea-
tures ²Lt., is
near to come
^aIs. 25:2;
32:14; 34:13

1 ^aPs.
102:13; Is.
49:13, 15;
54:7, 8 ^aIs.
41:8, 9; 44:1;
49:7; Zech.
1:17, 2:12 ^aIs.
56:3, 6, Eph.
2:12-19

2 ¹Lt., the
captors will
become their
captives

^aIs. 45:14,
49:23, 54:3
^aIs. 60:10;
61:5; Dan.
7:18, 27

3 ^aExra 9:8.
9; Is. 11:10;
40:2; Jer.
30:10; 46:27

4 ¹Or,
proverb
¹Amended
from the
meanings
medhabah to
marhabah
^aHab. 2:6 ^aIs.
9:4, 16:4,
49:28, 51:13,
54:14

5 ¹Or,
ruled
^aIs. 10:14,
47:6

7 ^aPs. 47:1-
3, 98:1-9;
126:1-3

8 ^aIs.
55:12; Ezek.
31:16

9 ¹Or,
shadim (Heb.
Rapha'im)
¹Lt., male
goats
^aIs. 5:14

10 ^aEzek.
32:21
11 ^aIs. 5:14

12 ¹Heb.,
Hiel, i.e.,
shining one
^aIs. 34:4;
Luke 10:18;
Rev. 8:10; 9:1;
2 Pet. 1:19;
Rev. 2:28;
22:16

13 ^aEzek.
28:2 ^aDan.
5:22, 23; 8:10;
2 Thes. 2:4

14 ^aIs. 47:8,
2 Thes. 2:4

15 ^aEzek.
28:6; Matt.
11:23; Luke
10:15

16 ¹Lt.,
show them-
selves atten-
tive to

'Since you were laid low, no
tree cutter comes up
against us.'

9 "Sheol from beneath is ex-
cited over you to meet
you when you come;

It arouses for you the ¹spir-
its of the dead, all the
²leaders of the earth;

It raises all the kings of the
nations from their
thrones.

10 "They will all respond and
say to you,

'Even you have been made
weak as we,

You have become like us.

11 'Your ^apomp and the music
of your harps

Have been brought down to
Sheol;

Maggots are spread out as
your bed beneath you,

And worms are your cover-
ing.'

12 "How you have ^afallen from
heaven,

O ¹star of the morning, son
of the dawn!

You have been cut down to
the earth,

You who have weakened
the nations!

13 "But you said in your heart,
¹I will ^aascend to heaven;

I will ^braise my throne
above the stars of God,

And I will sit on the mount
of assembly

In the recesses of the north.

14 'I will ascend above the
heights of the clouds;

^aI will make myself like the
Most High.'

15 "Nevertheless you ^awill be
thrust down to Sheol,

To the recesses of the pit.

16 "Those who see you will gaze
at you,

They will ¹ponder over you,
saying,

'Is this the man who made
the earth tremble,

Who shook kingdoms,

17 Who made the world like a wilderness
And overthrew its cities,
Who did not allow his
prisoners to go home?
18 "All the kings of the nations
lie in glory,
Each in his own tomb.
19 "But you have been cast out
of your tomb
Like a rejected branch,
Clothed with the slain who
are pierced with a sword,
Who go down to the stones
of the pit,
Like a trampled corpse.
20 "You will not be united with
them in burial,
Because you have ruined
your country,
You have slain your people.
May the offspring of evil-
doers not be mentioned
forever.
21 "Prepare for his sons a place
of slaughter
Because of the iniquity of
their fathers.
They must not arise and
take possession of the
earth
And fill the face of the world
with cities."
22 "And I will rise up against
them," declares the LORD of
hosts, "and will cut off from
Babylon name and survivors,
offspring and posterity," de-
clares the LORD.
23 "I will also make it a posses-
sion for the hedgehog, and
swamps of water, and I will
sweep it with the broom of de-
struction," declares the LORD of
hosts.
24 The LORD of hosts has
sworn saying, "Surely, just as I
have intended so it has hap-
pened, and just as I have planned
so it will stand,
25 to break Assyria in My
land, and I will trample him on
My mountains. Then his yoke
will be removed from them, and

17 ¹Lit.,
open
²Joel 2:3 ³Is.
45:13
18 ¹Lit.,
house
19 ¹Lit., an
abhorred
branch ²Or,
As the cloth-
ing of those
who are slain
³Is. 22:16-18
⁴Jer. 41:7, 9
⁵Is. 5:25
20 ¹Job
18:16, 19; Ps.
21:10; 37:28;
Is. 1:4; 31:2
21 ¹Ex. 20:5,
Lev. 26:39; Is.
13:16; Matt.
23:35
22 ¹Prov.
10:7 ²Job
18:19; Is. 47:9
23 ¹Is.
34:11; Zeph.
2:14 ²Kin.
14:10; Is. 13:6
24 ¹Job
23:13; Is.
48:11; 55:8, 9;
Acts 4:28
25 ¹Is.
10:12; 30:31;
31:8 ²Is. 9:4;
10:27; Nah.
1:13
26 ¹Lit.,
planned
²Is. 23:9;
Zeph. 3:6, 8
³Ex. 15:12
27 ¹2 Chr.
20:6; Is.
43:13; Dan.
4:31, 35
28 ¹Or, bur-
den
²Kin. 16:20;
2 Chr. 28:27
³Is. 13:1
29 ¹Is. 2:8;
11:14; Jer.
47:1-7; Ezek.
25:15-17; Joel
3:4-8; Amos
1:6-8; Zeph.
2:4-7; Zech.
9:5-7 ²2 Chr.
26:6 ³Is. 11:8
⁴Is. 30:6
30 ¹Lit., the
first-born of
the helpless
²Lit., put to
death
³Is. 3:14, 15;
7:21, 22; 11:4
⁴Is. 8:21;
9:20; 51:19
31 ¹Or, Be-
come demor-
alized
²Is. 3:28;
24:12; 45:2
³Is. 14:29
⁴Jer. 1:14 ⁵Is.
34:16
32 ¹Is. 37:9
²Ps. 87:1, 5;
102:16; Is.
28:16; 44:28;
54:11 ³Is. 4:6;

his burden removed from their
shoulder.

26 "This is the plan devised
against the whole earth; and this
is the hand that is stretched out
against all the nations.

27 "For the LORD of hosts has
planned, and who can frustrate
it? And as for His stretched-out
hand, who can turn it back?"

28 In the year that King Ahaz
died this oracle came:

29 "Do not rejoice, O Philistia,
all of you,

Because the rod that
struck you is broken;

For from the serpent's root
a viper will come out,

And its fruit will be a flying
serpent.

30 "And those who are most
helpless will eat,

And the needy will lie down
in security;

I will destroy your root
with famine,

And it will kill off your sur-
vivors.

31 "Wail, O gate; cry, O city;
Melt away, O Philistia, all
of you;

For smoke comes from the
north,

And there is no straggler in
his ranks.

32 "How then will one answer
the messengers of the
nation?

That the LORD has founded
Zion,

And the afflicted of His
people will seek refuge in
it."

CHAPTER 15

THE oracle concerning
Moab.

Surely in a night Ar of
Moab is devastated and
ruined;

25:4; 57:13; Zeph. 3:12; Heb. 11:10; James 2:5

1 ¹Or, burden of ²Is. 11:14; 25:10; Jer. 48:1; Ezek.

25:8-11; Amos 2:1-3; Zeph. 2:8-11 ³Num. 21:28

- Surely in a night Kir of Moab is devastated and ruined.
- 2 They have gone up to the ¹temple and to ^aDibon, even to the high places to weep.
Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba;
Everyone's head is ^bbald and every beard is cut off.
- 3 In their streets they have girded themselves with ^asackcloth;
^bOn their housetops and in their squares
Everyone is wailing, ^{1c}dis-solved in tears.
- 4 ^aHeshbon and Elealeh also cry out,
Their voice is heard all the way to Jahaz;
Therefore the ¹armed men of Moab cry aloud;
His soul trembles within him.
- 5 My heart cries out for Moab;
His fugitives are as far as ^aZoar and Eglath-shelishiyah,
For they go up the ^bascent of Luhith weeping;
Surely on the road to Horonaim they raise a cry of distress ^cover their ruin.
- 6 For the ^awaters of Nimrim are ¹desolate.
Surely the grass is with-ered, the tender grass ²died out,
There is ^bno green thing.
- 7 Therefore the ^aabundance which they have ac-quired and stored up
They carry off over the brook of ¹Arabim.
- 8 For the cry of distress has gone around the territory of Moab,
Its wail goes as far as Egla-im and its wailing even to Beer-elim.
- 9 For the waters of Dimon are full of ¹blood;

2 ¹Lat., house
Jer. 48:18, 22; Lev. 21:5; Jer. 48:37
3 ¹Lat., going down in weeping
Jon. 3:6-8
Jer. 48:38
Is. 22:4
4 ¹Another reading is the locus of
Num. 21:28, 32-3; Jer. 48:34
5 Jer. 48:34; Jer. 48:5; Is. 50:7; Jer. 4:20
6 ¹Lat., desolations
Lat., come to an end
Is. 18:5-7; Jer. 48:34
Joel 1:10-12, 23
7 ¹Or, the poplars
Is. 30:6; Jer. 48:38
8 ¹Heb., dam (a word-play)
2 Kin. 17:25; Jer. 50:17
1 ¹Is., Petra in Edom
2 Kin. 3:4; Ezra 7:17
2 Kin. 14:7; Is. 42:11; Is. 10:32
3 ¹Or, Aus-tering
Lat., road
Prov. 27:8
Jer. 48:20, 48; Num. 21:13, 14
3 ¹Lat., Bring
Lat., Set
Lat., in the middle of the moon
Is. 23:4, 32-2; 1 Kin. 18:4
4 ¹So the version, N.T., My out-casts, as for Moab
Is. 9:4, 14:4, 48:28; 51:13; 54:14
5 ¹Is. 9:6, 7; 32:1, 55:4; Dan. 7:14; Mic. 4:7; Luke 1:33; Is. 9:7
6 ¹Lat., not so
Jer. 48:28; Amos 2:1; Obad. 3, 4; Zeph. 2:8, 10; Jer. 48:30

Surely I will bring added woes upon Dimon,
A ^alion upon the fugitives of Moab and upon the rem-nant of the land.

CHAPTER 16

- S**END the tribute lamb to the ruler of the land,
From ^{1b}Sela by way of the wilderness to the ^cmoun-tain of the daughter of Zion.
- 2 Then, like ^{1a}fleeing birds or scattered ²nestlings,
The daughters of ^bMoab will be at the fords of the ^cArnon.
- 3 ¹Give us advice, make a de-cision;
²Cast your ^ashadow like night ^{3a}at high noon;
^bHide the outcasts, do not betray the fugitive.
- 4 ¹Let the ¹outcasts of Moab stay with you;
Be a hiding place to them from the destroyer."
For the extortioner has come to an end, destruc-tion has ceased,
^aOppressors have com-pletely disappeared from the land.
- 5 A ^athrone will even be es-tablished in lovingkind-ness,
And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of ^bDavid;
Moreover, he will seek jus-tice
And be prompt in right-eousness.
- 6 ¹ We have heard of the pride of Moab, an exces-sive pride;
Even of his arrogance, pride, and fury;
^bHis idle boasts are ¹false.
- 7 Therefore Moab shall wail; everyone of Moab shall wail.

You shall moan for the ^araisin cakes of ^bKir-hareseth

As those who are utterly stricken.

8 For the fields of ^aHeshbon have ¹withered, the vines of ^bSibmah as well;

The lords of the nations have trampled down its choice clusters

Which reached as far as Jazer and wandered to the deserts;

^cIts tendrils spread themselves out and passed over the sea.

9 Therefore I will ^aweep bitterly for Jazer, for the vine of Sibmah;

I will drench you with my tears, O ^bHeshbon and Elealeh;

For the shouting over your ^csummer fruits and your harvest has fallen away.

10 And ^agladness and joy are taken away from the fruitful field;

In the ^bvineyards also there will be no cries of joy or jubilant shouting.

No ^ctreader treads out wine in the presses,

For I have made the shouting to cease.

11 Therefore my ¹heart intones like a harp for Moab,

And my ²inward feelings for Kir-hareseth.

12 So it will come about when Moab ^apresents himself,

When he ^bwearies himself upon his ^chigh place,

And comes to his sanctuary to pray,

That he will not prevail.

13 ¶ This is the word which the LORD spoke earlier concerning Moab.

14 But now the LORD speaks, saying, "Within three years, as ¹a hired man would count them, the glory of ^bMoab will be de-

7 ^aChr. 16:3 ^b2 Kin. 3:25; Jer. 48:31

8 ¹Or, languished
^aIs. 15:4
^bNum. 32:38
^cJer. 48:32

9 ^aJer. 48:32 ^bIs. 15:4 ^cJer. 40:10, 12; 48:32

10 ^aIs. 24:8; Jer. 48:33
^bJudg. 9:27; Is. 24:7;
Amos 5:11; 17 ^cJob 24:11; Amos 9:13

11 ¹Lit., embrailed murder ²Lit., inward part
^aIs. 15:5; 63:15; Jer. 48:36; Hos. 11:8; Phil. 2:1

12 ^aNum. 22:39-41; Jer. 48:35 ^b1 Kin. 18:29 ^cIs. 15:2

14 ¹Lit., the years of a hurrying ²Lit., not mighty
^aJob 7:1; 14:6; Is. 21:16 ^bIs. 25:10; Jer. 48:42

1 ¹Or, burden of
^aIs. 13:1
^bGen. 14:15; 15:2; 2 Kin. 18:9; Jer. 49:23; Amos 1:3-5; Zech. 9:1; Acts 9:2

^cIs. 7:18; 8:4; 10:9 ^aIs. 25:2; Jer. 49:2; Mic. 1:6

2 ¹Gr reads forever and ever
²Lit., and they will lie down
^aNum. 32:34
^bIs. 7:21, 22; Ezek. 25:5; Zeph. 2:6

^cMic. 4:4

3 ¹Or, fortification ²Or, royal power, kingdom
^aIs. 7:8, 16; 8:4 ^bIs. 17:4; Hos. 9:11

4 ¹Lit., become thin
^aIs. 10:3 ^bIs. 10:16

5 ¹Lit., gathering of the harvest, the standing grain

graded along with all his great population, and his remnant will be very small and ²impotent."

CHAPTER 17

THE ¹oracle concerning ^bDamascus.

"Behold, Damascus is about to be ^cremoved from being a city,

And it will become a ^dfallen ruin.

2 "The cities ¹of ^aAroer are forsaken;

They will be for ^bflocks ²to lie down in,

And there will be ^cno one to frighten them.

3 "The ¹fortified city will disappear from Ephraim,

And ²sovereignty from Damascus

And the remnant of Aram; They will be like the ^bglory of the sons of Israel,"

Declares the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Now it will come about in that day that the ^aglory of Jacob will ¹fade,

And ^bthe fatness of his flesh will become lean.

5 It will be ^aeven like the ¹reaper gathering the standing grain,

As his arm harvests the ears,

Or it will be like one glean- ing ears of grain

In the ^bvalley of Rephaim.

6 Yet ^agleanings will be left in it like the ¹shaking of an olive tree,

Two or three olives on the topmost bough,

Four or five on the branches of a fruitful tree,

Declares the LORD, the God of Israel.

7 In that day man will ^ahave regard for his Maker,

^aIs. 17:11; Jer. 51:33; Joel 3:13; Matt. 13:30 ^b2 Sam. 5:18, 22

8 ¹Lit., striking ^aDeut. 4:27; Is. 24:13; 27:12; Obad. 5
7 ^aIs. 10:20; Hos. 3:5; 6:1; Mic. 7:7

- And his eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.
- 8 And he will not have regard for the ^aaltars, the work of his hands,
Nor will he look to that which his ^bfingers have made,
Even the ^{1c}Asherim and ²incense stands.
- 9 In that day ¹their strong cities will be like ²forsaken places in the forest,
Or like ³branches which they abandoned before the sons of Israel;
And ⁴the land will be a desolation.
- 10 For ^ayou have forgotten the ^bGod of your salvation
And have not remembered the ^crock of your refuge.
Therefore you plant delightful plants
And set them with vine slips of a strange god.
- 11 In the day that you plant it you carefully fence it in,
And in the ^amorning you bring your seed to blossom;
But the harvest will ^bbe a heap
In a day of sickness and incurable pain.
- 12 ¶ Alas, the uproar of many peoples
^aWho roar like the roaring of the seas,
And the rumbling of nations
Who rush on like the ^brumbling of mighty waters!
- 13 The ^anations rumble on like the rumbling of many waters,
But He will ^brebuke them and they will flee far away,
And be chased ^clike chaff in the mountains before the wind,
Or like whirling dust before a gale.

8 11.e., wooden symbols of a female deity
2 Or, sun pillars
2 Chr 34:7; Is. 27:9 11.e.
2:8, 20; 30:22; 31:7 11.e.
34:13; Deut. 7:5; Mic. 5:14
9 11.e., man's 2 Or reads the deserted places of the Amorites and the Hivites which they abandoned 2 Or, the trash
11.e., it
10 11.e. 51:13
11.e. 88:19; Is. 12:2, 33:2; 61:10; 62:11
11.e. Deut. 32:4; 18:31; Is. 28:4, 30:29; 44:8
11 11.e. 90:6
11.e. Job 4:8; Hos. 8:7, 10:13
12 11.e. 5:30; Jer. 6:23; Ezek. 43:2; Luke 21:25
13 11.e. 18:4
13 11.e. 33:3
13 11.e. 9:5; Is. 41:11; Job 21:18; Ps. 1:4; 83:13; Is. 29:5, 41:15; 16
14 11.e. Thus
2 11.e. 19:35; Is. 41:12
1 11.e. Or, Ethiopia
2 11.e. 19:9; Is. 20:3-5; Ezek. 30:4, 5; 9; Zeph. 2:12; 3:10
2 11.e. drawn out
11.e. from it and beyond
11.e. 2:3 11.e. 18:7 11.e. Gen. 10:8, 9; 2 Chr. 12:2-4; 14:9; 16:8
3 11.e. 48:1; Mic. 1:2 11.e. 28:11
4 11.e. in
11.e. light
11.e. 28:21; Hos. 5:15
2 11.e. Sam. 23:4
11.e. Prov. 19:12; Is. 28:19; Hos. 14:5
8 11.e. in
11.e. Amos
11.e. 17:10, 11; Ezek. 17:6-10
6 11.e. 48:11; 58:9; Jer. 7:33; Ezek. 32:4-6; 39:17-20

- 14 At evening time, behold, there is terror!
Before morning ^athey are no more.
¹Such will be the portion of those who plunder us,
And the lot of those who pillage us.

CHAPTER 18

- A**LAS, oh land of whirring wings
Which lies beyond the rivers of ^{1a}Cush,
- 2 Which sends envoys by the sea,
Even in ^apapyrus vessels on the surface of the waters.
Go, swift messengers, to a nation ^{1b}tall and smooth,
To a people ^cfeared ²far and wide,
A powerful and oppressive nation
Whose land the rivers divide.
- 3 ^aAll you inhabitants of the world and dwellers on earth,
As soon as a standard is raised on the mountains,
^byou will see it,
And as soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear it.
- 4 For thus the LORD has told me,
"I will look ¹from My ^adwelling place quietly
Like dazzling heat in the ^{2b}sunshine,
Like a cloud of ^cdew in the heat of harvest."
- 5 For ^abefore the harvest, as soon as the bud ¹blossoms
And the flower becomes a ripening grape,
Then He will cut off the sprigs with pruning knives
And remove and cut away the spreading branches.
- 6 They will be left together for mountain birds ^aof prey.

And for the beasts of the earth;
And the birds of prey will spend the summer feeding on them.
And all the beasts of the earth will spend harvest time on them.
7 At that time a gift of homage will be brought to the LORD of hosts
From a people tall and smooth,
Even from a people feared far and wide,
A powerful and oppressive nation,
Whose land the rivers divide—
To the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, even Mount Zion.

CHAPTER 19

THE oracle concerning Egypt.

Behold, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud, and is about to come to Egypt; The idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence, And the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them.
2 "So I will incite Egyptians against Egyptians;
And they will each fight against his brother, and each against his neighbor,
City against city, and kingdom against kingdom.
3 "Then the spirit of the Egyptians will be demoralized within them;
And I will confound their strategy,
So that they will resort to idols and ghosts of the dead,
And to mediums and spiritists.
4 "Moreover, I will deliver the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel master,

7 ¹So with some ancient versions and DSS; M.T. implies Consisting of a people ²Lit., drawn out ³Lit., from it and beyond ⁴Ps. 68:31; Is. 45:14; Zeph. 3:10; Acts 8:27-38 ⁵Zech. 14:18, 17
¹Or, burden of ²Is. 13:1 ³Joel 3:19 ⁴Ps. 18:9, 10, 104:3; Matt. 26:64; Rev. 1:7 ⁵Ex. 12:12; Jer. 43:12; 44:8 ⁶Joah. 2:11; Is. 13:7
²Judg. 7:22; 1 Sam. 14:20; 2 Chr. 20:23; Matt. 10:21, 38
³Or, ghosts and spirits ⁴1 Chr. 10:13; Is. 8:19; Dan. 2:2
⁴Or, fierce ⁵Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD ⁶Is. 20:4; Jer. 46:28; Ezek. 29:19
⁵Is. 50:2; Jer. 51:36; Ezek. 30:12
⁶Lit., rivers ⁷Or, Nile branches; i.e., the delta ⁸Ex. 7:18 ⁹Is. 37:25 ¹⁰Ex. 2:3; Job 8:11; Is. 15:6
⁷Or, mouth ⁸Is. 23:3, 10
⁸Lit., hook ⁹Or, languish ¹⁰Ezek. 47:10; Hab. 1:15
⁹Lit., ashamed ¹⁰Prov. 7:16; Ezek. 27:7
¹⁰Lit., her pillars or, her weavers ¹¹Ps. 11:3
¹¹Or, Tanis ¹²Or, brutish ¹³Num. 13:22; Ps. 78:12, 43; Is. 30:4 ¹⁴Gen. 41:38, 39; 1 Kin. 4:30; Acts 7:22
¹²Or, know ¹³Is. 14:24; Rom. 9:17

The Oracle concerning Egypt.

And a mighty king will rule over them," declares the LORD God of hosts.
5 ¶ And the waters from the sea will dry up,
And the river will be parched and dry.
6 And the canals will emit a stench,
The streams of Egypt will thin out and dry up;
The reeds and rushes will rot away.
7 The bulrushes by the Nile, by the edge of the Nile
And all the sown fields by the Nile
Will become dry, be driven away, and be no more.
8 And the fishermen will lament,
And all those who cast a line into the Nile will mourn,
And those who spread nets on the waters will pine away.
9 Moreover, the manufacturers of linen made from combed flax
And the weavers of white cloth will be utterly dejected.
10 And the pillars of Egypt will be crushed;
All the hired laborers will be grieved in soul.
11 ¶ The princes of Zoan are mere fools;
The advice of Pharaoh's wisest advisers has become stupid.
How can you men say to Pharaoh,
"I am a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings?"
12 Well then, where are your wise men?
Please let them tell you,
And let them understand what the LORD of hosts
Has purposed against Egypt.

13 The princes of ¹Zoan have acted foolishly,
The princes of ^aMemphis are deluded;

Those who are the ^bcorner-stone of her tribes

Have ²led Egypt astray.

14 The LORD has mixed within her a spirit of ^adistortion;

^bThey have led Egypt astray in all ¹that it does.

As a ^cdrunken man ²staggers in his vomit.

15 And there will be no work for Egypt

^aWhich its head or tail, its palm branch or bulrush, may do.

16 ¶ In that day the Egyptians will become like women, and they will tremble and be in ^adread because of the ^bwaving of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He is going to wave over them.

17 And the land of Judah will become a ¹terror to Egypt; everyone ²to whom it is mentioned will be in dread of it, because of the ^apurpose of the LORD of hosts which He is purposing against them.

18 ¶ In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will be speaking the language of Canaan and ^aswearing allegiance to the LORD of hosts; one will be called the City of ¹Destruction.

19 ¶ In that day there will be an ^aaltar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a ^bpillar to the LORD near its border.

20 And it will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a ^aSavior and a ^{1b}Champion, and He will deliver them.

21 Thus the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. They will even worship with ^asacrifice and offering, and

¹³ ¹Or, Tanis ²Or, have caused Egypt to stagger

^aJer. 2:16; 46:14, 19; Ezek. 30:13 ^bZech. 10:4 ¹⁴ ¹Lat., its work ²Or, gone astray

^aProv. 12:8; Matt. 17:17 ^bIs. 3:12; 9:16 ^cIs. 28:7

¹⁸ ^aIs. 9:14, 15 ¹⁶ ²Cor. 5:11; Heb. 10:31 ^bIs. 11:15

¹⁷ ¹Or, cause of shame ²Lat., who mentions it will be in dread to it

^aIs. 14:24; Dan. 4:35 ^bSome ancient mss. and versions read the Sea

^cIs. 45:23; 65:16 ¹⁹ ^aIs. 56:7; 60:7 ^bGen. 28:18; Ex. 24:4; Josh. 22:10, 28, 27

²⁰ ¹Lat., Mighty One ^aIs. 43:3, 11; 45:15, 21; 49:26; 60:16; 63:8 ^bIs. 49:25

²¹ ^aIs. 56:7; 60:7; Zech. 14:16-18 ²² ^aOr, 32:39; Is. 30:26; 57:18; Heb. 12:11

^bIs. 27:13; 45:14; Hos. 14:1 ²³ ^aIs. 11:16; 35:8; 49:11; 62:10

^bIs. 27:13 ²⁴ ^aIs. 45:14; 49:11; 62:10; 64:8; Eph. 2:10

¹ ¹Heb., Tortoise ² ^aIs. 18:17; ^b1 Sam. 5:1

³ ^aIs. 1:1; 13:1 ^bZech. 13:4; Matt. 3:4 ^cEzek. 24:17, 23

^d1 Sam. 19:24; Mic. 1:8 ³ ¹Or, wonder ²Or, Ethiopia, as in vv. 4, 5

^aIs. 8:16 ^bIs. 37:9; 43:3

will make a vow to the LORD and perform it.

22 And the LORD will strike Egypt, striking but ^ahealing; so they will ^breturn to the LORD, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

23 ¶ In that day there will be a ^ahighway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will ^bworship with the Assyrians.

24 ¶ In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

25 whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is ^aEgypt My people, and Assyria ^bthe work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

CHAPTER 20

IN the year that the ¹commander came to ^bAshdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him and he fought against Ashdod and captured it,

2 at that time the LORD spoke through ^aIsaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go and loosen the ^bsackcloth from your hips, and take your ^cshoes off your feet." And he did so, going ^dnaked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, "Even as My servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot three years as a ¹sign and token against Egypt and ^{2b}Cush,

4 so the ^aking of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Cush, ^byoung and old, naked and barefoot with buttocks uncovered, to the ¹shame of Egypt.

5 "Then they shall be ^adismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and Egypt their ^bboast.

⁴ ¹Lat., mahdum ^aIs. 12:4 ^bIs. 47:2, 3 ^c2 Kin. 18:21; Is. 30:3-5; 31:1; Ezek. 29:6, 7 ^dJer. 9:23, 24; 17:5; 1 Cor. 3:21

6 "So the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, 'Behold, such is our hope, where we fled ^afor help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and we, ^bhow shall we escape?' "

CHAPTER 21

THE ¹oracle concerning the ^{2b}wilderness of the sea.

As ^cwindstorms in the ³Negev sweep on,

It comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land.

2 A ^aharsh vision has been shown to me;

The ^btreacherous one still deals treacherously, and the destroyer still destroys.

Go up, ^cElam, lay siege, Media;

I have made an end of all ¹the groaning she has caused.

3 For this reason my ^aloins are full of anguish;

Pains have seized me like the pains of a ^bwoman in labor.

I am so bewildered I cannot hear, so terrified I cannot see.

4 My ¹mind reels, ²horror overwhelms me;

The twilight I longed for has been ^aturned for me into trembling.

5 They ^aset the table, they ¹spread out the cloth, they eat, they drink;

"Rise up, captains, oil the shields,"

6 For thus the Lord says to me,

"Go, station the lookout, let him ^areport what he sees.

7 "When he sees ^ariders, horsemen in pairs,

A train of donkeys, a train of camels,

Let him pay close attention, very close attention."

6 ^aIs. 10:3; 30:7, 31:3; Jer. 30:1, 7; 15:17; 31:1-3; ^bMatt. 23:33; 1 Thess. 5:3; Heb. 2:3
1 ^cOr, burden of ^aOr, sandy wastes, sea country
11 ^ce., South country
^aIs. 13:1 ^bIs. 13:20-22; 14:23; Jer. 51:42 ^cZech. 9:14
2 ¹Lit., her groaning
^aPs. 80:3 ^bIs. 24:16, 33:1 ^cIs. 22:6; Jer. 49:34
3 ^aIs. 13:8; 16:11 ^bPs. 48:6; Is. 13:8; 26:17; 1 Thess. 5:3
4 ¹Lit., heart has wandered
²Lit., shuddering
^aDeut. 28:67
5 ¹Or, spread out the rug or possibly, they arranged the seating
^aJer. 51:38; 57; Dan. 5:1-4
6 ^a2 Kin. 9:17-20
7 ^aIs. 21:9
8 ¹So DSS; M.T., he called like a lion
^aHab. 2:1
9 ¹Lit., he has shattered to the earth
^aIs. 13:19; 47:5, 9; 48:14; Jer. 51:8; Rev. 14:8; 18:2 ^bIs. 48:1; Jer. 50:2; 51:44
10 ¹Lit., son
^aJer. 51:33; Mic. 4:13
11 ¹Or, burden ²So the Gr.; Heb., Dumah, silence ³Lit., what is the time of the night?
^aGen. 25:14 ^bGen. 32:3
12 ¹Or, burden ²Or, will spend
^aJer. 25:23; 24; 48:28
^bGen. 10:7; Ezek. 27:15
14 ¹Lit., to meet
^aGen. 25:15; Job 6:19

8 Then ¹the lookout called, "O Lord, I stand continually by day on the watchtower,

And I am stationed every night at my guard post.

9 "Now behold, here comes a troop of riders, horsemen in pairs."

And one answered and said, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon;

And all the ^bimages of her gods ¹are shattered on the ground."

10 O my ^athreshed people, and my ¹afflicted of the threshing floor!

What I have heard from the LORD of hosts,

The God of Israel, I make known to you.

11 ¶ The ¹oracle concerning ^{2a}Edom.

One keeps calling to me from ^bSeir,

"Watchman, ³how far gone is the night?

Watchman, ³how far gone is the night?"

12 The watchman says, "Morning comes but also night.

If you would inquire, inquire;

Come back again."

13 ¶ The ¹oracle about ^aArabia.

In the thickets of Arabia you ²must spend the night,

O caravans of ^bDedanites.

14 Bring water ¹for the thirsty, O inhabitants of the land of ^aTema,

Meet the fugitive with bread.

15 For they have ^afled from the swords,

From the drawn sword, and from the bent bow,

15 ^aIs. 13:14, 15; 17:13

And from the press of battle.

16 For thus the Lord said to me, "In a ^ayear, as ¹a hired man would count it, all the splendor of ^bKedar will terminate;

17 and the ^aremainder of the number of bowmen, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, will be few; for the LORD God of Israel ^bhas spoken."

CHAPTER 22

THE ¹oracle concerning the ^avalley of vision.

What is the matter with you now, that you have all gone up to the ^bhouse-tops?

2 You who were full of noise, You boisterous town, you ^aexultant city;

Your slain were ^bnot slain with the sword, Nor ¹did they die in battle.

3 ^aAll your rulers have fled together,

And have been captured ¹without the bow;

All of you who were found were taken captive together,

²Though they had fled far away.

4 Therefore I say, "Turn your eyes away from me, Let me ^aweep bitterly, Do not ¹try to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people."

5 ^aFor the Lord ¹God of hosts has a ^bday of panic, ^csubjugation, and confusion ^dIn the valley of vision, A breaking down of walls And a crying ²to the mountain.

6 And ^aElam took up the quiver With the chariots, ¹infantry, and horsemen; And ^bKir uncovered the shield.

16 ¹Lit., the years of a harlot.
^aIs. 16:14 ^aPs. 120:5; Song 1:5; Is. 42:11; 60:7; Ezek. 27:21

17 ^aIs. 10:19 ^aNum. 23:19; Zech. 1:6

1 ¹Or, burden of ^aPs. 125:2; Jer. 21:13; Joel 3:12, 14 ^aIs. 15:3

2 ¹Lit., dead in battle ^aIs. 23:7; 32:13 ^aJer. 14:18; Lam. 2:20

3 ¹Lit., from a bow ²So with ancient version, Heb. They fled far away ^aIs. 21:15

4 ¹Lit., in dust ^aIs. 15:3; Jer. 9:1; Luke 19:41

5 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord ¹Or, against ^aLam. 1:5, 2:2 ^aIs. 37:3 ^aIs. 10:6; 63:3 ^aIs. 22:1

6 ¹Lit., man ^aIs. 21:2; Jer. 49:35 ^a2 Kin. 16:9; Amos 1:5, 9:7

8 ¹Lit., scream, covering ¹Or, looked to, considered ^a1 Kin. 7:2; 10:17

9 ^a2 Kin. 20:20; Neh. 3:16

11 ¹Or, look to, consider ¹Lit., see Him

^a2 Kin. 25:4; Jer. 39:4 ^a2 Kin. 20:20; 2 Chr. 32:3, 4

12 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord

^aIs. 32:11; Joel 1:13; 2:17 ^aMic. 1:16

13 ^aIs. 5:11; 22:28; 7:8; Luke 17:26-29 ^aIs. 56:12; 1 Cor. 13:32

7 Then your choicest valleys were full of chariots,

And the horsemen took up fixed positions at the gate.

8 And He removed the ¹defense of Judah.

In that day you ²depended on the weapons of the ^ahouse of the forest.

9 And you saw that the breaches

In the wall of the city of David were many;

And you ^acollected the waters of the lower pool.

10 Then you counted the houses of Jerusalem,

And you tore down houses to fortify the wall.

11 And you made a reservoir ^abetween the two walls

For the waters of the ^bold pool.

But you did not ¹depend on Him who made it,

Nor did you ²take into consideration Him who planned it long ago.

12 ¹ Therefore in that day the Lord ¹God of hosts, called you to ^aweeping, to wailing,

To ^bshaving the head, and to wearing sackcloth.

13 Instead, there is ^agaiety and gladness,

Killing of cattle and slaughtering of sheep,

Eating of meat and drinking of wine:

^b"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we may die."

14 But the LORD of hosts revealed Himself ¹to me,

"Surely this ^ainiquity ^bshall not be ²forgiven you

^cUntil you die," says the Lord ³God of hosts.

14 ¹Lit., in my ears ²Lit., atoned for ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord ^aIs. 13:11; 28:21; 30:13; 65:7 ^a1 Sam. 3:14; Ezek. 24:13 ^aIs. 65:20

15 ¹ Thus says the Lord ¹ God of hosts,

"Come, go to this steward,
To ^aShebna, who is in
charge of the royal
household,

16 "What right do you have
here,

And whom do you have
here,

That you have ^ahewn a
tomb for yourself here,

You who hew a tomb on the
height,

You who carve a resting
place for ¹yourself in the
rock?

17 "Behold, the LORD is about to
hurl you headlong, O
man.

And He is about to grasp
you firmly,

18 And roll you tightly like a
ball,

To be ^acast into a vast coun-
try;

There you will die,

And there your splendid
chariots will be,

You shame of your master's
house."

19 "And I will ^adepose you from
your office,

And ¹I will pull you down
from your station.

20 "Then it will come about in
that day,

That I will summon My ser-
vant ^aEliakim the son of
Hilkiah

21 And I will clothe him with
your tunic,

And tie your sash securely
about him,

I will entrust him with your
¹authority,

And he will become a ^afa-
ther to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem and to the
house of Judah.

22 "Then I will set ^athe key of
the ^bhouse of David on
his shoulder,

When he opens no one will
shut,

¹⁸ ¹Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
Lord

² ²Kin. 18:18;
26:37; Is.
36:3, 11, 22;
37:2

¹⁶ ¹Lit.,
himself;
² ²Sam.
18:18; 2 Chr
16:14; Matt.
27:60

¹⁸ ¹Job
18:18, Is.
17:13

¹⁹ ¹So with
many ancient
versions.

^{Heb., He}
^aJob 40:11;
12, Ezek
17:24

²⁰ ²Kin.
18:18; Is.
36:3, 22, 37:2

²¹ ¹Lit., rule
^aGen. 45:8;
Job 29:16

²² ^aRev. 3:7
^bIs. 7:2, 13
^cJob 12:14

²³ ^aEzra 9:8;
Zech. 10:4
^b1 Sam. 2:8;
Job 36:7

²⁴ ¹Or per-
haps, leaf
²⁵ ^aIs. 22:23
^bEzra 9:24;
25 ^cIs. 46:11;
Mic. 4:4

¹ ¹Or, bur-
den of ²Lit.,
entering

³Heb., Kittim
^aJosh. 19:28;
1 Kin. 5:1;
Jer. 25:22;

47:4; Ezek.
26:1-27:36;
Joel 3:4-8;

Amos 1:9;
Zech. 9:2-4
^bIs. 2:16

^cGen. 10:4;
1 Kin. 10:22
^dIs. 24:10

^aGen. 10:4; Is.
23:12; Ezek.
27:6

² ¹So DSS;
M.T., Who
passed over
the sea, they
replenished
you.

^aIs. 47:5
³ ¹Heb.,
Shihor

^aIs. 18:7-9
^bJosh. 13:3;
1 Chr. 13:5;
Jer. 2:18

^cEzek. 27:3-
23

⁴ ^aGen.
10:15, 18;
Josh. 11:8;
Judg. 10:6;
Jer. 25:22;
27:3; 47:4;
Ezek. 28:21,
22

When he shuts no one will
^copen.

23 "And I will drive him like a
^apeg in a firm place,

And he will become a
^bthrone of glory to his fa-
ther's house.

24 "So they will hang on him all
the glory of his father's house,
offspring and ¹issue, all the least
of vessels, from bowls to all the
jars.

25 "In that day," declares the
LORD of hosts, "the ^apeg driven
in a firm place will give way; it
will even ^bbreak off and fall, and
the load hanging on it will be cut
off, for the ^cLORD has spoken."

CHAPTER 23

THE ¹oracle concerning
^aTyre.

Wail, O ^bships of ^cTarshish,
For Tyre is destroyed, with-
out house or ^{2d}harbor;

It is reported to them from
the land of ^{3c}Cyprus.

2 ^aBe silent, you inhabitants
of the coastland,

You merchants of Sidon;

¹Your messengers crossed
the sea

3 And were on many waters.

^aThe grain of the ^{1b}Nile, the
harvest of the River was
her revenue;

And she was the ^cmarket of
nations.

4 Be ashamed, O ^aSidon;

For the sea speaks, the
stronghold of the sea,
saying,

"I have neither travailed nor
given birth,

I have neither brought up
young men nor reared
virgins."

5 When the report reaches
Egypt,

They will be in ^aanguish at
the report of Tyre.

6 Pass over to ^aTarshish;

³ ^aEx. 15:14-16; Josh. 2:9-11

⁶ ^aIs. 23:1

Wail, O inhabitants of the coastland.

7 Is this your ^ajubilant city, Whose origin is from antiquity,

Whose feet used to carry her to ¹colonize distant places?

8 ¶ Who has planned this against Tyre, ^athe bestower of crowns,

Whose merchants were princes, whose traders were the honored of the earth?

9 ^aThe LORD of hosts has planned it to ^bdefile the pride of all beauty, To despise all the ^chonored of the earth.

10 ¹Overflow your land like the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish,

There is no more ²restraint.

11 He has ^astretched His hand out ^bover the sea, He has ^cmade the kingdoms tremble;

The LORD has given a command concerning Canaan to ^ddemolish its strongholds.

12 And He has said, "^aYou shall exult no more, O crushed virgin daughter of Sidon.

Arise, pass over to ^{1b}Cyprus; even there you will find no rest."

13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans—this is the people which was not; ^aAssyria appointed it for ^bdesert creatures—they erected their siege towers, they stripped its palaces, ^cthey made it a ruin.

14 Wail, O ^aships of Tarshish, For your stronghold is destroyed.

15 Now it will come about in that day that Tyre will be forgotten for ^aseventy years like the days of one king. At the end of

7 ¹Lit., so-
urn a far off
^aIs. 22:2;
32:13

8 ^aEzek.
28:2

9 ^aIs. 2:11,
13:11 ^bJob
40:11, 12,
Dan. 4:37 ^aIs.
5:13, 9:15

10 ¹Lit.,
Pass over
²Perhaps gir-
dle or ship-
yard

11 ^aEx.
14:21, ^aIs.
14:28 ^aIs.
19:5, 50:2 ^aIs.
13:13 ^aIs.
25:2, Zech.
9:3, 4

12 ¹Heb.
Kittim
^aEzek. 26:13,
14: Rev. 18:22
^aIs. 23:1

13 ^aIs. 10:5
^aIs. 13:21,
18:6 ^aIs. 10:7

14 ^aIs. 2:16,
Ezek. 27:25,
26

15 ^aJer.
25:11, 22

17 ¹Lit., of
the earth on
the face of
the land
^aIs. 23:15
^aEzek. 16:25-
29, Nah. 3:4

18 ^aPs.
72:10, 11, ^aIs.
60:5-9, Mic.
4:13 ^aEx.
28:36, Zech.
14:20

1 ^aIs. 2:19,
13:13, 24:19,
20:30, 32:
33-9

2 ^aLev.
25:36, 37,
Deut. 23:19,
20

4 ^aIs. 33:9
^aIs. 2:12,
24:21

5 ¹Lit., un-
der
^aGen. 3:17,
Num. 35:33;
^aIs. 9:17, 10:6
^aIs. 33:8

6 ^aJosh.
23:15; ^aIs.
34:5, 43:28,
Zech. 5:3, 4
^aIs. 1:31,
5:24, 9:19

seventy years it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the harlot:

16 Take your harp, walk about the city,

O forgotten harlot;

Pluck the strings skillfully, singing many songs,

That you may be remembered.

17 And it will come about at ^athe end of seventy years that the LORD will visit Tyre. Then she will go back to her harlot's wages, and will ^bplay the harlot with all the kingdoms ¹on the face of the earth.

18 And her ^again and her harlot's wages will be ^bset apart to the LORD; it will not be stored up or hoarded, but her gain will become sufficient food and choice attire for those who dwell in the presence of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

BEHOLD, the LORD ^alays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface, and scatters its inhabitants.

2 And the people will be like the priest, the servant like his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the ^acreditor like the debtor.

3 The earth will be completely laid waste and completely despoiled, for the LORD has spoken this word.

4 The ^aearth mourns and withers, the world fades and withers, the ^bexalted of the people of the earth fade away.

5 The earth is also ^apolluted ¹by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, ^bbroke the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore, a ^acurse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the ^binhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

- 7 ¹ The ^anew wine mourns,
The vine decays,
All the merry-hearted sigh.
- 8 The ^agaiety of tambourines
ceases,
The noise of revelers stops,
The gaiety of the harp
ceases.
- 9 They do not drink wine with
song;
^aStrong drink is ^bbitter to
those who drink it.
- 10 The ^acity of chaos is broken
down;
^bEvery house is shut up so
that none may enter.
- 11 There is an ^aoutcry in the
streets concerning the
wine;
^bAll joy ¹turns to gloom.
The gaiety of the earth is
banished.
- 12 Desolation is left in the city,
And the ^agate is battered to
ruins.
- 13 For ^athus it will be in the
midst of the earth among
the peoples,
As the ¹shaking of an olive
tree,
As the gleanings when the
grape harvest is over.
- 14 ^aThey raise their voices,
they shout for joy.
They cry out from the ¹west
concerning the majesty
of the LORD.
- 15 Therefore ^aglorify the LORD
in the ¹east,
The ^bname of the LORD, the
God of Israel
In the ^{2c}coastlands of the
sea.
- 16 From the ^aends of the earth
we hear songs, "^bGlory to
the Righteous One,"
But I say, "^{1c}Woe to me!
¹Woe to me! Alas for me!
The ^dtreacherous deal
treacherously,
And the treacherous deal
very treacherously."
- 17 ^aTerror and pit and snare
¹Confront you, O inhabitant
of the earth.

7 ^aIs.
16:10; Joel
1:10, 12
8 ^aIs. 5:12,
14; Ezek.
26:13; Hos.
2:11; Rev.
18:22
9 ^aIs. 5:11,
22 ^aIs. 5:20
10 ^aIs. 34:11
^bIs. 23:1
11 ¹Lit., is
darkened
^aJer. 14:2,
46:12 ^bIs.
18:10; 32:13
12 ^aIs.
14:31; 45:2
13 ¹Lit.,
striking
^aIs. 17:6,
27:12
14 ¹Lit., sea
^aIs. 12:6,
48:20; 52:8,
54:1
15 ¹Lit., re-
gion of light
^aOr, islands
^aIs. 25:3
^bMal. 1:11
^aIs. 11:11,
42:4, 10, 12,
49:1, 51:5,
60:9; 66:19
16 ¹Lit.,
Waiting to
me!
^aIs. 11:12,
42:10 ^bIs.
28:5; 60:21
^cLev. 26:39
^aIs. 21:2,
33:1; Jer.
3:20; 5:11
17 ¹Lit., Are
upon you
^aJer. 48:43;
Amos 5:19
18 ¹Lit.,
sound of ter-
ror ²Lit., goes
up from the
midst of ³Lit.,
from the
height; i.e.,
heaven
^aGen. 7:11
^bPs. 18:7;
46:2; Is. 2:19,
21; 13:13
19 ^aIs. 24:1
^bNum. 16:31,
32; Deut. 11:6
20 ¹Or, hut
^aIs. 19:14,
24:1; 28:7 ^bIs.
1:28; 43:27;
66:24 ^cDan.
11:19; Amos
8:14
21 ¹Lit., the
height in the
height
^aIs. 10:12;
13:11 ^bPs.
76:12
22 ¹Lit., pu
^aIs. 10:4;
42:22 ^bEzek.
38:8; Zech.
9:11, 12

- 18 Then it will be that he who
flees the ¹report of disas-
ter will fall into the pit,
And he who ²climbs out of
the pit will be caught in
the snare;
For the ^awindows ³above
are opened, and the
^bfoundations of the earth
shake.
- 19 ^aThe earth is broken asun-
der,
The earth is ^bsplit through,
The earth is shaken vio-
lently.
- 20 The earth ^areels to and fro
like a drunkard,
And it totters like a ¹shack,
For its ^btransgression is
heavy upon it,
And it will fall, ^cnever to rise
again.
- 21 So it will happen in that day,
That the LORD will ^apunish
the host of ¹heaven, on
high,
And the ^bkings of the earth,
on earth.
- 22 And they will be gathered
together
Like ^aprisoners in the ¹dun-
geon,
And will be confined in
prison;
And after many days they
will ^bbe punished.
- 23 Then the ^amoon will be
abashed and the sun
ashamed,
For the ^bLORD of hosts will
reign on ^cMount Zion and
in Jerusalem,
And His glory will be before
His elders.

CHAPTER 25

O LORD, Thou art ^amy God;
I will exalt Thee, I will give
thanks to Thy name;
For Thou hast ^bworked
wonders,

23 ^aIs. 13:10; Ma. 60:19, 20; Zech. 14:6, 7; Rev. 21:23;
22:5 ^cMic. 4:7; Hab. 12:22
1 ^aEx. 15:2; Ps. 118:28; Is. 7:13; 49:4, 5; 61:10 ^bPs.
40:5; 98:1

- "Plans formed long ago,
 with perfect faithfulness.
 2 For Thou hast made a city
 into a ^aheap,
 A ^bfortified city into a ruin;
 A ^cpalace of strangers is a
 city no more,
 It will never be rebuilt.
 3 Therefore a strong people
 will ^aglorify Thee;
^bCities of ruthless nations
 will revere Thee.
 4 For Thou hast been a ^ade-
 fense for the helpless,
 A defense for the needy in
 his distress,
 A ^brefuge from the storm, a
 shade from the heat;
 For the breath of the ^cruth-
 less
 Is like a rain storm against a
 wall.
 5 Like heat in drought, Thou
 dost subdue the ^auproar
 of aliens;
 Like heat by the shadow of
 a cloud, the song of the
 ruthless is ¹silenced.
 6 ^a And ^athe LORD of hosts
 will prepare a ¹lavish
 banquet for ^ball peoples
 on this mountain;
 A banquet of ²aged wine,
³choice pieces with mar-
 row,
 And ⁴refined, aged wine.
 7 And on this mountain He
 will swallow up the
¹covering which is over
 all peoples,
 Even the veil which is
²stretched over all na-
 tions.
 8 He will ^aswallow up death
 for all time,
 And the Lord ¹God will
^bwipe tears away from all
 faces,
 And He will remove the ^cre-
 proach of His people
 from all the earth;
 For the LORD has spoken.
 9 And it will be said in that
 day,

1 ¹Eph. 1:11
 2 ²Is. 17:1;
 28:5; 27:10;
 32:19 ³Is.
 17:3; 25:12
⁴Is. 13:22;
 32:14; 34:13
 3 ³Is. 24:15
⁴Is. 13:11
 4 ⁴Is.

14:32; 17:10;
 27:5; 33:16
⁵Is. 46; 32:2
⁶Is. 29:5; 20;
 49:25

8 ¹Lat.,
 humbled
²Jer. 51:54-56

6 ¹Lat.,
 feast of fat
 things, i.e.,
 abundance
²Lat., wine on
 the lees ³Lat.,
 fat pieces
⁴Lat., wine re-
 fined on the
 lees
⁵Is. 1:19 ⁶Is.
 2:24; 56:7

7 ¹Lat.,
 face of the
 covering
²Lat., woven
³2 Cor. 3:15;
 16; Eph. 4:18

8 ¹Heb.,
 YHWH, usu-
 ally rendered
 Lord

²Is. 13:14;
 1 Cor. 15:54
³Is. 30:19;
 35:10; 51:11;
 65:19; Rev.
 7:17; 21:4 ⁴Ps.
 69:9; 69:50;
 51: Is. 51:7;
 54:4; Matt.
 5:11; 1 Pet.
 4:14

9 ¹Is. 35:2;
 40:9; 52:10
²Is. 8:17;
 30:18; 33:2
³Is. 33:22;
 35:4; 40:25;
 26; 60:16 ⁴Ps.
 20:5; Is. 35:1;
 2; 10; 65:18;
 68:10

10 ¹Is.
 18:14; Jer.
 48:1-47; Ezek.
 25:8-11;
 Amos 2:1-3;
 Zeph. 2:9

11 ¹Is. 5:25;
 14:28 ²Job
 40:11; Is.
 2:10-12; 15-
 17; 16:6; 14
 12 ¹Is. 15:1;
 25:2; 26:5

1 ¹Or, sal-
 vation
²Is. 4:2; 12:1
³Is. 14:31;
 31:5; 2; 33:5;
 6; 20-24 ⁴Is.
 62:18

"Behold, ^athis is our God for
 whom we have ^bwaited
 that ^cHe might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom
 we have waited;
^dLet us rejoice and be glad
 in His salvation."

- 10 For the hand of the LORD
 will rest on this moun-
 tain,
 And ^aMoab will be trodden
 down in his place
 As straw is trodden down in
 the water of a manure
 pile.
 11 And he will ^aspread out his
 hands in the middle of it
 As a swimmer spreads out
 his hands to swim,
 But the Lord will ^blay low
 his pride together with
 the trickery of his hands.
 12 And the ^aunassailable forti-
 fications of your walls He
 will bring down,
 Lay low, and cast to the
 ground, even to the dust.

CHAPTER 26

- ^a IN that day this song will be
 sung in the land of Judah:
 "We have a ^bstrong city;
 He sets up walls and ram-
 parts for ¹security.
 2 "Open the ^agates, that the
^bbrighteous nation may
 enter,
 The one that ¹remains faith-
 ful.
 3 "The steadfast of mind Thou
 wilt keep in perfect
^apeace,
 Because he trusts in Thee.
 4 "Trust in the LORD forever,
 For in ¹God the LORD, we
 have an everlasting
^bRock.
 5 "For He has brought low
 those who dwell on high,
 the ^aunassailable city;

2 ¹Lat., keeps faithfulness ²Is. 62:11, 18; 62:10 ³Is.
 45:25; 54:14; 17; 58:8; 62:21; 61:3; 62:1, 2

3 ¹Is. 26:12; 27:5; 57:18; 68:12

4 ¹Heb., YAH, usually rendered Lord ²Is. 12:2; 58:10;
 51:5 ³Is. 17:10; 30:28; 44:8

5 ¹Is. 25:12

- ^bHe lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts it to the dust.
- 6 "The foot will trample it, The feet of the ^bafflicted, the steps of the helpless."
- 7 ¶ The ^away of the righteous is smooth;
O Upright One, ^bmake the path of the righteous level.
- 8 Indeed, while following the way of ^aThy judgments, O LORD,
We have waited for Thee eagerly;
^bThy name, even Thy ^cmemory, is the desire of our souls.
- 9 ^aAt night ¹my soul longs for Thee,
Indeed, ²my spirit within me ^bseeks Thee diligently;
For when the earth ³experiences Thy judgments
The inhabitants of the world ^clearn righteousness.
- 10 Though the wicked is shown favor,
He does not ^alearn righteousness;
He ^bdeals unjustly in the land of uprightness,
And does not perceive the majesty of the LORD.
- 11 ¶ O LORD, Thy hand is lifted up yet they ^ado not see it.
¹They see ^bThy zeal for the people and are put to shame;
Indeed, ²fire will devour Thyne enemies.
- 12 LORD, Thou wilt establish ^apeace for us,
Since Thou hast also performed for us all our works.
- 13 O LORD our God, ^aother masters besides Thee have ruled us;

8 ^aJob 40:11-13
6 ^aIs. 28:3
^bIs. 3:14, 15; 11:4, 29:19
7 ^aIs. 57:2
^bPs. 25:4, 5; 27:11; Is. 42:16, 52:12
8 ^aIs. 51:4, 56:1 ^bIs. 12:4, 24:15, 25:1, 26:13 ^cEx. 3:15
9 ¹Lit., with my soul / long ²Lit., with my spirit / seek ³Lit., has
^aPs. 63:5, 6, 77:2, 119:82, Is. 50:10; Luke 6:12
^bPs. 63:1, 78:34; Matt. 6:33 ^cIs. 55:6, Hos. 5:15
10 ^aIs. 22:12, 13; 32:6, 7 ^bHos. 11:7, John 5:37, 38
11 ¹Or, Let them see and be ²Or, let the fire for Thine adversaries devour them
^aIs. 44:9, 18
^bIs. 8:7, 37:32; 59:17
^cIs. 5:24, 9:18, 19:10-17, 66:15, 24, Heb. 10:27
12 ^aIs. 26:3
13 ¹Or, cause to be remembered
^aIs. 2:8; 10:11
^bIs. 63:7
14 ¹Or, shades
^aDeut. 4:28; Ps. 135:17; Is. 8:19; Hab. 2:19
^bIs. 10:3
15 ^aIs. 9:3
^bIs. 33:17; 54:2, 3
16 ¹Lit., sound forth a whisper
^aIs. 37:3; Hos. 6:15
17 ^aIs. 13:8; 21:3; John 16:21
18 ¹Lit., fallen
^aIs. 33:11; 59:4
^bPs. 17:14
19 ¹So with some ancient versions; Heb., My ²Lit., lights
³Lit., cause to fall ⁴Or, shades

- But through Thee alone we ¹confess Thy name.
- 14 ^aThe dead will not live, the ¹departed spirits will not rise;
Therefore Thou hast ^bpunished and destroyed them,
And Thou hast wiped out all remembrance of them.
- 15 ^aThou hast increased the nation, O LORD,
Thou hast increased the nation, Thou art glorified;
Thou hast ^bextended all the borders of the land.
- 16 O LORD, they sought Thee ^ain distress;
They ¹could only whisper a prayer,
Your chastening was upon them.
- 17 ^aAs the pregnant woman approaches the time to give birth,
She writhes and cries out in her labor pains,
Thus were we before Thee, O LORD.
- 18 We were pregnant, we writhed in labor,
We ^agave birth, as it were, only to wind.
We could not accomplish deliverance for the earth
Nor were ^binhabitants of the world ¹born.
- 19 Your ^adead will live;
¹Their corpses will rise.
You who lie in the dust, ^bawake and shout for joy,
For your dew is as the dew of the ²dawn,
And the earth will ³give birth to the ⁴departed spirits.
- 20 ¶ Come, my people, ^aenter into your rooms,
And close your doors behind you;
Hide for a little ¹while,

^aIs. 25:8; Ezek. 37:1-14; Dan. 12:2; Hos. 13:14 ^bEph. 5:14
20 ¹Lit., moment ^aEx. 12:22, 23; Ps. 91:1, 4
^bPs. 30:5; Is. 54:7, 8; 2 Cor. 4:17

Until ¹indignation ²runs its course.

21 For behold, the LORD is about to ^acome out from His place

To ^bpunish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

And the earth will ^creveal her bloodshed,

And will no longer cover her slain.

CHAPTER 27

IN that day ^athe LORD will punish ^bLeviathan the fleeing serpent,

With His fierce and great and mighty sword,

Even ¹Leviathan the twisted serpent;

And ^cHe will kill the dragon who lives in the sea.

2 ¶ In that day,

"A ¹vineyard of wine, sing of it!

3 "I, the LORD, am its keeper; ^aI water it every moment.

Lest anyone ¹damage it, ^bI guard it night and day.

4 "I have no wrath.

Should ¹someone give Me ^abriars and thorns in battle,

Then I would step on them, ^bI would burn them ²completely.

5 "Or let him ¹rely on My protection,

Let him make peace with Me,

Let him ^bmake peace with Me."

6 ¹In the days to come Jacob ^awill take root,

Israel will ^bblossom and sprout;

And they will fill the ²whole world with ^cfruit.

7 ¶ Like the striking of Him who has struck them, has ^aHe struck them?

20 ²Lat., passes over
Is. 10:5,
25: 13:5; 34:2;
66:14

21 ^aMic. 1:3;
Jude 14 ^bIs.
13:11; 30:12-
14; 66:6, 7
^cJob 16:18,
Luk. 11:50

1 ¹Or, sea monster
^aIs. 66:16
^bJob 3:8;
41:1; Ps.
74:14; 104:28
^cIs. 51:9

2 ¹Some mss. read a vineyard of delight
^aPs. 80:8; Is.
5:7; Jer. 2:21

3 ¹Lat., punish
^aIs. 58:11
^b1 Sam. 2:9;
Is. 31:5; John
10:28

4 ¹Lat., who ²Lat., altogether
^a2 Sam. 23:6;
Is. 10:17 ^bIs.
33:12; Matt.
3:12; Heb. 6:8

5 ¹Lat., take hold of
^aIs. 12:2, 25:4
^bJob 22:21,
Is. 26:3, 12;
Rom. 5:1;
2 Cor. 5:20

6 ¹Lat., Those coming
²Lat., force of
^aIs. 37:31 ^bIs.
35:1, 2; Hos.
14:5, 6 ^cIs.
4:2

7 ¹Lat., he was slain
^aIs. 10:12, 17;
30:31-33;
31:6, 8; 37:36-38

8 ¹Some ancient versions read by exact measure
^aIs. 50:1, 54:7
^bJer. 4:11;
Ezek. 18:12;
Hos. 13:15

9 ¹Lat., all the fruit ²Lat., removing
^ae., wooden symbols of a female deity
^bIs. 1:25;
48:10; Dan.
11:35 ^cRom.
11:27 ^dEx.
34:13; Deut.
12:2; 2 Kin.
10:26; Is. 17:8

10 ¹Lat., pasture ²Lat., consume
^aIs. 32:13, 14
^bIs. 17:2

Or like the slaughter of His slain, ¹have they been slain?

8 Thou didst contend with them ¹by banishing them, by ^adriving them away.

With His fierce wind He has expelled them on the day of the ^beast wind.

9 Therefore through this Jacob's iniquity will be ^aforgiven;

And this will be ¹the full price of the ²b¹pardoning of his sin:

When he makes all the ^caltar stones like pulverized chalk stones;

When ³Asherim and incense altars will not stand.

10 For the fortified city is ^aisolated,

A ¹homestead forlorn and forsaken like the desert;

^bThere the calf will graze, And there it will lie down and ²feed on its branches.

11 When its ^alimbs are dry, they are broken off;

Women come and make a fire with them.

For they are not a people of ^bdiscernment,

Therefore ^ctheir Maker ^dwill not have compassion on them.

And their Creator will not be gracious to them.

12 And it will come about in that day, that the LORD ^awill start His threshing from the flowing stream of the ^bEuphrates to the brook of Egypt; and you will be ^cgathered up one by one, O sons of Israel.

13 It will come about also in that day that a great ^atrumpet will be blown; and those who

11 ^aIs. 18:5 ^bDeut. 32:28; Is. 1:3; 5:13; Jer. 8:7 ^cDeut.
32:18; Is. 43:1, 7; 44:2, 21, 24 ^dIs. 8:17
12 ^aIs. 11:11; 17:6; 24:13; 38:6 ^bGen. 15:18 ^cDeut. 30:3;
4 Neh. 1:9
13 ^aLev. 25:9; 1 Chr. 15:24; Matt. 24:31; Rev. 11:15

were perishing in the land of ^bAssyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come and ^cworship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

WOE to the proud crown of the ^adrunkards of ^bEphraim,

And to the fading flower of its glorious beauty,

Which is at the head of the ¹fertile valley

Of those who are ²overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord has a strong and ^amighty agent;

As a storm of ^bhail, a tempest of destruction,

Like a storm of ^cmighty overflowing waters,

He has cast it down to the earth with His hand.

3 The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim is ^atrodden under foot.

4 And the fading flower of its glorious beauty,

Which is at the head of the ¹fertile valley,

Will be like the ^afirst-ripe fig prior to summer;

Which ²one sees,

And ³as soon as it is in his ⁴hand,

He swallows it.

5 In that day the ^aLORD of hosts will become a beautiful ^bcrown

And a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people;

6 A ^aspirit of justice for him who sits in judgment,

A ^bstrength to those who repel the ¹onslaught at the gate.

7 And these also ^areel with wine and stagger from strong drink:

^bThe priest and ^cthe prophet

reel with strong drink,

13 ^bIs.
19:24, 25 ^cIs.
19:21, 23;
49:7; 68:23;
Zech. 14:16;
Heb. 12:22

1 ¹Lit., valley of fatness
²Lit., smitten
^cIs. 28:7; Hos. 7:5 ^bIs. 9:9

2 ^aIs. 8:7, 40:10 ^bIs. 28:17, 30:30; 32:19; Ezek. 13:11 ^cIs. 8:6, 7, 30:28; Nah. 1:8

3 ^aIs. 28:6, 28:18

4 ¹Lit., valley of fatness
²Lit., the one spring sees
³Lit., while it is yet ⁴Lit., palm
^aHos. 9:10; Mic. 7:1; Nah. 3:12

5 ^aIs. 41:16, 45:25; 60:1, 19 ^bIs. 62:3

6 ¹Lit., bur-
tle
^a1 Kin. 3:28; Is. 11:2, 32:15, 16; John 5:30
²Chr. 32:6; 8; Is. 25:4

7 ¹Lit., new-
ing
^aIs. 5:11, 22; 22:13; 58:12; Hos. 4:11 ^bIs. 24:2 ^cIs. 9:15
^dHab. 2:15; 16 ^aIs. 29:11

8 ^aJer. 48:26

9 ^aIs. 2:3; 28:26; 30:20; 48:17; 50:4; 54:13 ^bPs. 131:2

10 ¹Heb., Sav lasav, sav lasav, Kav lahav, kav lahav, Ze'er sham, ze'er sham. These Hebrew monosyllables, imitating the babbling of a child, mock the prophet's preaching
²Chr. 38:15; Neh. 9:30

11 ^aIs. 33:19; 1 Cor. 14:21

12 ^aIs. 11:10; 30:15; 32:17, 18; Jer. 6:16; Matt. 11:28, 29

They are confused by wine, they stagger from ^astrong drink;

They reel while ¹having ^cvisions,

They totter when rendering judgment.

8 For all the tables are full of filthy ^avomit, without a single clean place.

9 ¶ "To ^awhom would He teach knowledge?

And to whom would He interpret the message?

Those *just* ^bweaned from milk?

Those *just* taken from the breast?

10 "For He says,

"¹Order on order, order on order,

Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there."

11 Indeed, He will speak to this people

Through ^astammering lips and a foreign tongue,

12 He who said to them, "Here is ^arest, give rest to the weary,"

And, "Here is repose," but they would not listen.

13 So the word of the LORD to them will be,

"¹Order on order, order on order,

Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there,"

That they may go and ^astumble backward, be broken, snared, and taken captive.

14 Therefore, ^ahear the word of the LORD, O ^bscoffers,

Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,

15 Because you have said,

"We have made a ^acovenant with death,

13 IV. 10, note 1. The LORD responds to their scoffing by imitating their mockery, to represent the unintelligible language of a conqueror. ^aIs. 8:15; Matt. 21:44

14 ^aIs. 1:10; 28:22 ^bIs. 29:20

15 ^aIs. 28:18

- And with ¹Sheol we have made a ²pact.
^bThe overwhelming ³scourge will not reach us when it passes by,
 For we have made ^cfalsehood our refuge and we have ^dconcealed ourselves with deception."
 16 Therefore thus says the Lord ¹God,
 "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested ^bstone, A costly cornerstone for the foundation, ²firmly placed.
 He who believes in it will not be ³disturbed.
 17 "And I will make ^ajustice the measuring line,
 And righteousness the level;
 Then ^bhail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
 And the waters shall overflow the secret place.
 18 "And your ^acovenant with death shall be ^banceled,
 And your pact with Sheol shall not stand;
 When the ^coverwhelming scourge passes through,
 Then you become its ^dtrampling place.
 19 "As ^aoften as it passes through, it will ¹seize you.
 For ^bmorning after morning it will pass through, any time during the day or night.
 And it will be ²sheer ^cterror to understand ³what it means."
 20 The bed is too short on which to stretch out,
 And the ^ablanket is too ¹small to wrap oneself in.
 21 For the LORD will rise up as at Mount ^aPerazim,
 He will be stirred up as in the valley of ^bGibeon;
 To do His ^ctask, His ¹unusual task,

¹⁸ ¹i.e., the nether world
²So some ancient versions; Heb. ³Or, flood
¹⁹ ¹Is. 8:8; 28:2; 30:28; Dan. 11:22; ²Is. 9:15; 30:9; 44:20; 50:3, 4; Ezek. 13:22
²⁰ ¹Is. 29:15
²¹ ¹Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord ²Lit. well laid ³Lit. in a hurry
²² ¹Rom. 9:33; 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:8
²³ ¹Ps. 118:22; ²Is. 8:14, 15; Matt. 21:42; Mark. 12:10; Luke. 20:17; Acts. 4:11; Eph. 2:20
²⁴ ¹7:2 Kin. 21:13; ²Is. 5:16; 30:18; 61:8; Amos. 7:7-9
²⁵ ¹Is. 28:15
²⁶ ¹Is. 28:15
²⁷ ¹Is. 28:15
²⁸ ¹Is. 28:15
²⁹ ¹Is. 28:15
³⁰ ¹Is. 28:15
³¹ ¹Is. 28:15
³² ¹Is. 28:15
³³ ¹Is. 28:15
³⁴ ¹Is. 28:15
³⁵ ¹Is. 28:15
³⁶ ¹Is. 28:15
³⁷ ¹Is. 28:15
³⁸ ¹Is. 28:15
³⁹ ¹Is. 28:15
⁴⁰ ¹Is. 28:15
⁴¹ ¹Is. 28:15
⁴² ¹Is. 28:15
⁴³ ¹Is. 28:15
⁴⁴ ¹Is. 28:15
⁴⁵ ¹Is. 28:15
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⁹⁸ ¹Is. 28:15
⁹⁹ ¹Is. 28:15
¹⁰⁰ ¹Is. 28:15

- And to work His work, His ²extraordinary work.
 22 And now do not carry on as ^ascoffers,
 Lest your fetters be made stronger;
 For I have heard from the Lord ¹God of hosts,
 Of decisive ^bdestruction on all the earth.
 23 ¹ Give ear and hear my voice,
 Listen and hear my words.
 24 Does the ¹farmer plow ²continually to plant seed?
 Does he ^ccontinually ³turn and harrow the ground?
 25 Does he not level its surface,
 And sow dill and scatter ^acummin,
 And ¹plant ^bwheat in rows,
 Barley in its place, and rye within its ²area?
 26 For his God instructs and teaches him properly.
 27 For dill is not threshed with a ^athreshing sledge,
 Nor is the cartwheel ¹driven over cummin;
 But dill is beaten out with a rod, and cummin with a club.
 28 Grain for bread is crushed, Indeed, he does not continue to thresh it forever.
 Because the wheel of his cart and his horses eventually ¹damage it,
 He does not thresh it longer.
 29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts,
 Who has made His counsel ^awonderful and His wisdom ^bgreat.

CHAPTER 29

WOE, O ¹Ariel, ¹Ariel the city where David once ^acamped!

- ²⁷ ¹Lit. rolled ²Amos 1:3
²⁸ ¹Lit. discomfit
²⁹ ¹Is. 9:6 ²Is. 31:2; Rom. 11:33
³⁰ ¹Is. 1:1; ²Lit. Line of God, or, Jerusalem ³2 Sam. 5:9

- Add year to year, ^{2b}observe
your feasts on schedule.
- 2 And I will bring distress to
Ariel,
And she shall be a city of la-
menting and ^amourning;
And she shall be like an
Ariel to me.
- 3 And I will ^acamp against
you ¹encircling you,
And I will set siegeworks
against you,
And I will raise up battle
towers against you.
- 4 Then you shall ^abe brought
low;
From the earth you shall
speak,
And from the dust where
you are prostrate,
Your words shall come.
Your voice shall also be like
that of a ¹spirit from the
ground,
And your speech shall whis-
per from the dust.
- 5 ¶ But the multitude of your
¹enemies shall become
like fine ^adust,
And the multitude of the
^bruthless ones like the
chaff which ²blows
away;
And it shall happen ^cin-
stantly, suddenly.
- 6 From the LORD of hosts you
will be ^apunished with
^bthunder and earthquake
and loud noise,
With whirlwind and tem-
pest and the flame of a
consuming fire.
- 7 And the ^amultitude of all the
nations who wage war
against ¹Ariel,
Even all who wage war
against her and her
stronghold, and who dis-
tress her,
Shall be like a dream, a ^bvi-
sion of the night.
- 8 And it will be as when a
hungry man dreams—
And behold, he is eating;

1 ¹Lit.,
let your
feasts run
their round
bIs. 1:14;
5:12; 22:12;
13; 29:9, 13
2 ^aIs. 3:26;
Lam. 2:5
3 ¹Lit., like
a circle
^aLuke 19:43.
44
4 ¹Or,
ghost
^aIs. 8:19
5 ¹Lit.,
strangers
²Lit., passes
away
^aIs. 17:13;
41:15, 16 bIs
13:11, 25:3;
29:20 ^aIs.
17:14; 30:13;
47:11.
1 Thess. 5:3
6 ^aIs. 10:3;
28:14, 21
b1 Sam. 2:10;
Matt. 24:7;
Mark 13:8;
Luke 21:11;
Rev. 11:13;
19:16:18
7 IV. 1,
note 1
^aMic. 4:11;
12; Zech. 12:9
^bJob 20:8; Ps
73:20; Is.
17:14
8 ¹Lit., soul
^aIs. 54:17
9 ^aIs. 29:1
bIs. 51:17, 21;
22:63:6
10 ^aPs.
69:23; Is. 6:9;
10; Mic. 3:6;
Rom. 11:8
bIs. 44:18;
2 Thess. 2:9-
12
11 ¹Or,
scroll ²Lit.,
knows books
^aIs. 8:16; Dan.
12:4, 9; Matt.
13:11
12 ¹Or,
scroll ²Lit.,
does not
know books
³Lit., do not
know books
13 ¹Lit.,
mouth ²Lit.,
lips ³Lit., fear
of Me ⁴Lit., is
⁵Lit., com-
mandment of
rulers
^aEzek. 33:31;
Matt. 15:8, 9;
Mark 7:6, 7
14 ^aIs. 6:9;
10; 28:21;
63:7; Hab. 1:5
bIs. 44:25;
Jer. 8:9; 49:7;
1 Cor. 1:19

- But when he awakens, his
¹hunger is not satisfied,
Or as when a thirsty man
dreams—
And behold, he is drinking,
But when he awakens, be-
hold, he is faint,
And his ¹thirst is not
quenched.
^aThus the multitude of all
the nations shall be,
Who wage war against
Mount Zion.
- 9 ¶ ^aBe delayed and wait.
Blind yourselves and be
blind.
They ^bbecome drunk, but
not with wine;
They stagger, but not with
strong drink.
- 10 For the LORD has poured
over you a spirit of deep
^asleep,
He has ^bshut your eyes, the
prophets;
And He has covered your
heads, the seers.
- 11 And the entire vision shall
be to you like the words of a
sealed ^{1a}book, which when they
give it to the one who ²is literate,
saying, "Please read this," he
will say, "I cannot, for it is
sealed."
- 12 Then the ¹book will be given
to the one who ²is illiterate, say-
ing, "Please read this." And he
will say, "I ³cannot read."
- 13 ¶ Then the Lord said,
"Because ^athis people draw
near with their ¹words
And honor Me with their
²lip service,
But they remove their
hearts far from Me,
And their ³reverence for Me
⁴consists of ⁵tradition
learned by rote,
- 14 Therefore behold, I will
once again deal ^amarvel-
ously with this people,
wondrously marvelous;
And ^bthe wisdom of their
wise men shall perish,

And the discernment of
their discerning men
shall be concealed.

15 ¶ Woe to those who deeply
hide their plans from
the LORD,

And whose deeds are done
in a dark place,

And they say, "Who sees
us?" or "Who knows us?"

16 You turn things around!

Shall the potter be consid-
ered as equal with the
clay,

That what is made should
say to its maker, "He did
not make me";

Or what is formed say to
him who formed it, "He
has no understanding"?

17 ¶ Is it not yet just a little
while

Before Lebanon will be
turned into a fertile field,
And the fertile field will be
considered as a forest?

18 And on that day the deaf
shall hear words of a
book,

And out of their gloom and
darkness the eyes of the
blind shall see.

19 The afflicted also shall in-
crease their gladness in
the LORD,

And the needy of mankind
shall rejoice in the Holy
One of Israel.

20 For the ruthless will come
to an end, and the
scorner will be finished.
Indeed all who are intent
on doing evil will be cut
off;

21 Who cause a person to be
indicted by a word,

And ensnare him who ad-
judicates at the gate,

And defraud the one in the
right with meaningless
arguments.

22 ¶ Therefore thus says the

18 ¹Lit.,
counsel
*Ps. 10:11, 13.
Is. 28:15; 30:1
*Job 22:13;
Is. 57:12;
Ezek. 8:12
*Ps. 94:7, 18
47:10; Mal.
2:17

16 ¹Lit., ¹like
*Is. 45:9; 64:8
Jer. 18:1-6;
Rom. 9:19-21
17 ¹Lit.,
And
*Ps. 84:6,
107:33, 35, 18
32:15

18 *Is. 35:5,
42:18, 19;
43:8; Matt.
11:5; Mark
7:37 *Is.
29:11 *Ps.
119:18; Prov.
20:12, 18 32:3
19 *Ps. 25:9,
37:11, 18

11:4, 61:1,
Matt. 5:5,
11:29 *Is.
3:14, 15, 11:4,
14:30, 32;
25:4, 28:6;
Matt. 11:5;
James 1:9,
2:5

20 ¹Lit.,
watch evil
*Is. 29:5 *Is.
28:14 *Is.
59:4; Mic. 2:1
21 ¹Lit.,
bring a per-
son under
condemna-
tion ²Lit.,
turn aside

³Lit., confu-
sion
*Amos 5:10
*Is. 32:7,
Amos 5:12
22 *Is. 41:8,
51:2, 63:16
*Is. 46:17;
49:23, 50:7,
54:4

23 ¹Or, his
children see
*Is. 49:20-26
*Is. 28:12,
45:11; Eph.
2:10 *Is. 5:16,
8:13

24 ¹Lit.,
spirit ²Lit.,
understand-
ing ³Lit.,
murmur ⁴Lit.,
learn
*Is. 30:21,
Hab. 5:2 *Is.
41:20; 60:18
*Is. 54:13

1 ¹Lit.,
pour out a
drink offering
*Is. 1:2, 23;
30:9; 65:2 *Is.
28:15 *Is.
8:11, 12

2 ¹Lit., My
mouth

LORD, who redeemed Abraham,
concerning the house of Jacob,

"Jacob shall not now be
ashamed, nor shall his
face now turn pale;

23 But when he sees his chil-
dren, the work of My
hands, in his midst,

They will sanctify My
name;

Indeed, they will sanctify
the Holy One of Jacob,

And will stand in awe of the
God of Israel.

24 "And those who err in mind
will know the truth,

And those who criticize
will accept instruction.

CHAPTER 30

“WOE to the rebellious
children,” declares the
LORD,

“Who execute a plan, but
not Mine,

And make an alliance, but
not of My Spirit,

In order to add sin to sin;

2 Who proceed down to
Egypt,

Without consulting Me,

To take refuge in the safety
of Pharaoh,

And to seek shelter in the
shadow of Egypt!

3 "Therefore the safety of Pha-
raoh will be your shame,

And the shelter in the
shadow of Egypt, your
humiliation.

4 "For their princes are at
Zoan,

And their ambassadors ar-
rive at Hanes.

5 "Everyone will be ashamed
because of a people who
cannot profit them,

Who are not for help or
profit, but for shame and
also for reproach."

*Is. 31:1, Jer. 42:7 *Is. 8:19 *Is. 30:9
3 *Is. 20:5, 6 36:6; Jer. 42:18, 22
4 *Is. 18:11
5 Jer. 2:36 *Is. 10:3 30:7, 31:3

6 ¶ The ¹oracle concerning the ²beasts of the ³Negev.

Through a land of ⁴distress and anguish.

From ²where come lioness and lion, viper and ⁴flying serpent,

They ⁵carry their riches on the ³backs of young donkeys

And their treasures on ⁶'camels' humps.

To a people who cannot profit them;

7 Even Egypt, whose ⁷help is vain and empty.

Therefore, I have called ¹her

"^{2b}Rahab who has been exterminated."

8 Now go, ⁸write it on a tablet before them

And inscribe it on a scroll,

That it may ¹serve in the time to come

²As a witness forever.

9 For this is a ⁹rebellious people, ^bfalse sons,

Sons who ¹refuse to ^clisten To the ²instruction of the LORD;

10 Who say to the ⁹seers, "You must not see visions";

And to the prophets, "You must not ^bprophecy to us what is right,

^cSpeak to us ¹pleasant words,

Prophecy illusions.

11 "Get out of the way, ^aturn aside from the path,

^{1b}Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel."

12 Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,

"^aSince you have rejected this word,

And have put your trust in ^boppression and guile, and have relied on them,

13 Therefore this ^ainiquity will be to you

Like a ^bbreach about to fall, A bulge in a high wall,

6 ¹Or, burden of ²Lit., them ³Lit., shoulders
4 Is. 46:1, 2
5 Gen. 12:9
6 Ex. 5:10, 21;
Deut. 4:20;
8:15; Is. 5:30;
8:22; Jer. 11:4
7 Deut. 8:15;
Is. 14:29
8 Is. 7:46, 1, 2
9 1 Kin. 10:2
10 ¹Lit., this one ²M.T. reads They are Rahab (or arrogance), to remain
11 Is. 30:5
12 Job 9:13, Ps. 87:4,
89:10; Is. 51:9
13 ¹Lit., he
14 So the versions, Heb., Forever and ever
15 Is. 8:1
16 ¹Lit., are not willing
17 Or, law
18 Is. 30:1
19 Is. 28:15; 50:3, 4
20 Is. 1:10; 5:24;
24:5
21 ¹Lit., smooth things
22 Is. 29:10
23 Jer. 11:21; Amos 2:12; 7:13
24 1 Kin. 22:8;
13; Jer. 6:14;
23:17, 26;
Ezek. 13:7;
Rom. 16:18;
2 Tim. 4:3, 4
25 ¹Lit., Cause to cease from our presence the
26 Acts 13:8
27 Job 21:14
28 12 Is. 5:24;
7:9; 8:6
29 Is. 3:14, 15; 5:7;
50:13
30 13 Is. 26:21
31 1 Kin. 20:30;
Ps. 62:4; Is. 58:12
32 Is. 29:5; 47:11
33 ¹Lit., Crushed, it will not be spared
34 ²Lit., snatch up
35 Ps. 2:9; Jer. 19:10, 11
36 15 Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD
37 ²Lit., returning
38 Ps. 116:7; Is. 28:12
39 Is. 7:4;
32:17
40 16 Is. 2:7;
31:1, 3

Whose collapse comes ^csuddenly in an instant.

14 "And whose collapse is like the smashing of a ^apot-ter's jar;

¹So ruthlessly shattered

That a sherd will not be found among its pieces

To ²take fire from a hearth,

Or to scoop water from a cistern."

15 For thus the Lord ¹God, the Holy One of Israel, has said,

"In ²repentance and ^arest you shall be saved,

In ^bquietness and trust is your strength."

But you were not willing,

16 And you said, "No, for we will flee on ^ahorses,"

Therefore you shall flee!

"And we will ride on swift horses,"

Therefore those who pursue you shall be swift.

17 ^aOne thousand shall flee at the threat of one man,

You shall flee at the threat of five;

Until you are left as a ¹flag on a mountain top,

And as a signal on a hill.

18 ¶ Therefore the LORD ^{1a}longs to be gracious to you,

And therefore He ²waits on ^bhigh to have compassion on you.

For the LORD is a ^cGod of justice;

How blessed are all those who ^{3d}long for Him.

19 ¹O people in Zion, ^ainhabitant in Jerusalem, you will ^bwEEP no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your

17 ¹Lit., pole
18 ¹Lev. 28:36; Deut. 28:25; 32:30; Josh. 23:10; Prov. 28:1

19 ¹Lit., waits
20 ²Lit., is on high
21 ³Lit., wait
22 Is. 42:14, 16; 48:9; Jon. 3:4, 10; 2 Pet. 3:9, 15
23 Is. 2:11, 17; 33:5
24 Is. 5:16; 28:17; 61:8
25 Is. 8:17; 25:9; 28:8; 33:2

26 ¹M.T. reads A people will inhabit Zion, Jerusalem
27 Is. 60:9; Ezek. 37:23, 28
28 Is. 25:8; 60:20; 61:1-3

cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.

20 Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher.

21 And your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

22 And you will defile your graven images, overlaid with silver, and your molten images plated with gold. You will scatter them as an impure thing; and say to them, "Be gone!"

23 Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will be rich and plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

24 Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork.

25 And on every lofty mountain and on every high hill there will be streams running with water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

26 And the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, on the day the Lord binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise He has inflicted.

27 Behold, the name of the Lord comes from a remote place;

Burning is His anger, and dense is His smoke; His lips are filled with indignation.

And His tongue is like a consuming fire;

28 And His breath is like an overflowing torrent,

19 Ps. 50:15; Is. 56:9; 65:24; Matt. 7:7-11
20 1 Kin. 22:27; Ps. 80:5; 74:9; Amos 8:11
21 1 La., say- ing, "This" Ps. 25:8, 9; Prov. 3:6; Is. 35:8, 9; 42:16
22 1 La., "Go out!" Ex. 32:2, 4; Judg. 17:3, 4; Is. 48:6
23 1 La., your 2 La., fairness 3 La., for Ps. 65:9-13; 104:13, 14; 144:13; Is. 32:20; Hos. 4:16
24 1 La., one unknown Matt. 3:12; Luke 3:17
25 1 La., canals, streams of water Ps. 35:6, 7; 41:18; 43:19; 20 Ma. 34:2
26 1 La., of His blow Ps. 24:23; 80:19, 20; Rev. 21:23; 22:5 Ma. 61:1; Is. 1:6; 30:13; 14 Deut. 32:39; Job 5:18; Is. 33:24; Jer. 33:6; Hos. 6:1, 2
27 1 La., distance 2 La., heavens 3 La., uplift ing Ps. 50:19 Ma. 10:17; Is. 10:5, 13, 5; 66:14 Ma. 66:15
28 1 La., lift- ing of the worthless 2 La., mass leads Ps. 11:4; 30:33; 2 Thes. 2:8 Ma. 8:8
29 1 La., the song 30 1 La., the majesty of His voice 31 1 La., descent 31 Ma. 11:4; 14:25; 31:8; Is. 10:28; 11:4

Which reaches to the neck, To shake the nations back and forth in a sieve, And to put in the jaws of the peoples the bridle which leads to ruin.

29 You will have songs as in the night when you keep the festival;

And gladness of heart as when one marches to the sound of the flute.

To go to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

30 And the LORD will cause His voice of authority to be heard.

And the descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger,

And in the flame of a consuming fire.

In cloudburst, downpour, and hailstones.

31 For at the voice of the LORD Assyria will be terrified, When He strikes with the rod.

32 And every blow of the rod of punishment,

Which the LORD will lay on him,

Will be with the music of tambourines and lyres;

And in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight them.

33 For Topheth has long been ready,

Indeed, it has been prepared for the king.

He has made it deep and large,

A pyre of fire with plenty of wood;

The breath of the LORD, like a torrent of brimstone, sets it afire.

33 1 La., passing 2 La., roof of foundation Ps. 10:24
31 Sam. 18:6; Jer. 31:4; Ezek. 32:10
32 1 La., the place of human sacrifice to Moloch 2 La., its pole 3 Kin. 23:10; Jer. 7:31; 19:6 Ma. 11:4; 30:28
4 Gen. 19:24; Is. 34:9

CHAPTER 31

WOE to those who go down
to ^aEgypt for help,
And ^brely on horses,
And trust in chariots be-
cause they are many,
And in horsemen because
they are very strong.
But they do not ^clook to the
^dHoly One of Israel, nor
seek the LORD!

2 Yet He also is ^awise and will
^bbring disaster,

And does ^cnot retract His
words,

But will arise against the
house of ^devildoers,
And against the help of the
^eworkers of iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians are
^amen, and not God,

And their ^bhorses are flesh
and not spirit;

So the LORD will ^cstretch
out His hand,

And ^dhe who helps will
stumble

And he who is helped will
fall,

And all of them will come to
an end together.

4 ¶ For thus says the LORD to
me,

"As the ^alion or the young
lion growls over his prey,

Against which a band of
shepherds is called out,

Will not be terrified at their
voice, nor disturbed at
their noise,

So will the LORD of hosts
come down to wage ^bwar
on Mount Zion and on its
hill."

5 Like ¹flying ^abirds so the
LORD of hosts will protect
Jerusalem.

He will ^bprotect and deliver
it;

He will pass over and res-
cue it.

6 ^aReturn to Him from whom
¹you have ^bdeeply defected, O
sons of Israel.

1 ^aIs. 30:2,
7; 36:6 ^bDeut.
17:16; Ps.
20:7; 33:17;
Is. 2:7; 30:16
^cIs. 9:13; Dan.
9:13; Amos
5:4-8 ^dIs.
10:17; 43:15;
Hos. 11:9;
Hab. 1:12; 3:3
2 ^aIs.
28:29; Rom.
16:27 ^bIs.
45:7 ^cNum.
23:19; Jer.
44:29 ^dIs. 1:4,
9:17; 14:20
^eIs. 22:14,
32:6

3 ^aEzek.
28:9; 2 Thess.
2:4 ^bIs. 36:9
^cIs. 9:17; Jer.
15:6; Ezek.
20:33; 34 ^dIs.
30:5; 7; Matt.
15:14

4 ^aNum.
24:9; Hos.
11:10; Amos
3:8 ^bIs. 42:13;
Zech. 12:8

5 ¹Or, hov-
ering
^aDeut. 32:11;
Ps. 91:4 ^bIs.
37:35; 38:6
6 ¹Lit.,

they
^aIs. 44:22;
55:7; Jer.
3:10; 14:22;
Ezek. 18:31;
32 ^bIs. 1:2, 5
7 ^aIs. 2:20;
30:22 ¹Kin.
12:30

8 ¹Lit., flow
^aIs. 10:12;
14:25; 30:31-
33; 37:7, 36-
38 ^bIs. 66:16
^cIs. 21:15
^dGen. 49:15;
Is. 14:2

9 ^aDeut.
32:31; 37 ^bIs.
5:26; 13:2;
18:3 ^cIs.
10:16; 17;
30:33; Zech.
2:5

1 ^aPs. 72:1-
4; Is. 9:6, 7;
11:4, 5; Jer.
23:5; 33:15;
Ezek. 37:24;
Zech. 9:9

2 ¹Lit., ca-
nals ²Lit.,
heavy ³Lit.,
an exhausted
^aIs. 4:8; 25:4
^bIs. 35:8;
41:18; 43:19,
20

3 ¹Or,
turned away
^aIs. 29:18

4 ¹Lit.,
heart ²Lit.,
knowledge
^aIs. 29:24

7 For in that day every man
will ^acast away his silver idols
and his gold idols, which your
hands have made as ^ba sin.

8 And the ^aAssyrian will fall
by a sword not of man,
And a ^bsword not of man
will devour him.

So he will ^cnot escape the
sword,

And his young men will be-
come ^dforced laborers.

9" And his ^arock will pass
away because of panic,

And his princes will be terri-
fied at the ^bstandard,"

Declares the LORD, whose
^cfire is in Zion and whose
furnace is in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 32

BEHOLD, a ^aking will reign
righteously,

And princes will rule justly.

2 And each will be like a ^aref-
uge from the wind,

And a shelter from the
storm,

Like ¹streams of water in a
dry country,

Like the ^ashade of a ²huge
rock in ³a parched land.

3 Then ^athe eyes of those who
see will not be ¹blinded,

And the ears of those who
hear will listen.

4 And the ¹mind of the ^ahasty
will discern the ²truth,

And the tongue of the stam-
merers will hasten to
speak clearly.

5 No longer will the ^afool be
called noble,

Or the rogue be spoken of as
generous.

6 For a fool speaks nonsense,
And his heart ¹inclines

toward wickedness,
To practice ^bungodliness

and to speak error
against the LORD,

8 ¹1 Sam. 25:25

9 ¹Or, does ^aProv. 19:3; 24:7-9; Is. 59:7 13 ^bIs.
9:17; 10:6

- To ^{2c}keep the hungry person unsatisfied
And ³to withhold drink from the thirsty.
- 7 As for a rogue, his weapons are evil;
He ^adevises wicked schemes
To ^bdestroy the afflicted with ¹islander,
^cEven though the needy one speaks ²what is right.
- 8 But ^athe noble man devises noble plans;
And by noble plans he stands.
- 9 ¶ Rise up you ^awomen who are at ease,
And hear my voice;
^bGive ear to my word,
You complacent daughters.
- 10 Within a year and a few days,
You will be troubled, O complacent daughters;
^aFor the vintage is ended,
And the fruit gathering will not come.
- 11 Tremble, you women who are at ease;
^aBe troubled, you complacent daughters;
^bStrip, undress, and put sackcloth on your waist,
- 12 ^aBeat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine,
- 13 ^aFor the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up;
Yea, for all the joyful houses, and for the ^bjubilant city.
- 14 Because ^athe palace has been abandoned, the ¹populated ^bcity forsaken.
²Hill and watch-tower have become ^ccaves forever,
A delight for ^dwild donkeys, a pasture for flocks;
- 15 Until the ^aSpirit is poured out upon us from on high,

6 ^aLt., make empty the hungry soul
^aLt., he causes to lack
Isa. 3:15; 10:2
7 ^aLt., words of falsehood
^aLt., justly
Jer. 5:26-28; Mic. 7:3
Isa. 11:4, 61:1
Isa. 5:23
8 ^aProv. 11:25
9 ^aIsa. 47:2; Amos 6:1; Zeph. 2:15
Isa. 28:23
10 ^aIsa. 5:5; 6:7-23; 24:7
11 ^aIsa. 22:12
Isa. 47:2
12 ^aNah. 2:7
13 ^aIsa. 5:6; 10:17; 27:10
Isa. 22:2; 23:9
14 ^aLt., multitude of the ^aOr, Ophel
Isa. 13:22; 25:2; 34:13
Isa. 6:11; 22:2; 24:10; 12:1a; 13:21; 34:13
Isa. 104:11; Jer. 14:6
15 ^aIsa. 11:2; 44:3; 50:21; Ezek. 39:29; Joel 2:28
Isa. 107:35; Is. 29:17; 35:1; 2:16
Isa. 33:5; Zech. 8:3
17 ^aOr, security
Isa. 72:2, 3; 65:8; 119:165; Is. 2:4; Rom. 14:17; James 3:18
Isa. 30:15
18 ^aIsa. 26:3; 12:1a; 11:10; 14:3; 30:15; Hos. 2:18-23; Zech. 2:5; 3:10
19 ^aIsa. 28:2; 17:30-30
Isa. 10:18; 19:34
Isa. 24:10; 12:28-3; 27:10; 29:4
20 ^aLt., send out the foot of the ox
Ecc. 11:1; Is. 30:23; 24:1
Isa. 10:6; 21:2
Isa. 24:16; 48:8
Isa. 10:12; 14:25; 31:8; Hab. 2:8
Isa. 25:12-14; Matt. 7:2

And the wilderness becomes a ^bfertile field
And the fertile field is considered as a forest.

- 16 Then ^ajustice will dwell in the wilderness,
And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.
- 17 And the ^awork of righteousness will be peace,
And the service of righteousness, ^bquietness and ¹confidence forever.
- 18 Then my people will live in a ^apeaceful habitation,
And in secure dwellings and in undisturbed ^bresting places;
- 19 And it will ^ahail when the ^bforest comes down,
And ^cthe city will be utterly laid low.
- 20 How ^ablessed will you be, you who sow beside all waters,
Who ¹let out freely the ox and the donkey.

CHAPTER 33

- W**OE ^ato you, O destroyer,
While you were not destroyed;
And he ^bwho is treacherous, while others did not deal treacherously with him.
As soon as you shall finish destroying, ^cyou shall be destroyed;
As soon as you shall cease to deal treacherously, others shall ^ddeal treacherously with you.
- 2 O LORD, ^abe gracious to us; we have ^bwaited for Thee.
Be Thou ¹their ^{2c}strength every morning.
Our salvation also in the ^dtime of distress.
- 3 At the sound of the tumult ^apeoples flee;

2 ¹Some versions read our ^aLt., arm
Isa. 25:9
Isa. 40:10; 51:5; 58:16
Isa. 37:3
3 ^aIsa. 17:13; 21:15

- At the ^blifting up of Thyself
nations disperse.
- 4 And your spoil is gathered
as the caterpillar gath-
ers;
As locusts rushing about,
men rush about on it.
- 5 The LORD is ^aexalted, for He
dwells on high;
He has ^bfilled Zion with jus-
tice and righteousness.
- 6 And He shall be the ¹stabil-
ity of your times,
A ^bwealth of salvation, wis-
dom, and ^cknowledge;
The ^dfear of the LORD is his
treasure.
- 7 Behold, their brave men cry
in ¹the streets,
The ²ambassadors of
peace weep bitterly.
- 8 The highways are desolate,
¹the ^atraveler has ceased,
He has ^bbroken the cov-
enant, he has despised
the cities,
He has no regard for man.
- 9 ^aThe land mourns and pines
away,
^bLebanon is shamed and
withers;
^cSharon is like a desert
plain,
And Bashan and Carmel
¹lose their foliage.
- 10 "Now ^aI will arise," says the
LORD,
"Now I will be exalted, now I
will be lifted up.
- 11 "You have ^aconceived ¹chaff,
you will give birth to
stubble;
²My ^bbreath will consume
you like a fire.
- 12 "And the peoples will be
burned to lime,
^aLike cut thorns which are
burned in the fire.
- 13 ¶ "You who are far away,
^ahear what I have done;
And you who are near, ¹ac-
knowledge My might."
- 14 ^aSinners in Zion are terri-
fied;

3 bIs. 10:33,
17:13, 59:16;
18, Jer. 25:30,
31
5 aPs. 97:9
bIs. 1:26;
28:6, 32:16
6 1Cor.,
faithfulness
aIs. 33:20 bIs.
45:17, 51:6
cIs. 11:9
d2 Kin. 18:7;
Ps. 112:1, 3;
Is. 11:3, Matt.
6:33
7 1Lit., the
outside 2Lit.,
messengers
a2 Kin. 18:18,
37
8 1Lit., he
who passes
along the
way
aIs. 35:8 bIs.
24:5
9 1Lit.,
shake off
aIs. 3:26, 24:4,
29:2 bIs. 2:13,
10:34 cIs.
35:2, 65:10
10 aPs. 12:5,
Is. 2:19, 21
11 1Lit., dry
grass 2So one
ancient ver-
sion, M.T.
reads: Your
breath will
aPs. 7:14; Is.
28:18, 59:4;
James 1:15
bIs. 1:31
12 a2 Sam.
23:6, 7; Is.
10:17, 27:4
13 1Lit.,
know
aPs. 48:10; Is.
49:1
14 1Lit.,
everlasting
aIs. 1:28 bIs.
32:11 cIs.
30:27, 30;
Heb. 12:29
dIs. 9:18, 19;
10:16, 47:14
15 1Lit.,
gain of extor-
tioners
aPs. 15:2,
24:4; Is. 58:6
11 bPs.
118:37
16 1Lit.,
stronghold of
rock
aIs. 25:4 bIs.
49:10
17 aIs. 6:5;
24:23; 33:21,
22 bIs. 28:15
18 aIs. 17:14
b1 Cor. 1:20
19 1Lit.,
deepness of
lip 2Lit., from
hearing 3Lit.,
there is no
understand-
ing

- ^bTrembling has seized the
godless.
- "Who among us can live with
^cthe consuming fire?
Who among us can live with
¹continual ^dburning?"
- 15 He who ^awalks righteously, ¹
and speaks with sincer-
ity,
He who rejects ¹unjusti-
gain,
And shakes his hands so
that they hold no bribe;
He who stops his ears
from hearing about
bloodshed,
And ^bshuts his eyes from
looking upon evil;
- 16 He will dwell on the heights;
^aHis refuge will be the ¹im-
pregnable rock;
^bHis bread will be given
him;
His water will be sure.
- 17 ¶ Your eyes will see ^athe
King in His beauty;
They will behold ^ba far-dis-
tant land.
- 18 Your heart will meditate on
^aterror;
"Where is ^bhe who counts?
Where is he who weighs?
Where is he who counts the
towers?"
- 19 You will no longer see a
fierce people,
A people of ¹unintelligible
speech ²which no one
comprehends,
Of a stammering tongue
³which no one under-
stands.
- 20 ^aLook upon Zion, the city of
our appointed feasts;
Your eyes shall see Jerusa-
lem an ^bundisturbed
habitation,
^cA tent which shall not be
folded,
Its stakes shall never be
pulled up

aDeut. 28:49, 50; Is. 28:11; Jer. 5:15
20 aPs. 48:12 bPs. 46:5; 125:1, 2; Is. 32:18 cIs. 54:2

- Nor any of its cords be torn apart.
- 21 But there the majestic One, the LORD, shall be for us A place of ^arivers and wide canals,
On which no boat with oars shall go,
And on which no mighty ship shall pass—
- 22 For the LORD is our ^ajudge, The LORD is ^bour lawgiver, The LORD is ^cour king;
^dHe will save us—
- 23 Your tackle hangs slack; It cannot hold the base of its mast firmly,
Nor spread out the sail.
Then the ^aprey of an abundant spoil will be divided;
^bThe lame will take the plunder.
- 24 And no resident will say, "I am ^asick";
The people who dwell ^bthere will be ^bforgiven their iniquity.

CHAPTER 34

- D**RAW near, ^aO nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples!
- ^bLet the earth and ^ball it contains hear, and the world and all that springs from it.
- 2 For the LORD's ^aindignation is against all the nations, And His wrath against all their armies;
He has ^butterly destroyed them,
He has given them over to ^cslaughter.
- 3 So their slain will be ^athrown out,
And their corpses ^bwill give off their ^bstench,
And the mountains will ^bbe drenched with their ^cblood.
- 4 And ^aall the host of heaven will ^bwear away,

21 ^aIs. 41:18; 43:19, 20; 48:18, 68:12
22 ^aIs. 2:4; 11:4, 18:5, 51:5 ^bIs. 1:10, 51:4, 7, James 4:12
^cPs. 89:18, Is. 33:17, Zech. 9:9 ^dIs. 25:9, 35:4, 49:25, 26:16
23 ^a2 Kun 7:16 ^b2 Kun 7:8, Is. 35:6
24 ^aLit., in it
^bIs. 30:26, 58:8, Jer. 30:17 ^cIs. 40:2, 44:22, Jer. 50:20, Mic. 7:18, 19, 1 John 1:7-9
1 ^aLit., its fulness
^bPs. 49:1, Is. 41:1, 43:9
^cDeut. 32:1, Is. 1:2
2 ^aLit., put under the ban
^bIs. 28:20 ^cIs. 13:5, 24:1 ^dIs. 30:25, 63:6, 65:12
3 ^aLit., their stench will go up
^bLit., dissolve
^cIs. 14:19, Joel 2:20, Amos 4:10, Ezek. 14:19, 35:6, 38:22
4 ^aLit., rot
^bIs. 13:13, 51:6, Ezek. 32:7, 8, Joel 2:31, Matt. 24:29, 2 Pet. 3:10 ^cRev. 6:12-14
5 ^aDeut. 32:41, 42, Jer. 46:10, Ezek. 21:3-5 ^bIs. 63:1, Jer. 49:7, 8, 20, Ezek. 25:12, 14, 35:1-15, Amos 1:11, 12, Obad. 1-14, Mal. 1:4
^cIs. 24:6, 43:28
6 ^aLit., made fat
^bIs. 63:1, Jer. 49:13 ^cIs. 63:1
7 ^aLit., go down
^bLit., made fat
^cNum. 23:22, Ps. 22:21 ^dPs. 68:30, Jer. 50:27 ^eIs. 63:6
8 ^aOr, controversy
^bIs. 13:6, 35:4, 47:3, 61:2, 63:4

- And the ^bsky will be rolled up like a scroll;
All their hosts will also wither away
As a leaf withers from the vine,
Or as one withers from the fig tree.
- 5 For ^aMy sword is satiated in heaven,
Behold it shall descend for judgment upon ^bEdom,
And upon the people whom I have ^cdevoted to destruction.
- 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood,
It is ^bsated with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats,
With the fat of the kidneys of rams.
For the LORD has a sacrifice in ^aBozrah,
And a great slaughter in the land of ^bEdom.
- 7 ^aWild oxen shall also ^bfall with them,
And ^byoung bulls with strong ones;
Thus their land shall be ^csoaked with blood,
And their dust ^bbecome greasy with fat.
- 8 For the LORD has a day of ^avengeance,
A year of recompense for the ^bcause of Zion.
- 9 And ^bits streams shall be turned into pitch,
And its loose earth into ^abrimstone,
And its land shall become burning pitch.
- 10 It shall ^anot be quenched night or day;
Its ^bsmoke shall go up forever;
From ^cgeneration to generation it shall be desolate;
^dNone shall pass through it forever and ever.

9 ^aLit., Edom's ^bDeut. 28:23, Ps. 11:6, Is. 30:23
10 ^aIs. 1:31, 68:24 ^bRev. 14:11, 19:3 ^cIs. 13:20-22, 24:1, 34:10-15, Mal. 1:3, 4 ^dEzek. 29:11

- 11 But ¹pelican and hedgehog shall possess it,
And ²owl and raven shall dwell in it;
And He shall stretch over it the ³line of ⁴desolation
And the ⁵plumb line of emptiness.
- 12 Its nobles—there is ⁶no one there
Whom they may proclaim king—
And all its princes shall be ⁷nothing.
- 13 And thorns shall come up in its ⁸fortified towers,
Nettles and thistles in its fortified cities;
It shall also be a haunt of ⁹jackals
And an abode of ostriches.
- 14 And the desert ¹⁰creatures shall meet with the ¹¹wolves,
The ¹²hairy goat also shall cry to its kind;
Yes, the ¹³night monster shall settle there
And shall find herself a resting place.
- 15 The tree snake shall make its nest and lay eggs there,
And it will hatch and gather them under its ¹⁴protection.
Yes, ¹⁵the ¹⁶hawks shall be gathered there,
Every one with its kind.
- 16 ¶ Seek from the ¹⁷book of the LORD, and read:
Not one of these will be missing;
None will lack its mate.
For ¹⁸His mouth has commanded,
And His Spirit has gathered them.
- 17 And He has cast the ¹⁹lot for them,
And His hand has divided it to them by ²⁰line.
They shall possess it forever;

¹¹ Or, owl or jackdaw
² Or, great horned owl
³ Or, formless stones of void
⁴ Zeph 2:14
⁵ 2 Kin 21:13, Is 24:10, Lam 2:8
⁶ Jer 27:20, 39:6
⁷ Is 41:11, 12
⁸ Is 13:22, 25:2, 32:13
⁹ Ps 44:19, Jer 9:11, 10:22
¹⁰ Or, howling creatures
¹¹ Or, demon
¹² Heb, Lith
¹³ Is 13:21
¹⁴ Is 13:21
¹⁵ Lit., shade
¹⁶ Or, kites
¹⁷ Deut. 14:13
¹⁸ So DSS, M.T., My
¹⁹ Is 30:8
²⁰ Is 1:20, 40:5, 58:14
²¹ Is 17:13, 14; Jer 13:25
²² Is 34:11
²³ Is 34:10
²⁴ Or, desert
²⁵ Is 8:11, 7:21, 25, 27:10, 41:18, 55:12, 13
²⁶ Is 41:19, 51:3
²⁷ Is 27:6, 32:15
²⁸ Is 25:9, 35:10, 55:12, 13, 66:10, 14
²⁹ Is 60:13
³⁰ Song 7:5
³¹ Is 25:9
³² Lit., slack hands
³³ Lit., tottering knees
³⁴ Job 4:3, 4; Heb. 12:12
³⁵ Is 32:4
³⁶ Is 1:24, 47:3, 61:2, 63:4
³⁷ Is 34:8, 59:18
³⁸ Ps 145:19, 15, 33:22, 35:4
³⁹ Is 29:18, 32:3, 4; 42:7, 16; 50:4; Matt. 11:5; John 9:6, 7
⁴⁰ Or, desert
⁴¹ Matt. 15:30; John 5:8, 9; Acts 3:8
⁴² Matt. 9:32; Luke 11:14
⁴³ Is 35:1; 41:18; 43:19; 49:10; 51:3; John 7:38

From ¹generation to generation they shall dwell in it.

CHAPTER 35

- THE ¹wilderness and the desert will be glad,
And the ²Arabah will rejoice and blossom;
Like the crocus
2 It will ³blossom profusely
And ⁴rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy.
The ⁵glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
The majesty of ⁶Carmel and Sharon.
They will see the ⁷glory of the LORD,
The majesty of our God.
- 3 ⁸Encourage the ⁹exhausted, and strengthen the ¹⁰feeble.
- 4 Say to those with ¹¹anxious heart,
"Take courage, fear not.
Behold, your God will come with ¹²vengeance;
The ¹³recompense of God will come,
But He will ¹⁴save you."
- 5 Then the ¹⁵eyes of the blind will be opened,
And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.
- 6 Then the ¹⁶lame will leap like a deer,
And the ¹⁷tongue of the dumb will shout for joy.
For waters will break forth in the ¹⁸wilderness
And streams in the ¹⁹Arabah.
- 7 And the ²⁰scorched land will become a pool,
And the thirsty ground ²¹springs of water;
In the ²²haunt of jackals, its resting place,
Grass becomes reeds and rushes.
- 8 And ²³a highway will be there, ²⁴a roadway,

⁷ Or, mirage
⁸ Is 11:16, 19:23, 40:3, 49:11, 62:10
⁹ Is 30:21, 51:10

And it will be called the Highway of Holiness.

The unclean will not travel on it,

But it will be for him who walks that way,

And fools will not wander on it.

9 No lion will be there, Nor will any vicious beast go up on it;

These will not be found there.

But the redeemed will walk there.

10 And the ransomed of the LORD will return,

And come with joyful shouting to Zion,

With everlasting joy upon their heads.

They will find gladness and joy.

And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

CHAPTER 36

NOW it came about in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the fuller's field.

3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.

4 ¶ Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you have?"

5 "I say, 'Your counsel and strength for the war are only empty words.' Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?"

8 ¹Is.
4:3, 32:1;
Matt. 7:13.
14:1 Pet.
1:15, 16 ²Is.
33:8

9 ¹Lat., R
²Is. 5:29, 30:6
³Is. 51:10,
62:12, 63:4

10 ¹Lat.,
overtake
²Is. 1:27,
51:11 ³Is.
25:8, 30:19,
65:19, Rev.
7:17, 21:4

1 ²Kin.
18:13 ²Chr.
32:1

2 ¹Is.,
Isaiah's
²Kin. 18:17,
20:11, 2 Chr.
32:9-24, Is.
36:2-38:8 ³Is.
7:3

3 ²Is. 22:20
³Is. 22:15

4 ¹Lat.,
trust
²Kin. 18:19

5 ¹Lat.,
words of lips
²Kin. 18:7

6 ¹Lat.,
palm
²Isaiah 28:6, 7
³Ps. 148:3, Is.
30:3, 5, 7

7 ¹Orut.
12:2, 5, 2 Kin.
18:4, 5

8 ¹Lat.,
please ex-
change
pledges

9 ¹Lat.,
turn away
the face of
²Or, governor
³Lat., rely on
for yourself
⁴Is. 20:3,
30:2-5, 7, 31:3

10 ¹Lat.,
without the
LORD
²1 Kin. 13:18,
22:6, 12

11 ¹Lat.,
hear ²Is., He-
brew
³Exo. 4:7,
Dan. 2:4 ⁴Is.
38:13

12 ²Chr.
32:18

14 ²Is. 37:36

6 "Behold, you rely on the staff of this crushed reed, even on Egypt; on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.

7 "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'?

8 "Now therefore, come make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.

9 "How then can you repulse one official of the least of my master's servants, and rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 "And have I now come up without the LORD's approval against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.' "

11 ¶ Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Speak now to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it; and do not speak with us in Judean, in the hearing of the people who are on the wall."

12 But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, doomed to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?"

13 ¶ Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 "Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you;

15 nor let Hezekiah make you ^atrust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us, this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

16 'Do not listen to Hezekiah,' for thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his ^avine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the ^bwaters of his own cistern,

17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 'Beware lest Hezekiah misleads you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 'Where are the gods of ^aHamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of ^aSepharvaim? And when have they ^bdelivered Samaria from my hand?

20 'Who among all the ^agods of these lands have delivered their land from my hand, that the ^bLORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?' "

21 ¶ But they were silent and ^aanswered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him."

22 Then ^aEliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and ^bShebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAPTER 37

AND ^awhen King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.

2 Then he sent ^aEliakim who was over the household with

15 ^aIs.
36:18, 20;
37:10, 11

16 ^aLit.
Make with
me a blessing
1 Kin. 4:25,
Mic. 4:4;
Zech. 3:10
^bProv. 5:15

18 ^aIs. 36:15

19 ^aIs. 10:9-
11, 37:11-13;
Jer. 49:23
^b2 Kin. 17:6

20 ^a1 Kin.
20:23, 28 ^bIs.
36:15

21 ^aProv.
9:7, 8, 26:4

22 ^aIs.
22:20, 36:3
^bIs. 22:15

1 ^a2 Kin.
19:1-37:15
37:1-38

2 ^aIs. 22:20
^bIs. 22:15 ^cIs.
11, 20:2

3 ^aLit., give
birth
^aIs. 22:5,
28:16, 33:2
^bIs. 28:17, 18;
66:9; Hos.
13:13

4 ^aIs.
36:13-15, 18,
20 ^bIs. 1:9;
10:20-22;
37:31, 32;
46:3

6 ^aIs. 7:4;
35:4

7 ^aIs. 37:9
^bIs. 37:37, 38

8 ^aLit., he
^aNum. 33:20;
Josh. 10:29
^bJosh. 10:31,
32

9 ^aOr, Ethi-
opia
^aIs. 37:7 ^bIs.
18:1, 20:5

10 ^aLit., Ju-
dah, saying
^aIs. 36:15

11 ^aLit., de-
livered
^aIs. 10:9-11;
36:18-20

^bShebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to ^aIsaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a ^aday of distress, rebuke, and rejection; for ^bchildren have come to birth, and there is no strength to ^bdeliver.

4 'Perhaps the LORD your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to ^areproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for ^bthe remnant that is left.' "

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master, 'Thus says the LORD, "Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

7 "Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he shall ^ahear a rumor and ^breturn to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.' "

8 ¶ Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against ^aLibnah, for he had heard that ^bthe king had left ^bLachish.

9 When he ^aheard them say concerning Tirhakah king of ^bCush, "He has come out to fight against you," and when he heard it he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

10 "Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of ^bJudah, 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

11 ^a"Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be ^bspared?

12 'Did the gods of ¹those nations which my fathers have destroyed deliver them, even ^aGozan and ^bHaran and Rezech and the sons of Eden who were in Tlassar?

13 'Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and of Hena and Ivvah?' "

14 ¶ Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD saying,

16 "O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ^awho art enthroned above the cherubim, Thou art the ^bGod, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. ^cThou hast made heaven and earth.

17 "Incline Thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open Thine eyes, O LORD, and see; and ^blisten to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent them to reproach the living God.

18 "Truly, O LORD, the ^akings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands,

19 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the ^awork of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have ^bdestroyed them.

20 "And now, O LORD our God, ^adeliver us from his hand that ^ball the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou alone, LORD, ^cart God."

21 Then ^aIsaiah the son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria,

22 this is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:

"She has despised you and mocked you,

The ^avirgin ^bdaughter of Zion;

12 ¹Lk., the
2 Kin. 17:6.
18:11 ^aGen.
11:31; 12:1-4;
Acta 7:2

14 ¹Lt., let-
ters ²Lt.,
Hezekiah
spread

16 ^aEx.
25:22, 1 Sam.
4:4, Ps. 80:1,
99:1 ^bDeut.
10:17, Ps.
86:10, 136:2,
3 ^cIs. 42:5,
45:12, Jer.
10:12

17 ^aChr.
6:40, Ps. 17:6,
Dan. 9:18
^bPs. 74:22 ^cIs.
37:4

18 ^a2 Kin.
15:29, 16:9,
17:6, 24,
1 Chr. 5:26

19 ^aIs. 2:8,
17:8, 41:24,
29:15, 26:14

20 ¹So DSS
and 2 Kin.
19:19, M.T.
omits God
^aIs. 25:9,
33:22, 35:4

^b1 Kin. 18:36,
37, Ps. 46:10,
Is. 37:16,
Ezek. 36:23

21 ^aIs. 37:2

22 ^aJer.
14:17, Lam.
2:13 ^bPs.
9:14, Zeph.
3:14, Zech.
2:10 ^cJub. 16:4

23 ¹Lt., on
high
^aIs. 37:4 ^bIs.
2:11, 5:15, 21
^cEzek. 39:7,
Hab. 1:12

24 ¹Lt., for-
thrust height
^aIs. 10:33, 34
^bIs. 14:8 ^cIs.
10:18

25 ¹Or, the
besieged
place
^aDeut. 11:10,
1 Kin. 20:10

26 ^aIs.
40:21, 28
^bActs 2:23,
4:27, 28,
1 Pet. 2:8 ^cIs.
46:11 ^dIs.
10:6 ^eIs. 17:1,
25:2

27 ¹So DSS
and 2 Kin.
19:28, M.T.,
as a plowed
field
^aIs. 40:7 ^bPs.
129:6
28 ^aPs.
138:1

She has ^cshaken her head behind you,

The daughter of Jerusalem!

23 "Whom have you ^areproached and blasphemed?

And against whom have you raised your voice,

And ^bhaughtily ^blifted up your eyes?

Against the ^cHoly One of Israel!

24 "Through your servants you have reproached the Lord,

And you have said, 'With my many chariots I came up to the heights of the mountains,

To the remotest parts of ^aLebanon;

And I cut down its tall ^bcedars and its choice cypresses.

And I will go to its ^bhighest peak, its thickest ^cforest.

25 'I dug wells and drank waters,

And ^awith the sole of my feet I dried up

All the rivers of ^bEgypt.'

26 "Have you not heard?

Long ago I did it,

From ancient times I ^bplanned it.

Now ^cI have brought it to pass,

That ^dyou should turn fortified cities into ^aruinous heaps.

27 "Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength,

They were dismayed and put to shame;

They were as the ^avegetation of the field and as the green herb,

As ^bgrass on the housetops ^bis scorched before it is grown up.

28 "But I ^aknow your sitting down,

And your going out and your coming in,

And your raging against Me.

29 "Because of your raging against Me,

And because your ^{1a}arrogance has come up to My ears,

Therefore I will put My ^bhook in your nose,

And My ^cbridle in your lips,

And I will turn you back ^dby the way which you came.

30 ¶ "Then this shall be the sign for you: ¹you shall eat this year what ^agrows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

31 "And the ^asurviving ^bremnant of the house of Judah shall again ^ctake root downward and bear fruit upward.

32 "For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a ^aremnant, and out of Mount Zion ¹survivors. The ^bzeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform this."

33 "Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, 'He shall not come to this city, or shoot an arrow there; neither shall he come before it with a shield, nor throw up a ^amound against it.

34 ^aBy the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come to this city,' declares the LORD.

35 'For I will ^adefend this city to save it ^bfor My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'

36 ¶ Then the ^aangel of the LORD went out, and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when ¹men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were ²dead.

37 So Sennacherib, king of Assyria, departed and ¹returned home, and lived at ^aNineveh.

38 And it came about as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons killed him

²⁹ ¹Lit., complacency
^aIs. 10:12
^bEzek. 29:4;
38:4 ^cIs. 30:28
^dIs. 37:34

³⁰ ¹Lit., eating

^aLev. 25:5, 11

³¹ ^aIs. 4:2,

10:20 ^bIs.

37:4 ^cIs. 27:6

³² ¹Lit.,

those who escape

^aIs. 37:4 ^b2

³³ ^aIs. 19:31, Is. 9:7, 59:17,

Joel 2:18,

Zech. 1:14

³⁴ ^aJer. 6:6,

32:24

³⁵ ^aIs. 37:29

³⁶ ^a2 Kin.

20:6, Is. 31:5,

38:6 ^bIs.

43:25, 48:9,

11

³⁷ ¹Lit.,

they ²Lit.,

dead bodies

^a2 Kin. 19:35,

Is. 10:12, 33,

34

³⁸ ¹Lit.,

went and re-

turned

^aGen. 10:11,

Jon. 1:2, 3:3,

4:11; Zeph.

2:13

³⁹ ^aGen.

8:4, Jer. 51:27

^bEzra 4:2

¹ ¹Lit.,

rich to the point

of death

^a2 Kin. 20:1-

6, 9-11,

2 Chr. 32:24,

Is. 38:1-8 ^bIs.

1:1, 37:2

^c2 Sam. 17:23

³ ¹Lit.,

great weeping

^aNeh. 13:14

^b2 Kin. 18:5,

6, Ps. 28:3

^c1 Chr. 28:9,

29:19 ^dDeut.

6:18 ^ePs.

6:6-8

⁴ ¹Lit.,

days

^a2 Kin. 18:2,

13

⁵ ^aIs. 31:5,

37:35

⁶ ^aJudg.

6:17, 21, 36-

40; Is. 7:11,

14; 37:30

⁷ ^a2 Kin.

20:9-11 ^bJosh.

10:12-14

⁸ ¹Lit., he

lived after his

illness

⁹ ¹Lit.,

days

^aPs. 102:24

^bPs. 107:18

^cJob 17:11,

15:2 Cor. 1:9

with the sword; and they escaped into the land of ^aArarat. And ^bEsarhaddon his son became king in his place.

CHAPTER 38

^a IN those days Hezekiah became ¹mortally ill. And ^bIsaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD,

3 and said, "Remember now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, how I have ^bwalked before Thee in truth and with a ^cwhole heart, and ^dhave done what is good in Thy sight." And Hezekiah ^ewept ¹bitterly.

4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying,

5 "Go and say to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David, 'I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add ^afifteen years to your ¹life.

6 "And I will ^adeliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city."

7 "And this shall be the ^asign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken:

8 "Behold, I will ^acause the shadow on the stairway, which has gone down with the sun on the stairway of Ahaz, to go back ten steps." So the ^bsun's shadow went back ten steps on the stairway on which it had gone down.

9 ¶ A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after his illness and ¹recovery:

10 I said, "In the middle of my ¹life

I am to enter the ^bgates of Sheol;

I am to be ^cdeprived of the rest of my years."

- 11 I said, "I shall not see the LORD,
The LORD ^ain the land of the living;
I shall look on man no more
among the inhabitants of the world.
- 12 "Like a shepherd's ^atent my dwelling is pulled up and removed from me;
As a ^bweaver I ^crolled up my life.
He ^dcuts me off from the loom;
From ^eday until night Thou dost make an end of me.
- 13 "I composed my soul until morning.
^aLike a lion—so He ^bbreaks all my bones,
From ^cday until night Thou dost make an end of me.
- 14 "Like a swallow, like a crane, so I twitter;
I ^bmoan like a dove;
My ^ceyes look wistfully to the heights;
O Lord, I am oppressed, be my ^dsecurity.
- 15 "What shall I say?
¹For He has spoken to me,
and He Himself has done it;
I shall ^bwander about all my years because of the ^cbitterness of my soul.
- 16 "O Lord, ^aby these things men live;
And in all these is the life of my spirit;
^{1b}O restore me to health,
and ^clet me live!
- 17 "Lo, for my own welfare I had great bitterness;
It is Thou who hast ^{1a}kept my soul from the pit of ²nothingness,
For Thou hast ^bcast all my sins behind Thy back.
- 18 "For ^aSheol cannot thank Thee,
Death cannot praise Thee;

11 ^aPs. 27:13; 118:9
12 ^aCor. 5:1, 4; 2 Pet. 1:13, 14; Job 7:6; Heb. 1:12
^aJob 6:9; Job 4:20; Ps. 73:14
13 ^aJob 10:16; ^aPs. 51:8; Dan. 6:24; ^aPs. 12:14
14 ^aJob 30:29; Ps. 102:6; ^aMal. 59:11; ^aEzek. 7:16; ^aNeh. 7:7
^aPs. 119:123
^aJob 17:3; ^aPs. 119:122
15 ^aTargum and DSS read And what shall I say for He
^aPs. 38:9
^a1 Km. 21:27
^aJob 7:11
16 ^a1. Is. 38:17
17 ^aLat. Thou wilt
^aPs. 119:71
75 ^aPs. 39:13
^aPs. 119:25
18 ^aSo some versions. Heb. loved
^aOr, destruction
^aPs. 30:3
88:13; ^aJon. 2:6; ^aMal. 43:25
^aJer. 31:34
^aMal. 7:19
19 ^aPs. 6:5
30:9; 88:11
^aEcc. 9:10
^aNum. 16:33
^aPs. 28:1
19 ^aPs. 118:17
119:175
^aDeut. 6:7
11:19; ^aPs. 78:5-7
20 ^aPs. 33:1
3. 68:24-26
^aPs. 104:33
118:2; 148:2
^aPs. 118:17-19
21 ^aQ Km. 20:7, 8
22 ^aIs. 38:7
1 ^aQ Km. 20:13-19
2 Chr. 32:31
Is. 38:1-8
2 ^aLat. rejoiced over them
^a2 Chr. 32:25
31; ^aJob 31:25
^aQ Km. 18:15
16
3 ^aQ Sam. 12:1; 2 Chr. 16:7
^aDeut. 28:46; ^aJer. 5:15
4 ^aLat. and
8 ^aQ Sam. 13:13, 14
15:16

Those who go down ^bto the pit cannot hope for Thy faithfulness.

19 "It is the ^aliving who give thanks to Thee, as I do today;

A ^bfather tells his sons about Thy faithfulness.

20 "The LORD will surely save me;

So we will ^aplay my songs on stringed instruments

^bAll the days of our life ^cat the house of the LORD."

21 ^a Now ^aIsaiah had said, "Let them take a cake of figs, and apply it to the boil, that he may recover."

22 Then Hezekiah had said, "What is the ^asign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?"

CHAPTER 39

^a AT that time Merodach-baldan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered.

2 And Hezekiah ¹was ^apleased, and showed them all his treasure house, the ^bsilver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and his whole armory and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them.

3 Then Isaiah the ^aprophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They have come to me from a far ^bcountry, from Babylon."

4 And he said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah ¹answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the ^aword of the LORD of hosts,

6 'Behold, the days are coming when ^aall that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD.

7 'And some of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you shall beget, ^ashall be taken away; and ^bthey shall become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.'

8 'Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good." For he ¹thought, "For there will be peace and truth ^bin my days."

CHAPTER 40

“**C**OMFORT, O comfort My people,” says your God.

2“^aSpeak ¹kindly to Jerusalem;
And call out to her, that her ^{2b}warfare has ended,
That her ^{3c}iniquity has been removed,
That she has received of the LORD's hand
^dDouble for all her sins.”

3 ¶ ^aA voice ¹is calling,
“^bClear the way for the LORD
in the wilderness;
Make smooth in the desert a
highway for our God.

4“Let every valley be lifted up,
And every mountain and
hill be made low;
And let the rough ground
become a plain,
And the rugged terrain a
broad valley;

5 ¹Then the ^aglory of the LORD
will be revealed,
And ^ball flesh will see it together;
For the ^cmouth of the LORD
has spoken.”

6 A voice says, “Call out.”
Then ¹he answered, “What
shall I call out?”

6 ^a2 Kin.
24:13; 25:13-
15; Jer. 20:5
7 ^a2 Kin.
24:10-16;
2 Chr. 36:10
^bDan. 1:1-7
8 ¹Lit., said
^a2 Chr. 32:26
^b2 Chr. 34:28
1 ^aIs. 12:1,
49:13; 51:3,
12; 52:9; 61:2;
66:13; Jer.
31:10-14;
Zeph. 3:14-
17; 2 Cor. 14
2 ¹Lit., to
the heart of
²Or, hard ser-
vice ³Or, pen-
alty of iniqu-
ity accepted
as paid off
^aIs. 35:4,
Zech. 1:13
^bIs. 41:11-13;
49:25; 54:15,
17 ^cIs. 33:24,
53:5, 6, 11
^dJer. 18:18;
Zech. 9:12;
Rev. 18:6
3 ¹Or, of
one calling
out
^aMatt. 3:3;
Mark 1:3;
Luke 3:4-6;
John 1:23
^bMal. 3:1;
4:5, 6
5 ¹Or, In
order that the
^aIs. 6:3; Hab.
2:14 ^bIs.
52:10; Joel
2:28 ^cIs. 1:20;
34:16, 58:14
6 ¹Another
reading is I
said ²Or, con-
stancy
^aJob 14:2; Ps.
102:11,
103:15; 1 Pet.
1:24, 25
7 ¹Or, Be-
cause
^aPs. 90:5, 6;
James 1:10,
11 ^bJob 4:9;
41:21; Is.
11:4; 40:24
8 ^aIs.
55:11; 59:21;
Matt. 5:18
9 ^aIs. 52:7
^bIs. 61:1 ^cIs.
44:26 ^dIs.
25:9; 35:2
10 ¹Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD
^aIs. 9:6, 7 ^bIs.
59:18, 18 ^cIs.
62:11; Rev.
22:12
11 ^aJer.
31:10; Ezek.
34:12-14, 23,
31; Mic. 5:4;
John 10:11,
14-16

^aAll flesh is grass, and all its
²loveliness is like the
flower of the field.

7 The ^agrass withers, the
flower fades,

¹When the ^bbreath of the
LORD blows upon it;

Surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the
flower fades,

But ^athe word of our God
stands forever.

9 ¶ Get yourself up on a ^ahigh
mountain,

O Zion, bearer of ^bgood
news,

Lift up your voice mightily,
O Jerusalem, bearer of good
news;

Lift it up, do not fear.
Say to the ^ccities of Judah,

“^dHere is your God!”

10 Behold, the Lord ¹God will
come ^awith might,

With His ^barm ruling for
Him.

Behold, His ^creward is with
Him,

And His recompense before
Him.

11 Like a shepherd He will
^atend His flock,

In His arm He will gather
the lambs,

And carry *them* in His bos-
om;

He will gently lead the nurs-
ing ewes.

12 ¶ Who has ^ameasured the
¹waters in the hollow of
His hand,

And marked off the heavens
by the ²span,

And ³calculated the dust of
the earth by the measure,

And weighed the moun-
tains in a balance,

And the hills in a pair of
scales?

12 ¹DSS reads *waters of the sea* ²Or, half cubit; i.e., 9
in. ³Lit., contained, or comprehended ^aJob 38:8-11; Ps.
102:25, 26; Is. 48:13; Heb. 1:10-12

13 ^aWho has ¹directed the Spirit of the LORD,
Or as His ^bcounselor has in-
formed Him?

14 ^aWith whom did He consult
and who ^bgave Him un-
derstanding?

And who taught Him in the
path of justice and taught
Him knowledge.

And informed Him of the
way of understanding?

15 Behold, the ^anations are like
a drop from a bucket,
And are regarded as a speck
of ^bdust on the scales;
Behold, He lifts up the ¹is-
lands like fine dust.

16 Even Lebanon is not
enough to burn,
Nor its ^abeasts enough for a
burnt offering.

17 ^aAll the nations are as noth-
ing before Him,
They are regarded by Him
as less than nothing and
¹meaningless.

18 ¶ ^aTo whom then will you
liken God?
Or what likeness will you
compare with Him?

19 As for the ¹idol, a crafts-
man casts it,
A goldsmith ^bplates it with
gold,
And a silversmith *fashions*
chains of silver.

20 He who is too impoverished
for such an offering
Selects a ^atree that does not
rot;
He seeks out for himself a
skillful craftsman
To ¹prepare ²an idol that
^bwill not totter.

21 ¶ ^aDo you not know? Have
you not heard?
Has it not been declared to
you from the beginning?
Have you not understood
^bfrom the foundations of
the earth?

13 ¹Or,
*measured,
marked off*
•Rom. 11:34;
1 Cor. 2:16
•Is. 41:28

14 •Job 38:4
•Job 21:22;
Col. 2:3
18 ¹Or,
coastlands
•Jer. 10:10
•Is. 17:13;
29:5

16 •Ps. 50:9
11. Mic. 6:6,
7. Heb. 10:5-9
17 ¹Or, void
•Is. 29:7

18 •Ex. 8:10;
15:11. 1 Sam.
2:2. Is. 40:25,
46:5, Mic.
7:18, Acts
17:29

19 ¹Or,
graven image
•Ps. 115:4-8,
Is. 41:7,
44:10; Hab.
2:18, 19 •Is.
2:20, 30:22

20 ¹Or, set
up ²Or, a
graven image
•Is. 44:14 •1
Sam. 5:3, 4,
Is. 41:7, 46:7

21 •Ps. 19:1,
50:6, Is.
37:26; Acts
14:17, Rom.
1:19 •Is.
46:13, 51:13

22 ¹Or, is
enthroned
²Or, circle
•Job 22:14,
Prov. 8:27
•Num. 13:33

•Job 9:8, Is.
37:16, 42:5,
44:24 •Ps.
104:2 •Job
36:29; Ps.
18:11, 19:4

23 ¹Or, void
•Job 12:21,
Ps. 107:40; Is.
34:12 •Is.
5:21, Jer.
25:18-27

24 ¹Or, Not
even
•Is. 17:13,
41:16

25 •Is. 40:18
26 ¹So DSS
and ancient
versions;
M.T., strong

•Is. 51:6 •Is.
42:5, 48:12,
13 •Ps. 147:4
•Ps. 88:11-13
•Is. 34:16;
48:13

27 ¹Lat.,
*passes by my
God*
•Is. 48:4, 14
•Is. 54:6 •Job
27:2, 34:5;
Luk. 18:7, 8
•Is. 25:1

22 It is He who ¹sits above the
²vault of the earth,
And its inhabitants are like
^bgrasshoppers.

Who ^cstretches out the
heavens like a ^dcurtain
And spreads them out like a
^etent to dwell in.

23 He *it is* who reduces ^arulers
to nothing.

Who ^bmakes the judges of
the earth ¹meaningless.

24 ¹Scarcely have they been
planted,

¹Scarcely have they been
sown,

¹Scarcely has their stock
taken root in the earth,

But He merely blows on
them, and they wither.

And the ^astorm carries
them away like stubble.

25 ^aTo whom then will you lik-
en Me

That I should be *his equal*?
says the Holy One.

26 ^aLift up your eyes on high
And see ^bwho has created
these stars,

The ^cOne who leads forth
their host by number.

He calls them all by name;
Because of the ^dgreatness of

His might and the
¹strength of His power

^eNot one of them is missing.

27 ¶ ^aWhy do you say, O Ja-
cob, and assert, O Israel,

"My way is ^bhidden from the
LORD,

And the ^cjustice due me ¹es-
capes the notice of ^dmy
God?"

28 ^aDo you not know? Have
you not heard?

The ^bEverlasting God, the
LORD, the Creator of the

ends of the earth
Does not become weary or
tired.

His understanding is ^cin-
scrutable.

28 •Is. 40:21 •Gen. 21:33; Ps. 90:2 •Ps. 147:5; Rom.
11:33

- 29 He gives strength to the
weary,
And to him who lacks might
He increases power.
30 Though youths grow
weary and tired,
And vigorous young men
stumble badly,
31 Yet those who wait for the
LORD
Will gain new strength;
They will mount up with
wings like eagles,
They will run and not get
tired,
They will walk and not be-
come weary.

CHAPTER 41

- 66 COASTLANDS, listen to
Me in silence,
And let the peoples gain
new strength;
Let them come forward,
then let them speak;
Let us come together for
judgment.
2 Who has aroused one from
the east
Whom He calls in right-
eousness to His feet?
He delivers up nations be-
fore him,
And subdues kings.
He makes them like dust
with his sword,
As the wind-driven chaff
with his bow.
3 He pursues them, passing
on in safety,
By a way he had not been
traversing with his feet.
4 Who has performed and
accomplished it,
Calling forth the genera-
tions from the begin-
ning?
I, the LORD, am the first,
and with the last. I am
He."
5 The coastlands have
seen and are afraid;
The bends of the earth trem-
ble;

29 ¹Isa. 50:4;
Jer. 31:25 ²Isa.
41:10
30 ¹Jer.
6:11; ²Isa. 40:29
31 ¹Or, hope
in ²Or, spread
wings ³Or,
pinnous
Job 17:9; Ps
103:5; 2 Cor
4:8-10, 16
Ex 19:4;
Deut. 32:11;
Luke 18:1;
2 Cor 4:1, 16;
Gal 6:9; Heb
12:3
1 ¹Isa. 11:11
Hab 2:20;
Zech 2:13
Isa. 40:31 ¹Isa.
34:1; 48:16
Isa. 1:18;
43:26, 50:8
2 ¹Lat., foot
Isa. 41:25,
45:1-3, 48:11
Isa. 42:6
2 Chr 36:23;
Ezra 1:2
2 Sam 22:43
Isa. 40:24
3 ¹Lat.,
going
4 ¹Isa.
41:26, 44:7;
48:10 ²Isa.
43:10; 44:6;
Rev. 1:8, 17;
22:13 ³Isa.
43:13; 48:4;
48:12
5 ¹Isa. 41:1;
Ezek. 26:15;
16 ¹Josh. 5:1;
Ps 67:7
7 ¹Isa.
44:12, 13 ²Isa.
40:19 ³Isa.
40:20; 46:7
8 ¹Isa.
42:19; 43:10;
44:1, 2, 21
Isa. 29:22;
51:2, 63:16
2 Chr 20:7;
James 2:23
9 ¹Or,
taken hold of
Isa. 11:11 ²Isa.
43:5-7 ³Isa.
42:1, 44:1
Deut. 7:6;
14:2; Ps.
135:4
10 ¹Deut.
20:1; 31:6;
Josh. 1:9; Ps.
27:1; Is.
41:13, 14;
43:2, 5; Rom.
8:31 ²Isa.
41:14; 44:2;
49:8 ³Ps.
89:13, 14
11 ¹Isa. 45:24
Isa. 17:13;
29:5, 7, 8
12 ¹Job
20:7 ²Ps.
37:35, 36; Is.
17:14

- They have drawn near and
have come.
6 Each one helps his neigh-
bor,
And says to his brother, "Be
strong!"
7 So the craftsman encour-
ages the smelter,
And he who smooths metal
with the hammer encour-
ages him who beats the
anvil,
Saying of the soldering, "It
is good";
And he fastens it with nails,
That it should not totter.
8 But you, Israel, My ser-
vant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
Descendant of Abraham
My friend,
9 You whom I have taken
from the ends of the
earth,
And called from its remot-
est parts,
And said to you, 'You are
My servant,
I have chosen you and not
rejected you.
10 Do not fear, for I am with
you;
Do not anxiously look about
you, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, surely
I will help you,
Surely I will uphold you
with My righteous right
hand.'
11 Behold, all those who are
angered at you will be
shamed and dishonored;
Those who contend with
you will be as nothing,
and will perish.
12 You will seek those who
quarrel with you, but will
not find them,
Those who war with you
will be as nothing, and
non-existent.
13 For I am the LORD your God,
who upholds your right
hand,

13 ¹Isa. 42:6; 45:1

- Who says to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."
- 14 "Do not fear, you ^aworm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares the LORD. "and ^byour Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 "Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges;
^aYou will thresh the ^bmountains, and pulverize them,
 And will make the hills like chaff.
- 16 "You will ^awinnow them, and the wind will carry them away,
 And the storm will scatter them;
 But you will ^brejoice in the LORD,
 You will glory in the Holy One of Israel.
- 17 "The ^aafflicted and needy are seeking ^awater, but there is none,
 And their tongue is parched with thirst;
 I, the LORD, ^bwill answer them Myself,
 As the God of Israel I ^cwill not forsake them.
- 18 "I will open ^arivers on the bare heights,
 And springs in the midst of the valleys;
 I will make ^bthe wilderness a pool of water,
 And the dry land fountains of water.
- 19 "I will put the cedar in the wilderness,
 The acacia, and the ^amyrtle, and the ^bolive tree;
 I will place the ^ajuniper in the desert,
 Together with the box tree and the cypress,
- 20 That ^athey may see and recognize,
- 13 ^aIsa. 41:10
 14 ^aOr, even your Redeemer, the Holy One Job 25:6, Ps. 22:6 ^bIsa. 35:10, 43:14, 44:6, 22:34
 15 ^aIsa. 4:13, Hab. 3:12 ^bIsa. 44:1, Jer. 9:10, Ezek. 33:28
 16 ^aJer. 51:2 ^bIsa. 25:2, 35:10, 51:3, 61:10
 17 ^aOr, poor ^bIsa. 43:20, 44:3, 66:10, 55:1 ^cIsa. 30:10, 66:24 ^dIsa. 42:16, 62:12
 18 ^aIsa. 30:25, 43:10 ^bPs. 107:35, Is. 35:6, 7
 19 ^aOr, cleanness ^bIsa. 35:1, 35:13, 60:13
 20 ^aIsa. 40:3, 43:10 ^bIsa. 42:12, Is. 66:14
 21 ^aIsa. 44:6, 44:7, 45:21, 48:10 ^bIsa. 43:9
 22 ^aIsa. 42:8, 44:7, 45:1, 48:13, 49:1, 54:17, 55:1, 56:1, 57:1, 58:1, 59:1, 60:1, 61:1, 62:1, 63:1, 64:1, 65:1, 66:1, 67:1, 68:1, 69:1, 70:1, 71:1, 72:1, 73:1, 74:1, 75:1, 76:1, 77:1, 78:1, 79:1, 80:1, 81:1, 82:1, 83:1, 84:1, 85:1, 86:1, 87:1, 88:1, 89:1, 90:1, 91:1, 92:1, 93:1, 94:1, 95:1, 96:1, 97:1, 98:1, 99:1
 23 ^aIsa. 42:8, 44:7, 45:21, 48:10 ^bIsa. 43:9
 24 ^aIsa. 42:8, 44:7, 45:21, 48:10 ^bIsa. 43:9
 25 ^aIsa. 42:8, 44:7, 45:21, 48:10 ^bIsa. 43:9
 26 ^aIsa. 42:8, 44:7, 45:21, 48:10 ^bIsa. 43:9

- And consider and gain insight as well,
 That the ^bhand of the LORD has done this,
 And the Holy One of Israel has created it.
- 21 "Present your case," the LORD says.
 "Bring forward your strong arguments,"
 The ^aKing of Jacob says.
- 22 "Let them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place;
 As for the ^bformer events, declare what they were,
 That we may consider them, and know their outcome;
 Or announce to us what is coming.
- 23 "Declare the things that are going to come afterward,
 That we may know that you are gods;
 Indeed, ^bdo good or evil, that we may anxiously look about us and fear together.
- 24 Behold, ^ayou are of ^bno account,
 And ^byour work amounts to nothing;
 He who chooses you is an ^cabomination.
- 25 "I have aroused ^aone from the north, and he has come;
 From the rising of the sun he will call on My name;
 And he will come upon rulers as upon ^bmortar,
 Even as the potter treads clay."
- 26 Who has ^adeclared this from the beginning, that we might know?
 Or from former times, that we may say, "He is right!"?
 Surely there was ^bno one who declared,

Surely there was no one
who proclaimed,
Surely there was no one
who heard your words.
27^a "Formerly I said to Zion,
'Behold, here they are.'
And to Jerusalem, 'I will
give a ^bmessenger of
good news.'
28^a "But ^awhen I look, there is no
one,
And there is no ^bcounselor
¹among them
Who, if I ask, can ^cgive an
answer.
29^a "Behold, all of them are
¹false;
Their ^aworks are ^bworth-
less,
Their molten images are
^cwind and emptiness.

CHAPTER 42

“^a**B**EHOLD, My ^bServant,
whom I ¹uphold;
My ^cchosen one in whom
My ^dsoul delights.
I have put My ^cSpirit upon
Him;
He will bring forth ¹justice
to the ²nations.
2^a "He will not cry out or raise
His voice,
Nor make His voice heard
in the street.
3^a "A bruised reed He will not
break,
And a dimly burning wick
He will not extinguish;
He will faithfully bring
forth ^ajustice.
4^a "He will not be ^adisheart-
ened or crushed,
Until He has established
justice in the earth;
And the ^bcoastlands will
wait expectantly for His
¹law.”
5 ¹ Thus says God the LORD,
Who ^acreated the heavens
and ^bstretched them out,
Who spread out the ^cearth
and its ¹offspring,

27 ^aIs. 48:3-
8 ^bIs. 40:9;
44:28, 52:7;
Nah. 1:15
28 ¹Lit., out
of those
^aIs. 50:2;
59:18, 63:5
^bIs. 40:13, 14
^cIs. 48:7
29 ^aAnother
reading is
nothing
^aIs. 2:8, 17:8,
41:24 ^bIs.
44:9 ^cJer.
5:13
1 ¹Or, hold
fast ^aOr,
Gentiles
^aMatt. 12:18-
21 ^bIs. 41:8,
43:10, 49:3-6;
52:13, 53:11,
Matt. 12:18-
21, Phil. 2:7
^cLuke 9:35;
1 Pet. 2:4, 6
^dMatt. 3:17;
17:5; Mark
1:11; Luke
3:22 ^aIs. 11:2;
59:21, 81:1;
Matt. 3:18;
Luke 4:18, 19,
21 ^bIs. 2:4
3 ^aPs. 72:2,
4:9b, 13
4 ¹Or, in-
struction
^aIs. 40:28 ^bIs.
11:11, 24:15;
42:10, 12;
49:1, 51:5,
60:9, 66:19
5 ¹Or,
vegetation
^aPs. 102:25,
26; Is. 45:18
^bPs. 104:2; Is.
40:22 ^cPs.
24:1, 2; 136:6
^dJob 12:10;
33:4; Is.
57:18; Dan.
5:23; Acts
17:25
6 ^aIs. 41:2;
Jer. 23:5, 6
^bIs. 41:13;
45:1 ^cIs. 28:3;
27:3 ^dIs. 49:8
^aIs. 49:6; 51:4;
60:1, 3; Luke
2:32; Acts
13:47, 26:23
7 ^aIs.
29:18; 35:5
^bIs. 49:9; 61:1
8 ¹Or, idols
^aIs. 43:3, 11,
15 ^bEx. 3:15;
Ps. 83:18 ^cEx.
20:3-5; Is.
48:11
9 ^aIs. 48:3
^bIs. 43:19;
48:6
10 ^aPs. 33:3;
40:3; 98:1 ^bIs.
49:6; 62:11
^cPs. 65:5;
107:23 ^dEx.
20:11; 1 Chr.
16:22; Ps.
98:11 ^aIs. 42:4

Who ^dgives breath to the
people on it,
And spirit to those who
walk in it,
6^a "I am the LORD, I have ^acalled
you in righteousness,
I will also ^bhold you by the
hand and ^cwatch over
you,
And I will appoint you as a
^dcovenant to the people,
As a ^clight to the nations,
7 To ^aopen blind eyes,
To ^bbring out prisoners
from the dungeon,
And those who dwell in
darkness from the
prison.
8^a "I am the LORD, that is ^bMy
name;
I will not give My ^cglory to
another,
Nor My praise to ¹graven
images.
9^a "Behold, the ^aformer things
have come to pass,
Now I declare ^bnew things;
Before they spring forth I
proclaim them to you.”
10 ¹ Sing to the LORD a ^anew
song,
Sing His praise from the
^bend of the earth!
^cYou who go down to the
sea, and ^dall that is in it.
You ^cislands and those who
dwell on them.
11 Let the ^awilderness and its
cities lift up their voices,
The settlements where ^bKe-
dar inhabits.
Let the inhabitants of ^cSela
sing aloud,
Let them shout for joy from
the tops of the ^dmoun-
tains.
12 Let them ^agive glory to the
LORD,
And declare His praise in
the ^bcoastlands.

11 ^aIs. 32:18; 35:1, 6 ^bIs. 21:18; 60:7 ^cIs. 16:1 ^dIs. 52:7;
Nah. 1:15
12 ^aIs. 24:15 ^bIs. 42:4

13 ***The LORD** will go forth like
a warrior,
He will arouse His ^bzeal like
a man of war.
He will utter a shout, yes,
He will raise a war cry.
He will ^cprevail against His
enemies.

13 ^aIs. 13:3
^aIs. 9:7.
28:11; 37:32;
59:17 ^aIs.
66:14-16

14 **¶** "I have kept silent for a
long time,
I have kept still and re-
strained Myself.
Now like a woman in labor I
will groan,
I will both gasp and pant.
15 "I will ^alay waste the moun-
tains and hills,
And wither all their vegeta-
tion;

14 ^aIs.
50:21, ^aIs.
57:11

15 ^aIs. 2:12-
16, ^aIs. 28:
19, 20 ^aIs.
44:27, 50:2,
Nah. 1:4-6

I will ^bmake the rivers into
coastlands,
And dry up the ponds.

16 ^aIs.
29:18, 30:21,
32:3, ^aJer.
31:8, ^aR. Luth.
1:78, 79 ^aIs.
29:18, ^aEph.
5:8 ^aIs. 40:4,
Luth. 3:5
^aIs. 1:5, ^aPs.
94:14, ^aIs.
41:17, ^aHeb.
13:5

16 "And I will ^alead the blind by
a way they do not know,
In paths they do not know I
will guide them.

17 ^aOr, ^aproven im-
ages
^aIs. 97:7, ^aIs.
1:29, 44:9, 11,
45:16

I will ^bmake darkness into
light before them
And ^crugged places into
plains.

18 ^aIs.
29:18, 30:5

These are the things I will
do,
And I will ^dnot leave them
undone."

19 ^aOr, ^athe
devoted one
^aIs. 41:8 ^aIs.
44:26 ^aIs.
26:3, 27:5

17 They shall be turned back
and be ^autterly put to
shame,

20 ^aIs. 2:21

Who trust in ^bidols,
Who say to molten images,
"You are our gods."

21 ^aIs. 42:4
51:4

18 **¶** ^aHear, you deaf!
And look, you blind, that
you may see.

22 ^aOr, ^aholies
^aIs. 24:18 ^aIs.
24:22

19 Who is blind but My ^aser-
vant,

24 ^aIs. 30:15
^aIs. 48:18,
57:17

Or so deaf as My ^bmessen-
ger whom I send?

25 ^aIs. 43:15
^aIs. 43:7, 21,
44:2, 31, 34
^aIs. 43:5 ^aIs.
44:22, 23
48:20 ^aGen.
32:26, ^aIs.
43:7, 48:3, 4
^aIs. 43:21

Who is so blind as he that is
^cat peace with Me,
Or so blind as the servant of
the LORD?

20 ***You** have seen many
things, but you do not ob-
serve them;

Your ears are open, but
none hears.

21 The LORD was pleased for
His righteousness' sake
To make the law ^agreat and
glorious.

22 But this is a people plun-
dered and despoiled;
All of them are ^atrapped in
^bcaves,

Or are ^bhidden away in pris-
ons;

They have become a prey
with none to deliver
them,

And a spoil, with none to
say, "Give them back!"

23 **¶** Who among you will give
ear to this?

Who will give heed and lis-
ten hereafter?

24 Who gave Jacob up for
spoil, and Israel to plun-
derers?

Was it not the LORD, against
whom we have sinned,

And in whose ways they
^awere not willing to walk,

And whose law they did not
^bobey?

25 So He poured out on him the
heat of His anger

And the ^afierceness of bat-
tle;

And it set him aflame all
around,

Yet he did not recognize it;
And it burned him, but he

^bpaid no attention.

CHAPTER 43

BUT now, thus says the LORD,
your ^aCreator, O Jacob,
And He who ^bformed you, O
Israel,

"Do not ^cfear, for I have ^dre-
deemed you;

I have ^ecalled you by name;
you are ^fMine!

2 "When you ^apass through the waters, ^bI will be with you;

And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.

When you ^cwalk through the fire, you will not be scorched.

Nor will the flame burn you.

3 "For ^aI am the LORD your God,

The Holy One of Israel, your ^bSavior;

I have given Egypt as your ransom,

^{1c}Cush and Seba in your place.

4 "Since you are ^aprecious in My sight,

Since you are ^bhonored and I ^clove you,

I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life.

5 "Do not fear, for ^aI am with you;

I will bring ^byour offspring from the east.

And ^cgather you from the west.

6 "I will say to the ^anorth, 'Give them up!'

And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'

Bring My ^bsons from afar, And My daughters from the ^cends of the earth.

7 Everyone who is ^acalled by My name,

And whom I have ^bcreated for My ^cglory,

^aWhom I have formed, even whom I have made."

8 ¶ Bring out the people who are ^ablind, even though they have eyes,

And the deaf, even though they have ears.

9 All the nations have ^agathered together

In order that the peoples may be assembled.

2 ^aPs. 68:12; Is. 8:7; 8 ^bDeut. 31:6; 8 ^cIs. 29:6; 30:27-28; Dan. 3:25, 27

3 ^aOr, Elhoped; ^bEx. 20:2 ^cIs. 19:20; 43:11; 43:15, 21; 49:26; 60:16; 63:8 ^cIs. 20:3-5

4 ^aEx. 19:5; 6 ^bIs. 49:5 ^cIs. 63:9

5 ^aIs. 8:10; 43:2 ^bIs. 41:8; 49:12, 61:9 ^cIs. 49:12

6 ^aPs. 107:3 ^b2 Cor. 6:18 ^cIs. 45:22

7 ^aIs. 36:3; 62:2; James 2:7 ^bPs. 100:3; Is. 29:23; Eph. 2:10 ^cIs. 44:23, 48:13

8 ^aIs. 6:9; 42:19; Ezek. 12:2

9 ^aIs. 34:1; 41:1 ^bIs. 41:22, 23, 26 ^cIs. 44:9 ^dIs. 43:26

10 ^aIs. 44:8; ^bIs. 41:8 ^cIs. 41:4 ^dIs. 43:5, 6

11 ^aIs. 43:3; 43:21; Hos. 13:4 ^bIs. 44:6, 8

12 ^aDeut. 32:16; Ps. 81:9

13 ^aSo with Gr., Heb., from the day ^bPs. 90:2; Is. 48:16 ^cPs. 41:4 ^dJob 9:12; Is. 14:27

14 ^aAnother reading is As for the Chaldeans, their rejoicing is turned into lamentations ^bLit., of their rejoicing ^cIs. 41:14 ^dIs. 23:13 ^eJer. 51:13

15 ^aIs. 43:1; ^bIs. 41:20; 44:6

16 ^aEx. 14:21, 22; Ps. 77:19; Is. 11:15; 44:27; 50:2; 51:10; 63:11, 12

Who among them can ^bdeclare this

And proclaim to us the former things?

Let them present ^ctheir witnesses ^dthat they may be justified,

Or let them hear and say, "It is true."

10 "You are ^aMy witnesses,' declares the LORD,

"And ^bMy servant whom I have chosen,

In order that you may know and believe Me,

And understand that ^cI am He.

^dBefore Me there was no God formed,

And there will be none after Me.

11 "I, even I, am the LORD;

And there is no ^asavior ^bbesides Me.

12 "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed,

And there was no ^astrange god among you;

So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD,

"And I am God.

13 "Even ^afrom eternity ^bI am He;

And there is ^cnone who can deliver out of My hand;

^dI act and who can reverse it?"

14 ¶ Thus says the LORD your ^aRedeemer, the Holy One of Israel,

"For your sake I have sent to Babylon,

And will bring them all down as fugitives,

¹Even the ^bChaldeans, into the ^cships ²in which they rejoice.

15 "I am the LORD, your Holy One,

^aThe Creator of Israel, your ^bKing."

16 Thus says the LORD,

Who ^amakes a way through the sea

- And a path through the mighty waters,
 17 Who brings forth the ^achariot and the horse,
 The army and the mighty man
 (They will lie down together and not rise again;
 They have been ^bquenched and extinguished like a wick):
 18 ^aDo not call to mind the former things,
 Or ponder things of the past.
 19 Behold, I will do something ^anew,
 Now it will spring forth;
 Will you not be aware of it?
 I will even ^bmake a roadway in the wilderness,
 Rivers in the desert.
 20 The beasts of the field will glorify Me;
 The ^ajackals and the ostriches;
 Because I have ^bgiven waters in the wilderness
 And rivers in the desert,
 To give drink to My chosen people.
 21 The people whom ^aI formed for Myself,
^bWill declare My praise.
 22 ^aYet you have not called on Me, O Jacob;
 But you have become ^aweary of Me, O Israel.
 23 You have ^anot brought to Me the sheep of your burnt offerings;
 Nor have you ^bhonored Me with your sacrifices.
 I have not ^cburdened you with ^bofferings,
 Nor wearied you with ^dincense.
 24 You have bought Me no ^asweet cane with money,
 Neither have you ^afilled Me with the fat of your sacrifices;

17 ^aEx. 15:19 ^bPs. 118:12 ^cIs. 1:31
 18 ^aIs. 42:7
 19 ^aIs. 42:7
 20 ^aIs. 42:7
 21 ^aIs. 42:7
 22 ^aIs. 42:7
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 99 ^aIs. 42:7
 100 ^aIs. 42:7

Rather you have burdened Me with your sins,
 You have ^bwearied Me with your iniquities.

- 25 ^aI, even I, am the one who ^awipes out your transgressions ^bfor My own sake;
 And I will ^cnot remember your sins.
 26 ^aPut Me in remembrance;
^alet us argue our case together,
 State your cause, ^bthat you may be proved right.
 27 Your ^afirst ^bforefather sinned,
 And your ^aspokesmen have ^btransgressed against Me.
 28 So I will ^bpollute the ^aprinces of the sanctuary;
 And I will consign Jacob to the ^aban, and Israel to ^brevilement.

CHAPTER 44

- ^aBUT now listen, O Jacob,
 My ^aservant;
 And Israel, whom I have chosen:
 2 Thus says the LORD who made you
 And ^aformed you from the womb, who ^bwill help you,
^cDo not fear, O Jacob My servant;
 And you ^aJeshurun whom I have chosen.
 3 For ^aI will pour out water on ^bthe thirsty land
 And streams on the dry ground;
 I will ^bpour out My Spirit on your ^coffspring.
 And My blessing on your descendants;
 4 And they will spring up ^bamong the grass

^a Or, him who is thirsty ^b Is. 41:17, Ezek. 34:26, Joel 1:18 ^c Is. 32:15, Joel 2:28 ^d Is. 61:2, 62:1
^e Another reading is like grass among the waters

Like ^apoplars by streams of water.'

5 "This one will say, 'I am the LORD'S';

And that one ¹will call on the name of Jacob;

And another will ^awrite ²on his hand, 'Belonging to the LORD.'

And will name Israel's name with honor.

6 ¶ "Thus says the LORD, the ^aKing of Israel

And his ^bRedeemer, the LORD of hosts;

'I am the ^cfirst and I am the last,

And there is no God ^dbesides Me.

7 'And who is like Me? ^aLet him proclaim and declare it;

Yes, let him recount it to Me in order,

¹From the time that I established the ancient ²nation.

And let them declare to them the things that are coming

And the events that are going to take place.

8 'Do not tremble and do not be afraid;

^aHave I not long since announced it to you and declared it?

And ^byou are My witnesses. Is there any God ^cbesides Me,

Or is there any other ^dRock? I know of none.'

9 Those who fashion ¹a graven image are all of them futile, and their precious things are of no profit; even their own witnesses fail to see or know, so that they will be ^aput to shame.

10 Who has fashioned a god or cast ¹an idol to ^ano profit?

11 Behold, all his companions will be ^aput to shame, for the craftsmen themselves are mere men. Let them all assemble

4 ^aLev. 23:40; Job 40:22
5 ¹Another reading is will be called by the name of Jacob ^aOr, with
^aEx. 13:9; Neh. 9:38
6 ^aIs. 41:21; 43:15
^bIs. 41:14; 43:1, 14 ^aIs. 41:4, 43:10; 48:12; Rev. 1:8, 17; 22:13
^dIs. 43:11; 44:8; 45:5, 6, 21

7 ¹Lit., From My establishing of ²Or, people
^aIs. 41:22, 26
8 ^aIs. 42:9; 48:5 ^bIs. 43:10 ^cDeut. 4:35, 39; 1 Sam. 2:2; Is. 45:5; Joel 2:27 ^dIs. 17:10; 26:4; 30:29

9 ¹Or, an idol
^aPs. 97:7; Is. 42:17; 44:11; 45:16

10 ¹Or, a graven image
^aIs. 41:29; Jer. 10:5; Hab. 2:18; Acts 19:26

11 ^aPs. 97:7; Is. 42:17; 44:9; 45:16

12 ¹Lit., and fashions ²Lit., there is no strength

^aIs. 40:19, 20; 41:6, 7; 46:6, 7; Jer. 10:3-5; Hab. 2:16

13 ^aIs. 41:7
^bPs. 115:5-7
^cJudg. 17:4; 5; Ezek. 8:10, 11

14 ¹Or, holm-oak
²Lit., makes strong

15 ^aIs. 44:17
^b2 Chr. 25:14

17 ^aIs. 44:15
^b1 Kin. 18:26; 28; Is. 45:20

18 ^aIs. 1:3; Jer. 10:8, 14
^bPs. 81:12; Is. 6:9, 10; 29:10

19 ¹Lit., returns to his heart ²Or, shall I make . . . ?

^aIs. 5:13; 44:18, 19; 45:20

themselves, let them stand up let them tremble, let them together be put to shame.

12 ¶ The ^aman shapes iron into a cutting tool, and does his work over the coals, ¹fashioning it with hammers, and working it with his strong arm. He also gets hungry and ²his strength fails; he drinks no water and becomes weary.

13 ^aAnother shapes wood, he extends a measuring line; he outlines it with red chalk. He works it with planes, and outlines it with a compass, and makes it like the form of a man, like the beauty of ^bman, so that it may sit in a ^chouse.

14 Surely he cuts cedars for himself, and takes a ¹cypress or an oak, and ²raises it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a fir, and the rain makes it grow.

15 Then it becomes something for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself; he also makes a fire to bake bread. He also ^amakes a god and worships it; he makes it a graven image, and ^bfalls down before it.

16 Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he eats meat as he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, "Aha! I am warm, I have seen the fire."

17 But the rest of it he ^amakes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also ^bprays to it and says, "Deliver me, for thou art my god."

18 ¶ They do not ^aknow, nor do they understand, for He has ^bsmearred over their eyes so that they cannot see and their hearts so that they cannot comprehend.

19 And no one ¹recalls, nor is there ^aknowledge or understanding to say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, and also have baked bread over its coals. I roast meat and eat it. Then ²I

make the rest of it into an ^babomination, ³I fall down before a block of wood!"

20 He ¹feeds on ashes; a ^bdeceived heart has turned him aside. And he cannot deliver ²himself, nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

21 ¶ "Remember these things, O Jacob,

And Israel, for you are ^bMy servant;

I have formed you, you are My servant,

O Israel, you will ^cnot be forgotten by Me.

22 "I have ^awiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud,

And your sins like a ¹heavy mist.

^bReturn to Me, for I have ^credeemed you."

23 ^aShout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it!

Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth;

^bBreak forth into a shout of joy, you mountains,

O forest, and every tree in it; For ^cthe LORD has redeemed Jacob

And in Israel He ^dshows forth His glory.

24 ¶ Thus says the LORD, your ^aRedeemer, and the one who ^bformed you from the womb,

"I, the LORD, am the maker of all things,

^cStretching out the heavens by Myself,

And spreading out the earth ¹all alone,

25 ^aCausing the ¹omens of boasters to fail,

²Making fools out of diviners,

^bCausing wise men to draw back,

And ³turning their knowledge into foolishness,

26 ^aConfirming the word of His servant,

19 ¹Or, shall I fall?

²Deut. 27:15; 1 Km. 11:5, 7, 2 Km. 23:13, 14

³Or, is a comparison of ashes? ¹Lat. his soul

^aPs. 102:9; Job 15:31; Hos. 4:12; Rom. 1:21; 2:2 Thess. 2:11; 2 Tim. 3:13; ¹Is. 57:11, 58:3, 4, 13; Rom. 1:25

²1 ¹Is. 48:8; Zach. 10:9

¹Is. 44:1, 2; ¹Is. 49:15

²Or, cloud

^aPs. 51:1, 9; ¹Is. 43:25

Acts 3:19 ¹Is. 31:8, 56:7; ¹Is. 43:1, 48:20; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19

²Ps. 69:34, 98:11, 12; ¹Is. 42:10; 49:13 ^aPs. 98:7, 8; 148:7

⁹Is. 56:12; ¹Is. 43:1; ¹Is. 48:3, 61:3

²Or, who was with Me?

¹Is. 41:14; 43:14 ¹Is. 44:2; ¹Is. 40:22, 42:5; 45:12, 18; 51:13

²Lat. signs ¹Lat. He makes M.M.

He turns ¹Is. 47:13

²Sam. 15:31; Job 5:12-14; Ps. 33:10; ¹Is. 29:14; Jer. 51:57; 1 Cor. 1:20, 27

³Or, He performs

^aZech. 1:6; Matt. 5:18

¹Is. 40:9; Jer. 32:15, 44

²Or, ¹Is. 42:15, 50:2; Jer. 50:38; 51:38

³Lat. to say ¹Lat. You will be founded

¹Is. 43:1

²Chr. 36:22; Ez. 3:1; ¹Is. 14:32

¹Is. 45:13; 54:11

¹Lat. I will loose

¹Is. 44:28 ^aPs. 73:23; ¹Is. 41:13, 42:6

And ¹performing the purpose of His messengers.

It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!'

And of the ^bcities of Judah, 'They shall be built.'

And I will raise up her ruins again.

27 "It is I who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!'

And I will make your rivers ^adry.

28 "It is I who says of ^aCyrus, 'He is My shepherd!'

And he will perform all My desire.'

And ¹he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,'

And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.' "

CHAPTER 45

THUS says the LORD to ^aCyrus His anointed,

Whom I have taken by the right ^bhand,

To ^csubdue nations before him,

And ¹to ^dloose the loins of kings;

To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

2 "I will go before you and ^amake the ¹rough places smooth;

I will ^bshatter the doors of bronze, and cut through their iron ^cbars.

3 "And I will give you the ¹treasures of darkness,

And hidden wealth of secret places,

In order that you may know that it is I,

The LORD, the God of Israel, who ^bcalls you by your name.

¹Is. 41:2, 25; Jer. 50:3, 35; 51:11, 20, 24; Job 12:21; ¹Is. 45:5

²Another reading is mountains ¹Is. 48:4 ^aPs. 107:16; Jer. 51:30

³Or, hoarded treasures Jer. 41:8, 50:37 ¹Is. 33:12, 17; ¹Is. 43:1; 48:1

- 4 "For the sake of ^aJacob My servant,
And Israel My chosen one,
I have also ^bcalled you by your name;
I have given you a title of honor
Though you have ^cnot known Me.
- 5 "I am the LORD, and ^athere is no other;
^bBesides Me there is no God.
I will ^{1c}gird you, though you have not known Me;
- 6 That ^{1a}men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
That there is ^bno one besides Me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
- 7 The One ^aforming light and ^bcreating darkness,
Causing ¹well-being and ^ccreating calamity;
I am the LORD who does all these.
- 8 ¶ "Drip down, O heavens, from above,
And let the clouds pour down righteousness;
Let the ^bearth open up and salvation bear fruit,
^cAnd righteousness spring up with it.
I, the LORD, have created it.
- 9 ¶ "Woe to the one who ^aquarrels with his ¹Maker—
An earthenware vessel ²among the vessels of earth!
Will the ^bclay say to the ¹potter, 'What are you doing?'
Or the thing you are making say, 'He has no hands?'
- 10 "Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?'
Or to a woman, 'To what are you ¹giving birth?'

4 ^aIs. 41:8; 9:44; ^bIs. 43:1; ^cActs 17:23
5 ¹Or, arm
^aIs. 45:8, 14, 18, 21; 46:9
^bIs. 44:8, 8
^cPs. 18:39
6 ¹Lit., they
^aPs. 102:15; Mal. 1:11
^bIs. 45:5
7 ¹Or, peace
^aIs. 42:16
^bPs. 104:20; 105:28
^cIs. 31:2; 47:11; Amos 3:6
8 ^aPs. 72:6; Hos. 10:12; 14:5; Joel 3:18
^bPs. 85:11
^cIs. 60:21; 61:11
9 ¹Lit., Fashioner
²Lit., with
^aJob 15:25; 40:8, 9; Ps. 2:2, 3; Prov. 21:30; Jer. 50:24
^bIs. 29:16; 64:8; Jer. 18:6; Rom. 9:20, 21
10 ¹Lit., in labor pains with
11 ¹Lit., Fashioner
²Or, Will you ask
³Or, upon
^aIs. 43:15; 48:17; Ezek. 39:7
^bIs. 44:2; 54:5
^cIs. 8:19
^dJer. 31:9
^eIs. 19:25; 29:23; 60:21; 64:8
12 ¹Or, commanded
^aIs. 42:5; 45:18; Jer. 27:5
^bPs. 104:2; Is. 42:5; 44:24
^cGen. 2:1; Neh. 9:6
13 ^aIs. 41:2
^bIs. 45:2
^c2 Chr. 36:22; 23; Is. 44:28
^dIs. 52:3
14 ¹Lit., labor
²Or, Ethiopia
³Or, God is with you alone
⁴Or, in
^aPs. 68:31; Is. 19:21
^bIs. 18:1; 43:3
^cIs. 14:1, 2; 49:23; 54:3
^dPs. 149:3
^eIs. 49:23; 60:14
^fJer. 18:19; Zach. 8:20-23; 1 Cor. 14:25
^gIs. 45:5

- 11 ¶ Thus says the ^aLORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his ^{1b}Maker:
"Ask Me about the thing: to come ³concerning My ^dsons,
And you shall commit to Me ^cthe work of My hands.
- 12 "It is I who ^amade the earth and created man upon it
^{1b}stretched out the heavens with My hands,
And I ¹ordained ^call their host.
- 13 "I have aroused him in ^arighteousness,
And I will ^bmake all his ways smooth;
He will ^cbuild My city, and will let My exiles go ^dfree,
Without any payment or reward," says the LORD of hosts.
- 14 ¶ Thus says the LORD,
"The ¹products of ^aEgypt and the merchandise of ^{2b}Cush
And the Sabeans, men of stature,
Will ^ccome over to you and will be yours;
They will walk behind you, they will come over in ^dchains
And will ^ebow down to you;
They will make supplication to you:
³Surely, 'God is ⁴with you, and ^athere is none else, No other God.' "
- 15 Truly, Thou art a God who ^ahides Himself,
O God of Israel, ^bSavior!
- 16 They will be ^aput to shame and even humiliated, all of them;
The ^bmanufacturers of idols will go away together in humiliation.
- 17 Israel has been saved by the LORD

15 ^aPs. 44:24; Is. 1:15; 8:17; 57:17
^bIs. 43:3
16 ^aIs. 42:17; 44:9
^bIs. 44:11

With an everlasting salvation;
You ^bwill not be put to
shame or humiliated
To all eternity.

18 ¶ For thus says the LORD,
who ^acreated the heavens
(He is the God who ^bformed
the earth and made it,
He established it and did
not create it ^{1a} a waste
place,
But formed it to be ^dinhabited),
"I am the LORD, and ^athere is
none else.

19 "I have not spoken in secret,
In ¹some dark land;
I did not say to the ^{2b}off-
spring of Jacob,
"Seek Me in ^{3a} a waste place";
I, the LORD, ^dspeak right-
eousness
"Declaring things that are
upright.

20 ¶ "Gather yourselves and
come;
Draw near together, you fu-
gitives of the nations;
^bThey have no knowledge,
Who ^ccarry about ¹their
wooden idol,
And ^dpray to a god who can-
not save.

21 "Declare and set forth your
case;
Indeed, let them consult to-
gether.
^bWho has announced this
from of old?
Who has long since de-
clared it?
Is it not I, the LORD?
And there is ^ano other God
besides Me,
A righteous God and a ^dSav-
ior;

There is none except Me.
22 "Turn to Me, and ^bbe saved,
all the ends of the earth;
For I am God, and there is
no other.

17 ^{4a} 28:4.
51:8. Rom.
11:28 ^{4a}.
49:23; 50:7.
54:4

18 ¹Or, in
vain
^{4a} 42:5 ^{4a}.
45:12 ^{4a}.
1:2 ^{4a}.
1:26. Ps.
115:16 ^{4a}.
45:5

19 ¹Lat., a
place of a
land of dark-
ness ^{4a}.
read ²Or,
vain

^{4a} 48:16 ^{4a}.
45:25; 45:9
2 Chr. 15:2.
Ps. 78:34. Jer.
29:13, 14 ^{4a}.
19:8. Is.
45:23; 45:1
^{4a} 43:12.
44:8

20 ¹Lat., the
wood of their
groven image
^{4a} 43:9 ^{4a}.
44:18, 19.
48:5-7 ^{4a}.
45:1, 7. Jer.
10:5 ^{4a}.
44:17, 44:6, 7
31 ^{4a}.

41:23; 43:9
^{4a} 41:26.
44:7; 48:14
^{4a} 45:5 ^{4a}.
43:3, 11
23 ^{4a}.
21:8, 9; 2 Chr.
20:12. Mic.
7:7. Zach.
12:10 ^{4a}.
30:15; 49:6.
12:32; 10
23 ^{4a}.
22:16. Is.
42:8. Hab.
2:13 ^{4a}.
55:11 ^{4a}.
14:11. Phil.
2:10 ^{4a}.
6:13. Ps.
63:11. Is.
19:18; 45:16
24 ^{4a}.
33:16 ^{4a}.
41:11

25 ^{4a} 1 Km.
8:32; Is. 53:11
^{4a} 41:16.
40:19
1 ¹Lat., car-
ried by you
^{4a} 2:18; 21:9.
Jer. 50:2-4.
51:44

2 ²Or, their
wood has
Judg. 16:17.
18:26.
2 Sam. 5:21.
Jer. 43:12, 13.
48:7. Mic.
10:5, 6
3 ¹Lat., the
hilly
^{4a} 48:12 ^{4a}.
10:21, 22 ^{4a}.
71:6. Is. 48:1

23 "I have sworn by Myself,
The ^bword has gone forth
from My mouth in right-
eousness
And will not turn back,
That to Me ^cevery knee will
bow, every tongue will
^dswear allegiance.

24 "They will say of Me, 'Only
^ain the LORD are right-
eousness and strength.'
Men will come to Him,
And ^ball who were angry at
Him shall be put to
shame.

25 "In the LORD all the offspring
of Israel
Will be ^ajustified, and will
^bglory."

CHAPTER 46

^a BEL has bowed down, Nebo
stoops over;

Their images are consigned
to the beasts and the cat-
tle.

The things ¹that you carry
are burdensome,

A load for the weary beast.

2 They stooped over, they
have bowed down to-
gether;

They could not rescue the
burden,

But ¹have themselves ^agone
into captivity.

3 ¶ "Listen to Me, O house of
Jacob,

And all ^bthe remnant of the
house of Israel,

You who have been ^cborne
by Me from ¹birth,

And have been carried from
the womb;

4 Even to your old age, ^aI
¹shall be the same,

And even to your ^{2b}graying
years I shall bear you!

I have ³done it, and I shall
carry you;

⁴ ¹Lat., I am He ^{4a}.
41:4; 43:12; 48:12 ^{4a}.
71:18

And I shall bear you, and I shall deliver you.

5 ¶^aTo whom would you liken Me,

And make Me equal and compare Me,
That we should be alike?

6^a Those who ^alavish gold from the purse
And weigh silver on the scale

Hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god;
They ^bbow down, indeed they worship it.

7^a They ^alift it upon the shoulder and carry it;
They set it in its place and it stands *there*.

^bIt does not move from its place.

Though one may cry to it, it ^ccannot answer;

It ^dcannot deliver him from his distress.

8 ¶^aRemember this, and be ^aassured;

^bRecall it to ²mind, you ^ctransgressors.

9^a Remember the ^aformer things long past,
For I am God, and there is ^bno other;
I am God, and there is ^cno one like Me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning

And from ancient times things which have not been done,

Saying, ^aMy purpose will be established,

And I will accomplish all My good pleasure^a;

11 Calling a ^abird of prey from the ^bbeast,

The man of ¹My purpose from a far country.

Truly I have ^cspoken; truly I will bring it to pass.

I have planned it, surely I will do it.

8 ^aIsa.
40:18, 25
9 ^aIsa.
40:19; 41:7;
44:12-17; Jer.
10:4 ^aIsa.
44:15, 17

7 ^aIsa.
45:20; 46:1;
Jer. 10:5 ^aIsa.
40:20; 41:7
^cIsa. 41:28 ^aIsa.
45:20

8 ¹Lit.,
firm ²Lit.,
heart
^aIsa. 44:21 ^aIsa.
44:19 ^cIsa. 50:1

9 ^aDeut.
32:7; ^aIsa. 42:9;
65:17 ^aIsa.
45:5, 21 ^aIsa.
41:26, 27

10 ^aPs.
33:11; Prov.
19:21; ^aIsa.
14:24, 25:1;
40:8; Acts
5:39

11 ¹Lit., ^aHu
^aIsa. 18:6 ^aIsa.
41:2 ^cNum.
23:19; ^aIsa.
14:24, 37:26

12 ^aIsa. 46:3
^bPs. 76:5; ^aIsa.
48:4; Zech.
7:11, 12; Mal.
3:13 ^cPs.
119:150; ^aIsa.
48:1; Jer. 2:5

13 ^aIsa. 51:5;
61:11; Rom.
3:21 ^aIsa. 61:3;
62:11; Joel
3:17; 1 Pet.
2:6 ^cIsa. 43:7;
44:23

1 ^aIsa. 3:26;
Jer. 48:18 ^aIsa.
23:12; 37:22;
Jer. 46:11
^cPs. 137:8;
Jer. 50:42;
51:33; Zech.
2:7 ^aDeut.
28:56

2 ^aEx. 11:5;
Jer. 25:10
^bJob 31:10;
Eccl. 12:4;
Matt. 24:41
^cGen. 24:65;
^aIsa. 3:23;
1 Cor. 11:5
^aIsa. 32:11

3 ¹Lit.,
meet
^aEzek. 16:37;
Nah. 3:5 ^aIsa.
34:8; 63:4

4 ^aIsa. 41:14
5 ^aIsa. 23:2;
Jer. 8:14;
Lam. 2:10 ^aIsa.
13:10 ^cIsa. 47:7
^aIsa. 13:19;
Dan. 2:37

6 ^aDeut.
28:50

12 ¶^aListen to Me, you ^bstubborn-minded,

Who are ^cfar from righteousness.

13^a I ^abring near My righteousness, it is not far off;

And My salvation will not delay.

And I will grant ^bsalvation in Zion,

And My ^cglory for Israel.

CHAPTER 47

66^a COME down and sit in the dust,

O ^bvirgin ^cdaughter of Babylon;

Sit on the ground without a throne,

O daughter of the Chaldeans.

For you shall no longer be called ^dtender and delicate.

2^a Take the ^amillstones and ^bgrind meal.

Remove your ^cveil, ^dstrip off the skirt,

Uncover the leg, cross the rivers.

3^a Your ^anakedness will be uncovered,

Your shame also will be exposed;

I will ^btake vengeance and will not ¹spare a man.^a

4 Our ^aRedeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name,

The Holy One of Israel.

5^a Sit silently, and go into ^bdarkness,

O daughter of the Chaldeans;

For you will no more be called

The ^cqueen of ^dkingdoms.

6^a I was angry with My people,
I profaned My heritage,

And gave them into your hand.

You did not show mercy to them,

On the ^aaged you made your yoke very heavy.

7 "Yet you said, 'I shall be a
queen forever.'
These things you did not
consider,
Nor remember the outcome of them.

8 "Now, then, hear this, you
sensual one,
Who dwells securely,
Who says in your heart,
'I am, and there is no one be-
sides me.
I shall not sit as a widow,
Nor shall I know loss of chil-
dren.'

9 "But these two things shall
come on you suddenly in
one day:
Loss of children and wid-
owhood.
They shall come on you in
full measure
In spite of your many sor-
ceries,
In spite of the great power
of your spells.

10 "And you felt secure in your
wickedness and said,
'No one sees me,'
Your wisdom and your
knowledge, they have
deluded you;
For you have said in your
heart,
'I am, and there is no one
besides me.'

11 "But evil will come on you
Which you will not know
how to charm away;
And disaster will fall on you
For which you cannot
atone,
And destruction about
which you do not know
Will come on you suddenly.

12 "Stand fast now in your
spells
And in your many sorceries
With which you have la-
bored from your youth;
Perhaps you will be able to
profit,

7 ¹Isa. 47:5
42:25; 57:11
Deut. 32:29;
Jer. 5:31;
Ezek. 7:2, 3

8 ¹Isa. 47:5
42:25; 57:11
Jer. 5:31;
Ezek. 7:2, 3
Isa. 45:5, 8,
18; 47:10;
Zeph. 2:15
Rev. 18:7

9 ¹Isa. 47:5
13:16, 18;
14:22
Ps. 73:19;
1 Thess. 5:3;
Rev. 18:8, 10
Isa. 47:13;
Nah. 3:4;
Rev. 18:23

10 ¹Isa. 47:5
Jer. 51:58, 64
Isa. 28:15;
Ezek. 8:12;
9:9
Isa. 5:21;
44:20
Isa. 47:8

11 ¹Isa. 47:5
Isa. 13:8; Jer. 51:8, 43; Luke 17:27;
1 Thess. 5:3
Isa. 47:9
Isa. 47:9
Jer. 51:58, 64
Isa. 28:15;
47:8; Dan. 2:2, 10
Isa. 47:15

12 ¹Isa. 5:24;
Nah. 1:10;
Mal. 4:1
Isa. 10:17; Jer. 51:30, 32, 58
Isa. 44:16
Isa. 18:1; Rev. 18:11
Isa. 5:28;
43:13; 48:7

1 ¹Isa. 47:5
Jer. 51:58, 64
Isa. 28:15;
47:8; Dan. 2:2, 10
Isa. 44:16
Isa. 18:1; Rev. 18:11
Isa. 5:28;
43:13; 48:7
Isa. 52:1;
64:10
Jer. 7:4, 21; Mic. 3:11; Rom. 2:17

3 ¹Isa. 41:22; 42:9;
43:2; 44:7, 8;
45:21; 48:10
Isa. 28:5;
32:13
Jer. 21:45; Is. 42:9

Perhaps you may cause
trembling.

13 "You are wearied with your
many counsels;
Let now the astrologers,
Those who prophesy by the
stars,
Those who predict by the
new moons,
Stand up and save you
from what will come
upon you.

14 "Behold, they have become
like stubble,
Fire burns them;
They cannot deliver them-
selves from the power of
the flame;

There will be no coal to
warm by,
Nor a fire to sit before!

15 "So have those become to
you with whom you have
labored,
Who have trafficked with
you from your youth;
Each has wandered in his
own way.
There is none to save you.

CHAPTER 48

66 "HEAR this, O house of Ja-
cob, who are named Is-
rael

And who came forth from
the plains of Judah,

Who swear by the name of
the LORD

And invoke the God of Is-
rael,

But not in truth nor in
righteousness.

2 "For they call themselves af-
ter the holy city,

And lean on the God of Is-
rael;

The LORD of hosts is His
name.

3 "I declared the former
things long ago

And they went forth from
My mouth, and I pro-
claimed them.

Suddenly I acted, and they
came to pass.

- 4^a "Because I know that you are
^{1a}obstinate,
 And your ^bneck is an iron
 sinew,
 And your ^cforehead bronze,
 5 Therefore I declared *them*
 to you long ago,
 Before ¹they took place I
 proclaimed *them* to you,
 Lest you should say, 'My ^ai-
 dol has done them,
 And my graven image and
 my molten image have
 commanded them.'
 6 "You have heard; look at all
 this.
 And you, will you not de-
 clare it?
 I proclaim to you ^anew
 things from this time,
 Even hidden things which
 you have not known.
 7 "They are created now and
 not long ago;
 And before today you have
 not heard them,
 Lest you should say, 'Be-
 hold, I knew them.'
 8 "You have not ^aheard, you
 have not known.
 Even from long ago your ear
 has not been open,
 Because I knew that you
 would deal very treach-
 erously;
 And you have been called a
^{1b}rebel from ²birth.
 9^a "For the sake of My name I
^bdelay My wrath,
 And for My praise I restrain
it for you,
 In order not to cut you off.
 10 "Behold, I have refined you,
 but ^anot as silver;
 I have tested you in the ^bfur-
 nace of affliction.
 11^a "For My own sake, for My
 own sake, I will act;
 For how can My name be
 profaned?
 And My ^bglory I will not
 give to another.

4¹Or,
 harsh
^aEx. 32:9;
 Deut. 31:27;
 Ezek. 2:4; 3:7;
²Chr. 36:13;
 Prov. 20:1;
 Acts 7:51
^cEzek. 3:7-9

5¹Lit., it
 Jer. 44:15-18

6^aIs. 42:9;
 43:19

8¹Or,
 transgressor
¹Lit., the bel-
 ly
^aIs. 42:25;
 47:11; Hos.
 7:9; Deut.
 9:7, 24; Ps.
 58:3; Is. 48:8

9^aIs. 48:11
^bNeh. 9:30;
 31; Ps. 78:38;
 103:8-10; Is.
 30:18; 65:8

10^aJer. 9:7;
 Ezek. 22:18-
 22; Deut.
 4:20; 1 Kin.
 8:51; Jer. 11:4

11^a1 Sam.
 12:22; Ps.
 25:11; 106:8;
 Is. 37:35;
 43:25; Jer.
 14:7; Ezek.
 20:9, 14, 22,
 44; Dan. 9:17-
 19; Deut.
 32:26, 27; Is.
 42:8

12¹Lit., My
 called one
^aIs. 41:4;
 43:10-13; 46:4
^bIs. 44:6; Rev.
 1:17; 22:13

13^aEx.
 20:11; Ps.
 102:25; Is.
 42:5, 45:12;
 18; Heb. 1:10-
 12; Is. 40:28

14^aIs. 43:9;
 45:20; Is.
 45:21; Is.
 46:10, 11; Is.
 13:4, 5, 17-19;
 Jer. 50:17-29;
 51:24

15^aIs. 41:2;
 45:1, 2

16¹Heb.,
 YHWH, usu-
 ally rendered
 Lord
^aIs. 34:1; 41:1;
 57:3; Is.
 45:19; Is.
 43:13; Zech.
 2:9, 11

17^aIs.
 41:14; 43:14;
 49:7, 28; 54:5;
 Is. 30:21;
 49:9, 10

- 12 ¶ "Listen to Me, O Jacob,
 even Israel ¹whom I
 called;

^aI am He, ^bI am the first, I am
 also the last.

- 13 "Surely My hand ^afounded
 the earth,

And My right hand spread
 out the heavens;

When I ^bcall to them, they
 stand together.

- 14^a "Assemble, all of you, and
 listen!

^bWho among them has de-
 clared these things?

The LORD loves him; he
 shall ^ccarry out His good
 pleasure on ^dBabylon,

And His arm *shall be*
against the Chaldeans.

- 15 "I, even I, have spoken; in-
 deed I have ^acalled him,
 I have brought him, and He
 will make his ways suc-
 cessful.

- 16^a "Come near to Me, listen to
 this:

From the first I have ^bnot
 spoken in secret,

^cFrom the time it took
 place, I was there.

And now ^dthe Lord ¹God
 has sent Me, and His
 Spirit."

- 17 ¶ Thus says the LORD, your
^aRedeemer, the Holy One
 of Israel;

"I am the LORD your God,
 who teaches you to
 profit,

Who ^bleads you in the way
 you should go.

- 18 "If only you had ^apaid atten-
 tion to My command-
 ments!

Then your ^{1b}well-being
 would have been like a
 river,

And your ^crighteousness
 like the waves of the sea.

18¹Or, peace; Deut. 5:29; 32:29; Ps. 81:13-16; Ps.
 119:165; Is. 32:16-18; 66:12; Is. 45:8; 61:10, 11; 62:1;
 Hos. 10:12; Amos 5:24

19 "Your ¹descendants would have been like the sand, And ²your offspring like its grains; ³Their name would never be cut off or destroyed from My presence."

20 ¶ "Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! Declare with the sound of ¹joyful shouting, proclaim this,

"Send it out to the end of the earth;

Say, "The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob."

21 And they did not ¹thirst when He led them through the deserts. He ²made the water flow out of the rock for them; He split the rock, and ³the water gushed forth.

22 "There is no peace for the wicked," says the LORD.

CHAPTER 49

LISTEN to Me, O ¹islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar.

²The LORD called Me from the womb;

From the ¹body of My mother He named Me.

2 And He has made My ¹mouth like a sharp sword;

In the ²shadow of His hand He has concealed Me,

And He has also made Me a ¹select ²arrow;

He has hidden Me in His quiver.

3 And He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel, ²In Whom I will ¹show My glory."

4 But I said, "I have ¹toiled in vain,

I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity;

Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD,

19 ¹Is., the seed ²Is., the offspring of your inward parts

Gen. 22:17; Is. 10:22; 44:3, 4; 54:3; Jer. 33:22 ²Is. 54:5; 68:22

20 ¹Jer. 50:8; 51:6, 48; Zach. 2:6, 7; Rev. 18:4 ²Is. 42:10; 49:13; 52:9 ³Is. 62:11; Jer. 31:10; 50:2 ⁴Is. 43:1; 52:9; 63:9

21 ¹Is. 30:25; 35:6, 7; 41:17, 18; 43:19, 20; 49:10 ²Ps. 78:13, 16 ³Ps. 78:20; 105:41

22 ¹Is., inward parts ²Is. 42:4 ³Is. 44:2, 24; 48:3; Jer. 1:5

2 ¹Or, sharpened ²Is. 11:4; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 1:16; 2:12, 16 ³Is. 51:16 ⁴Heb. 3:11

3 ¹Or, glorify myself ²Zach. 3:8 ³Is. 44:23

4 ¹Is. 65:23 ²Is. 35:4; 52:18

5 ¹Is. 44:3 ²Is. 11:12; 27:12 ³Is. 43:4 ⁴Is. 12:3

6 ¹Is., light ²Or, to ³Is., to ⁴Ps. 37:28; 97:10 ⁵Is. 42:4; 51:4; Luke 2:32; Acts 13:47; 26:23 ⁶Is. 48:20

7 ¹Is. 48:17 ²Ps. 22:6-8; 68:7-8; Is. 53:3 ³Is. 52:15 ⁴Is. 18:21, 23; 27:13; 66:23

8 ¹Is., establish ²Ps. 68:13; 2 Cor. 8:2 ³Is. 28:3; 27:3; 42:6 ⁴Is. 44:26

9 ¹Is. 42:7; 61:1; Luke 4:18

And My ¹reward with My God."

5 ¶ And now says ¹the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, In order that ²Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am ³honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My ⁴strength).

6 He says, "It is too ¹small a thing that You should be My Servant

To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the ²preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a ³blight ⁴of the nations

So that My salvation may ¹reach to the ²end of the earth."

7 Thus says the LORD, the ¹Redeemer of Israel, and its Holy One,

To the ²despised One,

To the One abhorred by the nation,

To the Servant of rulers,

"Kings shall see and arise, Princes shall also ¹bow down;

Because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

8 ¶ Thus says the LORD, "In a ¹favorable time I have answered You,

And in a day of salvation I have helped You;

And I will ¹keep You and ²give You for a covenant of the people,

To ¹restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages;

9 Saying to those who are ¹bound, 'Go forth,'

To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.'

Along the roads they will feed,
And their pasture will be on all ^bbare heights.
10 "They will ^anot hunger or thirst,
Neither will the scorching ^bheat or sun strike them down;
For ^cHe who has compassion on them will ^dlead them,
And will guide them to ^esprings of water.
11 "And I will make all ^aMy mountains a road,
And My ^bhighways will be raised up.
12 "Behold, these shall come ^afrom afar;
And lo, these will come from the ^bnorth and from the west,
And these from the land of Sinim."
13 ^aShout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth!
Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains!
For the ^bLORD has comforted His people,
And will ^chave compassion on His afflicted.
14 ¶ But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,
And the Lord has forgotten me."
15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child,
And have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget, but ^aI will not forget you.
16 "Behold, I have ^ainscribed you on the palms of My hands;
Your ^bwalls are continually before Me.
17 "Your ^bbuilders hurry;
Your ^adestroyers and devastators
Will depart from you.
18 "^aLift up your eyes and look around;

9 ^bIs. 41:18
10 ^aIs. 33:16; 48:21; Rev. 7:16 ^bPs. 121:6 ^cIs. 14:1 ^dPs. 23:2; Is. 40:11 ^eIs. 35:7; 41:17
11 ^aIs. 40:4 ^bIs. 11:16; 19:23; 35:8; 62:10
12 ^aIs. 49:1; 60:4 ^bIs. 43:5, 6
13 ^aIs. 44:23 ^bIs. 40:1; 51:3, 12 ^cIs. 54:7, 8, 10
15 ^aIs. 44:21
16 ^aSong 8:6; Hag. 2:23 ^bPs. 48:12; 13; Is. 62:6, 7
17 ^aSo ancient versions and DSS; M.T. reads sons ^bIs. 10:6; 37:18
18 ^aLit., an ornament ^bIs. 60:4; John 4:35 ^cIs. 43:5; 54:7; 60:4 ^dIs. 49:12 ^eIs. 45:23; 54:9 ^fIs. 52:1; 61:10
19 ^aIs. 1:7; 3:8; 5:6; 51:3 ^bIs. 54:1, 2; Zech. 10:10 ^cPs. 56:1, 2
20 ^aLit., your bereavement ^bIs. 54:1-3
21 ^aLit., These, where are they? ^bIs. 29:23; 54:6, 7 ^cIs. 27:10; Lam. 1:1 ^dIs. 5:13 ^eIs. 1:8 ^fIs. 60:8
22 ^aHeb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord ^bIs. 11:10, 12; 18:3; 62:10 ^cIs. 14:2; 43:6; 60:4
23 ^aIs. 14:1, 2; 60:3, 10, 11 ^bIs. 45:14; 60:14 ^cPs. 72:9; Mic. 7:17

^bAll of them gather together, ^cthey come to you.
^dAs I live," declares the LORD,
"You shall surely ^aput on all of them as ^bjewels, and bind them on as a bride.
19 "For ^ayour waste and desolate places, and your destroyed land—
Surely now you will be ^btoo cramped for the inhabitants,
And those who ^cswallowed you will be far away.
20 "The ^achildren of ^bwhom you were bereaved will yet say in your ears,
'The place is too cramped for me;
Make room for me that I may live *here*.'
21 "Then you will ^asay in your heart,
'Who has begotten these for me,
Since I have been bereaved of my children,
And am ^bbarren, an ^cexile and a wanderer?
And who has reared these? Behold, I was ^dleft alone;
^eFrom where did these come?' "
22 ¶ Thus says the Lord ^bGod,
"Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations,
And set up My ^astandard to the peoples;
And they will ^bbring your sons in *their* bosom,
And your daughters will be carried on *their* shoulders.
23 "And ^akings will be your guardians,
And their princesses your nurses.
They will ^bbow down to you with their faces to the earth,
And ^click the dust of your feet;

And you will ^dknow that I
am the LORD;
Those who hopefully ^ewait
for Me will ^fnot be put to
shame.

24 ^g"Can the prey be taken
from the mighty man,
Or the captives of ^ha tyrant
be rescued?"

25 Surely, thus says the LORD,
"Even the ⁱcaptives of the
mighty man will be taken
away,

And the prey of the tyrant
will be rescued;

For I will contend with the
one who contends with
you,

And I will ^bsave your sons.

26 "And I will feed your ^jop-
pressors with their ^kown
flesh,

And they will become
drunk with their own
blood as with sweet
wine;

And ^lall flesh will know that
I, the LORD, am your
^mSavior,

And your ⁿRedeemer, the
Mighty One of Jacob."

CHAPTER 50

THUS says the LORD,
"Where is the ^ocertificate of
divorce,

By which I have ^psent your
mother away?

Or to whom of My creditors
did I ^qsell you?

Behold, you were sold for
your ^riniquities,

And for your ^stransgres-
sions your mother ^twas
sent away.

2 "Why was there ^uno man
when I came?

When I called, why was
there none to answer?

Is My ^vhand so short that it
cannot ransom?

Or have I no power to de-
liver?

23 ¹Is.
41:20; 43:10;
60:16 ²Ps.
37:9; Is. 25:9;
26:8 ³Ps. 25:3;
Is. 45:17; Joel
2:27
24 ⁴So as-
cend versions
and DSS.
MT reads
the righteous,
cf. v. 25
⁵Matt. 12:29;
Luke 11:21
25 ⁶Is. 10:6;
14:1, 2; Jer.
50:33, 34 ⁷Is.
25:9, 33, 22;
35:4
26 ⁸Is. 9:4;
14:4, 16, 4;
51:13, 54:14
⁹Is. 9:20 ¹⁰Is.
45:8, Ezek.
39:7 ¹¹Is. 43:3
¹²Is. 49:7
1 ¹³Deut.
24:1, 3; Jer.
3:8 ¹⁴Is. 54:6;
7 ¹⁵Deut.
32:30; 2 Km.
4:1; Neh. 5:5
¹⁶Is. 52:3, 59:2
¹⁷Is. 1:28;
43:27 ¹⁸Jer. 3:8
3 ¹⁹Is.
41:28, 50:16;
68:4 ²⁰Gen.
18:14; Num.
11:23; Is. 58:1
²¹Ex. 14:21; Is.
19:5, 43:16;
44:27 ²²Josh.
3:16; Is. 42:15
3 ²³Is.
13:10; Rev.
6:12
4 ²⁴Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD, and so
throughout
the ch.
²⁵Is. 8:16;
54:13 ²⁶Is.
57:19; Jer.
31:25 ²⁷Ps. 53:
8, 13;
119:147;
143:8
5 ²⁸Ps. 40:6;
Is. 35:5
²⁹Matt. 26:39;
John 8:29;
14:31, 15:10;
Acts 26:19;
Phil. 2:8;
Heb. 5:8, 10:7
6 ³⁰Matt.
26:67, 27:30;
Mark 14:66;
15:19; Luke
22:63
7 ³¹Is. 42:1;
49:6 ³²Is.
45:17; 54:4
³³Ezek. 3:8, 9
8 ³⁴Is.
45:25; Rom.
8:33, 34 ³⁵Is.
1:18; 41:1;
43:26

Behold, I ^cdry up the sea
with My rebuke,

I ^dmake the rivers a wilder-
ness;

Their fish stink for lack of
water,

And die of thirst.

3 "I ^eclothe the heavens with
blackness,

And I make sackcloth their
covering."

4 ^f The Lord ^gGod has given
Me the tongue of ^hdisci-
ples,

That I may know how to
ⁱsustain the weary one
with a word.

He awakens Me ^jmorning
by morning.

He awakens My ear to listen
as a disciple.

5 The Lord God has ^kopened
My ear;

And I was ^lnot disobedient,
Nor did I turn back.

6 I ^mgave My back to those
who strike Me,

And My cheeks to those
who pluck out the beard;

I did not cover My face from
humiliation and spitting.

7 For the Lord God ⁿhelps Me,
Therefore, I am ^onot dis-
graced;

Therefore, I have set My
face like ^pflint,

And I know that I shall not
be ashamed.

8 He who ^qvindicates Me is
near;

Who will contend with Me?
Let us ^rstand up to each oth-
er;

Who has a case against Me?
Let him draw near to Me.

9 Behold, ^sthe Lord God helps
Me;

^tWho is he who condemns
Me?

Behold, ^uthey will all wear
out like a garment;

The moth will eat them.

9 ¹Is. 41:10 ²Is. 54:17 ³Job 13:28; Is. 51:8

10 Who is among you that fears the LORD,
That obeys the voice of His ^aservant,
That ^bwalks in darkness
and has no light?
Let him ^ctrust in the name of
the LORD and rely on his
God.

11 Behold, all you who ^akindle
a fire,
Who ^bencircle yourselves
with firebrands,
Walk in the light of your fire
And among the brands you
have set ablaze.
This you will have from My
hand;
And you will ^blie down in
torment.

CHAPTER 51

“**L**ISTEN to me, you who
^bpursue righteousness,
Who seek the LORD:
Look to the ^crock from
which you were hewn,
And to the ^bquarry from
which you were dug.

2“Look to ^aAbraham your fa-
ther,
And to Sarah who gave
birth to you in pain;
When he ^bwas one I called
him,
Then I blessed him and mul-
tiplied him.”

3 Indeed, ^athe LORD will com-
fort Zion;
He will comfort all her
^bwaste places.
And her ^cwilderness He will
make like ^dEden,
And her desert like the ^cgar-
den of the LORD;
^fJoy and gladness will be
found in her,
Thanksgiving and sound of
a melody.

4 ¶“Pay attention to Me, O
My people;
And give ear to Me, O My
^bnation;
For a ^blaw will go forth from
Me,

10 ^aIs. 49:2,
3, 50:4 ^bIs.
9:2, 28:9,
Eph. 5:8 ^cIs.
12:2, 26:4

11 ^aLit. and
^bProv. 26:18,
Is. 9:18;
James 3:6 ^bIs.
8:22, 63:13-
15, Amos 4:9,
10

1 ^aLit. ex-
cavation of a
pit
^aIs. 46:3,
48:12, 51:7
^bPs. 94:15,
Prov. 15:9
^cGen. 17:13-
17

2 ^aIs.
29:22, 41:8,
63:18 ^bGen.
12:1, 15:5,
Deut. 1:10,
Ezek. 33:24

3 ^aIs. 40:1,
49:13 ^bIs.
52:9 ^cIs. 35:1,
41:19 ^dGen.
2:8, Joel 2:3
^eGen. 13:10
^fIs. 25:9,
41:18, 65:18,
66:10

4 ^aOr, peo-
ple ^bLit.,
cause to rent
^aPs. 50:7, 78:1
^bDeut. 18:18;
Is. 2:3, Mic.
4:2 ^cIs. 1:27,
42:4 ^dIs. 42:6,
49:6

5 ^aIs.
46:13, 54:17
^bIs. 40:10 ^cIs.
42:4, 60:9 ^dIs.
50:18, 63:5

6 ^aOr, like
gnats ^bLit., he
broken
^aIs. 40:28 ^bPs.
102:25, 26; Is.
13:13, 34:4;
Matt. 24:35;
Heb. 1:10-12;
2 Pet. 3:10
^cIs. 45:17;
51:8

7 ^aIs. 51:1
^bPs. 37:31 ^cIs.
25:8, 54:4;
Matt. 5:11;
Acts 5:41

8 ^aIs. 50:9
^bIs. 14:11;
66:24 ^cIs. 51:6

9 ^aIs.
51:17, 52:1
^bEx. 6:8;
Deut. 4:34
^cJob 28:12;
Ps. 89:10; Is.
30:7 ^dPs.
74:13; Is. 27:1

10 ^aIs.
11:15, 16;
50:2; 63:11,
12

And I will ²set My ^cjustice
for a ^dlight of the peoples.
5“My ^arighteousness is near,
My salvation has gone
forth,
And My ^barms will judge
the peoples;
The ^ccoastlands will wait
for Me,
And for My ^darm they will
wait expectantly.
6“^aLift up your eyes to the sky,
Then look to the earth be-
neath;
For the ^bsky will vanish like
smoke,
And the ^bearth will wear out
like a garment,
And its inhabitants will die
^bin like manner,
But My ^csalvation shall be
forever,
And My righteousness shall
not ²wane.
7“^aListen to Me, you who
know righteousness,
A people in whose ^bheart is
My law;
Do not fear the ^creproach of
man,
Neither be dismayed at
their revilings.
8“^aFor the ^amoth will eat them
like a garment,
And the ^bgrub will eat them
like wool.
But My ^crighteousness shall
be forever,
And My salvation to all gen-
erations.”
9 ¶ ^aAwake, awake, put on
strength, O arm of the
LORD;
Awake as in the ^bdays of
old, the generations of
long ago.
^cWas it not Thou who cut
Rahab in pieces,
Who pierced the ^ddragon?
10 Was it not Thou who ^adried
up the sea,
The waters of the great
deep;

Who made the depths of the
sea a pathway
For the ^bredeemed to cross
over?

- 11 So the ^aransomed of the
LORD will return,
And come with joyful
shouting to Zion;
And ^beverlasting joy will be
on their heads.
They will obtain gladness
and joy,
And ^csorrow and sighing
will flee away.

- 12 "I, even I, am He who
^acomforts you.
Who are you that you are
afraid of ^bman who dies,
And of the son of man who
is made ^clike grass;

- 13 That you have ^aforgotten
the LORD your Maker,
Who ^bstretched out the
heavens,
And laid the foundations of
the earth;
That you ^cfear continually
all day long because of
the fury of the oppressor,
As he makes ready to de-
stroy?

But where is the fury of the
^doppressor?

- 14 "The ^aexile will soon be set
free, and will not die in the dun-
geon, ^bnor will his bread be lack-
ing.

- 15 "For I am the LORD your God,
who ^astirs up the sea and its
waves roar (the LORD of hosts is
His name).

- 16 "And I have ^aput My words in
your mouth, and have ^bcovered
you with the shadow of My hand,
to ^cestablish the heavens, to
found the earth, and to say to
Zion, 'You are My people.' "

- 17 "Rouse yourself! Rouse
yourself! Arise, O Jerusa-
lem,
You who have ^bdrunk from
the LORD's hand the cup
of His anger.

10 ^aEx.
15:13; Ps. 108
10; Is. 43:3
11 ^aIs.
35:10; Jer.
31:11, 12; ^aIs.
60:19, 61:7
^aIs. 25:8
60:20, 65:19
Rev. 7:17
21:1, 4, 22:3
12 ^aIs. 51:3
^aPs. 118:6, 12
2:22; ^aIs. 40:6
7:1; Ps. 124
13 ^aIs.
6:12, 8:11; Is.
17:10; ^aJob
9:4; Ps. 104:2
Is. 40:22
45:12, 18
48:13; ^aIs. 7:4
10:24; ^aIs.
49:26, 54:14
14 ^aIs., ^aour
on chains
^aIs. 48:20
52:2; ^aIs. 33:8
49:10
15 ^aPs.
107:25; Jer.
31:35
16 ^aIs.,
placid
^aIs. 18:18
Is. 50:21; ^aEx.
33:22; Is. 48:2
^aIs. 66:22
17 ^aIs.,
bowl of the
cup of reeling
^aIs., drunk
^aIs. 51:9, 52:1
^aJob 21:20
Is. 29:9, 63:6
Jer. 25:15
Rev. 14:10
16:19
18 ^aPs.
68:18, 142:4
Is. 49:21
19 ^aIs. 8:21
9:20, 14:30
20 ^aIs. 5:25
Jer. 14:16
^aIs. 14:5
^aIs. 68:15
21 ^aIs. 54:11
^aIs. 29:9
51:17, 63:6
22 ^aIs.,
bowl of the
cup of
^aIs. 3:12, 13
49:25; Jer.
50:34; ^aIs.
51:17
23 ^aIs.,
your soul
^aIs. 49:26
Jer. 25:15-17
26, 28; Zech.
12:2; ^aIs.
10:24
1 ^aIs. 51:9
17 ^aEx. 28:2
48:1; ^aChr.
16:28; Ps.
110:3; Is.
49:16, 61:2
10; Zech. 3:4

The ¹chalice of reeling you
have ²drained to the
dregs.

- 18 There is ^anone to guide her
among all the sons she
has borne;

Nor is there one to take her
by the hand among all the
sons she has reared.

- 19 These two things have be-
fallen you;
Who will mourn for you?
The ^adevastation and de-
struction, famine and
sword;

How shall I comfort you?

- 20 Your sons have fainted,
They ^alie helpless at the
head of every street,
Like an ^bantelope in a net,
Full of the wrath of the
LORD,
The ^crebuke of your God.

- 21 "Therefore, please hear
this, you ^aafflicted,
Who are ^bdrunk, but not
with wine:

- 22 Thus says your Lord, the
LORD, even your God
Who ^acontends for His peo-
ple,

"Behold, I have taken out of
your hand the ^bcup of
reeling;

The ¹chalice of My anger,
You will never drink it
again.

- 23 "And I will ^aput it into the
hand of your tormentors,
Who have said to ¹you, ²Lie
down that we may walk
over you."

You have even made your
back like the ground,
And like the street for those
who walk over it."

CHAPTER 52

^aAWAKE, awake,
Clothe yourself in your
strength, O Zion;
Clothe yourself in your
^bbeautiful garments,

O Jerusalem, the ^choly city.
For the uncircumcised and
the ^dunclean

Will no more come into you.

2 Shake yourself ^afrom the
dust, ^brise up,

O captive Jerusalem;

^cLoose yourself from the
chains around your neck.

O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus says the LORD, "You
were ^asold for nothing and you
will be ^bredeemed ^cwithout mon-
ey."

4 For thus says the Lord ¹God,
"My people ^awent down at the
first into Egypt to reside there,
then the Assyrian oppressed
them without cause.

5 "Now therefore, what do I
have here," declares the LORD,
"seeing that My people have
been taken away without
cause?" Again the LORD de-
clares, "Those who rule over
them howl, and My ^aname is con-
tinually blasphemed all day
long.

6 "Therefore My people shall
^aknow My name; therefore in
that day I am the one who is
speaking, 'Here I am.' "

7 ¶ How lovely on the moun-
tains

Are the feet of him who
brings ^agood news,

Who announces ¹peace

And brings good news of
²happiness,

Who announces salvation,

And says to Zion, "Your
^bGod ³reigns!"

8 Listen! Your watchmen lift
up ^{their} ^avoices,

They shout joyfully to-
gether;

For they will see ¹with their
own eyes

When the LORD restores
Zion.

9 ^aBreak forth, shout joyfully
together,

You ^bwaste places of Jeru-
salem;

1 ^cNeh.
11:1; Is.
48:2; 64:10;
Zech. 14:20;
21; Matt. 4:5;
Rev. 21:3-27
dIs. 35:8
2 ^aIs. 29:4
bIs. 60:1 cIs.
9:4; 10:27;
14:25; Zech.
2:7
3 ^aPs.
44:12; Jer.
15:13 bIs.
1:27; 62:12;
63:4 cIs. 45:13
4 ¹Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD
^aGen. 48:8
5 ^aEzek.
36:20, 23;
Rom. 2:24
6 ^aIs. 49:23
7 ¹Or, well-
being ²Lit.,
good ³Or, is
King
^aIs. 40:9; 61:1;
Nah. 1:15;
Rom. 10:15;
Eph. 6:15 ^bPs.
93:1; Is. 24:23
8 ¹Lit., eye
to eye
^aIs. 62:8
9 ^aPs. 98:4;
Is. 44:23 bIs.
44:26; 51:3;
61:4 cIs. 43:1;
48:20
10 ¹Lit.,
And... earth
will see
^aPs. 98:1-3;
Is. 51:9;
66:18, 19 bIs.
45:22; 48:20
11 ^aIs.
48:20; Jer.
50:8; Zech.
2:8, 7, 2 Cor.
6:17 bNum.
19:11, 16
cLev. 22:2; Is.
1:16
12 ¹Lit., in
flight
^aEx. 12:11;
33; Deut. 16:3
bIs. 28:7;
42:18; 49:10;
11 cEx. 14:19;
20; Is. 58:8
13 ¹Or, very
high
^aIs. 42:1;
49:1-7; 53:11
bIs. 57:15;
Phil. 2:9
14 ^aIs.
53:2, 3
15 ^aNum.
19:18-21;
Ezek. 36:25
bJob 21:5
cRom. 15:21;
Eph. 3:5
1 ^aJohn
12:38; Rom.
10:16

For the LORD has comforted
His people,

He has ^credeemed Jerusa-
lem.

10 The LORD has bared His
holy ^aarm

In the sight of all the na-
tions,

¹That ^ball the ends of the
earth may see

The salvation of our God.

11 ¶ ^aDepart, depart, go out
from there,

^bTouch nothing unclean;
Go out of the midst of her,

^cpurify yourselves,
You who carry the vessels
of the LORD.

12 But you will not go out in
^ahaste,

Nor will you go ¹as fugi-
tives;

For the ^bLORD will go before
you,

And ^cthe God of Israel will
be your rear guard.

13 ¶ Behold, My ^aservant will
prosper,

He will be high and lifted
up, and ¹greatly ^bexalted.

14 Just as many were aston-
ished at you, *My people*,

So His ^aappearance was
marred more than any
man,

And His form more than the
sons of men.

15 Thus He will ^asprinkle
many nations,

Kings will ^bshut their
mouths on account of
Him;

For ^cwhat had not been told
them they will see,

And what they had not
heard they will under-
stand.

CHAPTER 53

^aWHO has believed our mes-
sage?

And to whom has the arm of
the LORD been revealed?

2 For He grew up before Him
like a ^atender ¹shoot,
And like a root out of
parched ground;
He has ^bno stately form or
majesty
That we should look upon
Him,
Nor appearance that we
should ²be attracted to
Him.

3 He was ^adespised and for-
saken of men,
A man of ¹sorrows, and ^bac-
quainted with ²grief;
And like one from whom
men hide their face,
He was ^cdespised, and we
did not ^desteem Him.

4 ¶ Surely our ¹griefs He
Himself ^abore,
And our ²sorrows He car-
ried;
Yet we ourselves esteemed
Him stricken,
³Smitten of ^bGod, and af-
flicted.

5 But He was ¹pierced
through for ^aour trans-
gressions,
He was crushed for ^bour in-
iquities;
The ^cchastening for our
²well-being fell upon
Him,
And by ^dHis scourging we
are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have
gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his
own way;
But the LORD has caused the
iniquity of us all
To ¹fall on Him.

7 ¶ He was oppressed and
He was afflicted,
Yet He did not ^aopen His
mouth;
^bLike a lamb that is led to
slaughter,
And like a sheep that is si-
lent before its shearers,

2 ¹Lit.,
suckling ²Lit.,
desire
*Is. 11:1 *Is.
52:14

3 ¹Or,
pains ²Or,
sickness
*Ps. 22:6; Is.
49:7; Luke
18:31-33 *Is.
53:10 *Mark
10:33, 34
*John 1:10,
11

4 ¹Or, sick-
ness ²Or,
pains ³Or,
Struck down
by

*Matt. 8:17
*John 19:7

5 ¹Or,
wounded ²Or,
peace
*Is. 53:8, Heb
9:28 *Is.
53:10; Rom
4:25; 1 Cor
15:3 *Deut.
11:2, Heb. 5:8
*1 Pet. 2:24,
25

6 ¹Lit., en-
counter Him

7 *Matt.
26:63, 27:12-
14; Mark
14:61, 15:5;
Luke 23:9;
John 19:9
*Acts 8:32,
33; Rev. 5:6

8 ¹Or, life
*Is. 53:5, 12

9 *Matt.
27:57-60 *Is.
42:1-3 *1 Pet.
2:22

10 ¹Lit., He
made Him
such ²Lit., His
soul ³Lit.,
seed ⁴Or, will
of

*Is. 53:5 *Is.
53:3, 4 *Is.
53:6, 12; John
1:29 *Ps.
22:30; Is.
54:3, 61:9;
88:22 *Is.
46:10

11 ¹Or, toil-
some labor
²Another
reading is
light

*John 10:14-
18 *Is. 45:25;
Rom. 5:18, 19
*Is. 53:5, 6

12 ¹Lit., His
soul
*Is. 52:13;
Phil. 2:9-11
*Matt. 26:38,
39, 42 *Mark
15:28; Luke
22:37 *Is.
53:6, 11;
2 Cor. 5:21

So He did not open His
mouth.

8 By oppression and judg-
ment He was taken
away;

And as for His generation,
who considered

That He was cut off out of
the land of the ¹living,

^aFor the transgression of
my people to whom the
stroke was due?

9 His grave was assigned
with wicked men,

Yet He was with a ^arich man
in His death,

^bBecause He had ^cdone no
violence,

Nor was there any deceit in
His mouth.

10 ¶ But the LORD was
pleased

To ^acrush Him, ^{1b}putting
Him to grief;

If ²He would render Himself
as a guilt ^coffering,

He will see ^dHis ³offspring,

He will prolong His days,
And the ⁴good ^epleasure of
the LORD will prosper in
His hand.

11 As a result of the ¹anguish
of His soul,

He will ^asee ²it and be satis-
fied;

By His ^bknowledge the
Righteous One,

My Servant, will justify the
many,

As He will ^cbear their iniqui-
ties.

12 Therefore, I will allot Him a
^aportion with the great,

And He will divide the
booty with the strong;

Because He poured out
^{1b}Himself to death,

And was ^cnumbered with
the transgressors;

Yet He Himself ^dbore the
sin of many,

And interceded for the
transgressors.

CHAPTER 54

“**S**HOOT for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child;

Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed;

For the sons of the ^bdesolate one will be ^cmore numerous

Than the sons of the married woman,” says the LORD.

2“**E**nlarge the place of your tent;

¹Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not;

Lengthen your ^bcords, And strengthen your ^bpegs.

3“**F**or you will ^aspread abroad to the right and to the left. And your ¹descendants will ^bpossess nations, And they will ^cresettle the desolate cities.

4 **¶**“**F**ear not, for you will ^anot be put to shame; Neither feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; But you will forget the ^bshame of your youth, And the ^creproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

5“**F**or your ^ahusband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your ^bRedeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the ^cGod of all the earth.

6“**F**or the LORD has called you, Like a wife ^aforsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one’s youth when she is rejected,”

Says your God.

7“**I**n a ^abrief moment I forsook you,

¹ ^aGal. 4:27 ^bIs. 62:4
^c1 Sam. 2:3;
Is. 49:20

² ¹ ^aLit., Let them stretch out
^bIs. 33:20;
49:19, 20 ^bEx. 35:18; 39:40

³ ¹ ^aLit., seed
^bGen. 28:14;
Is. 43:5, 6;
60:3 ^bIs. 14:1;
2 ^cIs. 49:19

⁴ ^aIs. 45:17
^bJer. 31:19
^cIs. 4:1; 25:8;
51:7

⁵ ^aJer. 3:14; Hos. 2:19 ^bIs. 43:14, 48:17
^cIs. 6:3; 11:9;
65:16

⁶ ^aIs. 49:14-21;
50:1, 2; 62:4

⁷ ¹ ^aLit., in
^bIs. 26:20 ^bIs. 11:12; 43:5;
49:18

⁸ ¹ ^aLit., overflowing
^bIs. 60:10 ^bIs. 54:10; 63:7
^cIs. 49:10, 13
^dIs. 54:5

⁹ ¹ ^aSome mss. read the waters of Noah this is to me ² ^aLit., cross over
^bGen. 9:11
^cIs. 12:1;
Ezek. 39:29

¹⁰ ^aPs. 102:28; Is. 51:6 ^b2 Sam. 23:5; Ps. 89:34; Is. 55:3; 59:21;
61:8 ^cIs. 54:8

¹¹ ¹ ^aOr, lapis lazuli
^bIs. 51:21 ^bIs. 51:18, 19 ^cIs. 14:32; 28:16;
44:28 ^dJob 28:16; Rev. 21:19

¹² ¹ ^aLit., bright red
² ^aOr, carbuncles ³ ^aLit., border, boundary

¹³ ¹ ^aOr, disciples
^bJohn 8:45
^cIs. 48:18;
66:12

¹⁴ ^aIs. 1:28;
27:9-7; 62:1
^bIs. 9:4; 14:4
^cIs. 54:4 ^dIs. 33:18

But with great compassion I will ^bgather you.

8“**I**n an ¹outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment;

But with everlasting ^blovingkindness I will ^chave compassion on you.”

Says the LORD your ^dRedeemer.

9 **¶**“**F**or ¹this is like the days of Noah to Me;

When I swore that the waters of Noah

Should ^anot ²flood the earth again,

So I have sworn that I will ^bnot be angry with you,

Nor will I rebuke you.

10“**F**or the ^amountains may be removed and the hills may shake,

But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you,

And My ^bcovenant of peace will not be shaken.”

Says ^cthe LORD who has compassion on you.

11 **¶**“**O** ^aafflicted one, storm-tossed, and ^bnot comforted,

Behold, I will set your stones in antimony,

And your foundations I will ^clay in ¹sapphires.

12“**M**oreover, I will make your battlements of ¹rubies, And your gates of ²crystal, And your entire ³wall of precious stones.

13“**A**nd ^aall your sons will be ¹taught of the LORD;

And the well-being of your sons will be ^bgreat.

14“**I**n ^arighteousness you will be established;

You will be far from ^boppression, for you will ^cnot fear;

And from ^dterror, for it will not come near you.

15 "If anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me.

"Whoever assails you will fall because of you.

16 "Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the fire of coals,
And brings out a weapon for its work;
And I have created the destroyer to ruin.

17 "No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper;

And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,

And their "vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 55

66 "HO! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters;

And you who have no money come, buy and eat.

Come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without cost.

2 "Why do you spend money for what is not bread,

And your wages for what does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,

And delight yourself in abundance.

3 "Incline your ear and come to Me.

Listen, that you may live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,

According to the faithful mercies shown to David.

4 "Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples,

A leader and commander for the peoples.

18 ^{Isa.}
41:11-16

17 ^{Isa.}
rises against
^{Isa.} 17:12-14;
20:2 ^{Isa.} 30:2;
9 ^{Isa.} 45:24;
46:13

1 ^{Isa.} ^{al-}
ver
^{Isa.} 42:1, 2;
43:1, 143-4;
Isa. 41:17;
44:3, 34;
45:14, 7, 37;
Rom. 21:6
1 ^{Isa.} 54
"Song" 5:1;
Joel 3:18
4 ^{Isa.} 14:4;
Matt. 10:8

2 ^{Isa.}
weigh out al-
ver
"Eccl." 8:2;
Hos. 8:7 ^{Isa.}
22:28; Isa.
1:19; 42:8, 9
4 ^{Isa.} 25:8, Jer.
31:14

3 ^{Isa.}
your soul
4 ^{Isa.} of Da-
vid
4 ^{Isa.} 51:4 ^{Isa.}
18:5; Rom.
10:5 ^{Isa.} 61:8
4 ^{Isa.} 13:34

4 ^{Isa.}
18:43; Jer.
30:2; Hos. 2:5
"Ezek." 34:24;
37:24, 25;
Dan. 9:25;
Mic. 5:2

5 ^{Isa.}
45:14, 22-24;
46:4, 12, 23
"Zech." 8:22
4 ^{Isa.} 60:9

6 ^{Isa.} 32:6
Isa. 45:19, 22;
46:4; Amos
5:6 ^{Isa.} 58:2;
65:24

7 ^{Isa.} 1:16;
19: 58:6 ^{Isa.}
32:7, 38:7 ^{Isa.}
31:6, 44:22
4 ^{Isa.} 14:1;
54:8, 10 ^{Isa.}
1:18; 40:2;
43:25, 44:22

8 ^{Isa.} 65:2;
66:18 ^{Isa.}
32:6

9 ^{Isa.}
103:11
10 ^{Isa.} 30:23
4 ^{Isa.} Cor. 9:10

11 ^{Isa.}
45:23; Matt.
24:35 ^{Isa.}
44:28, 38:21
4 ^{Isa.} 38:10;
33:10

5 "Behold, you will call a nation you do not know,

And a nation which knows you not will run to you,
Because of the LORD your God, even the Holy One of Israel;

For He has glorified you."

6 ¶ "Seek the LORD while He may be found;

Call upon Him while He is near.

7 "Let the wicked forsake his way,

And the unrighteous man his thoughts;

And let him return to the LORD,

And He will have compassion on him;

And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,

Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

So are My ways higher than your ways,

And My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

And do not return there without watering the earth,

And making it bear and sprout,

And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

11 So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth;

It shall not return to Me empty,

Without accomplishing what I desire.

And without succeeding in
the matter for which I
sent it.

12 "For you will go out with
joy,

And be led forth with
peace;

The mountains and the
hills will break forth into
shouts of joy before you,
And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

13 "Instead of the thorn bush
the cypress will come
up;

And instead of the nettle
the myrtle will come up;
And it will be a memorial
to the LORD,

For an everlasting sign
which will not be cut
off."

CHAPTER 56

THUS says the LORD,

"Preserve justice, and do
righteousness,

For My salvation is about
to come

And My righteousness to be
revealed.

2 "How blessed is the man
who does this,

And the son of man who
takes hold of it;

Who keeps from profaning
the sabbath,

And keeps his hand from
doing any evil."

3 Let not the foreigner who
has joined himself to the
LORD say,

"The LORD will surely sepa-
rate me from His peo-
ple."

Neither let the eunuch say,
"Behold, I am a dry tree."

4 For thus says the LORD,
"To the eunuchs who keep
My sabbaths,

And choose what pleases
Me,

13 Ps.
105:43; Is.
51:11; 52:9
Isa. 54:10, 13;
Jer. 29:11; Is.
44:23; 49:13
41 Chr. 18:33
13 i.e., the
transformation
of the
desert. Lit.,
name
Isa. 7:19; Is.
60:13; Is. 56:
7, 24; 32:13
Isa. 63:12, 14;
Jer. 33:9; Is.
19:20; Is. 56:5
1 Is. 1:17;
33:5; 61:8
Ps. 85:9; Is.
46:13; 51:5
2 Ps.
112:1, 119:1,
2; Is. 56:4, 6
Ex. 20:8-11;
31:13-17; Is.
56:6, 58:13;
Jer. 17:21, 22;
Ezek. 20:12,
20
3 Is. 14:1,
56:6; Deut.
23:1; Jer.
38:7; Acts
8:27
4 Is. 56:2,
6; Is. 56:6
5 So DSS;
M.T. reads
him
Isa. 2:2, 3;
56:7, 66:20
Isa. 28:1,
60:18; Is. 62:2
Isa. 48:19;
55:13
6 Is. 56:3;
60:10; 61:5
Isa. 56:2, 4
7 Is. 2:2,
3; 60:11; Mic.
4:1, 2; Is.
11:9; 65:25
Isa. 61:10; Is.
60:7; Matt.
21:13; Mark
11:17; Luke
19:46
8 Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD. Lit.,
him
Isa. 11:12; Is.
60:3-11;
66:18-21;
John 10:16
9 Is. 18:6;
46:11
10 So DSS;
M.T., Ravens
Ezek. 3:17
Isa. 29:9-14;
Jer. 14:13, 14
11 Lit.,
strong of
soul/appetite
Lit., do not
know satis-
faction
Isa. 28:7;
Ezek. 13:10;
Mic. 3:5, 11
Isa. 1:3

And hold fast My cov-
enant,

5 To them I will give in My
house and within My
walls a memorial,

And a name better than that
of sons and daughters;

I will give them an ever-
lasting name which will
not be cut off.

6 ¶ Also the foreigners who
join themselves to the
LORD,

To minister to Him, and to
love the name of the
LORD,

To be His servants, every
one who keeps from
profaning the sabbath,

And holds fast My cov-
enant;

7 Even those I will bring to
My holy mountain,

And make them joyful in
My house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and
their sacrifices will be ac-
ceptable on My altar;

For My house will be called
a house of prayer for all
the peoples."

8 The Lord God, who gathers
the dispersed of Is-
rael, declares,

"Yet others I will gather to
them, to those already
gathered."

9 ¶ All you beasts of the
field,

All you beasts in the forest,
Come to eat.

10 His watchmen are blind,
All of them know nothing.

All of them are dumb dogs
unable to bark,

Dreamers lying down, who
love to slumber;

11 And the dogs are greedy,
they are not satisfied.

And they are shepherds
who have no under-
standing;

They have all ^cturned to
their own way,
Each one to his unjust gain,
to the last one.

12 "Come," they say, "let ¹us
get ^awine, and let us
drink heavily of strong
drink;

And ^btomorrow will be like
today, only more so."

CHAPTER 57

THE righteous man perishes,
and no man ^atakes it to
heart;

And devout men are taken
away, while no one un-
derstands.

For the righteous man is
taken away from ^bevil,

2 He enters into peace;
They rest in their ¹beds,
Each one who ^awalked in
his upright way.

3 "But come here, you sons of
a ^asorceress,
^bOffspring of an adulterer
and ¹a ^cprostitute.

4 "Against whom do you jest?
Against whom do you open
wide your mouth

And stick out your tongue?
Are you not children of ^are-
bellion,

Offspring of deceit,

5 Who inflame yourselves
among the ¹oaks,

^bUnder every luxuriant
tree,

Who ^cslaughter the chil-
dren in the ²ravines,

Under the clefts of the
crag?

6 "Among the ¹smooth stones
of the ²ravine

Is your portion, ³they are
your lot;

Even to them you have
^bpoured out a libation,

You have made a grain of-
fering.

Shall I ^crelent concerning
these things?

11 ¹Isa.
57:17; Jer.
22:17
12 ¹So DSS
and many
versions; M.
T. me
¹Isa. 5:11, 12,
22 ²Ps. 10:6;
Luke 12:10,
20

1 ¹Isa.
42:25, 47:7
²2 Kin. 22:20;
Is. 47:11; Jer.
18:11

2 ¹I.e.,

graves

¹Isa. 28:7

3 ¹So an-
cient ver-
sions; Heb.,
she prosti-
tute herself
¹Mal. 3:5 ¹Isa.
14; Matt.
18:4 ¹Isa. 1:21,
57:7-9

4 ¹Isa. 48:8

5 ¹Or, ¹ter-
rible ²Or,

waddle

¹Isa. 1:29

²2 Kin. 16:4,

Jer. 2:20; 3:13

²2 Kin. 23:10;

Ps. 108:37,

38; Jer. 7:31

6 ¹I.e.,

symbols of

fertility gods

²Or, words

¹Lat., they,

they ²Or, re-

pent

¹Jer. 3:9;

Hab. 2:19

¹Jer. 7:18

¹Jer. 5:9, 29;

9:9

7 ¹Jer. 3:6;

Ezek. 16:16

²Ezek. 23:41

8 ¹Or, lying

down ²Lat.,

hand

¹Ezek. 23:18

9 ¹I.e., the

other world

¹Ezek. 23:16,

40

10 ¹Lat., the

life of your

hand ²Or, be-

come such

¹Jer. 2:25,

18:12

11 ¹Lat., You

did not set it

upon your

heart

¹Prov. 29:25;

Is. 51:12, 13

¹Jer. 2:32;

3:21 ¹Ps.

50:21; Is.

42:14

12 ¹Isa. 58:1,

2 ¹Isa. 29:15;

58:6, 65:7;

68:18; Mic.

3:2-4

13 ¹Jer.

22:20; 30:14

7 "Upon a ^ahigh and lofty
mountain

You have ^bmade your bed.
You also went up there to
offer sacrifice.

8 "And behind the door and
the doorpost

You have set up your sign;
Indeed, far removed from
Me, you have ^auncovered
yourself;

And have gone up and made
your bed wide.

And you have made an
agreement for your-
selves with them,

You have loved their ¹bed,
You have looked on their
²manhood.

9 "And you have journeyed to
the king with oil

And increased your per-
fumes;

You have ^asent your envoys
a great distance,

And made them go down to
¹Sheol.

10 "You were tired out by the
length of your road,

Yet you did not say, ^a"It is
hopeless."

You found ¹renewed
strength,

Therefore you did not
²faint.

11 "Of ^awhom were you wor-
ried and fearful,

When you lied, and did ^bnot
remember Me,

¹Nor ^cgive Me a thought?

Was I not silent even for a
long time

So you do not fear Me?

12 "I will ^adeclare your right-
eousness and your
^bdeeds,

But they will not profit you.

13 "When you cry out, ^alet your
collection of idols deliver
you.

But the wind will carry all of
them up,

And a breath will take them
away.

But he who takes refuge in
Me shall inherit the land,
And shall possess My holy
mountain."

14 ¶ And it shall be said,
"Build up, build up, prepare
the way,

Remove every obstacle out
of the way of My people."

15 For thus says the high and
exalted One
Who lives forever, whose
name is Holy,

"I dwell on a high and holy
place,

And also with the contrite
and lowly of spirit

In order to revive the spirit
of the lowly

And to revive the heart of
the contrite.

16 "For I will not contend for-
ever,

Neither will I always be an-
gry;

For the spirit would grow
faint before Me,

And the breath of those
whom I have made.

17 "Because of the iniquity of
his unjust gain I was an-
gry and struck him;

I hid My face and was an-
gry,

And he went on turning
away, in the way of his
heart.

18 "I have seen his ways, but I
will heal him;

I will lead him and restore
comfort to him and to his
mourners,

19 Creating the praise of the
lips.

Peace, peace to him who is
far and to him who is
near,"

Says the LORD, "and I will
heal him."

20 But the wicked are like the
tossing sea,

For it cannot be quiet,
And its waters toss up re-
fuse and mud.

13 Ps.
37:3, 9;
Is. 25:4; Is.
49:8; 60:21
4Is. 65:9

14 Is.
62:10; Jer.
18:15

15 Or,
dwells in
eternity
Is. 32:13
Deut. 33:27;
Is. 40:28; Is.
33:5; 68:1
Ps. 34:18;
51:17; Is. 60:2
Ps. 147:3; Is.
61:1-3

16 Gen. 6:3
Ps. 85:5;
103:9; Mic.
7:18; Is. 42:5

17 Is. 2:7;
56:11; Jer.
6:13; Is. 1:4;
Jer. 3:14, 22

18 Is.
19:22; 30:26;
53:5; Is.
52:12; Is.
61:1-3

19 Lit.,
fruit of the
lips
Is. 6:7; 51:16;
59:21; Heb.
13:15; Is.
26:12; 32:17
Acts 2:39;
Eph. 2:17

20 Job
18:5-14; Is.
3:9, 11

21 Is.
48:22; 59:8
Is. 40:4

1 Is. 40:6
Is. 43:27;
50:1; 59:12

2 Is. 1:11;
Titus 1:16; Is.
48:1; Jer. 7:9;
10:1; Is. 1:4;
28; 59:13; Ps.
119:150; Is.
29:13; 57:3;
James 4:8

3 Lit.,
know
Mal. 3:14;
Luke 18:12
Is. 22:12, 13;
Zech. 7:5, 6

4 Is. 3:14;
15; 59:6; Is.
1:15; 59:2;
Joel 2:12-14

5 Lit., his
1 Kin. 21:27
Is. 40:8; 61:2

6 Neh.
5:10-12; Jer.
34:8

21 "There is no peace," says
my God, "for the
wicked."

CHAPTER 58

CRY loudly, do not hold
back;

Raise your voice like a
trumpet,

And declare to My people
their transgression,
And to the house of Jacob
their sins.

2 "Yet they seek Me day by
day, and delight to know
My ways,

As a nation that has done
bribeousness,

And has not forsaken the
ordinance of their God.

They ask Me for just deci-
sions,

They delight in the near-
ness of God.

3 "Why have we fasted and
Thou dost not see?

Why have we humbled our-
selves and Thou dost not
notice?"

Behold, on the day of your
fast you find your desire,
And drive hard all your
workers.

4 "Behold, you fast for conten-
tion and strife and to
strike with a wicked fist.

You do not fast like you do
today to make your
voice heard on high.

5 "Is it a fast like this which I
choose, a day for a man to
humble himself?

Is it for bowing one's head
like a reed,

And for spreading out
sackcloth and ashes as a
bed?

Will you call this a fast,
even an acceptable day
to the LORD?

6 "Is this not the fast which I
choose,

To loosen the bonds of
wickedness,

- To undo the bands of the yoke,
And to ^blet the oppressed go free,
And ^cbreak every yoke?
7"Is it not to ^adivide your bread ¹with the hungry,
And ^bbring the homeless poor into the house;
When you see the ^cnaked, to cover him;
And not to ^dhide yourself from your own flesh?
8"Then your ^alight will break out like the dawn,
And your ^brecovery will speedily spring forth;
And your ^crighteousness will go before you;
The glory of the ^dLORD will be your rear guard.
9"Then you will ^acall, and the LORD will answer;
You will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'
If you ^bremove the yoke from your midst,
The ¹pointing of the finger, and ^dspeaking wickedness,
10 And if you ^{1a}give yourself to the hungry,
And satisfy the ²desire of the afflicted,
Then your ^blight will rise in darkness,
And your gloom will become like midday.
11"And the ^aLORD will continually guide you,
And ^bsatisfy your ¹desire in scorched places,
And ^cgive strength to your bones;
And you will be like a ^dwatered garden,
And like a ^espring of water whose waters do not ²fail.
12"And those from among you will ^arebuild the ancient ruins;
You will ^braise up the age-old foundations;

6 ^aIs. 1:17
7 ^aIs. 58:9
7 ^aLit., for
Job 31:19,
20; Is. 58:10;
Ezek. 18:7, 16
Is. 16:3, 4;
Heb. 13:2
Matt. 25:35,
36; Luke 3:11
Deut. 22:1-4,
Luke 10:31,
32
8 ^aIs. 58:10
Is. 30:26,
33-34; Jer.
30:17, 33-6
Ps. 85:13; Is.
62:1; Ex.
14:19; Is.
52:12
9 ^aLit.,
sending out
Ps. 50:15; Is.
55:6; 65:24
Is. 58:6
Prov. 6:13
Ps. 12:2; Is.
59:13
10 ^aLit., fur-
nish ^aOr, soul
Deut. 15:7,
Is. 58:7; Job
11:17; Ps.
37:6; Is.
42:16; 58:8
11 ^aOr, soul
Or, deceive
Is. 40:10;
57:18; Ps.
107:9; Is.
41:17; Is.
66:14; Song
4:15; Is. 27:3;
Jer. 31:12
John 4:14,
7:38
12 ^aLit.,
paths
Is. 40:8, 61:4,
Ezek. 36:10
Is. 44:28; Is.
30:13; Amos
9:11
13 ^aEx.
31:16, 17;
35:2, 3; Is.
56:2, 4, 6; Jer.
17:21-27; Ps.
27:4; 42:4,
84:2, 10; Is.
55:8; Is.
59:13
14 ^aJob
22:28; Is.
61:10; Deut.
32:13; 33:29;
Is. 33:16;
Hab. 3:19; Is.
1:20; 40:5
1 ^aNum.
11:23; Is.
50:2; Jer.
32:17; Is.
58:9; 65:24;
Ezek. 8:18
2 ^aSo ver-
mons; M. T.,
foces
Is. 1:15; 50:1
Is. 58:4
3 ^aIs. 1:15;
21; Jer. 2:30,
34; Ezek.
7:23; Hos. 4:2

And you will be called the
repairer of the ^cbreach,
The restorer of the ¹streets
in which to dwell.

- 13 "If because of the sabbath,
you ^aturn your foot
From doing your own plea-
sure on My holy day,
And call the sabbath a ^bde-
light, the holy day of the
LORD honorable,
And shall honor it, desisting
from your ^cown ways,
From seeking your own
pleasure,
And ^dspeaking your own
word,
14 Then you will take ^adelight
in the LORD,
And I will make you ride ^bon
the heights of the earth;
And I will feed you with the
heritage of Jacob your fa-
ther,
For the ^cmouth of the LORD
has spoken."

CHAPTER 59

- B**EHOLD, ^athe LORD's hand is
not so short
That it cannot save;
^bNeither is His ear so dull
That it cannot hear.
2 But your ^ainiquities have
made a separation be-
tween you and your God,
And your sins have hidden
His ¹face from you, so
that He does ^bnot hear.
3 For your ^ahands are defiled
with blood,
And your fingers with iniqu-
ity;
Your lips have spoken
^bfalsehood,
Your tongue mutters wick-
edness.
4 ^aNo one sues righteously
and ^bno one pleads ¹honest-
ly.

Is. 28:15; 30:9; 59:13
4 ^aLit., in truth ^aIs. 5:7; 59:14; Is. 59:14, 15

- They ^ctrust in confusion,
and speak lies;
They ^dconceive mischief,
and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch adders' eggs
and ^aweave the spider's
web;
He who eats of their eggs
dies,
And from that which is
crushed a snake breaks
forth.
6 Their webs will not become
clothing,
Nor will they ^acover them-
selves with their works;
Their ^bworks are works of
iniquity,
And an ^cact of violence is in
their ¹hands.
7 ^aTheir feet run to evil,
And they hasten to shed in-
nocent blood;
^bTheir thoughts are
thoughts of iniquity;
Devastation and destruc-
tion are in their high-
ways.
8 They do not know the ^away
of peace,
And there is ^bno justice in
their tracks;
They have made their paths
crooked;
^cWhoever treads on ¹them
does not know peace.
9 ¶ Therefore, ^ajustice is far
from us,
And righteousness does not
overtake us;
We ^bhope for light, but be-
hold, darkness;
For brightness, but we walk
in gloom.
10 We ^agrope along the wall
like blind men,
We grope like those who
have no eyes;
We ^bstumble at midday as
in the twilight,
Among those who are vig-
orous we are ^clike dead
men.
11 All of us growl like bears,

4 ^cIs. 30:12;
Jer. 7:4, 8;
Job 15:35;
Ps. 7:14; Is.
33:11

5 ^aJob 8:14

6 ¹Lit.,
palms
^aIs. 28:20 ^bIs.
57:12, Jer. 6:7
^cIs. 58:4,
Ezek. 7:11

7 ^aProv.
1:16; 6:17;
Rom. 3:15-17
^bIs. 65:2,
66:18, Mark
7:21, 22

8 ¹Lit., if
^aLuke 1:79
^bIs. 59:9, 11,
Hos. 4:1 ^cIs.
57:20, 21

9 ^aIs. 59:14
^bIs. 5:30,
8:21, 22

10 ^aDeut.
28:29; Job
5:14 ^bIs. 8:14,
15:28, 13
^cLam. 3:6

11 ^aIs.
38:14, Ezek.
7:16 ^bIs. 59:9,
14

12 ¹Lit., an-
swer ²Lit.,
our iniquities
we know
them
^aEzra 9:6; Is.
58:1 ^bIs. 3:9;
Jer. 14:7;
Hos. 5:5

13 ^aJosh.
24:27; Prov.
30:9; Matt.
10:33; Titus
1:16 ^bIs. 5:7;
30:12; Jer.
9:3, 4 ^cIs.
59:3, 4; Mark
7:21, 22

14 ^aIs. 1:21;
5:7 ^bIs. 48:12;
Hab. 1:4

15 ¹Or, evil
^aIs. 5:23; 10:2;
29:21; 32:7
^bIs. 1:21-23

16 ^aIs.
41:28; 63:5;
Ezek. 22:30
^bPs. 98:1; Is.
52:10; 63:5

17 ^aEph.
6:14 ^bEph.
6:17; 1 Thes.
5:8 ^cIs.
63:2, 3 ^dIs.

A Confession of Wickedness.

- And ^amoan sadly like
doves;
We hope for ^bjustice, but
there is none.
For salvation, but it is far
from us.
12 For our ^atransgressions are
multiplied before Thee,
And our ^bsins ¹testify
against us;
For our transgressions are
with us,
And ²we know our iniqui-
ties:
13 Transgressing and ^adeny-
ing the LORD,
And turning away from our
God,
Speaking ^boppression and
revolt,
Conceiving in and ^cuttering
from the heart lying
words.
14 And ^ajustice is turned back,
And ^brighteousness stands
far away;
For truth has stumbled in
the street,
And uprightness cannot en-
ter.
15 Yes, truth is lacking;
And he who turns aside
from evil ^amakes himself
a prey.
¶ Now the LORD saw,
And it was ¹displeasing in
His sight ^bthat there was
no justice.
16 And He saw that there was
^ano man,
And was astonished that
there was no one to inter-
cede;
Then His ^bown arm brought
salvation to Him;
And His righteousness up-
held Him.
17 And He put on ^arighteous-
ness like a breastplate,
And a ^bhelmet of salvation
on His head;
And He put on ^cgarments of
vengeance for clothing,

And wrapped Himself with
zeal as a mantle.

- 18 According to their deeds,
so He will repay,
Wrath to His adversaries,
recompense to His enemies;

To the coastlands He will
make recompense.

- 19 So they will fear the name of
the LORD from the west
And His glory from the rising
of the sun,

For He will come like a
rushing stream,
Which the wind of the LORD
drives.

- 20 And a Redeemer will come
to Zion,

And to those who turn
from transgression in Jacob," declares the LORD.

- 21 And as for Me, this is My
covenant with them," says the
LORD: "My Spirit which is upon
you, and My words which I have
put in your mouth, shall not de-
part from your mouth, nor from
the mouth of your offspring, nor
from the mouth of your off-
spring's offspring," says the
LORD, "from now and forever."

CHAPTER 60

- 6 ARISE, shine; for your
light has come,
And the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you.

- 2 For behold, darkness will
cover the earth,
And deep darkness the peo-
ples;

But the LORD will rise upon
you,
And His glory will appear
upon you.

- 3 And nations will come to
your light,
And kings to the brightness
of your rising.

- 4 Lift up your eyes round
about, and see;
They all gather together,
they come to you.

17 ¹Is. 9:7;
37:32; Zech.
1:14
18 ¹Lit., rec-
ompense
²Lit., accord-
ingly ³Lit., re-
pay
⁴Job 34:11; Is.
65:6, 7; 66:6;
Jer. 17:10
19 ¹Lit.,
narrow
²Is. 40:12; Ps.
113:3; Is.
30:28; 66:12
20 ¹Rom.
11:26; Ezek.
18:30, 31;
Acts 2:38, 39
21 ¹Lit.,
seed
²Jer. 31:31;
34; Rom.
11:27; Is.
11:2; 32:15;
44:3; Is. 55:11
³Is. 52:2
⁴Is. 60:19, 20
⁵Is. 24:23;
35:2; 58:8
⁶Is.
58:10; Jer.
13:18; Col.
1:13; Is. 4:5
⁷Is. 2:3;
45:14, 22-25;
49:23
4 ¹Lit.,
turned upon
the side
²Is. 11:12;
49:18; Is.
40:20-22; Is.
43:6; 49:22
5 ¹Lit.,
tremble and
be enlarged
²Ps. 34:5; Is.
23:18, 24:14
³Is. 61:6
6 ¹Gen.
25:4; ²Gen.
25:3; Ps.
72:10; Is.
60:9; Matt.
2:11; Is.
42:10
7 ¹Or,
beautify ²Or,
beautiful
³Gen. 25:13
⁴Is. 19:19;
58:7; Is.
60:13; Hag.
2:7, 9
8 ¹Or,
dovecotes,
windows
²Is. 49:21
9 ¹Lit.,
beautified
²Is. 11:11;
24:15; 42:4;
10, 12; 49:1;
51:5; 68:19
³Ps. 48:7; Is.
2:16; Is. 14:2;
43:8; 49:22
⁴Is. 55:5
10 ¹Is. 14:1;
2:31; Zech.
8:15; Is.
49:23; Rev.
21:24

Your sons will come from
afar,

And your daughters will be
carried in the arms.

- 5 Then you will see and be
radiant,

And your heart will thrill
and rejoice;

Because the abundance of
the sea will be turned to
you,

The wealth of the nations
will come to you.

- 6 A multitude of camels will
cover you,

The young camels of Mid-
ian and Ephah;

All those from Sheba will
come;

They will bring gold and
frankincense,

And will bear good news of
the praises of the LORD.

- 7 All the flocks of Kedar will
be gathered together to
you,

The rams of Nebaioth will
minister to you;

They will go up with accept-
ance on My altar,

And I shall glorify My
glorious house.

- 8 Who are these who fly like
a cloud,

And like the doves to their
lattices?

- 9 Surely the coastlands will
wait for Me;

And the ships of Tarshish
will come first,

To bring your sons from
afar,

Their silver and their gold
with them,

For the name of the LORD
your God,

And for the Holy One of Is-
rael because He has
glorified you.

- 10 And foreigners will
build up your walls,
And their kings will minis-
ter to you;

For in My ^cwrath I struck you,
 And in My favor I have had compassion on you.
 11" And your ^agates will be open continually;
 They will not be closed day or night,
 So that men may ^bbring to you the wealth of the nations,
 With ^ctheir kings led in procession.
 12" For the ^anation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish,
 And the nations will be utterly ruined.
 13" The ^aglory of Lebanon will come to you,
 The ^bjuniper, the box tree, and the cypress together,
 To beautify the place of My sanctuary;
 And I shall make the ^cplace of My feet glorious.
 14" And the ^asons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you,
 And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet;
 And they will call you the ^bcity of the LORD,
 The ^cZion of the Holy One of Israel.
 15 ¶ "Whereas you have been ^aforsaken and ^bhated
 With no one passing through,
 I will make you an everlasting ^cpride,
 A joy from generation to generation.
 16" You will also ^asuck the milk of nations,
 And will suck the breast of kings;
 Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your ^bSavior,
 And your ^cRedeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

10 ^aIs. 54:8
 11 ^aIs. 26:2; 60:18; 62:10; Rev. 21:25, 26
^aIs. 60:5 ^cPs. 148:8; Is. 24:21
 12 ^aIs. 14:2; Zech. 14:17
 13 ^aIs. 35:2
^aIs. 41:19
^c1 Chr. 28:2; Ps. 99:5; 132:7
 14 ^aIs. 14:1, 2, 45:14, 23; 49:23; Rev. 3:9
^aIs. 1:26
^cHeb. 12:22
 15 ^aIs. 1:7-9; 6:11-13; Jer. 30:17
^aIs. 66:5 ^cIs. 4:2; 65:18
 16 ^aIs. 66:11
^aIs. 19:20; 43:3, 11; 45:15, 21; 63:8
^aIs. 59:20; 63:18
 18 ^aIs. 54:14
^aIs. 51:19
^aIs. 26:1
^aIs. 60:11
 19 ^aOr, beauty
^aRev. 21:23; 22:5
^aIs. 2:5; 9:2
^aIs. 41:16; 45:23; Zech. 2:5
 20 ^aIs. 30:26
^aIs. 35:10; 65:19; Rev. 21:4
 21 ^aLit., His
^aIs. 45:24, 25; 52:1
^aPs. 37:11, 22; Is. 57:13; 61:7
^aIs. 19:23; 29:23; 45:11; 64:8
^aIs. 61:3
 22 ^aOr, thousand
^aIs. 10:22; 51:2
 1 ^aHeb., YHWH, usually rendered *LORD*
^aIs. 11:2; 48:16; Luke 4:18

17" Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
 And instead of iron I will bring silver,
 And instead of wood I will bring bronze,
 And instead of stones, iron
 And I will make peace your administrators,
 And righteousness your overseers.
 18" Violence will not be heard again in your land,
 Nor devastation or destruction within your borders;
 But you will call your ^cwalls salvation, and your ^dgates praise.
 19" No longer will you have the ^asun for light by day,
 Nor for brightness will the moon give you light;
 But you will have the ^bLORD for an everlasting light,
 And your ^cGod for your ^dglory.
 20" Your ^asun will set no more
 Neither will your moon wane;
 For you will have the LORD for an everlasting light,
 And the days of your ^bmourning will be finished.
 21" Then all your ^apeople will be righteous;
 They will ^bpossess the land forever,
 The branch of ^cMy planting,
 The ^cwork of My hands,
 That I may be ^dglorified.
 22" The ^asmallest one will become a ^bclan,
 And the least one a mighty nation.
 I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

CHAPTER 61

THE ^aSpirit of the Lord ^bGod is upon me,
 Because the LORD has anointed me

- To ^bbring good news to the
^{2c}afflicted;
He has sent me to ^dbind up
the brokenhearted,
To ^eproclaim liberty to cap-
tives,
And ³freedom to prisoners;
2 To ^aproclaim the favorable
year of the LORD,
And the ^bday of vengeance
of our God;
To ^ccomfort all who mourn,
3 To ^agrant those who mourn
in Zion,
Giving them a garland in-
stead of ashes,
The ^boil of gladness instead
of mourning,
The mantle of praise in-
stead of a spirit of faint-
ing.
So they will be called ^{1c}oaks
of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD,
that He may be glorified.
4 ¶ Then they will ^arebuild
the ancient ruins,
They will raise up the for-
mer devastations,
And they will repair the
ruined cities,
The desolations of many
generations.
5 And ^astrangers will stand
and pasture your flocks,
And ¹foreigners will be your
farmers and your vine-
dressers.
6 But you will be called the
^apriests of the LORD;
You will be spoken of as
^bministers of our God.
You will eat the ^cwealth of
nations,
And in their ¹riches you will
boast.
7 Instead of your ^ashame you
will have a ^bdouble por-
tion,
And instead of humiliation
they will shout for joy
over their portion.
Therefore they will possess
a double portion in their
land,

1 ²Or, humble ³Lat., opening to those who are bound
⁴Matt. 11:5; Luke 7:22; ⁵Is. 11:4; 29:19; 32:7
⁶Is. 57:15; ⁷Is. 42:7; 49:9

2 ¹Is. 49:8; 60:10; ²Is. 2:12; 13:6; 34:2; 8:1; 57:18; Jer. 31:13; Matt. 5:4

3 ¹Or, love-birds
²Is. 60:20; ³Ps. 23:5; 45:7; 104:15; ⁴Is. 60:21; Jer. 17:7, 8

4 ¹Is. 49:8; 58:12; Ezek. 36:33; Amos 9:14

5 ¹Lat., sons of the foreigner
²Is. 14:2; 60:10

6 ¹Or, glo-ry
²Is. 60:21; ³Is. 58:6; ⁴Is. 60:5; 11

7 ¹Is. 54:4; ²Is. 40:2; Zech. 9:12; ³Ps. 16:11

8 ¹Or, with unqually
²Is. 3:18; 28:17; 30:18; ³Gen. 17:7; ⁴Ps. 105:10; ⁵Is. 55:3; Jer. 32:40

9 ¹Is. 44:3

10 ¹Is. 12:1; 2:25; 41:16; 51:3; ²Is. 48:4; ³Is. 48:18; 52:1; ⁴Rev. 21:2

11 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD
²Is. 4:2; 55:10; ³Is. 45:23; 24; 60:18; 21; ⁴Ps. 72:3; 85:11

1 ¹Is. 1:26; 58:8; 61:11; ²Is. 48:13; 52:10

- ^cEverlasting joy will be theirs.
8 For I, the LORD, ^alove jus-
tice,
I hate robbery ¹in the burnt offering;
And I will faithfully give them their recompense,
And I will make an ^bever-
lasting covenant with them.
9 Then their offspring will be known among the na-
tions,
And their descendants in the midst of the peoples.
All who see them will recog-
nize them
Because they are the ^aoff-
spring whom the LORD has blessed.

- 10 ¶ I will ^arejoice greatly in the LORD,
My soul will exult in ^bmy God;
For He has ^cclothed me with garments of salvation,
He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
And ^das a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
11 For as the ^aearth brings forth its sprouts,
And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up,
So the Lord ¹God will ^bcause ^crighteousness and praise
To spring up before all the nations.

CHAPTER 62

FOR Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet,
Until her ^arighteousness goes forth like bright-
ness,
And her ^bsalvation like a torch that is burning.

- 2 And the ^anations will see
your righteousness,
And all kings your glory;
And you will be called by a
new ^bname,
Which the mouth of the
LORD will designate.
- 3 You will also be a ^acrown of
beauty in the hand of the
LORD,
And a royal ¹diadem in the
hand of your God.
- 4 It will no longer be said to
you, "¹^aForsaken,"
Nor to your land will it any
longer be said, "²Desolate";
But you will be called, "³My
delight is in her,"
And your land, "⁴^bMar-
ried";
For the ^cLORD delights in
you,
And to Him your land will
be married.
- 5 For as a young man marries
a virgin,
So your sons will marry
you;
And as the ¹bridegroom re-
joices over the bride,
So your ^aGod will rejoice
over you.
- 6 ¶ On your walls, O Jerusa-
lem, I have appointed
^awatchmen;
All day and all night they
will never keep silent.
You who ^bremind the LORD,
take no rest for your-
selves;
- 7 And ^agive Him no rest until
He establishes
And makes ^bJerusalem a
praise in the earth.
- 8 ^aThe LORD has sworn by His
right hand and by His
strong arm,
"I will ^bnever again give your
grain as food for your en-
emies;
Nor will ¹foreigners drink
your new wine, for which
you have labored."

2 ^aIs. 60:3
bIs. 58:5;
62:4, 12;
65:15
3 ¹Lit., tur-
han
4 ^aIs. 28:5;
Zech. 9:16;
1 Thes. 2:19
4 ¹Is.
Azubah ¹Is.
Shemamah
¹Is., Hephzi-
bah ¹Is.
Beulah
^aIs. 54:6, 7;
60:15, 18
^bHos. 2:19, 20
^cJer. 32:41;
Zeph. 3:17
5 ¹Lit., ex-
ultation of
the bride-
groom
^aIs. 65:19
6 ^aIs. 52:8;
Jer. 6:17;
Ezek. 3:17;
33:7 ^bPs.
74:2; Jer.
14:21; Lam.
5:1, 20
7 ^aLuke
18:1-8 ^bIs.
60:18; Jer.
33:9; Zeph.
3:19, 20
8 ¹Lit.,
sons of for-
eigners
^aIs. 45:23;
54:9 ^bLev.
26:16; Deut.
28:31, 33;
Judg. 8:3-6;
Is. 1:7; Jer.
5:17
9 ^aIs.
65:13, 21-23
10 ¹Lit., of
^aIs. 28:1;
60:11, 18 ^bIs.
57:14 ^cIs.
11:16; 19:23;
35:8, 49:11
^dIs. 11:10, 12;
49:22
11 ^aIs.
42:10; 49:6
^bMatt. 21:9;
Zech. 9:9 ^cIs.
51:5 ^dIs.
40:10; Rev.
22:12
12 ^aDeut.
7:6; Is. 4:3;
1 Pet. 2:9 ^bIs.
35:9; 51:10
^cIs. 41:17;
42:18; 62:4
1 ¹Or,
crimson ²Lit.,
Inclining
^aPs. 137:7; Is.
34:5, 6; Ezek.
25:12-14;
35:1-13;
Obad. 1-14;
Mal. 1:2-5 ^bIs.
63:2 ^cIs. 34:6;
Jer. 49:13;
Amos 1:12
^dZeph. 3:17
2 ^aRev.
19:13, 15

- 9 But those who ^agarner it
will eat it, and praise the
LORD;
And those who gather it will
drink it in the courts of
My sanctuary.
- 10 ¶ Go through, ^ago through
the gates;
Clear the way ¹for the peo-
ple;
^bBuild up, build up the
^chighway;
Remove the stones, lift up a
^dstandard over the peo-
ples.
- 11 Behold, the LORD has pro-
claimed to the ^aend of the
earth,
^bSay to the daughter of
Zion, "Lo, your ^csalva-
tion comes;
^dBehold His reward is with
Him, and His recom-
pense before Him."
- 12 And they will call them,
"^aThe holy people,
The ^bredeemed of the
LORD";
And you will be called,
"Sought out, a city ^cnot
forsaken."

CHAPTER 63

- WHO is this who comes from
^aEdom,
With ^bgarments of ¹glowing
colors from ^cBozrah,
This One who is majestic in
His apparel,
²Marching in the greatness
of His strength?
"It is I who speak in right-
eousness, ^dmighty to
save."
- 2 Why is Your apparel red,
And Your garments like the
one who ^atreads in the
wine press?
- 3 ^aI have trodden the wine
trough alone,
And from the peoples there
was no man with Me.

3 ^aRev. 14:20; 19:15

I also ^btrode them in My anger,
 And ^ctrampled them in My wrath;
 And ^dtheir ¹lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments,
 And I ²stained all My raiment.
 4 "For the ^aday of vengeance was in My heart,
 And My year of redemption has come.
 5 "And I looked, and there was ^ano one to help,
 And I was astonished and there was no one to uphold;
 So My ^bown arm brought salvation to Me;
 And My wrath upheld Me.
 6 "And I ^atrode down the peoples in My anger,
 And made them ^bdrunk in My wrath,
 And I ¹poured out their lifeblood on the earth."
 7 ¶ I shall make mention of the ^alovingkindnesses of the LORD, the praises of the LORD,
 According to all that the LORD has granted us,
 And the great ^bgoodness toward the house of Israel,
 Which He has granted them according to His ^ccompassion,
 And according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.
 8 For He said, "Surely, they are ^aMy people,
 Sons who will not deal falsely."
 So He became their ^bSavior.
 9 In all their affliction ^{1a}He was afflicted,
 And the ^bangel of His presence saved them;
 In His ^clove and in His mercy He ^dredeemed them;

3 ¹Lit.,
 juice ²Lit.,
 defiled
 1a. 22:5, 28:3
 1Mic. 7:10
 1Rev. 19:13
 4 1a. 34:8;
 35:4; 61:2;
 Jer. 51:8
 5 1a. 50:16
 1Pa. 44:3; 1a.
 40:10; 52:10
 6 ¹Lit.,
 brought down
 their juice to
 the earth
 1a. 22:5; 34:2;
 65:12 1a.
 29:9; 51:17;
 21
 7 1Pa. 25:6;
 92:2; 1a. 54:8;
 10 1a. Kan
 8:68; Neh.
 9:25; 35:1Pa.
 51:1; 60:5, 15;
 1a. 54:7, 8;
 Eph. 2:4
 8 1Ex. 6:7;
 1a. 3:15; 51:4
 1a. 60:16
 9 ¹Another
 reading is He
 was not an
 adversary
 1Judg. 10:16
 1Ex. 23:20-23;
 33:14, 15
 1Deut. 7:7, 8
 1a. 43:1; 52:9
 1Deut. 1:31;
 32:10-12; 1a.
 46:3
 10 1Pa.
 78:40; 108:33;
 Acts 7:51;
 Eph. 4:30 1Pa.
 51:11; 1a.
 63:11
 11 ¹Some
 mss. read
 shepherd
 1Lit., hum
 1Pa. 108:44;
 45 1a. 51:10
 1Num. 11:17;
 23; 28; Hag.
 2:5
 12 1Ex. 6:6;
 15:16 1Ex.
 14:21; 22; 1a.
 11:15; 51:10
 13 1Jer. 31:9
 14 1Lit., hum
 1Josh. 21:44;
 23:1 1Deut.
 32:12
 15 1Deut.
 26:15; 1Pa.
 80:14 1Pa.
 68:5; 123:1
 1a. 8:7; 26:11;
 37:32; 42:13;
 58:17 1Jer.
 31:20; Hos.
 11:8
 16 1a. 1:2;
 64:8 1a.
 29:22; 41:8;
 51:2

And He ^alifted them and carried them all the days of old.
 10 But they ^arebelled
 And grieved His ^bHoly Spirit;
 Therefore, He turned Himself to become their enemy,
 He fought against them.
 11 Then ^aHis people remembered the days of old, of Moses.
 Where is ^bHe who brought them up out of the sea with the ¹shepherds of His flock?
 Where is He who ^cput His Holy Spirit in the midst of ²them,
 12 Who caused His ^aglorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses,
 Who ^bdivided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name,
 13 Who led them through the depths?
 Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not ^astumble;
 14 As the cattle which go down into the valley,
 The Spirit of the ^aLORD gave ¹them rest.
 So didst Thou ^blead Thy people,
 To make for Thyself a glorious name.
 15 ¶ ^aLook down from heaven, and see from Thy holy and glorious ^bhabitation;
 Where are Thy ^czeal and Thy mighty deeds?
 The ^dstirrings of Thy heart and Thy compassion are restrained toward me.
 16 For Thou art our ^aFather, though ^bAbraham does not know us,
 And Israel does not recognize us.

Thou, O LORD, art our Father,
 Our Redeemer from of old
 is Thy name.

17 Why, O LORD, dost Thou
 cause us to stray from
 Thy ways,

And harden our heart from
 fearing Thee?

Return for the sake of Thy
 servants, the tribes of
 Thy heritage.

18 Thy holy people possessed
 Thy sanctuary for a little
 while,

Our adversaries have trod-
 den it down.

19 We have become like those
 over whom Thou hast
 never ruled,

Like those who were not
 called by Thy name.

CHAPTER 64

OH, that Thou wouldst rend
 the heavens and come
 down,

That the mountains might
 quake at Thy pres-
 ence—

2 As fire kindles the brush-
 wood, as fire causes wa-
 ter to boil—

To make Thy name known
 to Thine adversaries,
 That the nations may trem-
 ble at Thy presence!

3 When Thou didst awe-
 some things which we
 did not expect,

Thou didst come down, the
 mountains quaked at
 Thy presence.

4 For from of old they have
 not heard nor perceived
 by ear,

Neither has the eye seen a
 God besides Thee,

Who acts in behalf of the
 one who waits for Him.

5 Thou dost meet him who
 rejoices in doing right-
 eousness,

16 Is.
 41:14; 44:6;
 60:16

17 Is.
 30:28; Ezek.
 14:7-9; Is.
 29:13, 14;
 Num. 10:36

18 Ps. 74:3;
 Is. 64:11

1 Ch.
 63:19b in
 Heb.
 Ex. 19:18;
 Ps. 18:9;
 144:5; Mic.
 1:3, 4; Hab.
 3:13; Judg.
 5:5; Ps. 68:8;
 Nah. 1:5

2 Ch. 64:1
 in Heb.
 Ps. 99:1; Jer.
 5:22; 33:9

3 Ps. 65:5;
 66:3, 5;
 108:22

4 1 Cor.
 2:9; Is. 25:9;
 30:18, 40:31

5 Ex.
 20:24; Is.
 58:1; Is.
 28:13; 63:7;
 Is. 12:1

6 Is. 6:5;
 Is. 48:12;
 48:1; Ps. 90:5;
 6: Is. 1:30; Is.
 50:1

7 Reading
 with the DSS
 and versions;
 M.T. melted
 Is. 59:4;
 Ezek. 22:30;
 Deut. 31:18;
 Is. 1:15; 54:8

8 Is. 63:16;
 Is. 29:18;
 43:9; Ps.
 100:3; Is.
 60:21

9 Is.
 57:17; 60:10;
 Is. 43:25;
 Mic. 7:18; Ps.
 79:13; Is. 63:8

10 Is. 48:2;
 52:1; Is. 1:7;
 6:11

11 2 Kin.
 25:9; Ps. 74:5-
 7; Is. 63:18;
 Lam. 1:7, 10,
 11

12 Ps.
 74:10, 11, 18;
 19; Is. 42:14;
 63:15

Who remembers Thee in
 Thy ways.

Behold, Thou wast angry,
 for we sinned,

We continued in them a
 long time;

And shall we be saved?

6 For all of us have become
 like one who is unclean,
 And all our righteous
 deeds are like a filthy gar-
 ment;

And all of us wither like a
 leaf,

And our iniquities, like the
 wind, take us away.

7 And there is no one who
 calls on Thy name,

Who arouses himself to
 take hold of Thee;

For Thou hast hidden Thy
 face from us,

And hast delivered us into
 the power of our iniqui-
 ties.

8 ¶ But now, O LORD, Thou
 art our Father,

We are the clay, and Thou
 our potter;

And all of us are the work
 of Thy hand.

9 Do not be angry beyond
 measure, O LORD,

Neither remember iniquity
 forever;

Behold, look now, all of us
 are Thy people.

10 Thy holy cities have be-
 come a wilderness,

Zion has become a wilder-
 ness,

Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our holy and beautiful
 house,

Where our fathers praised
 Thee,

Has been burned by fire;
 And all our precious things
 have become a ruin.

12 Wilt Thou restrain Thyself
 at these things, O LORD?

Wilt Thou keep silent and
 afflict us beyond mea-
 sure?

CHAPTER 65

- “**I** PERMITTED Myself to be sought by ^athose who did not ask for Me;
I permitted Myself to be found by those who did not seek Me.
I said, ‘Here am I, here am I,’
To a nation which ^bdid not call on My name.
2”^aI have spread out My hands all day long to a ^brebellious people,
Who walk in the way which is not good, ¹following their own ^cthoughts,
3 A people who continually ^aprovoke Me to My face,
Offering sacrifices in ^bgardens and ^cburning incense on bricks;
4 Who sit among graves, and spend the night in secret places;
Who ^aeat swine’s flesh,
And the broth of unclean meat is in their pots.
5”Who say, ^a‘Keep to yourself, do not come near me,
For I am holier than you!’
These are smoke in My ¹nostrils,
A fire that burns all the day.
6”Behold, it is written before Me,
I will ^anot keep silent, but ^bI will repay;
I will even repay into their bosom,
7 Both ¹their own ^ainiquities and the iniquities of their fathers together,” says the LORD.
“Because they have ^bburned incense on the mountains,
And ^cscorned Me on the hills,
Therefore I will ^ameasure their former work into their bosom.”

8 ¹ Thus says the LORD,

1 ^aRom. 9:24-26; 10:20
^aIsa. 65:19;
Hos. 1:10
2 ¹Lit., of-
ter
^aRom. 10:21
^aIsa. 1:2, 23;
30:1, 9; ^aPs.
81:11, 12; ^aIsa.
59:7; 66:18
3 ^aJob
1:11; 2:5; ^aIsa.
38 ^aIsa. 1:29;
66:17 ^aIsa. 66:3
4 ^aLav
11:7; ^aIsa. 66:3,
17
5 ¹Lit.,
nose
^aMatt. 9:11;
Luke 7:39;
18:9-12
6 ^aPs. 50:3,
21; ^aIsa. 42:14;
64:12 ^aJer
16:18
7 ¹Lit.,
your
^aIsa. 13:11;
22:14, 26:21;
30:13, 14 ^aIsa.
57:7; Hos.
2:13 ^aEzek.
20:27, 28
^aJer. 5:29;
13:25
8 ¹Lit.,
blessing ¹Lit.,
the whole
^aIsa. 1:9; 10:21;
22:48, 9
9 ^aIsa.
45:19, 25; Jer
31:36, 37 ^aIsa.
49:8; 60:21;
Amos 9:11-15
^aIsa. 57:13 ^aIsa.
32:18
10 ^aIsa. 33:9;
35:2 ^aJosh.
7:24, 26; Hos.
2:15 ^aIsa. 51:1,
55:6
11 ¹Heb.,
God ¹Heb.,
Meru
^aDeut. 29:24;
25; ^aIsa. 1:4, 28
^aIsa. 2:2, 3;
66:20
12 ^aIsa. 27:1;
34:5, 6; 66:16
^aIsa. 63:6
^a2 Chr. 36:15;
16; Prov.
1:24; ^aIsa.
41:28; 50:2;
66:4; Jer. 7:13
13 ¹Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD
^aIsa. 1:19 ^aIsa.
6:21 ^aIsa.
41:17, 18;
66:10 ^aIsa.
5:13 ^aIsa. 61:7;
66:14 ^aIsa.
42:17; 44:9;
11; 66:5

- “As the new wine is found in the cluster,
And one says, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is ¹benefit in it,’
So I will act on behalf of My servants
In order ^anot to destroy ²all of them.
9”And I will bring forth ^aoffspring from Jacob,
And an ^bheir of My mountains from Judah;
Even ^cMy chosen ones shall inherit it,
And ^dMy servants shall dwell there.
10”And ^aSharon shall be a pasture land for flocks,
And the ^bvalley of Achor a resting place for herds,
For My people who ^cseek Me.
11”But you who ^aforsake the LORD,
Who forget My ^bholy mountain,
Who set a table for ¹Fortune,
And who fill cups with mixed wine for ²Destiny,
12 I will destine you for the ^asword,
And all of you shall bow down to the ^bslaughter.
Because I called, but you ^cdid not answer;
I spoke, but you did not hear.
And you did evil in My sight,
And chose that in which I did not delight.”
- 13 ¹ Therefore, thus says the Lord ¹GOD,
“Behold, My servants shall ^aeat, but you shall be ^bhungry.
Behold, My servants shall ^cdrink, but you shall be ^dthirsty.
Behold, My servants shall ^erejoice, but you shall be ^fput to shame.

- 14 "Behold, My servants shall
 shout joyfully with a
 glad heart.
 But you shall cry out with a
 heavy heart,
 And you shall wall with a
 broken spirit.
 15 "And you will leave your
 name for a curse to My
 chosen ones,
 And the Lord God will slay
 you.
 But My servants will be
 called by another name.
 16 "Because he who is blessed
 in the earth
 Shall be blessed by the
 God of truth;
 And he who swears in the
 earth
 Shall swear by the God of
 truth;
 Because the former trou-
 bles are forgotten,
 And because they are hid-
 den from My sight!
- 17 ¶ "For behold, I create new
 heavens and a new earth;
 And the former things
 shall not be remembered
 or come to mind.
 18 "But be glad and rejoice for-
 ever in what I create;
 For behold, I create Jerusa-
 lem for rejoicing,
 And her people for glad-
 ness.
 19 "I will also rejoice in Jerusa-
 lem, and be glad in My
 people;
 And there will no longer be
 heard in her
 The voice of weeping and
 the sound of crying.
 20 "No longer will there be in it
 an infant who lives but a
 few days,
 Or an old man who does
 not live out his days;
 For the youth will die at the
 age of one hundred
 And the bone who does not
 reach the age of one hun-
 dred

14 Lit.,
 pain of
 Ps. 68:4; Is.
 51:11; James
 5:13 bIs. 13:6;
 Matt. 8:12
 18 Heb.,
 YHWH, usu-
 ally rendered
 LORD So
 with Gr.;
 Heb., He will
 call His ser-
 vants
 Jer. 24:9;
 25:18; Zech.
 8:13 bIs. 62:2
 18 Or,
 bless(es) him-
 self
 Ex. 34:6; Ps.
 31:5 bIs.
 19 18; 45:23
 17 Lit.,
 heart
 Is. 66:22;
 2 Pet. 3:13;
 Rev. 21:1 bIs.
 43:18; Jer.
 3:16
 18 Ps. 98;
 Is. 12:1, 2;
 25:9; 35:10;
 41:16; 51:3;
 61:10
 19 Is. 62:4;
 5; Jer. 32:41
 bIs. 25:8;
 30:19; 35:10;
 51:11; Rev.
 7:17; 21:4
 20 Lit., all
 out Lit., one
 who misses
 the mark
 Deut. 4:40;
 Job 5:28; Ps.
 34:12 bEcc.
 8:12, 13; Is.
 3:11; 22:14
 21 Is.
 32:18; Amos
 9:14 bIs.
 30:23; 37:30;
 Jer. 31:5
 22 Lit.,
 days
 Is. 62:8, 9
 bPs. 82:12-14
 cPs. 21:4;
 91:16
 23 Lit.,
 seed
 Deut. 28:3-
 12; Is. 55:2
 bIs. 61:9; Jer.
 32:38, 39;
 Acts 2:39
 24 Ps.
 91:15; Is.
 35:8; 58:9;
 Dan. 9:20-23;
 10:12
 28 Is. 11:6
 bIs. 11:7
 cGen. 3:14;
 Mic. 7:17 Is.
 11:9; Mic. 4:3
 Is. 65:11
 1 Lit., is
 My resting
 place?

- Shall be thought accursed.
 21 "And they shall build
 houses and inhabit them;
 They shall also plant vine-
 yards and eat their fruit.
 22 "They shall not build, and
 another inhabit,
 They shall not plant, and an-
 other eat;
 For as the lifetime of a
 tree, so shall be the days
 of My people,
 And My chosen ones shall
 wear out the work of
 their hands.
 23 "They shall not labor in
 vain,
 Or bear children for calam-
 ity;
 For they are the offspring
 of those blessed by the
 LORD,
 And their descendants with
 them.

24 "It will also come to pass that
 before they call, I will answer;
 and while they are still speaking,
 I will hear.

25 "The wolf and the lamb shall
 graze together, and the lion
 shall eat straw like the ox; and
 dust shall be the serpent's food.
 They shall do no evil or harm in
 all My holy mountain," says the
 LORD.

CHAPTER 66

THUS says the LORD,

"Heaven is My throne, and
 the earth is My footstool.
 Where then is a house you
 could build for Me?
 And where is a place that I
 may rest?

2 "For My hand made all
 these things,
 Thus all these things came
 into being," declares the
 LORD.

"But to this one I will look,
 To him who is humble and
 contrite of spirit, and

*1 Kin. 8:27; Ps. 11:4; Matt. 5:34, 35; 23:22

*2 Sam. 7:5-7; Jer. 7:4; John 4:20, 21; Acts 7:48-50

2 Is. 40:26 Ps. 34:18; Is. 57:15; Matt. 5:3, 4; Luke
 18:13, 14

- who 'trembles at My word.
- 3 ¶ But he who kills an ox is like one who slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb is like the one who breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering is like one who offers 'swine's blood; He who 'burns incense is like the one who blesses an idol. As they have chosen their 'own ways, And their soul delights in their 'abominations.
- 4 So I will 'choose their 'punishments, And I will 'bring on them what they dread. Because I called, but 'no one answered; I spoke, but they did not listen. And they did 'evil in My sight, And chose that in which I did not delight."
- 5 Hear the word of the LORD, you who 'tremble at His word: "Your brothers who 'hate you, who 'exclude you for My name's sake, Have said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy.' But 'they will be put to shame.
- 6 "A voice of uproar from the city, a voice from the temple, The voice of the LORD who is 'rendering recompense to His enemies.
- 7 ¶ "Before she travailed, 'she brought forth; Before her pain came, 'she gave birth to a boy.
- 8 "Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things?

3 Ps. 118:128; Is. 66:5

3 L.L. of for a memorial of in-cense Is. 65:4; Lev. 2:2; Is. 1:13; Is. 57:17; Is. 66:2; Is. 66:19

4 L.L. of breadstuffs Prov. 1:31; Is. 65:7; Prov. 10:24; Prov. 1:24; Is. 65:12; Jer. 7:13; Jer. 21:2; Is. 59:7; Jer. 7:30

5 Is. 66:2; Ps. 38:20; Is. 66:15; Is. 66:12; Is. 66:22; Jer. 9:34; Is. 18:20; Luke 13:17

6 Is. 59:18; Is. 66:4; Jer. 3:7

7 Is. 37:3; Is. 1:1; Jer. 12:5

8 L.L. of rendered with Is. 66:4

9 Is. 37:3

10 "Owe Is. 37:3; Is. 65:18; Rom. 15:10; Ps. 28:6; Is. 137:6

11 Is. 66:23; Is. 66:10; Jer. 3:18; Is. 66:1; Is. 66:2

12 L.L. of Is. 66:2; Is. 66:2

13 Is. 12:1; Is. 1:2; Is. 13:3; Is. 1:3; Is. 1:3

14 Is. 33:20; Jer. 18:7; Prov. 2:2; Is. 58:11; Is. 7:2; Is. 8:31; Is. 10:2; Is. 13:2; Is. 34:2

15 Is. 17:30; Is. 32:31; Is. 66:17; Is. 52:8; Is. 52:8

- Can a land be 'born in one day?
Can a nation be brought forth all at once?
As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons.
- 9 "Shall I bring to the point of birth, and 'not give delivery?" says the LORD.
"Or shall I who gives delivery shut the womb?" says your God.
- 10 "Be 'joyful with Jerusalem and rejoice for her, all you who 'love her; Be exceedingly 'glad with her, all you who mourn over her.
- 11 That you may nurse and 'be satisfied with her comforting breasts, That you may suck and be delighted with her 'bountiful bosom."
- 12 For thus says the LORD, "Behold, I extend 'peace to her like a river, And the 'glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; And you shall 'be nursed, you shall be 'carried on the 'hip and fondled on the knees.
- 13 "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will 'comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."
- 14 Then you shall 'see this, and your 'heart shall be glad, And your 'bones shall flourish like the new grass; And the 'hand of the LORD shall be made known to His servants, But He shall be 'indignant toward His enemies.
- 15 For behold, the LORD will come in 'fire And His 'chariots like the whirlwind, To render His anger with fury,

And His rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For the LORD will execute judgment by ^afire

And by His ^bsword on all flesh,

And those slain by the LORD will be many.

17 "Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go to the ^agardens,

¹Following one in the center,

Who eat ^bswine's flesh, detestable things, and mice,

Shall ^ccome to an end altogether," declares the LORD.

18 "For I ¹know their works and their ^athoughts; ²the time is coming to ^bgather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory.

19 "And I will set a ^asign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: ^bTarshish, ¹Put, ^cLud, ²Meshech, Rosh, ^dTubal, and ³Javan, to the distant ^ccoastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will ^fdeclare My glory among the nations.

20 "Then they shall ^abring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in

litters, on mules, and on camels, to My ^bholy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a ^cclean vessel to the house of the LORD.

21 "I will also take some of them for ^apriests and for Levites," says the LORD.

22 "For just as the ^anew heavens and the new earth

Which I make will endure before Me," declares the LORD,

"So your ^boffspring and your ^cname will endure.

23 "And it shall be from ^anew moon to new moon

And from sabbath to sabbath,

All ¹mankind will come to ^bbow down before Me," says the LORD.

24 "Then they shall go forth and look

On the ^acorpses of the men Who have ^{1b}transgressed against Me.

For their ^cworm shall not die,

^dAnd their fire shall not be quenched;

And they shall be an ^aabhorrence to all ²mankind."

16 ^aIsa. 30:30; Ezek. 38:22 ^bIsa. 65:12; Ezek. 38:21

17 ¹Lit., After

^aIsa. 1:29; 65:3 ^bLev. 11:7; ^cIsa. 65:4 ^dIsa. 1:28, 31

18 ¹So with Gr.; Heb.

omits know

²Lit., it is coming

^aIsa. 50:7; 65:2 ^bIsa. 45:22-25; Jer. 3:17

19 ¹So with Gr.; Heb., Pul

²So with Gr.; Heb., those

who draw the bow ³I.e., Greece

^aIsa. 11:10, 12; 49:22; 62:10

^bIsa. 2:18; 60:9 ^cEzek. 27:10

^dGen. 10:2 ^eIsa. 11:11; 24:15; 60:9

^fChr. 16:24; ¹Isa. 42:12

²Isa. 43:6; 49:22; 60:4

^bIsa. 2:2, 3; 11:9; 56:7;

65:11, 25 ^cIsa. 52:11

²¹Ex. 19:8; ¹Isa. 61:6;

¹Pet. 2:5, 9

²²Isa. 65:17; Heb. 12:26, 27;

²Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1 ^bIsa. 61:6, 9; 65:22;

23: John 10:27-29;

¹Pet. 1:4, 5 ^cIsa. 56:5

²³Lit., flesh

^aIsa. 1:13, 14; Ezek. 46:1, 6

^bIsa. 19:21, 23; 27:13; 49:7

24 ¹Or, rebelled ²Lit., flesh ^aIsa. 5:25; 34:3 ^bIsa. 1:28; 24:20 ^cIsa. 14:11; Mark 9:48 ^dIsa. 1:31; Matt. 3:12 ^eDan 12:2

THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

THE words of ^aJeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in ^bAnathoth in the land of Benjamin.

2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of ^aJosiah, the son of ^bAmon, king of Judah, in the "thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came also in the days of ^aJehoiakim, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of ^bZedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

4 ¶ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

5 "Before I ^aformed you in the womb I knew you,
And ^bbefore you were born I consecrated you;
I have ^cappointed you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then ^aI said, "Alas, Lord ¹God!

Behold, I do not know how to speak,

Because ^bI am a youth."

7 But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,'
^aBecause everywhere I send you, you shall go,
And ^ball that I command you, you shall speak.

8 ^a"Do not be afraid of them, For ^bI am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

9 Then the LORD stretched out His hand and ^atouched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have ^bput My words in your mouth.

1 ^a2 Chr. 35:25, 36:12, 21, 22, Ezra 1:1, Dan. 9:2, Matt. 2:17, 16:14, 27:9, ^aJosh. 21:18, 1 Kin. 2:26, 1 Chr. 6:60, Is. 10:30, Jer. 11:21, 32:7, 2 ^a1 Kin. 13:2, 2 Kin. 21:24, 22:3, 2 Chr. 34:1, Jer. 3:6, 36:2, ^a2 Kin. 21:18, 24 ^aJer. 25:3, 3 ^a2 Kin. 23:34, 1 Chr. 3:15, 2 Chr. 36:5-8, Jer. 25:1 ^a2 Kin. 24:17, 1 Chr. 3:15, 2 Chr. 36:11, 13, Jer. 39:2

8 ^aPs. 139:13, 16, Wis. 49:1, 5, Luke 1:15, ^aJer. 1:10, 25:15-28, 9 ^aHeb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord, ^aEx. 4:10, ^a1 Kin. 3:7, 7 ^aEzek. 2:3, 4 ^aNumb. 22:20, Jer. 1:17

8 ^aEx. 3:12, Deut. 31:6, Josh. 1:5, Jer. 15:20 ^aEzek. 2:6, 9 ^aIs. 6:7, Mark 7:33-35, ^aEx. 4:11-16, Deut. 18:18, Is. 51:16, 10 ^aRev. 11:3-6 ^aJer. 18:7-10, Ezek. 32:18, 2 Cor. 10:4 ^aIs. 44:26-28, Jer. 24:6, 31:28, 40

11 ^aHeb. shagad, ^aJer. 24:3, Amos 7:8, 12 ^aHeb. shagad, ^aJer. 31:28, 13 ^aEzek. 4:2 ^aEzek. 11:3, 7, 14 ^aLat. will be opened

^aIs. 41:25, Jer. 4:6, 10:22

10 "See, ^aI have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms,

^bTo pluck up and to break down,

To destroy and to overthrow,

^cTo build and to plant."

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me saying, "What do you see, ^aJeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an ¹almond tree."

12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for ^aI am ¹watching over My word to perform it."

13 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me a second time saying, "^aWhat do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling ^bpot, facing away from the north."

14 Then the LORD said to me, "^aOut of the north the evil ¹will break forth on all the inhabitants of the land.

15 "For, behold, I am calling ^aall the families of the kingdoms of the north," declares the LORD; "and they will come, and they will ^bset each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls round about, and against all the ^ccities of Judah.

16 "And I will ¹pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have ^aforsaken Me and have ²offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the ^cworks of their own hands.

17 "Now, ^agird up your loins, and arise, and speak to them all which I command you. ^bDo not

15 ^aJer. 25:9 ^aIs. 22:7, Jer. 39:3 ^aJer. 4:16, 8:11, 16 ^aLat. speak ^aOr, burned incense ^aDeut. 28:20 ^aJer. 7:9, 19:4, 44:17 ^aIs. 2:8, 37:19, Jer. 10:3-5, 17 ^a1 Kin. 18:46, Job 38:3 ^aEzek. 2:6, 3:16-18

be dismayed before them, lest I dismay you before them.

18 "Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city, and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land.

19 "And they will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for ^aI am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

NOW the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Go and ^aproclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD,

"I remember concerning you the ^bdevotion of your youth,

The love of your betrothals,
^cYour following after Me in the wilderness,

Through a land not sown.

3 "Israel was ^aholy to the LORD,

The ^bfirst of His harvest;

^cAll who ate of it became guilty;

Evil came upon them," declares the LORD.' "

4 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

5 Thus says the LORD,

"^aWhat injustice did your fathers find in Me,

That they went far from Me
And walked after ^bemptiness and became empty?

6 "And they did not say, 'Where is the LORD

Who ^abrought us up out of the land of Egypt,

Who ^bled us through the wilderness,

Through a land of deserts and of pits,

Through a land of drought and of ^bdeep darkness,

18 ^aNum. 14:9; Jer. 1:8; 20:11

2 ^aOr, lovingkindness
^aIs. 58:1; Jer. 7:2; 11:6 ^bEzek. 18:8; Hos. 2:15
^cDeut. 2:7; Jer. 2:6

3 ^aEx. 19:3, 6; Deut. 7:6; 14:2 ^bJames 1:18; Rev. 14:4 ^cIs. 41:11; Jer. 30:16; 50:7

5 ^aIs. 5:4; Mic. 6:3
^b2 Kin. 17:15; Jer. 8:19; Rom. 1:21

6 ^aOr, the shadow of death
^aEx. 20:2; Is. 63:11 ^bDeut. 8:15; 32:10

7 ^aDeut. 8:7-9; 11:10-12 ^bPs. 106:38; Jer. 3:2; 16:18

8 ^aLit., shepherds
^aJer. 10:21; Jer. 4:22; Mal. 2:7, 8
^cJer. 23:13; Jer. 16:19; Hab. 2:18

9 ^aJer. 2:35; Ezek. 20:35, 36

10 ^aI.e., Cyprus and other islands
^aIs. 23:12 ^bPs. 120:5; Is. 21:16; Jer. 49:28

11 ^aIs. 37:19; Jer. 5:7; 16:20
^bPs. 106:20; Rom. 1:23

12 ^aIs. 1:2; Jer. 4:23

13 ^aPs. 36:9; Jer. 17:13; John 4:14
^bJer. 14:3

14 ^aJer. 5:19; 17:4

Through a land that no one crossed

And where no man dwelt?"

7 "And I brought you into the ^afruitful land,

To eat its fruit and its good things.

But you came and ^bdefiled My land,

And My inheritance you made an abomination.

8 "The ^apriests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?'

And those who handle the law ^bdid not know Me;

The ^crulers also transgressed against Me,

And the ^cprophets prophesied by Baal

And walked after ^dthings that did not profit.

9 ¶ "Therefore I will yet ^acontend with you," declares the LORD,

"And with your sons' sons I will contend.

10 "For ^across to the coastlands of ^bKittim and see,

And send to ^bKedar and observe closely,

And see if there has been such *a thing* as this!

11 "Has a nation changed gods, When ^athey were not gods? But My people have ^bchanged their glory

For that which does not profit.

12 "Be appalled, ^aO heavens, at this,

And shudder, be very desolate," declares the LORD.

13 "For My people have committed two evils:

They have forsaken Me, The ^afountain of living waters,

To hew for themselves ^bcisterns,

Broken cisterns,

That can hold no water.

14 ¶ "Is Israel ^aa slave? Or is he a homeborn servant? Why has he become a prey?

15 "The young ^alions have roared at him.
They have ¹roared loudly.
And they have ^bmade his land a waste;
His cities have been destroyed, without inhabitant.

16 "Also the ¹men of ^aMemphis and Tahpanhes
Have ²shaved the ^bcrown of your head.

17 "Have you not ^adone this to yourself,
By your forsaking the LORD your God,
When He ^aled you in the way?

18 "But now what are you doing ^aon the road to Egypt,
To drink the waters of the ^{1b}Nile?

Or what are you doing on the road to Assyria,
To drink the waters of the ²Euphrates?

19 "Your own wickedness will correct you,
And your ^bapostasies will reprove you;
Know therefore and see that it is evil and ^cbitter
For you to forsake the LORD your God,
And ^dthe dread of Me is not in you," declares the Lord ¹Gop of hosts.

20 ¶ "For long ago ^{1a}I broke your yoke
And tore off your bonds;
But you said, 'I will not serve!'
For on every ^bhigh hill
And under every green tree
You have lain down as a harlot.

21 "Yet I ^aplanted you a choice vine,
A completely faithful seed.
How then have you turned yourself before Me
Into the ^bdegenerate shoots of a foreign vine?

18 ¹Lit. given their voice
^aJer. 50:17
^bJer. 4:7

16 ¹Or, some ²Lit., grazed
^aIs. 19:13,
Jer. 44:1,
Hos. 9:6
^bDeut. 33:20,
Jer. 48:45

17 ^aDeut. 32:10, Jer. 4:18

18 ¹Heb., Shihor ²Lit., River
^aIs. 30:2
^bJob. 13:3

19 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord
^aIs. 3:9, Jer. 4:18, Hos. 5:5
^bJer. 3:6, 8, 11, 14, Hos. 11:7, Job 20:12-16, Amos 8:10
^cPs. 36:1, Jer. 5:24

20 ¹Or, you
^aLev. 26:13
^bDeut. 12:2,
Is. 57:5, 7,
Jer. 3:2, 6, 17:2

21 ^aEx. 15:17, Ps. 44:2, 80:8, Is. 5:2 ^bIs. 5:4

22 ¹Lit., cause to be great to you
²Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord
^aJer. 4:14
^bJob 14:17, Hos. 13:12

23 ^aProv. 30:12 ^bJer. 9:14 ^cJer. 7:31 ^dJer. 2:33, 36, 31:22

24 ¹Lit., occasion
^aJer. 14:6

25 ¹Or, desperate
^aJer. 18:12
^bDeut. 32:16, Jer. 14:10

26 ^aJer. 48:27

27 ¹Or, evil
^aJer. 18:17, 32:33 ^bJudg. 10:10, Is. 26:16

28 ^aDeut. 32:37,
Judg. 10:14,
Is. 43:20, Jer. 1:16

22 "Although you ^awash yourself with lye
And ¹use much soap,
The ^bstain of your iniquity is before Me," declares the Lord ²Gop.

23 "How can you say, 'I am not defiled,

I have not gone after the ^bBaals?'

Look at your way in the ^cvalley!

Know what you have done!
You are a swift young camel ^dentangling her ways,

24 A ^awild donkey accustomed to the wilderness,
That sniffs the wind in her passion.

In the time of her ¹heat who can turn her away?

All who seek her will not become weary;

In her month they will find her.

25 "Keep your feet from being unshod

And your throat from thirst;
But you said, '^aIt is ¹hopeless!

No! For I have ^bloved strangers,
And after them I will walk.'

26 ¶ "As the ^athief is shamed when he is discovered,
So the house of Israel is shamed;

They, their kings, their princes,
And their priests, and their prophets,

27 Who say to a tree, 'You are my father,'

And to a stone, 'You gave me birth.'

For they have turned *their* ^aback to Me,

And not *their* face;
But in the ^btime of their ¹trouble they will say,

'Arise and save us.'

28 "But where are your ^agods
Which you made for yourself?

Let them arise, if they can
^bsave you
 In the time of your ¹trouble;
 For ^caccording to the num-
 ber of your cities
 Are your gods, O Judah.

29 ¶ "Why do you contend
 with Me?

You have ^aall transgressed
 against Me," declares the
 LORD.

30 "In vain I have struck your
 sons;

They accepted no chasten-
 ing.

Your ^bsword has devoured
 your prophets

Like a destroying lion.

31 "O generation, heed the
 word of the LORD.

Have I been a wilderness to
 Israel,

Or a ^aland of thick dark-
 ness?

Why do My people say,
^b"We are free to roam;

We will come no more to
 Thee?"

32 "Can a virgin forget her or-
 naments,

Or a bride her attire?

Yet My people have ^aforgot-
 ten Me

Days without number.

33 "How well you prepare your
 way

To seek love!

Therefore even ¹the wicked
 women

You have taught your ways.

34 "Also on your skirts is found
 The ^alifeblood of the inno-
 cent poor;

You did not find them
^bbreaking in.

But in spite of all these
 things,

35 Yet you said, 'I am inno-
 cent;

Surely His anger is turned
 away from me.'

Behold, I will ^aenter into
 judgment with you

28 ¹Or, evil
^bJer. 11:12
^c2 Kin. 17:30;
 31; Jer. 11:13

29 ^aJer. 5:1;
 6:13; Dan.
 9:11

30 ^aIs. 1:5;
 Jer. 5:3; 7:28
^bNeh. 9:26;
 Jer. 26:20-24;
 Acts 7:52;
 1 Thess. 2:15

31 ^aIs. 45:19
^bDeut. 32:15;
 Jer. 2:20, 25

32 ^aPs.
 106:21; Is.
 17:10; Jer.
 3:21; 13:25;
 Hos. 8:14

33 ¹Or, in
 wickedness

34 ^a2 Kin.
 21:16; 24:4;
 Ps. 106:38;
 Jer. 7:6; 19:4
^bEx. 22:2

35 ^aJer.
 25:31 ^bProv.
 28:13; 1 John
 1:8, 10

36 ^aJer.
 2:23; 31:22;
 Hos. 12:1 ^bIs.
 30:3 ^c2 Chr.
 28:16, 20, 21

37 ^a2 Sam.
 13:19; Jer.
 14:3, 4 ^bJer.
 37:7-10

1 ¹Lit., say-
 ing ²Or,
 alienated
³Lit., com-
 panions
^aDeut. 24:1-4
^bJer. 2:20;
 Ezek. 16:26;
 28, 29 ^cJer.
 4:1; Zech. 1:3

2 ^aDeut.
 12:2; Jer.
 2:20; 3:21;
 7:29 ^bGen.
 38:14; Ezek.
 16:25 ^cJer.
 2:7

3 ^aLev.
 26:19; Jer.
 14:3-6 ^bJer.
 6:15; 8:12

4 ¹Lit.,
 leader
^aJer. 3:19;
 31:9 ^bPs.
 71:17; Prov.
 2:17 ^cJer. 2:2;
 Hos. 2:15

Because you ^bsay, 'I have
 not sinned.'

36 "Why do you ^ago around so
 much

Changing your way?

Also, ^byou shall be put to
 shame by Egypt

As you were put to shame by
^cAssyria.

37 "From this place also you
 shall go out

With ^ayour hands on your
 head;

For the LORD has rejected
^bthose in whom you

trust,

And you shall not prosper
 with them."

CHAPTER 3

GOD ¹says, "If a husband di-
 vorces his wife,

And she goes from him,

And belongs to another
 man,

Will he still return to her?

Will not that land be com-
 pletely ²polluted?

But you ^bare a harlot with
 many ³lovers;

Yet you ^cturn to Me," de-
 clares the LORD.

2 "Lift up your eyes to the
^abare heights and see;

Where have you not been
 violated?

By the roads you have ^bsat
 for them

Like an Arab in the desert,
 And you have ^cpolluted a

land

With your harlotry and with
 your wickedness.

3 "Therefore the ^ashowers
 have been withheld,

And there has been no
 spring rain.

Yet you had a ^bharlot's fore-
 head;

You refused to be ashamed.

4 "Have you not just now
 called to Me,

^a"My Father, Thou art the
¹friend of my youth?"

5 'Will He be angry forever?
Will He ¹be indignant to the
end?'
Behold, you have spoken
And have done evil things,
And you have ²had your
way."

6 "Then the LORD said to me
in the days of Josiah the king.
"Have you seen what faithless
Israel did? She ^awent upon every
high hill and under every green
tree, and she was a harlot there.

7 "And ^aI ¹thought, 'After she
has done all these things, she will
return to Me'; but she did not re-
turn, and her ^btreacherous sister
Judah saw it.

8 "And I saw that for all the
adulteries of faithless Israel, I
had sent her away and ^agiven her
a writ of divorce, yet her ^btreach-
erous sister Judah did not fear;
but she went and was a harlot
also.

9 "And it came about because of
the lightness of her harlotry, that
she ^apolluted the land and com-
mitted adultery with ^bstones and
trees.

10 "And yet in spite of all this
her treacherous sister Judah did
not return to Me with all her
heart, but rather in ^a'deception,"
declares the LORD.

11 "And the LORD said to me,
"Faithless Israel has proved
herself more righteous than
treacherous Judah.

12 "Go, and proclaim these
words toward the north and say,

'Return, faithless Israel,'
declares the LORD;

'I will not ¹look upon you in
anger.

For I am ^c'gracious,' de-
clares the LORD;

'I will not be angry forever.

13 'Only ¹acknowledge your
iniquity,

That you have transgressed
against the LORD your
God

⁸ ¹Lat.,
keep it ²Lat.,
been able
^aPs. 103:9; Is.
57:16; Jer.
3:12

⁸ ^aJer.
17:2; Ezek.
23:4-10

⁷ ¹Lat., and
²2 Kin. 17:13
^aJer. 3:11;
Ezek. 16:47

⁸ ^aDeut.
24:1, 3; Is.
50:1 ^bEzek.
16:46, 47,
23:11

⁹ ^aJer. 2:7,
3:2 ^aIs. 57:6,
Jer. 2:27, 10:8

¹⁰ ^aJer.
12:2; Hos.
7:14

¹¹ ^aEzek.
16:51, 52,
23:11

¹² ¹Lat.,
cause My
countenance
to fall
^aJer. 3:14, 22;
Ezek. 33:11
^bJer. 3:5 ^aPs.
88:15; Jer.
12:15, 31:20;
33:26

¹³ ¹Lat.,
know ²Lat.,
ways
^aDeut. 30:1-3;
Jer. 3:25;
14:20; 1 John
1:9 ^aJer. 2:20,
25:3, 2, 6
^aDeut. 12:2

¹⁴ ^aJer.
31:32; Hos.
2:19 ^aJer.
31:6, 12

¹⁵ ^aJer.
23:4, 31:10;
Ezek. 34:23;
Eph. 4:11
^aActs 20:28

¹⁶ ^aIs. 65:17

¹⁷ ^aJer.
17:12; Ezek.
43:7 ^aJer.
3:19; 4:2;
12:15, 16;
16:19 ^aIs. 60:9
^aJer. 11:6

¹⁸ ^aIs.
11:13; Jer.
50:4, 5; Hos.
1:11 ^aJer.
16:15; 31:8
^aAmos 9:15

¹⁹ ¹Lat., the
^aPs. 16:6 ^aIs.
63:16; Jer. 3:4

²⁰ ¹Or,
companion

And have ^bscattered your
²favours to the strangers
^cunder every green tree,
And you have not obeyed
My voice,' declares the
LORD.

14 'Return, O faithless sons,'
declares the LORD;

'For I am a ^amaster to you,
And I will take you one from
a city and two from a
family,

And ^bI will bring you to
Zion.'

15 'Then I will give you ^ashep-
herds after My own heart, who
will ^bfeed you on knowledge and
understanding.

16 "And it shall be in those days
when you are multiplied and in-
creased in the land," declares
the LORD, "they shall ^asay no
more, 'The ark of the covenant of
the LORD.' And it shall not come
to mind, nor shall they remem-
ber it, nor shall they miss it, nor
shall it be made again.

17 "At that time they shall call
Jerusalem 'The ^aThrone of the
LORD,' and ^ball the nations will
be gathered to it, to Jerusalem,
for the ^cname of the LORD; nor
shall they ^dwalk anymore after
the stubbornness of their evil
heart.

18 "In those days the house of
Judah will walk with the house
of Israel, and they will come to-
gether ^bfrom the land of the
north to the ^cland that I gave
your fathers as an inheritance.

19 "Then I said,

'How I would set you among
¹My sons,

And give you a pleasant
land,

The most ^abeautiful inheri-
tance of the nations!'

And I said, 'You shall call
Me, ^bMy Father,

And not turn away from fol-
lowing Me.'

20 "Surely, as a woman treach-
erously departs from her
¹lover,

So you have ^adealt treacherously with Me,
O house of Israel," declares the LORD.

21 ^a A voice is heard on the ^abare heights,
The weeping and the supplications of the sons of Israel;
Because they have perverted their way,
They have ^bforgotten the LORD their God.

22 "Return, O faithless sons,
^aI will heal your faithlessness."

"Behold, we come to Thee;
For Thou art the LORD our God.

23 "Surely, ^athe hills are a deception,
A tumult on the mountains.
Surely, in the ^bLORD our God
Is the salvation of Israel.

24 "But ^athe shameful thing has consumed the labor of our fathers since our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25 "Let us lie down in our ^ashame, and let our humiliation cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, ^bsince our youth even to this day. And we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

CHAPTER 4

66 **I**F you will ^areturn, O Israel," declares the LORD,
"Then you should return to Me.

And ^bif you will put away your detested things from My presence,
And will not waver,

2 And you will ^aswear, 'As the LORD lives,'

^bIn truth, in justice, and in righteousness;
Then the ^cnations will bless themselves in Him,

20 ^aIsa. 48:8

21 ^aIsa. 15:2;
Jer. 3:2; 7:29
^bIsa. 17:10;
Jer. 2:32,
13:25

22 ^aJer.
30:17, 33:6,
Hos. 6:1, 14:4

23 ^aJer. 17:2
^bPs. 3:8, Jer.
17:14, 31:7

24 ^aHos.
9:10

25 ^aEzra 9:6,
7 ^bJer. 22:21

1 ^aJer.
3:22, 13:19,
Joel 2:12
^bJer. 7:3, 7,
35:15

2 ^aDeut.
10:20; Is.
45:23, 65:16,
Jer. 12:16 ^bIs.
48:1 ^cGen.
22:18; Jer.
3:17, 12:15,
16; Gal. 3:8
^dIs. 45:25;
Jer. 9:24,
1 Cor. 1:31

3 ^aIsa.
Plow for
yourselves
plowed
ground
^bHos. 10:12
^cMatt. 13:7

4 ^aDeut.
10:16; 30:6;
Jer. 9:25, 26;
Rom. 2:28,
29; Col. 2:11
^bIs. 30:27, 33;
Jer. 21:12;
Zeph. 2:2
^cAmos 5:8;
Mark 9:43, 48

5 ^aJer. 6:1;
Hos. 8:1
^bJosh. 10:20;
Jer. 8:14

6 ^aIs.
62:10; Jer.
4:21, 50:2
^bJer. 1:14, 15;
6:1, 22

7 ^aJer. 5:8;
25:38; 50:17
^bJer. 25:9;
Ezek. 28:7-10
^cIs. 1:7; 6:11;
Jer. 2:15

8 ^aIs.
22:12; Jer.
6:26 ^bIs. 5:25;
10:4; Jer.
30:24

And ^din Him they will glory."

3 ¶ For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem,

"^aBreak up your fallow ground,
And ^bdo not sow among thorns.

4 "^aCircumcise yourselves to the LORD

And remove the foreskins of your heart,
Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem,
Lest My ^bwrath go forth like fire

And burn with ^cnone to quench it,
Because of the evil of your deeds."

5 ¶ Declare in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say,

"^aBlow the trumpet in the land;

Cry aloud and say,
^bAssemble yourselves, and let us go
Into the fortified cities."

6 "Lift up a ^astandard toward Zion!

Seek refuge, do not stand still,

For I am bringing ^bevil from the north,

And great destruction.

7 "A ^alion has gone up from his thicket,

And a ^bdestroyer of nations has set out;

He has gone out from his place

To ^cmake your land a waste.
Your cities will be ruins
Without inhabitant.

8 "For this, ^aput on sackcloth,
Lament and wail;

For the ^bfierce anger of the LORD

Has not turned back from us."

9 "And it shall come about in that day," declares the LORD, "that the heart of the king and the heart of the princes will fail; and the priests will be appalled, and the prophets will be astounded."

10 ¶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Surely Thou hast utterly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, 'You will have peace'; whereas a sword touches the throat."

11 ¶ In that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, "A scorching wind from the bare heights in the wilderness in the direction of the daughter of My people—not to winnow, and not to cleanse,

12 a wind too strong for this—will come at My command; now I will also pronounce judgments against them.

13 "Behold, he goes up like clouds,

And his chariots like the whirlwind;

His horses are swifter than eagles.

Woe to us, for we are ruined!"

14 ¶ Wash your heart from evil, O Jerusalem,

That you may be saved.

How long will your wicked thoughts

Lodge within you?

15 For a voice declares from Dan,

And proclaims wickedness from Mount Ephraim.

16 "Report it to the nations, now!

Proclaim over Jerusalem,

'Besiegers come from a far country,

And lift their voices against the cities of Judah.

17 'Like watchmen of a field they are against her round about,

9 Ch. 22:3
1. Jer. 48:41
Ch. 28:2, 18.
Ezek. 12:9-16

10 Jer. 17:19, especially considered
Lam. 4:17, 18.
Ezek. 14:2
2 Thim. 2:11
Jer. 5:12
14:11

11 Jer. 13:24, 31:1.
Ezek. 17:18.
Hos. 12:13

12 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

13 Ch. 19:1.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

14 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

15 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

16 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

17 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

18 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

19 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

20 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

21 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

22 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

23 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

24 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

25 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

26 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

27 Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16.
Jer. 1:16

Because she has rebelled against Me," declares the LORD.

18 "Your ways and your deeds Have brought these things to you.

This is your evil. How bitter!

How it has touched your heart!"

19 ¶ "My soul, my soul! I am in anguish! Oh, my heart!

My heart is pounding in me;

I cannot be silent,

Because you have heard, O my soul,

The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war.

20 "Disaster on disaster is proclaimed,

For the whole land is devastated;

Suddenly my tents are devastated,

My curtains in an instant.

21 How long must I see the standard,

And hear the sound of the trumpet?

22 "For My people are foolish, They know Me not;

They are stupid children,

And they have no understanding.

They are shrewd to do evil,

But to do good they do not know."

23 ¶ I looked on the earth, and behold, it was formless and void;

And to the heavens, and they had no light.

24 I looked on the mountains, and behold, they were quaking,

And all the hills moved to and fro.

25 I looked, and behold, there was no man,

And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

26 I looked, and behold, ¹the
^afruitful land was a wil-
 derness,
 And all its cities were pulled
 down
 Before the LORD, before His
 fierce anger.

27 [¶] For thus says the LORD,
 "The ^awhole land shall be a
 desolation,
 Yet I will ^bnot execute a
 complete destruction.

28 "For this the ^aearth shall
 mourn,
 And the ^bheavens above be
 dark,
 Because I have ^cspoken, I
 have purposed,
 And I will not ¹change My
 mind, nor will I turn from
 it."

29 At the sound of the horse-
 man and bowman ^aevery
 city flees;
 They ^bgo into the thickets
 and climb among the
 rocks;

^cEvery city is forsaken,
 And no man dwells in them.

30 And you, O desolate one,
^awhat will you do?

Although you dress in scar-
 let,

Although you decorate
 yourself with ornaments
 of gold,

Although you ^benlarge your
 eyes with paint,

In vain you make yourself
 beautiful;

Your ¹lovers despise you;
 They seek your life.

31 For I heard a ¹cry as of a
 woman in labor,

The anguish as of one giving
 birth to her first child,

The ¹cry of the daughter of
 Zion ^agasping for breath,

^bStretching out her ²hands,
 saying,

"Ah, woe is me, for ³I faint
 before murderers."

²⁶ ¹Or, Car-
 mel
^{Jer. 9:10}

²⁷ [¶]Jer.
 12:11, 12;
 25:11 [¶]Jer.
 5:10, 18;
 30:11, 48:28

²⁸ ¹Lit., be
 sorry
<sup>Jer. 12:4, 11,
 14:2, Hos. 4:3</sup>
<sup>Isa. 5:30;
 50:3; Joel
 2:30, 31</sup>
<sup>Num. 23:19;
 Jer. 23:20;
 30:24</sup>

²⁹ ²Kin.
 25:4 <sup>Isa. 2:19-
 21, Jer. 16:16</sup>
^{Jer. 4:7}

³⁰ ¹Lit., par-
 amours
<sup>Isa. 10:3, 20:6;
 Jer. 13:21</sup>
²Kin. 9:30;
 Ezek. 23:40
<sup>Jer. 22:20;
 22: Lam. 1:2,
 19; Ezek.
 23:9, 10, 22</sup>

³¹ ¹Lit.,
 sound ²Lit.,
 palms ³Lit.,
 my soul
 faints
<sup>Isa. 42:14 ^{Isa.}
 1:13; Lam.
 1:17</sup>

¹ ¹Lit.,
 faithfulness
²Chr. 16:9;
 Dan. 12:4
<sup>Ezek. 22:30
 Gen. 18:26,
 32</sup>

² <sup>Isa. 48:1;
 Titus 1:16</sup>

³ ¹Lit.,
 faithfulness
²Or, become
 sick
²Chr. 16:9
<sup>Isa. 1:5; 9:13;
 Jer. 2:30 ^{Jer.}
 7:28; 8:5;
 Zeph. 3:2
<sup>Jer. 7:28;
 19:15; Ezek.
 3:8</sup></sup>

⁴ ^{Isa.}
 27:11; Jer.
 8:7; Hos. 4:6

⁵ [¶]Mic. 3:1
<sup>Ex. 32:25;
 Ps. 2:3; Jer.
 2:20</sup>

⁶ [¶]Jer. 4:7
<sup>Ezek. 22:27;
 Hab. 1:8;
 Zeph. 3:3
<sup>Hos. 13:7
 Jer. 30:14,
 15</sup></sup>

CHAPTER 5

“ROAM to and fro through
 the streets of Jerusa-
 lem,

And look now, and take
 note.

And seek in her open
 squares,

If you can ^bfind a man,

^cIf there is one who does
 justice, who seeks ¹truth
 Then I will pardon her.

2 "And ^aalthough they say, 'As
 the LORD lives,'

Surely they swear falsely.'

3 O LORD, do not ^aThine eyes
 look for ¹truth?

Thou hast ^bsmitten them,

But they did not ²weaken;

Thou hast consumed them,

But they ^crefused to take
 correction.

They have ^dmade their

faces harder than rock;

They have refused to re-
 pent.

4 ¶ Then I said, "They are
 only the poor,

They are foolish;

For they ^ado not know the
 way of the LORD

Or the ordinance of their
 God.

5 "I will go to the great
 And will speak to them,

For ^athey know the way of
 the LORD,

And the ordinance of their
 God."

But they too, with one ac-
 cord, have ^bbroken the
 yoke

And burst the bonds.

6 Therefore ^aa lion from the
 forest shall slay them,

A ^bwolf of the deserts shall
 destroy them,

A ^cleopard is watching their
 cities.

Everyone who goes out of
 them shall be torn in
 pieces,

Because their ^dtransgres-
 sions are many,

- Their apostasies are numerous.
- 7 ¶ "Why should I pardon you?
Your sons have forsaken Me
And ^asworn by those who are ^bnot gods.
When I had fed them to the full,
They ^ccommitted adultery
And trooped to the harlot's house.
- 8 "They were well-fed lusty horses,
Each one neighing after his ^aneighbor's wife.
- 9 "Shall I not punish ^bthese people," declares the LORD,
"And on a nation such as this
^aShall I not avenge Myself?"
- 10 ¶ "Go up through her vine rows and destroy,
But do not execute a complete destruction;
Strip away her branches,
For they are not the LORD's.
- 11 "For the ^ahouse of Israel and the house of Judah
Have dealt very treacherously with Me," declares the LORD.
- 12 They have ^alied about the LORD
And said, "^bNot He;
Misfortune will ^cnot come on us;
And we ^dwill not see sword or famine.
- 13 "And the ^aprophets are as wind,
And the word is not in them.
Thus it will be done to them!"
- 14 ¶ Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts,
"Because you have spoken this word,
Behold, I am ^amaking My words in your mouth fire
And this people wood, and it will consume them.

7 ^aJosh. 23:7; Jer. 12:10; Zeph. 1:5 ^bDeut. 32:21; Jer. 2:11; Gal. 4:8 ^cJer. 7:9

8 ^aJer. 13:27; 29:23; Ezek. 22:11

9 ^aOr, for these things ^bJer. 9:9

11 ^aJer. 3:6; 7:20

12 ^aLa. 1:1; He is not ^bChr. 36:16 ^cProv. 30:9; Jer. 14:22; 43:1-4; Jer. 23:17 ^dJer. 14:13

13 ^aJob 8:2; Jer. 14:13, 15; 22:22

14 ^aIsa. 24:6; Jer. 1:9; 23:29; Hos. 6:5; Zeph. 1:6

15 ^aDeut. 28:48; Is. 5:26; Jer. 4:16 ^bIsa. 28:11

16 ^aIsa. 5:26; 13:18 ^bPs. 5:9

17 ^aLev. 28:16; Deut. 28:31, 32; Jer. 8:16; 50:7, 17 ^bJer. 8:13 ^cHos. 8:14

18 ^aOr, you ^bDeut. 29:24; 28:1; 1 Sam. 8:8; 9: Jer. 13:22; 16:10-13 ^cDeut. 28:48; Jer. 16:13

21 ^aLa. 1:1; without heart ^bIsa. 6:9; 43:8; Ezek. 12:2; Matt. 13:14; Mark 8:18; John 12:40; Acts 28:26; Rom. 11:8

22 ^aDeut. 28:56; Ps. 119:128; Jer. 2:18; 10:7; Rev. 15:4 ^bJob 38:8-11; Ps. 104:24; Prov. 8:29

15 "Behold, I am ^abringing a nation against you from afar, O house of Israel," declares the LORD.

"It is an enduring nation,
It is an ancient nation,
A nation whose ^blanguage you do not know,
Nor can you understand what they say.

16 "Their ^aquiver is like an ^bopen grave,

All of them are mighty men.

17 "And they will ^adevour your harvest and your food;

They will devour your sons and your daughters;

They will devour your flocks and your herds;

They will devour your ^bvines and your fig trees;

They will demolish with the sword your ^cfortified cities in which you trust.

18 ¶ "Yet even in those days," declares the LORD, "I will not make you a complete destruction.

19 "And it shall come about ^awhen ^bthey say, 'Why has the LORD our God done all these things to us?' then you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall ^bserve strangers in a land that is not yours.'

20 ¶ "Declare this in the house of Jacob

And proclaim it in Judah, saying,

21 'Hear this, O foolish and ^bsenseless people,

Who have ^aeyes, but see not;

Who have ears, but hear not.

22 'Do you not ^afear Me?' declares the LORD.

'Do you not tremble in My presence?

For I have ^bplaced the sand as a boundary for the sea,
An eternal decree, so it cannot cross over it.

- Though the waves toss, yet
they cannot prevail;
Though they roar, yet they
cannot cross over it.
- 23 'But this people has a ^astub-
born and rebellious
heart;
They have turned aside and
departed.
- 24 'They do not say in their
heart,
"Let us now fear the LORD
our God,
Who ^agives rain in its sea-
son,
Both ^bthe autumn rain and
the spring rain,
Who keeps for us
The ^cappointed weeks of
the harvest."
- 25 'Your ^ainiquities have
turned these away,
And your sins have with-
held good from you.
- 26 'For wicked men are found
among My people,
They ^awatch like fowlers
^blying in wait;
They set a trap,
They catch men.
- 27 'Like a cage full of birds,
So their houses are full of
^adeceit;
Therefore they have be-
come great and rich.
- 28 'They are ^afat, they are sleek,
They also ^bexcel in deeds of
wickedness;
They do not plead the cause,
The cause of the ^{2b}orphan,
that they may prosper;
And they do not ³defend the
rights of the poor.
- 29 'Shall I not punish ¹these
people?' declares the
LORD,
'On a nation such as this
Shall I not avenge Myself?'
- 30 'An appalling and ^ahorri-
ble thing
Has happened in the land:
31 The ^aprophets prophesy
falsely,

23 ^aDeut.
21:18; Ps.
78:8; Jer.
4:17; 6:28
24 ^aPs.
147:8; Jer.
3:3; Matt.
5:43; Acts
14:17 ^bJoel
2:23 ^cGen.
8:22
25 ^aJer.
2:17; 4:18
26 ¹Perhaps,
crouching
down
^aPs. 10:9,
Prov. 1:11,
Jer. 18:22,
Hab. 1:15
27 ^aJer. 9:6
28 ¹Lit.,
pass over, or,
overlook
clouds ²Or, fa-
therless ³Lit.,
judge
^aDeut. 32:15
^bIs. 1:23; Jer.
7:6; 22:3,
Zech. 7:10
29 ¹Or, for
these things
^aJer. 5:9; Mal.
3:5
30 ^aJer.
23:14; Hos.
6:10
31 ¹Lit.,
over their
own hands
^aEzek. 13:8
^bMic. 2:11
¹Lit.,
house of the
vineyard
^aJosh. 18:28
^bNeh. 3:14
^cJer. 1:14;
4:6; 6:22
²Deut.
28:56 ^bIs. 1:8,
Jer. 4:31
³Lit.,
against her
round about
²Lit., hand
^aJer. 12:10
^b2 Kin. 25:1;
Jer. 4:17;
Luke 19:43
⁴Lit.,
Sanctify ²Lit.,
go up
^aJer. 6:23;
Joel 3:9 ^bJer.
15:8; Zeph.
2:4
⁵Lit., go
up ²Or, forti-
fied towers
^aIs. 32:14;
Jer. 52:13
⁶Deut.
20:19, 20
^bJer. 32:24;
33:4 ^cJer.
22:17
⁷Lit.,
keeps cold
^aJames 3:11f.
^bJer. 20:8;
Ezek. 7:11, 23
^cJer. 30:12,
13

And the priests rule ¹on
their own authority;
And My people ^blove it so!
But what will you do at the
end of it?

CHAPTER 6

- “**F**LEE for safety, O sons of
^aBenjamin,
From the midst of Jerusa-
lem!
Now blow a trumpet in Te-
koa,
And raise a signal over
^{1b}Beth-haccerem;
For evil looks down from
the ^cnorth,
And a great destruction.
- 2“^aThe comely and ^adainty
one, ^bthe daughter of
Zion, I will cut off.
- 3“^aShepherds and their flocks
will come to her,
They will ^bpitch their tents
¹around her,
They will pasture each in
his ²place.
- 4“^{1a}Prepare war against her;
Arise, and let us ²attack at
^bnoon.
Woe to us, for the day de-
clines,
For the shadows of the eve-
ning lengthen!
- 5“Arise, and let us ¹attack by
night
And ^adestroy her ²palaces!”
- 6 For thus says the LORD of
hosts,
“^aCut down her trees,
And cast up a ^bsiege against
Jerusalem.
This is the city to be pun-
ished,
In whose midst there is only
^coppression.
- 7“^aAs a well ¹keeps its waters
fresh,
So she ¹keeps fresh her
wickedness.
^bViolence and destruction
are heard in her;
^cSickness and wounds are
ever before Me.

8^a Be warned, O Jerusalem,
Lest ^bbe alienated from
you;
Lest I make you a desola-
tion,
A land not inhabited."

9 ¶ Thus says the LORD of
hosts,
"They will ^athoroughly glean
as the vine the ^bremnant
of Israel;
Pass your hand again like a
grape gatherer
Over the branches."

10 To whom shall I speak and
give warning,
That they may hear?
Behold, their ^aears are
^bclosed.

And they cannot listen.
Behold, ^bthe word of the
LORD has become a re-
proach to them;

They have no delight in it.

11 But I am ^afull of the wrath of
the LORD:

I am ^bweary with holding it
in.

"Pour it out on the children
in the street,

And on the ^bgathering of
young men together;

For both husband and wife
shall be taken.

The aged ^aand the very old.

12^a And their ^ahouses shall be
turned over to others.

Their fields and their wives
together;

For I will ^bstretch out My
hand

Against the inhabitants of
the land," declares the
LORD.

13^a For ^afrom the least of them
even to the greatest of
them,

Everyone is ^bgreedy for
gain,

And from the prophet even
to the priest

Everyone ^bdeals falsely.

8^a ^bLe. my
soul
Jer 7:28;
17:23; Ezek.
23:18; Hos.
9:12

9^a Jer
16:16, 49-52;
Obad. 1, 6
Jer 8:3,
11:23

10^a ^bLe. un-
circumcised
Jer 5:21;
7:28; Acts
7:51; Jer
20:6

11^a ^bLe.
counsel ^bLe.
with fulness
of days
Jer 12:18;
19: Mica. 3:8
Jer 15:6;
20:9; Jer
7:28; 9:21

12^a ^bOr.
28:38; Jer
8:10; 38:22;
23: Jer 15:6

13^a ^bOr.
Jer 8:10; Hos.
56:11, 37:17;
Jer 8:10;
22:17

14^a Jer
8:11; Ezek.
13:10

15^a Jer 3:3,
8:12

16^a Hos. 8:20;
Jer 12:18;
18:15, 31:21;
Mic. 4:4;
Luk. 16:29;
Hos. 11:29

17^a Hos.
21:11, 36:1;
Jer 23:4;
Ezek. 3:17;
Hos. 2:1

18^a ^bOr. de-
vices
Hos. 1:2; Jer
19:3, 15;
22:28; Prov.
1:31; Jer 8:2

20^a ^bLe.
good
Jer 38:7-8;
Is. 1:11; Hos. 3;
Mic. 6:6; Hos.
8:6-8;
Jer 23:4;
Hos. 12:1;
Amos
5:22

14^a And they have ^ahealed the
brokenness of My people
superficially.

Saying, 'Peace, peace.'

But there is no peace.

15^a Were they ^aashamed be-
cause of the abomination
they have done?

They were not even
ashamed at all;

They did not even know
how to blush.

Therefore they shall fall
among those who fall;

At the time that I punish
them.

They shall be cast down,"
says the LORD.

16 ¶ Thus says the LORD.

"Stand by the ways and see
and ask for the ^aancient
paths,

Where the good way is, and
walk in it;

And ^byou shall find rest for
your souls.

But they said, 'We will not
walk in it.'

17^a And I set ^awatchmen over
you, saying,

'Listen to the sound of the
trumpet!'

But they said, 'We will not
listen.'

18^a Therefore hear, O nations,
And know, O congregation,
what is among them.

19^a Hear, O earth: behold, I am
bringing disaster on this
people.

The ^bfruit of their ^bplans,
Because they have not lis-
tened to My words,

And as for My law, they
have ^arejected it also.

20^a For what purpose does
^bfrankincense come to
Me from Sheba,

And the ^csweet cane from a
distant land?

^aYour burnt offerings are
not acceptable.

And your sacrifices are not
pleasing to Me."

- 21 Therefore, thus says the LORD,
 "Behold, ^aI am ¹laying stumbling blocks before this people.
 And they will stumble against them,
^bFathers and sons together;
 Neighbor and ²friend will perish."
- 22 ¶ Thus says the LORD,
 "Behold, ^aa people is coming from the north land,
 And a great nation will be aroused from the ^bremote parts of the earth.
 23 "They seize ^abow and spear;
 They are ^bcruel and have no mercy;
 Their voice ^croars like the sea,
 And they ride on horses,
 Arrayed as a man for the battle
 Against you, O daughter of Zion!"
- 24 We have ^aheard the report of it;
 Our hands are limp.
^bAnguish has seized us,
 Pain as of a woman in childbirth.
- 25 ^aDo not go out into the field,
 And ^bdo not walk on the road,
 For the enemy has a sword,
^cTerror is on every side.
- 26 O daughter of my people,
^aput on sackcloth
 And ^broll in ashes;
^cMourn as for an only son,
 A lamentation most bitter.
 For suddenly the destroyer
 Will come upon us.
- 27 ¶ "I have ^amade you an assayer and a tester among My people,
 That you may know and as-say their way."
- 28 All of them are stubbornly rebellious,
^aGoing about as a talebearer.

21 ¹Lit., giving ²Lit., his friend
^aIsa. 8:14; Jer. 13:16 ^bIsa. 9:14-17; Jer. 9:21, 22
^cJer. 1:15; 10:22; 30:41-43
^bNeh. 1:9
^cIsa. 13:18; Jer. 4:29 ^bJer. 50:42 ^cIsa. 5:30
^dIsa. 28:19; Jer. 4:19-21 ^bIsa. 21:3; Jer. 4:31, 13:21, 30:6, 49:24; 50:43
^cJer. 14:18 ^bJudg. 5:6 ^cJer. 20:10; 48:5; 49:29
^dLit., Make for yourself mourning
^cJer. 4:8 ^bJer. 25:34; Mic. 1:10 ^cAmos 8:10; Zech. 12:10
^cJer. 1:18, 15:20
^cJer. 9:4
^bEzek. 22:18
^cOr, drawn off
^cJer. 15:19
^cPs. 119:119; Is. 1:22 ^bJer. 7:29; Hos. 9:17; Zech. 11:8
^cJer. 17:19; 26:2
^cJer. 4:1, 7:5; 18:11; 26:13
^dLit., They are
^cJer. 7:8; Mic. 3:11
^bIsa. 1:19; Jer. 4:1, 2 ^b1 Kin. 6:12; Jer. 21:12; 22:3
^cOr, fatherless
^cEx. 22:21-24; Jer. 5:28 ^bJer. 2:34; 19:4
^cDeut. 6:14, 15:8; 19:11-28; Jer. 13:10
^cDeut. 4:40 ^bJer. 3:18
^cJer. 7:4; 28:15
^cOr, burn incense
^cJer. 11:13, 17 ^bEx. 20:3; Jer. 7:6; 19:4
^cEzek. 23:39 ^bJer. 7:11, 14, 30; 32:34

They are ^bbronze and iron;
 They, all of them, are corrupt.

- 29 The bellows blow fiercely,
 The lead is consumed by the fire;
 In vain the refining goes on,
 But the ^awicked are not ¹separated.
- 30 ^aThey call them rejected silver,
 Because the ^bLORD has rejected them.

CHAPTER 7

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
 2 "Stand in the gate of the LORD's house and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!'"

3 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place.

4 "Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.'

5 "For ^aif you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly ^bpractice justice between a man and his neighbor,

6 if you do not oppress the alien, the ¹orphan, or the widow, and do not shed ^binnocent blood in this place, nor ^cwalk after other gods to your own ruin,

7 then I will let you ^adwell in this place, in the ^bland that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

8 ¶ "Behold, you are trusting in ^adeceptive words to no avail.

9 "Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and ¹offer sacrifices to Baal, and walk after ^bother gods that you have not known,

10 then ^acome and stand before Me in ^bthis house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We

are delivered!"—that you may do all these abominations?

11 "Has ^athis house, which is called by My name, become a ^bden of robbers in your sight? Behold, ^cI, even I, have seen it," declares the LORD.

12 ¶ "But go now to My place which was in ^aShiloh, where I ^bmade My name dwell at the first, and ^csee what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel.

13 "And now, because you have done all these things," declares the LORD, "and I spoke to you, ^arising up early and ^bspeaking, but you did not hear, and I ^ccalled you but you did not answer,

14 therefore, I will do to the ^ahouse which is called by My name, ^bin which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I ^cdid to Shiloh.

15 "And I will ^acast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the ^boffspring of ^cEphraim.

16 ¶ "As for you, ^ado not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you.

17 "Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

18 "The ^achildren gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they ^apour out libations to other gods in order to ^bspite Me.

19 "Do they spite Me?" declares the LORD. "Is it not themselves they spite, to ^atheir own ^bshame?"

20 Therefore thus says the Lord ^aGod, "Behold, My ^aanger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and on beast and on the ^btrees of the field and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not be quenched."

11 ^aIsa. 58:7
Matt. 21:13,
Mark 11:17,
Luke 19:46
Jer. 29:23

12 ^aJudg.
18:31, Jer.
28:6 ^bJosh.
18:1, 10

13 ^a1 Sam. 4:10,
11, 22, Ps. 78:
60-64

13 ^aJer. 7:25
Jer. 36:17
Prov. 1:24;
Isa. 65:12, 66:4

14 ^aDeut.
12:5, 1 Kin.
9:7 ^bJer. 7:4
Jer. 7:12

15 ^a1st Lst.
seed
Jer. 15:1,
32:3 ^bPs.
78:67, Hos.
7:13, 9:13,
12:1

16 ^aEx.
32:10, Deut.
9:14, Jer.
11:14

18 ^a1st Lst.
name
Jer. 19:13
Deut. 32:16,
21, 1 Kin.
14:9, 16:2,
Jer. 11:17,
Ezek. 8:17

19 ^a1st Lst.
their faces
Job 35:6,
1 Cor. 10:22

Jer. 9:19,
15:9, 22:22
20 ^aHeb.
YHWH, usually
rendered
Lord

14:42-25,
Jer. 6:11, 12:
42-18, Lam.
2:3-5, 4:11
Jer. 6:13,
11:16

21 ^aIsa. 1:11,
Jer. 6:20,
14:12, Amos
5:22 ^bEzek.
33:25, Hos.
8:13

22 ^a1st Sam.
15:22, Ps.
51:16, Hos.
6:6

23 ^a1st Lst., the
word which
Ex. 15:26,
16:32, Deut.
6:3 ^bEx. 19:5,
6: Lev. 26:12,
Jer. 11:4,
13:11 ^cIsa.
3:10, Jer.
38:20, 42:6

24 ^a1st Lst., the
they were
Deut. 28:18;
Ps. 61:11, Jer.
11:8, Ezek.
20:8, 13, 18,
21 ^bJer. 13:6

21 ¶ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Add your ^aburnt offerings to your sacrifices and ^beat flesh.

22 "For I did not ^aspeak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings and sacrifices.

23 "But this is ^awhat I commanded them, saying, '^aObey My voice, and ^bI will be your God, and you will be My people; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may ^cbe well with you.'

24 "Yet they ^adid not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and ^bwent backward and not forward.

25 "Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have ^asent you all My servants the prophets, daily rising early and sending them.

26 "Yet they did not listen to Me or incline their ear, but ^astiffened their neck; they ^bdid evil more than their fathers.

27 ¶ "And you shall ^aspeak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will ^bnot answer you.

28 "And you shall say to them, 'This is the nation that ^adid not obey the voice of the LORD their God or accept correction; ^btruth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

29 "Cut off ^ayour hair and cast it away,

And ^btake up a lamentation on the bare heights;
For the LORD has ^crejected and forsaken

26 ^a1st Chr. 36:15, Jer. 25:4, 28:18, Luke 11:40
26 ^bNeh. 9:16, Jer. 17:23, 19:15 ^cJer. 16:12, Matt. 23:32
27 ^aJer. 1:7, 28:2, Ezek. 2:7 ^bIsa. 50:2, 65:12, Zech. 7:13
28 ^a1st Lst., faithfulness ^bJer. 6:17, 11:10 ^cIsa. 58:14, 15,
Jer. 9:5

29 ^a1st Lst., your crown ^bJob 1:20, Is. 15:2, 22:12, Jer.
16:6, 18:6, 1:16 ^cJer. 3:21, 9:17, 18 ^dJer. 6:30, 14:19

The generation of His wrath.'

30"For the sons of Judah have done that which is evil in My sight," declares the LORD, "they have ^aset their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it.

31"And they have ^abuilt the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to ^bburn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I ^cdid not command, and it did not come into My ^dmind.

32"^aTherefore, behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when it will no more be called Topheth, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of the Slaughter; for they will ^bbury in Topheth ^cbecause there is no other place.

33"And the ^adead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the sky, and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will frighten ^bthem away.

34"Then I will make to ^acease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; for the ^bland will become a ruin.

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6"^AT that time," declares the LORD, "they will ^abring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem from their graves.

2"And they will spread them out to the sun, the moon, and to all the ^ahost of heaven, which they have loved, and which they have served, and which they have gone after, and which they have sought, and which they have worshiped. They will not be gathered ^bor buried; ^cthey

30 ^a2 Kin. 21:3f.; 2 Chr. 33:3-5, 7; Jer. 32:34, 35; Ezek. 7:20; Dan. 9:27, 11:31

31 ^a1 Lit., heart ^b2 Kin. 23:10; Jer. 19:5; 32:35 ^bLev. 18:21, 2 Kin. 17:17, Ps. 106:38 ^cDeut. 17:3

32 ^aOr, until there is no place left ^bJer. 19:6, 11 ^c2 Kin. 23:10

33 ^aDeut. 28:26, Ps. 79:2, Jer. 12:9, 19:7

34 ^aIs. 24:7, 8; Jer. 18:9, 25:10; Ezek. 26:13; Hos. 2:11, Rev. 18:23 ^bLev. 26:33, Is. 1:7; Jer. 4:27

1 ^aEzek. 6:5

2 ^a2 Kin. 23:5, Jer. 19:13; Zeph. 1:5; Acts 7:42 ^bJer. 22:19; 36:30 ^c2 Kin. 9:37, Ps. 83:10; Jer. 9:22

3 ^aJob 3:21, 22; 7:15, 18; Jon. 4:3; Rev. 9:6 ^bDeut. 30:1, 4; Jer. 23:3, 8; 29:14

4 ^a1 Lit., turn back ^bProv. 24:16; Amos 5:2; Mic. 7:8

5 ^aJer. 5:6; 7:24 ^bJer. 5:27; 9:6 ^cJer. 5:3

6 ^aPs. 14:2; Mal. 3:16 ^bEzek. 22:30; Mic. 7:2; Rev. 9:20 ^cJob 39:21-25

7 ^a1 Lit., coming ^bProv. 6:6-8; Is. 1:3 ^cSong 2:12 ^dJer. 5:4

8 ^aJob 5:12, 13; Jer. 4:22; Rom. 1:22

9 ^aIs. 19:11; Jer. 6:15; 1 Cor. 1:27 ^bJer. 6:19

will be as dung on the face of the ground.

3"And ^adeath will be chosen rather than life by all the remnant that remains of this evil family, that remains in all the ^bplaces to which I have driven them," declares the LORD of hosts.

4"And you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD,

"Do men ^afall and not get up again?

Does one turn away and not ^brepent?

5"Why then has this people, Jerusalem,

^aTurned away in continual apostasy?

They ^bhold fast to deceit,

They ^crefuse to return.

6"I ^ahave listened and heard, They have spoken what is not right;

^bNo man repented of his wickedness,

Saying, 'What have I done?'

Everyone turned to his course,

Like a ^chorse charging into the battle.

7"Even the stork in the sky

^aKnows her seasons;

And the ^bturtledove and the swift and the thrush

Observe the time of their ^cmigration;

But ^dMy people do not know The ordinance of the LORD.

8 ¶"^aHow can you say, 'We are wise,

And the law of the LORD is with us?'

But behold, the lying pen of the scribes

Has made ^bit into a lie.

9" The wise men are ^aput to shame,

They are dismayed and caught;

Behold, they have ^brejected the word of the LORD,

And what kind of wisdom do they have?

- 10 "Therefore I will ^agive their wives to others,
Their fields to ¹new owners;
Because from the least even
to the greatest
Everyone is ^bgreedy for gain;
From the prophet even to
the priest
Everyone practices deceit.
- 11 "And they ^aheal the broken-
ness of the daughter of
My people superficially,
Saying, 'Peace, peace,'
But there is no peace.
- 12 "Were they ^aashamed be-
cause of the abomination
they had done?
They certainly were not
ashamed,
And they did not know how
to blush;
Therefore they shall ^bfall
among those who fall;
At the ^ctime of their punish-
ment they shall be
brought down,"
Declares the LORD.
- 13 ¶ "I will ^asurely snatch them
away," declares the
LORD;
"There will be ^bno grapes on
the vine,
And ^cno figs on the fig tree,
And the leaf shall wither;
And what I have given them
shall pass away." "
- 14 Why are we sitting still?
^aAssemble yourselves, and
let us ^bgo into the forti-
fied cities,
And let us perish there,
Because the LORD our God
has doomed us
And given us ^cpoisoned wa-
ter to drink,
For ^dwe have sinned against
the LORD.
- 15 We ^awaited for peace, but
no good came;
For a time of healing, but
behold, terror!
- 16 From ^aDan is heard the
snorting of his horses;

10 ¹Lat., pos-
sibly meaning others
Deut. 28:30;
Jer. 6:12, 13;
38:22; ²Isa.
56:11, 57:17;
Jer. 6:13;
11 ³Jer.
6:14; 14:13;
14, Lam. 2:14;
Ezek. 13:10
12 ⁴Ps. 52:1;
7, ⁵Isa. 3:9; Jer.
3:3, 6:15;
Zeph. 3:5 ⁶Isa.
9:14, Jer.
6:21, Hos. 4:5
Deut. 32:35;
Jer. 10:15
13 ⁷Jer.
14:12, Ezek.
22:20, 21
Jer. 5:17;
7:20; Joel 1:7
Matt. 21:19;
Luke 13:6
14 ⁸Jer. 4:5
2 Sam. 20:6;
Jer. 35:11
Deut. 29:18;
Ps. 69:21, Jer.
9:15, 23:15;
Lam. 3:19;
Matt. 27:34
Jer. 3:25;
14:20
15 ⁹Jer.
8:11, 14:19
16 ¹⁰Judg.
18:29; Jer.
4:15 ¹¹Judg.
5:22 ¹²Jer.
3:24, 10:25
17 ¹³Num.
21:6; Deut.
32:24 ¹⁴Ps.
58:4, 5
18 ¹⁵So Gr.
and versions
Isa. 22:4;
Lam. 1:16, 17
Jer. 23:8;
Lam. 5:17
19 ¹⁶Lat.,
various
Isa. 13:5, 39:3;
Jer. 4:16, 9:16
Deut. 32:21;
Jer. 7:19 ¹⁷Ps.
31:6
21 ¹⁸Jer.
4:18; 9:1;
14:17 ¹⁹Jer.
14:2, Joel 2:6;
Nah. 2:10
22 ²⁰Or,
howling ²¹Lat.,
gone up
Gen. 37:25;
Jer. 48:11
Jer. 14:19;
30:13
1 ²²Ch. 8:23
in Heb.
Isa. 22:4; Jer.
8:18; 13:17;
Lam. 2:18
Jer. 6:26;
8:21, 22
2 ²³Ch. 9:1
in Heb.
Ps. 36:6, 7;
120:3, 6

- At the sound of the neighing
of his ^bstallions
The whole land quakes;
For they come and ^cdevour
the land and its fulness,
The city and its inhabitants.
- 17 "For behold, I am ^asending
serpents against you,
Adders, for which there is
^bno charm,
And they will bite you," de-
clares the LORD.
- 18 ¶ "My ^asorrow is beyond
healing,
My ^bheart is faint within
me!
- 19 Behold, listen! The cry of
the daughter of my peo-
ple from a ^adistant land:
"Is the LORD not in Zion? Is
her King not within her?"
"Why have they ^bprovoked
Me with their graven im-
ages, with foreign
^cidols?"
- 20 "Harvest is past, summer is
ended,
And we are not saved."
- 21 For the ^abrokenness of the
daughter of my people I
am broken;
I ^bmourn, dismay has taken
hold of me.
- 22 Is there no ^abalm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
^bWhy then has not the
¹health of the daughter of
my people ²been re-
stored?

CHAPTER 9

- 1a **O**H, that my head were wa-
ters,
And my eyes a fountain of
tears,
That I might weep day and
night
For the slain of the ^bdaugh-
ter of my people!
- 2 "O that I had in the desert
A wayfarers' lodging place;
That I might leave my peo-
ple,
And go from them!

For all of them are ^badulterers.
 An assembly of ^ctreacherous men.
 3 "And they ^abend their tongue like their bow;
 Lies and not truth prevail in the land;
 For they ^bproceed from evil to evil,
 And they ^cdo not know Me," declares the LORD.
 4 "Let everyone ^abe on guard against his neighbor,
 And ^bdo not trust any brother;
 Because every ^cbrother deals ⁱcraftily,
 And every neighbor ^dgoes about as a slanderer.
 5 "And everyone ^adeceives his neighbor,
 And does not speak the truth,
 They have taught their tongue to speak lies;
 They ^bweary themselves committing iniquity.
 6 "Your ^adwelling is in the midst of deceit;
 Through deceit they ^brefuse to know Me," declares the LORD.
 7 ¶ Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts,
 "Behold, I will refine them and ^aassay them;
 For ^bwhat else can I do, because of the daughter of My people?
 8 "Their ^atongue is a deadly arrow;
 It speaks deceit;
 With his mouth one ^bspeaks peace to his neighbor,
 But inwardly he ^csets an ambush for him.
 9 "Shall I not punish them for these things?" declares the LORD.
 "On a nation such as this
 Shall I not avenge Myself?"

3 ^bJer. 5:7, 8; 23:10; Hos. 4:2; Jer. 5:11, 12:1, 6
 3 ^cPs. 64:3; Is. 39:4; Jer. 9:8; Jer. 4:22; Judg. 2:10; 1 Sam. 2:12; Jer. 4:22; 5:4, 5; Hos. 4:1; 1 Cor. 15:34
 4 ⁱe., like Jacob (a play on words)
^aPs. 12:2; Prov. 26:24, 25; Jer. 9:8; Mic. 7:5, 6
^bJer. 12:6
^cGen. 27:35
^dPs. 15:3; Prov. 10:18; Jer. 6:28
 5 ^aMic. 6:12; Jer. 12:13; 51:58, 64
 6 ^aPs. 120:5, 6; Jer. 5:27, 8:5; Job 21:14, 15; Prov. 1:24; Jer. 11:10; 13:10; John 3:19, 20
 7 ^aIs. 1:25; Jer. 6:27; Mal. 3:3
^bHos. 11:8
 8 ^aJer. 9:3
^bPs. 28:3; Jer. 5:26
 9 ^aIs. 1:24; Jer. 5:9, 29
 10 ^aJer. 4:24; 7:29; Jer. 4:26; Hos. 4:3; Jer. 12:4, 10; Ezek. 14:15; 29:11; 33:28
^aJer. 4:25; 12:4; Hos. 4:3
 11 ^aIs. 25:2; Jer. 51:37; ^bIs. 13:22; 34:13
^aJer. 4:27; 26:9
 12 ^aPs. 107:43; Is. 42:23; Hos. 14:9; Jer. 9:20; 23:16
^aPs. 107:34; Jer. 23:10
 13 ^a2 Chr. 7:19; Ps. 89:30; Jer. 5:19; 22:9
 14 ^aJer. 7:24; 11:8; Rom. 1:21-24
^bJer. 2:8, 23; 23:27; Gal. 1:14; 1 Pet. 1:18
 15 ^aPs. 80:5
^bDeut. 29:18; Jer. 8:14; 23:15; Lam. 3:15

10 ¶ "For the ^amountains I will take up a weeping and wailing,
 And for the pastures of the ^bwilderness a dirge,
 Because they are ^claid waste, so that no one passes through,
 And the lowing of the cattle is not heard;
 Both the ^dbirds of the sky and the beasts have fled; they are gone.
 11 "And I will make Jerusalem a ^aheap of ruins,
 A haunt of ^bjackals;
 And I will make the cities of Judah a ^cdesolation, without inhabitant."
 12 ¶ Who is the ^awise man that may understand this? And who is he to whom ^bthe mouth of the LORD has spoken, that he may declare it? ^cWhy is the land ruined, laid waste like a desert, so that no one passes through?
 13 And the LORD said, "Because they have ^aforsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice nor walked according to it,
 14 but have ^awalked after the stubbornness of their heart and after the ^bBaals, as their ^cfathers taught them,"
 15 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "behold, ^aI will feed them, this people, with wormwood and give them ^bpoisoned water to drink.
 16 "And I will ^ascatter them among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the ^bsword after them until I have annihilated them."
 17 ¶ Thus says the LORD of hosts,
 "Consider and call for the ^amourning women, that they may come;
 18 ^aLev. 26:33; Deut. 28:64; Jer. 13:24; Jer. 44:27; Ezek. 5:2, 12
 17 ^a2 Chr. 35:25; Eccl. 12:5

And send for the ^{1b}wailing women, that they may come!

18 "And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us,

That our ^aeyes may shed tears,

And our eyelids flow with water.

19 "For a voice of ^awailing is heard from Zion,

^bHow are we ruined!

We are put to great shame, For we have ^cleft the land, Because they have cast down our dwellings.' "

20 Now hear the word of the LORD, O you ^awomen,

And let your ear receive the word of His mouth;

Teach your daughters wailing,

And everyone her neighbor a dirge.

21 For ^adeath has come up through our windows;

It has entered our palaces To cut off the ^bchildren from the streets,

The young men from the town squares.

22 Speak, "Thus declares the LORD,

"The corpses of men will fall ^alike dung on the open field,

And like the sheaf after the reaper,

But no one will gather them.' "

23 ¶ Thus says the LORD,

"Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the ^bmighty man boast of his might, let not a ^crich man boast of his riches;

24 but let him who boasts ^aboast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who ^bexercises loving-kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I ^cdelight in these things," declares the LORD.

25 ¶ "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD,

17 ¹La., skilled in mourning for the dead
²Amos 5:16

18 ¹La. 22:4, Jer. 9:1, 14:17
19 ¹Jer. 7:29, Ezek. 7:16-18

²Deut. 28:29, Jer. 4:13 ³Jer. 7:15, 15:1
20 ¹La. 32:9

21 ²Chr. 36:17, Jer. 15:7, 18:21, Ezek. 9:5, 6, Amos 6:9, 10
³Jer. 6:11

22 ¹Ps. 83:10, 15:25, Jer. 8:2, 16:4, 25:33

23 ¹Ecc. 9:11, ²La. 47:10, Ezek. 28:3-7 ³1 Kun. 20:10, 11, ⁴La. 10:8-12 ⁵Job. 31:24, 25, ⁶Ps. 49:6-9

24 ¹Ps. 20:7, 44:8, ²La. 41:16, Jer. 42:1, Cor. 1:31, 2 Cor. 10:17, Gal. 6:14 ³Ex. 34:6, 7, ⁴Ps. 36:5, 7, 51:1

⁵La. 61:8, Mic. 7:18
25 ¹Jer. 4:4, Rom. 7:28, 29

26 ¹Jer. 25:23 ²Lev. 26:41, Jer. 44:6-10, Ezek. 44:7, Rom. 2:28

2 ¹Lev. 18:3, 20:23, Deut. 12:30
3 ¹La., vainly
²Jer. 14:22

³La. 44:9-20
4 ¹La. 40:19
²La. 40:20, 41:7

5 ¹Ps. 115:5, ²La. 46:7, Jer. 10:14, 1 Cor. 12:2 ³Ps. 115:7, ⁴La. 46:1, 7 ⁵La. 41:23, 24

6 ¹Ex. 15:11, Deut. 33:26, ²Ps. 86:8, 10, Jer. 10:16 ³Ps. 46:1, 98:4, ⁴La. 12:6, Jer. 32:18

7 ¹Rev. 15:4 ²Ps. 22:28 ³Dan. 2:27, 28, 1 Cor. 1:18, 20

"that I will punish all who are circumcised and yet ^auncircumcised—

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the sons of Ammon, and Moab, and ^aall those inhabiting the desert who clip the hair on their temples; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are ^buncircumcised of heart."

CHAPTER 10

HEAR the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel.

2 Thus says the LORD,

"Do not learn the way of the nations,

And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations are terrified by them;

3 For the customs of the peoples are ¹delusion;

Because ^bit is wood cut from the forest.

The work of the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool.

4 "They ^adecorate it with silver and with gold;

They ^bfasten it with nails and with hammers

So that it will not totter.

5 "Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field are they,

And they ^acannot speak; They must be ^bcarried,

Because they cannot walk! Do not fear them,

For they ^ccan do no harm, Nor can they do any good."

6 ¶ ^aThere is none like Thee, O LORD;

Thou art ^bgreat, and great is Thy name in might.

7 ^aWho would not fear Thee, O ^bKing of the nations?

Indeed it is Thy due! For among all the ^cwise men

of the nations, And in all their kingdoms,

There is none like Thee.

- 8 But they are altogether
 *stupid and foolish
 In their discipline of ¹delu-
 sion—²their idol is wood!
- 9 Beaten *silver is brought
 from ^bTarshish,
 And ^cgold from Uphaz,
 The work of a craftsman
 and of the hands of a
 goldsmith;
 Violet and purple are their
 clothing;
 They are all the ^dwork of
 skilled men.
- 10 But the LORD is the *true
 God;
 He is the ^bliving God and the
 *everlasting King.
 At His wrath the ^dearth
 quakes,
 And the nations cannot *en-
 dure His indignation.
- 11 ¶ ¹Thus you shall say to
 them, "The *gods that did not
 make the heavens and the earth
 shall ^bperish from the earth and
 from under the ²heavens."
- 12 ¶ It is *He who made the
 earth by His power,
 Who ^bestablished the world
 by His wisdom;
 And by His understanding
 He has ^cstretched out the
 heavens.
- 13 When He utters His *voice,
 there is a tumult of wa-
 ters in the heavens,
 And He causes the ^bclouds
 to ascend from the end of
 the earth;
 He makes lightning for the
 rain,
 And brings out the ^cwind
 from His storehouses.
- 14 Every man is *stupid, de-
 void of knowledge;
 Every goldsmith is put to
 shame by his ¹idols;
 For his molten images are
 deceitful,
 And there is no breath in
 them.
- 15 They are *worthless, a work
 of mockery;

8 ¹Lit.,
 vanities, or
 idols ²Lit., it
 is
 Jer. 4:22;
 5:4, 10:8

9 ^aIs. 40:19
^bPs. 72:10; Is.
 23:6 ^cDan.
 10:5 ^dPs.
 115:4

10 ^aIs. 65:16
^bJer. 4:2 ^cPs.
 10:16, 29:10
^dJer. 4:24,
 50:46 ^ePs.
 76:7

11 ¹This
 verse is in
 Aram ²Or,
 these heavens
^aPs. 96:5 ^bIs.
 2:18, Zeph.
 2:11

12 ^aGen.
 1:1, 6; Job
 38:4-7; Ps.
 136:3; 148:4,
 5; Jer. 51:15,
 19 ^bPs. 78:69;
 Is. 45:18 ^cJob
 9:8; Is. 40:22

13 ^aPs. 29:3,
 9 ^bJob 36:27,
 29 ^cPs. 135:7

14 ¹Or,
 graven image
^aJer. 10:8,
 51:17, 18

15 ^aIs.
 41:24, Jer.
 8:19; 14:22
^bJer. 8:12,
 51:18

16 ¹Lit.,
 Fashioner
^aPs. 16:5,
 73:26; 119:57,
 Jer. 51:19;
 Lam. 3:24 ^bIs.
 45:7; Jer.
 10:12 ^cDeut.
 32:9; Ps. 74:2
^dJer. 31:35;
 32:18

17 ^aEzek.
 12:3-12

18 ¹Lit., And
^a1 Sam. 25:29

19 ¹Lit.,
 breaking
^aJer. 4:31
^bJer. 14:17
^cMic. 7:9

20 ^aJer.
 4:20; Lam.
 2:4 ^bJer.
 31:15; Lam.
 1:5 ^cIs. 51:18

21 ^aJer. 2:8
^bJer. 23:2

22 ^aJer. 4:15
^bJer. 1:14;
 25:9 ^cJer.
 9:11; 49:33

23 ^aProv.
 16:1; 20:24

- In the ^btime of their punish-
 ment they will perish.
- 16 The ^aportion of Jacob is not
 like these;
 For the ^{1b}Maker of all is He,
 And ^cIsrael is the tribe of
 His inheritance;
 The ^dLORD of hosts is His
 name.
- 17 ¶ ^aPick up your bundle
 from the ground,
 You who dwell under siege!
- 18 For thus says the LORD,
 "Behold, I am ^aslinging out
 the inhabitants of the
 land
 At this time,
 And will cause them dis-
 tress,
 That they may ^{1b}be found."
- 19 ¶ ^aWoe is me, because of
 my ¹injury!
 My ^bwound is incurable.
 But I said, "Truly this is a
 sickness,
 And I ^cmust bear it."
- 20 My ^atent is destroyed,
 And all my ropes are bro-
 ken;
 My ^bsons have gone from
 me and are no more.
 There is ^cno one to stretch
 out my tent again
 Or to set up my curtains.
- 21 For the shepherds have be-
 come stupid
 And ^ahave not sought the
 LORD;
 Therefore they have not
 prospered,
 And ^ball their flock is scat-
 tered.
- 22 The sound of a ^areport! Be-
 hold, it comes—
 A great commotion ^bout of
 the land of the north—
 To ^cmake the cities of Judah
 A desolation, a haunt of
 jackals.
- 23 ¶ I know, O LORD, that ^aa
 man's way is not in him-
 self;

Nor is it in a man who
 walks to direct his steps.
 24 *Correct me, O LORD, but
 with justice;
 Not with Thine anger, lest
 Thou bring me to nothing.
 25 *Pour out Thy wrath on the
 nations that do not
 know Thee.
 And on the families that do
 not call Thy name;
 For they have devoured Jacob;
 They have devoured him
 and consumed him,
 And have laid waste his
 habitation.

CHAPTER 11

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 *Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

3 and say to them, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Cursed is the man who does not heed the words of this covenant

4 which I commanded your forefathers in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the biron furnace, saying, "Listen to My voice, and do according to all which I command you; so you shall be My people, and I will be your God."

5 in order to confirm the oath which I swore to your forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day." Then I answered and said, "Amen, O LORD."

6 ¶ And the LORD said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, "Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

7 For I solemnly warned your fathers in the day that I brought them up from the land of Egypt,

23 *Isa. 28:7
 24 *Lat., do-
 mustah me
 *Ps. 61, 38:1
 25 *Or, pos-
 sure
 *Ps. 79:6, 7.
 Zeph. 3:8
 *Job 18:21.
 1 Thren. 4:5.
 2 Thren. 1:8
 *Zeph. 1:8
 *Jer. 8:16.
 50:7, 17
 2 *Jer. 11:6
 *Ex. 19:5
 3 *Deut.
 27:26, Jer.
 17:5, Gal.
 3:10
 4 *Lat., do
 them
 *Ex. 24:3-8.
 Jer. 31:32
 *Deut. 4:20.
 1 Kan. 8:51
 *Luv. 26:3.
 Deut. 11:27.
 Jer. 7:23.
 28:13 *Jer.
 24:7, Zach.
 8:8

8 *Ex. 13:5.
 Deut. 7:12.
 Ps. 105:9, Jer.
 32:22 *Jer.
 28:6

9 *Jer.
 3:12, 7:2 *Jer.
 11:2 *John
 13:17, Rom.
 2:13, James
 1:22

7 *Lat., re-
 ing early and
 warning

*1 Sam. 8:9
 *Jer. 11:4
 *Ex. 15:26.
 2 Chr. 36:15.
 Jer. 7:25 *Jer.
 11:7

8 *Jer.
 7:24, 9:14.
 35:15, Ezek.
 20:6, Luv.
 26:14-43

9 *Ezek.
 22:25, Hos.
 6:9

10 *Lat., for-
 mer fathers
 *1 Sam.
 15:11, Jer.
 3:10, 11.
 Ezek. 20:16

*Deut. 9:7.
 Ps. 78:6-10.
 Jer. 13:10

*Judg. 2:11-
 13 *Jer. 3:6
 11, Ezek.
 16:59

11 *2 Kan.
 22:16, Jer.
 6:19, 11:17

*Isa. 24:17.
 Jer. 25:35
 *Ps. 18:41.
 Prov. 1:26, Is.
 1:15, Jer.
 11:14, 14:12

Ezek. 8:18.
 Mic. 3:4.
 Zach. 7:13

even to this day, warning per-
sistently, saying, "Listen to My
voice."

8 Yet they did not obey or in-
cline their ear, but walked, each
one, in the stubbornness of his
evil heart; therefore I brought on
them all the words of this cov-
enant, which I commanded them
to do, but they did not."

9 ¶ Then the LORD said to me,
"A conspiracy has been found
among the men of Judah and
among the inhabitants of Jerusa-
lem.

10 They have turned back to
the iniquities of their ancestors
who refused to hear My words,
and they have gone after other
gods to serve them; the house of
Israel and the house of Judah
have broken My covenant
which I made with their fa-
thers."

11 Therefore thus says the
LORD, "Behold I am bringing dis-
aster on them which they will
not be able to escape; though
they will cry to Me, yet I will not
listen to them.

12 Then the cities of Judah and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem will
go and cry to the gods to whom
they burn incense, but they
surely will not save them in the
time of their disaster.

13 For your gods are as many
as your cities, O Judah; and as
many as the streets of Jerusalem
are the altars you have set up to
the shameful thing, altars to
burn incense to Baal.

14 ¶ Therefore do not pray
for this people, nor lift up a cry or
prayer for them; for I will not
listen when they call to Me be-
cause of their disaster.

15 What right has My beloved
in My house

12 *Deut. 32:37, Jer. 44:17

13 *Lat., the number of 42 Km. 23:13, Jer. 2:28 *Jer.
3:24 *Jer. 7:9

14 *Ex. 32:16, Jer. 7:16, 14:11, 1 John 5:16 *Ps. 68:18,
Jer. 11:11, Hos. 5:6

15 *Jer. 13:27

When ^bshe has done many vile deeds?

Can the sacrificial flesh take away from you your disaster,

¹So that you can rejoice?"

16 The LORD called your name,

"A ^agreen olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form";

With the ^bnoise of a great tumult

He has ^ckindled fire on it,

And its branches are worthless.

17 And the LORD of hosts, who ^aplanted you, has ^bpronounced evil against you because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have ¹done to provoke Me by ^{2c}offering up sacrifices to Baal.

18 ^aMoreover, the LORD ^amade it known to me and I knew it;

Then Thou didst show me their deeds.

19 But I was like a gentle ^alamb led to the slaughter;

And I did not know that they had ^bdevised plots against me, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its ¹fruit,

And ^clet us cut him off from the ^dland of the living,

That his ^cname be remembered no more."

20 But, O LORD of hosts, who ^ajudges righteously,

Who ^btries the ¹feelings and the heart,

Let me see Thy vengeance on them,

For to Thee have I ²committed my cause.

21 ^aTherefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of ^aAnathoth, who ^bseek your life, saying, "^cDo not prophesy in the name of the LORD, that you might not ^ddie at our hand";

22 therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, I am about to ^apunish them! The ^byoung men will die by the

sword, their sons and daughters will die by famine;

23 and a remnant ^awill not be left to them, for I will ^bbring disaster on the men of Anathoth—"the year of their punishment."

CHAPTER 12

^a**R**IGHTEOUS art Thou, O LORD, that I would plead my case with Thee;

Indeed I would ^bdiscuss matters of justice with Thee;

Why has the ^cway of the wicked prospered?

Why are all those who ^ddeal in treachery at ease?

2 Thou hast ^aplanted them, they have also taken root;

They grow, they have even produced fruit.

Thou art ^bnear ¹to their lips But far from their ²mind.

3 But Thou ^aknowest me, O LORD;

Thou seest me;

And Thou dost ^bexamine my heart's *attitude* toward Thee.

Drag them off like sheep for the slaughter

And ¹set them apart for a ^cday of carnage!

4 How long is the ^aland to mourn

And the ^bvegetation of the countryside to wither?

For the ^cwickedness of those who dwell in it,

^dAnimals and birds have been snatched away,

Because *men* have said, "He will not see our latter ^cending."

5 ^a"If you have run with footmen and they have tired you out,

Then how can you compete with horses?

19 ¹Lit., Then

^bEzek. 18:25

10 ^aPs. 52:8

Rom. 11:17

^bPs. 83:2 ^cPs.

80:18; Is.

27:11; Jer.

21:14

17 ¹Or, done

for them-

selves ²Or,

burning in-

crease

^aIs. 5:2; Jer.

2:21; 12:2

^bJer. 1:14;

16:10; 19:15

^cJer. 7:9;

11:13; 32:29

18 ^a1 Sam.

23:11, 12;

2 Kin. 6:9;

10; Ezek. 8:6

19 ¹Lit.,

brood

^aIs. 53:7 ^bJer.

18:18; 20:10

^cPs. 83:4; Is.

53:8 ^dJob

28:13; Ps.

52:5 ^aPs.

109:13

20 ¹Lit., hid-

neys ²Lit., re-

vealed

^aGen. 18:25;

Ps. 7:8; Jer.

20:12 ^b1 Sam.

16:7; Ps. 7:9;

Jer. 17:10

21 ^aJer. 1:1

^bJer. 12:5; 8;

20:10 ^cAmos

2:12 ^dJer.

26:8; 38:4

22 ^aJer.

21:14 ^bChr.

38:17; Jer.

18:21

23 ^aJer. 6:9

^bJer. 23:12;

Hos. 9:7; Mic.

7:4 ^cLuke

19:44

1 ^aEzra

9:15; Ps. 51:4;

129:4; Jer.

11:20 ^bJob

13:3 ^cJob

12:6; Jer.

5:27; 28; Hab.

1:4; Mal. 3:15

^dJer. 3:7; 20;

5:11

2 ¹Lit., in

their mouth

²Lit., kidneys

^aJer. 11:17;

45:4; Ezek.

17:5-10 ^bIs.

29:13; Jer.

3:10; Ezek.

33:31; Thum

1:18

3 ¹Lit.,

sanctify them

^aPs. 139:1-4

^bPs. 7:9; 11:5;

Jer. 11:20

^cJer. 17:18;

50:27; James

5:5

4 ^aJer. 4:28; 9:10; 23:10 ^bJoel 1:10-17 ^cPs. 107:34 ^dJer.

4:25; 7:20; 9:10; Hos. 4:3; Hab. 3:17 ^eJer. 5:31; Ezek. 7:2

If you fall down in a land of peace,
How will you do in the ¹athicket of the Jordan?
6" For even your ^abrothers and the household of your father,
Even they have dealt treacherously with you,
Even they have cried aloud after you.
Do not believe them, although they may say ^bnice things to you."

7 ¶ "I have ^aforsaken My house,
I have abandoned My inheritance;
I have given the ^bbeloved of My soul
Into the hand of her enemies.
8" My inheritance has become to Me
Like a lion in the forest;
She has ¹roared against Me;
Therefore I have come to ^bhate her.
9" Is My inheritance like a speckled bird of prey to Me?
Are the ^abirds of prey against her on every side?
Go, gather all the ^bbeasts of the field,
Bring them to devour!
10" Many ^ashepherds have ruined My ^bvineyard,
They have ^ctrampled down My field;
They have made My ^dpleasant field
A desolate wilderness.
11" It has been made a desolation,
Desolate, it ^amourns ²before Me;
The ^bwhole land has been made desolate,
Because no man ^clays it to heart.

5 ¹Lat., pride
Jer. 49:19; 50:44
6 ^aGen. 37:4-11; Job 6:15; Ps. 69:2; Jer. 9:4, 5
7 ^aPs. 12:2; Prov. 26:25
7 ^aIsa. 2:6; Jer. 7:29; 23:30
8 ^aJer. 11:15; Hos. 11:1-8
8 ¹Lat., raised her voice
9 ^aIsa. 50:13
9 ^aHos. 9:15; Amos. 6:6
9 ^a2 Kin. 24:2; Ezek. 23:22-25
10 ^aJer. 7:33; 15:3; 34:20
10 ^aJer. 6:3; 23:1
10 ^aPs. 80:8-16; Isa. 5:1-7
10 ^aIsa. 63:18
10 ^aJer. 3:19
11 ¹Lat., One has made it
11 ^aOr, upon
11 ^aJer. 12:4; 14:2; 23:10
11 ^aJer. 4:20; 27:25
11 ^aIsa. 42:25
12 ¹Or, caravan trails
12 ¹Lat., other end of the land
12 ^aLat., all flesh
12 ^aJer. 3:2; 21:4; 34:6; Jer. 47:6; Amos 9:4
12 ^aJer. 10:5; 30:5
13 ¹Lat., they do not profit
13 ^aLat., products
13 ^aLev. 26:16; Deut. 28:38; Mic. 6:15; Hag. 1:6
13 ^aIsa. 55:2; Jer. 9:5
13 ^aJer. 17:10
13 ^aJer. 4:26; 25:37; 38:14
14 ^aJer. 48:1; 7; Zeph. 2:8-10
14 ^aJer. 2:3; 50:11; 12; Zach. 2:6
14 ^aDeut. 30:3; Ps. 108:47; Is. 11:11-16
15 ^aJer. 48:47; 49:6; 39
15 ^aAmos 9:14
16 ^aIsa. 42:6; 49:6
16 ^aJer. 4:2; Zeph. 1:5
16 ^aJosh. 23:7; Jer. 5:7
16 ^aJer. 3:17; 4:2; 18:19
17 ^aPs. 2:6; 12; Is. 60:12

12" On all the ¹bare heights in the wilderness
Destroyers have come,
For a ^bsword of the LORD is devouring
From one end of the land even to the ²other;
There is ^cno peace for ³any-one.
13" They have ^asown wheat and have reaped thorns,
They have ^bstrained themselves ¹to no profit.
But be ashamed of your ²harvest
Because of the ^dfierce anger of the LORD."

14 ¶ Thus says the LORD concerning all My ^awicked neighbors who ^bstrike at the inheritance with which I have endowed My people Israel, "Behold I am about to uproot them from their land and will ^cuproot the house of Judah from among them.

15" And it will come about that after I have uprooted them, I will ^aagain have compassion on them; and I will ^bbring them back, each one to his inheritance and each one to his land.

16" Then it will come about that if they will really ^alearn the ways of My people, to ^bswear by My name, 'As the LORD lives,' even as they taught My people to ^cswear by Baal, then they will be ^dbuilt up in the midst of My people.

17" But if they will not listen, then I will ^auproot that nation, uproot and destroy it," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 13

THUS the LORD said to me, "Go and ^abuy yourself a linen waistband, and put it around your waist, but do not put it in water."

1 ^aJer. 13:11

2 So I bought the waistband in accordance with the ^aword of the LORD and put it around my waist.

3 Then the word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying,

4 "Take the waistband that you have bought, which is around your waist, and arise, go to ^bthe ^aEuphrates and hide it there in a crevice of the rock."

5 So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, ^aas the LORD had commanded me.

6 And it came about after many days that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to the Euphrates and take from there the waistband which I commanded you to hide there."

7 Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the waistband from the place where I had hidden it; and lo, the waistband was ruined, it was totally worthless.

8 ^c Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "Thus says the LORD, 'Just so will I destroy the ^apride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 'This wicked people, who ^arefuse to listen to My words, who ^bwalk in the stubbornness of their hearts and have gone after other gods to serve them and to bow down to them, let them be just like this waistband, which is totally worthless.

11 'For as the waistband clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole household of Israel and the whole household of Judah ^acling to Me,' declares the LORD, 'that they might be for Me a people, for ^brenown, for ^cpraise, and for glory; but they ^ddid not listen.'

12 ¶ "Therefore you are to speak this word to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Every jug is to be filled with wine."' And when they say to you, 'Do we not very well know

2 ^aIs. 20:2; Ezek. 2:8

4 ^bOr, Parah, cf. Josh. 18:23; so through v. 7 ^aJer. 51:63

5 ^cEx. 39:42, 43; 40:16

8 ^aLev. 26:19; Is. 2:10-17, 23:9; Jer. 13:15-17; Zeph. 3:11

10 ^aNum. 14:11; 2 Chr. 36:15, 16; Jer. 11:10 ^bJer. 9:14; 11:8; 16:12

11 ^cInt., a name

^aEx. 19:5, 6; ^bDeut. 32:10; 11 ^bJer. 32:20

^cIs. 43:21; Jer. 33:9 ^aPs. 81:11; Jer. 7:13, 24, 26

13 ^aPs. 60:3; 75:8; Is. 51:17; 63:6; Jer. 25:27; 51:7, 57

14 ^aIs. 9:20; 21; Jer. 19:9; 11 ^bJer. 6:21; Ezek. 5:10 ^cDeut. 29:20; Is. 27:11; Jer. 16:5; 21:7

15 ^aProv. 16:5; Is. 28:14-22

16 ^aJosh. 7:19; Ps. 96:8 ^bIs. 5:30; 8:22; 59:9; Amos 5:18; 8:9 ^cProv. 4:19; Jer. 23:12 ^aPs. 44:19; 107:10; 14; Jer. 2:6

17 ^aMal. 2:2 ^bPs. 119:136; Jer. 9:1; 14:17; Luke 19:41, 42 ^cPs. 80:1; Jer. 23:1, 2

18 ^a2 Kin. 24:12, 15; Jer. 22:26 ^b2 Chr. 33:12, 19 ^cEx. 39:28; Is. 3:20; Ezek. 24:17, 23; 44:18

19 ^aJer. 32:44 ^bJer. 20:4; 52:27-30

that every jug is to be filled with wine?"

13 then say to them, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold I am about to fill all the inhabitants of this land—the kings that sit for David on his throne, the priests, the prophets and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem—with ^adrunkenness!"

14 "And I will ^adash them against each other, both the ^bfathers and the sons together," declares the LORD. "I will ^cnot show pity nor be sorry nor have compassion that I should not destroy them." " "

15 ¶ Listen and give heed, do not be ^ahaughty,

For the LORD has spoken.

16 ^aGive glory to the LORD your God,

Before He brings ^bdarkness
And before your ^cfeet stumble

On the dusky mountains,
And while you are hoping
for light

He makes it into ^adeep
darkness,

And turns it into gloom.

17 But ^aif you will not listen to it,

My soul will ^bsob in secret
for such pride;

And my eyes will bitterly
weep

And flow down with tears,
Because the ^cflock of the

LORD has been taken cap-
tive.

18 Say to the ^aking and the
queen mother,

"^bTake a lowly seat,

For your beautiful ^ccrown
Has come down from your
head."

19 The ^acities of the Negev
have been locked up,

And there is no one to oper-
ate them;

All ^bJudah has been carried
into exile,

Wholly carried into exile.

20 "Lift up your eyes and see
Those coming ^afrom the
north.

Where is the ^bflock that was
given you,
Your beautiful sheep?

21 "What will you say when He
appoints over you—
And you yourself had
taught them—
Former ^{1a}companions to be
head over you?
Will not ^bpangs take hold of
you,
Like a woman in childbirth?

22 "And if you ^asay in your
heart,

^b"Why have these things
happened to me?"

Because of the ^cmagnitude
of your iniquity

^dYour skirts have been re-
moved,

And your heels have ¹been
exposed.

23 "Can the Ethiopian change
his skin

Or the leopard his spots?
Then you also can ^bdo good

Who are accustomed to do
evil.

24 "Therefore I will ^ascatter
them like drifting straw
To the desert ^bwind.

25 "This is your ^alot, the portion
measured to you

From Me," declares the
LORD,

"Because you have ^bforgot-
ten Me

And trusted in falsehood.

26 "So I Myself have also
^astripped your skirts off
over your face,

That your shame may be
seen.

27 "As for your ^aadulteries and
your lustful neighings,

The ^bblewdness of your prosti-
tution

On the ^chills in the field,
I have seen your abomina-
tions.

Woe to you, O Jerusalem!

28 ^aJer.
1:15; 6:22;
Hab. 1:8 ^bJer.
13:17; 23:2

21 ^cOr,
charismatic
^aJer 2:25;
38:22 ^bIsa.
13:8; Jer. 4:31

22 ^cOr, suf-
fered vio-
lence
^aDeut. 7:17
^bJer 5:19;
16:10 ^cJer
2:17-19; 9:2-9
^dIsa. 47:2;
Ezek. 16:37;
Nah. 3:5

23 ^aProv
27:22, ^bIsa. 1:5
^cJer 4:22; 9:5

24 ^aLev
26:33; Jer
9:16; Ezek.
5:2, 12 ^bJer
4:11, 18; 17

25 ^aJob
20:29; Ps.
11:6; Matt.
24:51 ^bPs.
9:17; Jer
2:32; 3:21

26 ^aLam.
1:8; Ezek.
23:29; Hos.
2:10

27 ^aJer 5:7;
8:11; 11:15
^bIsa. 65:7; Jer
2:20; Ezek.
6:13 ^cProv
1:22; Hos. 8:5
^dJer 17:8

28 ^aIsa. 3:28
^bJer 8:21
^c1 Sam 5:12;
Jer 11:11;
46:12; Zach.
7:13

29 ^aIsa. 11:
the ones
^b1 Kin. 18:5
^c2 Kin. 18:31;
Jer 2:13 ^dJob
6:20; Ps.
40:14 ^e2 Sam.
15:30

30 ^aIsa.
shattered
^bJoel 1:10, 20
^cJer 3:3 ^dJoel
1:11

31 ^aIsa. 15:6
^bJob
39:5; 8; Jer
2:24 ^cJoel
1:18

32 ^aIsa.
39:12; Hos.
5:5 ^bPs.
25:11; Jer.
14:21 ^cJer
5:6; 8:5 ^dJer
3:25; 8:14;
14:20

33 ^aJer
17:13 ^bIsa.
43:3; 63:6 ^cPs.
99:30; 15

^d"How long will you remain
unclean?"

CHAPTER 14

THAT which came as the
word of the LORD to Jeremi-
ah in regard to the ^adrought:

2 "Judah mourns,

And ^aher gates languish

They sit on the ground ^bin
mourning.

And the ^ccry of Jerusalem
has ascended.

3 "And their nobles have ^asent
their ¹servants for water;
They have come to the ^bcis-
terns and found no water.
They have returned with
their vessels empty;

They have been ^cput to
shame and humiliated,

And they ^dcover their
heads.

4 "Because the ^aground is
¹cracked,

For there has been ^bno rain
on the land;

The ^cfarmers have been put
to shame,

They have covered their
heads.

5 "For even the doe in the field
has given birth only to
abandon her young,

Because there is ^ano grass.

6 "And the ^awild donkeys
stand on the bare
heights;

They pant for air like jack-
als,

Their eyes fail

For there is ^bno vegetation.

7 "Although our ^ainiquities
testify against us,

O LORD, act ^bfor Thy name's
sake!

Truly our ^capostasies have
been many,

We have ^dsinned against
Thee.

8 "Thou ^aHope of Israel,
Its ^bSavior in ^ctime of dis-
tress,

Why art Thou like a stran-
ger in the land

Or like a traveler who has pitched his tent for the night?

9 "Why art Thou like a man dismayed,

Like a mighty man who cannot save?

Yet ^bThou art in our midst, O LORD,

And we are ^ccalled by Thy name;

Do not forsake us!"

10 ¶ Thus says the LORD to this people, "Even so they have ^aloved to wander; they have not ^bkept their feet in check. Therefore the LORD does ^cnot accept them; now He will ^dremember their iniquity and call their sins to account."

11 So the LORD said to me, "^aDo not pray for the welfare of this people.

12 "When they fast, I am ^anot going to listen to their cry; and when they offer ^bburnt offering and grain offering, I am not going to accept them. Rather I am going to ^cmake an end of them by the ^dsword, famine and pestilence."

13 ¶ But, "Ah, Lord ¹God!" I said, "Look, the prophets are telling them, 'You ^awill not see the sword nor will you have famine, but I will give you ²lasting ^bpeace in this place.'"

14 Then the LORD said to me, "The ^aprophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. ^bI have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a ^cfalse vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own ¹minds.

15 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who are prophesying in My name, although it was not I who sent them—yet they keep saying, 'There shall be no sword or famine in this land'—^aby sword and famine those prophets shall ¹meet their end!"

9 ^aNum 11:23, 1a 50:2; 59:1 ^bEx 29:45; Ps 46:5; Jer 8:19 ^c1a 63:19; Jer 15:16

10 ^aJer 2:25, 3:13 ^bPs 119:101 ^cJer 6:20; Amos 5:22 ^dJer 44:21; Hos 8:13; 9:9

11 ^aEx 32:10; Jer 7:16; 11:14

12 ^aProv 1:28, 1a 1:15; Jer 11:11; Ezek 8:18; Mic 3:4; Zech 7:13 ^bJer 8:20; 7:21 ^cJer 8:13 ^dJer 21:9

13 ¹Heb. YHWH, usually rendered LORD ¹Lit., peace of truth

^aJer 5:12; 23:17 ^bJer 6:14; 8:11

14 ¹Lit., hearts ^aJer 5:31; 23:25 ^bJer 23:21 ^cJer 23:18, 28; 27:9; 10; Ezek 12:24

15 ¹Lit., be finished ^aJer 23:15; Ezek 14:10

16 ^aPs 79:2, 3; Jer 7:33; 15:2, 3 ^bJer 8:1, 2 ^cProv 1:31; Jer 13:22-25

17 ^aJer 9:1; 13:17; Lam 1:18 ^b1a 37:22; Jer 8:21; Lam 1:15; 2:13 ^cJer 10:19; 30:14

18 ¹Lit., pierced ²Or, gone around trading ^aJer 6:25; Lam 1:20; Ezek 7:15 ^bJer 6:13; 8:10

19 ¹Lit., Thy soul ^aJer 6:30; 7:29; 12:7; Lam 5:22 ^bJer 30:13 ^cJob 30:26; Jer 8:15; 1 Thess 5:3

16 "The people also to whom they are prophesying will be ^athrown out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and there will be no one to ^bbury them—neither them, nor their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters—for I shall ^cpour out their own wickedness on them.

17 "And you will say this word to them,

"Let my eyes flow down with tears night and day. And let them not cease;

For the virgin ^bdaughter of my people has been crushed with a mighty blow,

With a sorely ^cinfected wound.

18 "If I ^ago out to the country. Behold, those ¹slain with the sword!

Or if I enter the city, Behold, diseases of famine! For ^bboth prophet and priest

Have ²gone roving about in the land that they do not know."

19 ¶ Hast Thou completely ^arejected Judah?

Or hast ¹Thou loathed Zion? Why hast Thou stricken us so that we ^bare beyond healing?

We ^cwaited for peace, but nothing good came; And for a time of healing but behold, terror!

20 We ^aknow our wickedness O LORD,

The iniquity of our fathers for ^bwe have sinned against Thee.

21 Do not despise us, ^afor Thine own name's sake Do not disgrace the ^bthrone of Thy glory;

20 ^aNeh. 9:2; Ps 32:5; Jer 3:25 ^bJer 8:14; 14:7; Dan 9:8

21 ^aPs 25:11; Jer 14:7 ^bJer 3:17; 17:12

Remember and do not annul Thy covenant with us.

22 Are there any among the idols of the nations who give rain?

Or can the heavens grant showers?

Is it not Thou, O LORD our God?

Therefore we hope in Thee,

For Thou art the one who hast done all these things.

CHAPTER 15

THEN the LORD said to me, "Even though Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My heart would not be with this people; send them away from My presence and let them go!

2 "And it shall be that when they say to you, 'Where should we go?' then you are to tell them, 'Thus says the LORD:

"Those destined for death, to death;

And those destined for the sword, to the sword;

And those destined for famine, to famine;

And those destined for captivity, to captivity."

3 "And I shall appoint over them four kinds of doom," declares the LORD: "the sword to slay, the dogs to drag off, and the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy.

4 "And I shall make them an object of horror among all the kingdoms of the earth because of Manasseh, the son of Hezekiah, the king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

5 ¶ "Indeed, who will have pity on you, O Jerusalem,

Or who will mourn for you,

Or who will turn aside to ask about your welfare?

22 ¹Lat., ²Or, ³various ⁴Or, ⁵was for ⁶Is. 41:29; Jer. 10:3; ⁷1 Kin. 17:1; Jer. 5:24; ⁸Lam. 3:28; ⁹1 ¹⁰Lat., ¹¹soul ¹²Lat., ¹³toward ¹⁴Ps. 90:6; ¹⁵Ezek. 14:14; ¹⁶20 ¹⁷Ex. 32:11; ¹⁸14. Num. 14:13-20; ¹⁹Ps. 90:6; ²⁰108:23; ²¹1 Sam. 7:9; ²²12:23; ²³Jer. 15:19; ²⁴18:20; ²⁵35:19; ²⁶2 Kin. 17:20; ²⁷Jer. 7:15; ²⁸10:18; ²⁹32:3; ³⁰2 ³¹Jer. 14:12; ³²24:10; ³³43:11; ³⁴Ezek. 5:2; ³⁵12; ³⁶Zech. 11:9; ³⁷Rev. 13:10; ³⁸3 ³⁹Lev. 28:16; ⁴⁰22; ⁴¹25; ⁴²Ezek. 14:21; ⁴³1 ⁴⁴1 Kin. 21:23; ⁴⁵24 ⁴⁶Deut. 28:26; ⁴⁷Is. 18:6; ⁴⁸Jer. 7:33; ⁴⁹4 ⁵⁰Lev. 26:33; ⁵¹Jer. 24:9; ⁵²29:18; ⁵³Ezek. 23:46; ⁵⁴2 ⁵⁵1 Kin. 21:1; ⁵⁶18; ⁵⁷23:26; ⁵⁸27; ⁵⁹24:3; ⁶⁰4; ⁶¹2 Chr. 33:1-9; ⁶²5 ⁶³Ps. 69:20; ⁶⁴Is. 51:19; ⁶⁵Jer. 13:14; ⁶⁶21:7; ⁶⁷1 ⁶⁸Nab. 3:7; ⁶⁹6 ⁷⁰Jer. 8:19; ⁷¹8:9; ⁷²Is. 14; ⁷³Jer. 7:24; ⁷⁴Jer. 6:12; ⁷⁵Zeph. 1:4; ⁷⁶Jer. 6:11; ⁷⁷7:16; ⁷⁸7 ⁷⁹1 ⁸⁰Lat., ⁸¹turn back ⁸²from ⁸³Ps. 14; ⁸⁴Jer. 51:2; ⁸⁵Jer. 18:21; ⁸⁶Hos. 9:12; ⁸⁷16; ⁸⁸Is. 9:13; ⁸⁹8 ⁹⁰Is. 3:25; ⁹¹26; ⁹²4:1; ⁹³Jer. 22:7; ⁹⁴9 ⁹⁵Or, ⁹⁶She has breathed out her soul ⁹⁷1 ⁹⁸Sam. 2:5; ⁹⁹Is. 47:9; ¹⁰⁰Jer. 6:4; ¹⁰¹Amon 8:9; ¹⁰²Jer. 50:12; ¹⁰³Jer. 21:7; ¹⁰⁴10 ¹⁰⁵Job 3:1; ¹⁰⁶3; ¹⁰⁷Jer. 20:14; ¹⁰⁸Jer. 1:18; ¹⁰⁹18; ¹¹⁰15:20; ¹¹¹20:7; ¹¹²8; ¹¹³Ex. 22:25; ¹¹⁴Lev. 25:38; ¹¹⁵37; ¹¹⁶Deut. 32:19

6 "You who have forsaken Me," declares the LORD, "You keep going backward. So I will stretch out My hand against you and destroy you;

I am tired of relenting!

7 "And I will winnow them with a winnowing fork At the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy My people;

"They did not repent of their ways.

8 "Their widows will be more numerous before Me Than the sand of the seas; I will bring against them, against the mother of a young man,

A destroyer at noonday;

I will suddenly bring down on her

Anguish and dismay.

9 "She who bore seven sons pines away;

Her breathing is labored.

Her sun has set while it was yet day;

She has been shamed and humiliated.

So I shall give over their survivors to the sword Before their enemies," declares the LORD.

10 ¶ "Woe to me, my mother, that you have borne me As a man of strife and a man of contention to all the land!

I have neither lent, nor have men lent money to me,

Yet everyone curses me.

11 The LORD said, "Surely I will set you free for purposes of good;

Surely I will cause the enemy to make supplication to you

In a time of disaster and a time of distress.

11 ¹Ps. 138:3; ²Is. 41:10; ³Jer. 21:2; ⁴37:3; ⁵38:14; ⁶42:2

12 ¶ "Can anyone smash iron,
 "Iron from the north, or
 bronze?

13 "Your ^awealth and your trea-
 sures

I will give for booty ^bwith-
 out cost,

Even for all your sins

And within all your borders.

14 "Then I will cause your en-
 emies to bring ¹it

Into a ^aland you do not
 know;

For a ^bfire has been kindled
 in My anger,

It will burn upon you."

15 ¶ "Thou who knowest, O
 LORD,

Remember me, take notice
 of me,

And ^btake vengeance for
 me on my persecutors.

Do not, in view of Thy pa-
 tience, take me away;

Know that ^cfor Thy sake I
 endure reproach.

16 Thy words were found and I
^aate them,

And Thy ^bwords became for
 me a joy and the delight
 of my heart;

For I have been ^ccalled by
 Thy name,

O LORD God of hosts.

17 I ^adid not sit in the circle of
 merry-makers,

Nor did I exult.

Because of Thy hand upon
 me I sat ^balone,

For Thou didst ^cfill me with
 indignation.

18 Why has my pain been per-
 petual

And my ^awound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?

Wilt Thou indeed be to me
^blike a deceptive stream

With water that is unreli-
 able?

19 ¶ Therefore, thus says the
 LORD,

"If you return, then I will re-
 store you—

12 ^aJer.
 28:14

13 ^aJer.
 17:3, 20:5
^bPs. 44:12; Is.
 52:3

14 ¹It, e.
 your posses-
 sions

^aDeut. 28:38,
 64; Jer. 16:13

^bDeut. 32:22,
 Ps. 21:9; Jer.
 17:4

15 ^aJer. 12:3
^bJer. 11:20

^cPs. 44:22,
 69:7-9; Jer.
 20:8

16 ^aEzek.
 3:3 ^bJob

23:12, Ps.
 119:103 ^cJer.
 14:9

17 ^aPs. 1:1,
 Jer. 16:8,

2 Cor. 6:17
^bPs. 102:7,

Jer. 13:17,
 Lam. 3:28,
 Ezek. 3:24, 25

^cJer. 6:11
 18 ^aJob

34:6, Jer.
 30:12, 15,

Mic. 1:9 ^bJob
 6:15, 20; Jer.
 14:3

19 ¹Lit., as
 My mouth

^aJer. 4:1,
 Zech. 3:7

^b1 Kin. 17:1,
 Jer. 15:1,

35:19 ^cJer.
 6:29; Ezek.
 22:28, 44:23

20 ^aJer.
 1:18, 19;
 Ezek. 3:9 ^bPs.

46:7; Is.
 41:10; Jer.

1:8, 19; 15:15;
 20:11

21 ¹Lit.,
 palm

^aPs. 37:40; Is.
 49:25; Jer.

20:13; 39:11,
 12 ^bGen.

48:16; Is.
 49:26; 60:16;

Jer. 31:11;
 50:34

3 ^aJer. 15:8
^bJer. 6:21

4 ^aJer. 15:2
^bJer. 25:33

^cPs. 83:10;
 Jer. 9:22;

25:33 ^dPs.
 79:2; Is. 18:6;

Jer. 15:3;
 34:20

5 ¹Or, ban-
 queting

^aEzek. 24:16-
 23 ^bJer.

12:12; 15:14
^cPs. 25:6; Is.

27:11; Jer.
 13:14

^bBefore Me you will stand;
 And ^cif you extract the pre-
 cious from the worthless,
 You will become ¹My
 spokesman.

They for their part may turn
 to you,

But as for you, you must not
 turn to them.

20 "Then I will ^amake you to this
 people

A fortified wall of bronze;
 And though they fight

against you,
 They will not prevail over

you;
 For ^bI am with you to save

you
 And deliver you," declares

the LORD.

21 "So I will ^adeliver you from
 the hand of the wicked,

And I will ^bredeem you from
 the ¹grasp of the violent."

CHAPTER 16

THE word of the LORD also
 came to me saying,

2 "You shall not take a wife for
 yourself nor have sons or daugh-
 ters in this place."

3 For thus says the LORD con-
 cerning the sons and daughters
 born in this place, and concern-
 ing their ^amothers who bear
 them, and their ^bfathers who be-
 get them in this land:

4 "They will ^adie of deadly dis-
 eases, they ^bwill not be lamented
 or buried; they will be as ^cdung
 on the surface of the ground and
 come to an end by sword and
 famine, and their carcasses will
 become food for the ^dbirds of the
 sky and for the beasts of the
 earth."

5 ¶ For thus says the LORD,
 "Do not enter a house of
¹mourning, or go to lament or to
 console them; for I have ^bwith-
 drawn My peace from this peo-
 ple," declares the LORD, "My
^clovingkindness and compas-
 sion.

6 "Both ^agreat men and small will die in this land; they will not be buried, they will not be lamented, nor will anyone ^bgash himself or ^cshave his head for them.

7 "Neither will men ^abreak bread in mourning for them, to comfort anyone for the dead, nor give them a cup of consolation to drink for anyone's father or mother.

8 "Moreover you shall ^anot go into a house of feasting to sit with them to eat and drink."

9 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I am going to ^aeliminate from this place, before your eyes and in your time, the voice of rejoicing and the voice of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride.

10 ¶ "Now it will come about when you tell this people all these words that they will say to you, '^aFor what reason has the LORD declared all this great calamity against us? And what is our iniquity, or what is our sin which we have committed against the LORD our God?'

11 "Then you are to say to them, '^aIt is ^abecause your forefathers have forsaken Me,' declares the LORD, ^aand have followed ^bother gods and served them and bowed down to them; but Me they have forsaken and have not kept My law.

12 'You too have done evil, even ^amore than your forefathers; for behold, you are each one walking according to the ^bstubbornness of his own ^cevil heart, without listening to Me.

13 'So I will ^ahurl you out of this land into the ^bland which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers; and there you will ^cserve other gods day and night, for I shall grant you no favor.'

14 ¶ "Therefore behold, days are coming," declares the LORD,

6-10 Chr. 36:17, Ezech. 9:6-10, Jer. 14:1, Jer. 41:5, 47:5-6, 22:12, 7-10 Jer. 26:14, Ezech. 24:17, Hos. 9:4, 8-10 Jer. 7:24-4, Jer. 22:13-14, Jer. 15:17, Amos 6:4-6, 9-11 Lk. 19:41, 20:17, 21:20, 22:19, 23:34, 24:1, 25:19, 26:13, 27:11, Rev. 18:23, 19-20 Jer. 20:24, 1 Kin. 9:8, Jer. 5:19, 13:22, 22:8, 11 Jer. 20:23, 1 Kin. 9:8, 2 Chr. 7:22, Neh. 9:26-28, Jer. 22:9, Jer. 29:28, 1 Kin. 9:8, Ps. 108:35-41, Jer. 5:7-8, 8:2, Ezech. 11:21, 1 Pet. 4:3, 12 Jer. 7:26, 1 Sam. 15:23, Jer. 7:24, 9:14, 13:16, Jer. 9:3, Jer. 21:13, Jer. 4:26, 27, 2 Chr. 7:20, Jer. 15:1, Jer. 15:14, 17:4, Jer. 4:28, Jer. 26:30, Jer. 5:19, 14 Jer. 43:18, Jer. 23:7, Jer. 20:2, Jer. 15:15, 18 Jer. 10:47, Jer. 11:11-14, Jer. 14:1, Jer. 2:18, Jer. 24:6, 19 Jer. 4:2, Jer. 1:14, 15, 20 Jer. 20:20, Jer. 2:2, Jer. 2:21, Jer. 17:4, Jer. 16:2, Jer. 34:21, Jer. 50:8, Jer. 5:21, Jer. 23:24, Jer. 32:18, Jer. 4:10, Jer. 12:2, Jer. 4:2, Jer. 2:22, Jer. 2:22

"when it will no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives, who ^bbrought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt.'

15 but, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the ^aland of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.' For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.

16 ¶ "Behold, I am going to send for many ^afishermen," declares the LORD, "and they will fish for them; and afterwards I shall send for many hunters, and they will ^bhunt them ^cfrom every mountain and every hill, and from the clefts of the rocks.

17 "For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, ^anor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes.

18 "And I will first ^adoubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have ^bpolluted My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their ^cdetestable idols and with their abominations."

19 ¶ O LORD, my ^astrength and my stronghold, And my ^brefuge in the day of distress,

To Thee the ^cnations will come From the ends of the earth and say,

"Our fathers have inherited nothing but ^afalsehood, Futility and ^bthings of no profit."

20 Can man make gods for himself? Yet they are ^anot gods!

21 ¶ "Therefore behold, I am going to make them know—

16 Jer. 17:18, Jer. 18:5, Jer. 23:33, Jer. 27:2, Jer. 7:28, Jer. 11:18, 21, 19 Lk. there is nothing profitable in them Jer. 18:1, 2 Lk. 23:4, Jer. 17:4, Jer. 22:27, Jer. 2:2, Jer. 2:17, Jer. 4:2, Jer. 44:28, Jer. 2:18, Jer. 44:10, Jer. 20:4, Jer. 11:5-6, Jer. 37:18, Jer. 2:11, Jer. 2:7, Jer. 8:4-6, Gal. 4:8

This time I will ^amake them know
My ¹power and My might;
And they shall ^bknow that
My name is the LORD."

CHAPTER 17

THE ^asin of Judah is written
down with an ^biron stylus;

With a diamond point it is
^cengraved upon the tablet
of their heart,

And on the horns of ¹their
altars,

2 As they remember their
^achildren,

So they remember their altars
and their ^{1b}Asherim
By ^cgreen trees on the high hills.

3 O ^amountain of Mine in the
countryside,

I will ^bgive over your wealth
and all your treasures for
booty,

Your high places for sin
throughout your borders.

4 And you will, even of yourself, ^alet go of your inheritance

That I gave you;
And I will make you serve
your ^benemies

In the ^cland which you do
not know;

For you have ^dkindled a fire
in My anger

Which will burn forever.

5 ¶ Thus says the LORD,

"^aCursed is the man who
trusts in mankind

And makes ^bflesh his
¹strength,

And whose heart turns
away from the LORD.

6 "For he will be like a ^abush in
the desert

And will not see when prosperity comes,

But will live in stony wastes
in the wilderness,

21 ¹Lit.,
hand
^aPs. 9:16 ^bPs.
83:18; Is.
43:3; Jer.
33:2; Amos
5:8

1 ¹So an-
cient ver-
sions; M.T.,
your
Jer. 2:22;
4:14 ^bJob
19:24 ^cProv.
3:3, 7:3; Is.
49:16, 2 Cor
3:3

2 ¹I.e.,
wooden sym-
bols of a fe-
male deity
Jer. 7:18
^bEx. 34:13;
2 Chr. 24:18;
33:3; Is. 17:8
Jer. 3:6

3 Jer.
26:18; Mic.
3:12 ^{b2} Kin.
24:13; Is.
39:4-6; Jer.
15:13; 20:5

4 Jer.
12:7; Lam.
5:2 ^bDeut.
28:48; Is.
14:3; Jer.
15:14; 27:12;
13 Jer. 18:13
^dIs. 5:25; Jer.
7:20; 15:14

5 ¹Lit., arm
^aPs. 146:3; Is.
2:22; 30:1;
Ezek. 29:7
^{b2} Chr. 32:8;
Is. 31:3

6 ¹Lit., and
is not inhab-
ited
Jer. 48:6
^bDeut. 29:23;
Job 39:6

7 ^aPs. 2:12;
34:8; 84:12;
Prov. 16:20
^bPs. 40:4

8 ^aPs. 1:3;
92:12-14;
Ezek. 31:3-9
^bJer. 14:1-6

9 ^aEccl.
9:3; Mark
7:21, 22

^bRom. 7:11;
Eph. 4:22 ^cIs.
1:5, 6; 6:10;
Matt. 13:15;
Mark 2:17;
Rom. 1:21

10 ¹Lit., hid-
den ²Lit.,
fruit

^{a1} Sam. 16:7;
1 Chr. 28:9;
Ps. 139:23;
Prov. 17:3;
Jer. 11:20;
20:12; Rom.
8:27; Rev.
2:23 ^bPs.
62:12; Jer.
32:19; Rom.
2:8

A ^bland of salt ¹without in-
habitant.

7 "Blessed is the man who
trusts in the LORD

And whose ^btrust is the
LORD.

8 "For he will be like a ^atree
planted by the water,

That extends its roots by a
stream

And will not fear when the
heat comes;

But its leaves will be green,
And it will not be anxious in

a year of ^bdrought
Nor cease to yield fruit.

9 ¶ "The ^aheart is more ^bde-
ceitful than all else

And is desperately ^csick;
Who can understand it?

10 "I, the LORD, ^asearch the
heart,

I test the ¹mind,
Even ^bto give to each man

according to his ways,
According to the ²results of

his deeds.

11 "As a partridge that hatches
eggs which it has not laid,

So is he who ^amakes a for-
tune, but unjustly;

In the midst of his days it
will forsake him,

And in ¹the end he will be a
^bfool."

12 ¶ "A glorious throne on
high from the beginning

Is the place of our sanctu-
ary.

13 O LORD, the ^ahope of Israel,
All who ^bforsake Thee will

be put to shame.

Those who turn ¹away on
earth will be ^cwritten

down,
Because they have forsaken
the fountain of living wa-
ter, even the LORD.

14 ^aHeal me, O LORD, and I will
be healed;

11 ¹Lit., his ^aJer. 6:13; 8:10; 22:13, 17 ^bLuke 12:20

12 ^aJer. 3:17; 14:21

13 ¹Lit., away from Me ^aJer. 14:8; 50:7 ^bIs. 1:28 ^cLuke
10:20

14 ^aJer. 30:17; 33:6

Save me and I will be saved,
For Thou art my praise.
15 Look, they keep saying to me,
"Where is the word of the LORD?
Let it come now!"
16 But as for me, I have not hurried away from being a shepherd after Thee,
Nor have I longed for the woeful day;
Thou Thyself knowest the utterance of my lips
Was in Thy presence.
17 Do not be a terror to me; Thou art my refuge in the day of disaster.
18 Let those who persecute me be put to shame, but as for me, let me not be put to shame;
Let them be dismayed, but let me not be dismayed.
Bring on them a day of disaster,
And crush them with two-fold destruction!
19 Thus the LORD said to me,
"Go and stand in the public gate, through which the kings of Judah come in and go out, as well as in all the gates of Jerusalem;
20 and say to them, Listen to the word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all inhabitants of Jerusalem, who come in through these gates:
21 Thus says the LORD, Take heed for yourselves, and do not carry any load on the sabbath day or bring anything in through the gates of Jerusalem.
22 And you shall not bring a load out of your houses on the sabbath day nor do any work, but keep the sabbath day holy, as I commanded your forefathers.
23 Yet they did not listen or incline their ears, but stiffened their necks in order not to listen or take correction.

14 Ps. 54:1.
60:5 Deut.
10:21; Ps.
109:1
18 Ps. 5:19.
2 Pet. 3:4
16 Jer. 12:3
17 Ps.
88:15 Jer.
16:19; Neh.
17
18 Ps. 35:4.
26 Jer. 17:13.
20:11 Jer.
117 Ps. 35:8
19 Lit.,
gate of the
sons of the
people
20 Ezek.
27:10; Jer.
2:19:3, 4
21 Deut.
4:9, 15, 23.
Mark 4:24
Num. 15:32
36; Neh.
13:15-21.
John 5:9-12
22 Lit., /e-
thers
Ez. 16:23-29
20:8-10; Deut.
5:12-14; Is.
56:2-4; 58:13
Ez. 31:13-17.
Ez. 20:12.
Zech. 1:4
23 Jer.
7:24, 28;
11:10 Prov.
29:1; Jer.
7:28; 19:15
24 Ez.
15:28; Deut.
11:13; Is.
21:7; 56:2
Jer. 17:21.
22 Ez. 20:8-
11; Ez. 20:20
25 Jer. 22:4
2 Sam. 7:16
Is. 9:7; Jer.
33:15, 17, 21.
Luk. 1:32
Ps. 132:13,
14; Neh.
12:22
26 Jer.
32:44; 33:13
Zech. 7:7
Ps. 107:22.
Jer. 33:11
27 Ps. 120.
Jer. 22:5.
28:4; Zech.
7:11-14; Lam.
4:11-12; Kin.
25:9; Jer.
38:8; Amos.
2:5; Jer. 7:28;
Ez. 20:47
2 Jer.
12:1, 2
3 Lit., pair
of stone discs

24 But it will come about, if you listen attentively to Me," declares the LORD, "to bring no load in through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but to keep the sabbath day holy by doing no work on it.

25 Then there will come in through the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city will be inhabited forever.

26 They will come in from the cities of Judah and from the environs of Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin, from the lowland, from the hill country, and from the Negev, bringing burnt offerings, sacrifices, grain offerings and incense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving to the house of the LORD.

27 But if you do not listen to Me to keep the sabbath day holy by not carrying a load and coming in through the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day, then I shall kindle a fire in its gates, and it will devour the palaces of Jerusalem and not be quenched."

CHAPTER 18

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying,

2 Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I shall announce My words to you."

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something on the wheel.

4 But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

6 Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter

does?" declares the LORD. "Behold, like the ^aclay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.

7 "At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to ^auproot, to pull down, or to destroy it;

8 ^aif that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will ^brelent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it.

9 "Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to ^abuild up or to plant it;

10 if it does ^aevil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will ^bthink better of the good with which I had promised to ²bless it.

11 "So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am ^afashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh ^bturn back, each of you from his evil way, and ¹reform your ways and your deeds."

12 "But ^athey will say, 'It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the ^bstubbornness of his evil heart.'

13 "Therefore thus says the LORD,

^aAsk now among the nations,
Who ever heard the like of ¹this?

The ^bvirgin of Israel
Has done a most ^cappalling thing.

14 'Does the snow of Lebanon forsake the rock of the open country?

Or is the cold flowing water from a foreign land ever snatched away?

15 'For ^aMy people have forgotten Me,

^bThey burn incense ¹to worthless gods

8 ^aIsa. 43:9; 64:8; Matt. 20:15; Rom. 9:21

7 ^aJer. 1:10

8 ^aLit., repent of

^aJer. 7:3-7;

12:16; Ezek.

18:21 ^bPs.

106:43; Jer.

26:3, 13, 19;

Hos. 11:8;

Joel 2:13, 14;

Jon 3:10

9 ^aJer.

1:10, 31:28;

Amos 9:11-15

10 ^aLit., repent

²Lit., do it good

^aPs. 125:5;

Jer. 7:24-28;

Ezek. 33:18

^b1 Sam. 2:30;

13:13

11 ^aLit., make good

^aIsa. 5:5; Jer.

4:6, 11:11

^b2 Kin. 17:13;

Is. 1:18-19;

Jer. 4:1;

Acts 26:20

12 ^aIsa.

57:10; Jer.

2:25 ^bDeut.

29:19; Jer.

7:24; 16:12

13 ^aLit., these

^aIsa. 68:8; Jer.

2:10, 11 ^bJer.

14:17; 31:4

^cJer. 5:30;

23:14; Hos.

6:10

15 ^aLit., to worthlessness

²So ancient

versions;

Heb., caused

them to ²Or,

in

^aJer. 2:32;

3:21 ^bIsa. 65:7;

Jer. 7:9;

10:15; 44:17

^cJer. 6:18 ^aIsa.

57:14; 62:10

16 ^aJer.

25:9; 49:13;

50:13; Ezek.

33:28, 29

^b1 Kin. 9:8;

Lam. 2:15;

Mic. 6:16 ^cPs.

22:7; Is.

37:22; Jer.

48:27

17 ^aSo ancient

versions; M.T.

reads look

them in the

back and not

in the face

^aPs. 48:7 ^bJob

27:21; Jer.

13:24; Jer.

2:27; 32:33

^cJer. 48:21

And they ²have stumbled

³from their ways,

³From the ^cancient paths,

To walk in bypaths,

Not on a ^dhighway.

16 To make their land a ^adesolation,

An *object of perpetual*
^bhissing;

Everyone who passes by it
will be astonished

And ^cshake his head.

17 'Like an ^aeast wind I will
^bscatter them

Before the enemy;

I will ¹show them ^cMy back
and not ^cMy face

^dIn the day of their calamity."

18 ¶ Then they said, "Come and let us ^adevise plans against Jeremiah. Surely the ^blaw is not going to be lost to the priest, nor ^ccounsel to the sage, nor the ^ddivine ^dword to the prophet! Come on and let us ^cstrike at him with our tongue, and let us ¹give no heed to any of his words."

19 ¶ Do give heed to me, O LORD,

And listen to ¹what my opponents are saying!

20 ^aShould good be repaid with evil?

For they have ^bdug a pit for ¹me.

Remember how I ^cstood before Thee

To speak good on their behalf,

So as to turn away Thy wrath from them.

21 Therefore, ^agive their children over to famine,

And deliver them up to the ¹power of the sword;

And let their wives become ^bchildless and ^cwidowed.

Let their men also be smitten to death.

18 ^aJer. 11:19; 18:11 ^bJer. 2:8; Mal. 2:7 ^cJob 5:13; Jer. 8:8 ^dJer. 5:13 ^aPs. 32:2; Jer. 20:10 ¹Jer. 43:2

19 ^aLit., the voice of my opponents

20 ^aLit., my soul ^aPs. 109:4 ^bPs. 35:7; 57:6; Jer. 5:26;

18:22 ^cPs. 108:23

21 ^aLit., hands of ^aPs. 109:9-20; Jer. 11:22; 14:16

^b1 Sam. 15:33; Is. 13:18 ^cJer. 15:8; Ezek. 22:25

- Their ^dyoung men struck down by the sword in battle.
- 22 May an ^aoutcry be heard from their houses,
When Thou suddenly bringest raiders upon them;
^bFor they have dug a pit to capture me
And ^chidden snares for my feet.
- 23 Yet Thou, O LORD, knowest All their ¹deadly designs against me;
^aDo not ²forgive their iniquity
Or blot out their sin from Thy sight.
But may they be ³overthrown before Thee;
Deal with them in the ^ctime of Thine anger!

CHAPTER 19

THUS says the LORD, "Go and buy a ^apotter's earthenware jar, and take some of the ^celders of the people and some of the ¹senior priests.

2"Then go out to the ^avalley of Ben-hinnom, which is by the entrance of the potsherd gate; and ^bproclaim there the words that I shall tell you,

3 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O ^akings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold I am about to bring a ^bcalamity upon this place, at which the ^cears of everyone that hears of it will tingle.

4"Because they have ^aforsaken Me and have ^bmade this an alien place and have burned ¹sacrifices in it to ^cother gods that neither they nor their forefathers nor the kings of Judah had ever known, and because they have filled this place with the ^dblood of the innocent

5 and have built the ^ahigh places of Baal to burn their ^bsons in the fire as burnt offerings to

Baal, a thing which I never commanded or spoke of, nor did it ever enter My ¹mind;

6 therefore, behold, ^adays are coming," declares the LORD, "when this place will no longer be called ^bTopheth or ^cthe valley of Ben-hinnom, but rather the valley of Slaughter.

7"And I shall ^amake void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and ^bI shall cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hand of those who seek their life; and I shall give over their ^ccarcasses as food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.

8"I shall also make this city a ^adesolation and an ^bobject of hissing; ^beveryone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss because of all its ¹disasters.

9"And I shall make them ^aeat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they will eat one another's flesh in the siege and in the distress with which their enemies and those who seek their life will distress them."

10 "Then you are to break the ^ajar in the sight of the men who accompany you

11 and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Just so shall I ^abreak this people and this city, even as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot again be repaired; and they will ^bbury in Topheth ¹because there is no other place for burial.

12"Thus is how I shall treat this place and its inhabitants," declares the LORD, "so as to make this city like Topheth.

13"And the ^ahouses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah will be ^bdefiled like the place Topheth, because of all the ^chouses on whose rooftops they burned ¹sacrifices to ^dall the

21 ^aJer 9:21, 11:22
22 ^aJer 6:28, 25:34,
35 ^aJer 19:20
^aPs 140:5
23 ^aLat. unto death
^aLat. cover over, atone for
^aLat. cause made to stumble
^aNeh. 4:5; Ps 109:14; Is 2:9
^aJer 6:15, 21
^aJer 7:20;
17:4

1 ^aOr, elders of
^aJer 18:2
^aJer 19:10
^aNeh. 11:16
^a2 Km. 19:2
Ezek. 8:11

2 ^aJosh 15:8, 2 Km 23:10; Jer 7:31, 32;
32:35 ^aProv 1:20

3 ^aJer 17:20 ^aJer 6:19, 19:15
1 ^aSam 3:11
4 ^aOr, in

course
^aDeut. 28:26;
Is 65:11; Jer 2:13, 17, 19;
17:13 ^aEzek. 7:22; Dan 11:31 ^aJer 7:9, 11:13 ^a2 Km. 21:6, 16;
Jer 2:34, 7:6
8 ^aLat.

accort
^aNeh. 22:41;
Jer 32:35
^aLev 18:21;
2 Km. 17:17
Ps 108:37, 38
6 ^aJer 7:32
11a 30:33

^aJosh 15:8
7 ^aPs 33:10, 11; Is 28:17, 18; Jer 8:8, 9 ^aLev 28:17; Deut 28:25; Jer 15:2, 9 ^aPs 78:2; Jer 16:4
8 ^aLat.

blow
^aJer 18:18;
49:13, 50:13
1 ^a2 Km. 9:8;
2 Chr 7:21

9 ^aLev 26:29; Deut 28:53, 55; Is 9:20; Lam. 4:10; Ezek. 5:10

10 ^aJer 19:1
11 ^aOr, until there is no place left to bury
^aPs 2:9; Is 30:14; Lam. 4:2; Rev 2:27
^aJer 7:32

13 ^aOr, uncover Jer 32:13 ^a2 Km. 23:10; Ps 74:7, 78:1; Ezek. 7:21, 22 ^aJer 32:28; Zeph. 1:5 ^aDeut. 6:18;
2 Km. 17:16; Jer 8:2

heavenly host and "poured out libations to other gods." "

14 ¶ Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the "court of the LORD's house and said to all the people:

15 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am about to bring on this city and all its towns the entire calamity that I have declared against it, because they have "stiffened their necks so "as not to heed My words.' "

CHAPTER 20

WHEN Pashhur the priest, the son of "Immer, who was "chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things,

2 Pashhur had Jeremiah the prophet "beaten, and put him in the "stocks that were at the upper "Benjamin Gate, which was by the house of the LORD.

3 Then it came about on the next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, that Jeremiah said to him, "Pashhur is not the name the LORD has "called you, but rather "Magor-missabib.

4 "For thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am going to make you a "terror to yourself and to all your friends; and while "your eyes look on, they will fall by the sword of their enemies. So I shall "give over all Judah to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will carry them away as "exiles to Babylon and will slay them with the sword.

5 'I shall also give over all the "wealth of this city, all its produce, and all its costly things; even all the treasures of the kings of Judah I shall give over to the "hand of their enemies, and they will plunder them, take them away, and bring them to Babylon.

6 'And you, "Pashhur, and all

who live in your house will go into captivity; and you will enter Babylon, and there you will die, and there you will be buried, you and all your "friends to whom you have "falsely prophesied.' "

7 ¶ O LORD, Thou hast deceived me and I was deceived;

Thou hast "overcome me and prevailed.

I have become a "laughing-stock all day long;

Everyone "mocks me.

8 For each time I speak, I cry aloud;

I "proclaim violence and destruction,

Because for me the "word of the LORD has "resulted in reproach and derision all day long.

9 But if I say, "I will not "remember Him

Or speak anymore in His name,"

Then in "my heart it becomes like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; And I am weary of holding it in,

And "I cannot endure it.

10 For "I have heard the whispering of many,

"Terror on every side!

"Denounce him; yes, let us denounce him!"

"All my "trusted friends,

Watching for my fall, say

"Perhaps he will be "deceived, so that we may "prevail against him

And take our revenge on him."

11 But the "LORD is with me like a dread champion;

Therefore my "persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

They will be utterly ashamed, because they have "failed,

¹³ Jer. 6:25 ¹⁴ Neh. 6:13; Is. 29:21; Jer. 18:18 ¹⁵ Ps. 41:9 ¹⁶ Kin. 19:2

¹⁷ 11 ¹⁸ Lit., not succeeded; or, not acted wisely ¹⁹ Jer. 1:8; 15:20; Rom. 8:31 ²⁰ Deut. 32:35, 38; Jer. 15:15, 20; 17:18

13 ¹⁴ Jer. 7:18; 44:18; Ezek. 20:28

14 ¹⁵ 2 Chr. 20:5; Jer. 28:2

15 ¹⁶ Neh. 9:17, 29; Jer. 7:26; 17:23 ¹⁷ Ps. 58:4

1 ¹⁸ 1 Chr. 24:14; Ezra 2:37, 38 ¹⁹ 2 Kin. 25:18

2 ²⁰ 1 Kin. 22:27, 2 Chr. 16:10, 24:21; Jer. 1:19; Amos 7:10-13 ²¹ Job 13:27; 33:11 ²² Jer. 37:13, 38:7; Zech. 14:10

3 ²³ 11.e., terror on every side ²⁴ Is. 8:3; Hos. 1:4, 9 ²⁵ Jer. 6:25; 20:10

4 ²⁶ Job 18:11-21; Jer. 6:25; 48:5; Ezek. 26:21 ²⁷ Jer. 29:21; 39:6, 7 ²⁸ Jer. 21:4-10; 25:9 ²⁹ Jer. 13:10; 52:27

5 ³⁰ Jer. 15:13; 17:3 ³¹ 2 Kin. 20:17; 18:2 ³² Chr. 36:10; Jer. 27:21, 22

6 ³³ Jer. 20:1 ³⁴ Jer. 20:4; 29:21 ³⁵ Jer. 14:14, 15; Lam. 2:14

7 ³⁶ Ezek. 3:14 ³⁷ Job 12:4; Lam. 3:14 ³⁸ Ps. 22:7; Jer. 38:19

8 ³⁹ 11.e., become ⁴⁰ Jer. 6:7 ⁴¹ 2 Chr. 36:16; Jer. 6:10

9 ⁴² 1 Kin. 19:3, 4; Jon. 1:2, 3 ⁴³ Job 32:18-20; Ps. 39:3; Jer. 4:19; 23:9; Ezek. 3:14; Acts 4:20 ⁴⁴ Job 32:18-20

10 ⁴⁵ 11.e., Every man of my peace ⁴⁶ 20r, persecuted ⁴⁷ Ps. 31:13

- With an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.
- 12 Yet, O LORD of hosts, Thou who dost test the righteous,
Who seest the mind and the heart;
Let me see Thy vengeance on them;
For to Thee I have set forth my cause.
- 13 Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD!
For He has delivered the soul of the needy one
From the hand of evildoers.
- 14 Cursed be the day when I was born;
Let the day not be blessed when my mother bore me!
- 15 Cursed be the man who brought the news
To my father, saying,
"A baby boy has been born to you!"
And made him very happy.
- 16 But let that man be like the cities
Which the LORD overthrew without relenting.
And let him hear an outcry in the morning
And a shout of alarm at noon;
- 17 Because he did not kill me before birth,
So that my mother would have been my grave,
And her womb ever pregnant.
- 18 Why did I ever come forth from the womb
To look on trouble and sorrow,
So that my days have been spent in shame?

CHAPTER 21

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchijah,

11 Jer 23:40
12 Lat. had-
nays
+Ps 7:9, 11:5,
17:3, 130:23;
Jer 11:20;
17:10 +Ps
54:7, 59:10;
Jer 11:20
+Ps 62:8
13 Jer 31:7
+Ps 34:6,
69:33; Jer
15:21
14 Job 3:3-
6, Jer 15:10
15 Lat.
male child
+Gen 21:6, 7
16 Lat.
bearing sorrow
+Or, trumpet
blast
+Gen 19:25
+Jer 18:22,
48:3, 4
17 Lat.
from the
womb
+Job 3:10, 11,
16, 10:18, 19
18 Job
3:20, 5:7,
14:1, Jer
15:10; Lam
3:1 +Ps 90:9;
102:3 +Ps
69:19; Jer
3:25, 1 Cor
4:9-13
19 Kin.
24:17, 18, Jer
32:1-3, 37:1,
32:1-3 +1 Chr
9:12; Jer 38:1
20 Kin. 25:18;
Jer 29:25, 28;
37:3, 32:24
21 Or, mur-
derer
+Ex 9:28, Jer
37:3, 17;
Ezek 14:7;
20:1-3 +2 Kin.
25:1 +Gen.
10:10, 2 Kin.
17:24 +Ps
64:1-3, Jer
32:17
22 Jer
32:5, 33:5,
37:8-10, 38:2,
3, 17, 18 +Is.
55, 13:4, Jer
38:3; Lam.
2:5, 7; Zach.
14:2
23 +Is. 63:10
+Ex 6:6;
Deut. 4:34;
Jer 6:12 +Is.
5:25, Jer
32:37
24 Jer
14:12, 32:24
25 Kin.
25:5-7, 18-21,
Jer 37:17;
38:5-8, 32:9
26 Chr 38:17;
Jer 13:14;
Ezek 7:9;
Hab 1:4-10
27 Deut.
30:15, 18; Is.
1:18, 20

and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying.

2 "Please inquire of the LORD on our behalf, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is warring against us; perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all His wonderful acts, that the enemy may withdraw from us."

3 Then Jeremiah said to them, "You shall say to Zedekiah as follows:

4 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Behold, I am about to turn back the weapons of war which are in your hands, with which you are warring against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are besieging you outside the wall; and I shall gather them into the center of this city.

5 "And I myself shall war against you with an outstretched hand and a mighty arm, even in anger and wrath and great indignation.

6 "I shall also strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they will die of a great pestilence.

7 "Then afterwards," declares the LORD, "I shall give over Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people, even those who survive in this city from the pestilence, the sword, and the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their foes, and into the hand of those who seek their lives; and he will strike them down with the edge of the sword. He will not spare them nor have pity nor compassion."

8 "You shall also say to this people, "Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.

9 "He who dwells in this city will die by the sword and by

9 Jer 38:2, 17-23; 39:18; 43:5 +Jer 14:12, 24:10

famine and by pestilence; but he who goes out and falls away to the Chaldeans who are besieging you will live, and he will have his own life as booty.

10 "For I have ^aset My face against this city for ^hharm and not for good," declares the LORD. "It will be ^bgiven into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will ^cburn it with fire."

11 "Then say to the household of the ^aking of Judah, 'Hear the word of the LORD.

12 O ^ahouse of David, thus says the LORD:

^b"Administer justice ^levery ^cmorning;

And deliver the person who has been robbed from the ²power of his oppressor, ^d"That My wrath may not go forth like fire

And ^aburn with none to extinguish it, Because of the evil of their deeds.

13 "Behold, ^aI am against you, O ^bvalley dweller, O ^lrocky plain," declares the LORD,

"You men who say, ^cWho will come down against us?

Or who will enter into our habitations?"

14 "But I shall punish you ^aaccording to the ^lresults of your deeds," declares the LORD,

"And I shall ^bkindle a fire in its forest

That it may devour all its environs."

CHAPTER 22

THUS says the LORD, "Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and there speak this word,

2 and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who ^asits on David's throne, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates.

10 ¹Lit., evil
^aLev. 17:10;
Jer. 44:11, 27;
Amos 9:4
^bJer. 32:28,
29; 38:3
^c2 Chr. 36:19;
Jer. 34:2;
37:10; 38:18;
39:8, 52:13

11 ^aJer.
17:20

12 ¹Or, in
the ¹Lit.,
hand
^aIs. 7:2, 13
^bPs. 72:1, Is.
1:17, Jer. 7:5,
22:3, Zech.
7:9, 10 ^cPs.
101:8, Zeph.
3:5 ^dJer. 4:4,
17:4, Ezek.
20:47, 48,
Nah. 1:8 ^aIs.
1:31, Jer. 7:20

13 ¹Lit.,
rock of the
level place
^aJer. 23:30-
32; Ezek. 13:8
^bPs. 125:2; Is.
22:1 ^c2 Sam.
5:6, 7, Jer.
49:4, Lam.
4:12, Obad.
3, 4

14 ¹Lit.,
fruit
^aIs. 3:10, 11;
Jer. 17:10;
32:19 ^b2 Chr.
38:19; Is.
10:18, 18; Jer.
11:16, 17:27,
52:13; Ezek.
20:47, 48

2 ^aIs. 9:7;
Jer. 22:4, 30;
17:25; Luke
1:32

3 ^aIs. 58:6,
7; Jer. 7:5, 23;
21:12; Mic.
6:8; Zech. 7:9;
8:16; Matt.
23:23 ^bPs.
72:4 ^cEx.
22:21-24 ^dJer.
7:6; 19:4;
22:17

4 ¹Lit., for
David
^aJer. 17:25

5 ^aJer.
17:27; 26:4
^bGen. 22:18;
Amos 6:8;
Heb. 6:13

6 ^aGen.
37:25; Num.
32:1; Song
4:1 ^bPs.
107:34; Is.
6:11; Jer.
7:34; Mic.
3:12

Judah Warned against Injustice.

3 "Thus says the LORD, "^a"Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of his ^boppressor. Also ^cdo not mistreat or do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow; and do not ^dshed innocent blood in this place.

4 "For if you men will indeed perform this thing, then ^akings will enter the gates of this house, sitting ^lin David's place on his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, *even the king himself* and his servants and his people.

5 "^aBut if you will not obey these words, I ^bswear by Myself," declares the LORD, "that this house will become a desolation." "

6 For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah:

"You are *like* ^aGilead to Me,
Like the summit of Lebanon;

Yet most assuredly I shall make you like a ^bwilderness,

Like cities which are not inhabited.

7 "For I shall set apart ^adestroyers against you,
Each with his weapons;
And they will ^bcut down your choicest cedars

And ^cthrow *them* on the fire.

8 "And many nations will pass by this city; and they will ^asay to one another, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this great city?'

9 "Then they will ^lanswer, 'Because they ^aforsook the covenant of the LORD their God and bowed down to other gods and served them.' "

10 "Do not weep for the dead or mourn for him,

7 ^aIs. 10:3-6; Jer. 4:6, 7 ^bIs. 10:33, 34; 37:24 ^cJer.
21:14
8 ^aDeut. 29:24-28; 1 Kin. 9:8, 9, 2 Chr. 7:20-22; Jer.
16:10
9 ¹Lit., say ^a2 Kin. 22:17, 2 Chr. 34:25; Jer. 11:3
10 ^aEcc. 4:2; Is. 57:1; Jer. 16:7; 22:18

But weep continually for
the one who goes away;
For he will never return
Or see his native land.

11 For thus says the LORD in regard to ^{1a}Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who became king in the place of Josiah his father, who went forth from this place, "He will never return there;

12 but in the place where they led him captive, there he will die and not see this land again.

13 "Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness

And his upper rooms without justice,

Who uses his neighbor's services without pay

And does not give him his wages,

14 Who says, 'I will build myself a roomy house

With spacious upper rooms,

And cut out its windows,

²Paneling it with cedar and painting it bright red.'

15 "Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar?

Did not your father eat and drink,

And do justice and righteousness?

Then it was well with him.

16 "He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy;

Then it was well.

^bIs not that what it means to know Me?"

Declares the LORD.

17 "But your eyes and your heart

Are intent only upon your own dishonest gain,

And on shedding innocent blood

And on practicing oppression and extortion."

18 Therefore thus says the LORD in regard to ^aJehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah,

¹⁰ Jer. 25:27; 44:14

¹¹ 1 Le. Jehonathan

² Kin. 23:30-34; 1 Chr. 3:15; 2 Chr. 36:1-4

¹² 2 Kin. 23:34; Jer. 22:18

¹³ 1 Or, roof chambers

¹⁴ Jer. 17:11; Mic. 3:10; Hab. 2:9

¹⁵ Lev. 19:13; James 5:4

¹⁶ 1 Or, roof chambers

¹⁷ Or, paneled

¹⁸ Or, varnished

¹⁹ Is. 5:8

²⁰ Sam. 7:2; Hag. 1:4

²¹ 2 Kin. 23:25; Jer. 7:5; 21:12

²² Ps. 128:2; Is. 3:10; Jer. 42:6

²³ 1 Or, 72:1

²⁴ 12, 13

²⁵ 1 Chr. 28:9; Jer. 9:24

²⁶ 1 Jer. 6:13; 8:10; Luke 12:15-20

²⁷ 2 Kin. 24:4; Jer. 22:3

²⁸ 2 Kin. 23:36-24:6; 2 Chr. 36:5

²⁹ Jer. 22:10; 34:5; 1 Kin. 13:30

³⁰ 1 Kin. 21:23, 24; Jer. 36:30

³¹ 20 Num. 27:12; Deut. 32:40; Jer. 2:25; 3:1

³² 1 Jer. 13:10; 19:15

³³ Jer. 3:25

³⁴ Jer. 3:24; 32:30

³⁵ 2 Jer. 23:1

³⁶ Jer. 30:14

³⁷ Is. 65:13; Jer. 20:11

³⁸ 2 Jer. 4:31; 6:24

³⁹ 1 Le., Jehonathan

⁴⁰ Is., off from there

⁴¹ 2 Kin. 24:6; 1 Chr. 3:16; 2 Chr. 36:2; Jer. 37:1; 40:2

⁴² 1 Is. 48:16; Hag. 2:23

⁴³ 2 Kin. 24:15, 16; Jer. 21:7; 34:20; 21

"They will not lament for him:

'Alas, my brother!' or, 'Alas, sister!'

They will not lament for him:

'Alas for the master!' or, 'Alas for his splendor!'

19 "He will be buried with a donkey's burial,

Dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 "Go up to Lebanon and cry out,

And lift up your voice in Bashan;

Cry out also from Abarim, For all your lovers have been crushed.

21 "I spoke to you in your prosperity;

But you said, 'I will not listen!'

^bThis has been your practice from your youth,

That you have not obeyed My voice.

22 "The wind will sweep away all your shepherds,

And your lovers will go into captivity;

Then you will surely be ashamed and humiliated

Because of all your wickedness.

23 "You who dwell in Lebanon, Nested in the cedars,

How you will groan when pangs come upon you,

^aPain like a woman in childbirth!

24 "As I live," declares the LORD, "even though ^{1a}Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off;

25 and I shall give you over into the hand of those who are seeking your life, yes, into the hand of those whom you dread, even into the hand of

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 "I shall ^ahurl you and your mother who bore you into another country where you were not born, and there you will die.

27 "But as for the land to which they desire to return, they will not return to it.

28 "Is this man Coniah a despised, shattered jar?

Or is he an ^aundesirable vessel?

Why have he and his descendants been ^bhurled out

And cast into a ^cland that they had not known?

29 "O land, land, land,

Hear the word of the LORD!

30 "Thus says the LORD,

'Write this man down ^achildless,

A man who will ^bnot prosper in his days;

For no man of his ^cdescendants will prosper

Sitting on the throne of David

Or ruling again in Judah.'

CHAPTER 23

66 "WOE to the shepherds who are ^bdestroying and scattering the ^csheep of My pasture!" declares the LORD.

2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the shepherds who are ^ttending My people: "You have scattered My flock and driven them away, and have not attended to them; behold, I am about to ^aattend to you for the ^bevil of your deeds," declares the LORD.

3 "Then I Myself shall ^agather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and shall bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply.

4 "I shall also raise up ^ashepherds over them and they will ^ttend them; and they will ^bnot be

afraid any longer, nor be terrified, ^cnor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

5 ¶ "Behold, the ^adays are coming," declares the LORD,

"When I shall raise up for David a righteous ^bBranch; And He will ^creign as king and ^dact wisely

And ^ddo justice and righteousness in the land.

6 "In His days Judah will be saved,

And ^aIsrael will dwell securely;

And this is His ^bname by which He will be called,

'The ^cLORD our righteousness.'

7 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when they will no longer say, 'As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,'

8 ^abut, 'As the LORD lives, who ^bbrought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them.' Then they will live on their own soil."

9 As for the prophets:

My ^aheart is broken within me,

All my bones tremble;

I have become like a drunken man,

Even like a man overcome with wine,

Because of the LORD

And because of His holy words.

10 For the land is full of ^aadulterers;

For the land ^bmourns because of the curse.

The ^cpastures of the wilderness have dried up.

Their course also is evil,

And their might is not right;

11 "For ^aboth prophet and priest are polluted;

11 ^aJer. 6:13; Zeph. 3:4

26 ^aKin. 24:13; Jer. 10:18; 16:13
^b2 Kin. 24:8
^cPs. 31:12; Jer. 48:38; Hos. 8:8; Jer. 15:1
^dJer. 17:4
^eDeut. 4:26; Jer. 6:19; Mic. 1:2
^f30 ^a1 Chr. 3:17; Matt. 1:12; Jer. 2:37; 10:21
^bPs. 94:20; Jer. 38:30
^c1 ^aEzek. 13:3; 34:2; Zech. 11:17
^bIs. 56:9-12; Jer. 10:21; 50:6; Ezek. 34:31
^c2 ^aLit., ^bshepherding
^dEx. 32:34
^eJer. 21:12; 44:22
^f3 ^aIs. 11:11; 12:16; Jer. 31:7; 8:32
^b37
^c4 ^aOr, ^bshepherd
^dJer. 3:15; 31:10; Ezek. 34:23; Jer. 30:10; 46:27; 28 ^aJohn 6:39; 10:28; 1 ^bPet. 1:5
^c5 ^aLit., ^bSprout
^dOr, ^esucceed
^fJer. 33:14
^gIs. 4:2; 11:1-5; 33:2; Jer. 30:9; 33:15; 18; Zech. 3:8; 6:12; 13 ^aIs. 9:7; 52:13; Luke 1:32; 33
^bPs. 72:2; Is. 9:7; 32:1; Dan. 9:24
^c6 ^aDeut. 33:28; Jer. 30:10; Zech. 14:11
^bIs. 7:14; 9:6; Matt. 1:21-23
^cIs. 45:24; Jer. 33:16; Dan. 9:24; Rom. 3:22; 1 ^dCor. 1:30
^e7 ^aIs. 43:18; 19; Jer. 16:14; 15
^b8 ^aJer. 16:15
^bIs. 43:5; 6; Ezek. 34:13; Amos 9:14; 15
^c9 ^aJer. 8:18; Hab. 3:16
^b10 ^aJer. 9:2; Hos. 4:2; 3; Mal. 3:5
^bJer. 12:4; Ps. 107:34; Jer. 9:10

- Even in My house I have found their wickedness," declares the LORD.
- 12 "Therefore their way will be like ^aslippery paths to them,
They will be driven away into the ^bgloom and fall down in it;
For I shall bring ^ccalamity upon them,
The year of their punishment," declares the LORD.
- 13 ¶ "Moreover, among the prophets of Samaria I saw an ^aoffensive thing:
They ^bprophesied by Baal and ^cled My people Israel astray.
- 14 "Also among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a ^ahorrible thing:
The committing of ^badultery and walking in falsehood;
And they strengthen the hands of ^cevildoers,
So that no one has turned back from his wickedness.
All of them have become to Me like ^dSodom,
And her inhabitants like Gomorrah.
- 15 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets,
'Behold, I am going to ^afeed them wormwood
And make them drink poisonous water,
For from the prophets of Jerusalem
Pollution has gone forth into all the land.' "
- 16 ¶ Thus says the LORD of hosts,
"Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you.
They are ^bleading you into futility;

12 ^aPs. 35-6; Prov. 4:19; Jer. 13:16 ^bIsa. 8:22; John 12:35 ^cJer. 11:23

13 ^aHos. 9:7; 8:11 ^bKin. 18:18-21; Jer. 2:8, 23:32 ^cIsa. 9:16

14 ^aJer. 5:30 ^bJer. 29:23 ^cJer. 23:22; Ezek. 13:22, 23 ^dGen. 18:20; Deut. 32:32; Isa. 1:9, 10; Jer. 20:16, 49:18; Matt. 11:24

15 ^aDeut. 29:18; Jer. 8:14, 9:15

16 ^aLev. 18:17; Jer. 27:9, 10, 14-17, 1 John 4:1 ^bMatt. 7:15, 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Gal. 1:8, 9 ^cJer. 14:14; Ezek. 13:3, 6 ^dJer. 9:12, 20

17 ^aMic. 2:11 ^bJer. 8:11; Ezek. 13:10 ^cJer. 13:10; 18:12 ^dJer. 5:12; Amos 9:10; Mic. 3:11

18 ^aAnother reading is Jer. 13:8, 9; Jer. 23:22; 1 Cor. 2:16 ^bJob 32:31

19 ^aJer. 23:32; 30:23; Amos 1:14

20 ^a2 Kin. 23:26, 27; Jer. 30:24 ^bIsa. 55:11; Zach. 1:6 ^cGen. 48:1

21 ^aJer. 14:14; 23:32; 27:15

22 ^aJer. 9:12; 23:18 ^bJer. 35:15; Zach. 1:4

23 ^aPs. 138:1-10

24 ^aJob 22:13, 14; 34:21, 22; Ps. 138:7-12; Isa. 28:15; Jer. 48:10; Hab. 4:13

- They speak a ^cvision of their own ^bimagination,
Not ^dfrom the mouth of the LORD.
- 17 "They keep saying to those who ^adespise Me,
'The LORD has said, "^bYou will have peace";
And as for everyone who walks in the ^cstubbornness of his own heart,
They say, "^dCalamity will not come upon you.'
- 18 "But ^awho has stood in the council of the LORD,
That he should see and hear His word?
Who has given ^bheed to ^cHis word and listened?
- 19 "Behold, the ^astorm of the LORD has gone forth in wrath,
Even a whirling tempest;
It will swirl down on the head of the wicked.
- 20 "The ^aanger of the LORD will not turn back
Until He has ^bperformed and carried out the purposes of His heart;
^cIn the last days you will clearly understand it.
- 21 "I did not send these prophets,
But they ran.
I did not speak to them,
But they prophesied.
- 22 "But if they had ^astood in My council,
Then they would have ^bannounced My words to My people,
And would have turned them back from their evil way
And from the evil of their deeds.
- 23 ¶ "Am I a God who is ^a'near,'" declares the LORD,
"And not a God far off?"
- 24 "Can a man ^ahide himself in hiding places,
So I do not see him?" declares the LORD.

"^bDo I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

25 "I have ^aheard what the prophets have said who ^bprophecy falsely in My name, saying, 'I had a ^cdream, I had a dream!'

26 "How long? Is there *any-thing* in the hearts of the prophets who prophecy falsehood, even *these* prophets of the ^adeception of their own heart,

27 who intend to ^amake My people forget My name by their dreams which they relate to one another, just as their fathers ^bforgot My name because of Baal?

28 "The prophet who has a dream may relate his dream, but let him who has ^aMy word speak My word in truth. ^bWhat does straw have in common with grain?" declares the LORD.

29 "Is not My word like ^afire?" declares the LORD, "and like a ^bhammer which shatters a rock?

30 "Therefore behold, ^aI am against the prophets," declares the LORD, "who steal My words from each other.

31 "Behold, I am against the prophets," declares the LORD, "who use their tongues and declare, '*The Lord declares.*'"

32 "Behold, I am against those who have prophesied ^afalse dreams," declares the LORD, "and related them, and led My people astray by their falsehoods and ^breckless boasting; yet ^cI did not send them or command them, nor do they ^dfurnish this people the slightest benefit," declares the LORD.

33 "Now when this people or the prophet or a priest asks you saying, 'What is the ^{1a}oracle of the LORD?' then you shall say to them, 'What ¹oracle?' The LORD declares, 'I shall ^babandon you.'

34 "Then as for the prophet or the priest or the people who say, 'The ^aoracle of the LORD,' I shall

24 ^{b1} Kin 8:27; 2 Chr 2:6; 1a. 66:1

25 ^aJer. 8:6; 1 Cor. 4:5 ^bJer. 14:14 ^cNum. 12:6; Jer. 23:28, 32; 29:8; Joel 2:28

26 ^{a1} Tim 4:1, 2

27 ^aDeut. 13:1-3; Jer. 29:8 ^bJudg. 3:7, 8, 33, 34

28 ^aJer. 9:12, 20 ^{b1} Cor. 3:12, 13

29 ^aJer. 5:14; 20:9 ^{b2} Cor. 10:4, 5

30 ^aDeut. 18:20; Ps 34:16; Jer. 14:14, 15; Ezek. 13:8

31 ^aDeut. 13:1, 2; Jer. 23:25 ^bZeph. 3:4 ^cJer. 23:21; Lam. 3:37 ^dJer. 7:8; Lam. 2:14

32 ¹Or, burden, and so throughout the ch. ^{a1a} 13:1; Nah. 1:1; Hab. 1:1; Zech. 9:1; Mal. 1:1 ^bJer. 12:7, 23:39

33 ^aLam. 2:14; Zech. 13:3

35 ^aJer. 33:3; 42:4

36 ^aGal. 1:7; 8; 2 Pet. 3:16 ^{b2} Kin. 19:4; Jer. 10:10

39 ^aJer. 7:14, 15; 23:33; Ezek. 8:18

40 ^aJer. 20:11; 42:18; Ezek. 5:14, 15

1 ^{a2} Kin. 24:10-16; 2 Chr. 36:10; Jer. 27:20; 29:1, 2 ^bAmos 8:1

2 ^aMic. 7:1; Nah. 3:12 ^{b1a} 5:4, 7; Jer. 29:17

3 ^aJer. 1:11, 13; Amos 8:2; Zech. 4:2

bring punishment upon that man and his household.

35 "Thus shall each of you say to his neighbor and to his brother, '^aWhat has the LORD answered?' or, 'What has the LORD spoken?'

36 "For you will no longer remember the oracle of the LORD, because every man's own word will become the oracle, and you have ^aperverted the words of the ^bliving God, the LORD of hosts, our God.

37 "Thus you will say to *that* prophet, 'What has the LORD answered you?' and, 'What has the LORD spoken?'

38 "For if you say, 'The oracle of the LORD!' surely thus says the LORD, 'Because you said this word, "*The oracle of the LORD!*" I have also sent to you, saying, "*You shall not say, 'The oracle of the LORD!*" "'

39 "Therefore behold, ^aI shall surely forget you and cast you away from My presence, along with the city which I gave you and your fathers.

40 "And I will put an everlasting ^areproach on you and an everlasting humiliation which will not be forgotten."

CHAPTER 24

AFTER ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the officials of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths from Jerusalem and had brought them to Babylon, the LORD showed me: behold, two ^bbaskets of figs set before the temple of the LORD!

2 One basket had very good figs, like ^afirst-ripe figs; and the other basket had ^bvery bad figs, which could not be eaten due to rottenness.

3 Then the LORD said to me, "^aWhat do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "Figs, the good figs.

very good; and the bad figs, very bad, which cannot be eaten due to rottenness."

4 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

5 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Like these good figs, so I will regard ^aas good the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place *into* the land of the Chaldeans.

6 'For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will ^abring them again to this land; and I will ^bbuild them up and not overthrow them, and I will ^cplant them and not pluck them up.

7 'And I will give them a ^aheart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be ^bMy people, and I will be their God, for they will ^creturn to Me with their whole heart.

8 ¶ 'But like the ^abad figs which cannot be eaten due to rottenness—indeed, thus says the LORD—so I will ^aabandon ^bZedekiah king of Judah and his officials, and the ^cremnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and the ones who dwell in the land of ^dEgypt.

9 'And I will ^amake them a terror and an evil for all the kingdoms of the earth, as a ^breproach and a proverb, a taunt and a ^ccurse in all places where I shall scatter them.

10 'And I will send the ^asword, the famine, and the pestilence upon them until they are destroyed from the land which I gave to them and their forefathers.' "

CHAPTER 25

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the ^afourth year of ^bJehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the ^cfirst year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),

2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the ^apeople of Judah

8 ^aNah. 1:7; Zach. 13:9

8 ^aJer. 12:13; 29:10; 32:37; Ezek. 11:17; Jer. 31:4, 32:41; 33:7, 42:10; Jer. 32:41

7 ^aDeut. 30:6; Jer. 31:33, 32:40; Ezek. 11:19; 36:26; Isa. 51:16; Jer. 7:23, 30:22; 31:33; 32:38; Ezek. 14:11; Zach. 8:8; Heb. 8:10

1 ^aSam. 7:3; Ps. 119:2; Jer. 29:13

8 ^aLit. give up

^aJer. 29:17; Jer. 39:5; Ezek. 12:12; 13 ^aJer. 39:9; Jer. 44:1, 28:30

9 ^aJer. 15:4, 29:18; 34:17; 1 ^aKim. 9:7; Ps. 44:13; 14 ^aIsa. 65:15; 10 ^aIsa. 51:19; Jer. 21:9, 27:8; Ezek. 5:12, 17

1 ^aJer. 36:1, 46:2; 2 ^aKim. 24:1; 2 ^aChr. 36:4-6; Dan. 1:1, 2 ^aJer. 32:1

2 ^aJer. 18:11

8 ^aLit. thus

2 ^aLit. rising early and speaking; Jer. 1:2; 2 ^aChr. 34:1; 3 ^aJer. 36:2; Jer. 7:25; 11:7, 28:5

4 ^aLit. rising early and sending; 2 ^aChr. 36:13; Jer. 28:5

5 ^a2 ^aKim. 17:13; Isa. 55:6, 7; Jer. 4:1; 35:15; Ezek. 18:30; Jon. 3:8-10; Gen. 17:8; Jer. 7:7, 17:25

8 ^aOr, worship; 2 ^aOr, bow down to; Deut. 8:14; 8:19; 2 ^aKim. 17:35; Jer. 35:15

7 ^a2 ^aKim. 17:17; 21:15; Jer. 7:19; 32:30-33

and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

3 "From the ^athirteenth year of ^bJosiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, ^athese ^ctwenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you ^{2d}again and again, but you have not listened.

4 "And the LORD has sent to you all His ^aservants the prophets ^aagain and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear,

5 saying, '^aTurn now everyone from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers ^bforever and ever;

6 and ^ado not go after other gods to ^aserve them and to ²worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.'

7 "Yet you have not listened to Me," declares the LORD, "in order that you might ^aprovoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.

8 "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Because you have not obeyed My words,

9 behold, I will ^asend and take all the families of the north,' declares the LORD, 'and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, ^bMy servant, and will bring them against this land, and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations round about; and I will ^autterly destroy them, and ^cmake them a horror, and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.

10 'Moreover, I will ^atake from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the ^bsound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

9 ^aOr, put them under the boot; Jer. 1:15; 6:22, 23; Isa. 13:3; Jer. 27:8; 43:10; 1 ^aKim. 9:7; 2 ^aJer. 18:16; 25:18

10 ^aLit. cease to perish; Isa. 24:8-11; Jer. 7:34; 18:8; Ezek. 26:13; Rev. 18:23; 1 ^aEcc. 12:4; Isa. 47:2

11 'And ^athis whole land shall be a desolation and a horror, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon ^bseventy years.

12 ¶ 'Then it will be ^awhen seventy years are completed I will ^bpunish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and ^cI will make it an everlasting desolation.

13 'And I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in ^athis book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against ^ball the nations.

14 '(¹For ^amany nations and great kings shall make slaves of them, even them; and I will ^brecompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.)' "

15 ¶ For thus the LORD, the God of Israel, says to me, "Take this ^acup of the wine of wrath from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it.

16 "And they shall ^adrink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them."

17 Then I took the cup from the LORD's hand, and ^amade all the nations drink, to whom the LORD sent me:

18 ^aJerusalem and the cities of Judah, and its kings and its princes, to make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day;

19 ^aPharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes, and all his people;

20 and all the ¹aforeign people, all the kings of the ^bland of Uz, all the kings of the land of the ^cPhilistines (even Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of ^dAshdod);

21 ^aEdom, ^bMoab, and the sons of ^cAmmon;

22 and all the kings of ^aTyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings

11 Jer. 4:27; 12:11.
12 ²Chr. 36:21; Jer. 29:10; Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5.
13 ^aEzra 1:1; Jer. 29:10; Dan. 9:2 ^bIs. 13:14; Jer. 50:51 ^cIs. 13:19
13 ^aJer. 36:4, 29, 32
^bJer. 1:5, 10; 36:2

14 ¹Or, For they have served many nations and great kings
^aJer. 27:7, 50:9, 41, 51:27, 28
^bJer. 51:8, 24, 56

15 Job 21:20; Ps. 75:8, 15
51:17, 22; Jer. 51:7

16 ^aNah. 3:11

17 ^aJer. 1:10; 25:28

18 ^aPs. 60:3; Is. 51:17

19 ^aJer. 46:2-28; Nah. 3:8-10

20 ¹Or, mixed multitude
^aJer. 25:24; 50:37; Ezek. 30:5

^bJob 1:1; Lam. 4:21
^cJer. 47:1-7
^dIs. 20:1

21 ^aPs. 137:7; Jer. 49:7, 22
^bJer. 48:1-47

Amos 2:1-3
^cJer. 49:1-8; Amos 1:13-15

22 ^aJer. 47:4; Zech. 9:2-4
^bJer. 31:10

23 ^aIs. 21:13; Jer. 49:7, 8
^bGen. 22:21
^cJer. 9:28; 49:32

24 ¹Or, mixed multitude
²Chr. 9:14
^aJer. 25:20; 50:37; Ezek. 30:5

25 ^aGen. 10:22; Is. 11:11; Jer. 49:34 ^bIs. 13:17; Jer. 51:11, 28

26 ^aCryptic name for Babylon
^bJer. 25:9; 50:9
^cJer. 51:41

of ^bthe coastlands which are beyond the sea;

23 and ^aDedan, Tema, ^bBuz, and all who ^ccut the corners of their hair;

24 and all the kings of ^aArabia and all the kings of the ^bforeign people who dwell in the desert;

25 and all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of ^aElam, and all the kings of ^bMedia;

26 and all the kings of the north, near and far, one with another; and ^aall the kingdoms of the earth which are upon the face of the ground, and the king of ^bSheshach shall drink after them.

27 ¶ "And you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "^aDrink, be drunk, vomit, fall, and rise no more because of the ^bsword which I will send among you."

28 "And it will be, if they ^arefuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you will say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "^bYou shall surely drink!

29 "For behold, I am ^abeginning to work calamity in *this* city which is ^bcalled by My name, and shall you be completely free from punishment? You will not be free from punishment; for "I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth," declares the LORD of hosts.'

30 ¶ "Therefore you shall prophesy against them all these words, and you shall say to them,

'The ^aLORD will ^broar from on high,

And utter His voice from His holy habitation;

He will roar mightily against His ¹fold.

He will shout like those who tread the grapes,

27 ^aJer. 25:16; Hab. 2:16 ^bEzek. 21:4, 5

28 ^aJob 34:33 ^bJer. 49:12

29 ^aProv. 11:31; Is. 10:12; Jer. 13:13; Ezek. 9:6; 1 Pet. 4:17 ^b1 Kin. 8:43 ^cEzek. 38:21

30 ¹Or, pasture ^aIs. 42:13; Jer. 25:38 ^bJoel 2:11; 3:16

Amos 1:2

Against all the inhabitants
of the earth.

31 'A clamor has come to the
end of the earth,

Because the LORD has ^aa
controversy with the na-
tions.

He is entering into ^bjudg-
ment with all flesh;

As for the wicked, He has
given them to the sword,^c
declares the LORD."

32 ¶ Thus says the LORD of
hosts,

"Behold, evil is going forth
From ^anation to nation,
And a great ^bstorm is being
stirred up

From the remotest parts of
the earth.

33 "And those ^aslain by the
LORD on that day shall be from
one end of the earth to the ¹other.
They shall ^bnot be lamented,
gathered, or buried; they shall be
like ^cdung on the face of the
ground.

34 "Wail, you shepherds, and
cry;

And ^awallow in ashes, you
masters of the flock;

For the days of your
^bslaughter and your dis-
persions ¹have come,

And you shall fall like a
choice vessel.

35 "Flight shall perish from the
shepherds,

And escape from the mas-
ters of the flock.

36 "Hear the sound of the cry of
the shepherds,

And the wailing of the mas-
ters of the flock!

For the LORD is destroying
their pasture,

37 "And the peaceful ¹afolds are
made silent

Because of the ^bfierce anger
of the LORD.

38 "He has left His hiding place
^alike the lion;

For their land has become a
horror

31 Hos. 4:1;
Mic. 6:2 Ma.
66:16; Ezek.
20:35, 36;
Joel 3:2

32 2 Chr
15:6; Is. 34:2
Ma. 30:30;
Jer. 23:19

33 1 Lit., oth-
er end of the
earth

1 Is. 34:2, 3;
66:16 Ps.
79:3; Jer.
16:4; Ezek.
39:4, 17 1 Is.
5:25

34 1 Lit., are
full

Jer. 6:26;
Ezek. 27:30
1 Is. 34:6, 7;
Jer. 50:27

35 Job
11:20; Jer.
11:11; Amos
2:14

37 1 Or, pas-
tures

1 Is. 27:10, 11;
Jer. 5:17;
13:20 Ps.
97:1-3; Is.
66:15; Heb.
12:29

38 1 Or, op-
pressor
Jer. 4:7, 5:6;
Hos. 5:14;
13:7, 8

1 2 Kin.
23:36; 2 Chr.
36:4, 5

3 2 Chr.
24:20, 21; Jer.
7:2, 19-14

4 Deut. 12:5
Jer. 1:17;
42:4; Matt.
28:20; Acts
20:20, 27

5 Deut. 4:2
3 Ma. 1:16-
19; Jer. 36:3-7
Jer. 18:8;
Jon. 3:8

6 Lev.
26:14, 1 Kin.
9:6; Is. 1:20;
Jer. 17:27;
22:5 Jer.
32:23; 44:10,
23

8 1 Lit., ris-
ing early and
singing

2 Kin. 9:7;
Ezra 9:11;
Jer. 7:13;
25:3, 4

6 Josh.
18:1, 1 Sam.
4:12; Ps.
78:60, 61; Jer.
7:12, 14

2 Kin. 22:19;
Is. 65:15; Jer.
24:9; 25:18

7 Jer.
5:31; Mic.
3:11

Because of the fierceness of
the ¹oppressing sword,
And because of His fierce
anger."

CHAPTER 26

IN the beginning of the reign of
^aJehoiakim the son of Josiah,
king of Judah, this word came
from the LORD, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD, ^aStand
in the court of the LORD's house,
and speak to all the cities of Ju-
dah, who have ^bcome to worship
in the LORD's house, ^call the
words that I have commanded
you to speak to them. ^dDo not
omit a word!

3 ^aPerhaps they will listen and
everyone will turn from his evil
way, that ^bI may repent of the ca-
lamity which I am planning to do
to them because of the evil of
their deeds."

4 "And you will say to them,
"Thus says the LORD, ^a"If you will
not listen to Me, to ^bwalk in My
law, which I have set before you,

5 to listen to the words of ^aMy
servants the prophets, whom I
have been sending to you ¹again
and again, but you have not lis-
tened;

6 then I will make this house
like ^aShiloh, and this city I will
make a ^bcurse to all the nations
of the earth."

7 ¶ And the ^apriests and the
prophets and all the people
heard Jeremiah speaking these
words in the house of the LORD.

8 And when Jeremiah finished
speaking all that the LORD had
commanded him to speak to all
the people, the priests and the
prophets and all the people
seized him, saying, ^a"You must
die!

9 "Why have you prophesied in
the name of the LORD saying,
"This house will be like Shiloh,
and this city will be ^adesolate,

8 Jer. 11:19; 18:23; Lam. 4:13, 14; Matt. 21:35, 36;
23:34, 35; 27:20

9 Jer. 9:11; 33:10

without inhabitant?" And all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 ¶ And when the ^aprinces of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and sat in the ^bentrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house.

11 Then the priests and the prophets ^aspoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, "A ^bdeath sentence for this man! For he has prophesied ^cagainst this city as you have heard in your hearing."

12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.

13 "Now therefore ^aamend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will ¹change His mind about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you.

14 "But as for me, behold, ^aI am in your hands; do with me as is good and right in your sight.

15 "Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring ^ainnocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

16 ¶ Then the officials and all the people ^asaid to the priests and to the prophets, "No ^bdeath sentence for this man! For he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God."

17 Then ^asome of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 "1 ^aMicah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, 'Thus the LORD of hosts has said,

^bActs 3:11, 5:12
¹⁰ Jer. 26:21
¹¹ Jer. 18:23
^bDeut. 18:20
^cMatt. 26:66
^cJer. 38:4
^cActs 6:11-14
¹² Jer. 1:17, 18
²⁶ 15, Amos 7:15
^cActs 4:19, 5:29
¹³ ¹Lit., he sorry for
^aJer. 7:3, 5:18, 11:26
³ 15, Joel 2:14
^{Jon.} 3:9
⁴ 2
¹⁴ Jer. 38:5
¹⁵ ^aNum. 35:33
^cProv. 6:16, 17
^{Jer.} 7:6
¹⁶ Jer. 26:11, 36:19
²⁵ 38:7, 13
^aActs 5:34-39
²³ 9, 29
²⁵ 25, 26:31
¹⁷ ^aActs 5:34
¹⁸ ¹Lit., Micah the Moreshethite
²⁰ Or, a wooded height
^aMic. 1:1
^bNeh. 4:2
^{Ps.} 79:1
^{Jer.} 9:11
^{Mic.} 3:12
^{Isa.} 2:2
³ Jer. 17:3
^{Mic.} 4:1
^{Zech.} 8:3
¹⁹ ¹Lit., was sorry for
² Chr. 29:6
¹¹ 32:26
^{Isa.} 37:1, 4, 15-20
^bEx. 32:14
² Sam. 24:16
^cJer. 44:7
^{Hab.} 2:10
²⁰ ^aJosh. 9:17
¹ Sam. 6:21
⁷ 2
²¹ ^a2 Chr. 16:10
²⁴ 21
^{Jer.} 36:28
^{Matt.} 14:5
^b Kin. 19:24
^{Matt.} 10:23
²² ^aJer. 36:12
²³ ¹Lit., graves
² Lit., sons of the people
^aJer. 2:30
²⁴ ^a2 Kin. 22:12-14
^{Jer.} 39:14
⁴⁰ 5-7
^b Kin. 18:4
^{Jer.} 1:18, 19
¹ ^aMary mag., read Jer. hoiakim
^a2 Kin. 24:18-20
² Chr. 36:11-13

"^bZion will be plowed as a field,

And Jerusalem will become ruins,

And the ^cmountain of the house as the ²high places of a forest."

19 "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not ^afear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and ^bthe LORD ¹changed His mind about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them? But we are ^ccommitting a great evil against ourselves."

20 ¶ Indeed, there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from ^aKiriath-jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land words similar to all those of Jeremiah.

21 When King Jehoiakim and all his mighty men and all the officials heard his words, then the ^aking sought to put him to death; but Uriah heard *it*, and he was afraid and ^bfled, and went to Egypt.

22 Then King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt: ^aElnathan the son of Achbor and *certain* men with him *went* into Egypt.

23 And they brought Uriah from Egypt and led him to King Jehoiakim, who ^aslew him with a sword, and cast his dead body into the ¹burial place of the ²common people.

24 ¶ But the hand of ^aAhikan the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that he was ^bnot given into the hands of the people to put him to death.

CHAPTER 27

IN the beginning of the reign of ¹a Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying—

2 thus says the LORD to me—
"Make for yourself ^abonds and
^byokes and put them on your
neck.

3 and send ¹word to the king of
^aEdom, to the king of ^aMoab, to
the king of the sons of ^aAmmon,
to the king of ^aTyre, and to the
king of ^aSidon ²by the messen-
gers who come to Jerusalem to
Zedekiah king of Judah.

4 "And command them to go to
their masters, saying, 'Thus says
the LORD of hosts, the God of Is-
rael, thus you shall say to your
masters,

5 "I have made the earth, the
men and the beasts which are on
the face of the earth ^bby My great
power and by My outstretched
arm, and I will ^cgive it to the one
who is ¹pleasing in My sight.

6 "And now I ^ahave given all
these lands into the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Baby-
lon, ^bMy servant, and I have
given him also the ^cwild animals
of the field to serve him.

7 "And ^aall the nations shall
serve him, and his son, and his
grandson, ^buntil the time of his
own land comes; then ^cmany na-
tions and great kings will ¹make
him their servant.

8 "And it will be, ^{that} the nation
or the kingdom which ^awill not
serve him, Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon, and which will
not put its neck under the yoke of
the king of Babylon, I will punish
that nation with the ^bsword, with
famine, and with pestilence,"
declares the LORD, "until I have
destroyed ¹it by his hand.

9 "But as for you, ^ado not listen
to your prophets, your diviners,
your ¹dreamers, your soothsay-
ers, or your sorcerers, who speak
to you, saying, 'You shall not
serve the king of Babylon.'

10 "For they prophesy a ^alie to
you, in order to ^bremove you far
from your land; and I will drive
you out, and you will perish.

2 Jer. 30:8
Jer. 28:10,
13
3 1 La.
them 7 La., by
the hand of
Jer. 25:21,
22

4 Or, up-
right
Ps. 96:5,
146:5, & Is.
42:5, 48:12,
Jer. 10:12,
51:15
5 Ques.
9:28 Jer.
32:17, Dan.
4:17
6 Ps.
115:15, 16;
Acts 17:28

7 Or, en-
slave him
2 Chr. 36:20,
Jer. 44:30,
48:13
8 Ques.
5:28, Zach.
2:8, 9:1a,
14:4-6, Jer.
25:12

9 1 La.
them
Jer. 38:17,
18, 42:15, 16;
Ezek. 17:19,
21
10 Jer.
34:10, 27:13,
29:17, 18,
Ezek. 14:21

11 1 La.
dreamers
Ex. 22:18,
Deut. 18:10;
Prov. 19:27;
Is. 8:18, Mic.
3:5, Eph. 5:6

12 Jer.
23:25
13 Jer.
27:2, 8, 12
Jer. 21:9,
38:2, 40:9-12,
42:10, 11

14 Jer.
27:3, 28:1,
38:17
15 Prov.
8:38, Jer.
27:8, 38:23,
Ezek. 18:31

16 Jer.
27:8, 2 Cor.
11:13-15
Jer. 14:14, 23:21,
27:10, 28:8, 9,
Ezek. 13:22

17 Jer.
23:21, 28:9
Jer. 23:25
2 Cor. 25:16,
Jer. 27:10
Jer. 6:13-15,
14:15, 16
18 Jer.
38:12, 2 Chr.
36:7, 10, Jer.
38:2, Dan. 1:2

Jer. 27:10
Jer. 27:10

11 "But the nation which will
^abring its neck under the yoke of
the king of Babylon and serve
him, I will ^blet remain on its
land," declares the LORD, "and
they will till it and dwell in it."

12 ¹ And I spoke words like
all these to ^aZedekiah king of Ju-
dah, saying, "Bring your necks
under the yoke of the king of
Babylon, and serve him and his
people, and live!

13 "Why will you ^adie, you and
your people, by the sword, fam-
ine, and pestilence, as the LORD
has spoken to that nation which
will not serve the king of Baby-
lon?

14 "So ^ado not listen to the
words of the prophets who
speak to you, saying, 'You shall
not serve the king of Babylon,'
for they prophesy a ^blie to you;

15 for ^aI have not sent them,"
declares the LORD, "but they
^bprophesy falsely in My name, in
order that I may ^cdrive you out,
and that you may perish, ^dyou
and the prophets who prophesy
to you."

16 ¹ Then I spoke to the
priests and to all this people, say-
ing, "Thus says the LORD: Do not
listen to the words of your
prophets who prophesy to you,
saying, 'Behold, the ^avessels of
the LORD's house will now
shortly be brought again from
Babylon'; for they are prophesy-
ing a ^blie to you.

17 "Do not listen to them; serve
the king of Babylon, and live!
Why should this city ^abecome a
ruin?

18 "But ^aif they are prophets,
and if the word of the LORD is
with them, let them now ^bentreat
the LORD of hosts, that the ves-
sels which are left in the house of
the LORD, in the house of the king
of Judah, and in Jerusalem, may
not go to Babylon.

19 "For thus says the LORD of

17 Jer. 7:34
18 1 Kgs. 18:24 19 Sam. 7:2, 12:19, 23 Jer. 18:20

hosts concerning the ^apillars, concerning the sea, concerning the stands, and concerning the rest of the vessels that are left in this city.

20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he ^acarried into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

21 "Yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and in Jerusalem,

22 'They shall be ^acarried to Babylon, and they shall be there until the ^bday I visit them,' declares the LORD. 'Then I will ^cbring them ^bback and restore them to this place.' "

CHAPTER 28

NOW it came about in the same year, ^ain the beginning of the reign of ^bZedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that ^cHananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was from ^dGibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 'Within two years I am going to bring back to this place ^aall the vessels of the LORD's house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon.

4 'I am ^aalso going to bring back to this place ^bJeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the ^cexiles of Judah who went to Babylon,' declares the LORD, 'for I will break the ^dyoke of the king of Babylon.' "

5 ¶ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the

10 ^a1 Kin. 7:13; 2 Kin. 25:13, 17; Jer. 52:17-23

20 ^a2 Kin. 24:12, 14-16; 2 Chr. 36:10, 18; Jer. 22:28, 24:1

23 ^a1 Lit., up Jer. 34:2, 3; Jer. 25:11, 12, 27:7, 29:10; 32:5; ^cEzra 1:7-11, 5:13-15; 7:19

1 Jer. 27:1, 49:34; ^b2 Kin. 24:18; 20; 2 Chr. 36:11-13; Jer. 27:3, 12; Jer. 28:17; ^dJosh. 9:3, 10:12, 1 Kin. 3:4

2 Jer. 27:12, 28:11

3 ^a2 Kin. 24:13, 2 Chr. 36:10; Jer. 27:16; Dan. 1:2

4 Jer. 22:28, 27

^b2 Kin. 25:27; Jer. 22:24; 24:1; Jer. 22:10; Jer. 27:8

5 Jer. 28:1

6 ^a1 Ov. ful. All ^a1 Kin. 1:36; Ps. 41:13; Jer. 11:5

7 ^a1 Kin. 22:28

8 ^aLev. 26:14-39; 1 Kin. 14:15; 17:1, 22:17; Is. 5:5-7; Joel 1:20; Amos 1:2; Nah. 1:2

9 ^aDeut. 18:22

10 Jer. 27:2

11 Jer. 14:14; 27:10; 28:15

12 Jer. 1:2

13 ^aPs. 107:16; Is. 45:2

14 ^aDeut. 28:46; Jer. 27:8; Jer. 25:11

priests and in the presence of all the people who were standing in the ^ahouse of the LORD.

6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD ^bconfirm your words which you have prophesied to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place.

7 "Yet ^ahear now this word which I am about to speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people!

8 "The prophets who were before me and before you from ancient times ^aprophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms, of war and of calamity and of pestilence.

9 "The prophet who prophesies of peace, ^awhen the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then that prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent."

10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the ^ayoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it.

11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Ever so will I break within two full years, the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations.' " Then the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 ¶ And the ^aword of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

13 "Go and speak to Hananiah saying, 'Thus says the LORD "You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made in stead of them ^ayokes of iron."

14 'For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "I have put a ^ayoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall ^bserve

him. And ^cI have also given him the beasts of the field." " "

15 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, "Listen now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, and ^ayou have made this people trust in a lie.

16 "Therefore thus says the LORD, ^a'Behold, I am about to ¹remove you from the face of the earth. This year you are going to ^bdie, because you have ^{2c}counseled rebellion against the LORD.' "

17 So Hananiah the prophet died in the same year in the seventh month.

CHAPTER 29

NOW these are the words of the ^a'letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

2 (This was after King ^a'Jeconiah and the ^bqueen mother, the court officials, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.)

3 The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of ^a'Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying,

4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have ^a'sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon,

5 ^a'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens, and eat their ¹'produce.

6 Take ^a'wives and ¹become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease.

14 Jer. 27:6

15 Jer.

20:6, 29:31;

Lam. 2:14;

Ezek. 13:2, 3.

22:22-28;

Zech. 13:3

18 'Lit.,

and you

away 'Lit.,

spoken

'Gen. 7:4, Ex.

32:12, Deut.

6:15; 1 Kin.

13:34 'Jer.

20:6 'Deut.

13:5, Jer.

29:32

1 '2 Chr

30:1, 6, Euth

9:20, Jer.

29:25, 29

2 '2 Kin.

24:12-16.

2 Chr. 36:9.

10, Jer. 22:24

28:24, 1.

27:20 '2 Kin.

24:12, 15, Jer.

13:18, 22:26

3 '1 Chr

6:13

4 'Jer. 24:5

8 'Lit.,

fruit

'Jer. 29:28

6 'Lit., be-

got

'Jer. 16:2-4

7 'Or,

peace

'Dan. 4:27,

6:4, 5 'Ezra

6:10, 7:23;

Dan. 4:19;

1 Tim. 2:1, 2

8 'Lit.,

your 'Lit.,

you

'Jer. 27:9.

29:1 'Jer.

14:14, 23:21.

27:14, 15.

28:15, Eph.

5:6 'Jer.

23:25, 27

9 'Jer.

27:15, 29:21

'Jer. 29:31

10 '2 Chr

36:21, 23; Jer.

25:12, 27:22.

Dan. 9:2.

Zech. 7:5

'Jer. 24:6, 7;

Zeph. 2:7

11 'Lit., am

planning

'Ps. 40:5, Jer.

23:5, 6, 30:9.

10 'Isa. 40:9

11, Jer. 30:18

22 'Jer.

31:17, Hos.

2:15

12 'Ps.

30:15, Jer.

33:3; Dan. 9:3

'Ps. 148:19

13 'Deut.

4:28; Ps. 32:6

Matt. 7:7

'1 Chr. 22:18;

2 Chr. 22:8

Jer. 24:7

7 'And ^a'seek the ¹welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and ^bpray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its ¹welfare you will have ¹welfare.'

8 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Do not let your ^a'prophets who are in your midst and your diviners ^bdeceive you, and do not listen to ^{1c}the dreams which ²they dream.

9 'For they ^a'prophecy falsely to you in My name; ^bI have not sent them,' declares the LORD.

10 "For thus says the LORD, 'When ^a'seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My ^bgood word to you, to bring you back to this place.

11 'For I know the ^a'plans that I 'have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for ^bwelfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a ^chope.

12 'Then you will ^a'call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will ^blisten to you.

13 'And you will ^a'seek Me and find Me, when you ^bsearch for Me with all your heart.

14 'And I will be ^a'found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will ^brestore your ¹fortunes and will ^cgather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will ^dbring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

15 ¶ "Because you have said, 'The LORD has raised up ^a'prophets for us in Babylon'—

16 for thus says the LORD concerning the king who sits on the throne of David, and concerning all the people who dwell in this city, your brothers who did ^a'not go with you into exile—

17 thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am sending upon them

14 'Or, captivity 'Deut. 30:1-10; Ps. 32:6; Is. 38:6 'Jer.

30:3, 32:37-41 'Isa. 43:5, 6; Jer. 23:8, 32:37 'Jer. 3:14;

12:15, 16:15

18 'Jer. 29:21, 24

19 'Jer. 30:2, 3, 17-23

the ^asword, famine, and pestilence, and I will make them like ^bsplit-open figs that cannot be eaten due to rottenness.

18 'And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine and with pestilence; and I will ^amake them a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a ^bcurse, and a horror, and a ^chissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them.

19 because they have ^anot listened to My words,' declares the LORD, 'which I sent to them again and again by ^bMy servants the prophets; but you did not listen,' declares the LORD.

20 "You, therefore, hear the word of the LORD, all you exiles, whom I have ^asent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 "'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who are ^aprophesying to you falsely in My name, 'Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall slay them before your eyes.

22 'And because of them a ^acurse shall be ^bused by all the exiles from Judah who are in Babylon, saying, "May the LORD make you like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon ^broasted in the fire,

23 because they have ^aacted foolishly in Israel, and ^bhave committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have ^cspoken words in My name falsely, which I did not command them; and I am He who ^dknows, and am a witness," declares the LORD.' "

24 ¶ And to ^aShemaiah the Nehelamite you shall speak, saying,

25 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Because you have sent ^aletters in your own name to all the people who are in

17 Jer. 27:8; 29:18; 32:24; Jer. 24:3, 8-10

18 Deut. 28:25; 2 Chr. 29:8; Jer. 15:4; 24:9; 34:17; Ezek. 12:15; Jer. 65:15; Jer. 42:18; Jer. 25:9; Lam. 2:15, 16

19 Jer. 6:19; Jer. 25:4; 26:5, 15, 15

20 Jer. 24:5; Ezek. 11:9; Mic. 4:10

21 Jer. 14:14, 15; 29:8, 9; Lam. 2:14; 2 Pet. 2:1

22 Lit., taken; Is. 65:15; Dan. 3:6, 21

23 Gen. 34:7, 2 Sam. 13:12; Jer. 5:8; 23:14; Jer. 29:8, 9; 21:4; Prov. 5:21; Jer. 7:11; 18:17; Mal. 3:5; Heb. 4:13

24 Jer. 29:31, 32

25 Jer. 29:1; 2 Kin. 25:18; Jer. 21:1; 29:29; 37:3; 52:24

26 Lit., overseers; Jer. 20:1; 2 Kin. 9:11; Hos. 9:7; Mark 3:21; John 10:20; Acts 26:24; 25:2; Cor. 5:13; Deut. 13:1-5; Zech. 13:1-5; Jer. 20:1, 2; Acts 18:24

27 Jer. 1:1

28 Lit., fruit; Jer. 29:1; Jer. 29:10; Jer. 29:5

29 Lit., in the ears of; Jer. 29:25

Jerusalem, and to ^bZephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 "The LORD has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, to be the ^aoverseer in the house of the LORD over every ^bmadman who ^cprophesies, to ^dput him in the stocks and in the iron collar,

27 now then, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of ^aAnathoth who prophesies to you?

28 "For he has ^asent to us in Babylon, saying, 'The exile will be ^blong; ^cbuild houses and live in them and plant gardens and eat their ^dproduce.' "

29 ¶ And ^aZephaniah the priest read this letter ^bto Jeremiah the prophet.

30 Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying,

31 "Send to ^aall the exiles, saying, 'Thus says the LORD concerning ^bShemaiah the Nehelamite, "Because Shemaiah has ^cprophesied to you, although I did not send him, and he has ^dmade you trust in a lie,"

32 therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am about to ^apunish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his ^bdescendants; he shall ^bnot have anyone living among this people, ^cand he shall not see the good that I am about to do to My people," declares the LORD, "because he has ^dpreached rebellion against the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 30

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ^aWrite all the words which I have spoken to you in ^ba book.

31 Jer. 29:20; Jer. 29:24; Jer. 14:14, 15; 29:9, 23; Ezek. 13:8-16, 22, 23; Jer. 28:15

32 Lit., seed; Lit., spoken; Jer. 36:31; 1 Sam. 2:30-34; Jer. 22:30; 2 Kin. 7:2, 19, 20; Jer. 17:8; 29:10; Deut. 13:5; Jer. 28:16; 2 Is. 30:8; Jer. 25:13; 36:4, 28, 32; Hab. 2:2

3 'For, behold, ^adays are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will ^brestore the ¹fortunes of My people ^cIsrael and Judah.' The LORD says, 'I will also ^dbring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers, and they shall possess it.' "

4 ¶ Now these are the words which the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah,

5 "For thus says the LORD,
'I have heard a sound of ^aterror,

Of dread, and there is no peace.

6 'Ask now, and see,
If a male can give birth.
Why do I see every man
With his hands on his loins,
^aas a woman in child-birth?

And why have all faces
turned pale?

7 'Alas! for that ^aday is great,
There is ^bnone like it;
And it is the time of Jacob's
^cdistress,

But he will be ^dsaved from it.

8 'And it shall come about on that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'that I will ^abreak his yoke from off ¹their neck, and will tear off ¹their ^bbonds; and strangers shall no longer ^cmake ²them their slaves.

9 'But they shall serve the LORD their God, and ^aDavid their king, whom I will raise up for them.

10 '^aAnd fear not, O Jacob My servant,' declares the LORD,

'And do not be dismayed, O Israel;

For behold, I will save you
^bfrom afar,

And your ¹offspring from the land of their captivity.

And Jacob shall return, and shall be ^cquiet and at ease,

And ^dno one shall make him afraid.

⁸ ¹Or, captivity

⁴Jer. 29:10
⁴Ps. 53:6; Jer. 29:14; 30:18;
32:44; Ezek. 30:25; Amos 9:14; Zeph. 3:20
⁴Jer. 3:18
16:15; 23:7, 8; Ezek. 20:42.
36:24

⁸ ¹Lat., We
⁴Is. 5:30; Jer. 6:25; 8:16;
Amos 5:16-18

⁶ ⁴Jer. 4:31; 6:24;
22:23

⁷ ⁴Is. 2:12;
Hos. 1:11;
Joel 2:11;
Amos 5:18;
Zeph. 1:14
⁴Lam. 1:12;
Dan. 9:12;
12:1
⁴Jer. 2:27, 28, 14:8
⁴Jer. 30:10;
50:19

⁸ ¹So Gr.
Hos. your
¹Lat., him
their slave
⁴Is. 9:4; Jer. 2:20; Ezek. 34:27
⁴Jer. 27:2
Ezek. 34:27

⁹ ⁴Is. 55:3-5;
Ezek. 34:23, 24;
37:24, 25;
Hos. 3:5;
Luke 1:69;
Acts 2:30;
13:23, 34

¹⁰ ¹Lat.,
mind
⁴Is. 41:13;
43:5, 44:2;
Jer. 46:27, 28
⁴Is. 60:4; Jer. 23:3, 8, 29:14
⁴Is. 35:9; Jer. 33:16; Hos. 2:18
⁴Mal. 4:4

¹¹ ⁴Jer. 1:8;
19:4
Jer. 46:28; Amos 9:8
⁴Jer. 4:27;
5:10, 18
⁴Ps. 6:1; Jer. 10:24

¹² ⁴Chr. 26:16; Jer. 15:18; 30:15

¹³ ⁴Jer. 14:19; 48:11

¹⁴ ⁴Jer. 22:20, 22;
Lam. 1:2
⁴Lam. 2:4, 5
⁴Job 30:21
⁴Jer. 6:23;
50:43
⁴Jer. 32:30-35;
44:22
Jer. 5:6

¹⁶ ⁴Jer. 2:3;
8:16; 10:25
⁴Is. 14:2; Joel 3:8

11 'For ^aI am with you,' declares the LORD, 'to save you;

For I will ^bdestroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you,

Only I will ^cnot destroy you completely.

But I will ^dchasten you justly,

And will by no means leave you unpunished.'

12 ¶ 'For thus says the LORD,
'Your wound is incurable,
And your ^ainjury is serious.

13 'There is no one to plead your cause;

No healing for your sore,

^aNo recovery for you.

14 'All your ^alovers have forgotten you,

They do not seek you;

For I have ^bwounded you with the wound of an enemy,

With the ^cpunishment of a ^dcruel one.

Because your ^ainiquity is great

And your ¹sins are numerous.

15 'Why do you cry out over your injury?

Your pain is incurable.

Because your iniquity is great

And your sins are numerous,

I have done these things to you.

16 'Therefore all who ^adevour you shall be devoured;

And all your adversaries, every one of them, ^bshall go into captivity;

And those who plunder you shall be for plunder,

And all who prey upon you I will give for prey.

17 'For I will ¹restore you to ^{2a}health

¹⁷ ¹Lat., cause to go up ²Or, healing
⁴Ex. 15:26; Ps. 107:30; Is. 38:20; Jer. 8:22; 33:6

And I will heal you of your wounds,' declares the LORD,
'Because they have called you an ^boutcast, saying:
'It is Zion; no one ³cares for her.'"

18 ¶ "Thus says the LORD,
'Behold, I will ^arestore the
fortunes of the tents of Jacob

And ^bhave compassion on his dwelling places;
And the ^ccity shall be rebuilt on its ruin,
And the ^dpalace shall stand on its rightful place.

19 'And from them shall proceed ^athanksgiving

And the voice of those who ^bmake merry;

And I will ^cmultiply them, and they shall not be diminished;

I will also ^dhonor them, and they shall not be insignificant.

20 'Their children also shall be as formerly,

And ²their congregation shall be ^aestablished before Me;

And I will punish all ²their oppressors.

21 'And ¹their ^aleader shall be one of them,

And ¹their ruler shall come forth from ¹their midst;

And I will ^bbring him near, and he shall approach Me;

For ²who would dare to risk his life to ^c'approach Me?' declares the LORD.

22 'And you shall be ^aMy people,

And I will be your God.' "

23 ¶ Behold, the ^atempest of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,

A ¹sweeping tempest;

It will burst on the head of the wicked.

17 ^aLit., is seeking
^aIsa. 11:12;
58:8;
Jer. 33:24

18 ^bOr, captivity
^aJer. 30:3;
31:23 ^bPs.
102:13 ^cJer.
31:4, 38-40
^dChr. 29:1;
19: Ps. 48:3;
13: 122:7

19 ^bOr, dance
^aIs. 12:1;
35:10; 51:3;
Jer. 17:26;
33:11 ^bPs.
126:1, 2; Is.
51:11; Jer.
31:4; Zeph.
3:14 ^cJer.
33:22 ^dIs.
55:5; 60:9

20 ^aLit., his
^bLit., his
^aIs. 54:14

21 ^aLit., his
^bLit., who is he that gives his heart in pledge
^aJer. 30:9;
Ezek. 34:23;
24: 37:24

^bNum. 16:5;
Ps. 65:4 ^cEx.
3:5; Jer. 50:44
22 ^aEx. 6:7;
Jer. 32:38;
Ezek. 36:28;
Hos. 2:23;
Zech. 13:9

23 ^bOr, raging
^aJer. 23:19
24 ^aJer. 4:8
^bJer. 23:20

1 ^aJer.
30:22 ^bGen.
17:7, 8; Is.
41:10; Rom.
11:26-28

2 ^aNum.
14:20 ^bEx.
33:14; Num.
10:33; Deut.
1:33; Josh.
1:13

3 ^aLit., me
^aDeut. 4:37;
7:8; Mal. 1:2
^bPs. 25:6

4 ^aOr, be adorned with
^aJer. 24:6;
33:7 ^bIs.
30:32 ^cJer.
30:19

5 ^aOr, mountains
^bLit., defile
^aPs. 107:37;
Is. 65:21;
Ezek. 28:28;
Amos 9:14

6 ^aIs. 2:3;
Jer. 31:12;
50:4, 5; Mic.
4:2

24 The ^afierce anger of the LORD will not turn back,
Until He has performed,
and until He has accomplished
The intent of His heart;
In the ^blatter days you will understand this.

CHAPTER 31

“**A**T that time,” declares the LORD, “I will be the ^aGod of all the ^bfamilies of Israel, and they shall be My people.”

2 Thus says the LORD,

“The people who survived the sword

^aFound grace in the wilderness—

Israel, when it went to ^bfind its rest.”

3 The LORD appeared to ¹him from afar, saying,

“I have ^aloved you with an everlasting love;

Therefore I have drawn you with ^blovingkindness.

4 “^aAgain I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt,

O virgin of Israel!

Again you shall ¹take up your ^btambourines,

And go forth to the dances of the ^cmerrymakers.

5 “^aAgain you shall ^aplant vineyards

On the ¹hills of Samaria;

The planters shall plant

And shall ²enjoy them.

6 “^aFor there shall be a day when watchmen

On the hills of Ephraim shall call out,

‘Arise, and ^alet us go up to Zion,

To the LORD our God.’ ”

7 ¶ For thus says the LORD

“^aSing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

And shout among the ^bchiefs of the nations;

7 ^aLit., heads ^aPs. 14:7; Jer. 20:13 ^bDeut. 28:13; Is. 61:9

Proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O LORD, 'save Thy people,
The 'remnant of Israel.'
8"Behold, I am 'bringing them
from the north country,
And I will 'gather them
from the remote parts of
the earth,
Among them the 'blind and
the 'dame,
The woman with child and
she who is in labor with
child, together;
A great 'company, they
shall return here.
9""With weeping they shall
come,
And by supplication I will
lead them;
I will make them walk by
'streams of waters,
On a straight path in which
they shall 'not stumble;
For I am a 'father to Israel,
And Ephraim is 'My first-
born."
10 ¶ Hear the word of the
LORD, O nations,
And declare in the 'coast-
lands afar off,
And say, "He who scattered
Israel will 'gather him,
And keep him as a 'shep-
herd keeps his flock."
11 For the LORD has 'ran-
somed Jacob,
And redeemed him from
the hand of him who was
'stronger than he.
12"And they shall 'come and
shout for joy on the
'height of Zion,
And they shall be 'radiant
over the 'bounty of the
LORD—
Over the 'grain, and the
new wine, and the oil,
And over the young of the
'flock and the herd;
And their life shall be like a
'watered garden,
And they shall 'never lan-
guish again.

7 *Ps. 28:9
4a. 37:31.
Jer. 23:3
8 *Or. as-
sembly
Jer. 3:18
23:8 *Quint.
30:4, Is. 43:2
Ezek. 34:13
1a. 42:16 4a
40:11, Ezek.
34:16; Mic.
4:6
9 *Ps.
128:5, Jer.
50:4 4a
43:20, 48:10
1a. 63:13 4a
64:8, Jer. 3:4
19 *Ex. 4:22
10 4a
68:19, Jer.
25:22 *Jer.
50:19 4a
40:11, Ezek.
34:12
11 4a
44:23, 48:20;
Jer. 15:21.
50:34 *Ps.
142:6
12 *Lit.,
goodness
Jer. 31:6, 7
*Ezek. 17:23
1a. 2:2, Mic.
4:1 *Hos.
2:22, Joel
3:18 *Jer.
31:24, 33:12
13 1a. 58:11
4a. 35:10;
60:20, 65:18;
John 16:22;
Rev. 21:4
14 *Judg.
21:21, Ps.
30:11, Zech.
8:4, 5 4a
61:3 4a. 51:11
15 *Lit.,
nature *Lit.,
fairness
Jer. 50:19
16 *Matt.
2:18 *Josh.
18:25, Judg.
4:5, Is. 10:22;
Jer. 40:1
*Gen. 37:35,
Ps. 77:2
*Gen. 5:24,
42:13, 38, Jer.
10:20
16 4a. 25:6
30:19 *Ruth.
2:12, Heb.
6:10 *Jer.
30:3, Ezek.
11:17
17 *Jer.
29:11
18 *Jer. 3:21
*Job 3:17, Ps.
64:12 *Hos.
4:16 *Ps.
80:3, 7, 19;
Jer. 17:14;
Lam. 3:21,
Acts 3:26
19 *Ezek.
38:31; Zech.
12:10 *Ezek.
21:12; Luke
18:13

13"Then the virgin shall rejoice
in the 'dance,
And the young men and the
old, together,
For I will 'turn their mourn-
ing into joy,
And will comfort them, and
give them 'joy for their
sorrow.
14"And I will 'fill the soul of the
priests with 'abundance,
And My people shall be
'satisfied with My good-
ness," declares the LORD.
15 ¶ Thus says the LORD,
""A voice is heard in 'Ra-
mah,
Lamentation and bitter
weeping,
Rachel is weeping for her
children;
She 'refuses to be com-
forted for her children,
Because 'they are no
more."
16 Thus says the LORD,
""Restrain your voice from
weeping,
And your eyes from tears;
For your 'work shall be re-
warded," declares the
LORD,
""And they shall 'return from
the land of the enemy.
17"And there is 'hope for your
future," declares the
LORD,
""And your children shall re-
turn to their own terri-
tory.
18"I have surely heard Ephra-
im 'grieving,
'Thou hast 'chastised me,
and I was chastised,
Like an untrained 'calf;
'Bring me back that I may
be restored,
For Thou art the LORD my
God.
19 'For after I turned back, I
'repented;
And after I was instructed, I
'smote on my thigh;

I was ashamed, and also
humiliated,

Because I bore the reproach
of my youth.'

20 "Is Ephraim My dear son?
Is he a delightful child?
Indeed, as often as I have
spoken against him,
I certainly still remember
him;

Therefore My heart
yearns for him;

I will surely have mercy on
him," declares the LORD.

21 ¶ "Set up for yourself road-
marks,

Place for yourself guide-
posts;

Direct your mind to the
highway,

The way by which you
went.

Return, O virgin of Israel,
Return to these your cities.

22 "How long will you go here
and there,

O faithless daughter?
For the LORD has created a
new thing in the earth—

A woman will encompass a
man."

23 ¶ Thus says the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel, "Once
again they will speak this word
in the land of Judah and in its
cities, when I restore their fortunes,

'The LORD bless you, O
babode of righteousness,

O holy hill!'

24 "And Judah and all its cities
will dwell together in it, the
farmer and they who go about
with flocks.

25 "For I satisfy the weary
ones and refresh everyone who
languishes."

26 At this I awoke and looked,
and my sleep was pleasant to
me.

27 ¶ "Behold, days are com-
ing," declares the LORD, "when I
will sow the house of Israel and
the house of Judah with the seed

18 Jer. 3:25

20 Lit., in-

ward parts

Hos. 11:8

Gen. 43:30;

Judg. 10:16;

Is. 63:15;

Hos. 11:8; Is.

55:7; 57:18;

Hos. 14:4;

Mic. 7:18

21 Lit.,

heart

Jer. 50:5; Is.

48:20; 52:11

22 Jer. 3:6;

49:4

23 Or, cap-

tivity

Jer. 30:18;

32:44; Is.

1:28; Jer. 50:7

Ps. 48:1;

87:1; Zech.

8:3

24 Jer.

31:12; Ezek.

36:10; Zech.

8:4-8

25 Lit., all

Ps. 107:9;

Jer. 31:12, 14;

Matt. 5:6;

John 4:14

26 Zech.

4:1; Prov.

3:24

27 Ezek.

36:9, 11; Hos.

2:23

28 Jer.

44:27; Dan.

9:14; Jer.

1:10; 18:7

Jer. 24:6

29 Or, dull

Lam. 5:7;

Ezek. 18:2

30 Or, dull

Deut. 24:18;

Is. 3:11; Ezek.

18:4, 20

31 Jer.

31:31-34;

Heb. 8:8-12

Jer. 32:40;

33:14; Ezek.

37:28; Luke

22:20; 1 Cor.

11:25; 2 Cor.

3:6; Heb. 8:8-

12; 10:16, 17

32 Ex. 19:5;

24:6-8; Deut.

5:2, 3; Deut.

1:31; Is. 63:12

Jer. 11:7, 8

33 Jer.

32:40; Heb.

10:16; Ps.

40:8; 2 Cor.

3:3; Jer. 24:7;

30:22; 32:38

34 1 Thess.

4:9; 1 John

2:27; Is. 11:9;

54:13; Jer.

24:7; Hab.

2:14; John

6:45; 1 John

2:20; Jer.

33:8; 50:20;

Mic. 7:18;

Rom. 11:27

Is. 43:25;

Heb. 10:17

of man and with the seed of
beast.

28 "And it will come about that
as I have watched over them
to pluck up, to break down, to
overthrow, to destroy, and to
bring disaster, so I will watch
over them to build and to
plant," declares the LORD.

29 "In those days they will not
say again,

'The fathers have eaten
sour grapes,

And the children's teeth are
set on edge.'

30 "But everyone will die for
his own iniquity; each man who
eats the sour grapes, his teeth
will be set on edge.

31 "Behold, days are coming,"
declares the LORD, "when I will
make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and with the
house of Judah,

32 not like the covenant
which I made with their fathers
in the day I took them by the
hand to bring them out of the
land of Egypt, My covenant
which they broke, although I
was a husband to them," de-
clares the LORD.

33 "But this is the covenant
which I will make with the house
of Israel after those days," de-
clares the LORD, "I will put My
law within them, and on their
heart I will write it; and I will be
their God, and they shall be My
people.

34 "And they shall not teach
again, each man his neighbor
and each man his brother, say-
ing, 'Know the LORD,' for they
shall all know Me, from the
least of them to the greatest of
them," declares the LORD, "for
I will forgive their iniquity, and
their sin I will remember no
more."

35 ¶ Thus says the LORD,

Who gives the sun for light
by day,

35 Gen. 1:14-18; Deut. 4:19; Ps. 19:1-6; 136:7-9

And the ¹fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,

Who ^bstirs up the sea so that its waves roar;

"The LORD of hosts is His name:

36 "If ¹this fixed order departs From before Me," declares the LORD,

"Then the offspring of Israel also shall ^bcease

From being a nation before Me ²forever."

37 Thus says the LORD,

"If the heavens above can be measured,

And the foundations of the earth searched out below,

Then I will also ^bcast off all the offspring of Israel

For all that they have done," declares the LORD.

38 ¶ "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the ^acity shall be rebuilt for the LORD from the ^bTower of Hanel to the ^cCorner Gate.

39 "And the ^ameasuring line shall go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah.

40 "And ^athe whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook ^bKidron, to the corner of the ^cHorse Gate toward the east, shall be ^dholy to the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, or overthrown anymore forever."

CHAPTER 32

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the ^atenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

2 Now at that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the ^acourt of the guard, which was in the house of the king of Judah,

28 ¹Lt. statutes
Isa. 51:15 Jer 10:16, 32:18, 50:34

28 ¹Lt. these statutes
1 Lt. all the days

Ps. 80:36, 37, 148:6, 1a, 54:9, 10; Jer 33:20-26

Amos 9:8, 9, 27:1a, 40:12, Jer 33:22 Jer 33:24-26, Rom. 11:2, 5, 26, 27

38 Jer 30:18, 31:4, Neh. 3:1, 12:39, Zech. 14:10, 2 Kin. 14:13, 2 Chr. 26:9

39 Zech. 2:1, 40: Jer 7:32, 8:2, 12: Sam. 15:23, 2 Kin. 23:6, 12, John 18:1, 2 Kin. 11:16, 2 Chr. 23:15, Neh. 3:28, Joel 3:17, Zech. 14:20

1, 2 Kin. 25:1, 2, Jer 39:1, 2, 2 Neh. 3:25, Jer 33:1, 37:21, 38:6, 39:14

3, 4 Kin. 6:32 Jer 26:8, 9 Jer 21:3-7, 34:2, 3 Jer 21:4-7, 32:28, 29, 34:2, 3

4 Lt. mouth to mouth
2 Kin. 25:4, 7, Jer 37:17, 38:18, 23, 39:4-7 Jer 39:5

5 Jer 27:22, 38:7, Ezek. 12:12, 13: Ezech. 17:9, 10, 15, 7 Jer 1:1, 11:21, Lev. 25:25, Ruth 4:3, 4

6 Jer 32:2, 33:1, Jer 1:1, 32:7, 1 Sam. 9:16, 17, 10:3-7, 1 Kin. 22:25, Jer 32:25

9 Gen. 23:16, Zech. 11:12 Gen. 24:22, Ex. 21:32, Neh. 5:15, Ezek. 4:10

3 because Zedekiah king of Judah had ^ashut him up, saying, "Why do you ^bprophecy, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am about to ^dgive this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will take it;

4 and Zedekiah king of Judah shall ^anot escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but he shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall ^bspeak with him ¹face to face, and see him eye to eye;

5 and he shall ^atake Zedekiah to Babylon, and he shall be there until I visit him," declares the LORD. "If you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall ^bnot succeed" ? "

6 ¶ And Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

7 "Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you, saying, "Buy for yourself my field which is at ^aAnathoth, for you have the ^bright of redemption to buy it."

8 "Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the ^acourt of the guard according to the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field, please, that is at ^bAnathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for you have the right of possession and the redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the ^cword of the LORD.

9 "And I bought the field which was at Anathoth from Hanamel my uncle's son, and I ^aweighed out the silver for him, seventeen ^bshekels of silver.

10 "And I ^asigned and ^bsealed the deed, and ^ccalled in witnesses, and weighed out the silver on the scales.

11 "Then I took the deeds of purchase, both the sealed copy

10 Or, wrote on the document. 1a. 44:5, Jer 32:44
Deut. 32:34; Job 14:17 Ruth 4:1, 2; Is. 8:2

containing the ^aterms and conditions, and the open copy:

12 and I gave the deed of purchase to ^aBaruch the son of ^bNeriaiah, the son of Mahseiah, in the sight of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the sight of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, before all the Jews who were sitting in the court of the guard.

13 "And I commanded Baruch in their presence, saying,

14 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Take these deeds, this sealed deed of purchase, and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, that they may ¹last a long time."

15 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

16 ¶ "After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriaiah, then I ¹prayed to the LORD, saying,

17 "Ah Lord ¹God! Behold, Thou hast ^bmade the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! ^cNothing is too difficult for Thee,

18 who ^ashowest lovingkindness to thousands, but ^brepayest the iniquity of fathers into the bosom of their children after them, O ^cgreat and ^dmighty God. The ^eLORD of hosts is His name;

19 ^agreat in counsel and mighty in deed, whose ^beyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, ^cgiving to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds;

20 who hast ^aset signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and even to this day both in Israel and among mankind; and Thou hast ^bmade a name for Thyself, as at this day.

21 "And Thou didst ^abring Thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and with wonders, and with a strong hand and

11 ^aLuke 2:27

12 ^aJer.

32:16, 36:4, 3, 32, 43:3, 45:1

^aJer. 31:59

14 ^aLat. stand many days

15 ^aJer.

30:18, 31:5,

12, 24, 32:37,

43, 44, 33:12,

13, Amos

9:14, 15,

Zech. 3:10

16 ^aGen.

32:9-12, Jer.

12:1, Phil.

4:6, 7

17 ^aHeb.

YHWH, usually rendered

LORD

^aJer. 1:6, 4:10

^a2 Kin. 19:15,

Ps. 102:25, Is.

40:26-29, Jer.

27:5 ^aGen.

18:14, Jer.

32:27, Zech.

8:6, Matt.

19:28, Mark

10:27, Luke

1:37, 18:27

18 ^aEx. 20:6,

34:6, 7, Deut.

5:9, 10, 7:9,

10:1 ^aKin.

14:9, 10, 16:1,

3, Matt.

23:32-36 ^aPs.

145:3 ^aPs.

50:1, Is. 9:6,

Jer. 20:11

^aJer. 10:16,

31:35

19 ^aIs. 9:6,

28:29 ^aJob

34:21, Jer.

23:24 ^aPs.

62:12, Jer.

17:10, 21:14,

Matt. 18:27,

John 5:29

20 ^aPs.

78:43, 106:27

^aEx. 9:16, Is.

63:12, 14,

Dan. 9:15

21 ^aEx. 6:6,

Deut. 4:34,

7:19, 28:8,

2 Sam. 7:23,

1 Chr. 17:21,

Ps. 136:11

22 ^aEx. 3:8,

17:13, 3,

Deut. 1:8, Ps.

106:9-11, Jer.

11:5

23 ^aPs. 44:2,

3:78-84, 55,

Jer. 2:7 ^aHeb.

9:20, Jer.

11:8, Dan.

9:10-14 ^aEzra

9:7, Jer. 28:4,

44:10 ^aLam.

1:18, Dan.

9:11, 12

with an outstretched arm, and with great terror;

22 and gavest them this land which Thou didst ^aswear to their forefathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

23 "And they ^acame in and took possession of it, but they ^bdid not obey Thy voice or ^cwalk in Thy law; they have done nothing of all that Thou commandedst them to do; therefore Thou has made ^dall this calamity come upon them.

24 "Behold, the ^asiege mound have reached the city to take it and the city is ^bgiven into the hand of the Chaldeans who fight against it, because of the ^csword the famine, and the pestilence and what Thou hast spoken has ^dcome to pass; and, behold, Thou seest it.

25 "And Thou hast said to me, O Lord ¹God, "Buy for yourself the field with money, and call in witnesses"—although the city I given into the hand of the Chaldeans."

26 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the ^aGod of all flesh; is anything ^btoo difficult for Me?"

28 Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am about to ^agive this city into the hand of the Chaldeans and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

29 "And the Chaldeans who are fighting against this city shall enter and ^aset this city on fire and burn it, with the ^bhouses where people have offered incense to Baal on their roofs and poured out libations to other gods to provoke Me to anger.

24 ^aJer. 33:4, Ezek. 21:22 ^aJer. 20:5, 21:4-7, 32:5 ^aJer. 14:12, 29:17, 18, 32:36, 34:17, Ezek. 14:21 ^aDeut. 4:28; Josh. 23:15, 16; Zech. 1:6

28 ^aHeb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD

27 ^aNum. 16:22, 27:16 ^aJer. 32:17; Matt. 19:28

28 ^a2 Kin. 25:11; 2 Chr. 36:17-21; Jer. 19:7-12, 32:3, 36, 34:2, 3

29 ^a2 Chr. 36:19; Jer. 21:10, 37:8, 10, 39:8 ^aJer. 19:13; 44:17-19, 25, 32:13

30 "Indeed the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah have been doing only ^aevil in My sight from their youth; for the sons of Israel have been only ^bprovoking Me to anger by the work of their hands," declares the LORD.

31 "Indeed this city has been to Me a ^aprovocation of My anger and My wrath from the day that they built it, even to this day, that it should be ^bremoved from before My face,

32 because of all the evil of the sons of Israel and the sons of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger—they, their ^akings, their leaders, their priests, their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

33 "And they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face; though I taught them, ^ateaching again and again, they would not listen ²and receive instruction.

34 "But they ^aput their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it.

35 "And they built the ^ahigh places of Baal that are in the valley of Ben-hinnom to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to ^bMolech, which I had not commanded them nor had it ^centered My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 ¶ "Now therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning this city of which you say, 'It is ^agiven into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence.'

37 "Behold, I will ^agather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and ^bmake them dwell in safety.

38 "And they shall be ^aMy people, and I will be their God;

39 and I will ^agive them one

30 ^aDeut. 9:7-12; Is. 63:10; Jer. 2:7, 7:22-26; Jer. 8:19; 11:17, 25:7; 31:1; 1 Km. 11:7, & 2 Km. 21:4-7, 16; Jer. 5:9-11, 6:6, 7, Matt. 23:37; 2 Km. 23:27, 24:3, 4; Jer. 27:10; 32 ^aExra 9:7; Is. 1:4-6, 23; Jer. 2:28; 44:17, 21; Dan. 9:8; 33 ^aLat., rising up early and teaching; ^bLat., to; ^c2 Chr. 36:15, 16; Jer. 7:13, 25:3, 28:3, 35:15; John 8:2; 34 ^a2 Km. 21:1-7; Jer. 7:30; 19:4-6; Ezek. 8:5; 35 ^aLat., come up into My heart; ^b2 Chr. 28:2, & 33:6; Jer. 7:31, 18:5; ^cLev. 18:21, 20:2-3; 1 Km. 11:7, 2 Km. 23:10; Acts 7:43; 36 ^aJer. 32:24; 37 ^aDeut. 30:3; Ps. 108:47; Is. 11:11, 16; Jer. 16:14, 15; 23:3, & Ezek. 11:17; Hos. 1:11; Amos 9:14, 15; ^bJer. 23:6; Ezek. 34:25, 28; Zech. 14:11; 38 ^aJer. 24:7; 39 ^a2 Chr. 30:12; Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 11:18; John 17:21; Acts 4:32; ^bDeut. 11:18-21; Ezek. 37:25; 40 ^aIs. 35:3; Jer. 31:33, 34; 50:5; Ezek. 37:26; ^bDeut. 31:6, & Ezek. 39:29; Jer. 24:7, 31:33; 41 ^aOr, truly; ^bDeut. 30:2; Is. 62:5, 65:19; Jer. 24:6; 31:28; Amos 8:15; ^cHos. 2:18, 20; 42 ^aJer. 31:28; Zech. 8:14, 15; ^bJer. 32:14

heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own ^bgood, and for *the good* of their children after them.

40 "And I will make an ^aeverlasting covenant with them that I will ^bnot turn away from them, to do them good; and I will ^cput the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me.

41 "And I will ^arejoice over them to do them good, and I will ^bfaithfully ^cplant them in this land with ^dall My heart and with all My soul.

42 "For thus says the LORD, ^aJust as I brought all this great disaster on this people, so I am going to ^bbring on them all the good that I am promising them.

43 "And ^afields shall be bought in this land of which you say, ^b"It is a desolation, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans."

44 "Men shall buy fields for money, ^asign and seal deeds, and call in witnesses in the ^bland of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the ²Negev; for I will ^crestore their ³fortunes," declares the LORD."

CHAPTER 33

THEN the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still ^aconfined in the court of the guard, saying.

2 "Thus says ^athe LORD who made ^bthe earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it, the ^bLORD is His name.

3 ^aCall to Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you ^bgreat and

43 ^aJer. 32:15, 25; Ezek. 37:11-14; ^bJer. 32:10; 44 ^aOr, write . . . on the document; ^bLat., South country; ^cOr, captivity; ^dJer. 32:10; ^eJer. 17:26; 33:13; Jer. 31:28; 33:7, 11, 20; 1 ^aLat., about up; ^bJer. 32:2, & 37:21; 38:28; 2 ^aLat., at; ^bJer. 31:19; ^cIs. 2:15; 6:3; 15:3; Jer. 16:16; 3 ^aPs. 50:15; 91:13; Is. 35:6, 7; Jer. 28:12; ^bJer. 32:17; 27

mighty things, which you do not know.'

4 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning the ^ahouses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to make a defense against the ^bsiege mounds and against the sword,

5 'While they are coming to ^afight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the corpses of men whom I have slain in My anger and in My wrath, and I have ^bhidden My face from this city because of all their wickedness:

6 'Behold, I will bring to it ^ahealth and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an ^aabundance of peace and truth.

7 'And I will ^arestore the ¹fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and I will ^brebuild them as they were at first.

8 'And I will ^acleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned against Me, and by which they have transgressed against Me.

9 'And ¹it shall be to Me a ^aname of joy, praise, and glory before ^aall the nations of the earth, which shall hear of all the ^cgood that I do for them, and they shall ^dfear and tremble because of all the good and all the peace that I make for it.'

10 ¶ "Thus says the LORD, 'Yet again there shall be heard in this place, of which you say, "It is a ^awaste, without man and without beast," that is, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem that are ^bdesolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast,

11 the voice of ^ajoy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who say,

3 Is. 48:6

4 Is.

32:13, 14

^bJer. 32:24;

Ezek. 4:2;

21:22; Hab.

1:10

⁸ Jer.

21:4, 7, 32:5

^bIs. 8:17; Jer.

21:10; Mic.

3:4

⁸ Jer.

17:14, 30:17;

Hos. 6:1 ^bIs.

68:12; Gal.

5:22, 23

7 ¹Or, cap-

tivity

^aPs. 85:1; Jer.

30:18; 32:44;

33:26; Amos

9:14 ^bIs. 1:26;

Jer. 30:18;

31:4, 38;

Amos 9:14,

15

8 ^aPs. 51:2;

Is. 44:22; Jer.

50:20; Ezek.

36:25, 33;

Mic. 7:18, 19;

Zech. 13:1;

Heb. 9:11-14

9 ¹Or, thus

city

^aIs. 62:2, 4, 7;

Jer. 13:11

^bJer. 3:17, 19;

4:2; 16:19

^cJer. 24:6;

32:42 ^dNeh.

6:16; Ps. 40:3;

Is. 60:5; Hos.

3:5

10 ^aJer.

32:43 ^bJer.

26:9; 34:22

11 ¹Or, cap-

tivity

^aIs. 35:10;

51:3, 11

^b1 Chr. 16:8;

34:2 Chr.

5:13; 7:3;

Ezra 3:11; Ps.

100:4, 5;

106:1; 107:1;

118:1; 136:1

^cLev. 7:12;

13; Ps.

107:22;

116:17; Jer.

17:28; Heb.

13:15

12 ¹Or, pas-

ture

^aJer. 32:43;

36:29; 51:62

^bIs. 65:10;

Jer. 31:12;

Ezek. 34:12-

15; Zeph.

2:6, 7

13 ^aJer.

17:28; 32:44

^bLev. 27:32;

Luke 15:4

14 ^aJer. 23:5

^bIs. 32:1, 2;

Jer. 29:10;

32:42; 33:9;

Ezek. 34:23-

25; Hag. 2:6-9

^a"Give thanks to the LORD of hosts,

For the LORD is good...

For His lovingkindness is everlasting";

and of those who bring a ^cthank offering into the house of the LORD. For I will restore the ¹fortunes of the land as they were at first,' says the LORD.

12 ¶ "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'There shall again be in this place which is waste, ^awithout man or beast, and in all its cities, a ¹habitation of shepherds who rest their ^bflocks.

13 'In the ^acities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, in the cities of the Negev, in the land of Benjamin, in the environs of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks shall again ^bpass under the hands of the one who numbers them,' says the LORD.

14 ¶ 'Behold, ^adays are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will ^bfulfill the good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

15 'In those days and at that time I will cause a ^arighteous Branch of David to spring forth; and He shall execute ^bjustice and righteousness on the earth.

16 'In those days ^aJudah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she shall be called: the ^bLORD is our righteousness.'

17 "For thus says the LORD 'David shall ^anever lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

18 ¹and the ^aLevitical priests shall never lack a man before Me

19 ^aIs. 4:2; 11:1-5; Jer. 23:5, 6; 30:9; Zech. 3:8; 6:12, 13;

^bPs. 72:1-5

16 ^aIs. 45:17, 22; Jer. 23:6 ^bIs. 45:24, 25; Jer. 23:6;

1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9

17 ¹Lit., There shall not be cut off for David ^a2 Sam.

7:16; 1 Kin. 2:4; 8:25; 1 Chr. 17:11-14; Ps. 89:29-37

18 ¹Lit., there shall not be cut off for the Levitical

priests ^aNum. 3:5-10; Deut. 18:1, 24:8;

Josh. 3:3; Ezek. 44:15

to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to ^bprepare sacrifices ²continually.' "

19 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

20 "Thus says the LORD, 'If you can ^abreak My covenant for the day, and My covenant for the night, so that day and night will not be at their appointed time,

21 then ^aMy covenant may also be broken with David My servant that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levitical priests, My ministers.

22 'As the ^ahost of heaven cannot be counted, and the ^bsand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will ^amultiply the ¹descendants of David My servant and the ^dLevites who minister to Me.' "

23 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 "Have you not observed what this people have spoken, saying, 'The ^atwo families which the LORD chose, He has ^brejected them'? Thus they ^cdespise My people, no longer are they as a nation ¹in their sight.

25 "Thus says the LORD, 'If My ^acovenant for day and night stand not, and the ¹fixed patterns of heaven and earth I have ^bnot established,

26 then I would ^areject the ¹descendants of Jacob and David My servant, ^anot taking from his ¹descendants ^brulers over the ¹descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But I will ^crestore their ³fortunes and will have ^dmercy on them.' "

CHAPTER 34

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army, with ^ball the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem and against all its cities, saying,

18 ^aLi., all the days

^bEzra 3:5; Heb. 13:15

20 ^aPs. 89:37, 104:19

23, 1a. 54:9

10; Jer. 31:35

37, 33:25

21 ^a2 Sam. 23:5, 2 Chr. 7:18, 21:7

22 ^aLi., seed

^aGen. 15:5, Jer. 31:37

^aGen. 22:17

^aEzek. 37:24

27 ^a1a. 66:21

Jer. 33:18

24 ^aLi., in their faces

1a. 7:17, 11:13, Jer. 3:7, 8:10, 18:33

20; Ezek. 37:22

30 ^a1a. 17:17

4:2-4, Ezk. 3:6, 8:9; Ps. 44:13, 14, 83:4

25 ^aLi., statutes

^aGen. 8:22, Jer. 31:35, 38:33

20 ^aPs. 74:16, 17

26 ^aLi., seed

^aLi., from taking

^aOr, captivity

^aJer. 31:37

^aGen. 49:10

^aJer. 33:7 ^a1a. 14:1, 54:8, Jer. 31:20; Ezek. 39:25, Hos. 1:7, 2:23

1 ^a2 Kin. 25:1, Jer. 32:2, 39:1, 52:4

^aJer. 1:15, 27:7, Dan. 2:37, 38

3 ^a2 Chr. 36:11, 12; Jer. 22:1, 2, 37:1, 2 ^aJer. 21:10; 32:3, 34:22, 37:8, 10 ^aJer. 32:29

3 ^aLi., mouth to mouth

^a2 Kin. 25:4, 5; Jer. 21:7, 32:4, 34:21

^a2 Kin. 25:8, 7; Jer. 39:8, 7

8 ^a2 Chr. 16:14, 21:19

^aJer. 22:18

6 ^a1 Sam. 3:18, 15:16-24

7 ^aJosh. 10:3, 5, 2 Kin. 14:19, 18:14, 1a. 38:2

^aJosh. 10:10; 2 Chr. 11:9

^a2 Chr. 11:5-10

2 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ^aGo and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and say to him: "Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, ^bI am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and ^che will burn it with fire.

3 'And ^ayou will not escape from his hand, for you will surely be captured and delivered into his hand; and you will ^bsee the king of Babylon eye to eye, and he will speak with you ¹face to face, and you will go to Babylon.' "

4 "Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the LORD concerning you, 'You will not die by the sword.

5 'You will die in peace; and as spices were burned for your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they will ^aburn spices for you; and ^bthey will lament for you, "Alas, lord!" " For I have spoken the word," declares the LORD.

6 ¶ Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke ^aall these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem

7 when the army of the king of Babylon was fighting against Jerusalem and against all the remaining cities of Judah, that is, ^aLachish and ^bAzekah, for they alone remained as ^cfortified cities among the cities of Judah.

8 ¶ The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after King Zedekiah had ^amade a covenant with all the people who were in Jerusalem to ^bproclaim ¹release to them:

9 that each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant, a ^aHebrew man or a Hebrew woman; so that ^bno one should keep them, a Jew his brother, in bondage.

8 ^aOr, liberty ^a2 Kin. 11:17, 23:2, 3 ^aEzra. 21:2; Lev. 25:10, 30-40; Neh. 5:1-13; 1a. 58:6; Jer. 34:14, 17

9 ^aGen. 14:13; Ex. 2:6 ^aLev. 25:39

10 And all the ^aofficials and all the people obeyed, who had entered into the covenant that each man should set free his male servant and each man his female servant, so that no one should keep them any longer in bondage; they obeyed, and set *them* free.

11 But afterward they turned around and took back the male servants and the female servants, whom they had set free, and brought them into subjection for male servants and for female servants.

12 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'I ^amade a covenant with your forefathers in the day that I ^bbrought them out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, saying,

14 "At the end of seven years each of you shall set free his Hebrew brother, who ¹has been sold to you and has served you six years, you shall send him out free from you; but your forefathers ^bdid not obey Me, or incline their ear to Me.

15 "Although recently you *had* turned and ^adone what is right in My sight, each man proclaiming ¹release to his neighbor, and you *had* ^bmade a covenant before Me ^cin the house which is called by My name.

16 "Yet you ^aturned and ^bprofaned My name, and each man ¹took back his male servant and each man his female servant, whom you had set free according to their desire, and you brought them into subjection to be your male servants and female servants."

17 ¶ "Therefore thus says the LORD, 'You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming ¹release each man to his brother, and each man to his neighbor. Behold, I am ^aproclaiming a ¹release to

10 Jer. 26:10, 16.
13 ^aEx. 24:3, 7, 8; Deut. 5:2, 3, 27; Jer. 31:32 ^aEx. 20:2.

14 ¹Or, *has sold himself*.
^aEx. 21:2; Deut. 15:12, 1; Kun. 9:22 ^b1; Sam. 8:7, 8, 2; Kun. 17:13, 14.

15 ¹Or, *liberty*.
^aJer. 34:8; ^b2 Kun. 23:3; Neh. 10:29; ^cJer. 7:10f.; 32:34.

16 ¹Lit., *caused them to return*.
^a1 Sam. 15:11; Jer. 34:11; Ezek. 3:20; 18:24; ^bEx. 20:7; Lev. 19:12.

17 ¹Or, *liberty*.
^aLev. 26:34, 35; Esth. 7:10; Dan. 6:24; Matt. 7:2; ^bJer. 32:24; ^c2 Deut. 28:25; Jer. 29:18.

18 ^aDeut. 17:2; Hos. 6:7, 8; 1; Rom. 2:8 ^bGen. 15:10.

19 ^aJer. 34:10; Ezek. 22:27; Zeph. 3:3, 4.

20 ^aJer. 11:21, 21:7, 22:25 ^bDeut. 28:28, 1 Sam. 17:44, 46; 1 Kun. 14:11; 16:4; Ps. 79:2; Jer. 7:33; 16:4, 19:7.

21 ^a2 Kin. 25:18-21; Jer. 32:3, 4, 39:6; 52:10, 24-27; Ezek. 17:16; ^bJer. 37:5-11.

22 ^aJer. 34:2, 39:1, 2, 8, 52:7, 13; ^bJer. 4:7, 9:11; ^cJer. 33:10; 44:22.

1 ^a2 Kin. 23:34-36; 24:1; 2 Chr. 36:5-7; Jer. 1:3, 27:20; Dan. 1:1.

2 ^a2 Kin. 10:15; 1 Chr. 2:55 ^b1 Kin. 6:5, 8; 1 Chr. 9:28, 33.

you,' declares the LORD, 'to the ^bsword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you a ^cterror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 'And I will give the men who have ^atransgressed My covenant, who have not fulfilled the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when they ^bcut the calf in two and passed between its parts—

19 the ^aofficials of Judah, and the officials of Jerusalem, the court officers, and the priests and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf—

20 and I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who ^aseek their life. And their ^bdead bodies shall be food for the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth.

21 'And ^aZedekiah king of Judah and his officials I will give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon which has ^bgone away from you.

22 'Behold, I am going to command,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring them back to this city, and they shall fight against it and ^atake it and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a ^bdesolation ^cwithout inhabitant.'

CHAPTER 35

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of ^aJehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

2 "Go to the house of the ^aRechabites, and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the ^bchambers and give them wine to drink."

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, son of Habazziah, and his brothers, and all his

sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites.

4 and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaiah, the ^aman of God, which was near the chamber of the officials, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, ^bthe door-keeper.

5 Then I set before the ¹men of the house of the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, "Drink wine!"

6 But they said, "We will not drink wine, for ^aJonadab the son of ^bRechab, our father, commanded us, saying, 'You shall not drink wine, you or your sons, forever.'

7 'And you shall not build a house, and you shall not sow seed, and you shall not plant a vineyard or own one; but in ^atents you shall dwell all your days, that you may live ^bmany days in the land where you ^csojourn.'

8 'And we have ^aobeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, not to drink wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters.

9 nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; and we ^ado not have vineyard or field or seed.

10 'We have only ^adwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and have done according to all that ^bJonadab our father commanded us.

11 'But it came about, when ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, that we said, 'Come and let us go to Jerusalem before the army of the Chaldeans and before the army of the Arameans.' So we have dwelt in Jerusalem."

12 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying,

13 "Thus says the LORD of hosts,

4 ^aDeut. 33:1; Josh. 14:6; 1 Kin. 12:22; 2 Kin. 19:13 ^b1 Chr. 9:18f.

8 ^aLit. sons

^aAmos 2:12

6 ^a2 Kin. 10:15, 23

^b1 Chr. 2:35

^cLev. 10:9;

Num. 6:2-4;

Judg. 13:7;

14; Luke 1:15

7 ^aGen. 25:27; Heb. 11:9 ^bEx. 20:12; Eph. 6:2, 3 ^cGen. 36:7

8 ^aProv. 18:9; 4:1, 2;

10; 6:20; Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20

9 ^aPs. 37:16; Jer. 35:7; 1 Tim. 6:6

10 ^aJer. 35:7

^bJer. 35:6

11 ^a2 Kin. 24:1, 2; Dan. 1:1, 2 ^bJer. 4:5-7; 8:14

12 ^aIs. 28:9-12; Jer. 5:3;

6:8-10; 32:33

14 ^aLit. raising early and speaking

^bJer. 35:6-10

^c2 Chr. 36:15;

Jer. 7:13, 25;

11:7; 25:3, 4

^aIs. 30:9; 50:2

15 ^aLit. raising early and speaking

^bJer. 7:25;

25:4; 28:5;

29:18; 32:33

^aIs. 1:16, 17;

Jer. 4:1;

18:11; 25:5f.;

Ezek. 18:30-32; Acts 26:20 ^aDeut. 6:14; Jer. 7:4;

13:10; 25:6

^bJer. 7:7;

25:5, 6 ^cJer. 7:24; 28:11, 8;

17:23; 34:14

16 ^aJer. 35:14; Mal. 1:6

17 ^aJosh. 23:15; Jer. 19:3, 15; 21:4

10; Mic. 3:12

^aProv. 1:24;

25:1a; 65:12;

66:4; Jer. 7:13; 28:27;

26:5; Luke 13:34, 35;

Rom. 10:21

18 ^aEx. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-3

the God of Israel, 'Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, "Will you not receive instruction by listening to My words?" declares the LORD.

14 'The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are observed. So they do not drink wine to this day, for they have obeyed their father's command. But I have spoken to you ¹again and again; yet you have not listened to Me.

15 'Also I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, sending them ¹again and again, saying: 'Turn now every man from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to worship them, then you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers; but you have not inclined your ear or listened to Me.

16 'Indeed, the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have observed the command of their father which he commanded them, but this people has not listened to Me.' "

17 'Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I am bringing on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the disaster that I have pronounced against them; because I spoke to them but they did not listen, and I have called them but they did not answer.' "

18 ¶ Then Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Because you have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father, kept all his commands, and done according to all that he commanded you;

19 therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Jonadab the son of Rechab

^ashall not lack a man to ^bstand before Me ¹always." " "

CHAPTER 36

AND it came about in the ^afourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 "Take a ¹scroll and write on it all the ^bwords which I have spoken to you concerning ^cIsrael, and concerning Judah, and concerning all the ^dnations, from the ^eday I first spoke to you, from the days of Josiah, even to this day.

3 "Perhaps the house of Judah will hear all the calamity which I plan to bring on them, in order that every man will ^bturn from his evil way; then I will ^cforgive their iniquity and their sin."

4 ¶ Then Jeremiah called ^aBaruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote ¹at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which He had spoken to him, on a ^{2b}scroll.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, "I am ¹restricted; I cannot go into the house of the LORD.

6 "So you go and ^aread from the scroll which you have ^bwritten ¹at my dictation the words of the LORD ²to the people in the LORD's house on a ^cfast day. And also you shall read them ²to all the people of Judah who come from their cities.

7 "Perhaps their supplication will ¹come before the LORD, and everyone will turn from his evil way, for ^bgreat is the anger and the wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people."

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, ^areading from the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 ¶ Now it came about in the ^afifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the

10 ¹Lit., all the days
*1 Chr. 2:55;
Jer. 33:17;
*Jer. 15:19;
Luke 21:36
1 *2 Kin.

24:1, 2 Chr.
36:5-7, Jer.
25:1, 3; 45:1;
46:2, Dan. 1:1

2 ¹Lit., scroll of a book

*Ex. 17:14; Is. 8:1, Jer. 36:6, 23, 28, Zech. 5:1, 2 *Jer.

1:9, 10; 30:2; Hab. 2:2 *Jer.

3:3-10, 23-32; 14; 32-30-32

*Jer. 1:5, 10; 25:9-29; chs. 47-51 *Jer.

1:2, 3; 25:3
3 *Jer.

26:3, 36:7; Ezek. 12:3

*Deut. 30:2; 8:1 Sam. 7:3; Is. 55:7; Jer.

18:8, 11; 35:15, Jon. 3:8 *Jon. 3:10; Mark 4:12; Acts 3:19

4 ¹Lit., from the mouth of

*Jer. 32:12; 36:18; 43:3; 45:1 *Jer.

36:14; Ezek. 2:9

5 ¹Lit., shut up

*Jer. 32:2; 33:1; 2 Cor. 11:23

6 ¹Lit., from my mouth

*Lit., in the ears of, and so throughout this context

*Jer. 36:8; *Jer. 36:4; *Jer. 36:9; Zech. 8:19

7 ¹Lit., fall

*1 Kin. 8:33; 2 Chr. 33:12; 13; Jer. 26:3; 36:3 *Deut.

28:15; 31:16; 17; 2 Kin. 22:13, 17; Jer.

4:4; 21:5; Lam. 4:11

8 *Jer. 1:17; 36:6

9 *Jer. 36:1; *Jer. 36:22; *Jer. 36:6

*Judg. 20:28; 1 Sam. 7:8; 2 Chr. 20:3; Esth. 4:16; Joel 1:14;

2:15; Jon. 3:5

^bninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who ^ccame from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a ^dfast before the LORD.

10 Then Baruch read from the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD in the ^achamber of ^bGemariah the son of Shaphan the ^cscribe, in the upper court, at the ^dentry of the New Gate of the LORD's house, to all the people.

11 ¶ Now when ^aMicaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard all the words of the LORD from the book,

12 he went down to the king's house, into the scribe's chamber. And, behold, all the officials were sitting there—^aElishama the scribe, and ^bDelaiah the son of Shemaiah, and ^cElnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the other officials.

13 And Micaiah ^adeclared to them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read from the book to the people.

14 Then all the officials sent ^aJehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch, saying, "Take in your hand the scroll from which you have read to the people and come." So Baruch the son of Neriah ^btook the scroll in his hand and went to them.

15 And they said to him, "Sit down please, and read it to us." So Baruch ^aread it to them.

16 Now it came about when they had heard all the words they turned in ^afear one to another and said to Baruch, "We will surely ^breport all these words to the king."

10 *Jer. 35:4 *Jer. 36:11, 25 *2 Sam. 8:17; Jer. 52:25

*Jer. 28:10

11 *Jer. 36:13

12 *Jer. 36:20 *Jer. 36:25 *Jer. 26:22

13 *2 Kin. 22:10

14 *Jer. 36:21 *Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 2:7-10

15 *Jer. 36:21

16 *Jer. 36:24; Acts 24:25 *Jer. 13:18; Amos 7:10, 11

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell us please, ^ahow did you write all these words? Was it ¹at his dictation?"

18 Then Baruch said to them, "He ^adictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the book."

19 Then the officials said to Baruch, "Go, ^ahide yourself, you and Jeremiah, and do not let anyone know where you are."

20 ¶ So they went to the ^aking in the court, but they had deposited the scroll in the chamber of ^aElishama the scribe, and they reported all the words to the king.

21 Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi ^aread it to the king as well as to all the officials who stood beside the king.

22 Now the king was sitting in the ^awinter house in the ^bninth month, with a fire burning in the brazier before him.

23 And it came about, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, the king cut it with a scribe's knife and ^athrew it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.

24 Yet the king and all his servants who heard all these words were ^anot afraid, nor did they ^brend their garments.

25 Even though Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah ^aentreated the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel to ^aseize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the ^bLORD hid them.

27 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah after the king had ^aburned the scroll and the words which ^bBaruch had

17 ¹Lt. from his mouth, and so throughout this context
^aJohn 9:10, 15, 26
^bJer. 36:4, 19
^c1 Kin. 17:3; 18:4, 10; Jer. 20:20-24, 36, 26
^dJer. 36:12
^e1 Kin. 21:10; 2 Chr. 34:18, Esai. 24:5
^fJudg. 3:20; Amos 3:15
^gJer. 36:9
^h1 Kin. 22:8, 27; Prov. 1:30; Is. 5:18, 19; Jer. 28:14, 22
ⁱJer. 36:20
^jPs. 36:1, 64:5; Jer. 36:16
^kGen. 37:20, 34; 2 Sam. 1:11; 1 Kin. 21:27; 2 Kin. 19:1; 2, 22:11, 18; Is. 36:22; Jer. 37:1; Jon. 3:6
^lGen. 37:22, 26, 27; Acts 5:34-39
^m1 Kin. 19:13, 10, 14; Matt. 23:34; Jer. 37:9
ⁿJer. 36:23
^oJer. 36:4, 18
^pZech. 1:5, 6
^qJer. 36:4, 23
^rLt. say- ing
^sDeut. 29:18; Job 15:24, 25; Is. 45:9
^tJer. 29:21, 30:10; Jer. 28:9; Jer. 25:9-11
^uJer. 36:2
^v1 Kin. 24:12-15; Jer. 22:30
^wJer. 22:19
^xLt. seed
^yJer. 23:34
^zDeut. 28:15; Prov. 29:1; Jer. 19:15; Jer. 35:17
^{aa}Lt. who those
^{ab}Ex. 4:15, 16; Jer. 36:4, 18, 23
^{ac}1 Kin. 24:17; 1 Chr. 3:15; 2 Chr. 36:10
^{ad}Jer. 17:12-21
^{ae}Jer. 24:12; 1 Chr. 3:16; 2 Chr. 36:9; Jer. 22:24

written at the dictation of Jeremiah, saying.

28 ^aTake again another scroll and write on it all the former words that were ^bon the first scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah burned.

29 ^aAnd concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah you shall say, 'Thus says the LORD, "You have ^aburned this scroll, saying, ^bWhy have you written on it ¹that the ^cking of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall make man and beast to cease from it?"'

30 ^aTherefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah, "He shall have ^ano one to sit on the throne of David, and his ^bdead body shall be cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night.

31 ^aI shall also ^apunish him and his ¹descendants and his servants for their iniquity, and I shall ^bbring on them and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men of Judah all the calamity that I have declared to them—but they did not listen."

32 Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the son of Neraiah, the scribe, and he ^awrote on it at the dictation of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and many ¹similar words were added to them.

CHAPTER 37

NOW ^aZedekiah the son of Josiah whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had ^bmade king in the land of Judah, reigned as king in place of ^cConiah the son of Jehoiakim.

2 But ^aneither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the LORD which He spoke through Jeremiah the prophet.

28: 24:1; 32:31
 2 Kin. 24:18, 28; 2 Chr. 36:12-16; Prov. 29:12

3 ¶ Yet ^aKing Zedekiah sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and ^bZephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "Please pray to the LORD our God on our behalf."

4 Now Jeremiah was still coming in and going out among the people, for they had not yet ^aput him in the prison.

5 Meanwhile, ^aPharaoh's army had set out from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who had been besieging Jerusalem heard the report about them, they ^blifted the siege from Jerusalem.

6 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Thus you are to say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: "Behold, ^bPharaoh's army which has come out for your assistance is going to return to its own land of Egypt."

8 "The Chaldeans will also ^areturn and fight against this city, and they will capture it and burn it with fire."

9 "Thus says the LORD, 'Do not ^adeceive yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans will surely go away from us," for they will not go.

10 'For ^aeven if you had defeated the entire army of Chaldeans who were fighting against you, and there were only wounded men left among them, each man in his tent, they would rise up and ^bburn this city with fire.'"

11 ¶ Now it happened, when the army of the Chaldeans had lifted the siege from Jerusalem because of Pharaoh's army,

12 that Jeremiah went out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin in order to ^atake possession of some property there among the people.

13 While he was at the ^aGate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard

3 Jer.
21:1, 2 Jer.
29:23, 52:24
1 Kin. 13:6,
Jer. 2:27;
15:11, 21:1, 2;
42:1-4, 20;
Acts 8:24

4 Jer.
32:2, 3, 37:15
5 2 Kin.
24:7, Jer.
37:7, Ezek.
17:15 Jer.
37:11

7 2 Kin.
22:18, Jer.
21:1, 2, 37:3
His 30:1-3,
31:1-3, Jer.
2:18, 36, Lam.
4:17, Ezek.
17:17

8 Jer.
34:22, 38:23;
39:2-8

9 Jer.
29:8, Obad. 3;
Matt. 24:4, 5;
Eph. 5:6

10 Lev.
26:36-38, Is.
30:17, Jer.
21:4, 5 Jer.
37:8

12 Or, part
in a dividing
Jer. 32:8

13 Lit.,
falling
Jer. 38:7;
Zech. 14:10
Jer. 18:18,
20:10; Luke
23:2, Acts
6:11, 24:5-9,
13

14 Lit.,
falling
Ps. 27:12,
52:1, 2; Jer.
40:4-6, Matt.
5:11, 12

15 Jer.
18:23; 20:1-3;
26:18; Matt.
21:35 Gen.
39:20; 2 Chr.
16:10; 18:26;
Jer. 38:28;
Acts 5:18

16 Lit.,
house of the
custodian
Jer. 38:6

17 1 Kin.
14:1-4; Jer.
38:5, 14-16,
24-27 1 Kin.
22:15, 16;
2 Kin. 3:11,
12; Jer. 15:11;
21:1, 2; 37:3
Jer. 21:7;
24:8, Ezek.
12:12, 13;
17:19, 20

18 1 Sam.
24:9; 26:18;
Dan. 6:22;
John 10:32;
Acts 25:8, 11,
25

whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah the son of Haniah was there; and he ^barrested Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "You are ^agoing over to the Chaldeans!"

14 But Jeremiah said, "A lie! I am not ^agoing over to the Chaldeans"; yet he would not listen to him. So Irijah arrested Jeremiah and brought him to the officials.

15 Then the officials were ^aangry at Jeremiah and beat him, and they ^bput him in jail in the house of Jonathan the scribe, which they had made into the prison.

16 For Jeremiah had come into the ^adungeon, that is, the vaulted cell; and Jeremiah stayed there many days.

17 ¶ Now King Zedekiah sent and took him out; and in his palace the king ^asecretly asked him and said, "Is there a ^bword from the LORD?" And Jeremiah said, "There is!" Then he said, "You will be ^cgiven into the hand of the king of Babylon!"

18 Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, "In what way have I sinned against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison?"

19 "Where then are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, 'The ^bking of Babylon will not come against you or against this land'?"

20 "But now, please listen, O my lord the king; please let my ^apetition come before you, and do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, that I may not die there."

21 Then King Zedekiah gave commandment, and they committed Jeremiah to the ^acourt of the guardhouse and gave him ^a

19 Deut. 32:37, 38; 2 Kin. 3:13; Jer. 2:28 Jer. 27:14;

28:1-4, 10-17

20 Lit., fall Jer. 36:7; 38:26

21 Jer. 32:2; 38:13, 28

loaf of bread daily from the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was gone. So Jeremiah remained in the court of the guardhouse.

CHAPTER 38

NOW Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchijah heard the words that Jeremiah was speaking to all the people, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD, 'He who stays in this city will die by the sword and by famine and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans will live and have his own life as booty and stay alive.'

3 "Thus says the LORD, 'This city will certainly be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.'

4 Then the officials said to the king, "Now let this man be put to death, inasmuch as he is discouraging the men of war who are left in this city and all the people, by speaking such words to them; for this man is not seeking the well-being of this people, but rather their harm."

5 So King Zedekiah said, "Behold, he is in your hands; for the king can do nothing against you."

6 Then they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchijah the king's son, which was in the court of the guardhouse; and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. Now in the cistern there was no water but only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

7 But Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch, while he was in the king's palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. Now the king was sitting in the Gate of Benjamin;

8 and Ebed-melech went out

from the king's palace and spoke to the king, saying,

9 "My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet whom they have cast into the cistern; and he will die right where he is because of the famine, for there is no more bread in the city."

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take thirty men from here under your authority, and bring up Jeremiah the prophet from the cistern before he dies."

11 So Ebed-melech took the men under his authority and went into the king's palace to a place beneath the storeroom and took from there worn-out clothes and worn-out rags and let them down by ropes into the cistern to Jeremiah.

12 Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, "Now put these worn-out clothes and rags under your armpits under the ropes"; and Jeremiah did so.

13 So they pulled Jeremiah up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern, and Jeremiah stayed in the court of the guardhouse.

14 ¶ Then King Zedekiah sent and had Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at the third entrance that is in the house of the LORD; and the king said to Jeremiah, "I am going to ask you something; do not hide anything from me."

15 Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I tell you, will you not certainly put me to death? Besides, if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

16 But King Zedekiah swore to Jeremiah in secret saying, "As the LORD lives, who made this life for us, surely I will not put you to death nor will I give you

21 ¶ Kin.
17:6; Job
5:20; Ps
33:18, 19; Is
33:16 ¶ Kin.
25:3; Jer
38:9, 52:6
1 Jer 37:3
Jer 21:1
2 Jer 21:9
Jer 34:17,
42:17 Jer
21:9, 38:18,
45:5
3 Jer
21:10; 32:3-5
4 Lit.,
weakening
the hands of
Lit., the
hands of all
Jer 18:23,
28:11, 21,
38:12 ¶ Kin.
54:1 Kin.
18:17, 18,
21:20; Neh.
6:9; Amos
7:10; Acts
16:20 Jer
29:7
5 Lit.,
hand
¶2 Sam. 3:30
6 Jer
37:16, 21,
Acts 16:24
¶ Ps 40:2,
69:2, 14, 15,
Jer 38:22,
Zech 9:11
7 Or, an
official
Jer 39:16
Jer 29:2,
Acts 8:27
¶ Deut. 21:19;
Job 29:7, Jer
37:13, Amos
5:10
8 M.T.
reads has
died
Jer 37:21,
52:6
9 Lit., in
your hand
11 Lit.,
hand
13 Neh.
1:25; Jer
32:2, 37:21,
38:6, 39:14,
15, Acts
23:35, 24:27,
28:16, 30
14 Lit.,
took Jeremi-
ah the
prophet to
him
Jer 21:1, 2,
37:17 ¶1 Sam.
3:17, 18;
1 Kin. 22:16;
Jer 15:11;
42:2-5, 20
18 Luke
22:67, 68
16 Lit., soul
Jer 37:17;
John 3:2
¶ Num. 16:22;
27:16; Is.

42:5, 57:16; Zech. 12:1; Acts 17:25, 28

over to the hand of ^cthese men who are seeking your ¹life."

17 ¶ Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "Thus says the LORD ^aGod of hosts, the ^bGod of Israel, 'If you will indeed ^cgo out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then ¹you will live, this city will not be burned with fire, and you and your household will ²survive.

18 'But if you will ^anot go out to the officers of the king of Babylon, then this city ^bwill be given over to the hand of the Chaldeans; and they will burn it with fire, and ^cyou yourself will not escape from their hand.' "

19 Then King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "I ^adread the Jews who have ^bgone over to the Chaldeans, lest they give me over into their hand and they ^cabuse me."

20 But Jeremiah said, "They will not give you over. Please ¹obey the LORD in what I am saying to you, that it may go ^bwell with you and ²you may live.

21 "But if you keep refusing to go out, this is the word which the LORD has shown me:

22 'Then behold, all of the ^awomen who have been left in the palace of the king of Judah are going to be brought out to the ¹officers of the king of Babylon; and those women will say,

"²Your close friends

Have misled and overpowered you;

While your feet were sunk in the mire,

They turned back."

23 'They will also bring out all your wives and your ^asons to the Chaldeans, and ^byou yourself will not escape from their hand, but will be seized by the hand of the king of Babylon, and ^bthis city will be burned with fire.' "

24 ¶ Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let no man know

¹⁸ ¹Lit., soul
^{Jer.} 34:20;
38:4-6

¹⁷ ¹Lit.,
your soul
²Lit., live

^aPs. 80:7, 14;
^aAmos 5:27

^{b1} Chr. 17:24;
Ezek. 8:4

^{c2} Kin. 24:12;
25:27-30; Jer.
21:8-10;
27:12, 17;
38:2, 39:3

¹⁸ ^aJer. 27:8
^{b2} Kin. 25:4-
10; Jer. 24:8-
10; 32:3-5;
37:8, 38:3

^cJer. 32:4,
34:3

¹⁹ ¹Lit.,
fallen

^{a1s} 51:12, 13;
57:11; John
12:42; 19:12;
13 ^bJer. 39:9

^{c2} Chr. 30:10;
Neh. 4:1; Jer.
38:22

²⁰ ¹Lit., lis-
ten to the
voice of ²Lit.,
your soul

^{c2} Chr. 20:20;
Jer. 11:4, 8;
26:13; Dan.
4:27; Acts
26:29 ^bJer.
7:23 ^cGen.
19:20; Is. 55:3

²² ¹Or,
princes ²Lit.,
The men of
your peace

^aJer. 6:12;
8:10; 43:6

²³ ^{a2} Kin.
25:7; Jer.
39:6; 41:10
^bJer. 38:18

²⁸ ^aJer.
38:4-6, 27
^bJer.
37:20

²⁷ ¹Lit.,
word

²⁸ ^aPs. 23:4;
Jer. 15:20, 21;
37:20, 21;
38:13; 39:13,
14

¹ Ch.
38:28 ^b in
Heb. ² Ch.
39:1 in Heb.

^{a2} Kin. 25:1-
12; Jer. 52:4;
Ezek. 24:1, 2

² ^{a2} Kin.
25:4; Jer. 52:7

³ ¹ i.e.,
chief official

² i.e., title of a
high official

^a Jer. 38:17
^b Jer. 21:4

⁴ ¹ i.e., Jordan
valley

^{a2} Kin. 25:4;
Is. 30:16; Jer.
52:7; Amos
2:14 ^{b2} Chr.
32:5

about these words and you will not die.

25 "But if the ^aofficials hear that I have talked with you and come to you and say to you, 'Tell us now what you said to the king, and what the king said to you; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death.'

26 then you are to say to them, 'I was ^apresenting my petition before the king, not to make me return to the house of Jonathan to die there.' "

27 Then all the officials came to Jeremiah and questioned him. So he reported to them in accordance with all these words which the king had commanded; and they ceased speaking with him, since the ¹conversation had not been overheard.

28 So Jeremiah ^astayed in the court of the guardhouse until the day that Jerusalem was captured.

CHAPTER 39

NOW it came about when Jerusalem was captured ^{2a}in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it;

2 in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the city wall was ^abreached.

3 Then all the ^aofficials of the king of Babylon came in and sat down at the ^bMiddle Gate: Nergal-sar-ezer, Samgar-nebu, Sar-sekim the ¹Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer the ²Rab-mag, and all the rest of the officials of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came about, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, that they ^afled and went out of the city at night by way of the king's garden through the gate ^bbetween the two walls; and he went out toward the ¹Arabah.

5 But the army of the ^aChaldeans pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the ^bplains of Jericho; and they seized him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon at ^cRiblah in the land of Hamath, and he passed sentence on him.

6 Then the ^aking of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah ^bbefore his eyes at Riblah; the king of Babylon also slew all the ^cnobles of Judah.

7 He then ^ablinded Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in ^bfetters of bronze to bring him to ^cBabylon.

8 The Chaldeans also ^aburned with fire the king's palace and the houses of the people, and they ^bbroke down the walls of Jerusalem.

9 And as for the rest of the people who were left in the city, the ^adeserters who had gone over to him and ^bthe rest of the people who remained, ^cNebuzaradan the ^dcaptain of the bodyguard carried them into exile in Babylon.

10 But some of the ^apoorest people who had nothing, ^aNebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard left behind in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields ^bat that time.

11 ¶ Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave orders about ^aJeremiah through Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, saying,

12 "Take him and ^blook after him, and ^ado nothing harmful to him; but rather deal with him just as he tells you."

13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard sent word, along with Nebushazban the ^aRab-saris, and Nergal-sar-ezer the ^bRab-mag, and all the leading officers of the king of Babylon;

14 they even sent and ^atook Jeremiah out of the court of the guardhouse and entrusted him to ^bGedaliah, the son of ^cAhikam, the son of Shaphan, to take

him home. So he stayed among the people.

15 ¶ Now the word of the LORD had come to Jeremiah while he was ^aconfined in the court of the guardhouse, saying,

16 "Go and speak to ^aEbed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold, I am about to bring My words on this city ^bfor disaster and not for ^cprosperity; and they will ^dtake place before you on that day.

17 "But I will ^adeliver you on that day," declares the LORD, "and you shall not be given into the hand of the men whom you dread.

18 "For I will certainly rescue you, and you will not fall by the sword; but you will have your own ^alife as booty, because you have ^btrusted in Me," declares the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 40

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD after ^aNebuzaradan captain of the bodyguard had released him from ^bRamah, when he had taken him bound in ^cchains, among all the exiles of Jerusalem and Judah, who were being exiled to Babylon.

2 Now the captain of the bodyguard had taken Jeremiah and said to him, "The ^aLORD your God promised this calamity against this place;

3 and the LORD has brought it on and done just as He promised. Because you people ^asinned against the LORD and did not listen to His voice, therefore this thing has happened to you.

4 "But now, behold, I am ^afreeing you today from the chains which are on your hands. If ^byou would prefer to come with me to

8 Jer.
32:4, 5, 38:18.
23: 52:8
Josh. 4:13;
5:10 +2 Kin.
23:33, Jer.
52:9, 28, 27
6 +2 Kin.
25:7, Jer.
52:10 +Deut.
28:34 +Jer.
21:7; 24:8-10;
34:18-21
7 +2 Kin.
25:7, Jer.
52:11, Ezek.
12:13 +Judg.
16:21 +Jer.
32:5
8 +2 Kin.
25:9, Jer.
21:10; 38:18.
52:13 +2 Kin.
25:10; Neh.
1:3, Jer. 52:14
9 Lit.,
fallers who
had fallen
Jer. 38:19;
52:15 +Jer.
24:8 +2 Kin.
25:11, 20, Jer.
39:13, 40:1,
52:12-16, 28
Gen. 37:36
10 Lit., on
that day
+2 Kin. 25:12;
Jer. 52:16
11 Job
5:15, 16, Jer.
1:8, 15:20, 21,
Acts 24:23
12 Lit., set
your eyes on
+Ps. 105:14,
15, Prov.
16:7, 21:1,
1 Pet. 3:13
13 Lit.,
chief official
i.e., title of a
high official
14 Jer.
38:28, 40:1-6
+Jer. 40:5
+2 Kin. 22:12,
14, 2 Chr.
34:20; Jer.
28:24
15 Jer.
38:28
16 Lit.,
good
Jer. 38:7
+Jer. 21:10;
Dan. 9:12;
Zech. 1:6 +Ps.
91:8
17 +Ps. 41:1,
2:50-55
18 Jer.
21:9; 38:2;
45:5 +Ps.
34:22; Jer.
17:7, 8
19 Jer.
39:9, 11 +Jer.
31:15 +Acts
12:6, 7; 21:13;
28:20; Eph.
6:20

2 +Lev. 26:14-36; Deut. 28:15-68; 29:24-28; 31:17;
32:19-25; Jer. 22:8, 9
3 +Jer. 50:7; Dan. 9:11; Rom. 2:5
4 Lit., it is good in your eyes Jer. 38:11, 12

Babylon, come along, and I will look after you; but if you would prefer not to come with me to Babylon, never mind. Look, the whole land is before you; go wherever it seems good and right for you to go."

5 As Jeremiah was still not going back, he said, "Go on back then to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has appointed over the cities of Judah, and stay with him among the people; or else go anywhere it seems right for you to go." So the captain of the bodyguard gave him a ration and a gift and let him go.

6 Then Jeremiah went to Mizpah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and stayed with him among the people who were left in the land.

7 ¶ Now all the commanders of the forces that were in the field, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam over the land and that he had put him in charge of the men, women and children, those of the poorest of the land who had not been exiled to Babylon.

8 So they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, along with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, both they and their men.

9 Then Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, swore to them and to their men, saying, "Do not be afraid of serving the Chaldeans; stay in the land and serve the king of Babylon, that it may go well with you.

10 "Now as for me, behold, I am going to stay at Mizpah to stand for you before the Chaldeans who come to us; but as for you,

4 Lit., set my eyes on
Lit., it is evil in your eyes
Lit., refrain
Gen. 13:9
20:15, 47:6

8 Lit., he
1 e., Nebu-saradan
Jer. 39:14
2 Kin. 25:23
Jer. 52:34
2 Kin. 8:7-9

6 Judg.
20:1, 21:1,
1 Sam. 7:3,
2 Chr. 16:6
Jer. 39:14

7 Or,
prince
1 Lit.,
in/ania
2 Kin. 25:23
Jer. 39:10,
52:16

8 Jer.
40:14, 41:2
Jer. 40:13,
15, 42:1, 43:2
2 Sam.
23:28, 29;
Ezra 2:22;
Neh. 7:26
Jer. 42:1
Deut. 3:14;
Josh. 12:5, 2
Sam. 10:6, 8

9 1 Sam.
20:16, 17;
2 Kin. 25:24
Jer. 27:11,
38:17-20

10 Deut.
1:38; 1 Kin.
10:8; Jer.
35:19; Deut.
16:13; Jer.
39:10; 1 Is.
16:9; Jer.
40:12, 48:32

11 Num.
22:1, 25:1, 2.
Is. 16:4; Jer.
9:26; 1 Sam.
11:1, 12:12
Gen. 36:8; Is.
11:14

12 Jer. 43:5

14 1 Sam.
11:1-3,
2 Sam. 10:1-
6; Jer. 25:21;
41:10

18 1 Sam.
26:8; 2 Sam.
21:17; Jer.
42:2

16 Matt.
10:16; 1 Cor.
13:5

1 Lit.,
seed
2 Kin. 25:25
Jer. 40:8, 14

gather in wine and summer fruit and oil, and put them in your storage vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken over."

11 Likewise also all the Jews who were in Moab and among the sons of Ammon and in Edom, and who were in all the other countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant for Judah and that he had appointed over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan.

12 Then all the Jews returned from all the places to which they had been driven away and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and gathered in wine and summer fruit in great abundance.

13 ¶ Now Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that were in the field came to Gedaliah at Mizpah,

14 and said to him, "Are you well aware that Baalis the king of the sons of Ammon has sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take your life?" But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah, saying, "Let me go and kill Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and not a man will know! Why should he take your life, so that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered and the remnant of Judah perish?"

16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to Johanan the son of Kareah, "Do not do this thing, for you are telling a lie about Ishmael."

CHAPTER 41

NOW it came about in the seventh month that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the royal family and one of the chief officers of the king, along with ten

men, came to Mizpah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. While they were eating bread together there in Mizpah.

2 Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the ten men who were with him arose and struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword and put to death the one whom the king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

3 Ishmael also struck down all the Jews who were with him, that is with Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans who were found there, the men of war.

4 ¶ Now it happened on the next day after the killing of Gedaliah, when no one knew about it,

5 that eighty men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria with their beards shaved off and their clothes torn and their bodies gashed, having grain offerings and incense in their hands to bring to the house of the LORD.

6 Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he went; and it came about as he met them that he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam!"

7 Yet it turned out that as soon as they came inside the city, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and the men that were with him slaughtered them, and cast them into the cistern.

8 But ten men who were found among them said to Ishmael, "Do not put us to death; for we have stores of wheat, barley, oil and honey hidden in the field." So he refrained and did not put them to death along with their companions.

9 Now as for the cistern where Ishmael had cast all the corpses of the men whom he had struck down because of Gedaliah, it was the one that King Asa had

made on account of Baasha, king of Israel; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with the slain.

10 Then Ishmael took captive all the remnant of the people who were in Mizpah, the king's daughters and all the people who were left in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had put under the charge of Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; thus Ishmael the son of Nethaniah took them captive and proceeded to cross over to the sons of Ammon.

11 ¶ But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that were with him heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done.

12 So they took all the men and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and they found him by the great pool that is in Gibeon.

13 Now it came about, as soon as all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah and the commanders of the forces that were with him, they were glad.

14 So all the people whom Ishmael had taken captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.

15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men and went to the sons of Ammon.

16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that were with him took from Mizpah all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, after he had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, that is, the men who were soldiers, the women, the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gibeon.

17 And they went and stayed in Geruth Chimham, which is

1 Jer 39:14, 40:2, 6
4 Ps 41:2
Jer 40:13, 14
2 Jer 39:27, 40:2, 10
2 Km 25:25
Ps 41:2
10 Jer 39:13, 18
2 Km 25:25
Jer 40:3
4 Jer 40:2
5 Jer 40:3
6 Jer 40:3
7 Jer 40:3
8 Jer 40:3
9 Jer 40:3
10 Jer 40:3
11 Jer 40:3
12 Jer 40:3
13 Jer 40:3
14 Jer 40:3
15 Jer 40:3
16 Jer 40:3
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18 Jer 40:3
19 Jer 40:3
20 Jer 40:3
21 Jer 40:3
22 Jer 40:3
23 Jer 40:3
24 Jer 40:3
25 Jer 40:3
26 Jer 40:3
27 Jer 40:3
28 Jer 40:3
29 Jer 40:3
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91 Jer 40:3
92 Jer 40:3
93 Jer 40:3
94 Jer 40:3
95 Jer 40:3
96 Jer 40:3
97 Jer 40:3
98 Jer 40:3
99 Jer 40:3
100 Jer 40:3

beside Bethlehem, in order to ^bproceed into Egypt

18 because of the Chaldeans; for they were ^aafraid of them, since Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had struck down Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom ^bthe king of Babylon had appointed over the land.

CHAPTER 42

THEN all the ¹commanders of the forces, ^aJohanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people ^bboth small and great approached

2 and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our ^apetition ¹come before you, and ^bpray for us to the LORD your God, *that is* for all this remnant; because we are left *but* a ^cfew out of many, as your own eyes *now* see us,

3 that the LORD your God may tell us the ^away in which we should walk and the thing that we should do."

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you. Behold, I am going to ^apray to the LORD your God in accordance with your words; and it will come about that the whole ¹message which the ^bLORD will answer you I will tell you. I will ^cnot keep back a word from you."

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, "May the ^aLORD be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not act in accordance with the whole ¹message with which the LORD your God will send you to us.

6 "Whether it is ¹pleasant or ²unpleasant, we will ^alisten to the voice of the LORD our God to whom we are sending you, in order that it may go ^bwell with us when we listen to the voice of the LORD our God."

7 ¶ Now it came about at the ^aend of ten days that the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah.

17 ^bJer. 42:14
18 ^aIs. 51:12, 13; 57:11; Jer. 42:11, 16; 43:2, 3; Luke 12:4, 5 ^bJer. 40:5
1 ¹Or, ^{princes}
Jer. 40:8, 13; 41:11, 18
Jer. 6:13; 8:10; 42:8, 44; 12, Acts 8:10
2 ¹Lit., *fall*
Jer. 36:7; 37:20 ^bEx. 8:28, 1 Sam 7:8, 12:19; 1 Kin. 13:6; Is. 37:4; Jer. 37:3; 42:20; Acts 8:24; James 5:16
Lev. 26:22; Deut. 28:62; Is. 1:9; Lam. 1:1
3 ^aPs. 88:11; Prov. 3:6; Jer. 6:16; Mic. 4:2
4 ¹Lit., *word*
Ex. 8:29; 1 Sam. 12:23
1 Kin. 22:14; Jer. 23:28
1 Sam. 3:17; 18; Ps. 40:10; Acts 20:20
5 ¹Lit., *word*
Gen. 31:50; Judg. 11:10; Jer. 43:2; Mic. 1:2; Mal. 2:14; 3:5
6 ¹Lit., *good* ²Lit., *evil*
Ex. 24:7; Deut. 5:27; Josh. 24:24
Deut. 5:29; 33:6, 3; Jer. 7:23
7 ^aPs. 27:14; Is. 30:18
8 ¹Or, ^{princes}
9 ^a2 Kin. 19:4, 6, 20; 22:15
10 ¹Or, *shall have changed my mind about*
Jer. 24:6; 31:28; 33:7; Ezek. 36:36
Jer. 18:7, 8; Hos. 11:8; Joel 2:13; Amos 7:3, 6; Jon. 3:10; 4:2
11 ^aJer. 1:8; 27:12, 17; 41:18 ^bNum. 14:9; 2 Chr. 32:7, 8; Ps.

8 Then he called for Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the ¹commanders of the forces that were with him, and for all the people both small and great,

9 and said to them, "Thus ^asays the LORD the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him:

10 "If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will ^abuild you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you; for I ¹shall ^brelent concerning the calamity that I have inflicted on you.

11 "Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you are *now* fearing; do not be afraid of him," declares the LORD, "for ^bI am with you to save you and deliver you from his hand.

12 "I will also show you compassion, so that ^ahe will have compassion on you and restore you to your own soil.

13 "But if you are going to say, "We will ^anot stay in this land," so as not to listen to the voice of the LORD your God,

14 saying, "No, but we will ^ago to the land of Egypt, where we shall not see war or ^bhear the sound of a trumpet or hunger for bread, and we will stay there";

15 then ¹in that case listen to the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "If you really set your ²mind to enter ^aEgypt, and go in to reside there,

16 then it will come about that the ^asword, which you are afraid of will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are anxious, will follow closely after you

46:7, 11; 118:6; Is. 8:9, 10; 43:2, 5; Jer. 1:19; 15:20; Rom. 8:31
12 ^aNeh. 1:11; Ps. 106:46; Prov. 16:7
13 ^aEx. 5:2; Jer. 44:16
14 ^aIs. 31:1; Jer. 41:17 ^bEx. 16:3; Num. 11:4; Jer. 4:19, 21
15 ¹Lit., *now therefore* ²Lit., *face* ^aDeut. 17:16; Jer. 42:17; 44:12-14
16 ^aJer. 44:13, 27; Ezek. 11:8; Amos 9:1-4

there in Egypt; and you will die there.

17 "So all the men who set their mind to go to Egypt to reside there will die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; and they will have no survivors or refugees from the calamity that I am going to bring on them." "

18 ¶ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "As My anger and wrath have been poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so My wrath will be poured out on you when you enter Egypt. And you will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation, and a reproach; and you will see this place no more."

19 The LORD has spoken to you, O remnant of Judah, "Do not go into Egypt!" You should clearly understand that today I have testified against you.

20 For you have only deceived yourselves; for it is you who sent me to the LORD your God, saying, "Pray for us to the LORD our God; and whatever the LORD our God says, tell us so, and we will do it."

21 So, I have told you today, but you have not obeyed the LORD your God, even in whatever He has sent me to tell you.

22 Therefore you should now clearly understand that you will die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, in the place where you wish to go to reside.

CHAPTER 43

BUT it came about, as soon as Jeremiah whom the LORD their God had sent, had finished telling all the people all the words of the LORD their God—that is, all these words—

2 that Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, "You are tell-

17 ¹Lit.
face
Jer. 24:10;
30:2; 42:22;
44:13 Jer.
44:14, 28
18 ²Chr.
36:16-19; Jer.
7:20; 33:5;
39:1-9 Deut.
29:21, 18
65:15; Jer.
18:16, 24; 9;
29:18, 44; 12
Jer. 22:10,
27
19 ³Deut.
17:16, 18
30:1-9 Ezek.
2:5; Neh.
9:28, 29, 30
20 ⁴Or,
acted or
rantly in
your souls
Jer. 43:2;
Ezek. 14:3
21 ⁵Lit., in-
terned to the
voice of
Deut. 11:26;
Jer. 43:1;
Ezek. 2:7;
Zech. 7:11;
Acts 20:26;
27 Jer. 43:4
22 ⁶Jer.
43:11; Ezek.
6:11; Hos. 9:8
1 Jer.
26:8, 51; 63
2 Jer. 42:1
2 Chr. 36:13;
Is. 7:9; Jer.
5:12, 13, 42:5
3 Jer.
36:4, 10, 26;
32, 43:6;
43:1-3
4 ¹⁰Or,
princes
Jer. 42:8
2 Chr. 25:18;
Jer. 42:5, 8;
44:5; Ps. 37:3;
Jer. 42:10-12
5 ¹⁰Or,
princes
Jer. 40:11
6 ¹Lit., in-
fants ¹Lit.,
the son
Jer. 41:10
Jer. 39:10;
40:7 Ecccl.
9:1, 2, Lam.
3:1
7 Jer.
2:18, 44:1
8 Jer.
2:18, 44:1;
46:14; Ezek.
30:18
9 ¹Lit.,
hand ¹⁰Or,
brickwork
¹Lit., house
¹Lit., men
10 Jer.
25:9, 11; Ma.
44:28, 45:1;
Jer. 25:9, 37:8
11 Ps. 18:11;
27:5, 31:20

ing a lie! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, 'You are not to enter Egypt to reside there';

3 but Baruch the son of Neriah is inciting you against us to give us over into the hand of the Chaldeans, so they may put us to death or exile us to Babylon."

4 So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the LORD, so as to stay in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces took the entire remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations to which they had been driven away, in order to reside in the land of Judah—

6 the men, the women, the children, the king's daughters and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and grandson of Shaphan, together with Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah—

7 and they entered the land of Egypt (for they did not obey the voice of the LORD) and went in as far as Tahpanhes.

8 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

9 "Take some large stones in your hands and hide them in the mortar in the brick terrace which is at the entrance of Pharaoh's palace in Tahpanhes, in the sight of some of the Jews;

10 and say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Behold, I am going to send and get Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and I am going to set his throne right over these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his canopy over them."

11 "He will also come and

*strike the land of Egypt; those who are meant for death will be given over to death, and those for captivity to captivity, and those for the sword to the sword.

12 "And I shall set fire to the temples of the gods of Egypt, and he will burn them and take them captive. So he will wrap himself with the land of Egypt as a shepherd wraps himself with his garment, and he will depart from there safely.

13 "He will also shatter the obelisks of Heliopolis, which is in the land of Egypt; and the temples of the gods of Egypt he will burn with fire."

CHAPTER 44

THE word that came to Jeremiah for all the Jews living in the land of Egypt, those who were living in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and the land of Pathros, saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are in ruins and no one lives in them,

3 "because of their wickedness which they committed so as to provoke Me to anger by continuing to burn sacrifices and to serve other gods whom they had not known, neither they, you, nor your fathers.

4 "Yet I sent you all My servants the prophets, again and again, saying, 'Oh, do not do this abominable thing which I hate.'

5 "But they did not listen or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn sacrifices to other gods.

6 "Therefore My wrath and My anger were poured out and burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, so they have become a ruin and a desolation as it is this day.

11 ^{14a} 19:1-25; Jer. 25:15-19; 44:13; 46:1, 2, 13-26; Ezek. 29:19, 20; Jer. 15:2

12 ¹⁵ Some ancient versions read he will set

¹⁶ Ex. 12:12; 1a. 19:1; Jer. 46:25; Ezek. 30:13; Pa. 104:2; 109:18, 19; 1s. 49:18

13 ¹⁷ Or, stone pillars ¹⁸ Heb. Both, shemesh, i.e., the house of the sun-god

1 ¹⁹ Ex. 14:2

Jer. 46:14

² Jer. 43:7;

Ezek. 30:18

1s. 19:13;

Jer. 2:16;

46:14; Ezek.

30:13, 16;

Hos. 9:8; 4s.

11:11; Ezek.

29:14; 30:14

2 ²⁰ 1a. 6:11;

Jer. 4:7; 9:11;

34:22; Mic.

3:12

3 ²¹ Or, in-

cense

²² Neh. 9:33;

Jer. 2:17-19;

44:23; Ezek.

8:17, 18; Dan.

9:5; 1s. 3:8;

Jer. 7:19;

32:30-32; 44:8

²³ Jer. 19:4

²⁴ Deut. 13:6;

29:26; 32:17

4 ²⁵ Lit., ris-

ing early and

sending

²⁶ Jer. 7:13, 25;

25:4; 28:5;

29:19; 35:15;

Zech. 7:7

²⁷ Jer. 16:18;

32:34, 35;

Ezek. 8:10

5 ²⁸ Or, in-

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²⁹ Jer. 11:8, 10;

13:10

6 ³⁰ 1s.

51:17-20; Jer.

42:18; Ezek.

8:18; Jer.

7:17, 34; Jer.

4:27; 34:22

7 ³¹ Nuzn.

16:38; Jer.

26:19; Ezek.

33:11; Hab.

2:10; Jer.

3:24; 9:21;

51:22

8 ³² Or, in-

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³³ Kin. 17:15-

17; Jer. 25:6;

7:44; 2; 1 Cor.

10:21, 22

7 "Now then thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Why are you doing great harm to yourselves, so as to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, from among Judah, leaving yourselves without remnant,

8 "provoking Me to anger with the works of your hands, burning sacrifices to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you are entering to reside, so that you might be cut off and become a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

9 "Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

10 "But they have not become contrite even to this day, nor have they feared nor walked in My law or My statutes, which I have set before you and before your fathers."

11 ¶ "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: 'Behold, I am going to set My face against you for woe, even to cut off all Judah.

12 "And I will take away the remnant of Judah who have set their mind on entering the land of Egypt to reside there, and they will all meet their end in the land of Egypt; they will fall by the sword and meet their end by famine. Both small and great will die by the sword and famine; and they will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach.

³⁴ Jer. 7:9; 11:12, 17; 44:3; Hos. 4:13; Hab.

1:16; 1 Kin. 9:7, 8; 2 Chr. 7:20; Jer. 42:18

³⁵ Jer. 7:9, 10, 17, 18; 44:17, 21

³⁶ 1 Lit., crushed Jer. 6:15; 8:12; Jer. 26:4; 32:23;

44:23

³⁷ 1 Lit., evil Lev. 17:10; 20:5, 8; 26:17; Jer. 21:10;

Amos 9:4

³⁸ 1 Lit., face 2 Lit., be finished Jer. 42:15-18, 22; 1s.

1:28; Jer. 18:4; 44:7; 1s. 65:15; Jer. 18:16; 24:9; 26:6;

29:18; 42:18; Zech. 8:13

13 'And I will *punish those who live in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence.

14 'So there will be ^ano refugees or survivors for the remnant of Judah who have entered the land of Egypt to reside there and then to return to the land of Judah, to which they are ^blonging to return and live; for none will ^creturn except a few refugees.' "

15 ¶ Then all the men who were aware that their wives were burning sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, as a large assembly, including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying,

16 "As for the ¹message that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, ²we are not going to listen to you!

17 "But rather we will certainly ^acarry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, ¹by burning ²sacrifices to the ^bqueen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, just as ^cwe ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for *then* we had ^dplenty of ³food, and were well off, and saw no ⁴misfortune.

18"But since we stopped burning ¹sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, we have ⁴lacked everything and have ²met our end by the sword and by famine."

19"And," said the women, "when we were ^aburning ¹sacrifices to the queen of heaven, and ²were pouring out libations to her, was it ^bwithout our husbands that we made for her sacrificial cakes ³in her image and poured out libations to her?"

20 ¶ Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men and

13 Jer.
 11:22, 44:27,
 28
 14 *Lat., lifting up their
 soul*
 Jer 22:10,
 44:27 Jer
 22:28, 27 *Is*
 4:2, 10:20;
 Jer 44:28,
 Rom. 9:27
 18 *Or, in-
 crease Lat.,
 and*
 Prov 11:21,
 1:15, Jer
 5:15
 19 *Lat.,
 word*
 Jer 43:2
 Prov 1:24-
 27; Jer 11:8,
 10:13-10
 17 *Or, so
 as to burn*
 Or, increase
 Lat., bread
 Lat., and
 Num 30:12,
 Dan. 23:23
 2 Km. 17:18,
 Jer 7:18
 Neh. 9:34;
 Jer 32:32;
 44:21 *Ex*
 16:3, Hos.
 2:3-9, Phil
 1:10

18 ¹⁰Or, in-
crease ¹Lt.,
bees ¹Amos
+ Num. 11:5,
8; Jer. 40:12;
Isa. 1:3-15
19 ¹⁰Or, in-
crease ¹Lt., to
pour ¹Lt., to
make an
image of her
+ Jer. 7:18
+ Num. 30:6,
7; Jer. 44:15
21 ¹⁰Or, in-
crease ¹Lt.,
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+ Ezek. 8:10,
11; Jer.
11:13; 44:9,
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in 64:8; Jer.
14:10; Hos.
7:2; Amos 8:
22 ch. 7:13;
43:24; Mal.
2:17; Jer. 4:4,
21:12; 30:14
+ Gen. 19:13;
Ps. 107:33,
34; Jer. 25:11,
18, 30; 29:18;
42:18; 44:12
23 ¹⁰Or, in-
crease
+ Jer. 7:13-15;
40:3; Jer.
44:10; Ps.
118:130, 135
+ 1 Kin. 8:18;
Nah. 13:18;
Jer. 44:2
Dan. 9:11, 12
24 ¹⁰Jer.
42:15; 44:16
+ Jer. 43:7,
44:15, 20

women—even to all the people who were giving him such an answer—saying,

21 "As for the ^{1a}smoking sacrifices that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the ^bstreets of Jerusalem, you and your forefathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD ^cremember them, and did not *all this* come into His ²mind?

22 "So the LORD was ^ano longer able to endure it, ^bbecause of the evil of your deeds, because of the abominations which you have committed; thus your land has become a ^cruin, an object of horror and a curse, without an inhabitant, as it is this day.

23 "Because you have burned
sacrifices and have sinned
against the LORD and ^anot
obeyed the voice of the LORD or
^bwalked in His law, His statutes
or His testimonies, therefore this
^ccalamity has befallen you, as it
has this day."

24 Then Jeremiah said to all the people, including all the women, "Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt.

25 thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, as follows: 'As for you and your wives, you have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled it with your hands, saying, "We will ^acertainly perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn ¹sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pour out libations to her." ^{2b}Go ahead and confirm your vows, and certainly perform your vows!'

26¹ Nevertheless hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are living in the land of Egypt. 'Behold, I have ^asworn by My great name,' says the LORD. ^bnever shall My name be invoked again by the mouth of any

28 "Or, increase ¹U.L. Surely comes to stand ²Jer.
44:17; Matt. 14:8; Acts 23:12 ³Exh. 20:30
29 ¹U.L. Therefore
²Gen. 22:16; Deut. 32:46, 41; Jer. 22:5; Amos 6:2;
Hab. 6:13 ³Pz. 50:16 ⁴Exh. 20:30

man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, "As the Lord ²God lives."

27 'Behold, I am watching over them ^afor harm and not for good, and ^ball the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt will ¹meet their end by the sword and by famine until they ²are completely gone.

28 ^aAnd those who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah ^bfew in number. Then all the remnant of Judah who have gone to the land of Egypt to reside there will know ^cwhose word will stand, Mine or theirs.

29 'And this will be the ^asign to you,' declares the LORD, 'that I am going to punish you in this place, so that you may know that ^bMy words will surely stand against you for harm.'

30 'Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I am going to give over ^aPharaoh Hophra king of Egypt to the hand of his enemies, to the hand of those who seek his life, just as I gave over ^bZedekiah king of Judah to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy and was seeking his life.' "

CHAPTER 45

THIS is the message which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to ^aBaruch the son of Neriah, when he had ^bwritten down these words in a book ¹at Jeremiah's dictation, in the ^cfourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying:

2 'Thus says the LORD the God of Israel to you, O Baruch:

3 'You said, "Ah, woe is me! For the LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am ^aweary with my groaning and have found no rest."

4 'Thus you are to say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, ^awhat I have built I am about to tear down, and what I have

²⁸ Heb. YHWH, usually rendered LORD
¹Is. 48:1, 2; Jer. 5:2

²⁷ 'Lit., be finished
¹Lit., come to an end

^aJer. 1:10; 31:28; 39:16
^b2 Kin. 21:14; Jer. 44:14

²⁸ 'Lit., men of number

^aJer. 44:14
^bIs. 10:19; 27:12, 13
^cPs. 33:11; Is. 14:27; 46:10, 11; Zech. 1:8

²⁹ ^aIs. 7:11; 14:8, 18; Jer. 44:30; Matt. 24:15, 16, 32
^bProv. 19:21; Is. 40:8

³⁰ ^aJer. 43:9-13; 46:25; Ezek. 29:3; 30:21
^b2 Kin. 25:4-7; Jer. 34:21; 39:5-7

¹ 'Lit., from the mouth of Jeremiah

^aJer. 32:12; 16; 43:3, 6
^bJer. 38:4, 18; 32:2 Kin. 24:1; 2 Chr. 36:5-7; Jer. 25:1; 36:1; 46:2; Dan. 1:1

³ ^aPs. 6:6; 89:3; 2 Cor. 4:1, 16; Gal. 6:9

⁴ ^aIs. 5:5; Jer. 1:10; 11:17; 18:7-10; 31:28

⁵ ^a1 Kin. 3:9, 11; 2 Kin. 5:26; Matt. 6:25, 32; Rom. 12:16
^bIs. 66:16; Jer. 25:31; Jer. 21:9; 38:2; 39:18

¹ ^aJer. 1:10; 25:15-38

² ^aJer. 46:14; Ezek. cha. 29-32
^b2 Kin. 18:21; 23:29; 33-35; Jer. 25:19
^c2 Chr. 35:20; Is. 10:9
^aJer. 45:1

³ ^aI.e., small shield
^bIs. 21:5; Jer. 51:11; Joel 3:9; Nah. 2:1; 3:14

planted I am about to uproot, that is, the whole land."

5 'But you, are you ^aseeking great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, I am going to ^bbring disaster on all flesh,' declares the LORD, 'but I will ^cgive your life to you as booty in all the places where you may go.' "

CHAPTER 46

THAT which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet ^aconcerning the nations.

2 To ^aEgypt, concerning the army of ^bPharaoh Neco king of Egypt, which was by the Euphrates River at ^cCarchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the ^dfourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

3 ^a'Line up the shield and ^bbuckler,

And draw near for the battle!

4 'Harness the horses, And ^bmount the steeds, And take your stand with helmets on!

^aPolish the spears, Put on the ^bscale-armor!

5 'Why have I seen it?

They are terrified, They are ^adrawing back, And their ^bmighty men are defeated

And have taken refuge in flight,

Without facing back;

¹'Terror is on every side!'

Declares the LORD.

6 Let not the ^aswift man flee, Nor the mighty man escape; In the north beside the river Euphrates

They have ^bstumbled and fallen.

⁴ ^aOr, go up, you horsemen ^bEzek. 21:9-11 ^c1 Sam. 17:5, 38; 2 Chr. 28:14; Neh. 4:16; Jer. 51:3

⁵ ^aHeb., Magor-missabib, i.e., Terror is on every side ^bIs. 42:17; Jer. 46:21 ^cIs. 5:25; Ezek. 39:18 ^dJer. 6:25; 20:3; 49:29

⁶ ^aIs. 30:16 ^bJer. 46:12, 16; Dan. 11:19

- 7 Who is this that ^arises like the Nile,
Like the rivers whose waters surge about?
- 8 Egypt rises like the Nile,
Even like the rivers whose waters surge about;
And He has said, "I will ^arise and cover that land;
I will surely ^bdestroy the city and its inhabitants."
- 9 Go up, you horses, and ^{1a}drive madly, you chariots,
That the mighty men may ²march forward;
Ethiopia and ^{3b}Put, that handle the shield,
And the ^{4c}Lydians, that handle and bend the bow.
- 10 For ^athat day belongs to the Lord ¹God of hosts,
A day of ^bvengeance, so as to avenge Himself on His foes;
And the ^csword will devour and be satiated
And ²drink its fill of their blood;
For there will be a ^dslaughter for the Lord ¹God of hosts,
In the land of the north by the river Euphrates.
- 11 Go ^aup to Gilead and obtain balm,
^bO virgin daughter of Egypt!
In vain have you multiplied ¹remedies;
There is ^cno healing for you.
- 12 The nations have heard of your ^ashame,
And the earth is full of your ^bcry of distress;
For one ^cwarrior has stumbled over ¹another,
And both of them have fallen down together.
- 13 ¹ This is the ¹message which the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the ^acoming of Nebuchadnezzar king of

7 Jer. 47:2
8 vs. 37-24
9 vs. 10-13
10 vs. 14-15, act like madmen
11 vs. 16-17, go forth
12 vs. 18-19, Libya (or Scythia-land) 46b.
13 vs. 20-21, Lydians
14 vs. 22-23, Cush
15 vs. 24-25, Egypt
16 vs. 26-27, Ethiopia
17 vs. 28-29, Put
18 vs. 30-31, Lydians
19 vs. 32-33, Ethiopia
20 vs. 34-35, Cush
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21 "Also her ^amercenaries in her midst
Are like ¹fattened ^bcalves,
For even they too have
turned back and have
fled away together;
They did not stand *their*
ground.
For the day of their calam-
ity has come upon them,
The time of their ^cpunish-
ment.

22 "Its sound moves along like a
serpent;
For they move on ¹like an
army
And come to her as wood-
cutters with axes.

23 "They have cut down her
^aforest," declares the
LORD;
"Surely it will no more be
found,
Even though ¹they are now
more numerous than ^bloc-
usts
And are without number.

24 "The daughter of Egypt has
been put to shame,
Given over to the ¹power of
the ^apeople of the north."

25 The LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel, says, "Behold, I am
going to punish Amon of
^aThebes, and ^bPharaoh, and
Egypt along with her ^cgods
and her kings, even Pharaoh and
those who ^dtrust in him.

26 "And I shall give them over
to the ¹power of those who are
^aseeking their lives, even into the
hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon and into the hand of his
²officers. ^bAfterwards, however,
it will be inhabited as in the days
of old," declares the LORD.

27 ¶ "But as for you, O Jacob
My servant, ^ado not fear,
Nor be dismayed, O Israel!
For, see, I am going to ^bsave
you from afar,
And your descendants from
the land of their captiv-
ity;

21 ¹Lit., of the stall
²Sam. 10:6;
2 Kin. 7:6;
Jer. 48:5 ^bIsa.
34:7 ^cJer.
48:44; Hos.
9:7; Obad. 13;
Mic. 7:4
22 ¹Or, in force
23 ¹I.e., trees of the forest, the Egyptians
Jer. 21:14
^bJudg. 6:5;
7:12; Joel 2:25
24 ¹Lit., hand
Jer. 1:15
25 ^aEzek.
30:14-16;
Nah. 3:8 ^bJer.
44:30 ^cEx.
12:12; Jer.
43:12, 13;
Ezek. 30:13;
Zeph. 2:11
^dIsa. 20:5
26 ¹Lit., hand ²Lit., servants
^aJer. 44:30;
Ezek. 32:11
^bEzek. 29:8-14
27 ^aIsa.
41:13, 14; Jer.
30:10, 11 ^bIsa.
11:11; Jer.
23:3, 4; 29:14;
Mic. 7:12
^cJer. 23:6;
50:19
28 ^aPs. 46:7;
11:1s. 8:10;
43:2; Jer. 1:19
^bJer. 4:27;
Amos 9:8, 9
^cJer. 10:24;
Hab. 3:2
1 ¹Lit., smote
^aJer. 25:20;
Zech. 9:6
^bGen. 10:19;
1 Kin. 4:24;
Jer. 25:20;
Amos 1:8;
Zeph. 2:4
2 ^aIsa.
14:31; Jer.
1:14; 6:22;
46:20, 24 ^bIsa.
8:7, 8 ^cIsa.
15:2-5; Jer.
46:12
3 ¹Lit., stamping of the ²Lit., mighty ones
^aJudg. 5:22;
Jer. 8:16;
Nah. 3:2
4 ^aIsa. 14:31
^bIsa. 23:5; Jer.
23:22; Joel
3:4; Amos
1:9, 10; Zech.
9:2-4

And Jacob shall return and
be ^cundisturbed
And secure, with no one
making him tremble.

28 "O Jacob My servant, do not
fear," declares the LORD,
"For ^aI am with you.
For I shall make a full end of
all the nations
Where I have driven you,
Yet I shall ^bnot make a full
end of you;
But I shall ^ccorrect you
properly
And by no means leave you
unpunished."

CHAPTER 47

THAT which came as the
word of the LORD to Jeremi-
ah the prophet concerning the
^aPhilistines, before Pharaoh
¹conquered ^bGaza.

2 Thus says the LORD:

"Behold, waters are going to
rise from ^athe north
And become an overflow-
ing torrent,
And ^boverflow the land and
all its fulness,
The city and those who live
in it;
And the men will ^ccry out,
And every inhabitant of the
land will wail.

3 "Because of the noise of the
¹galloping hoofs of his
²stallions,

The tumult of his chariots
and the rumbling of his
wheels,
The fathers have not turned
back for *their* children,
Because of the limpness of
their hands,

4 On account of the day tha
is coming
To ^adestroy all the Philis-
tines,
To cut off from ^bTyre and Si-
don

Every ally that is left;
For the LORD is going to de-
stroy the Philistines.

The remnant of the coast-
land of ^cCaphtor.
5^a "Baldness has come upon
Gaza;
^bAshkelon has been ruined.
O remnant of their valley,
How long will you ^cgash
yourself?
6^a "Ah, ^asword of the LORD,
How long will you not be
quiet?
Withdraw into your sheath;
Be at rest and stay still.
7^a "How can ⁱt be quiet,
When the LORD has ^agiven it
an order?
Against Ashkelon and
against the seacoast—
There He has ^bassigned it."

CHAPTER 48

CONCERNING ^aMoab.

Thus says the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel,
"Woe to ^bNebo, for it has
been destroyed;
^cKiriathaim has been put to
shame, it has been cap-
tured;
The lofty stronghold has
been put to shame and
ⁱshattered.
2^a "There is praise for Moab no
longer;
In ^aHeshbon they have de-
vised calamity against
her:
'Come and let us cut her off
from being a nation!'
You too, ⁱMadmen, will be
silenced;
The sword will follow after
you.
3^a "The sound of an outcry from
^aHoronaim,
'Devastation and great de-
struction!'
4^a "Moab is broken,
Her little ones have
sounded out a cry of dis-
tress.
5^a "For by the ascent of ^aLuhith
They will ascend with con-
tinual weeping;

4 ^aGen.
10:14; Deut.
2:22; Amos
9:7

5 ^aJer.
48:37, Mic.
1:16 ^bJudg.
1:18; Jer.
25:20; Amos
1:7, 8; Zeph.
2:4, 7; Zech.
9:5 ^cJer. 14:6
41:5

6 ^aJudg.
7:20; Jer.
12:12; Ezek.
21:3-5

7 ⁱIsa. you
^aIsa. 10:6;
Ezek. 14:17
^bMic. 6:9

1 ^aOr, de-
stroyed
^aIsa. 15:1;
Ezek. 25:9
^bNumb. 32:3;
38; Jer. 48:22
^cNumb. 32:37;
Jer. 48:23;
Ezek. 25:9

2 ⁱIsa. a
city of Moab
^aNumb. 21:25;
Jer. 48:34, 48;
49:3

3 ^aIsa. 15:5;
Jer. 48:3, 34

5 ⁱIsa. de-
struction of
outcry
^aIsa. 15:5

6 ^aJer. 51:6

7 ^aIsa. 52:7;
Isa. 58:4; Jer.
9:23 ^bNumb.
21:28; 1 Kin.
11:33; Jer.
48:13, 48

8 ^aJosh.
13:9, 17, 21

9 ^aOr, and
^bOr, fall in
ruins
^aIsa. 11:1; Is.
16:2; Jer.
48:28 ^bJer.
44:22

10 ^aJer. 11:3
^b1 Kin. 20:38;
40; 42; 2 Kin.
13:19 ^cJer.
47:6, 7

11 ⁱIsa. has
flavor has
stayed in him
^aJer. 22:21;
Ezek. 10:48;
Zeph. 1:13
^bZeph. 1:13
^cIsa. 2:2

12 ⁱIsa.
there

For at the descent of Horonaim

They have heard the ⁱan-
guished cry of destruc-
tion.

6^a "Flee, save your lives.
That you may be like a juniper
in the wilderness.

7^a "For because of your ^atrust in
your own achievements
and treasures,

Even you yourself will be
captured;

And ^bChemosh will go off
into exile

Together with his priests
and his princes.

8^a "And a destroyer will come
to every city,

So that no city will escape;
The valley also will be
ruined,

And the ^aplateau will be de-
stroyed,
As the LORD has said.

9^a "Give ⁱwings to Moab,
For she will ^aflee away;

And her cities will become a
^bdesolation,
Without inhabitants in
them.

10^a "Cursed be the one who
does the LORD's work
^bnegligently,

And cursed be the one who
restrains his ^csword from
blood.

11 ^a "Moab has been ^aat ease
since his youth;

He has also been ^bundis-
turbed on his lees,

Neither has he been ^cemp-
tied from vessel to vessel,

Nor has he gone into exile.
Therefore ⁱhe retains his
flavor,

And his aroma has not
changed.

12^a "Therefore behold, the days
are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I shall send to him those
who tip vessels, and they will tip
him over, and they will empty his
vessels and shatter ⁱhis jars.

13^a "And Moab will be ^aashamed of ^bChemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of ^cBethel, their confidence.

14^a "How can you say, 'We are ^amighty warriors,

And men valiant for battle'?

15^a "Moab has been destroyed, and ¹men have gone up to ²his cities;

His choicest ³young men have also gone down to the slaughter."

Declares the ^bKing, whose name is the LORD of hosts.

16^a "The disaster of Moab will ^asoon come,

And his calamity has swiftly hastened.

17^a "Mourn for him, all you who live around him,

Even all of you who know his name;

Say, 'How has the mighty ¹scepter been broken,

A staff of splendor!'

18^a "Come down from your glory

And sit ¹on the parched ground,

O ^bdaughter dwelling in ^cDibon,

For the destroyer of Moab has come up against you, He has ruined your strongholds.

19^a "Stand by the road and keep watch,

O inhabitant of ^aAroer;

^bAsk him who flees and her who escapes

And say, 'What has happened?'

20^a "Moab has been put to shame, for it has been ¹shattered.

Wail and cry out;

Declare by the ^aArnon

That Moab has been destroyed.

21^a "Judgment has also come upon the plain, upon Holon, ^aJahzah, and against ^bMephaath,

13 ^aIs. 45:16; Jer. 48:39 ^bJudg. 11:24 ^c1 Kin. 12:29; Hos. 8:5, 6

14 ^aPs. 33:16; Is. 10:13-16

15 ¹Lit., one has ²Lit., her ³i.e., warriors

^aIs. 40:30, 31; Jer. 50:27 ^bJer. 46:18, 51:57; Mal. 1:14

16 ^aIs. 13:22 ¹Or, rod ^aIs. 9:4; 14:5

17 ¹Lit., in thirst ^aIs. 47:1 ^bJer. 46:19 ^cNum. 21:30; Josh. 13:9, 17; Is. 15:2, Jer. 48:22

18 ¹Deut. 2:36; Josh. 12:2 ¹Sam. 4:13, 14, 16 ²Or, dismayed

^aNum. 21:13 ²Num. 21:23; Is. 15:4; Jer. 48:34 ^bJosh. 13:18

23 ^aJosh. 13:17 ²Jer. 48:41; Amos 2:2

25 ^aPs. 75:10; Zech. 1:19-21 ^bJob 22:9; Ps. 10:15

26 ¹Or, magnified himself against ²Or, splash into ^aJer. 25:15 ^bEx. 5:2; Jer. 48:42; Dan. 5:23

27 ¹Or, found ^aLam. 2:15-17; Mic. 7:8-10 ^bJer. 2:28 ^cJob 16:4; Jer. 18:16

28 ^aJudg. 6:2; Is. 2:19; Jer. 48:16; Obad. 3 ^bPs. 55:6; Song 2:14

29 ¹Lit., elevation of his heart ^aIs. 16:8; Zeph. 2:8 ^bJob 40:11, 12; Ps. 138:6

30 ^aIs. 37:28 ³Another reading is He ^aIs. 15:5; 16:7, 11 ^b2 Kin. 3:25; Is. 16:7, 11; Jer. 48:36

22 against Dibon, Nebo, and Beth-diblathaim,

23 against Kiriathaim, Beth-gamul, and ^aBeth-meon,

24 against ^aKerioth, Bozrah, and all the cities of the land of Moab, far and near.

25^a "The ^ahorn of Moab has been cut off, and his ^barm broken," declares the LORD.

26^a "Make him drunk, for he has ¹become ^barrogant toward the LORD; so Moab will ²wallow in his vomit, and he also will become a laughingstock.

27^a "Now was not Israel a ^alaughingstock to you? Or was he ¹caught among thieves? For each time you speak about him you ^cshake your head in scorn.

28^a "Leave the cities and dwell among the ^acrag,

O inhabitants of Moab,

And be like a ^bdove that nests

Beyond the mouth of the chasm.

29^a "We have heard of the pride of Moab—he is very proud—

Of his haughtiness, his ^bpride, his arrogance and ¹his self-exaltation.

30^a "I know his ^afury," declares the LORD,

"But it is futile;

His idle boasts have accomplished nothing.

31^a "Therefore I shall ^awail for Moab,

Even for all Moab shall I cry out;

¹I will moan for the men of ^bKir-heres.

32^a "More than the ^aweeping for ^bJazer

I shall weep for you, O vine of Sibmah!

Your tendrils stretched across the sea,

They reached to the sea of Jazer;

32 ^aIs. 16:8, 9 ^bNum. 21:32

Upon your summer fruits
and your grape harvest
The destroyer has fallen.

33 "So ^agladness and joy are
taken away
From the fruitful field, even
from the land of Moab.
And I have made the wine to
^bcease from the wine
presses;
No one will tread *them* with
shouting,
The shouting will not be
shouts of joy.

34 "From the outcry at Hesh-
bon even to ^bElealeh, even to Ja-
haz they have ¹raised their voice,
from ^cZoar even to Horonaim
and to Eglath-shelishiyah; for
even the waters of Nimrim will
become desolate.

35 "And I shall make an end of
Moab," declares the LORD, "the
one who offers sacrifice on the
^ahigh place and the one who
^{1b}burns incense to his gods.

36 ¶ "Therefore My ^aheart
¹wails for Moab like flutes; My
heart also ¹wails like flutes for
the men of Kir-heres. Therefore
they have ^{1b}lost the abundance it
produced.

37 "For ^aevery head is bald and
every beard cut short; there are
gashes on all the hands and
^{1b}sackcloth on the loins.

38 "On all the ^ahousetops of
Moab and in its streets ¹there is
lamentation everywhere; for I
have broken Moab like an unde-
sirable ^bvessel," declares the
LORD.

39 "How ¹shattered it is! How
they have wailed! How Moab
has turned his back—he is
ashamed! So Moab will become
a laughingstock and an ^aobject
of terror to all around him."

40 For thus says the LORD,

"Behold, one will ^afly swiftly
like an eagle,

And ^bspread out his wings
against Moab.

41 "Kerioth has been captured

23 ^aIs.
16:10; Jer.
25:10; Joel
1:12 ^aIs. 5:10;
Hag. 2:16

34 ¹Is.,
given forth
^aIs. 15:4-6
^bNum. 32:3

37 ^aGen.
13:10; 14:2;
Is. 15:5, 6

38 ¹Or, of
forn up in
smoke
^aIs. 15:2;
16:12 ^bJer.
7:9; 11:13

38 ¹Is.,
sounds
^aIs. 15:5;
16:11 ^aIs.
15:7

37 ^aIs. 15:2;
Jer. 16:6;
41:5; 47:5
^bGen. 37:34;
Is. 15:3; 20:2

38 ¹Is., all
of it is lam-
entation
^aIs. 22:1 ^bJer.
19:10, 11;
22:28; 25:34

38 ¹Or, de-
stroyed
^cEzek. 26:16
40 ^aDeut.
28:49; Jer.
49:22; Hos.
8:1; Hab. 1:8
^aIs. 8:8

41 ^aJer.
49:22 ^aIs.
13:8; 21:3;
Jer. 30:6;
Mic. 4:9, 10

42 ¹Or,
magnified
himself/
against
^aPs. 83:4; Jer.
48:2 ^aIs.
37:23; Jer.
48:28

43 ^aIs.
24:17, 18;
Lam. 3:47
44 ^a1 Kin.
19:17; Is.
24:18; Amos
5:19 ^bJer.
48:21

45 ¹Is.,
sons of lu-
muli
^aNum. 21:28;
29 ^bNum.
21:21, 29; Ps.
135:11 ^cNum.
24:17

46 ^aNum.
21:29 ^bJudg.
11:24; 1 Kin.
11:7; Jer. 48:7

47 ¹Or, cap-
tivity ²Is.,
end of the
days
Jer. 12:14;
17:48; 39

48 ^aNum.
21:29 ^bJudg.
11:24; 1 Kin.
11:7; Jer. 48:7

49 ¹Or, cap-
tivity ²Is.,
end of the
days
Jer. 12:14;
17:48; 39

50 ^aNum.
21:29 ^bJudg.
11:24; 1 Kin.
11:7; Jer. 48:7

And the strongholds have
been seized,

So the ^ahearts of the mighty
men of Moab In that day
Will be like the heart of a
^bwoman in labor.

42 "And Moab will be ^ade-
stroyed from being a peo-
ple

Because he has ¹become
^barrogant toward the
LORD.

43 "Terror, pit, and snare are
coming upon you,
O inhabitant of Moab," de-
clares the LORD.

44 "The one who ^aflees from the
terror

Will fall into the pit,
And the one who climbs up
out of the pit

Will be caught in the snare;
For I shall bring upon her,
even upon Moab,

The year of their ^bpunish-
ment," declares the
LORD.

45 ¶ "In the shadow of Hesh-
bon

The fugitives stand without
strength;

For a fire has gone forth
from Heshbon,

And a ^aflame from the midst
of ^bSihon,

And it has devoured the
^cforehead of Moab

And the scalps of the ¹riot-
ous revelers.

46 "Woe to you, Moab!

The people of ^bChemosh
have perished;

For your sons have been
taken away captive,

And your daughters into
captivity.

47 "Yet I will ^arestore the ¹for-
tunes of Moab

In the ²latter days," de-
clares the LORD.

Thus far the judgment on
Moab.

CHAPTER 49

CONCERNING the sons of
Ammon.

Thus says the LORD:

"Does Israel have no sons?

Or has he no heirs?

Why then has Malcam
taken possession of Gad
And his people settled in its
cities?

2 "Therefore behold, the days
are coming," declares
the LORD,

"That I shall cause a trumpet
blast of war to be
heard

Against Rabbah of the
sons of Ammon;

And it will become a deso-
late heap,

And her towns will be set
on fire.

Then Israel will take pos-
session of his posses-
sors,"

Says the LORD.

3 "Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai
has been destroyed!

Cry out, O daughters of
Rabbah,

Gird yourselves with sack-
cloth and lament,

And rush back and forth in-
side the walls;

For Malcam will go into
exile

Together with his priests
and his princes.

4 "How boastful you are
about the valleys!

Your valley is flowing
away,

O backsliding daughter
Who trusts in her trea-
sures, saying,

"Who will come against
me?"

5 "Behold, I am going to bring
terror upon you,"

Declares the Lord God of
hosts,

"From all directions around
you;

1 In 1 Kin.
11:3, 33 and
Zeph. 1:5,
Milecom
Deut. 23:3,
4; 2 Chr. 20:1;
Ezek. 21:28-
32; 25:2-10;
Amos 1:13-
15; Zeph. 2:8-
11

2 Or,
shout of
Num. 10:9;
Jer. 4:19;
Deut. 3:11;
2 Sam. 11:1;
Ezek. 21:20;
Josh. 17:11,
16; 18:14-2

3 Cf. v. 1
Jer. 48:2
Josh. 7:2-5,
8:1-29; Ezra
2:28; 18:
32-34; Jer.
48:37; Jer.
48:25; 48:7

4 Jer. 9:23
Jer. 31:22
Ps. 62:10;
Ezek. 28:4, 5;
1 Tim. 6:17
Jer. 21:13

5 Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD; Lit.,
before him
Jer. 48:43f.;
49:29; Jer.
16:16; 48:5
Lam. 4:15

6 Or, cap-
tivity
Jer. 48:47;
49:39

7 Gen.
25:30; 32:3;
Is. 34:5, 6;
Jer. 25:21;
Ezek. 25:12;
Amos 1:11;
Obad. 1:21
Job 2:11;
Jer. 8:9; Gen.
38:11, 15, 34;
Jer. 49:20

8 Or,
brought Or,
punished
Is. 21:13;
Jer. 25:23
Jer. 48:21;
Mal. 1:3, 4

9 Lit.,
their suffi-
ciency
Obad. 5

10 Lit.,
seed; Lit.,
brothers
Jer. 13:28
Is. 17:14

11 Or, so-
therless
Ps. 68:3;
Hos. 14:3; Ps.
68:5; Zech.
7:10

And each of you will be
driven out headlong.

With no one to gather the
fugitives together.

6 "But afterward I will restore
The fortunes of the sons of
Ammon,"

Declares the LORD.

7 ¶ Concerning Edom.

Thus says the LORD of hosts,

"Is there no longer any wis-
dom in Teman?

Has good counsel been lost
to the prudent?

Has their wisdom decayed?

8 "Flee away, turn back, dwell
in the depths,

O inhabitants of Dedan,
For I will bring the disaster
of Esau upon him

At the time I punish him.

9 "If grape gatherers came to
you,

Would they not leave glean-
ings?

If thieves came by night,

They would destroy only
until they had enough.

10 "But I have stripped Esau
bare,

I have uncovered his hiding
places

So that he will not be able to
conceal himself;

His offspring has been de-
stroyed along with his
relatives

And his neighbors, and he
is no more.

11 "Leave your orphans be-
hind, I will keep them
alive;

And let your widows trust
in Me."

12 For thus says the LORD,
"Behold, those who were not
sentenced to drink the cup will
certainly drink it, and are you the
one who will be completely ac-
quitted? You will not be acquit-
ted, but you will certainly drink
it.

12 Lit., whose judgment was not to Jer. 25:15; Jer.
25:28, 29; 1 Pet. 4:17

13 "For I have ^asworn by Myself," declares the LORD, "that ^bBozrah will become an ^cobject of horror, a reproach, a ruin and a curse; and all its cities will become perpetual ruins."

14 ¶ I have ^aheard a message from the LORD,

And an ^benvoy is sent among the nations, saying,

"^cGather yourselves together and come against her,

And rise up for battle!"

15 "For behold, I have made you small among the nations, Despised among men.

16 "As for the terror of you, The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, O you who live in the clefts of ¹the ^arock, Who occupy the height of the hill.

Though you make your nest as ^bhigh as an eagle's,

I will ^cbring you down from there," declares the LORD.

17 "And Edom will become an ^aobject of horror; everyone who passes by it will be horrified and will ^bhiss at all its wounds.

18 "Like the ^aoverthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah with its neighbors," says the LORD, "^bno one will live there, nor will a son of man reside in it.

19 "Behold, one will come up like a lion from the ¹thickets of the Jordan against ²a perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I shall make him run away from it, and whoever is ^cchosen I shall appoint over it. For who is ^dlike Me, and who will summon Me into court? And who then is the shepherd ^awho can stand against Me?"

20 ¶ Therefore hear the ^aplan of the LORD which He has planned against Edom, and His purposes which He has purposed against the inhabitants of

13 ^aGen. 22:16; Is. 49:23; Jer. 44:26; Amos 6:8 ^bGen. 30:32; 1 Chr. 1:44; Is. 34:8; 63:1; Amos 1:12 ^cIs. 34:9; 15; Jer. 18:16

14 ^aObad. 1; 4 ^bIs. 18:2; 30:4; Jer. 50:14

16 ^aOr, Solo ²2 Kin. 14:7; Jer. 48:28; ^bJob 39:27; Is. 14:13-15; ^cAmos 9:2

17 ^aJer. 18:16; 49:13; 50:13; Ezek. 35:7 ^b1 Kin. 9:8; Jer. 51:37

18 ^aGen. 19:24, 25; Deut. 29:23; Jer. 50:49; Amos 4:11; Zeph. 2:9; ^bJob 18:15; 18; Jer. 49:33

19 ^aIs. 14:14; ^bOr, an enduring habitation ^cJer. 50:44; ^dJosh. 3:15; Jer. 12:5; ^eNum. 16:5; ^fEx. 15:11; Is. 48:9; ^gJob 41:10

20 ^aOr, habitation ^bIs. 14:24, 27; Jer. 50:46; ^cMal. 1:3, 4

21 ^aIs. 50:46; ^bEzek. 28:15; 18

22 ^aOr, one ^bOr, over ^cJer. 4:13; 48:40; Hos. 8:1 ^dIs. 13:8; Jer. 50:6; 48:41

23 ^aGen. 14:15; 15:2; 2 Kin. 5:12; 2 Chr. 16:2; Is. 7:8; 17:1; Amos 1:3; Acts 9:2; ^bNum. 13:21; Is. 10:9; Jer. 30:5; Amos 6:2 ^c1 Kin. 18:34; 19:13; Is. 10:9; ^dIs. 15:15; Nah. 2:10 ^eIs. 57:20

24 ^aIs. 13:8

25 ^aOr, deserted in the city of praise ^bJer. 33:8; 51:41

Teman: surely they will drag them off, even the little ones of the flock; surely He will make their ¹pasture ^bdesolate because of them.

21 The ^aearth has quaked at the noise of their downfall. There is an outcry! The noise of it has been heard at the ¹Red Sea.

22 Behold, ¹He will mount up and ^aswoop like an eagle, and spread out His wings ²against Bozrah; and the ^bhearts of the mighty men of Edom in that day will be like the heart of a woman in labor.

23 ¶ Concerning ^aDamascus.

"^bHamath and ^cArpad are put to shame,

For they have heard bad news;

They are ^ddisheartened.

There is anxiety by the sea, It ^acannot be calmed.

24 "Damascus has become helpless;

She has turned away to flee, And panic has gripped her; ^aDistress and pangs have taken hold of her

Like a woman in childbirth.

25 "How ¹the ^acity of praise has not been deserted,

The town of My joy!

26 "Therefore, her ^ayoung men will fall in her streets,

And all the men of war will be ¹silenced in that day,"

declares the LORD of hosts.

27 "And I shall ^aset fire to the wall of Damascus,

And it will devour the ¹fortified towers of ^bBen-hadad."

28 ¶ Concerning ^aKedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated. Thus says the LORD,

"Arise, go up to Kedar

26 ^aOr, destroyed ^bJer. 11:22; 50:30; Amos 4:19; 27 ^aOr, princes ^bJer. 43:12; Amos 1:3-5 ^c1 Kin. 15:18; 20; 2 Kin. 13:3; 28 ^aGen. 25:13; Ps. 120:5; Is. 21:16, 17; Jer. 2:18; Ezek. 27:21

And devastate the ^{1b}men of the east.
 29 "They will take away their tents and their flocks; They will carry off for themselves Their tent ^acurtains, all their goods, and their ^bcamels, And they will call out to one another, "Terror on every side!"
 30 "Run away, flee! Dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Hazor," declares the LORD;
 "For ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has formed a plan against you And devised a scheme against you.
 31 "Arise, go up against a nation which is ^aat ease, Which lives securely," declares the LORD.
 "It has ^bno gates or bars; They ^cdwell alone.
 32 "And their camels will become plunder, And the multitude of their cattle for booty, And I shall ^ascatter to all the winds those who ^bcut the corners of *their hair*; And I shall bring their disaster from every side," declares the LORD.
 33 "And Hazor will become a ^ahaunt of jackals, A desolation forever; No one will live there, Nor will a son of man reside in it."
 34 ¶ That which came as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet concerning ^aElam, ^bat the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,
 35 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to ^abreak the bow of Elam, The ¹finest of their might.
 36 'And I shall bring upon Elam the ^afour winds

³⁸ ¹Lit., sons
¹Job 1:3; Is. 11:14
³⁸ ^aHab. 3:7
¹Chr. 5:21
^cJer. 46:5
³⁹ ^aJer. 25:9; 27:6
³¹ ^aJudg. 18:7; Is. 47:8
^bIs. 42:11
^cNum. 23:9; Deut. 33:28; Mic. 7:14
³² ^aEzek. 5:10; 12:14; 15 ^bJer. 9:26; 25:23
³³ ^aIs. 13:20-22; Jer. 9:11; 10:22; 51:37; Zeph. 2:9; 13:15; Mal. 1:3
³⁴ ^aGen. 10:22; 14:1, 9; Is. 11:11; Jer. 25:25; Ezek. 32:24; Dan. 8:2 ^b2 Kin. 24:17, 18; Jer. 28:1
³⁵ ¹Lit., first
^aPs. 48:9; Is. 22:6; Jer. 51:56
³⁶ ^aDan. 7:2; 8:8; Rev. 7:1 ^bJer. 49:32; Ezek. 5:10; Amos 9:9
³⁷ ¹Or, dismay
^aJer. 6:19
^bJer. 30:24
^cJer. 9:16; 48:2
³⁸ ¹Or, from there
³⁹ ¹Or, captivity
^aJer. 48:47
¹ ^aGen. 10:10; 11:9; 2 Kin. 17:24; Is. 13:1; 47:1; Dan. 1:1; Rev. 14:8
² ¹Heb., Merodach
²Or, dismayed
^aJer. 4:16
^bJer. 51:27
^cJer. 51:31
^dIs. 46:1 ^eJer. 51:47
³ ^aIs. 13:17; Jer. 50:9; 51:11; 27 ^bIs. 14:22; 23; Jer. 50:13
^cJer. 9:10, 11; Zeph. 1:3

From the four ends of heaven,
 And shall ^bscatter them to all these winds;
 And there will be no nation To which the outcasts of Elam will not go.
 37 'So I shall ¹shatter Elam before their enemies And before those who seek their lives; And I shall ^abring calamity upon them, Even My ^bfierce anger,' declares the LORD,
 'And I shall ^csend out the sword after them Until I have consumed them.
 38 'Then I shall set My throne in Elam, And I shall destroy ¹out of it king and princes,' Declares the LORD.
 39 'But it will come about in the last days That I shall ^arestore the ¹fortunes of Elam,' " Declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 50

THE word which the LORD spoke concerning ^aBabylon, the land of the Chaldeans, through Jeremiah the prophet:

2 "Declare and proclaim among the nations. Proclaim it and ^blift up a standard. Do not conceal it *but* say, 'cBabylon has been captured, ^dBel has been put to shame, ¹Marduk has been ²shattered; Her ^eimages have been put to shame, her idols have been shattered.'
 3 "For a nation has come up against her out of the ^anorth; it will make her land ^ban object of horror, and there will be ^cno inhabitant in it. Both man and beast have wandered off, they have gone away!

4 "In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah ^aas well; they will go along ^bweeping as they go, and it will be ^cthe LORD their God they will seek.

5 "They will ^aask for the way to Zion, turning their faces ¹in its direction; ²they ³will come that they may join themselves to the LORD in an ^beverlasting covenant that will not be forgotten.

6 "My people have become ^alost sheep;

^bTheir shepherds have led them astray.

They have made them turn aside on the ^cmountains;

They have gone along from mountain to hill

And have forgotten their ^dresting place.

7 "All who came upon them have devoured them;

And their adversaries have said, '^aWe are not guilty.

Inasmuch as they have sinned against the LORD who is the ^bhabitation of righteousness,

Even the LORD, the ^chope of their fathers.'

8 "Wander away from the ^amidst of Babylon,

And ¹go forth from the land of the Chaldeans;

Be also like male goats ²at the head of the flock.

9 "For behold, I am going to ^aarouse and bring up against Babylon

A horde of great nations from the land of the north,

And they will draw up their battle lines against her;

From there she will be taken captive.

Their arrows will be like ¹an expert warrior

Who does not return empty-handed.

10 "And ^{1a}Chaldea will become plunder;

4 ^aIs.
11 12, 13; Jer.
31 8, 31 31;
33 7; Hos.
1 11 ^bEzra
3 12, 13; Ps.
128 5; Jer.
31 9 ^cHos. 3:5

5 ^aLat.
Another TM.T
reads come
yet ²Or, will
have come
^aIs. 35:8; Jer.
6 16 ^aIs. 50:3;
Jer. 32 40;
Hos. 8:6-10
6 ^aIs. 53:6;
Ezek. 34 15,
16; Matt.
9:36, 10:6
¹Jer. 23 11-14
²Jer. 13 18;
Ezek. 34 6
³Jer. 33 12,
50 19

7 ^aJer. 2:3;
Zech. 11 5;
¹Jer. 31 23,
40 2, 3 ^aPs.
22 4; Jer.
14 8, 17 13
8 ^aAnother
reading is let
them go forth
²Or, in front
of
^aIs. 48:20;
Jer. 51 6;
Rev. 18:4

9 ^aSo some
man. and ver-
sions; MT
reads a war-
rior who
makes child-
less
¹Jer. 51 1
10 ^aOr, the
Chaldeans
¹Jer. 51 24,
35; Ezek.
11 24
11 ^aAnother
reading is in
the grass
²Lat. mighty
ones
¹Jer. 12 14
²Jer. 48:20
12 ^aOr, has
become
^aJer. 15:9
¹Jer. 22 6,
51 43
13 ^aJer.
34:23 ^aJer.
51 28 ^aJer.
18 16; 49:17
14 ^aLat.
tread (in or-
der to string)
^aHab. 2:6, 17
15 ^aLat. her
hand
^a1 Chr. 28:24;
2 Chr. 30:6;
Lam. 5:6 ^aJer.
50:44, 50;
51:38 ^aJer.
48:10 ^aPs.
137:6; Rev.
18:6

All who plunder her will have enough," declares the LORD.

11 ¹"Because you are glad, because you are jubilant, O you who ^apillage My heritage,

Because you skip about ¹like a threshing ^bheifer And neigh like ²stallions,

12 Your ^amother ¹will be greatly ashamed.

She who gave you birth ¹will be humiliated.

Behold, she will be the least of the nations,

A ^bwilderness, a parched land, and a desert.

13 "Because of the indignation of the LORD she will ^anot be inhabited,

But she will be ^bcompletely desolate;

Everyone who passes by Babylon ^cwill be horrified And will hiss because of all her wounds.

14 "Draw up your battle lines against Babylon on every side,

All you who ¹bend the bow; Shoot at her, do not be sparing with your arrows,

For she has ^asinned against the LORD.

15 "Raise your battle cry against her on every side!

She has ^agiven ¹herself up, her pillars have fallen,

Her ^bwalls have been torn down.

For this is the ^cvengeance of the LORD:

Take vengeance on her; ^dAs she has done to others, so do to her.

16 "Cut off the ^asower from Babylon,

And the one who wields the sickle at the time of harvest;

From before ¹the ^bsword of
the oppressor
^cThey will each turn back to
his own people,
And they will each flee to
his own land.

17 ¶ "Israel is a ^ascattered
¹flock, the ^blions have driven
them away. The first one who de-
voured him was the ^cking of As-
syria, and this last one who has
broken his bones is ^dNebuchad-
nezzar king of Babylon.

18 "Therefore thus says the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
'Behold, I am going to punish the
king of Babylon and his land, just
as I ^apunished the king of As-
syria.

19 'And I shall ^abring Israel
back to his pasture, and he will
graze on Carmel and Bashan,
and his ¹desire will be satisfied in
the ^bhill country of Ephraim and
Gilead.

20 'In those days and at that
time,' declares the LORD, 'search
will be made for the iniquity of
Israel, but ^athere will be none;
and for the sins of Judah, but
they will not be found; for I shall
pardon those ^bwhom I leave as a
remnant.'

21 ¶ "Against the land of
¹Merathaim, go up
against it,
And against the inhabitants
of ^{2a}Pekod.

Slay and ³utterly destroy
them," declares the
LORD,

"And do according to all that
I have commanded you.

22 "The ^anoise of battle is in the
land,

And great destruction.

23 "How the ^ahammer of the
whole earth

Has been cut off and broken!

How Babylon has become
An object of horror among
the nations!

¹⁶ Or, the
oppressing
sword
^bJer. 25:38;
46:16 ^cIs.
13:14
¹⁷ Lit.,
sheep
^aJoel 3:2 ^bJer.
2:13, 4:7
^c2 Kun. 15:19;
17:6, 18:9-13
^d2 Kun. 24:1,
10:12, 25:1-7
¹⁸ ^aIs.
10:12, Ezek.
31:3, 11, 12,
Nah. 3:7, 18,
19
¹⁹ Lit., soul
^aIs. 63:10;
Jer. 31:10;
33:12; Ezek.
34:13 ^bJer.
31:6
²⁰ ^aIs.
43:25; Jer.
31:34; Mic.
7:19 ^bIs. 1:9
²¹ Or, Dou-
ble Rebellion
^aOr, Punish-
ment ^bLit.,
put under the
ban
^cEzek. 23:23
^dJer.
4:18-21;
51:54-56
²² ^aJer.
51:20-24
^bJer.
48:43, 44
^cJer. 51:31;
Dan. 5:30, 31
^dJob 9:4;
40:2, 9
²³ Heb.,
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD
^aIs. 13:5 ^bJer.
50:15; 51:12,
25, 55
²⁴ Lit., and
^aLit., put un-
der the ban
^bIs. 45:3; Jer.
50:10 ^cIs.
14:23
²⁵ ^aIs. 34:7
^bJer. 48:10
^cPs. 37:13;
Jer. 48:21;
48:44; Ezek.
7:7
²⁶ ^aIs. 48:20
^bPs. 149:6-9;
Jer. 50:15;
51:10 ^cLam.
1:10; 2:6, 7
²⁷ Another
reading is
archers ^aLit.,
tread (in or-
der to string)
^bSome man.
add to her
^cPs. 137:8;
Jer. 50:15;
51:56;
2 Thess. 1:6
^dEx. 10:3; Jer.
49:16; Dan.
4:37

24 "I ^aset a snare for you, and
you were also ^bcaught, O
Babylon.

While you yourself were
not aware;

You have been found and
also seized

Because you have engaged
in ^cconflict with the
LORD."

25 The LORD has opened His
armory

And has brought forth the
^aweapons of His indigna-
tion,

For it is a ^bwork of the Lord
¹GOD of hosts

In the land of the Chalde-
ans.

26 Come to her from the ¹far-
thest border;

^aOpen up her barns,
Pile her up like heaps
And ^{2b}utterly destroy her.
Let nothing be left to her.

27 ^aPut all her young bulls to
the sword;

Let them ^bgo down to the
slaughter!

Woe be upon them, for their
^cday has come,

The time of their punish-
ment.

28 There is a ^asound of fugi-
tives and refugees from
the land of Babylon,

To declare in Zion the ^bven-
geance of the LORD our
God,

Vengeance for His ^ctemple

29 ¶ "Summon ¹many against
Babylon,

All those who ²bend the
bow:

Encamp against her on ev-
ery side,

Let there be no escape³.

Repay her according to her
work;

^aAccording to all that she
has done, so do to her;

For she has become ^barro-
gant against the LORD.

- Against the Holy One of Israel.
- 30 "Therefore her ^ayoung men will fall in her streets, And all her men of war will be ^bsilenced in that day," declares the LORD.
- 31 "Behold, ^aI am against you, O ^aarrogant one," Declares the Lord ²God of hosts,
- "For your day has come, The time ³when I shall punish you.
- 32 "And the ^{1a}arrogant one will stumble and fall With no one to raise him up; And I shall ^bset fire to his cities, And it will devour all his environs."
- 33 ¹ Thus says the LORD of hosts,
- "The sons of Israel are oppressed, And the sons of Judah as well; And ^aall who took them captive have held them fast, They have refused to let them go.
- 34 "Their ^aRedeemer is strong, ^bthe LORD of hosts is His name; He will vigorously ^cplead their case, So that He may ^dbring rest to ¹the earth, But turmoil to the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 35 "A ^asword against the Chaldeans," declares the LORD,
- "And against the inhabitants of Babylon, And against her ^bofficials and her ^cwise men!
- 36 "A sword against the ^aoracle priests, and they will become fools! A sword against her ^bmighty men, and they will be ^{1c}shattered!

30 ^{1a}Or, made lifeless or destroyed
Isa. 13:17, 18; Jer. 9:21, 18:21; 49:28; 51:4 ^bJer. 51:57

31 ^{1a}Lat., arrogance
Hab. YHWH, usually rendered Lord ^{2a}Another reading is of your punishment
Jer. 21:13, Nah. 2:13

32 ^{1a}Lat., arrogance
Isa. 10:12-15; Jer. 21:14, 49:27

33 ^{1a}Isa. 14:17, 58:6

34 ^{1a}Or, their land
Prov. 23:11, Is. 43:14, Jer. 15:21, 31:11, Rev. 18:8 ^{2a}Isa. 47:4, Jer. 32:18, 51:19; Jer. 51:38; Mic. 7:9 ^{3a}Isa. 14:3-7

35 ^{1a}Jer. 47:6; Hos. 11:6 ^{2a}Isa. 51:2; Dan. 5:7, 8

36 ^{1a}Or, dismayed
Isa. 44:25; Jer. 49:22; Nah. 3:13

37 ^{1a}Lat., his
Lat., mixed multitude
Ps. 20:7, 8; Jer. 51:21, 22; Jer. 25:20; Ezek. 30:5; Jer. 48:41, 51:30; Nah. 3:13

38 ^{1a}Another reading is sword
Isa. 44:27; Jer. 51:32, 38; Rev. 16:12; Is. 48:1, 6, 7

39 ^{1a}Isa. 13:21; 34:14; Rev. 18:2 ^{2a}Isa. 13:20; Jer. 25:12

40 ^{1a}Gen. 10:24, 25; Is. 13:18; Jer. 49:18; Luth. 17:28-30; 2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 7

41 ^{1a}Isa. 13:2; Jer. 6:22; 50:3, 9; 51:27, 28

- 37 "A sword against ¹their ^ahorses and against ¹their chariots, And against all the ^{2b}foreigners who are in the midst of her, And they will become ^cwomen! A sword against her treasures, and they will be plundered!
- 38 "A ^{1a}drought on her waters, and they will be dried up! For it is a land of ^bidols, And they are mad over fearsome idols.
- 39 "Therefore the ^adesert creatures will live *there* along with the jackals; The ostriches also will live in it, And it will ^bnever again be inhabited Or dwelt in from generation to generation.
- 40 "As when God overthrew ^aSodom And Gomorrah with its neighbors," declares the LORD,
- "No man will live there, Nor will any son of man reside in it.
- 41 ¹ "Behold, a people is coming ^afrom the north, And a great nation and many kings Will be aroused from the remote parts of the earth.
- 42 "They ^aseize their bow and javelin; They are ^bcruel and have no mercy. Their ^cvoice roars like the sea, And they ride on ^dhorses, ^eMarshaled like a man for the battle Against you, O daughter of Babylon.

43 Jer. 6:23; Is. 13:17, 18; 47:6; Is. 5:30; Jer. 2:16; 47:3; Hab. 1:8; Jer. 50:9, 14; Joel 2:5

43 "The ^aking of Babylon has heard the report about them,
And his hands hang limp;
^bDistress has gripped him,
Agony like a woman in childbirth.

44 "Behold, one will come up like a lion from the ¹thicket of the Jordan to ^{2a}a perennially watered pasture; for in an instant I shall make them run away from it, and whoever is ^bchosen I shall appoint over it. For who is ^clike Me, and who will summon Me into court? And who then is the shepherd who can ^dstand before Me?"

45 Therefore hear the ^aplan of the LORD which He has planned against Babylon, and His purposes which He has purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: ^bsurely they will drag them off, even the little ones of the flock; surely He will make their ¹pasture desolate because of them.

46 At the ¹shout, "Babylon has been seized!" the ^aearth is shaken, and an ^boutcry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER 51

THUS says the LORD:

"Behold, I am going to arouse against Babylon
And against the inhabitants of ¹Leb-kamai

²The ^aspirit of a destroyer.

2 "And I shall dispatch ¹foreigners to Babylon that they may ^awinnow her
And may devastate her land;

For on every side they will be opposed to her
In the day of her calamity.

3 "Let not ²him who ^{3a}bends his bow ^{3b}bend it,

¹Nor let him rise up in his ^bscale-armor;

So do not spare her young men;

43 Jer. 51:31 Jer. 30:6, 49:24
44 Lit., pride ²Or, an enduring habitation
Jer. 49:18-21
^bNum. 16:5
^cIs. 48:9 Job 41:10; Jer. 30:21
45 ¹Or, habitation
^aPs. 33:11; Is. 14:24; Jer. 51:10, 11
^bJer. 49:20
46 Lit., voice
^aJer. 10:10; 49:21; Ezek. 26:18; 31:16
^bIs. 5:7; 15:5; Jer. 46:12; 51:54; Ezek. 27:28
¹Cryptic name for Chaldea, or, the heart of those who rise up against Me
²Or, a destroying wind
^aJer. 4:11, 12; 23:19; Hos. 13:15
²Some versions read winnowers
^aIs. 41:16; Jer. 15:7; Matt. 3:12
³M.T. reads Against him who ²i.e., the Chaldean defender
³Lit., tread(s) (in order to string)
^aJer. 50:14; 29 Jer. 46:4
4 ¹Or, wounded
^aIs. 13:15; 14:19; Jer. 49:26; 50:30, 37
5 ¹Lit., widowed
²Lit., From
^aIs. 54:7, 8; Jer. 33:24-26
^bHos. 4:1, 2
6 ¹Or, silenced or made lifeless
²Or, penalty for iniquity
^aJer. 50:8, 28; Rev. 18:4
^bNum. 16:26
^cJer. 50:15
^dJer. 25:14
7 Jer. 25:15; Hab. 2:16; Rev. 14:8; 17:4
^bRev. 14:8; 18:3 Jer. 25:16
8 ¹Or, balaam resum ^aIs. 21:9; Jer. 50:2; Rev. 14:8; 18:2
^aIs. 13:6; Rev. 18:9 Jer. 46:11
9 ¹Lit., is lifted ^aIs. 13:14; Jer. 46:16; 50:16
^bEzra 9:6; Rev. 18:5
10 ¹Lit., forth ^aPs. 37:6; Mic. 7:9

God's Judgment on Babylon.

Devote all her army to destruction.

4 "And they will fall down
¹slain in the land of the Chaldeans,
And ^apierced through in their streets."

5 ¶ For ^aneither Israel nor Judah has been ¹for-saken

By his God, the LORD of hosts,

Although their land is ^bfull of guilt

²Before the Holy One of Israel.

6 ^aFlee from the midst of Babylon,

And each of you save his life!

Do not be ^{1b}destroyed in her ²punishment,

For this is the ^cLORD's time of vengeance;

He is going to ^drender recompense to her.

7 Babylon has been a golden ^acup in the hand of the LORD,

Intoxicating all the earth.
The ^bnations have drunk of her wine;

Therefore the nations are ^cgoing mad.

8 Suddenly ^aBabylon has fallen and been broken;

^bWail over her!

^cBring ¹balm for her pain;
Perhaps she may be healed.

9 We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not healed;

Forsake her and ^alet us each go to his own country,

For her judgment has ^breached to heaven

And ¹towers up to the very skies.

10 The LORD has ^abrought ¹about our vindication;

8 ¹Or, balaam resum ^aIs. 21:9; Jer. 50:2; Rev. 14:8; 18:2
^aIs. 13:6; Rev. 18:9 Jer. 46:11

9 ¹Lit., is lifted ^aIs. 13:14; Jer. 46:16; 50:16
^bEzra 9:6; Rev. 18:5

10 ¹Lit., forth ^aPs. 37:6; Mic. 7:9

- Come and let us ^brecount in Zion
The work of the LORD our God!
- 11 ¶ ^aSharpen the arrows, fill the quivers!
The LORD has aroused the spirit of the kings of the Medes,
Because His purpose is against Babylon to destroy it;
For it is the ^bvengeance of the LORD, vengeance for His temple.
- 12 ^aLift up a ¹signal against the walls of Babylon;
Post a strong guard,
Station ²sentries,
Place men in ambush!
For the LORD has both ^bpurposed and performed
What He spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 13 O you who ^adwell by many waters,
Abundant in ^btreasures,
Your end has come,
The ¹measure of your ²end.
- 14 The ^aLORD of hosts has sworn by Himself:
"Surely I will fill you with a ¹population like ^blocusts,
And they will cry out with ²shouts of victory over you."
- 15 ¶ It is ^aHe who made the earth by His power,
Who established the world by His wisdom,
And by His understanding He ^bstretched out the heavens.
- 16 When He utters His ^avoice,
there is a tumult of waters in the heavens,
And He causes the ^bclouds to ascend from the end of the earth;
He makes lightning for the rain,

10 ^aMs.
40:2, Jer
50:28
11 ^aJer
48:4, 9; Joel
3:9, 10 ^bJer
50:28
12 ^aOr,
standard ^bOr,
watchmen
^aIs. 13:2, Jer
50:2, 51:27
^bJer. 4:28,
23:20, 51:29
13 ^aLa., cu-
bet ^bLa.,
being cut off
^aRev. 17:1
^bIs. 45:3 ^cIs.
57:17, Hab.
2:9-11
14 ^aOr,
mankind
^bIs. like the
song of grape
treaders
^aJer. 49:13
^bJer. 51:27,
Nah. 3:15
15 ^aGen.
1:1, Jer.
10:12-16,
51:15-19 ^bJob
9:8, Ps. 148:5,
6, Jer. 32:17,
Acts 14:15,
Rom. 1:20
16 ^aJob
37:2-6, Ps.
18:13 ^bPs.
135:7, Jer.
10:13 ^cJer.
1:4
17 ^aOr,
graves, un-
seen
^aIs. 44:16-20,
Jer. 10:14,
^bHab. 2:18,
19
18 ^aJer
18:15
19 ^aLa.,
Fashioner
^bOr, Sculptor,
cf. Num.
24:17
^aPs. 73:26,
Jer. 10:16
^bJer. 50:34
20 ^aLa.,
shatterer
^aIs. 10:5,
41:13, 16, Jer.
50:23 ^bIs. 8:9,
41:15, 16,
Mic. 4:12, 13
21 ^aEx. 15:1
22 ^aEx. 15:4,
Is. 43:17
^b2 Chr. 38:17,
Is. 13:15, 16
^cIs. 13:18
23 ^aJer.
50:10 ^bJer.
50:15, 20
24 ^aJer.
50:31 ^bIs.
13:2, Zech.
6:7

- And brings forth the ^awind
from His storehouses.
- 17 ^aAll mankind is stupid, de-
void of knowledge;
Every goldsmith is put to
shame by his ¹idols,
For his molten images are
^bdeceitful,
And there is no breath in
them.
- 18 They are ^aworthless, a work
of mockery;
In the time of their punish-
ment they will perish.
- 19 The ^aportion of Jacob is not
like these;
For the ¹Maker of all is He,
And of the ²tribe of His in-
heritance;
The ^bLORD of hosts is His
name.
- 20 He says, "You are My ¹war-
club, My weapon of war;
And with you I ^bshatter na-
tions,
And with you I destroy
kingdoms.
- 21 "And with you I ^ashatter the
horse and his rider,
22 And with you I shatter the
^achariot and its rider,
And with you I shatter ^bman
and woman,
And with you I shatter old
man and ^cyouth,
And with you I shatter
young man and virgin,
- 23 And with you I shatter the
shepherd and his flock,
And with you I shatter the
farmer and his team,
And with you I shatter gov-
ernors and prefects.
- 24 ¶ "But I will repay Babylon
and all the inhabitants of ^aChal-
dea for ^ball their evil that they
have done in Zion before your
eyes," declares the LORD.
- 25 "Behold, ^aI am against you,
^bO destroying mountain,
Who destroy the whole
earth," declares the
LORD,
"And I will stretch out My
hand against you,

And roll you down from the crags
And I will make you a ^cburnt out mountain.
26 "And they will not take from you even a stone for a corner
Nor a stone for foundations,
But you will be ^adesolate forever," declares the LORD.
27 ¶ ^aLift up a ¹signal in the land,
Blow a trumpet among the nations!
Consecrate the nations against her,
Summon against her the ^bkingdoms of ^cArarat, Minni and ^dAshkenaz;
Appoint a marshal against her,
Bring up the ^ehorses like bristly locusts.
28 Consecrate the nations against her,
The kings of the Medes,
¹Their governors and all ¹their ²prefects,
And every land of ³their dominion.
29 So the ^aland quakes and writhes,
For the purposes of the LORD against Babylon stand,
To make the land of Babylon
¹A ^bdesolation without inhabitants.
30 The ^amighty men of Babylon have ceased fighting,
They stay in the strongholds;
^bTheir strength is ¹exhausted,
They are becoming ^blike women;
Their dwelling places are set on fire,
The ^cbars of her gates are broken.
31 One ¹courier runs to meet ¹another,

25 ^cRev. 8:8

28 ^aIs. 13:19-22;
50:13; Jer. 51:29

27 ¹Or, standard
^aIs. 13:2-5; 18:3; Jer. 50:2; 51:12
^bJer. 50:3, 9
^cGen. 8:4;
2 Kin. 19:37;
Is. 37:38
^dGen. 10:3
^eJer. 50:42

28 ¹Lit., Her
²i.e., lieutenant governors
³Lit., his

29 ¹Or, An object of horror
^aJer. 8:16; 10:10; 50:46;
Amos 8:8 ^bIs. 13:19, 20;
47:11; Jer. 50:13; 51:28, 43

30 ¹Lit., dried up
^aPs. 78:5; Jer. 50:15, 36, 37
^bIs. 13:7, 8;
Nah. 3:13 ^cIs. 45:1, 2; Lam. 2:9; Amos 1:5; Nah. 3:13

31 ¹Lit., runner
²Lit., announcer
^a2 Chr. 30:6
^b2 Sam. 18:19-31

33 ¹Lit., of treading it
^aIs. 21:10;
41:15, 16;
Mic. 4:13 ^bIs. 17:5; Hos. 6:11; Joel 3:13; Rev. 14:15

34 ^aJer. 50:17 ^bIs. 24:1-3 ^cJob 20:15; Jer. 51:44

38 ¹Lit., inhabitants
^aPs. 137:8

36 ¹Or, broad river
^aPs. 140:12
^bJer. 51:8, 11;
Rom. 12:19
^cJer. 50:38

37 ^aRev. 18:2 ^bJer. 25:9

And one ^{2b}messenger to meet ^{2a}another,
To tell the king of Babylon
That his city has been captured from end to end;
32 The fords also have been seized,
And they have burned the marshes with fire,
And the men of war are terrified.
33 ¶ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
"The daughter of Babylon is like a ^athreshing floor
At the time ¹it is stamped firm;
Yet in a little while the time of ^bharvest will come for her."
34 ¶ "Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has ^adevoured me and crushed me,
He has set me down like an ^bempty vessel;
He has ^cswallowed me like a monster,
He has filled his stomach with my delicacies;
He has washed me away.
35 "May the ^aviolence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon,"
The ¹inhabitant of Zion will say;
And, "May my blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea,"
Jerusalem will say.
36 Therefore thus says the LORD,
"Behold, I am going to ^aplead your case
And ^bexact full vengeance for you;
And ^cI shall dry up her ¹sea
And make her fountain dry.
37 "And ^aBabylon will become a heap of ruins, a haunt of jackals,
An ^bobject of horror and hissing, without inhabitants.

38 "They will roar together like
 young lions,
 They will growl like lions'
 cubs.

39 "When they become heated
 up, I shall serve them
 their banquet
 And make them drunk,
 that they may become
 jubilant
 And may sleep a perpetual
 sleep
 And not wake up," declares
 the LORD.

40 "I shall bring them down like
 lambs to the slaughter,
 Like rams together with
 male goats.

41 "How Sheshak has been
 captured,
 And the praise of the whole
 earth been seized!
 How Babylon has become
 an object of horror
 among the nations!

42 "The sea has come up over
 Babylon;
 She has been engulfed with
 its tumultuous waves.

43 "Her cities have become an
 object of horror,
 A parched land and a des-
 ert,
 A land in which no man
 lives,
 And through which no son
 of man passes.

44 "And I shall punish Bel in
 Babylon,
 And I shall make what he
 has swallowed come out
 of his mouth;
 And the nations will no
 longer stream to him.
 Even the wall of Babylon
 has fallen down!

45 "Come forth from her
 midst, My people,
 And each of you save your-
 selves
 From the fierce anger of the
 LORD.

46 "Now lest your heart grow
 faint,

28 Jer. 2:15

39 Jer.
 25:27; 48:28;
 51:57; Ps.
 78:5

40 Or,
 young rams
 Jer. 48:15;
 50:27

41 Cryptic
 name for
 Babylon
 Jer. 25:26
 Jer. 49:25

42 Or,
 broad river
 Isa. 8:7; 8;
 Jer. 51:56;
 Dan. 9:28

43 Jer.
 50:12; Isa.
 13:20; Jer. 2:6

44 Isa. 46:1,
 Jer. 50:2; Ez-
 ra 1:7; 8:1a;
 2:2; Jer.
 50:15; 51:58

45 Isa.
 48:20; Jer.
 50:8, 28, 51:6;
 Rev. 18:4
 Gen. 19:12;
 16; Acts 2:40

46 Lat., in
 the H.L., the
 Isa. 43:5; Jer.
 46:27, 28
 22 Km. 19:7;
 Is. 13:3-5; Isa.
 19:2

47 Isa. 21:9;
 48:1, 2; Jer.
 50:2; 51:52
 Jer. 50:12;
 35:37

48 Isa.
 44:23; 48:20;
 49:13; Rev.
 18:20; Jer.
 50:3

49 Ps.
 137:8; Jer.
 50:29; Rev.
 18:24

50 Lat.,
 comes upon
 your heart
 Jer. 44:28
 Deut. 4:29-
 31; Ps. 137:6

51 Ps.
 44:15; Ps.
 74:3-8; Lam.
 1:10

52 Jer.
 50:38

And you be afraid at the re-
 port that will be heard in
 the land—

For the report will come
 one year,

And after that another re-
 port in another year.

And violence will be in the
 land

With ruler against ruler—

47 Therefore behold, days are
 coming

When I shall punish the i-
 dols of Babylon;

And her whole land will be
 put to shame,

And all her slain will fall in
 her midst.

48 "Then heaven and earth and
 all that is in them

Will shout for joy over
 Babylon,

For the destroyers will
 come to her from the
 north,"

Declares the LORD.

49 "Indeed Babylon is to fall
 for the slain of Israel,

As also for Babylon the
 slain of all the earth have
 fallen.

50 You who have escaped the
 sword,

Depart! Do not stay!

Remember the LORD from
 afar,

And let Jerusalem come to
 your mind.

51 "We are ashamed because
 we have heard reproach;
 Disgrace has covered our
 faces,

For aliens have entered
 The holy places of the
 LORD's house.

52 "Therefore behold, the
 days are coming," de-
 clares the LORD,

"When I shall punish her i-
 dols,

And the mortally wounded
 will groan throughout
 her land.

53 "Though Babylon should
ascend to the heavens,
And though she should fort-
tify her lofty stronghold,
From Me destroyers will
come to her," declares
the LORD.

54 ¶ The sound of an outcry
from Babylon,
And of great destruction
from the land of the Chal-
deans!

55 For the LORD is going to de-
stroy Babylon,
And He will make her loud
noise vanish from her.
And their waves will roar
like many waters;
The tumult of their voices
sounds forth.

56 For the destroyer is com-
ing against her, against
Babylon,
And her mighty men will be
captured,
Their bows are shattered;
For the LORD is a God of
recompense,
He will fully repay.

57 "And I shall make her
princes and her wise men
drunk,
Her governors, her pre-
fects, and her mighty
men,

That they may sleep a per-
petual sleep and not
wake up."

Declares the King, whose
name is the LORD of
hosts.

58 Thus says the LORD of hosts,
"The broad wall of Babylon
will be completely razed,
And her high gates will be
set on fire;
So the peoples will toil for
nothing,

And the nations become
exhausted only for fire."

59 ¶ The message which Jer-
emiah the prophet commanded
Seraiah the son of Neriah, the
grandson of Mahseiah, when he

53 ¹Lit., the
height of her
strength
²Gen. 11:4;
Job 20:6; Ps.
139:8-10; Is.
14:12-14; Jer.
49:16; Amos
9:2; Obad. 4
³Is. 13:3
54 ¹Jer.
48:3-5; 50:22,
46

55 ¹Or,
voice ²Lit., is
given
³Ps. 18:4;
69:2; 124:2, 4;
5. Jer. 51:42
56 ¹Jer.
51:48, 53;
Hab. 2:8 ²Ps.
46:9; 78:3
³Deut. 32:35;
Ps. 94:1, 2;
Jer. 51:8, 24
57 ¹Jer.
25:27 ²Ps.
78:5, 6 ³Jer.
46:18; 48:15
58 ¹Jer.
50:15 ²Is.
45:1, 2 ³Hab.
2:13 ⁴Jer. 9:5;
51:64; Lam.
5:5

59 ¹Lit.,
word
²Jer. 32:12;
38:4; 45:1
³Jer. 28:1;
52:1
⁴Or, book
⁵Is. 30:8; Jer.
30:2, 3; 38:2,
4, 32
62 ¹Lit., spo-
ken ²Lit.,
from man
even to beast
³Is. 13:19-22;
14:22, 23; Jer.
50:3, 13, 39,
40 ⁴Jer.
51:43; Ezek.
35:9

63 ¹Or, book
²Jer. 19:10;
11; Rev. 18:21
64 ¹Nah.
1:8, 9 ²Jer.
51:58 ³Job
31:40; Ps.
72:20
⁴Another
reading is
Hamital
⁵2 Kin. 24:18;
2 Chr. 36:11
⁶2 Kin. 22:31;
24:18 ⁷Josh.
10:29; 2 Kin.
8:22; Is. 37:8
⁸2 ¹Kin.
14:22; 2 Kin.
24:18; 2 Chr.
36:12 ²Jer.
38:30, 31
³2 Kin.
24:20; Is. 3:1,
4, 5 ⁴2 Chr.
36:13; Ezek.
17:12-18

went with Zedekiah the king of
Judah to Babylon in the fourth
year of his reign. (Now Seraiah
was quartermaster.)

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a sin-
gle scroll all the calamity which
would come upon Babylon, that
is, all these words which have
been written concerning Baby-
lon.

61 Then Jeremiah said to Sera-
iah, "As soon as you come to
Babylon, then see that you read
all these words aloud,

62 and say, 'Thou, O LORD,
hast promised concerning this
place to cut it off, so that there
will be nothing dwelling in it,
whether man or beast, but it will
be a perpetual desolation.'

63 "And it will come about as
soon as you finish reading this
scroll, you will tie a stone to it
and throw it into the middle of
the Euphrates,

64 and say, 'Just so shall Baby-
lon sink down and not rise
again, because of the calamity
that I am going to bring upon her;
and they will become exhausted.'"
Thus far are the words of
Jeremiah.

CHAPTER 52

^aZEDEKIAH was twenty-one
years old when he became
king, and he reigned eleven
years in Jerusalem; and his
mother's name was Hamutal
the daughter of Jeremiah of Lib-
nah.

2 And he did evil in the sight of
the LORD like all that Jehoiakim
had done.

3 For through the anger of the
LORD this came about in Jerusa-
lem and Judah until He cast
them out from His presence.
And Zedekiah rebelled against
the king of Babylon.

4 Now it came about in the
ninth year of his reign, on the
tenth day of the tenth month.

^a 2 Kin. 25:1; Jer. 39:1; Ezek. 24:1, 2; Zech. 8:19

that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it, and built a ^bsiege wall all around ¹it.

5 ^aSo the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

6 On the ninth day of the ^afourth month the ^bfamine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

7 Then the city was ^abroken into, and all the ^bmen of war fled and went forth from the city at night by way of the gate between the two walls which was by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were ¹all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and ^aovertook Zedekiah in the ¹plains of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him.

9 Then they captured the king and ^abrought him up to the king of Babylon at ^bRiblah in the land of ^cHamath; and he ¹passed sentence on him.

10 And the king of Babylon ^aslaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and he also slaughtered all the ¹princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 Then he ^ablinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon, and put him in prison until the day of his death.

12 ¶ ^aNow on the tenth day of the fifth month, which was the ^bnineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, ^cNebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, ¹who was in the service of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

13 And he ^aburned the house of the LORD, the ^bking's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even

4 ¹Lit., against it
Jer. 32:24
6 ²Kin. 25:2
8 Jer. 39:2
Jer. 25:3
Is. 3:1, Jer. 38:9, Ezek. 4:16, 5:16, 14:13
7 ¹Lit., against the city on every side
2 Kin. 25:4, Jer. 39:2, Jer. 39:4-7, 51:32
Ezek. 33:21
8 ¹Lit., Arabah
Jer. 21:7, 32:4, 34:21, 37:17, 38:23
9 ¹Lit., spoils / judgments with
2 Kin. 25:8, Jer. 32:4, 39:5
Num. 34:11, Jer. 39:5
Num. 13:21, Josh. 13:5
10 ¹Or, commanders
2 Kin. 25:7, Jer. 22:30, 39:6
11 Jer. 39:7, Ezek. 12:13
12 ¹Lit., stood before the king
2 Kin. 25:8, 21, Zach. 7:3, 8:19, Jer. 24:12, 25:18, Jer. 52:29
Jer. 39:9
13 ¹Kin. 9:8, 2 Kin. 25:8, 2 Chr. 36:19, Ps. 74:6-8, 79:1, Is. 64:10, 11, Lam. 2:7, Mic. 3:12
Jer. 39:8
14 ²Kin. 25:10, Neh. 13
15 ¹Lit., fallers who had fallen
2 Kin. 25:11
Jer. 39:9
16 ¹Or, unpaid laborers
2 Kin. 25:12, Jer. 39:10, 40:2-6
17 ¹Kin. 7:15-22, 2 Kin. 25:13, Jer. 27:19-22, 52:20-23
Jer. 39:27, 37:11, Kin. 7:23-28
18 ¹Or, spoons for incense
Ex. 27:3, 1 Kin. 7:40, 45, 2 Kin. 25:14

every large house he burned with fire.

14 So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard ^abroke down all the walls around Jerusalem.

15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard ^acarried away into exile some of the poorest of the people, the rest of the people who were left in the city, the ¹deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the artisans.

16 But ^aNebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vine-dressers and ¹plowmen.

17 ¶ Now the bronze ^apillars which belonged to the house of the LORD and the ^bstands and the bronze ^csea, which were in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried all their bronze to Babylon.

18 And they also took away the ^apots, the shovels, the snuffers, the basins, the ¹pans, and all the bronze vessels which were used in temple service.

19 The captain of the guard also took away the ^abowls, the firepans, the basins, the pots, the lampstands, the ¹pans and the libation bowls, what was fine gold and what was fine silver.

20 The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve bronze bulls that were under ¹the sea, and the stands, which King Solomon had made for the house of the LORD—the bronze of all these vessels was ^abeyond weight.

21 As for the pillars, the ^aheight of each pillar was eighteen ¹cubits, and ²it was twelve cubits in ^acircumference and four fingers in thickness, and hollow.

19 ¹Or, spoons for incense + 1 Kin. 7:40, 50; 2 Kin. 25:15

20 ¹So Gr. and Syriac; Heb. omits the sea + 1 Kin. 7:47; 2 Kin. 25:16

21 ¹i.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ²Lit., a line of 12 cubits would encircle it + 1 Kin. 7:15; 2 Kin. 25:17; 2 Chr. 3:15

22 Now a ^acapital of bronze was on it; and the height of each capital was five cubits, with network and ^bpomegranates upon the capital all around, all of bronze. And the second pillar was like these, including pomegranates.

23 And there were ninety-six ¹exposed pomegranates; all ^athe pomegranates numbered a hundred on the network all around.

24 ¶ Then the captain of the guard took ^aSeraiah the chief priest and ^bZephaniah the second priest, with the three ^{1c}officers of the temple.

25 He also took from the city one official who was overseer of the men of war, and seven ¹of the ^aking's advisers who were found in the city, and the scribe of the commander of the army who mustered the people of the land, and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the midst of the city.

26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and ^abrought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

27 Then the king of Babylon ^astruck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was ^bled away into exile from its land.

28 ¶ These are the people

22 ^a1 Kin. 7:18; 2 Kin. 25:17 ^b1 Kin. 7:20, 42
23 ¹Lit., windward
^a1 Kin. 7:20
24 ¹Lit., keepers of the door
^a2 Kin. 25:18; 1 Chr. 6:14; Ezra 7:1
^b2 Kin. 25:18; Jer. 21:1; 29:25, 29; 37:3 ^c1 Chr. 9:19; Jer. 35:4
25 ¹Lit., men of those seeing the king's face
^a2 Kin. 25:19; Ezech. 1:14
26 ^a2 Kin. 25:20
27 ^a2 Kin. 25:21; Ezech. 8:11-18 ^b1a. 6:11, 12; 27:10; 32:13, 14; Jer. 13:19; 20:4; 25:9-11; 39:9; Ezech. 33:28; Mic. 4:10
28 ¹Or possibly, seven-month
^a2 Kin. 24:2, 3, 12-18; 2 Chr. 36:20; Ezra 2:1; Neh. 7:8; Dan. 1:1-3
^b2 Kin. 25:11; Jer. 39:9
29 ¹Or, Awil-Marduk ("Man of Marduk")
^aLit., lifted up the head of
^a2 Kin. 25:27
^bGen. 40:13; 20; Ps. 3:3; 27:6

whom ^aNebuchadnezzar carried away into exile: in the ¹seventh year 3,023 Jews;

29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar 832 persons from Jerusalem;

30 in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, ^aNebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile 745 Jewish people; there were 4,600 persons in all.

31 ¶ ^aNow it came about in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth of the month, that ¹Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the ¹first year of his reign, ^{2b}showed favor to Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison.

32 ^aThen he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the thrones of the kings who were with him in Babylon.

33 So ¹Jehoiachin ^achanged his prison clothes, and ^{2b}had his meals in ³the king's presence regularly all the days of his life.

34 And for his allowance, a ^aregular allowance was given him by the king of Babylon, a daily portion all the days of his life until the day of his death.

22 ^a2 Kin. 25:28

23 ¹Lit., he ²Lit., ate ³Lit., his presence ^aGen. 41:14; 42; 2 Kin. 25:29 ^b2 Sam. 9:7, 13; 1 Kin. 2:7

24 ^a2 Sam. 9:10; 2 Kin. 25:30

THE LAMENTATIONS

OF JEREMIAH

The Sorrows of Zion

- H**OW ¹lonely sits the city
That was ²full of people!
She has become like a ³wid-
ow
Who was once ⁴great
among the nations!
She who was a princess
among the ⁵provinces
Has become a ⁶forced la-
borer!
- 2 She ⁷weeps bitterly in the
night,
And her tears are on her
cheeks;
She has none to comfort her
Among all her ⁸lovers.
All her friends have ⁹dealt
treacherously with her;
They have become her en-
emies.
- 3 ¹⁰Judah has gone into exile
¹¹under affliction,
And ¹²under ¹³harsh servi-
tude;
She dwells ¹⁴among the na-
tions,
But she has found no rest;
All ¹⁵her pursuers have over-
taken her
In the midst of ¹⁶distress.
- 4 The roads ¹⁷of Zion are in
mourning
Because ¹⁸no one comes to
the appointed feasts.
All her gates are ¹⁹desolate;
Her priests are groaning,
Her ²⁰virgins are afflicted,
And she herself ²¹is ²²bitter.
- 5 Her adversaries have be-
come ²³her masters,
Her enemies ²⁴prosper;
For the LORD has ²⁵caused
her grief
Because of the multitude of
her transgressions;

1 Cr. 46
2 Ch. 33:14
3 Jer. 22:30
4 Jer. 22:30
5 Jer. 22:30
6 Jer. 22:30
7 Jer. 22:30
8 Jer. 22:30
9 Jer. 22:30
10 Jer. 22:30
11 Jer. 22:30
12 Jer. 22:30
13 Jer. 22:30
14 Jer. 22:30
15 Jer. 22:30
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18 Jer. 22:30
19 Jer. 22:30
20 Jer. 22:30
21 Jer. 22:30
22 Jer. 22:30
23 Jer. 22:30
24 Jer. 22:30
25 Jer. 22:30

- Her little ones have gone
away
As captives before the ad-
versary.
- 6 And all her ²⁶majesty
Has departed from the
daughter of Zion;
Her princes have become
like bucks
That have found no pasture;
And they have ²⁷fled with-
out strength
Before the pursuer.
- 7 In the days of her affliction
and homelessness
²⁸Jerusalem remembers all
her precious things
That were from the days of
old
When her people fell into
the hand of the adver-
sary,
And ²⁹no one helped her.
The adversaries saw her,
They ³⁰mocked at her ³¹ruin.
- 8 Jerusalem sinned ³²greatly,
Therefore ³³she has become
an unclean thing.
All who honored her de-
spise her
Because they have seen her
nakedness;
Even ³⁴she herself groans
and turns away.
- 9 Her ³⁵uncleanness was in
her skirts;
She ³⁶did not consider her
³⁷future;
Therefore she has ³⁸fallen
astonishingly.
³⁹She has no comforter.
⁴⁰See, O LORD, my affliction,
For the enemy has ⁴¹magni-
fied himself!"
- 10 The adversary has
stretched out his hand
Over all her precious things,

- For she has seen the ^anations enter her sanctuary.
The ones whom Thou didst command
That they should ^bnot enter into Thy congregation.
- 11 All her people groan ^aseeking bread;
They have given their precious things for food
To ^brestore their ¹lives themselves.
"See, O LORD, and look,
For I am ^cdespised."
- 12 "Is ^ait nothing to all you who pass this way?
Look and see if there is any ¹pain like my ¹pain
Which was severely dealt out to me,
Which the ^bLORD inflicted on the day of His ^cfierce anger.
- 13 "From on high He sent fire into my ^abones,
And it ¹prevailed over them;
He has spread a ^bnet for my feet;
He has turned me back;
He has made me ^cdesolate,
²Faint all day long.
- 14 "The ^ayoke of my transgressions is bound;
By His hand they are knit together;
They have ^bcome upon my neck;
He has made my strength ¹fail;
The Lord ^chas given me into the hands
Of those against whom I am not able to stand.
- 15 "The ^aLORD has rejected all my strong men
In my midst;
He has called an appointed ¹time against me
To crush my ^byoung men;
The Lord has ^ctrodden as in a wine press
The virgin daughter of Judah.

10 ^aPs. 74:4
8, Is. 64:10,
11, Jer. 51:51
^bDeut. 23:3
11 ¹Lit., soul
^aJer. 38:9;
52:6 ^b1 Sam.
30:12 ^cJer.
15:19
12 ¹Or, sorrow
^aJer. 18:18;
48:27 ^bJer.
30:23, 24 ^cIs.
13:13, Jer. 4:8
13 ¹Or, descended,
overthrew
^aOr, Such
^aJob 30:30;
Ps. 22:14,
Hab. 3:18
^bJob 19:6, Ps.
68:11 ^cJer.
44:6
14 ¹Lit.,
stumble
^aProv. 5:22,
Is. 47:6 ^bJer.
28:13, 14
^cJer. 32:3, 5,
Ezek. 25:4, 7
15 ¹Or, feast
^aIs. 41:2, Jer.
13:24, 37:10
^bJer. 6:11,
18:21 ^cMal.
4:3
16 ¹Lit., My
eye, my eye
^aJer. 14:17;
Lam. 2:11, 18;
3:48, 49 ^bPs.
69:20, Eccl.
4:1, Lam. 1:2
17 ^aIs. 1:15;
Jer. 4:31
^b2 Kin. 24:2-
4, Jer. 12:9
^cLam. 1:8
18 ¹Lit.,
mouth ^aOr,
sorrow
^aPs. 119:75;
Jer. 12:1
^b1 Sam.
12:14, 15; Jer.
4:17 ^cLam.
1:12 ^dDeut.
28:32, 41
19 ¹Lit.,
their soul
^aJob 19:13-19;
Lam. 1:2 ^bJer.
14:15, Lam.
2:20 ^cLam.
1:11
20 ¹Lit., in-
ward parts
are in fer-
ment ^aLit.,
barrenness
^aIs. 16:11;
Lam. 2:11
^bJer. 14:20
21 ¹Lit., evil
^aLam. 1:4, 8,
22 ^bPs. 35:13;
Jer. 50:11;
Lam. 2:15

- 16 "For these things I ^aweep;
¹My eyes run down with
water;
Because far from me is a
^bcomforter,
One who restores my soul;
My children are desolate
Because the enemy has pre-
vailed."
- 17 Zion ^astretches out her
hands;
There is no one to comfort
her;
The LORD has ^bcommanded
concerning Jacob
That the ones round about
him should be his adver-
saries;
^cJerusalem has become an
unclean thing among
them.
- 18 "The LORD is ^arighteous;
For I have ^brebelled against
His ¹command;
Hear now, all peoples,
And ^cbehold my ²pain;
^dMy virgins and my young
men
Have gone into captivity.
- 19 "I ^acalled to my lovers, *but*
they deceived me;
My ^bpriests and my elders
perished in the city,
While they sought food to
^crestore ¹their strength
themselves.
- 20 "See, O LORD, for I am in dis-
tress;
My ¹spirit is greatly trou-
bled;
My heart is overturned
within me,
For I have been very ^brebel-
lious.
In the street the sword
²slays;
In the house it is like death.
- 21 "They have heard that I
^agroan;
There is no one to ^ccomfort
me;
All my enemies have heard
of my ¹calamity;
They are ^bglad that Thou
hast done it.

Oh, that Thou wouldst
bring the day which Thou
hast proclaimed,
That they may become ^clike
me.

22 "Let all their wickedness
come before Thee;
And ^adeal with them as
Thou hast dealt with me
For all my transgressions;
For my groans are many,
and my heart is faint."

CHAPTER 2

HOW the Lord has ^acovered
the daughter of Zion
With a cloud in His anger!
He has ^bcast from heaven to
earth
The ^cglory of Israel,
And has not remembered
His ^dfootstool
In the day of His anger.

2 The Lord has ^aswallowed
up; He has not spared
All the habitations of Jacob.
In His wrath He has
^bthrown down
The strongholds of the
daughter of Judah;
He has ^cbrought them down
to the ground;
He has ^dprofaned the king-
dom and its princes.

3 In fierce anger He has cut
off
¹All the ^astrength of Israel;
He has ^bdrawn back His
right hand
From before the enemy.
And He has ^cburned in Ja-
cob like a flaming fire
Consuming round about.

4 He has bent His ^abow like an
enemy,
He has set His right hand
like an adversary
And slain all that were
^bpleasant to the eye;
In the tent of the daughter
of Zion
He has ^cpoured out His
wrath like fire.

5 The Lord has become like
an ^aenemy.

21 ^aIs.
14:3, 6, 47:8,
11; Jer. 30:16

22 ^aNeh.
4:4, 5; Ps.
137:7, 8

1 ^aEzek.
30:18 ^aIs.
14:12-15;
Ezek. 28:14-
16 ^aIs. 64:11
49:5, 99:5,
132:7

2 ^aPs. 21:2,
Lam. 3:43
^aLam. 2:5,
Mic. 5:11, 14
^aIs. 25:12,
28:5 ^aPs.
89:38, 40; Is.
43:28

3 ¹Is., Ev-
ery horn
^aPs. 73:5, 10;
Jer. 48:25
^aPs. 74:11,
Jer. 21:4, 5
^aIs. 42:25,
Jer. 21:14

4 ^aJob 6:4;
16:13; Lam.
3:12, 13
^aEzek. 24:25
^aIs. 42:25,
Jer. 7:20

5 ^aJer.
30:14 ^aLam.
2:2 ^aJer.
52:13; Lam.
2:2 ^aJer. 9:17,
20

6 ¹Is.,
booth ^aOr,
fence
^aJer. 52:13
^aJer. 17:27;
Lam. 1:4;
Zeph. 3:18
^aLam. 4:16

7 ^aPs.
78:59-61, Is.
64:11, Ezek.
7:20-22 ^aJer.
33:4, 5, 52:13
^aPs. 74:3-8

8 ¹Is.,
thought ^aIs.,
swallowing
up
^aQ. Kin. 21:13;
Is. 34:11;
Amos 7:7-9
^aIs. 3:28; Jer.
14:2

9 ^aNeh. 1:3
^aNeh. 3:4
^aJer. 14:14;
23:18; Ezek.
7:26

He has ^bswallowed up Is-
rael;

He has swallowed up all its
^cpalaces;

He has destroyed its strong-
holds

And ^dmultiplied in the
daughter of Judah

Mourning and moaning.

6 And He has violently
treated His ¹tabernacle
like a garden booth;

He has ^adestroyed His ap-
pointed ²meeting place;

The LORD has ^bcaused to be
forgotten

The appointed feast and
sabbath in Zion,

And He has ^cdespised king
and priest

In the indignation of His an-
ger.

7 The Lord has ^arejected His
altar,

He has abandoned His
sanctuary;

He ^bhas delivered into the
hand of the enemy

The walls of her palaces.

They have made a ^cnoise in
the house of the LORD

As in the day of an ap-
pointed feast.

8 The LORD ¹determined to
destroy

The wall of the daughter of
Zion.

He has ^astretched out a line,
He has not restrained His
hand from ²destroying;

And He has ^bcaused ram-
part and wall to lament;

They have languished to-
gether.

9 Her ^agates have sunk into
the ground,

He has destroyed and broken
her bars.

Her king and her princes are
among the nations;

The ^blaw is no more;

Also, her prophets find

^cNo vision from the LORD.

- 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion
 *Sit on the ground, they ^bare silent.
 They have thrown ^cdust on their heads;
 They have girded themselves with ^dsackcloth.
 The ^evirgins of Jerusalem
 Have bowed their heads to the ground.
- 11 My ^aeyes fail because of tears,
 My ^bspirit is greatly troubled;
 My ^cheart is poured out on the earth,
^dBecause of the ^edestruction of the daughter of my people,
 When ^flittle ones and infants faint
 In the streets of the city.
- 12 They say to their mothers,
 "Where is grain and wine?"
 As they faint like a wounded man
 In the streets of the city,
 As their ^blife is poured out
 On their mothers' bosom.
- 13 How shall I admonish you?
 To what ^ashall I compare you,
 O daughter of Jerusalem?
 To what shall I liken you as I comfort you,
 O ^bvirgin daughter of Zion?
 For your ^cruin is as vast as the sea;
 Who can ^dheal you?
- 14 Your ^aprophets have seen for you
 False and foolish visions;
 And they have not ^bexposed your iniquity
 So as to restore you from captivity,
 But they have ^cseen for you false and misleading ^doracles.
- 15 All who pass along the way
 *Clap their hands in ^dderision at you;
 They ^bhiss and shake their heads

10 *Job 2:13; Is. 3:26; 47:1 *Amos 8:3 *Job 2:12; Ezek. 27:30 dIs. 15:3; Jon. 3:6-8 *Lam. 1:4

11 *Lit., inward parts are in ferment *Lit., liver *Lit., breaking *Lam. 1:16; 3:48, 51 *Jer. 4:19 *Job 16:13 dIs. 22:4; Lam. 4:10 *Jer. 44:7; Lam. 2:19

12 *Jer. 5:17 *Job 30:16; Ps. 42:4, 62:8

13 *Lit., breaking *Lam. 1:12 bIs. 37:22 *Jer. 8:22; 30:12-15

14 *Lit., burdens *Jer. 23:25-29; 29:8, 9 bIs. 58:1; Ezek. 23:36; Mic. 3:8 *Jer. 23:36; Ezek. 22:25, 28

15 *Job 27:23; Ezek. 25:6 *Ps. 22:7; Is. 37:22; Jer. 18:16; 19:8; Zeph. 2:15 *Ps. 50:2 *Ps. 48:2

16 *Job 16:10; Ps. 22:13; Lam. 3:46 *Job 18:9; Ps. 35:16; 37:12 *Ps. 56:2; 124:3; Jer. 51:34 *Obad. 12-15

17 *Lit., horn *Jer. 4:28 *Lam. 2:1, 2; Ezek. 5:11; 7:8, 9; 8:18 *Ps. 35:24, 26; 89:42; Is. 14:29 *Deut. 28:43, 44; Lam. 1:5

18 *Lit., the daughter of your eye *Ps. 119:145; Hos. 7:14 *Lam. 2:8; Hab. 2:11 *Ps. 119:136; Jer. 9:1; Lam. 1:2, 16; 3:48, 49

- At the daughter of Jerusalem,
 "Is this the city of which they said,
 'The perfection of beauty,
 A joy to all the earth?'"
- 16 All ^ayour enemies
 Have opened their mouths wide against you;
 They hiss and ^bgnash their teeth.
 They say, "We have ^cswallowed her up!
 Surely this is the ^dday for which we waited;
 We have reached it, we have seen it."
- 17 The LORD has ^adone what He purposed;
 He has accomplished His word
 Which He commanded from days of old.
 He has thrown down ^bwithout sparing,
 And He has caused the enemy to ^crejoice over you;
 He has ^dexalted the ^emight of your adversaries.
- 18 Their ^aheart cried out to the Lord,
 "O ^bwall of the daughter of Zion,
 Let your ^ctears run down like a river day and night;
 Give yourself no relief;
 Let ^dyour eyes have no rest.
- 19 "Arise, cry aloud in the ^anight
 At the beginning of the night watches;
^bPour out your heart like water
 Before the presence of the Lord;
 Lift up your hands to Him
 For the ^clife of your little ones
 Who are ^dfaint because of ^ehunger
 At the head of every street."
- 20 See, O LORD, and look!

19 *Ps. 42:3; Is. 26:9 *1 Sam. 1:15; Ps. 42:4; 62:8 *Lam. 2:11 dIs. 51:20

- With ^awhom hast Thou dealt thus?
Should women ^beat their ¹offspring,
The little ones who were ²born healthy?
Should ^cpriest and prophet be slain
In the sanctuary of the Lord?
- 21 On the ground in the streets
Lie ^ayoung and old,
My ^bvirgins and my young men
Have fallen by the sword.
Thou hast slain *them* in the day of Thine anger,
Thou hast slaughtered, ^cnot sparing.
- 22 Thou didst call as in the day of an appointed feast
My ^aterrors on every side;
And there was ^bno one who escaped or survived
In the day of the LORD's anger.
Those ^cwhom I ¹bore and reared,
My enemy annihilated them.

CHAPTER 3

- I** AM the man who has ^aseen affliction
Because of the rod of His wrath.
- 2 He has driven me and made me walk
In ^adarkness and not in light.
- 3 Surely against me He has ^aturned His hand
Repeatedly all the day.
- 4 He has caused my ^aflesh and my skin to waste away.
He has ^bbroken my bones.
- 5 He has ^abesieged and encompassed me with ^bbitterness and hardship.
- 6 In ^adark places He has made me dwell,
Like those who have long been dead.
- 7 He has ^awalled me in so that I cannot go out;

20 ¹Lt., fruit ²Or, tenderly cared for
+Ex. 32:11; Deut. 9:28
+Jer. 19:9; Lam. 4:10
+Ps. 78:64; Jer. 14:15; 23:11, 12
21 +2 Chr. 36:17; Jer. 6:11 +Ps. 78:62, 63
+Jer. 13:14; Zach. 11:8
22 ¹Lt., bore healthy or, tenderly cared for
+Ps. 31:13, 14; 24:17; Jer. 6:25 +Jer. 11:11 +Jer. 16:2-4, 44-7
1 +Ps. 88:7, 15, 16
2 +Job 30:28; Is. 59:2; Jer. 4:23
3 +Ps. 38:2; Is. 5:25
4 +Ps. 31:9, 10; 38:2-8, 102:3-5 +Ps. 51:2; Is. 38:13
5 +Job 19:8 +Jer. 23:15; Lam. 3:19
6 +Ps. 88:3, 6; 143:3
7 ¹Lt., brought peace
+Job 3:23, 19:8 +Jer. 60:4
8 +Job 30:20; Ps. 22:2
9 +Is. 63:17; Hos. 2:6
10 +Job 16:12, 13; Jer. 15:3; Hos. 6:1
11 +Ps. 7:12; Lam. 2:4 +Job 6:4, 7:20; Ps. 38:2
12 ¹Lt., some ²Lt., budger
+Jer. 5:16
13 +Ps. 22:6, 7, 123:4; Jer. 20:7 +Job 30:9; Lam. 3:63
14 +Jer. 9:15
15 +Ps. 3:7; 58:6 +Prov. 20:17 +Jer. 6:28
16 ¹Lt., good
+Is. 58:11; Jer. 12:12
17 +Job 17:15; Ezek. 37:11
18 +Or, bitterness
+Jer. 8:15; Lam. 3:5, 15

- He has made my ¹bchain heavy.
- 8 Even when I cry out and call for help,
He ^ashuts out my prayer.
- 9 He has ^ablocked my ways with hewn stone;
He has made my paths crooked.
- 10 He is to me like a bear lying in wait,
Like a lion in secret places.
- 11 He has turned aside my ways and ^atorn me to pieces;
He has made me desolate.
- 12 He ^abent His bow
And ^bset me as a target for the arrow.
- 13 He made the ¹arrows of His ^aquiver
To enter into my ²inward parts.
- 14 I have become a ^alaughing-stock to all my people,
Their *mocking* ^bsong all the day.
- 15 He has ^afilled me with bitterness,
He has made me drunk with wormwood.
- 16 And He has ^abroken my teeth with ^bgravel;
He has made me cower in the ^cdust.
- 17 And my soul has been rejected ^afrom peace;
I have forgotten ¹happiness.
- 18 So I say, "My strength has perished,
And so has my ^ahope from the LORD."
- 19 ¹ Remember my affliction and my ¹wandering, the ^awormwood and bitterness.
- 20 Surely ^amy soul remembers
And is ^bbowed down within me.
- 21 This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have ^ahope.

20 +Job 21:6 +Ps. 42:3, 6, 11; 43:3, 44:25
21 +Ps. 138:7

- 22 The LORD's ^alovingkindnesses ¹indeed never cease,
^bFor His compassions never fail.
- 23 They are new ^aevery morning;
 Great is ^bThy faithfulness.
- 24 "The LORD is my ^aportion,"
 says my soul,
 "Therefore I ^bhave hope in Him."
- 25 The LORD is good to those
 who ^await for Him,
 To the ¹person who ^bseeks Him.
- 26 It is good that he ^awaits silently
 For the salvation of the LORD.
- 27 It is good for a man that he
 should bear
 The yoke in his youth.
- 28 Let him ^asit alone and be silent
 Since He has laid it on him.
- 29 Let him ¹put his mouth in
 the ^adust,
 Perhaps there is ^bhope.
- 30 Let him give his ^acheek to
 the ¹smiter;
 Let him be filled with reproach.
- 31 For the Lord will ^anot reject forever,
 For if He causes grief,
 Then He will have ^acompassion
 According to His abundant lovingkindness.
- 33 For He ^adoes not afflict ¹willingly,
 Or grieve the sons of men.
- 34 To crush under His feet
 All the prisoners of the ¹land,
- 35 To ¹deprive a man of ^ajustice
 In the presence of the Most High,
- 36 To ¹defraud a man in his lawsuit—
 Of these things the Lord
 does not ²approve.

22 ¹Or, that we are not consumed
^aPs. 78:38;
 Jer. 3:12;
 30:11 ²Mal. 3:6
 23 ^aIs. 33:2;
 Zeph. 3:5
^bHeb. 10:23
 24 ^aPs. 16:5;
 73:26 ^bPs. 33:18
 25 ¹Lit., soul
^aPs. 27:14; Is. 25:9 ^bIs. 26:9
 26 ^aPs. 37:7
 28 ^aJer. 15:17
 29 ¹Lit., give
^aJob 16:15;
 40:4 ^bJer. 31:17
 30 ¹Lit., his
^aJob 16:10; Is. 50:6
 31 ^aPs. 77:7;
 94:14; Is. 54:7-10
 32 ^aPs. 78:38; 108:43;
 45; Hos. 11:8
 33 ¹Lit., from His heart
^aPs. 119:67;
 71, 75; Ezek. 33:11; Heb. 12:10
 34 ¹Or, earth
 35 ¹Or, turn aside a man's case
^aPs. 140:12;
 Prov. 17:13
 36 ¹Lit., make crooked ²Lit., see
^aJer. 22:3;
 Hab. 1:13
 37 ¹Lit., this
^aPs. 33:9-11
 38 ¹Lit., the evil things and the good
^aJob 2:10; Is. 45:7; Jer. 32:42
 39 ¹Or, human being
²Or, on the basis of
^aJer. 30:15;
 Mic. 7:9; Heb. 12:5, 6
 40 ^aPs. 119:59;
 139:23, 24;
 2 Cor. 13:5
 41 ¹Lit., toward our
^aPs. 25:1;
 28:2; 141:2
 42 ^aNeb. 9:26; Jer. 14:20; Dan. 9:5 ^b2 Kin. 24:4; Jer. 3:7, 9
 43 ^aLam. 2:21 ^bPs. 83:15; Lam. 3:66 ^cLam. 2:2, 17, 21

- 37 Who is ¹there who speaks
 and it ^acomes to pass,
 Unless the Lord has commanded it?
- 38 Is it not from the mouth of
 the Most High
 That ¹both good and ill go forth?
- 39 ¶ Why should any living
¹mortal, or any man,
 Offer ^acomplaint ²in view of
 his sins?
- 40 Let us ^aexamine and probe
 our ways,
 And let us return to the LORD.
- 41 We ^alift up our heart ¹and
 hands
 Toward God in heaven;
- 42 We have ^atransgressed and
 rebelled,
 Thou hast ^bnot pardoned.
- 43 Thou hast covered Thyself
 with ^aanger
 And ^bpursued us;
 Thou hast slain and ^ahas
 not spared.
- 44 Thou hast ^acovered Thyself
 with a cloud
 So that ^bno prayer can pass
 through.
- 45 Mere ^aoffscouring and ref
 use Thou hast made us
 In the midst of the people^a
- 46 All our enemies have
^aopened their mouth
 against us.
- 47 ^aPanic and pitfall have be
 fallen us,
 Devastation and destruc
 tion;
- 48 My ¹eyes run down with
 streams of water
 Because of the destruction
 of the daughter of m
 people.
- 49 My eyes pour down ^aun
 ceasingly,
 Without stopping,

44 ^aPs. 97:2 ^bLam. 3:8; Zech. 7:13
 45 ^a1 Cor. 4:13
 46 ^aJob 30:9, 10; Ps. 22:6-8; Lam. 2:16
 47 ^aIs. 24:17, 18; Jer. 48:43, 44
 48 ¹Lit., eye brings ^aPs. 119:136; Jer. 9:1, 18; Lam. 1:16; 2:11, 18
 49 ^aPs. 77:2; Jer. 14:17

- 50 Until the LORD ^alooks down
And sees from heaven.
- 51 My eyes bring pain to my
soul
Because of all the daughters
of my city.
- 52 My enemies ^awithout cause
Hunted me down ^blike a
bird;
- 53 They have silenced ¹me ^ain
the pit
And have ^{2b}placed a stone
on me.
- 54 Waters flowed ^aover my
head;
I said, "I am cut off!"
- 55 I ^acalled on Thy name, O
LORD,
Out of the lowest pit.
- 56 Thou hast ^aheard my voice,
"^bDo not hide Thine ear from
my prayer for relief,
From my cry for help."
- 57 Thou didst ^adraw near
when I called on Thee.
Thou didst say, "^bDo not
fear!"
- 58 O Lord, Thou didst ^aplead
my soul's cause;
Thou hast ^bredeemed my
life.
- 59 O LORD, Thou hast ^aseen my
oppression;
^bJudge my case.
- 60 Thou hast seen all their ven-
geance,
All their ^aschemes against
me.
- 61 Thou hast heard their ^are-
proach, O LORD,
All their schemes against
me.
- 62 The ^alips of my assailants
and their whispering
Are against me all day long.
- 63 Look on their ^asitting and
their rising;
^bI am their mocking song.
- 64 Thou wilt ^arecompense
them, O LORD,
According to the work of
their hands.
- 65 Thou wilt give them ^{1a}hard-
ness of heart,
Thy curse will be on them.

80 ^aPs.
80:14; Is.
63:15; Lam.
5:1
82 ^aPs. 38:7,
19 ^b1 Sam.
26:20; Ps.
111:1, 124:7
83 ¹Lit., my
life ²Or, cast
stones
Jer. 37:18;
38:6, 9 ³Deut.
6:17
84 ^aPs. 89:2;
Jon. 2:3-5
85 ^aPs.
130:1, Jon.
2:2
86 ^aJob
34:28 ^aPs.
55:1
87 ^aPs.
145:18 ^aIs.
41:10, 14
88 ^aJer.
50:34 ^aPs.
34:22
89 ^aJer.
18:19, 20 ^aPs.
28:1, 43:1
90 ^aJer.
11:19
91 ^aPs.
74:18, 89:50;
Lam. 5:1,
Zeph. 2:8
92 ^aPs. 59:7,
12, 140:3,
Ezek. 38:3
93 ^aPs.
138:2 ^bJob
30:9; Lam.
3:14
94 ^aPs. 28:4,
Jer. 51:6, 24,
55
95 ¹Or, inso-
lence
Ex. 14:8,
Deut. 2:30, Is.
6:10
96 ^aLam.
3:43 ^aPs. 8:3
1 ¹Lit.,
head
Ezek. 7:19-
22
2 ^aIs.
30:14, Jer.
19:1, 11
3 ^aIs.
13:22, 34:13
4 ^aIs. 49:15,
Ezek. 5:10
5 ^aJob 39:14-17
6 ^aPs.
22:15 ^aJer.
14:3 ^aLam.
2:12
7 ¹Lit., es-
tablished in
crimson
Jer. 6:2,
Amos 6:3-7
8 ¹Or, pun-
ishment for
iniquity ²Or,
punishment
for sin ³Or,
wrong over
her
Gen. 19:24
Gen. 19:25;
Jer. 20:16

- 66 Thou wilt ^apursue them in
anger and destroy them
From under the ^bheavens of
the LORD!

CHAPTER 4

- H**OW ^adark the gold has be-
come,
How the pure gold has
changed!
The sacred stones are
poured out
At the ¹corner of every
street.
- 2 The precious sons of Zion,
Weighed against fine gold,
How they are regarded as
^aearthen jars,
The work of a potter's
hands!
- 3 Even ^ajackals offer the
breast,
They nurse their young;
But the daughter of my peo-
ple has become ^bcruel
Like ^costriches in the wil-
derness.
- 4 The ^atongue of the infant
cleaves
To the roof of its mouth be-
cause of ^bthirst;
The little ones ^cask for
bread,
But no one breaks it for
them.
- 5 Those who ate ^adelicacies
Are desolate in the streets;
Those ¹reared in purple
Embrace ash pits.
- 6 For the ¹iniquity of the
daughter of my people
Is greater than the ^{2a}sin of
Sodom,
Which was ^boverthrown as
in a moment,
And no hands were ³turned
toward her.
- 7 Her ¹consecrated ones were
^apurer than snow,
They were whiter than
milk;
They were more ruddy in
^{2b}body than corals,

7 ¹Or, Nazareth ²Lit., bones ^aPs. 51:7

LAMENTATIONS 4

- Their polishing was like
^{3b} lapis lazuli.
 8 Their appearance is ^ablack-
 er than soot,
 They are not recognized in
 the streets;
 Their ^bskin is shriveled on
 their bones,
 It is withered, it has become
 like wood.
 9 Better are those ^{1a} slain with
 the sword
 Than those ¹ slain with hun-
 ger;
 For they ^{2b} pine away, being
 stricken
 For lack of the fruits of ³ the
 field.
 10 The hands of compassion-
 ate women
^a Boiled their own children;
 They became ^b food for
 them
 Because of the destruction
 of the daughter of my
 people.
 11 The LORD has ^a accom-
 plished His wrath,
 He has poured out His fierce
 anger;
 And He has ^b kindled a fire in
 Zion
 Which has consumed its
 foundations.
 12 The kings of the earth did
 not believe,
 Nor did any of ^a the inhabi-
 tants of the world,
 That the adversary and the
 enemy
 Could ^b enter the gates of Je-
 rusalem.
 13 Because of the sins of her
^a prophets
 And the iniquities of her
 priests,
 Who have shed in her midst
 The ^b blood of the righteous,
 14 They wandered, ^a blind, in
 the streets;
 They were defiled with
^b blood
 So that no one could touch
 their ^c garments.

7 ³ Heb.
 sappir
^b Ex. 24:10;
 Job 28:16
 8 ^a Job
 30:30; Lam.
 5:10 ^b Job
 19:20; Ps.
 102:3-5
 9 ¹ Lit.,
 pierced ² Lit.,
 flow away
³ Lit., my
 fields
^a Jer. 16:4
^b Lev. 26:39;
 Ezek. 24:23
 10 ^a Lev.
 26:29; Deut.
 28:57; 2 Kin.
 6:29; Jer.
 19:9; Lam.
 2:20; Ezek.
 5:10 ^b Deut.
 28:53-55
 11 ^a Jer.
 7:20; Lam.
 2:17; Ezek.
 22:31 ^b Deut.
 32:22; Jer.
 17:27
 12 ^a Deut.
 28:24 ^b Jer.
 21:13
 13 ^a Jer.
 5:31; 6:13;
 Lam. 2:14;
 Ezek. 22:28-
 28 ^b Jer. 2:30;
 26:8, 9; Matt.
 23:31
 14 ^a Deut.
 28:28, 29; Is.
 29:10; 56:10;
 59:9, 10 ^b Is.
 1:15 ^c Jer.
 2:34
 15 ¹ Or, they
 (men) cried
 to them
^a Lev. 13:45;
 46 ^b Jer. 49:5
 16 ¹ Lit., lift
 up the faces
 of
^a Is. 9:14-16;
 Jer. 52:24-27
 17 ¹ Lit., our
 help
^a Jer. 37:7;
 Lam. 1:7
^b Ezek. 29:6,
 7, 16
 18 ¹ Lit., full
^a Jer. 16:16
^b Jer. 5:31;
 Ezek. 7:2-12;
 Amos 8:2
 19 ^a Is. 5:28-
 28; 30:16, 17;
 Jer. 4:13;
 Hab. 1:8
 20 ^a Gen. 2:7
^b 2 Sam. 1:14;
 19:21 ^c Jer.
 39:5; 52:9
^d Dan. 4:12
 21 ^a Ps.
 137:7; Jer.
 25:21 ^b Obad.
 16
 22 ^a Is. 40:2;
 Jer. 33:7, 8

Distress of the Siege Described

- 15 "Depart! ^aUnclean!" ¹ they
 cried of themselves.
 "Depart, depart, do no
 touch!"
 So they ^b fled and wandered
 Men among the nation:
 said,
 "They shall not continue to
 dwell with us."
 16 The presence of the LORD
 has scattered them;
 He will not continue to re-
 gard them.
 They did not ^{1a} honor the
 priests,
 They did not favor the el-
 ders.
 17 Yet our eyes failed;
 Looking for ¹ help was ^a use-
 less.
 In our watching we have
 watched
 For a ^b nation that could no
 save.
 18 They ^a hunted our steps
 So that we could not walk in
 our streets;
 Our ^b end drew near,
 Our days were ¹ finished
 For our end had come.
 19 Our pursuers were ^a swifter
 Than the eagles of the sky
 They chased us on the
 mountains;
 They waited in ambush for
 us in the wilderness.
 20 The ^a breath of our nostrils
 the ^b LORD's anointed,
 Was ^c captured in their pit:
 Of whom we had said, "Un-
 der his ^d shadow
 We shall live among the na-
 tions."
 21 Rejoice and be glad, ¹
 daughter of ^a Edom,
 Who dwells in the land of
 Uz;
 But the ^b cup will come
 around to you as well,
 You will become drunk and
 make yourself naked.
 22 The punishment of your in-
 iquity has been ^a comple-
 ed, O daughter of Zion;
 He will exile you no longer

But He ^bwill punish your iniquity, O daughter of Edom;
He will expose your sins!

CHAPTER 5

REMEMBER, O LORD, what has befallen us;
Look, and see our ^areproach!

2 Our inheritance has been turned over to ^astrangers,
Our ^bhouses to aliens.

3 We have become orphans ^awithout a father,
Our mothers are like widows.

4 ¹We have to pay for our drinking ^awater,
Our wood comes to us at a price.

5 ¹Our pursuers are at our necks;
We are worn out, there is ^ano rest for us.

6 We have ¹submitted to ^aEgypt and Assyria ²to get enough bread.

7 Our ^afathers sinned, and are no more;
It is we who have borne their iniquities.

8 ^aSlaves rule over us;
There is ^bno one to deliver us from their hand.

9 We get our bread ¹at the ^arisk of our lives
²Because of the sword in the wilderness.

10 Our skin has become as ^ahot as an oven,
Because of ¹the burning heat of famine.

11 They ravished the ^awomen in Zion,
The virgins in the cities of Judah.

23 ^bJer. 48:10;
Mal. 1:3, 4
1 ^aPs. 44:13-16
2 ^aIsa. 1:7;
Hos. 8:7, 8
3 ^aEx. 22:24; Jer. 15:8, 18:21
4 ¹Lat., We drink our water for silver
^aIs. 3:1
5 ¹Lat., We have been pursued upon
^aNeh. 9:38, 37
6 ¹Lat., given the hand to ²Lat., to be satisfied with
^aHos. 9:3;
12:1
7 ^aJer. 14:20; 16:12
8 ^aNeh. 5:18
^aPs. 72: Zech. 11:8
9 ¹Lat., with our soul
²Or, in the face of
^aJer. 40:9-12
10 ²Or, the ravages of hunger
^aJob 30:30; Lam. 4:8
11 ^aIs. 13:18; Zech. 14:2
12 ¹Lat., The faces of elders
^aIs. 47:6; Lam. 4:16
13 ¹Lat., carry
^aJudg. 16:21
^bJer. 7:18
14 ¹Lat., have ceased
^aIs. 24:8; Jer. 7:34
15 ^aJer. 25:10; Amos 8:10
16 ^aJob 19:9; Ps. 89:39; Jer. 13:18
^aIs. 3:9
17 ^aIs. 1:5
^aJob 17:7; Lam. 2:11
18 ^aIs. 3:12
^aNeh. 4:3
19 ¹Lat., and
^aPs. 102:12; 25:27
^aPs. 45:6

LAMENTATIONS 4, 5

12 Princes were hung by their hands;
^{1a}Elders were not respected.

13 Young men ^{1a}worked at the grinding mill;
And youths ^bstumbled under loads of wood.

14 Elders ^{1a}are gone from the gate,
Young men from their ^amusic.

15 The joy of our hearts has ^aceased;
Our dancing has been turned into mourning.

16 The ^acrown has fallen from our head;
^bWoe to us, for we have sinned!

17 Because of this our ^aheart is faint;
Because of these things our ^beyes are dim;

18 Because of ^aMount Zion which lies desolate,
^bFoxes prowl in it.

19 ¹ ^aThou, O LORD, dost ¹rule forever;
Thy ^bthrone is from generation to generation.

20 Why dost Thou ^aforget us forever;
Why dost Thou forsake us ¹so long?

21 ^aRestore us to Thee, O LORD, that we may be restored;
Renew ^bour days as of old,

22 Unless ^aThou hast utterly rejected us,
And art exceedingly ^bangry with us.

20 ¹Lat., to length of days ^aPs. 13:1; 44:24
21 ^aPs. 80:3; Jer. 31:18 ^aIs. 62:20-22
22 ^aPs. 80:1, 2; Jer. 7:29 ^aIs. 64:9

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

The Vision of Four Figures

NOW it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the ^ariver Chebar among the exiles, the ^bheavens were opened and I saw ¹visions of God.

2 (On the fifth of the month ¹in the ^afifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile,

3 the ^aword of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the ^bland of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there ^cthe hand of the LORD came upon him.)

4 ¶ And as I looked, behold, a ^astorm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like ^bglowing metal in the midst of the fire.

5 And within it there were figures resembling ^afour living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human ^bform.

6 Each of them had ^afour faces and ^bfour wings.

7 And their legs were straight and ¹their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like ^aburnished bronze.

8 Under their wings on their ^afour sides were human ^bhands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them,

9 their wings touched one another; their faces did ^anot turn when they moved, each ^bwent straight forward.

10 As for the ^aform of their faces, each had the ^bface of a man, ¹all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face

¹Some ancient mss. and versions read a vision

^aEzek. 3:23; 10:15, 20
^bMatt. 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:21; Acts 7:56; 10:11, Rev. 4:1; 19:11
^cEx. 24:10; Num. 12:6; Is. 1:1; 6:1; Ezek. 8:3; 11:24; 40:2; Dan. 8:1, 2

²Lit., it was
^a2 Kin. 24:12; 15: Ezek. 8:1; 20:1

³2 Pet. 1:21
^bEzek. 12:13; 1 Kin. 18:46; 2 Kin. 3:15; Ezek. 3:14, 22

⁴Is. 21:1; Jer. 23:19; Ezek. 13:11, 13
^bEzek. 1:27; 8:2

⁵Ezek. 10:15, 17, 20; Rev. 4:6-8
^bEzek. 1:28

⁶Ezek. 1:10; 10:14, 21
^bEzek. 1:23

⁷Lit., the soles of their feet
^aDan. 10:6; Rev. 1:15

⁸Ezek. 1:17; 10:11
^bEzek. 10:8, 21

⁹Ezek. 1:17
^bEzek. 1:12; 10:22

¹⁰Lit., the four of them
^aRev. 4:7
^bEzek. 10:14

¹¹Is. 6:2; Ezek. 1:23

¹²Ezek. 1:9
^bEzek. 1:20

¹³So with some ancient versions; Heb., as the likeness of the living beings. ²Lit., like the appearance of

of a bull on the left, and ¹all four had the face of an eagle.

11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above each had two touching another being, and ^atwo covering their bodies.

12 And ^aeach went straight forward; ^bwherever the spirit was about to go, they would go without turning as they went.

13 ¹In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of ^afire ²like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lighting was ³flashing from the fire.

14 And the living beings ^aran to and fro like bolts of ^blightning.

15 ¶ Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, there was one ^awheel on the earth beside the living beings, ¹for each of the four of them.

16 The ^aappearance of the wheels and their workmanship was like ¹sparkling ^bberyl, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship being as if ²one wheel were within another.

17 Whenever they ¹moved they ¹moved in any of their four ²directions, without ^aturning as they ¹moved.

18 As for their rims they were lofty and awesome, and the rim of all four of them were ^afull of eyes round about.

19 And ^awhenever the living beings ¹moved, the wheel

²Lit., coming out ^aPs. 104:4; Rev. 4:5

¹⁴Zech. 4:10 ^bMatt. 24:27; Luke 17:24

¹⁵Lit., for his four faces ^aEzek. 1:19-21; 10:9

¹⁶Lit., the look of beryl ²Lit., the wheel in the midst of the wheel ^aEzek. 10:9-11 ^bEzek. 10:9; Dan. 10:6

¹⁷Lit., went ²Lit., sides ^aEzek. 1:9, 12; 10:11

¹⁸Ezek. 10:12; Rev. 4:6, 8

¹⁹Lit., went ^aEzek. 10:16

¹moved with them. And whenever the living beings ^brose from the earth, the wheels rose also.

20 ^aWherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction¹. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living ²beings was in the wheels.

21 ^aWhenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living ¹beings was in the wheels.

22 ¶ Now ^aover the heads of the living ¹beings there was something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of ²crystal, extended over their heads.

23 And under the expanse their wings were stretched out straight, one toward the other; each one also had ^atwo wings covering their bodies on the one side and on the other.

24 I also heard the sound of their wings like the ^asound of abundant waters as they went, like the ^bvoice of ¹the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the ^csound of an army camp; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

25 And there came a voice from above the ^aexpanse that was over their heads; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

26 ¶ Now ^aabove the expanse that was over their heads there was something ^bresembling a throne, like ¹lapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a ^dman.

27 Then I ¹noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something ^alike ²glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw something like

19 ¹Lat., went
Ezek. 10:19
20 ¹M.T.
adds the
spirit to go
M.T. reads
being
Ezek. 1:12
21 ¹M.T.
reads being
Ezek. 10:17
22 ¹So some
ancient mss.
and versions.
M.T. reads
being ²Or. ice
Ezek. 10:1
23 ¹Ezek.
1:6, 11
24 ¹Heb.
Shaddai
Ezek. 43:2
Rev. 1:15
19:6 ²Ezek.
10:5 ²Km.
7:6, Dan. 10:6
25 ¹Ezek.
1:22, 10:1
26 ¹Heb.
shem-
sham-
Ezek. 1:22,
10:1 Ma. 6:1,
Ezek. 10:1
Dan. 7:9 ²Ex.
24:10, 1a
54:11 ²Ezek.
43:6, 7, Rev.
1:13
27 ¹Lat., saw
²Or. electrum
Ezek. 1:4,
8:3
28 ¹Lat.
which occurs
in
Gen. 9:13,
Rev. 4:3, 10:1
Ex. 24:16,
Ezek. 8:4,
11:22, 23,
43:4, 5 ²Gen.
17:3, Ezek.
3:23, Dan.
8:17, Rev.
1:17
1 ¹Qan.
10:11, Acts
9:6
2 ¹Ezek.
3:24, Dan.
8:18
3 ¹Sam.
8:7, 8, Jer.
3:25 ²Ezek.
20:18, 30
4 ¹Lat., the
sons, stiff-
faced and
hard-hearted
Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
Lomo
Ps. 95:8, 1a
48:4, Jer. 5:3,
6:15, Ezek.
3:7
5 ¹Lat., for-
bear
Ezek. 2:7,
3:11, 27,
Matt. 10:13-
15, Acts

fire; and there was a radiance around Him.

28 As the appearance of the ^arainbow ¹in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the ^bglory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I ^cfell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

CHAPTER 2

THEN He said to me, "Son of man, ^astand on your feet that I may speak with you!"

2 And as He spoke to me the ^aSpirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me.

3 Then He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have ^arebelled against Me; ^bthey and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

4 "And I am sending you to them who are ¹stubborn and obstinate children; and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ²God.'

5 "As for them, ^awhether they listen or ¹not—for they are a rebellious house—they will ^bknow that a prophet has been among them.

6 "And you, son of man, ^aneither fear them nor fear their words, though ^bthistles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house.

7 "But you shall ^aspeak My words to them ^bwhether they listen or ¹not, for they are rebellious.

8 ¶ "Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you:

13:46 ²Ezek. 33:33; Luke 10:10, 11; John 15:22
6 ¹Is. 31:12; Jer. 1:8, 17; Ezek. 3:9 ²Sam. 23:6, 7;
Ezek. 28:24; Mic. 7:4
7 ¹Lat., forbear ²Jer. 1:7, 17; Ezek. 3:10, 17 ²Ezek. 2:5

do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you."

9 Then I looked, behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it.

10 When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back; and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe.

CHAPTER 3

THEN He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."

2 So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll.

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach, and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you." Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.

4 Then He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

5 "For you are not being sent to a people of unintelligible speech or difficult language, but to the house of Israel,

6 nor to many peoples of unintelligible speech or difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. But I have sent you to them who should listen to you;

7 yet the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, since they are not willing to listen to Me. Surely the whole house of Israel is stubborn and obstinate.

8 "Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads.

9 "Like emery harder than flint I have made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them or be dismayed before them, though they are a rebellious house."

8 Jer. 15:16; Ezek. 3:3; Rev. 10:9

9 Lit., scroll of a book

Ezek. 8:3; Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 3:1; Rev. 5:1-5; 10:8-11

10 Is. 3:11; Rev. 8:13

1 Ezek.

2 Jer. 25:17

3 Lit., inward parts

Jer. 6:11; 20:9; Ps. 15:16; Ps. 19:10; 119:103; Rev. 10:9, 10

4 Lit., go, come

5 Lit., deepness of lip and heaviness of tongue

Jer. 1:2; Acts 14:11; 26:17; Is. 28:11, 33:19

6 Lit., deepness of lip and heaviness of tongue

Or, If I had sent you to them, they would listen to you.

7 Lit., they

8 Lit., of a hard forehead and a stiff heart

1 Sam. 8:7

9 Lit., corundum

10 Lit., with your ears

Job 22:22; Ezek. 2:8; 3:13

11 Lit., go, come

12 Lit., forbear

Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord

13 Or, from

Ezek. 3:14; 8:3; Acts 8:39

Acts 2:2

13 Ezek. 1:15; 10:16; 17

14 2 Kin. 3:15

15 Job 2:13

16 Jer. 42:7

17 Is. 52:8; 58:10; 62:6; Jer. 6:17; Ezek. 33:7-9

2 Chr. 19:10; Is. 58:1; Hab. 2:1

18 Ezek. 3:20; 33:6, 8

10 Moreover, He said to me "Son of man, take into your heart all My words which I shall speak to you, and listen closely

11 "And go to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them and tell them, whether they listen or not. Thus says the Lord God."

12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard a great rumbling sound behind me, "Blessed be the glory of the LORD in His place."

13 And I heard the sound of the wings of the living beings touching one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, even a great rumbling sound.

14 So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went embittered in the rage of my spirit, and the hand of the LORD was strong on me.

15 Then I came to the exile who lived beside the river Chebar at Tel-abib, and I sat there seven days where they were living, causing consternation among them.

16 Now it came about at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

17 "Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth warn them from Me.

18 "When I say to the wicked 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

19 "Yet if you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.

19 2 Kin. 17:13, 14; Ezek. 33:3, 9; Ezek. 14:14, 20; Acts 18:6; 1 Tim. 4:16

20 "Again, ^awhen a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I place an ^bobstacle before him, he shall die; since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

21 "However, if you have ^awarned ¹the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; and you have delivered yourself."

22 ¹ And the hand of the LORD was on me there, and He said to me, "Get up, go out to the plain, and there I will ^aspeak to you."

23 So I got up and went out to the plain; and behold, the ^aglory of the LORD was standing there, like the glory which ^{b1} I saw by the river Chebar, and I fell on my face.

24 The ^aSpirit then entered me and made me stand on my feet, and He spoke with me and said to me, "Go, shut yourself up in your house.

25 "As for you, son of man, they will ^aput ropes on you and bind you with them, so that you cannot go out among them.

26 "Moreover, ^aI will make your tongue stick to ¹the roof of your mouth so that you will be dumb, and cannot be a man who rebukes them, for they are a rebellious house.

27 "But ^awhen I speak to you, I will open your mouth, and you will say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God.' He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; ^bfor they are a rebellious house.

CHAPTER 4

NOW you son of man, ^aget yourself a brick, place it before you, and inscribe a city on it, Jerusalem.

20 ^aPs.
125:3; Ezek.
18:24; 32:18;
Zeph. 1:6 ^{b1}
8:14; Jer.
8:21; Ezek.
14:3, 7-9

21 ¹Le.
Rom. the
righteous
^aActs 20:31

22 ^aActs 9:6

23 ^aEzek.
1:28; Acts
7:30 ^aEzek.
1:1

24 ^aEzek.
2:2

25 ^aEzek.
4:6

26 ¹Le.
your palate
^aLev. 1:20;
22

27 ¹Heb.
YHWH, usually
rendered
LORD
^aEzek. 24:27;
32:22 ^aEzek.
12:2, 3

1 ^aIs. 20:2;
Jer. 13:1;
18:2; 19:1

2 ¹Le., com
^aJer. 6:6;
Ezek. 21:22

3 ^aJer.
39:1, 2; Ezek.
5:2 ^aIs. 8:18;
20:3; Ezek.
12:6, 11;
24:24-27

4 ^aLev.
10:17; 16:22;
Num. 18:1

5 ^aNum.
14:34

6 ^aNum.
14:34; Deut.
8:24-26;
12:11, 12;
Rev. 11:2, 3

7 ^aEzek.
21:2

8 ^aEzek.
3:25

9 ^aIs. 6:2;
Is. 28:25

10 ^aEzek.
45:12

2 "Then ^alay siege against it, build a siege wall, ¹raise up a ramp, pitch camps, and place battering rams against it all around.

3 "Then get yourself an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between you and the city, and set your face toward it so that ^ait is under siege, and besiege it. This is a ^bsign to the house of Israel.

4 ¹ "As for you, lie down on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; you shall ^abear their iniquity for the number of days that you lie on it.

5 "For I have assigned you a number of days corresponding to the years of their iniquity, three hundred and ninety days; thus ^ayou shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 "When you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side, and bear the iniquity of the house of Judah; I have assigned it to you for forty days, a day for ^aeach year.

7 "Then you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem with your arm bared, and ^aprophecy against it.

8 "Now behold, I will ^aput ropes on you so that you cannot turn from one side to the other, until you have completed the days of your siege.

9 ¹ "But as for you, take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet and ^aspelt, put them in one vessel and make them into bread for yourself; you shall eat it according to the number of the days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety days.

10 "And your food which you eat shall be ^atwenty shekels a day by weight; you shall eat it from time to time.

11 "And the water you drink will be the sixth part of a hin by measure; you shall drink it from time to time.

12 "And you shall eat it as a barley cake, having baked it in their sight over human ^adung."

13 Then the LORD said, "Thus shall the sons of Israel eat their bread ^aunclean among the nations where I shall banish them."

14 But I said, "Ah, Lord ¹God! Behold, I have ^bnever been defiled; for from my youth until now I have never eaten what ^cdied of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has any ^dunclean meat ever entered my mouth."

15 Then He said to me, "See, I shall give you cow's dung in place of human dung over which you will prepare your bread."

16 Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, behold, I am going to ^abreak the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread by ^bweight and with anxiety, and drink water by ^cmeasure and in horror,

17 because bread and water will be scarce; and they will be appalled with one another and ^awaste away in their iniquity.

CHAPTER 5

16 "AS for you, son of man, take a ^asharp sword; take and ¹use it as a barber's razor on your head and beard. Then take ^bscales for weighing and divide ²the hair.

2 "One third you shall burn in the fire at the center of the city, when the ^adays of the siege are completed. Then you shall take one third and strike it with the sword all around ¹the city, and one third you shall scatter to the wind; and I will ^bunsheathe a sword behind them.

3 "Take also a few in number from ¹them and bind them in the edges of your robes.

4 "And take again some of them and throw them into the fire, and burn them in the fire; from it a fire will ¹spread to all the house of Israel.

12 ^aIsa. 38:12
13 ^aDan.
14 ^aHos. 9:3
15 ^aHeb.,
YHWH, usually
rendered
LORD
16 ^aJer. 1:6;
Ezek. 9:8;
20:49; ^aActs
10:14; ^aLev.
17:15, 22:8;
Ezek. 44:31;
^dDeut. 14:3;
Is. 65:4; ^aPs. 117
18 ^aLev.
26:26; Is. 3:1;
Ezek. 5:16;
14:13; ^aEzek.
4:10, 11;
12:19; ^aLam.
5:4; Ezek.
12:18, 19
17 ^aLev.
26:39; Ezek.
24:23, 33:10
18 ^aLit.,
make it pass
over your
head ^aLit.,
them
^aLev. 21:5; Is.
7:20; Ezek.
44:20; ^aDan.
5:27
19 ^aLit., if
^aJer. 39:1, 2;
Ezek. 4:2-8
^aLev. 26:33
20 ^aLit., there
21 ^aLit., go
out
22 ^aHeb.,
YHWH, usually
rendered
LORD, and so
throughout
the ch.
^aJer. 6:6;
Ezek. 4:1
^aDeut. 4:6;
Lam. 1:1;
Ezek. 16:14
23 ^aLit., in
them, My
statutes
^a2 Kin. 17:8-
20; Ezek.
16:47, 48, 51
^aNeh. 9:16;
17; ^aPs. 78:10;
Jer. 11:10;
Zech. 7:11
24 ^a2 Kin.
21:9-11;
2 Chr. 33:9;
Jer. 2:10, 11
25 ^aJer. 21:5;
13; Ezek.
15:7, 21:3;
Zech. 14:2
^aJer. 24:9;
Ezek. 5:13;
11:9
26 ^aDan.
9:12; Amos
3:2; Matt.
24:21
27 ^aLev.
26:29; Jer.
19:9; Lam.
4:10; ^aPs.
44:11; Ezek.

5 "Thus says the Lord ¹God, 'This is ^aJerusalem; I have set her at the ^bcenter of the nations, with lands around her.

6 'But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes ^amore than the lands which surround her; for they have ^brejected My ordinances and have not walked ¹in My statutes.'

7 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have ^amore turmoil than the nations which surround you, and have not walked in My statutes, nor observed My ordinances, nor observed the ordinances of the nations which surround you,'

8 therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I, even I, am ^aagainst you, and I will ^bexecute judgments among you in the sight of the nations.

9 'And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have ^anot done, and the like of which I will never do again.

10 'Therefore, ^afathers will eat their sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you, and ^bscatter all your remnant to every wind.

11 'So as I live,' declares the Lord God, 'surely, because you have ^adefiled My sanctuary with all your ^bdetestable idols and with all your abominations, therefore I will also withdraw, and My eye shall have no pity and I will not spare.

12 'One third of you will die by ^aplague or be consumed by famine among you, one third will fall by the sword around you, and one third I will ^bscatter to every wind, and I will ^cunsheathe a sword behind them.

5:2, 12; 6:8; 12:14; Amos 9:9; Zech. 2:6; 7:14
11 ^aJer. 7:9-11; Ezek. 8:5, 6, 16; ^aJer. 16:18; Ezek. 7:20
12 ^aJer. 15:2; 21:9; Ezek. 5:17; 6:11, 12; ^aEzek. 5:2, 10;
Amos 9:9; Zech. 2:6; ^aJer. 43:10, 11; 44:27; Ezek. 5:2;
12:14

13 ¶ Thus My anger will be spent, and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I shall be appeased; then they will know that I, the LORD, have spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them.

14 Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations which surround you, in the sight of all who pass by.

15 So it will be a reproach, a reviling, a warning and an object of horror to the nations who surround you, when I execute judgments against you in anger, wrath, and raging rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken.

16 When I send against them the deadly arrows of famine which were for the destruction of those whom I shall send to destroy you, then I shall also intensify the famine upon you, and break the staff of bread.

17 Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the LORD, have spoken."

CHAPTER 6

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying.

2 "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

3 and say, 'Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord God to the mountains, the hills, the ravines and the valleys: "Behold, I Myself am going to bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 "So your altars will become desolate, and your incense altars will be smashed; and I shall make your slain fall in front of your idols.

5 "I shall also lay the dead bodies of the sons of Israel in front of

13 Lit. cause to rest
21 Lit. comforted
16a. 1:24 Ma.
30:17; Ezek.
38:5, 6; 38:19
14 aPa. 74:3
10; 79:1-4;
Ezek. 22:4

18 Ancient versions read you
16a. 26:9; Jer.
22:8, 9; 1 Cor.
10:11 Ma.
66:15, 16;
Ezek. 5:8;
25:17

16 Lit. evil
Or, are for destruction, which I will send

17 Lev.
26:22; Rev.
6:8 Ezek.
38:22

2 Ezek.
36:1

3 Heb.
YHWH, usually rendered Lord

4 Lev. 26:30
4 Lev.
26:30; 2 Chr.
14:5; Is. 27:9;
Ezek. 6:6

5 2 Km.
23:14, 16, 20;
Jer. 8:1, 2

6 So some ancient versions, Heb. bear their guilt

Lev. 26:31;
Is. 6:11; Ezek.
5:14 Ezek.
6:4; Mic. 1:7;
Zech. 13:2

8 Is. 6:13;
Jer. 30:11
Jer. 44:14;
28; Ezek.
7:10; 14:22

9 Lit.
beams broken, or, broken for Myself/their

Deut. 4:29;
30:2; Jer.
51:50 aPa.
78:40; Is.
7:13, 43:24;
Hos. 11:8
Job 42:6;
Ezek. 20:43;
38:31

10 Lit. to do this evil to

11 Heb.
YHWH, usually rendered Lord

Ezek. 25:6
Ezek. 9:4
Ezek. 5:12;
7:15

12 Dan. 9:7
Lam. 4:11;
22; Ezek. 5:13

their idols; and I shall scatter your bones around your altars.

6 "In all your dwellings, cities will become waste and the high places will be desolate, that your altars may become waste and desolate, your idols may be broken and brought to an end, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be blotted out.

7 "And the slain will fall among you, and you will know that I am the LORD.

8 "However, I shall leave a remnant, for you will have those who escaped the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries.

9 "Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will be carried captive, how I have been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes, which played the harlot after their idols; and they will loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations.

10 "Then they will know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would inflict this disaster on them."

11 ¶ Thus says the Lord God, 'Clap your hand, stamp your foot, and say, "Alas, because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel, which will fall by sword, famine, and plague!

12 "He who is far off will die by the plague, and he who is near will fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged will die by the famine. Thus shall I spend My wrath on them.

13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when their slain are among their idols around their altars, on every high hill, on all the tops of the mountains, under every green tree, and

13 Ezek. 6:4-7 1 Km. 14:23; 2 Km. 16:4; Is. 37:5-7; Ezek. 20:28; Hos. 4:13

under every leafy oak—the places where they offered soothing aroma to all their idols.

14 "So throughout all their habitations I shall ^astretch out My hand against them and make the land more desolate and waste than the wilderness toward Diblah; thus they will know that I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 7

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "And you, son of man, thus says the Lord ¹GOD to the land of Israel, 'An ^aend! The end is coming on the four corners of the land.

3 'Now the end is upon you, and I shall send My anger against you; I shall judge you according to your ways, and I shall bring all your abominations upon you.

4 'For My eye will have no pity on you, nor shall I spare you, but I shall ^abring your ways upon you, and your abominations will be among you; then you will ^bknow that I am the LORD!

5 ¶ "Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, 'A ^adisaster, unique disaster, behold it is coming!

6 'An end is coming; the end has come! It has ^aawakened against you; behold, it has come!

7 'Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land. The ^atime has come, the ^bday is near—tumult rather than joyful shouting on the mountains.

8 'Now I will shortly ^apour out My wrath on you, and spend My anger against you, ^bjudge you according to your ways, and bring on you all your abominations.

9 'And My eye will show no pity, nor will I spare. I will ¹repay you according to your ways, while your abominations are in your midst; then you will know that I, the LORD, do the smiting.

14 ^aIs. 5:25; 9:12; Ezek. 14:13; 20:33, 34

2 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD

^aEzek. 7:3, 5, 6; 11:13; Amos 8:2, 10

4 ^aEzek. 11:21, 22:31; Hos. 9:7; ^bEzek. 6:7, 14, 7:27

5 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD

²2 Kin. 21:12, 13; Nah. 1:9

6 ^aZech. 13:7

7 ^aEzek. 7:12, 12:23, 25, 28 ^bIs. 22:5

8 ^aIs. 42:25; Ezek. 9:8, 14:19; Nah. 1:6; ^bEzek. 7:3, 33:20; 36:19

9 ¹Lit., give

10 ^aPs. 89:32; Is. 10:5

11 ¹Lit., has risen

^aPs. 73:8; 125:3; Is. 50:6-8; Zeph. 1:18

12 ^aEzek. 7:5-7, 10, 1

Cor. 7:29-31; James 5:8, 9

^bProv. 20:14; 1 Cor. 7:30

^cIs. 5:13, 14; Ezek. 8:11, 12, 7:14

13 ¹Lit., return to ²Lit., thing sold,

i.e., his inherited land

³Lit., their life among the living ones

⁴Lit., return

^aLev. 25:24-28, 31

14 ¹Lit., her

^aNum. 10:9; Jer. 4:5

15 ^aJer. 14:18; Ezek. 5:12; 6:11, 12; 12:16

16 ¹Lit., moaning

^aEzra 9:15; Is. 37:31; Ezek. 6:8; 14:22 ^bIs. 38:14 ^cIs. 50:11; Nah. 2:7

17 ¹Lit., run with water

^aIs. 13:7; Ezek. 21:7; 22:14; Heb. 12:12

10 ¶ 'Behold, the day! Behold, it is coming! Your doom has gone forth; the ^arod has budded, arrogance has blossomed.

11 'Violence ¹has grown into a rod of ^awickedness. None of them shall remain, none of their multitude, none of their ^bwealth, nor anything eminent among them.

12 'The ^atime has come, the day has arrived. Let not the ^bbuyer rejoice nor the seller mourn; for ^cwrath is against all their multitude.

13 'Indeed, the seller will not ¹regain ²what he sold as long as ³they both live; for the vision regarding all their multitude will not ⁴be averted, nor will any of them maintain his life by his iniquity.

14 ¶ 'They have ^ablown the trumpet and made everything ready, but no one is going to the battle; for My wrath is against all ¹their multitude.

15 'The ^asword is outside, and the plague and the famine are within. He who is in the field will die by the sword; famine and the plague will also consume those in the city.

16 'Even when their survivors ^aescape, they will be on the mountains like ^bdoves of the valleys, all of them ¹mourning each over his own iniquity.

17 'All ^ahands will hang limp and all knees will ¹become like water.

18 'And they will ^agird themselves with sackcloth, and ^bshuddering will overwhelm them; and shame will be on all faces, and ^cbaldness on all their heads.

19 'They shall ^afling their silver into the streets, and their gold shall become an abhorrent thing; their ^bsilver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the

18 ^aIs. 15:3; Ezek. 27:31; Amos 8:10; Job 21:6; Ps. 56; ^cEzek. 27:31

19 ^aIs. 2:20; 30:22; ^bProv. 11:4; Zeph. 1:18

day of the wrath of the LORD. They cannot satisfy their ¹appetite, nor can they fill their stomachs, for their iniquity has become an occasion of stumbling.

20 ¹And they transformed the beauty of His ornaments into pride, and ²they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things with it; therefore I will make it an abhorrent thing to them.

21 ¹And I shall give it into the hands of the ²foreigners as plunder and to the wicked of the earth as spoil, and they will profane it.

22 ¹I shall also turn My ²face from them, and they will profane My secret place; then robbers will enter and profane it.

23 ¹Make the chain, for the land is full of ²bloody crimes, and the city is ³full of violence.

24 ¹Therefore, I shall bring the worst of the ²nations, and they will possess their houses. I shall also make the ³pride of the strong ones cease, and their ⁴holy places will be profaned.

25 ¹When anguish comes, they will seek ²peace, but there will be none.

26 ¹Disaster will come upon disaster, and ²rumor will be added to rumor; then they will seek a ³vision from a prophet, but the ⁴law will be lost from the priest and ⁵counsel from the elders.

27 ¹The king will mourn, the prince will be ²clothed with horror, and the hands of the people of the land will ³tremble. According to their conduct I shall deal with them, and by their judgments I shall judge them. And they will know that I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 8

AND it came about in the sixth year, on the fifth day of the sixth month, as I was sitting in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the

18 ¹Lt., soul

20 ¹Jer 7:30

21 ²Kin

24:13, Ps

74:2-8, Jer

52:13

22 ¹Jer

18:17, Ezek

39:23, 24

23 ¹Lt.,

judgment of

blood

¹Jer 27:2

²Ezek 9:9

Mon. 4:2

³Ezek 8:17

24 ²Ezek

21:31, 28:7

³Ezek 33:28

²Chr 7:20

Ezek 24:21

25 ²Ezek

13:10, 16

26 ¹Is

47:11, Jer

4:20 ²Ezek

21:7, Jer

21:2, 37:17

³Ps 74:9

Ezek 22:26

Mal 3:6, Jer

18:18, Ezek

11:2

27 ¹Lt., be

terrified

¹Job 8:22, Ps

35:26, 109:18

28, Ezek

26:16

1 ¹Heb.

YHWH, usually

rendered

LORD

2 ¹Lt., fire

Or, electrum

²Ezek 1:27

³Ezek 1:4, 27

3 ¹Lt., fac-

ing north

²Ezek 3:12

11:1 ³Ez

20:4, Deut

32:16

4 ²Ezek

1:28, 3:22, 23

5 ¹Jer 3:2

Zech 5:5 ²Ps

78:58, Jer

7:30, 32:34

Ezek 8:3

6 ²Kin

23:4, 5, Ezek

5:11, 8:9, 17

8 ¹Is 28:15

hand of the Lord ¹God fell on me there.

2 Then I looked, and behold, a likeness as the appearance of ¹a man; from His loins and downward there was the ²appearance of fire, and from His loins and upward the appearance of brightness, like the appearance ³of glowing metal.

3 And He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head; and the ²Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the ¹north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the idol of jealousy, which ²provokes to jealousy, was located.

4 And behold, the ²glory of the God of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.

5 ¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, ²raise your eyes, now, toward the north." So I raised my eyes toward the north, and behold, to the north of the altar gate was this ³idol of jealousy at the entrance.

6 And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great ²abominations which the house of Israel are committing here, that I should be far from My sanctuary? But yet you will see still greater abominations."

7 ¹Then He brought me to the entrance of the court, and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.

8 And He said to me, "Son of man, now ²dig through the wall." So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance.

9 And He said to me, "Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here."

10 So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of creeping things and beasts and detestable things, with all the idols of

the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around.

11 And standing in front of them were ^aseventy ^belders of the house of Israel, with Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing among them, each man with his ^ccenser in his hand, and the fragrance of the cloud of incense rising.

12 Then He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are committing in the dark, each man in the room of his carved images? For they say, '^aThe LORD does not see us; the LORD has ^bforsaken the land.'"

13 And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing."

14 ¶ Then He brought me to the entrance of the ^agate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

15 And He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Yet you will see still greater abominations than these."

16 ¶ Then He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their ^abacks to the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east; and ^bthey were ^cprostrating themselves eastward toward the sun.

17 And He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have ^afilled the land with violence and ^bprovoked Me repeatedly? For behold, they are putting the twig to their nose.

18 "Therefore, I indeed shall deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor shall I spare; and

11 ^aNum. 11:16, 25; Luke 10:1
^bJer. 19:1
^cNum. 16:17, 35

12 ^aPs. 14:1; Is. 29:15; Ezek. 9:9
^bPs. 10:11

14 ^aEzek. 44:4, 46:9

16 ^a1 e. worshiping
^b2 Chr. 29:6; Jer. 2:27; Ezek. 23:39
^cDeut. 4:19; 17:3; Job 31:26-28; Jer. 44:17

17 ^aEzek. 7:11, 23:9, 9; Amos 3:10; Mic. 2:2
^bJer. 7:18, 19; Ezek. 16:26

18 ^aIs. 1:15; Jer. 11:11; Mic. 3:4; Zech. 7:13

1 ^aLit. you who punish
^bIs. 6:6

2 ^aOr, verbal inhorn
^bLev. 16:4

3 ^aLit. house
^bEzek. 10:4, 11:22, 23

4 ^aEx. 12:7, 13; Ezek. 9:6; 2 Cor. 1:22; 2 Tim. 2:19; Rev. 7:2, 3; 9:4, 14:1
^bPs. 119:53, 136; Jer. 13:17; Ezek. 6:11; 21:6

6 ^aLit. To destruction
^bOr, old men
^cLit. house
^d2 Chr. 36:17
^eEx. 12:23; Rev. 9:4; Jer. 25:29; Amos 3:2; Luke 12:47

7 ^aLit. house
^b2 Chr. 36:17; Ezek. 7:20-22

8 ^a1 Chr. 21:16

"though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, yet I shall not listen to them."

CHAPTER 9

THEN He cried out in my hearing with a loud ^avoice saying, "Draw near, ^bO executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand."

2 And behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate which faces north, each with his shattering weapon in his hand; and among them was ^acertain man clothed in linen with a ^bwriting case at his loins. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 ¶ Then the ^aglory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the ^btemple. And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the writing case.

4 And the LORD said to him "Go through the midst of the city, even through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a ^amark on the foreheads of the men who ^bsigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst."

5 But to the others He said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity, and do no spare.

6 "Utterly ^aslay old men, young men, maidens, little children and women, but do not ^btouch any man on whom is the mark and you shall ^cstart from My sanctuary." So they started with the ^delders who were before the ^etemple.

7 And He said to them, "^aDefile the ^btemple and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!" Thus they went out and struck down ^cthe people in the city.

8 Then it came about as they were striking and I alone was left, that I ^afell on my face and

cried out ¹saying, "bAlas, Lord ²God! Art Thou destroying the whole remnant of Israel ³by pouring out Thy wrath on Jerusalem?"

9 ¶ Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very, very great, and the land is ^afilled with blood, and the city is ^bfull of perversion; for ^cthey say, 'The LORD has forsaken the land, and the LORD does not see!'"

10 "But as for Me, ^aMy eye will have no pity nor shall I spare, but ^bI shall bring their conduct upon their heads."

11 ¶ Then behold, the man clothed in linen at whose loins was the ¹writing case ²reported, saying, "I have done just as Thou hast commanded me."

CHAPTER 10

THEN I looked, and behold, in the ¹expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim something like a ^bsapphire stone, in appearance resembling a throne, appeared above them.

2 And He spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, "Enter between the ^awhirling wheels under the ¹cherubim, and fill your hands with ^bcoals of fire from between the cherubim, and scatter them over the city." And he entered in my sight.

3 ¶ Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the ¹temple when the man entered, and the cloud filled the ^ainner court.

4 Then the ^aglory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the ^btemple was filled with the cloud, and the court was filled with the ^cbrightness of the glory of the LORD.

5 Moreover, the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard as far as the outer court, like the ^avoice of ¹God Almighty when He speaks.

8 ¹Lit., and said ²Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD ³Lit., by Thy pouring ⁴Ezek. 11:13; Amos 7:2-6

9 ²Kin. 21:16; Jer. 2:34; Ezek. 7:23, 22:2, 3 ³Ezek. 22:29; Mic. 3:1-3; Job 22:13; Ps. 10:11, 94:7; Is. 29:15; Ezek. 8:12

10 ^aIs. 65:6; Ezek. 8:18, 24:14 ^bEzek. 7:4, 11:21; Hos. 9:7

11 ¹Or, inkhorn ²Lit., brought back word

1 ¹Or, fragment ²Ezek. 1:22, 26 ³Ex. 24:10 ⁴Rev. 4:2, 3

2 ¹So with Gr., Heb., cherub ²Ezek. 1:15-21, 10:13 ³Ps. 18:10-13; Is. 6:6; Ezek. 1:13; Rev. 8:5

3 ¹Lit., house, and so throughout the ch. ²Ezek. 8:3, 16

4 ²Ezek. 9:3, 11:22, 23 ³Ex. 40:34, 35; Is. 6:1-4 ⁴Ezek. 1:28

3 ¹Heb., El Shaddai ²Job 40:9; Ezek. 1:24; Rev. 10:3

9 ¹Perhaps, beryl ²Ezek. 1:15-17 ³Dan. 10:6; Rev. 21:20

11 ¹Lit., sides ²Lit., the head turned ³Ezek. 1:17

12 ¹Rev. 4:6; 8 ²Ezek. 1:18

14 ¹Kin. 7:29, 36; Ezek. 1:6, 10; 10:21; Rev. 4:7

15 ²Ezek. 1:3, 5

6 ¶ And it came about when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, "Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim," he entered and stood beside a wheel.

7 Then the cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to the fire which was between the cherubim, took some and put it into the hands of the one clothed in linen, who took it and went out.

8 And the cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 ¶ Then I looked, and behold, ^afour wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside each cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like the gleam of a ^{1b}Tarshish stone.

10 And as for their appearance, all four of them had the same likeness, as if one wheel were within another wheel.

11 When they moved, they went ^ain any of their four ¹directions without turning as they went; but they followed in the direction which ²they faced, without turning as they went.

12 And their ^awhole body, their backs, their hands, their wings, and the ^bwheels were full of eyes all around, the wheels belonging to all four of them.

13 The wheels were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels.

14 And ^aeach one had four faces. The first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 ¶ Then the cherubim rose up. They are the ^aliving beings that I saw by the river Chebar.

16 Now when the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them; also when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels

would not turn from beside them.

17 When ¹the cherubim ^astood still, ¹the wheels would stand still; and when they rose up, ¹the wheels would rise with them; for the spirit of the living beings was in them.

18 ¶ Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood ^aover the cherubim.

19 When ^athe cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight with the wheels beside them; and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD's house. And the glory of the God of Israel ¹hovered over them.

20 ¶ These are the ^aliving beings that I saw beneath the God of Israel by ^bthe river Chebar; so I knew that they were cherubim.

21 ^aEach one had four faces and each one four wings, and beneath their wings was the form of human hands.

22 As for the likeness of their faces, they were the same faces whose appearance I had seen by the river Chebar. Each one went straight ahead.

CHAPTER 11

MOREOVER, the ^aSpirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's house which faced eastward. And behold, *there were* twenty-five men at the entrance of the gate, and among them I saw Jazaniah son of Azzur and ^bPelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people.

2 And He said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and ^agive evil advice in this city,

3 who say, '¹Is not the time near to build houses? ²This ^acity is the pot and we are the flesh.'

4 "Therefore, ^aprophesy

17 ¹Lit.,

they

^aEzek. 1:21

18 ^aPs. 18:10

19 ¹Lit.,

over them

from above

^aEzek. 11:22

20 ^aEzek.

15, 22, 26;

10:15 ^bEzek.

11

21 ^aEzek.

16, 8, 10:14;

41:18, 19

1 ^aEzek.

3:12, 14, 8:3,

11:24, 43:5

^bEzek. 11:13

2 ^aPs. 2:1,

2:32:2, Is.

30:1, Jer. 5:5,

Mic. 2:1

3 ¹Or, The

time is not

near ²Or,

This is

^aJer. 1:13;

^aEzek. 11:7,

11, 24:3, 8

4 ^aEzek.

3:4, 17

5 ¹Lit.,

what comes

up in your

spirit

^aJer. 11:20;

17:10 ^bEzek.

38:10

6 ¹Lit., the

slain

^aIs. 1:15;

^aEzek. 7:23;

22:2-6, 9, 12,

27

7 ¹Heb.,

YHWH, usu-

ally rendered

LORD, and so

throughout

the ch. ²Lit.,

it ³So with

Gr.; Heb., he

will bring

you out

^aEzek. 24:3-

13; Mic. 3:2,

3 ²Kin.

25:18-22; Jer.

52:24-27;

Ezek. 11:9

8 ^aProv.

10:24, Is. 66:4

^bJob 3:25; Is.

24:17, 18

9 ¹Lit., it

^aDeut. 28:36,

49, 50; Ps.

108:41 ^bEzek.

5:8; 18:41

10 ^aJer.

52:9, 10

²Kin. 14:25

11 ^aEzek.

11:3, 7;

24:3, 8

12 ^aEzek.

18:8, 9 ^bEzek.

8:10, 14, 16

13 ^aEzek.

11:1 ^bEzek.

9:8

against them, son of man, prophesy!"

5 ¶ Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for ^aI know ¹your ^bthoughts.

6 "You have ^amultiplied your slain in this city, filling its streets with ¹them."

7 "Therefore, thus says the LORD ¹GOD, "Your ^aslain whom you have laid in the midst of ²the city are the flesh, and this city is the pot; but ³I shall ^bbring you out of it.

8 "You have ^afeared a sword; so I will ^bbring a sword upon you," the Lord God declares.

9 "And I shall bring you out of the midst of ¹the city, and I shall deliver you into the hands of ^astrangers and ^bexecute judgments against you.

10 "You will ^afall by the sword. I shall judge you to the ^bborder of Israel; so you shall know that I am the LORD.

11 "This city will ^anot be a pot for you, nor will you be flesh in the midst of it, *but* I shall judge you to the border of Israel.

12 "Thus you will know that I am the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor have you ^aexecuted My ordinances, but have acted according to the ordinances of the ^bnations around you." "

13 ¶ Now it came about as I prophesied, that ^aPelatiah son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, "^bAlas, Lord God! Wilt Thou bring the remnant of Israel to a complete end?"

14 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

15 "Son of man, your brothers, your ¹relatives, ²your fellow exiles, and the whole house of Israel, all of them, *are those to*

18 ¹Lit., brothers ²So with Gr. and some ancient versions; Heb., the men of your redemption

whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Go far from the LORD; this land has been given ^aus as a possession.'

16 "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Though I had removed them far away among the nations, and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a ^asanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone."

17 "Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "I shall ^agather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I shall give you the land of Israel."

18 "When they come there, they will ^aremove all its ^bdetestable things and all its abominations from it.

19 "And I shall ^agive them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within ¹them. And I shall take the ^bheart of stone out of their flesh and give them a ^cheart of flesh,

20 that they may ^awalk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. Then they will be ^bMy people, and I shall be their God.

21 "But as for those whose hearts go after their ^adetestable things and abominations, I shall ^bbring their conduct down on their heads," declares the Lord God.

22 ¶ Then the cherubim ^alifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and ^bthe glory of the God of Israel ¹hovered over them.

23 And the ^aglory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and ^bstood over the mountain which is east of the city.

24 And the ^aSpirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to the exiles ¹in Chaldea. So the vision that I had seen ²left me.

25 Then I ^atold the exiles all the

things that the LORD had shown me.

CHAPTER 12

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, you live in the ^amidst of the ^brebellious house, who ^chave eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for they are a rebellious house.

3 "Therefore, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile and go into exile by day in their sight; even go into exile from your place to another place in their sight. ^aPerhaps they will ¹understand though they are a rebellious house.

4 "And bring your baggage out by day in their sight, as baggage for exile. Then you will go out ^aat evening in their sight, as those going into exile.

5 "Dig a hole through the wall in their sight and ¹go out through it.

6 "Load ^athe baggage on your shoulder in their sight, and carry it out in the dark. You shall ^acover your face so that you can not see the land, for I have set you as a ^bsign to the house of Israel."

7 ¶ And I ^adid so, as I had been commanded. By day I ^bbrought out my baggage like the baggage of an exile. Then in the evening I dug through the wall with my hands; I went out in the dark and carried ^athe baggage on my shoulder in their sight.

8 ¶ And in the morning the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

9 "Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the ^arebellious house, said to you, ^b'What are you doing?'

10 "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God, "This ²a burden

15 ^aEzek.
33:24
16 ^aPs.
31:20, 30:1;
91:9; Is. 8:14;
Jer. 29:7, 11
17 ^aIs.
11:11-16; Jer.
3:12, 18; 24:5;
Ezek. 20:41;
42:28, 25
18 ^aEzek.
37:23 ^aEzek.
5:11, 7:20
19 ^aSo with
Gr. and many
man., Heb.
you
Jer. 24:7,
32:39; Ezek.
18:31, 36:26
Zech. 7:12;
Rom. 2:4, 5
2 Cor. 3:3
20 ^aPs.
105:45; Ezek.
36:27 ^aEzek.
14:11
21 ^aIs.
And to the
heart of their
detestable
things and
their abomi-
nation (their
heart goes)
Jer. 16:18;
Ezek. 11:18
Ezek. 9:10;
16:43
22 ^aIs.
over them
from above
Ezek. 10:19
Ezek. 43:2
23 ^aEzek.
8:4 ^aZech.
14:4
24 ^aIs.
Babylonia
Is. went up
from
Ezek. 8:3,
11:1, 37:1;
2 Cor. 12:2-4
Acts 10:16
25 ^aEzek.
27:3, 4, 17,
27
2 ^aIs. 6:5
Ps. 78:40; Is.
1:23; Ezek.
2:7, 8 ^aIs.
6:9, 43:8;
Jer. 5:21;
Matt. 13:13;
14; Mark
4:12; 8:18;
Luke 8:10;
John 8:38-41;
12:40; Acts
28:26; Rom.
11:8
3 ^aOr, see
that they are
Jer. 28:3;
38:3, 7; Luke
20:13, 2 Tim.
2:25
4 ^aQ. Kin.
25:4; Jer.
30:4; Ezek.
12:12
5 ^aIs.
bring it out

6 ^a1 Sam. 28:2; Ezek. 12:12, 13 ^aIs. 8:18; 20:3; Ezek.
43:12-11; 24:24
7 ^aEzek. 24:18; 37:7, 10 ^aEzek. 12:3-6
8 ^aEzek. 2:5-8; 12:1-3 ^aEzek. 17:12; 26:4b; 24:19
10 ^aHeb., YHWH, usually rendered *Yahweh*, and so
throughout the ch. ^aOr, oracle ^aQ. Kin. 8:23;
Is. 13:1; Ezek. 12:3-6

concerns the prince in Jerusalem, as well as all the house of Israel who are ³in it."

11 "Say, 'I am ¹a ^asign to you. As I have done, so it will be done to them; they will ^bgo into exile, into captivity.'

12 "And the ^aprince who is among them will load his baggage on his shoulder in the dark and go out. ¹They will dig a hole through the wall to bring it out. He will cover his face so that he can not see the land with his eyes.

13 "I shall also spread My ^anet over him, and he will be caught in My snare. And I shall bring him to Babylon in the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will ^bnot see it, though he will die there.

14 "And I shall ^ascatter to every wind all who are around him, his helpers and all his troops; and I shall draw out a sword after them.

15 "So they will ^aknow that I am the LORD when I scatter them among the nations, and spread them among the countries.

16 "But I shall ¹spare a few of them from the ^asword, the famine, and the pestilence that they may tell all their abominations among the nations where they go, and ²may ^bknow that I am the LORD."

17 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, ^aeat your bread with trembling, and drink your water with quivering and anxiety.

19 "Then say to the people of the land, 'Thus says the Lord God concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the land of Israel, "They will eat their bread with anxiety and drink their water with horror, because ¹their land will be ²stripped of its fulness on account of the violence of all who live in it.

20 "And the inhabited ^acities will be laid waste, and the ^bland

10 ³Lit., in their midst

11 ¹Lit., your sign

^aEzek. 12:6

^bJer. 15:2;

52:15, 28-30;

Ezek. 12:3

12 ¹Lit., the king's attendants

^a2 Kin. 25:4;

Jer. 39:4;

52:7; Ezek. 12:6

13 ¹Lit.,

24:17, 18;

Ezek. 17:20;

19:8; Hos. 7:12

^bJer. 39:7, 52:11

14 ^a2 Kin. 25:4, 5; Ezek. 5:2, 17, 21

15 ^aEzek. 6:7, 14; 12:16, 20

16 ¹Lit., leave over

²Or, they will know

^aEzek. 7:15;

14:21 ^bJer. 22:8, 9

18 ^aLam. 5:9; Ezek. 4:16

19 ¹Lit., her

²Lit., desolate

^aJer. 10:22;

Ezek. 6:6, 7;

14; Mic. 7:13;

Zech. 7:14

20 ^aIs. 3:26;

Jer. 4:7; Ezek. 5:14

^bIs. 7:23;

24; Jer. 25:9;

Ezek. 36:3

22 ^aEzek. 16:44; 18:2, 3

^bJer. 5:12;

Ezek. 11:3;

12:27; Amos 6:3; 2 Pet. 3:4

^cEzek. 7:26

23 ¹Lit., word

^aPs. 37:13;

Joel 2:1;

Zeph. 1:14

24 ¹Lit., vain

^aJer. 14:13-16; Ezek. 13:6, 23;

Zech. 13:2-4

25 ^aNum. 14:28-34; Is. 14:24; Ezek. 6:10; 12:28

^bJer. 16:9;

Hab. 1:5

^cEzek. 12:2

27 ¹Lit., days

^aEzek. 12:22;

Dan. 10:14

2 ¹Lit., heart

^aIs. 9:15; Jer. 37:19; Ezek. 22:25, 28

^bIs. 1:10; Amos 7:16

will be a desolation. So you will know that I am the LORD."

21 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

22 "Son of man, what is this ^aproverb you people have concerning the land of Israel, saying, 'The ^bdays are long and every ^cvision fails'?

23 "Therefore say to them 'Thus says the Lord God, "I will make this proverb cease so that they will no longer use it as a proverb in Israel." But tell them "The days draw near as well as the ¹fulfillment of every vision

24 "For there will no longer be any ¹false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 "For I the LORD shall speak and whatever ^aword I speak will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in ^byour days, O ^crebellious house, I shall speak the word and perform it," declare the Lord God."

26 ¶ Furthermore, the word of the LORD came to me saying

27 "Son of man, behold, the house of Israel is saying, 'The vision that he sees is for ^aman's years from now, and he prophesies of times far off.'

28 "Therefore say to them 'Thus says the Lord God, "None of My words will be delayed any longer. Whatever word I speak will be performed,"' declare the Lord God.

CHAPTER 13

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the ^aprophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy from their own inspiration, ^bListen to the word of the LORD!

3 "Thus says the Lord ¹God: "Woe to the ^afoolish prophet

³ ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch. ^aLam. 2:14; Hos. 9:7; Zech. 11:15

who are following their own spirit and have ^bseen nothing.

4 "O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins.

5 "You have not ^agone up into the ^bbreaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the ^cday of the LORD.

6 "They see ¹a falsehood and lying divination who are saying, 'The LORD declares,' when the LORD has not sent them; ^byet they hope for the fulfillment of their word.

7 "Did you not see a false vision and speak a lying divination when you said, 'The LORD declares,' but it is not I who have spoken?"

8 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Because you have spoken ¹falsehood and seen a lie, therefore behold, ^aI am against you," declares the Lord God.

9 "So My hand will be against the ^aprophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will ¹have no place in the council of My people, ^bnor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, ²that you may know that I am the Lord God.

10 "It is definitely because they have ^amisled My people by saying, ^b'Peace!' when there is ^c'no peace. And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash;

11 so tell those who plaster it over with whitewash, that it will fall. A ^a'flooding rain will come, and you, O hailstones, will fall; and a violent wind will break out.

12 "Behold, when the wall has fallen, will you not be asked, 'Where is the plaster with which you plastered it?'

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "I will make a violent wind break out in My wrath. There will also be in My anger a

flooding rain and ^a'hailstones to consume it in wrath.

14 "So I shall tear down the wall which you plastered over with whitewash and bring it down to the ground, so that its ^a'foundation is laid bare; and when it falls, you will be ^b'consumed in its midst. And you will ^c'know that I am the LORD.

15 "Thus I shall spend My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it over with whitewash; and I shall say to you, 'The wall ¹is gone and its plasterers are gone.

16 along with the prophets of Israel who prophesy to Jerusalem, and who ^a'see visions of peace for her when there is ^b'no peace,' declares the Lord God.

17 "Now you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who are ^a'prophesying ^b'from their own ¹'inspiration. Prophecy against them.

18 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Woe to the women who sew magic bands on ¹'all wrists, and make veils for the heads of persons of every stature to ^a'hunt down ²'lives! Will you hunt down the ²'lives of My people, but preserve the ²'lives of others for yourselves?

19 "And ^a'for handfuls of barley and fragments of bread, you have profaned Me to My people to put to death ¹'some who should not die and to ^b'keep ¹'others alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies."

20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am against your magic bands by which you hunt ¹'lives there as ²'birds; and I will tear them off your arms; and I will let ¹'them go, even those ¹'lives whom you hunt as ²'birds.

21 "I will also tear off your veils and ^a'deliver My people from your hands, and they will no longer be in your hands to be

3 Jer. 23:28-32
5 Ps. 108:23; Jer. 23:22; Ezek. 22:30
6 Jer. 58:12
7 Jer. 13:6, 9; Ezek. 7:19
8 Jer. 29:8; Ezek. 22:28
9 Jer. 28:15, 37:19
10 Jer. 22:28
11 Jer. 23:28
12 Jer. 23:28, 50:6
13 Jer. 6:14, 8:11, 14:13
14 Jer. 7:25, 13:18
15 Jer. 17:13, Dan. 12:1
16 Jer. 23:32, 50:6
17 Jer. 6:14, 8:11, 14:13
18 Jer. 7:25, 13:18
19 Jer. 17:13, Dan. 12:1
20 Jer. 23:32, 50:6
21 Jer. 6:14, 8:11, 14:13
22 Jer. 7:25, 13:18
23 Jer. 17:13, Dan. 12:1
24 Jer. 23:32, 50:6
25 Jer. 6:14, 8:11, 14:13
26 Jer. 7:25, 13:18
27 Jer. 17:13, Dan. 12:1
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94 Jer. 7:25, 13:18
95 Jer. 17:13, Dan. 12:1
96 Jer. 23:32, 50:6
97 Jer. 6:14, 8:11, 14:13
98 Jer. 7:25, 13:18
99 Jer. 17:13, Dan. 12:1
100 Jer. 23:32, 50:6

hunted; and you will know that I am the LORD.

22 "Because you ^adisheartened the righteous with falsehood when I did not cause him grief, but have ^bencouraged the wicked not to ^cturn from his wicked way and preserve his life.

23 therefore, you women will no longer see ^afalse visions or practice divination, and I will ^bdeliver My people out of your hand. Thus you will ^cknow that I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 14

THEN some ^aelders of Israel came to me and ^bsat down before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

3 "Son of man, these men have ^aset up their idols in their hearts, and have ^bput right before their faces the stumbling block of their iniquity. Should I be ^cconsulted by them at all?

4 "Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "Any man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will be brought to give him an answer in ²the matter in view of the ^amultitude of his idols.

5 in order to lay hold of ^{1a}the hearts of the house of Israel who are ^{2b}estranged from Me through all their idols."

6 ¶ "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "'Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your ^babominations.

7 "For anyone of the house of Israel or of the ^aimmigrants who stay in Israel who separates himself from Me, sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his

22 ¹Lit., strengthen the hands of
^aAmos 5:12
^bJer. 23:14;
34:16, 22
^cEzek. 18:21,
27, 30-32,
33:14-16

23 ¹Lit., vanity
^aEzek. 12:24,
13:6, Mic. 3:6,
Zech. 13:3
^bEzek. 13:21,
34:10
^cEzek. 13:9, 21

1 ^a2 Kin.
6:32, Ezek.
8:1, 20:1
^bIs.
29:13, Ezek.
33:31, 32

3 ^aEzek.
20:16
^bEzek.
7:19, 14:4, 7,
Zeph. 1:3
^cIs.
1:15, Jer.
11:11, Ezek.
20:3, 31

4 ¹Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD, and so
throughout
the ch. ²Lit.,
if

^a1 Kin. 21:20-
24; 2 Kin.
1:16; Is. 66:4

5 ¹Lit.,
their ²Or, all
estranged
from Me
through their
idols

^aJer. 17:10;
Zech. 7:12
^bIs. 1:4, Jer.
2:11, Zech.
11:8

6 ^a1 Sam.
7:3, Neh. 1:9;
Is. 2:20;
30:22, 55:6, 7,
Ezek. 18:30
^bEzek. 8:6;
14:4

7 ^aEx.
12:48, 20:10
^bEzek. 14:4

8 ¹Lit.,
proverbs
^aJer. 44:11,
Ezek. 15:7
^bIs. 65:15,
Ezek. 5:15

9 ¹Or, en-
ticed
^aJer. 6:14, 15;
14:15

11 ^aEzek.
44:10, 15;
48:11
^bEzek.
11:18; 37:23
^cEzek. 11:20;
34:30; 38:28

13 ¹Lit.,
break the
staff
^aEzek. 15:8;
20:27
^bLev.
26:28; Is. 3:1;
Ezek. 4:16

iniquity, and then comes to the prophet to inquire of Me for him- self, ^bI the LORD will be brought to answer him in My own person

8 "And I shall ^aset My face against that man and make him ^bsign and ^aproverb, and I shall cut him off from among My people. So you will know that I am the LORD.

9 "But if the prophet is ¹pre- vailed upon to speak a word, it I, the LORD, who have ¹prevailed upon that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and ^adestroy him from among My people Israel.

10 "And they will bear the ^apun- ishment of their iniquity; as the iniquity of the inquirer is, so the iniquity of the prophet will be

11 in order that the house of Israel may no longer ^astray from Me and no longer ^bdefile themselves with all their transgre- sions. Thus they will be ^cMy peo- ple, and I shall be their God, declares the Lord God."

12 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

13 "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by ^acommitting un- faithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, ¹destroy it ^bsupply of bread, send famine against it, and cut off from it both man and beast,

14 even ^athough these three men, ^bNoah, ^cDaniel, and ^dJob were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could not deliver ^athemselves," declares the Lord God.

15 "If I were to cause ^awild- beasts to pass through the land and they ¹depopulated it, and became desolate so that no one would pass through it because of the beasts,

16 ^athough these three men were in its midst, as I live," de-

14 ^aJer. 15:1 ^bGen. 9:8, 7:1; Heb. 11:7 ^cEzek. 28:3;
Dan. 1:6; 9:21; 10:11 ^dJob 1:1, 5, 42:8, 9 ^eEzek. 16:18,
20:18, 20

18 ¹Lit., bereave of children ^aLev. 26:22; Num. 21:8;
Ezek. 5:17; 14:21

declares the Lord God, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters. ^aThey alone would be delivered, but the country would be desolate.

17 "Or if I should ^abring a sword on that country and say, 'Let the sword pass through the country and ^bcut off man and beast from it,'

18 even though these three men were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord God, "they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters, but they alone would be delivered.

19 "Or if I should send a ^aplague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it, to cut off man and beast from it,

20 even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in its midst, as I live," declares the Lord God, "they could not deliver either *their* son or *their* daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."

21 ¶ For thus says the Lord God, "How much more when ^aI send My four ¹severe judgments against Jerusalem: sword, famine, wild beasts, and plague to cut off man and beast from it!

22 "Yet, behold, ¹survivors will be left in it who will be brought out, both sons and daughters. Behold, they are going to come forth to you and you will ^asee their conduct and actions; then you will be ^bcomforted for the calamity which I have brought against Jerusalem for everything which I have brought upon it.

23 "Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done ^ain vain whatever I did ¹to it," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 15

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, how is the wood

16 ^aGen. 19:29; Ezek. 18:20

17 ^aLev. 26:25; Ezek. 5:12; 21:3, 4; ^bEzek. 25:13; Zeph. 1:3

18 ^aJer. 14:12; Ezek. 5:12; 14:21

21 ¹Lit., evil; ^aEzek. 5:17, 33; 27; Amos 4:6-10; Rev. 6:8

22 ¹Lit., escaped ones; ^aEzek. 12:16, 36; 20; ^bEzek. 18:24, 31; 18, 32

23 ¹Or, in; ^aJer. 22:8, 9

2 ^aPs. 80:8; 18, 1a, 5; 1:7; Hos. 10:1

3 ¹Lit., a work

4 ¹Or, Behold; ¹Lit., a work; ^aIs. 27:11; Ezek. 13:6, 19; 14

5 ¹Lit., a work

6 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.

7 ^aLev. 26:17; Ps. 34:18; Jer. 21:10; Ezek. 14:8; ^b1 Kin. 19:17; Is. 24:18; Amos 9:1-4

8 ^aEzek. 14:13, 17; 20

2 ^aIs. 58:1; Ezek. 20:4, 22

3 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.

4 ^aHos. 2:3

of the ^avine better than any wood of a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3 "Can wood be taken from it to make ¹anything, or can men take a peg from it on which to hang any vessel?

4 "If it has been put into the ^afire for fuel, and the fire has consumed both of its ends, and its middle part has been charred, is it then useful for ²anything?

5 "Behold, while it is intact, it is not made into ¹anything. How much less, when the fire has consumed it and it is charred, can it still be made into ¹anything!

6 "Therefore, thus says the Lord ¹God, 'As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem;

7 and I ^aset My face against them. Though they have ^bcome out of the fire, yet the fire will consume them. Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I set My face against them.

8 "Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have ^aacted unfaithfully,'" declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 16

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, ^amake known to Jerusalem her abominations.

3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God to Jerusalem, "Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

4 "As for your birth, ^aon the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.

5 "No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into

the ¹open field, ²for you were abhorred on the day you were born.

6 ¶“When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’ I said to you while you were in your blood, ‘Live!’

7 ¶I ^amade you ¹numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall, and reached the age for fine ornaments; your breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare.

8 ¶Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, ¹you were at the time for love; so I ^aspread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also ^bswore to you and ^centered into a covenant with you so that you ^dbecame Mine,” declares the Lord God.

9 ¶Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you, and ^aanointed you with oil.

10 ¶I also clothed you with ^aembroidered cloth, and put sandals of porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

11 ¶And I adorned you with ornaments, put ^abracelets on your hands, and a ^bnecklace around your neck.

12 ¶I also put a ^aring in your nostril, earrings in your ears, and a ^bbeautiful crown on your head.

13 ¶Thus you were adorned with ^agold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to ^broyalty.

14 ¶Then your ^afame went forth among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was ^bperfect because of My splendor which I bestowed on you,” declares the Lord God.

15 ¶“But you ^atrusted in your beauty and ^bplayed the harlot because of your fame, and you

8 ¹Lit., sur-
face ²Lit., in
the loathing
of your soul
Deut. 32:10

7 ¹Lit., a
mynad
Ex. 1:7;
Deut. 1:10

8 ¹Lit.,
your time
was
Ruth 3:9;
Jer. 2:2; Gen.
22:16-18; Ex.
24:7, 8; Ex.
19:5; Ezek.
20:5; Hos.
2:19, 20

9 ^aRuth 3:3
10 ^aEx.
26:36; Ezek.
16:13, 16;
26:16, 27:7,
16

11 ^aGen.
24:22, 47; Is.
3:19; Ezek.
23:42; Gen.
41:42; Prov.
1:9

12 ^aGen.
24:47; Is. 3:21
13 ^aIs. 28:5; Jer.
13:18; Ezek.
16:14

13 ^aPs.
45:13, 14;
Ezek. 16:17
14 ^aSam. 10:1;
1 Kin. 4:21

14 ^a1 Kin.
10:1, 24; Ps.
50:2; Lam.
2:15

18 ¹Lit., to
whom it
might be
Ezek. 16:25;
27:3; Is. 57:8;
Jer. 2:20

16 ¹Lit.,
things which
had not hap-
pened nor
will it be

17 ¹Lit., ar-
ticles of
beauty
Ezek. 16:11,
12

18 ¹Lit., and
you ... offer
it
Hos. 2:8
20 ¹Lit.,
them
Ex. 13:2, 12;
Deut. 29:11,
12; Ps.
108:37, 38;
Jer. 7:31;
Ezek. 20:31;
23:37

21 ¹Lit.,
them
Ex. 13:2
22 ^aJer. 17:17;
Jer. 19:5
22 ^aJer. 2:2
24 ^aJer.
11:13; Ezek.
16:31, 39;
20:28, 29; Ps.
78:58; Is. 57:7

23 ¶“Then it came about after
all your wickedness (‘Woe, woe
to you!’ declares the Lord God)

24 that you built yourself ^a
^ashrine and made yourself ^a
^bhigh place in every square.

25 ¶You built yourself a high
place at the top of ^aevery street
and made your beauty abomina-
ble; and you spread your legs to
every passer-by to multiply you
harlotry.

25 ^aProv. 9:14

poured out your harlotries on ev-
ery passer-by ¹who might be
willing.

16 ¶And you took some of your
clothes, made for yourself high
places of various colors, and
played the harlot on them,
¹which should never come about
nor happen.

17 ¶You also took your beauti-
ful ¹jewels made of My gold and
of My silver, which I had given
you, and made for yourself male
images that you might play the
harlot with them.

18 ¶Then you took your embroi-
dered cloth and covered them,
and offered My oil and My in-
cense before them.

19 ¶Also ^aMy bread which I
gave you, fine flour, oil, and hon-
ey with which I fed you, ¹you
would offer before them for a
soothing aroma; so it hap-
pened,” declares the Lord God.

20 ¶Moreover, you took your
sons and daughters whom you
had borne to ^aMe, and you ^bsac-
rificed them to ¹idols to be de-
voured. Were your harlotries so
small a matter?

21 ¶You slaughtered ^aMy chil-
dren, and offered them up to
¹idols by ^bcausing them to pass
through the fire.

22 ¶And besides all your abomi-
nations and harlotries you did
not remember the days of ^ayour
youth, when you were naked and
bare and squirming in your
blood.

23 ¶“Then it came about after
all your wickedness (‘Woe, woe
to you!’ declares the Lord God)

24 that you built yourself ^a
^ashrine and made yourself ^a
^bhigh place in every square.

25 ¶You built yourself a high
place at the top of ^aevery street
and made your beauty abomina-
ble; and you spread your legs to
every passer-by to multiply you
harlotry.

25 ^aProv. 9:14

26 "You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your ¹lustful neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to ^amake Me angry.

27 "Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the ^adaughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct.

28 "Moreover, you played the harlot with the ^aAssyrians because you were not satisfied; you even played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied.

29 "You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants, Chaldea, yet even with this you were not satisfied."

30 ¶ "How ^alanguishing is your heart," declares the Lord GOD, "while you do all these things, the actions of a ^{1b}bold-faced harlot.

31 "When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in ^adisdaining money, you were not like a harlot.

32 "You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!

33 "Men give gifts to all harlots, but you ^agive your gifts to all your lovers to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries.

34 "Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot ^{1a}as you do, because you give money and no money is given you; thus you are different."

35 ¶ Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD.

36 Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your lovers and with all your detestable ^aidols, and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to ¹idols,

28 ¹Lit., great of flesh
Jer. 7:18, 19;
Ezek. 8:17

27 ^{1a}Is. 9:12;
Ezek. 16:57

28 ²Kin. 16:7, 10-18;
2 Chr. 28:16;
20-23; Jer. 2:18, 36;

Ezek. 23:12;
Hos. 10:6

29 ¹Lit., dominating

Prov. 9:13;
Is. 1:3; Jer. 4:22

30 ^{1a}Is. 52:3

31 ¹Lit., they

Is. 57:9;
Ezek. 16:41;
Hos. 8:9, 10

32 ¹Lit., of
Jer. 3:3

33 ¹Lit., them

Jer. 19:5;
Ezek. 20:31;
23:37

34 ¹Jer. 13:22, 26;
Ezek. 23:9;

22; Hos. 2:3;
10; Nah. 3:5;

6 ^aEzek. 23:17, 28

35 ^{1a}Ezek. 23:45

36 ^{1a}Ps. 79:3, 5; Jer. 18:21; Ezek. 23:25; Zeph. 1:17

37 ¹Lit., their hands, and they

38 ¹Lit., articles of beauty

Ezek. 23:26;
Hos. 2:3

39 ¹Lit., bring up an assembly

Ezek. 23:47;
Hab. 1:6-10

40 ¹Lit., a harlot's hire

2 Kin. 25:9;
Jer. 39:8;

32:13 ^aEzek. 23:48

41 ²Sam. 24:25; Ezek. 5:13, 21, 17;

Zech. 6:8 ^{1a}Is. 40:1, 2; 54:9, 10; Ezek. 39:29

42 ¹So with ancient versions; Heb., are angry against

Ps. 78:42;
108:13; Ezek. 16:22

43:10; Ezek. 6:9

44 ¹So with ancient versions; Heb., are angry against

Ps. 78:42;
108:13; Ezek. 16:22

43:10; Ezek. 6:9

44 ¹Lit., Her

11:21; 22:31

37 therefore, behold, I shall ^agather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved and all those whom you ^bhated. So I shall gather them against you from every direction and ^cexpose your nakedness to them that they may see all your nakedness.

38 "Thus I shall ^ajudge you, like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I shall bring on you the blood of ^bwrath and jealousy.

39 "I shall also give you into ¹the hands of your lovers, and they will tear down your shrines, demolish your high places, ^astrip you of your clothing, take away your ²jewels, and will leave you naked and bare.

40 "They will ¹incite a ^acrowd against you, and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords.

41 "And they will ^aburn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. Then I shall ^bstop you from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay ¹your lovers.

42 "So I ^ashall calm My fury against you, and My jealousy will depart from you, and I shall be pacified and angry ^bno more.

43 "Because you have ^anot remembered the days of your youth but ¹have ^benraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will ^cbring your conduct down on your own head," declares the Lord GOD, "so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your other abominations.

44 ¶ "Behold, everyone who quotes ^aproverbs will quote this proverb concerning you, saying, 'Like mother, ¹like daughter.'

45 "You are the daughter of your mother, who loathed her husband and children. You are

44 ¹Lit., Her ^a1 Sam. 24:13; Ezek. 12:22, 23; 18:2, 3

also the ^asister of your sisters, who ^bloathed their husbands and children. Your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite.

46 "Now your ^aolder sister is Samaria, who lives ¹north of you with her ²daughters; and your younger sister, who lives ³south of you, is ^bSodom with her ²daughters.

47 "Yet you have not merely walked in their ways or done according to their abominations; but, as if that were ^atoo little, you acted ^bmore corruptly in all your conduct than they.

48 "As I live," declares the Lord God, "Sodom, your sister, and her daughters, have ^anot done as you and your daughters have done.

49 "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had ^aarrogance, ^babundant food, and ^ccareless ease, but she did not ¹help the ^dpoor and needy.

50 "Thus they were haughty and committed ^aabominations before Me. Therefore I ^bremoved them ¹when I saw it.

51 "Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins, for you have multiplied your abominations more than they. Thus you have made your sisters appear ^arighteous by all your abominations which you have committed.

52 "Also bear your disgrace in that you have ¹made judgment favorable for your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted ^amore abominably than they, they are more in the right than you. Yes, be also ashamed and bear your disgrace, in that you made your sisters appear righteous.

53 ¶ "Nevertheless, I will restore their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and ¹along with them ²your own captivity,

48 ^aEzek. 23:2 ^bIs. 1:4; Ezek. 23:37-39; Zech. 11:8
49 ¹Lit., on your left ²i.e., environs, so through v. 55
50 ¹Lit., from your right
51 Jer. 3:8-11; Ezek. 23:4
52 ^bGen. 13:10-13, 18-20; Ezek. 16:48, 49, 53-56, 61
53 ^a1 Kin. 16:31 ^b2 Kin. 21:9; Ezek. 5:8, 16-18, 51
54 ^aMatt. 10:15, 11:23, 24

49 ¹Lit., group the hand of
50 ^aGen. 19:9; Ps. 138:6; Is. 3:9; Ezek. 28:2, 9, 17
51 ^bGen. 13:10; Is. 22:13; Amos 6:4-6
52 ¹Luke 12:18-20, 16:19
53 ^aEzek. 18:7, 12, 16
54 ^aMany ancient mss. and versions read as you have seen
55 ^aGen. 13:13, 18:20, 19:5
56 ^bGen. 19:24, 25
57 ^aJer. 3:8-11

52 ¹Lit., mediated for
53 ^aEzek. 16:47, 48, 51
54 ¹Lit., in their midst
55 ²Lit., the captivity of your captivity
56 ^aJer. 2:26
57 ^aEzek. 14:22, 23

58 ¹Heb. includes will return
59 ¹Lit., as at the time of
60 ²So with many mss. and one version; M.T., Aram
61 ^aEzek. 16:36, 37 ^b2 Kin. 16:5-7; 2 Chr. 28:5, 6, 18-23; Ezek. 5:14, 15; 22:4
62 ^aEzek. 23:49

63 ^aIs. 24:5; Ezek. 17:19
64 ^aIs. 55:3; Jer. 32:38-41; Ezek. 37:26

54 in order that you may bear your humiliation, and feel ^aashamed for all that you have done when you become ^ba consolation to them.

55 "And your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, ¹will return to their former state, and you with your daughters will ^{also} return to your former state.

56 "As the name of your sister Sodom was not heard from you lips in your day of pride,

57 before your ^awickedness was uncovered, ¹so now you have become the ^breproach of the daughters of ²Edom, and of all who are around her, of the daughters of the Philistines—those surrounding you who despise you.

58 "You have ^aborne the penalty of your lewdness and abominations," the LORD declares.

59 For thus says the Lord God "I will also do with you as you have done, you who have ^adespised the oath by breaking the covenant.

60 ¶ "Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and will establish an ^aeverlasting covenant with you.

61 "Then you will ^aremember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, ^{both} your older and your younger and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.

62 "Thus I will ^aestablish My covenant with you, and you shall ^bknow that I am the LORD.

63 in order that you may ^aremember and be ashamed, and ^bnever open your mouth any more because of your humiliation, when I have ^cforgiven you

61 ^aJer. 30:4, 5; Ezek. 6:9
62 ^aEzek. 20:37; 34:25; 37:26 ^bJer. 24:7; Ezek. 20:43, 44
63 ^aEzek. 36:31, 32; Dan. 9:7, 8 ^bPs. 39:9; Rom. 3:19
^cPs. 65:3; 78:38; 79:9

for all that you have done," the Lord God declares.

CHAPTER 17

NOW the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, propound a riddle, and speak a ^aparable to the house of Israel.

3 ¹Saying, 'Thus says the Lord ²GOD, "A great ^aeagle with ^bgreat wings, long pinions and a full plumage of many colors, came to ^cLebanon and took away the top of the cedar.

4 "He plucked off the topmost of its young twigs and brought it to a land of merchants; he set it in a city of traders.

5 "He also took some of the seed of the land and planted it in ¹fertile soil. He ²placed it beside abundant waters; he set it like a ^bwillow.

6 "Then it sprouted and became a low, spreading vine with its branches turned toward him, but its roots remained under it. So it became a vine, and yielded shoots and sent out branches.

7 "But there was ¹another great eagle with great wings and much plumage; and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and sent out its branches toward him from the beds where it was ^aplanted, that he might water it.

8 "It was planted in good ¹soil beside abundant waters, that it might yield branches and bear fruit, and become a splendid vine."

9 "Say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, so that it withers—so that all its sprouting leaves wither? And neither by great ¹strength nor by many people can it be raised from its roots again.

10 "Behold, though it is planted, will it thrive? Will it not ^acompletely wither as soon as the east wind strikes it—wither on the beds where it grew?"

2 ^aEzek. 20:48, 24:3
3 ¹Lat., and you shall say
YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch.
4 Jer 48:40; Ezek 17:12; Hos 8:1
5 ^aDeut. 4:22; Jer 22:23
6 ¹Lat., a field of seed
7 ^aLat., took
8 ^aDeut. 8:7-9
9 ^aIs. 44:4
10 ¹So with several ancient versions, Mt. 13:12
11 ^aEzek. 31:4
12 ¹Lat., a field
13 ¹Lat., arm
14 ^aEzek. 19:14; Hos 13:15
15 ^aEzek. 23:5
16 ^aEzek. 12:9-11, 24:19
17 ^aJer. 24:11, 12, 13; Ezek. 12:17, 13
18 ¹Lat., and caused him to enter into an oath
19 ^aJer. 24:17; Ezek. 17:5
20 ^aJer. 38:13
21 ^aJer. 24:13, 16
22 ¹Lat., low
23 ^aEzek. 29:14
24 ¹Lat., people
25 ^aJer. 24:20; 2 Chr. 36:13
26 ^aJer. 52:3
27 ^aEzek. 17:7
28 ^aJer. 34:3
29 ^aJer. 18:23
30 ^aEzek. 17:16
31 ¹Lat., place
32 ^aLat., made him hang
33 ^aLat., with him in Babylon
34 ^aJer. 24:17, 20; Ezek. 16:36; 17:13, 18, 19
35 ^aJer. 52:11; Ezek. 12:13
36 ¹Lat., act with
37 ^aIs. 38:6; Jer. 37:3, 7; Ezek. 28:4, 7
38 ¹Lat., gave him hand
39 ^a1 Chr. 28:24
40 ¹Lat., gave
41 ^aEzek. 12:13, 32:3
42 ^aJer. 38:5-7
43 ^aJer. 2:35; Ezek. 20:25, 36

11 ¹Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

12 "Say now to the ^arebellious house, 'Do you not ^bknow what these things mean?' Say, 'Behold, the ^cking of Babylon came to Jerusalem, took its king and princes, and brought them to him in Babylon.

13 'And he took one of the royal ^afamily and made a covenant with him, ²putting him under ^boath. He also took away the ^cmighty of the land,

14 that the kingdom might ^abe ^bin subjection, not exalting itself, but keeping his covenant, that it might continue.

15 'But he ^arebelled against him by sending his envoys to Egypt that they might give him horses and many ¹troops. Will he succeed? Will he who does such things ^bescape? Can he indeed break the covenant and escape?

16 'As I live,' declares the Lord God, 'Surely in the ¹country of the king who ²put him on the throne, whose oath he ^adespised, and whose covenant he broke, ³in Babylon he shall die.

17 'And ^aPharaoh with his mighty army and great company will not ¹help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build siege walls to cut off many lives.

18 'Now he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and behold, he ^apledged his allegiance, yet did all these things; he shall not escape.'

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "As I live, surely My oath which he despised and My covenant which he broke, I will ¹inflict on his head.

20 "And I will spread My ^anet over him, and he will be ^bcaught in My snare. Then I will bring him to Babylon and ^center into judgment with him there regarding the unfaithful act which he has committed against Me.

21 "And all the ¹choice men in all his troops will fall by the sword, and the survivors will be scattered to every wind; and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken."

22 ¶ Thus says the Lord God, "I shall also take a ²sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and set it out; I shall pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I shall plant it on a ³high and lofty mountain.

23 "On the high mountain of Israel I shall plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a stately ⁴cedar. And birds of every ¹kind will ²nest under it; they will ²nest in the shade of its branches.

24 "And all the ⁵trees of the field will know that I am the LORD; I bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree ⁶flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will perform it."

CHAPTER 18

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "What do you mean by using this proverb concerning the land of Israel saying,

"⁷The fathers eat the sour grapes,

But the children's teeth ¹are set on edge?"

3 "As I live," declares the Lord ¹GOD, "you are surely not going to use this proverb in Israel anymore.

4 "Behold, ⁸all ¹souls are Mine; the ²soul of the father as well as the ²soul of the son is Mine. The ³soul who ⁴ sins will die.

5 "But if a man is righteous, and practices justice and righteousness,

6 and does not ⁹eat at the mountain *shrines* or ¹⁰lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or ¹¹defile his neighbor's wife, or approach a woman during her menstrual period—

21 ¹So many ancient mss. and versions; M.T., fugitives

22 ²Kin. 23:5, 11; Ezek. 5:2, 10, 12-14

23 ³Pa. 72:16; Ezek. 20:40, 37-22

24 ⁴Lit., wing ⁵Lit., dwell

25 ⁶Pa. 92:12

26 ⁷Pa. 96:12, 15

27 ⁸12 ⁹Amos 9:11

28 ¹⁰Lit., he come dull

29 ¹¹Is. 3:15 ¹²Jer. 31:29, Lam. 5:7

30 ¹³Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.

31 ¹⁴Or, lives ¹⁵Or, life ¹⁶Or, person

32 ¹⁷Num. 16:22, 27:16; Is. 42:5, 57:16

33 ¹⁸Ezek. 18:20, Rom. 6:23

34 ¹⁹Ezek. 6:13, 18:15, 22:9 ²⁰Deut. 4:19; Ezek. 18:12, 15,

20:24, 33:25 ²¹Ezek. 18:15, 22:11

35 ²²Deut. 24:13; Ezek. 33:15, Amos 2:8 ²³Lev. 19:13; Amos 3:10 ²⁴Deut. 15:11; Ezek. 18:16, Matt. 25:35-40;

36 ²⁵Luke 3:11

37 ²⁶Ex. 22:25; Deut. 23:19, 20

38 ²⁷Lev. 25:36 ²⁸Zech. 7:9; 8:16

39 ²⁹Lev. 18:5 ³⁰Rom. 8:1 ³¹Amos 5:4, Hab. 2:4, Rom. 1:17

40 ³²Lit., be-
rel

41 ³³1 ³⁴Cor. 6:9

42 ³⁵Amos 4:1; Zech. 7:10 ³⁶Is. 58:6, 7; Jer. 22:3, 17; Ezek. 7:23; 18:7, 16, 18 ³⁷2 Kin. 21:11; Ezek. 8:6, 17

43 ³⁸Lit., on him

44 ³⁹Ex. 22:25 ⁴⁰Ezek. 33:4, 5

7 if a man does not oppress anyone, but ¹restores to the debtor his pledge, ²does not commit robbery, but ³gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with clothing,

8 if he does not lend money on ⁴interest or take ⁵increase, if he keeps his hand from iniquity, and ⁶executes true justice between man and man,

9 if he walks in ⁷My statutes and My ordinances so as to deal faithfully—he is righteous and will surely ⁸live," declares the Lord God.

10 ¶ "Then he may ⁹have a violent son who sheds blood, and who does any of these things to a brother

11 (though he himself did not do any of these things), that is, he even eats at the mountain *shrines*, and ¹⁰defiles his neighbor's wife,

12 oppresses the ¹¹poor and needy, ¹²commits robbery, does not restore a pledge, but lifts up his eyes to the idols, and ¹³commits abomination,

13 he ¹⁴lends money on interest and takes increase; will he live? He will not live! He has committed all these abominations, he will surely be put to death; his blood will be ¹⁵on his own head.

14 ¶ "Now behold, he ¹⁶has a son who has observed all his father's sins which he committed, and ¹⁷observing does not do likewise.

15 "He does not eat at the mountain *shrines* or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, or defile his neighbor's wife,

16 or oppress anyone, or retain a pledge, or commit robbery, but he ¹⁸gives his bread to the hungry, and covers the naked with clothing,

14 ¹Lit., begets ²Chr. 29:6-10; 34:21

16 ³Job 31:16, 20; Ps. 41:1; Is. 58:7, 10; Ezek. 18:7

17 he keeps his hand from the poor, does not take interest or increase, but executes My ordinances, and walks in My statutes; he will not die for his father's iniquity, he will surely live.

18 "As for his father, because he practiced extortion, robbed his brother, and did what was not good among his people, behold, he will die for his iniquity.

19 "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity?' When the son has practiced justice and righteousness, and has observed all My statutes and done them, he shall surely live.

20 "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.

21 "But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

22 "All his transgressions which he has committed will not be remembered against him; because of his righteousness which he has practiced, he will live.

23 "Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked," declares the Lord God, "rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?"

24 "But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that a wicked man does, will he live? All his righteous deeds which he has done will not be remembered for his treachery which he has committed and

17 So M.T. Ge. reads iniquity as in v. 8
Rom. 2:7

19 Ex. 20:5
Jer. 15:4
Ezek. 18:2
Ezek. 18:9
20:18-20
Zech. 1:3-4

20 Q. Km.
14:6, 22:18
20: Ezek. 18:4
Ovet. 24:14
Jer. 31:30
1 Km. 8:32
Is. 3:10, 11
Matt. 16:27
Rom. 2:6-9

21 Ezek.
18:27, 28
13:12, 19

22 Ex.
3:25, Jer.
50:20, Ezek.
18:24, 33:16
Mic. 7:19
18:20-24

23 Ex. 18:22
33:11
147:11, Mic.
7:18

24 1 Sam.
15:11, 2 Chr.
24:2, 17:22
Ezek. 3:20
18:28, 33:18
Ezek. 18:22
Gal. 3:3, 4
Prov. 21:16
Ezek. 17:20
20:27

25 Ezek.
18:28, 33:17
20:20, 21:7
3:13-15
18:25, Jer.
12:1, Zeph.
3:5

27 Ex. 1:18
35:7

28 Ezek.
14:6, 33:11
Mic. 12:6

31 Ex. 1:18
17:36, 7:19
51:10, Ezek.
11:19, 36:26

32 Ezek.
18:23, 33:11

1 Ezek.
2:18, 19:14
2 Km. 23:28
30:34, 34:6
12:25, 5:7

2 Or. Why did your mother, a lioness, lie down among lions, among young lions near her cubs?

his sin which he has committed; for them he will die.

25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' Hear now, O house of Israel! Is My way not right? Is it not your ways that are not right?"

26 "When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies because of it, for his iniquity which he has committed he will die.

27 "Again, when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness which he has committed and practices justice and righteousness, he will save his life.

28 "Because he considered and turned away from all his transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

29 "But the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' Are My ways not right, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not right?"

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct," declares the Lord God. "Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you.

31 "Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel?"

32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord God. "Therefore, repent and live."

CHAPTER 19

66 **A**S for you, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,

2 and say,

"What was your mother?
A lioness among lions!

- She lay down among young lions,
She reared her cubs.
- 3 'When she brought up one of her cubs,
He became a lion,
And he learned to tear his prey;
He devoured men.
- 4 'Then nations heard about him;
He was captured in their pit,
And they ^abrought him with hooks
To the land of Egypt.
- 5 'When she saw, as she waited,
That her hope was lost,
She took ¹another of her cubs
And made him a young lion.
- 6 'And he ^awalked about among the lions;
He became a young lion,
He learned to tear his prey;
He devoured men.
- 7 'And he ¹destroyed their ²fortified towers
And laid waste their cities;
And the land and its fullness were appalled
Because of the sound of his roaring.
- 8 'Then ^anations set against him
On every side from *their* provinces,
And they spread their net over him;
He was captured in their pit.
- 9 'And ^athey put him in a cage with hooks
And ^bbrought him to the king of Babylon;
They brought him in hunting nets
So that his voice should be heard no more
On the mountains of Israel.
- 10 'Your mother was ^alike a vine in your ¹vineyard,

4 +2 Kin.
23:34; 2 Chr.
36:4, 6

5 1Lit., one

6 +2 Kin.
24:9; 2 Chr.
36:9

7 1So Targum; M.T., knew 10r, widows

8 +2 Kin.
24:11

9 +2 Chr.
36:6 +2 Kin.
24:15

10 1So with some ancient mss., M.T., blood
+Ps. 80:8-11

11 1Lit., rods of strength
+Ps. 80:15
+Ezek. 31:3

12 1Lit., rods of her strength 2So Gr.; M.T., they were 3So Gr.; M.T., they
+Jer. 31:28
+Lam. 2:1;
+Ezek. 28:17
+Ezek. 17:10;
Hos. 13:15
+Isa. 27:11;
Ezek. 19:11

13 +2 Kin.
24:12-16;
Ezek. 19:10;
20:35; Hos.
2:3

14 1Lit., rod of strength
+Ezek. 15:4;
20:47, 48

1 1Lit., men
+Ezek. 8:1,
11, 12

3 1Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.
+Ezek. 14:3

4 +Ezek.
16:2; 22:2;
Matt. 23:32

Lament for the Princes of Israel

- Planted by the waters;
It was fruitful and full of branches
Because of abundant waters.
- 11 'And it had ^{1a}strong branches fit for scepters of rulers,
And its ^bheight was raised above the clouds
So that it was seen in its height with the mass of its branches.
- 12 'But it was ^aplucked up in fury;
It was ^bcast down to the ground;
And the ^ceast wind dried up its fruit.
Its ^{1d}strong branch ^{2w}was torn off
So that ³ⁱit withered;
The fire consumed it.
- 13 'And now it is planted in the ^awilderness,
In a dry and thirsty land
- 14 'And ^afire has gone on from its branch;
It has consumed its shoot and fruit,
So that there is not in it ¹strong branch,
A scepter to rule.' "
- This is a lamentation, and has become a lamentation.

CHAPTER 20

NOW it came about in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth of the month, that ¹certain of the ^aelders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

2 And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

3 "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "Do you come to inquire of Me? As I live," declares the Lord GOD, "I will not be inquired of by you."

4 "Will you judge them, will you judge them, son of man? ^aMake them know the abominations of their fathers;

5 and say to them, 'Thus says he Lord God, "On the day when ^achose Israel and ¹swore to the descendants of the house of Jacob and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when ¹swore to them, saying, ^bI am he LORD your God,

6 on that day I swore to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had ¹selected for them, ^bflowing with milk and honey, which is ^cthe glory of all lands.

7 "And I said to them, '^aCast away, each of you, the detestable things of his eyes, and ^bdo not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; ^cI am the LORD your God.'

8 "But they ^arebelled against Me and were not willing to listen to Me; ¹they did not cast away the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they forsake the ^bidols of Egypt.

9 Then I ²resolved to ^cpour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

10 "But I acted ^afor the sake of My name, that it should ^bnot be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made Myself known to them by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

11 "So I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the ^awilderness.

12 "And I gave them My ^astatutes and informed them of My ordinances, by ^bwhich, if a man ¹observes them, he will live.

13 "And also I gave them My sabbaths to be a ^asign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

14 "But the house of Israel ^arebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes, and they rejected My ordinances, ^bby which, if a man ¹observes them, he will live; and

8 ¹Lit., lifted up My hand, and so throughout the ch. ²Lit., and

^aEx. 6:6-8
^bEx. 6:2, 3

6 ¹Lit., speed out
^aJer. 32:22

^bEx. 13:5;
33:3 ^aPs. 48:2

7 ^aEx. 20:4;
5:22, 20 ^bLev. 18:3; Deut. 29:16-18 ^cEx. 20:2

8 ¹Lit., each one

²Lit., said
^aDeut. 9:7, 16

63:10 ^bEx. 32:1-9 ^cEzek. 5:13, 7:8;

20:13, 21

9 ^aEx. 32:11-14; Ezek. 20:14, 22; 36:21, 22

^bEzek. 39:7

10 ^aEx. 19:1

11 ¹Lit., dom

^aEx. 20:1-23:33 ^bLev. 18:5; Ezek. 20:13

12 ^aEx. 31:13, 17; Ezek. 20:20

13 ¹Lit., dom ²Lit., said

^aNum. 14:11, 12, 22; Ezek. 20:8 ^bLev. 18:5 ^cIs. 56:6; Ezek. 20:21

^dEx. 32:10; Deut. 9:8; Ezek. 20:8, 21

18 ^aNum. 14:30; Ps. 95:11, 108:28

10 ^aEzek. 11:21, 14:3-7; 20:8

17 ^aJer. 4:27; 5:18; Ezek. 11:13

18 ¹Lit., sons

^aNum. 14:31; Deut. 4:3-6

^bZech. 1:4

19 ¹Lit., do

^aEx. 6:7; 20:2

^bDeut. 5:32, 33; 6:1, 2; 8:1, 2, 11:1; 12:1

20 ^aJer. 17:22

21 ¹Lit., said

^aNum. 21:5; 25:1-3

22 ^aJob 13:21; Ps. 78:38; Ezek. 20:17 ^bIs. 48:9-11; Jer. 14:7, 21; Ezek. 20:9, 14

My ^asabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I ²resolved to ^apour out My wrath on them in the wilderness, to annihilate them.

14 "But I acted for the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, before whose sight I had brought them out.

15 "And also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands.

16 because they rejected My ordinances, and as for My statutes, they did not walk in them; they even profaned My sabbaths, for their ^aheart continually went after their idols.

17 "Yet My eye spared them rather than destroying them, and I did not cause their ^aannihilation in the wilderness.

18 ¶ "And I said to their ¹children in the wilderness, ^bDo not walk in the statutes of your fathers, or keep their ordinances, or defile yourselves with their idols.

19 "I am the LORD your God; ^bwalk in My statutes, and keep My ordinances, and ¹observe them.

20 "And ^asanctify My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.'

21 "But the ^achildren rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor were they careful to observe My ordinances, by which, if a man observes them, he will live; they profaned My sabbaths. So I ¹resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to accomplish My anger against them in the wilderness.

22 "But I ^awithdrew My hand and acted ^bfor the sake of My name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out.

23 "Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would ^ascatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

24 because they had not observed My ordinances, but had rejected My statutes, and had profaned My sabbaths, and ^atheir eyes were ¹on the idols of their fathers.

25 "And I also gave them statutes that were ^anot good and ordinances by which they could not live;

26 and I pronounced them ^aunclean because of their gifts, in that they ^bcaused all ¹their first-born to pass through the fire so that I might make them desolate, in order that they might ^cknow that I am the LORD."

27 ¶ "Therefore, son of man, ^aspeak to the house of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Yet in this your fathers have ^bblasphemed Me by ^cacting treacherously against Me.

28 "When I had ^abrought them into the land which I swore to give to them, then they saw every ^bhigh hill and every leafy tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering. There also they made their soothing aroma, and there they poured out their libations.

29 "Then I said to them, 'What is the high place to which you go?' So its name is called ¹Bamah to this day."

30 "Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Will you defile yourselves ¹after the manner of your ^afathers and play the harlot after their detestable things?

31 "And ¹when you offer your gifts, when you ^acause your sons to pass through the fire, you are defiling yourselves with all your idols to this day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live," declares the

33 ^aLev. 26:33; Deut. 4:27; 28:64
34 ¹Lit., after

^aEzek. 6:9
25 ^aPs. 81:12; Is. 66:4; Rom. 1:21-23, 28

26 ¹Lit., that which opens the womb
^aLev. 18:21; 20:2-5; Is. 63:17; Ezek. 20:30; Rom. 11:8

^bJer. 7:31; 19:4-9
^cEzek. 6:7; 20:12, 20

27 ^aEzek. 2:7; 3:4; 11:27
^bNum. 15:30; Rom. 2:24

^cEzek. 18:24; 39:23, 28
28 ^aJosh. 23:3, 14; Neh. 9:22-26; Ps. 78:55; Jer. 2:7

¹1 Kin. 14:23; Ps. 78:58; Is. 57:5-7; Jer. 3:6; Ezek. 6:13

29 ¹Or, High Place
30 ¹Lit., in the way of
^aJudg. 2:19; Jer. 7:26; 16:12

31 ¹Lit., in your lifting up
^aPs. 106:37; 39; Jer. 7:31; Ezek. 16:20; 20:28

32 ¹Lit., upon your spirit
^aEzek. 11:5
^bJer. 2:25; 44:17

33 ^aJer. 21:5
^bJer. 51:57
34 ^aIs. 27:12, 13; Ezek. 20:38; 34:16
^bJer. 42:18; 44:6; Lam. 2:4

35 ^aEzek. 19:13; 20:36; Hos. 2:14
36 ^aNum. 11:1-35; Ps. 106:15; Ezek. 20:13, 21; 1 Cor. 10:5-10
^bDeut. 32:10

37 ^aLev. 27:32; Jer. 33:13
38 ¹Lit., ground or soil

^aEzek. 34:17-22; Amos 9:9; 10; Zech.

Lord God, "I will not be inquired of by you.

32 "And what ^acomes ¹into your mind will not come about, what you say: 'We will be like the nations, like the tribes of the lands ^bserving wood and stone.'

33 "As I live," declares the Lord God, "surely with a mighty hand and with an ^aoutstretched arm and with wrath poured out, shall be ^bking over you.

34 "And I shall ^abring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with ^bwrath poured out;

35 and I shall bring you into the ^awilderness of the peoples, and there I shall enter into judgment with you face to face.

36 "As I ^aentered into judgment with your fathers in the ^bwilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you," declares the Lord God.

37 "And I shall make you ^apass under the rod, and I shall bring you into the bond of the covenant;

38 and I shall ^apurge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they will ^bnot enter the ¹land of Israel. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.

39 "As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord God "Go, serve everyone his idols ¹but later, you will surely lister to Me, and My holy name you will ^bprofane no longer with your gifts and with your idols.

40 "For on My holy mountain on the high mountain of Israel," declares the Lord God, "there the whole house of Israel, ^aall of them, will serve Me in the land;

13:8, 9; Mal. 3:3; 4:1-3 ^aNum. 14:29, 30; Ps. 95:11; Ezek. 13:9; 20:15, 16; Heb. 4:3

30 ¹Or, and afterwards, if you will not listen to Me, but ^aJer. 44:25, 26 ^bIs. 1:13-15; Ezek. 23:38, 39; 43:7
40 ^aIs. 66:23; Ezek. 37:22, 24

there I shall ^baccept them, and there I shall ¹seek your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your holy things.

41¹ "As a soothing aroma I shall accept you, when I ^abring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered; and I shall prove Myself ^bholy among you in the sight of the nations.

42¹ "And ^ayou will know that I am the LORD, ^bwhen I bring you into the land of Israel, into the land which I swore to give to your forefathers.

43¹ "And there you will ^aremember your ways and all your deeds, with which you have defiled yourselves; and you will ^bblathe yourselves in your own ¹sight for all the evil things that you have done.

44¹ "Then ^ayou will know that I am the LORD when I have dealt with you ^bfor My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel," declares the Lord God.

45 ¹Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

46¹ "Son of man, set your face toward ¹Teman, and speak out against the ^asouth, and ^bprophecy against the ¹forest ²land of the Negev,

47 and say to the forest of the Negev, 'Hear the word of the LORD: thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am about to ^akindle a fire in you, and it shall consume every ¹green tree in you, as well as every dry tree; the blazing flame will not be quenched, and ^{2b}the whole surface from south to north will be burned by it.

48¹ "And all flesh will see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall ^anot be quenched."

49 Then I said, "Ah Lord God! They are saying of me, 'Is he not just speaking ^aparables?'"

40 ¹Or, require

Ma. 58:7;

60:7; Ezek.

43:12, 27

41 ¹Lit.,

With

Ma. 27:12, 13;

Ezek. 11:17;

28:25 Ma.

5:16; Ezek.

28:25, 36:23

43 ^aEzek.

36:23, 38:23

^aEzek. 11:17;

34:13, 36:24

^aEzek. 20:6,

15

43 ¹Lit.,

focus

^aEzek. 6:9;

16:61, 63;

Hos. 5:15

^aJer. 31:18;

Ezek. 36:31;

Zech. 12:10

44 ^aEzek.

24:24 ^aEzek.

36:22

45 ¹Ch. 21:1

in Heb.

46 ¹Or, the

South ²Lit.,

of the field

^aJer. 13:19;

Ezek. 21:4

^aEzek. 21:2;

Amos 7:16

^aIs. 30:6-11

47 ¹Lit.,

mouth ²Or, all

the faces

^aIs. 9:18, 19;

Jer. 21:14 ^aIs.

13:8

48 ^aJer.

7:20, 17:27

49 ^aEzek.

17:2, Matt.

13:13, John

16:25

1 ¹Ch. 21:6

in Heb.

2 ¹Lit.,

Now

^aEzek. 20:46;

25:2, 28:21

^aJob 29:22;

Ezek. 20:46

3 ^aJer.

21:13; Ezek.

5:8, Nah.

2:13, 3:5 ^aIs.

57:1

4 ^aJer.

12:12; Ezek.

7:2, 20:47

5 ^a1 Sam.

3:12; Jer.

23:20; Ezek.

21:30; Nah.

1:9

6 ¹Lit.,

lours

7 ¹Lit., be

dim ²Lit.,

Now ³Heb.,

YHWH, usu-

ally rendered

LORD, and so

throughout

the ch.

^aEzek. 7:20

Ma. 13:7;

Nah. 2:10

CHAPTER 21

¹AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2¹ "Son of man, ^aset your face toward Jerusalem, and ^bspeak against the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel;

3 and say to the land of Israel, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, ^aI am against you; and I shall draw My sword out of its sheath and cut off from you the ^brighteous and the wicked.

4¹ "Because I shall cut off from you the righteous and the wicked, therefore My sword shall go forth from its sheath against ^aall flesh from south to north.

5¹ "Thus all flesh will know that I, the LORD, have drawn My sword out of its sheath. It will ^anot return to its sheath again."

6¹ "As for you, son of man, groan with breaking ¹heart and bitter grief, groan in their sight.

7¹ "And it will come about when they say to you, 'Why do you groan?' that you will say, 'Because of the ^anews that is coming; and ^bevery heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will ¹faint, and all knees will ²be weak as water. Behold, it comes and it will happen,' declares the Lord ³God."

8 Again the word of the LORD came to me saying,

9¹ "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD.' Say,

^aA sword, a sword sharpened

And also polished!

10 ¹Sharpened to make a ^aslaughter,

Polished ¹to flash like lightning!

Or shall we rejoice, the ²rod of My son ^bdespising every tree?

11¹ "And it is given to be polished, that it may be handled; the

8 ^aDeut. 32:41

10 ¹Lit., lightning to be to her ²Or, scupper Ma. 34:5, 6

^aPs. 110:5, 6; Ezek. 20:47

sword is sharpened and polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12^a "Cry out and wail, son of man; for it is against My people, it is against all the ^bofficials of Israel. They are delivered over to the sword with My people, therefore strike your thigh.

13^a "For there is a testing; and what if even the ¹rod which despises will be no more?" declares the Lord God.

14 ¶ "You therefore, son of man, prophesy, and clap your hands together; and let the sword be ^adoubled the third time, the sword for the slain. It is the sword for the great one slain, which surrounds them,

15 that their ^ahearts may melt, and many ^bfall at all their ^cgates. I have given the glittering sword. Ah! It is made for striking like lightning, it is wrapped up in readiness for slaughter.

16^a "Show yourself sharp, go to the right; set yourself; go to the left, wherever your ²edge is appointed.

17^a "I shall also clap My hands together, and I shall ^{1a}appease My wrath; I, the LORD, have spoken."

18 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

19^a "As for you, son of man, ^{1a}make two ways for the sword of the king of Babylon to come; both of them will go out of one land. And ²make a signpost; ³make it at the head of the way to the city.

20^a "You shall ¹mark a way for the sword to come to ^aRabbah of the sons of Ammon, and to Judah into ^bfortified Jerusalem.

21^a "For the king of Babylon stands at the ¹parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use ^adivination; he ^bshakes the arrows, he consults the ²household idols, he looks at the liver.

22^a "Into his right hand came the divination, 'Jerusalem,' to ^aset

12^a Ezek.

21:6; Joel

1:13; Ezek.

21:25; 22:6

13^a Or,

accepter

14^a Lev.

26:21; 24;

2 Kin. 24:1

10:16; 25:1

18^a Josh.

2:11; 2 Sam.

17:10; Ps.

22:14; Ezek.

21:7^b Is.

59:10; Jer.

13:16; 18:15

Jer. 17:27

Ezek. 21:19

16^a Or,

Unite your-

self² Lit., face

17^a Lit.,

cause to rest

Ezek. 5:13

19^a Or, set

for yourself

Lit., cut out

a hand² Lit.,

cut it

Jer. 1:10;

Ezek. 4:1-3

20^a Lit., set

Deut. 3:11;

Jer. 49:2;

Ezek. 25:5;

Amos 1:14

Ps. 48:12;

13:125:1, 2

21^a Lit.,

mother² Heb.,

teraphim

Num. 22:7;

23:23; Prov.

16:33; Gen.

31:19; 30;

Judg. 17:5;

18:17; 20

22^a Lit., in

Ezek. 4:2;

28:9

23^a Ezek.

17:16; 18

Num. 5:15;

Ezek. 21:24;

29:16

25^a Or, iniquity

Ps. 37:13;

Ezek. 7:2, 3, 7

26^a Lit., not

this

Jer. 13:18;

Ezek. 16:12

Ps. 75:7;

Ezek. 17:24

27^a Hag.

2:21; 22^b Ps.

2:6; 72:7; 10;

Jer. 23:5, 6;

Ezek. 34:24;

37:24

28^a Lit., to

finish

Ezek. 36:15;

Zeph. 2:8-10

Isa. 31:8; Jer.

12:12; 48:10;

14

29^a Or, iniquity

Jer. 27:9;

Ezek. 13:6-9;

22:28; Ezek.

21:25; 35:5

battering rams, to open the mouth ¹for slaughter, to lift up the voice with a battle cry, to set battering rams against the gates to cast up mounds, to build a siege wall.

23^a "And it will be to them like a false divination in their eyes. ^aThey have sworn solemn oaths. But he ^bbrings iniquity to remembrance, that they may be seized.

24^a "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your deeds your sins appear—because you have come to remembrance, you will be seized with the hand.

25^a "And you, O slain, wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose ^aday has come, in the time of the ¹punishment of the end,'

26^a thus says the Lord God, 'Remove the turban, and take off the ^acrown; this will be ¹no more the same. ^bExalt that which is low, and abase that which is high.

27^a "A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, I shall make it. This also will be no more, until ^bHe comes whose right it is; and I shall give it to ¹Him.'

28 ¶ "And you, son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord God concerning the sons of Ammon and concerning their ^areproach,' and say: 'A sword, a sword is drawn, polished for the slaughter, to cause it ¹to consume, that it may be like lightning—

29 while they see for you ^afalse visions, while they divine lies for you—to place you on the necks of the wicked who are slain, whose day has come, in the ¹time of the ¹punishment of the end.

30^a "Return it to its sheath. In the ^bplace where you were created, in the land of your origin, I shall judge you.

30^a Jer. 47:6, 7; Ezek. 25:5

31 'And I shall ^apour out My indignation on you; I shall ^bblow on you with the fire of My wrath, and I shall give you into the hand of brutal men, ^cskilled in destruction.

32 'You will be ^afuel for the fire; your blood will be in the midst of the land. You will ^bnot be remembered, for I, the LORD, have spoken.' "

CHAPTER 22

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "And you, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Then cause her to know all her abominations.

3 "And you shall say, 'Thus says the Lord ¹GOD, "A city ^ashedding blood in her midst, so that her time will come, and that makes idols, contrary to her interest, for defilement!

4 "You have become ^aguilty by ¹the blood which you have shed, and defiled by your idols which you have made. Thus you have brought your ²day near and have come to your years; therefore I have made you a ^breproach to the nations, and a mocking to all the lands.

5 "Those who are near and those who are far from you will mock you, you of ill repute, full of ^aturmoil.

6 "Behold, the ^arulers of Israel, each according to his ¹power, have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood.

7 "They have ^atreated father and mother lightly within you. The ^balien they have oppressed in your midst; the ^cfatherless and the widow they have wronged in you.

8 "You have ^adespised My holy things and ^bprofaned My sabbaths.

9 "Slandrous men have been in you for the purpose of shedding blood, and in you they have eaten at the mountain shrines. In

31 Or, outpourings of
Ezek. 14:19;
25:7; Neh. 1:8
Psa. 18:15; Is.
30:33; Ezek.
22:20, 21;
Hag. 1:9; Jer.
4:7; 6:22, 23;
51:20-23;
Hab. 1:8, 10
32 1. L.
food
Ezek. 20:47;
48; Mal. 4:1
Ezek. 25:10
3 Heb.
YHWH, usually rendered
LORD, and so throughout the ch.
Ezek. 22:6,
27, 23:37, 43
4 1. L.
your 1. L.
days
2 Kin. 21:16;
Ezek. 24:7, 8
Psa. 44:13,
14; Ezek.
5:14, 15;
16:57
8 1. L. 22:2
6 1. L., arm
4 1. L. 23;
Ezek. 22:27
7 1. L.
20:12; Lev.
20:9; Deut.
5:16, 27:16
Ezek. 22:21;
23:9; Deut.
24:17; Jer.
7:6; Zach.
7:10; Ex.
22:22; Ezek.
22:25; Mal.
3:5
8 1. L.
22:26; Ezek.
20:13, 21:24;
23:38, 39
9 1. L.
23:28; Hos.
4:2, 10, 14
10 1. L., he
has
Lev. 18:6
Lev. 18:19;
Ezek. 18:6
11 1. L.
18:11, 33:26
Lev. 18:15
12 1. L.
13:11-14
13 1. L.
Deut. 18:19;
27:23; Mic.
7:2, 3; Lev.
25:36; Deut.
23:19; Lev.
19:13; Psa.
108:21; Ezek.
23:35
13 1. L.
your
4 1. L. 33:15;
Amos 2:6-8;
Mic. 2:2
14 1. L.
21:7; Ezek.
17:24

your midst they have ^acommitted acts of lewdness.

10 "In you ¹they have ^auncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you they have humbled her who was ^bunclean in her menstrual impurity.

11 "And one has committed abomination with his ^aneighbor's wife, and another has lewdly defiled his ^bdaughter-in-law. And another in you has ^chumbled his sister, his father's daughter.

12 "In you they have ^ataken bribes to shed blood; you have taken ^binterest and profits, and you have injured your neighbors for gain by ^coppression, and you have ^dforgotten Me," declares the Lord GOD.

13 ¶ "Behold, then, I smite My hand at your ^adishonest gain which you have acquired and at ^bthe bloodshed which is among you.

14 "Can ^ayour heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with you? ^b1, the LORD, have spoken and shall act.

15 "And I shall ^ascatter you among the nations, and I shall disperse you through the lands, and I shall ^bconsume your uncleanness from you.

16 "And you will profane yourself in the sight of the nations, and you will ^aknow that I am the LORD. " " "

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become ^adross to Me; all of them are ^bbronze and tin and iron and lead in the ^cfurnace; they are the dross of silver.

19 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because all of you have become dross, therefore,

13 Deut. 4:27; Neh. 1:8; Ezek. 20:23; Zach. 7:14
Ezek. 23:27, 40
16 Psa. 63:14; Ezek. 6:7
18 Psa. 119:112; Is. 1:22; Lam. 4:1; Jer. 6:28-30; Prov.
17:3; Is. 48:10

behold, I am going to gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 'As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the ^afurnace to blow fire on it in order to melt it, so I shall gather you in My anger and in My wrath, and I shall lay you there and melt you.

21 'And I shall gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you will be melted in the midst of it.

22 'As silver is melted in the furnace, so you will be melted in the midst of it; and you will know that I, the LORD, have ^apoured out My wrath on you.' "

23 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

24 "Son of man, say to her, 'You are a land that is ^anot cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.'

25 "There is a ^aconspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have ^bdevoured lives; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many ^cwidows in the midst of her.

26 "Her ^apriests have done violence to My law and have ^bprofaned My holy things; they have made no ^cdistinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the ^dunclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 "Her princes within her are like wolves tearing the prey, by shedding blood and ^adestroying lives in order to get ^bdishonest gain.

28 "And her prophets have smeared whitewash for them, seeing ^afalse visions and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord God,' when the LORD has not spoken.

29 "The people of the land have practiced ^aoppression and committed robbery, and they have

20 ^aIs. 1:25

21 ^aEzek. 20:8, 33; Hos. 5:10

24 ^aIs. 9:13; Jer. 2:30; Ezek. 24:13; Zeph. 3:2

25 Jer. 11:9; Hos. 6:9; Jer. 2:34; Ezek. 13:18; 22:27; Jer. 15:8; Ezek. 22:7

26 Jer. 2:8, 26; Ezek. 7:26; ^b1 Sam. 2:12; 17:22; Ezek. 22:8; ^cLev. 10:10; Ezek. 44:23; ^dHag. 2:11-14

27 ^aEzek. 22:25; ^bEzek. 22:13

28 Jer. 23:25-32; Ezek. 13:6

29 ^aIs. 5:7; Ezek. 9:9; 22:7; Amos 3:10; ^bEx. 23:9

30 ¹Lit., not ^aIs. 58:16; 63:5; Jer. 5:1; ^bEzek. 13:5; ^cPs. 108:23; Jer. 15:1

31 ^aIs. 10:5; 13:5; 30:27; Ezek. 22:20; ^bEzek. 7:3, 8, 9; 9:10; 18:43; Rom. 2:8, 9

2 ^aEzek. 16:46

3 ^aLev. 17:7; Jer. 3:9

5 ¹Lit., under Me ^a2 Kin. 15:19; 16:7; 17:3; Ezek. 16:28; Hos. 5:13; 8:9, 10

6 ^aEzek. 23:12, 13

7 ¹Lit., sons of Ashur ^aEzek. 20:7; 22:3, 4; Hos. 5:3; 6:10

8 ¹Lit., they ²Lit., harlotry ^aEx. 32:4; 1 Kin. 12:28; 2 Kin. 10:29; 17:16; Ezek. 23:3, 19

wronged the poor and needy and have ^boppressed the sojourner without justice.

30 "And I ^asearched for a man among them who should ^bbuild up the wall and ^cstand in the gap before Me for the land, that should not destroy it; but I found ^dno one.

31 "Thus I have poured out My ^aindignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; ^btheir way I have brought upon their heads," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 23

THE word of the LORD came to me again saying,

2 "Son of man, there were ^atwo women, the daughters of one mother;

3 and they played the harlot in Egypt. They ^aplayed the harlot in their youth; there their breasts were pressed, and there their virgin bosom was handled.

4 "And their names were Oholah the elder and Oholibah her sister. And they became Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah.

5 ¶ "And Oholah played the harlot ¹while she was Mine; and she lusted after her lovers, after the ^aAssyrians, her neighbors,

6 who were clothed in purple, ^agovernors and officials, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding on horses.

7 "And she bestowed her harlotries on them, all of whom were the choicest ¹men of Assyria; and with all whom she lusted after, with all their idols she ^adefiled herself.

8 "And she did not forsake her harlotries ^afrom the time in Egypt; for in her youth ¹men had lain with her, and they handled her virgin bosom and poured out their ²lust on her.

9"Therefore, I gave her into the hand of her ^alovers, into the hand of the ¹Assyrians, after whom she lusted.

10"They ^auncovered her nakedness; they took her sons and her daughters, but they slew her with the sword. Thus she became a ¹byword among women, and they executed judgments on her.

11 ¶"Now her sister Oholibah saw this, yet she was ^amore corrupt in her lust than she, and her harlotries were more than the harlotries of her sister.

12"She lusted after the ^{1a}Assyrians, governors and officials, the ones near, magnificently dressed, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men.

13"And I saw that she had defiled herself; they both took ¹the same way.

14"So she increased her harlotries. And she saw men ^aportrayed on the wall, images of the ^bChaldeans portrayed with vermillion.

15 girded with belts on their loins, with flowing turbans on their heads, all of them looking like officers, ¹like the ²Babylonians in Chaldea, the land of their birth.

16"And ¹when she saw them she ^alusted after them and sent messengers to them in Chaldea.

17"And the ^{1a}Babylonians came to her to the bed of love, and they defiled her with their harlotry. And when she had been defiled by them, ²she became disgusted with them.

18"And she ^auncovered her harlotries and uncovered her nakedness; then ¹I became ^bdisgusted with her, as ¹I had become disgusted with her ^csister.

19"Yet she multiplied her harlotries, remembering the days of her youth, when she played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

9 ¹Lt.
sons of As-
sur
+Ezek. 16:37;
23:22

10 ¹Lt.
name
+Ezek. 16:37;
41

11 ¹Jer. 1:8
11, Ezek.
16:51

12 ¹Lt.
sons of As-
sur
+2 Kin. 16:7

13 ¹Lt., one
14 +Ezek.
8:10 +Ezek.
16:29

18 ¹Lt., the
harlots of
+Lt., sons of
Babyl.

18 ¹Lt., at
the sight of
her eyes
+Ezek. 23:20;
Matt. 5:28

17 ¹Lt.
sons of Babyl.
+Lt., her soul
+2 Kin. 24:17

18 ¹Lt., My
soul
+Jer. 8:12;
Ezek. 21:24;
23:10 +Ps.
78:59; 108:40;
Jer. 12:8

+Ezek. 23:9;
Amos 5:21
20 +Ezek.
16:28; 17:15

21 ¹So two
men, M.T.
from Egypt
+Jer. 3:9;
Ezek. 23:3

22 ¹Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD, and so
throughout
the ch. +Lt.,
your soul
was alienated

23 ¹Lt.
sons of Baby-
lon +Lt., sons
of Assyria
+Lt., the
called ones
+2 Kin. 20:14;
17: Ezek.
21:18; 23:14;
17:2 Kin.
24:2; Job
1:17; Is. 52:13

+Jer. 50:21
+Gen. 2:14;
25:18; Ezra
6:22

24 ¹Lt.
whore
+Jer. 47:3;
Ezek. 28:18;
Nah. 2:3, 4

+Jer. 38:5, 6;
Ezek. 16:38;
23:45

25 ¹Lt., re-
member
+Ex. 34:14;
Ezek. 5:13;
8:17, 18

20"And she ^alusted after their paramours, whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

21"Thus you longed for the ^alewdness of your youth, when ¹the Egyptians handled your bosom because of the breasts of your youth.

22 ¶"Therefore, O Oholibah, thus says the Lord ¹God, 'Behold I will arouse your lovers against you, from whom ²you were alienated, and I will bring them against you from every side:

23 the ^{1a}Babylonians and all the ^bChaldeans, ^cPekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the ^{2d}Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and officials all of them, officers and ³men of renown, all of them riding on horses.

24 'And they will come against you with weapons, ^achariots, and ¹wagons, and with a company of peoples. They will set themselves against you on every side with buckler and shield and helmet; and I shall commit the ^bjudgment to them, and they will judge you according to their customs.

25 'And I will set My ^ajealousy against you, that they may deal with you in wrath. They will remove your nose and your ears; and your ¹survivors will fall by the sword. They will take your ^bsons and your daughters; and your ¹survivors will be consumed by the fire.

26 'They will also ^astrip you of your clothes and take away your ^bbeautiful jewels.

27 'Thus ¹I shall make your lewdness and your harlotry brought from the land of Egypt to cease from you, so that you will not lift up your eyes to them or remember Egypt anymore.'

28"For thus says the Lord God,

Zeph. 1:18 +Ezek. 23:47; Hos. 2:4
28 +Jer. 13:22; Ezek. 16:38; 23:29 +Is. 3:16-23
27 +Ezek. 16:41

'Behold, I will give you into the hand of those whom you ^ahate, into the hand of those from whom ¹you were alienated.

29 'And they will ^adeal with you in hatred, take all your property, and leave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your harlotries shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotries.

30 'These things will be done to you because you have ^aplayed the harlot with the nations, because you have defiled yourself with their idols.

31 'You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give ^aher cup into your hand.'

32 'Thus says the Lord God, 'You will ^adrink your sister's cup,

Which is deep and wide.

'You will be ^blaughed at and held in derision;

It contains much.

33 'You will be filled with ^adrunkenness and sorrow,

The cup of horror and desolation,

The cup of your sister Samaria.

34 'And you will ^adrink it and drain it.

Then you will gnaw its fragments

And tear your breasts;

for I have spoken,' declares the Lord God.

35 'Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Because you have ^aforgotten Me and ^bcast Me behind your back, bear now the ^apunishment of your lewdness and your harlotries.' "

36 ¶ Moreover, the LORD said to me, "Son of man, will you ^ajudge Oholah and Oholibah? Then ^bdeclare to them their abominations.

37 'For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. Thus they have committed adultery with their idols and

28 'Lk., your soul was alienated
Jer. 21:7-10;
34:20; Ezek.
16:37, 23:17,
22

29 'Deut.
28:48; Ezek.
23:25, 26, 45-
47

30 'Ezek.
6:9

31 '2 Kin.
21:13; Jer.
7:14, 15;
Ezek. 23:33

32 'Or, It will be for
reasting and
deriding be-
cause of its
great size
Ps. 60:3, Is.
51:17; Jer.
25:15; Ezek.
5:14, 15;
16:57, 22:4, 5

33 'Jer.
25:15, 16, 27;
Hab. 2:16

34 'Ps. 75:8,
Is. 51:17

35 'Is.
17:10; Jer.
3:21; Ezek.
22:12; Hos.
8:14, 13:6-8;
Kin. 14:9; Jer.
2:27, 32:33

36 'Jer.
1:10; Ezek.
20:4, 22:2 'Is.
58:1; Ezek.
16:2; Mic. 3:8

37 'I.e.,
idols
Ezek. 16:20;
20:26

38 '2 Kin.
21:4, 7; Ezek.
5:11, 7:20
Jer. 17:27;
Ezek. 20:13,
24

39 'Jer. 7:9-
11

40 'Or, you
(women)
2 Kin. 9:30;
Jer. 4:30 'Is.
3:18-23; Ezek.
16:13-16

41 'Ezek.
1:6; Is. 57:7;
Amos 6:4 'Is.
65:11; Ezek.
44:16 'Jer.
44:17; Hos.
2:8

42 'Lk., at
ease 'Lk.,
multitude of
mankind
'Lk., their
hands
Ezek. 16:40;
Amos 6:3-6
Jer. 51:7
Gen. 24:30;
Ezek. 16:11, 12

even caused their sons, ^awhom they bore to Me, to pass through the fire to ¹them as food.

38 'Again, they have done this to Me: they have ^adefiled My sanctuary on the same day and have ^bprofaned My sabbaths.

39 'For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, they entered My ^asanctuary on the same day to profane it; and lo, thus they did within My house.

40 'Furthermore, ¹they have even sent for men who come from afar, to whom a messenger was sent; and lo, they came—for whom you bathed, ^apainted your eyes, and ^bdecorated yourselves with ornaments;

41 and you sat on a splendid couch with a ^btable arranged before it, on which you had set My ^cincense and My ^coil.

42 'And the sound of a ¹care-free multitude was with her; and ^bdrunkards were brought from the wilderness with men of the ²common sort. And they put ^cbracelets on ³the hands of the women and beautiful crowns on their heads.

43 'Then I said concerning her who was ^aworn out by adulteries, 'Will they now commit adultery with her when she is ^athus?'

44 'But they went in to her as they would go into a harlot. Thus they went in to Oholah and to Oholibah, the lewd women.

45 'But they, righteous men, will ^ajudge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women who shed blood, because they are adulteresses and blood is on their hands.

46 ¶ For thus says the Lord God, 'Bring up a company

43 'Or, Now they will commit adultery with her, and she with them. Ezek. 23:3

44 'Or, And

45 'Ezek. 16:26

against them, and give them over to ^aterror and plunder.

47 'And the company will ^astone them with stones and cut them down with their swords; they will slay their sons and their daughters and ^bburn their houses with fire.

48 'Thus I shall make lewdness cease from the land, that all women may be admonished and not commit ¹lewdness as you have done.

49 'And your lewdness ¹will be ^arequited upon you, and you will bear the penalty of worshipping your idols; thus you will know that I am the Lord God.'

CHAPTER 24

AND the word of the LORD came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, saying,

2 "Son of man, write the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon ¹has ^alaid siege to Jerusalem this very day.

3 "And speak a ^aparable to the ^brebellious house, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God,

"Put on the ^cpot, put it on, and also pour water in it;

4 ¹"Put in it the pieces, Every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; Fill it with choice bones.

5 "Take the ^achoicest of the flock, And also pile ¹wood under ²the pot. Make it boil vigorously. Also seethe its bones in it."

6 ¶ 'Therefore, thus says the Lord God,

"Woe to the ^abloody city, To the pot in which there is rust

And whose rust has not gone out of it!

Take out of it piece after piece,

¹'Without making a choice.

46 Jer. 15:4; 24:9; 29:18
47 Lev. 24:10; Ezek. 16:40; Jer. 39:8
48 Lit., according to your lewdness
49 Lit., they will give
4a Is. 50:18; Ezek. 7:4, 9; 9:10; 23:35
2 Lit., learned on
3 Kin. 25:1; Jer. 39:1; 52:4
3 Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.
4a Ps. 78:2; Ezek. 17:2; 20:49; Is. 1:2; 30:1; 8; Ezek. 2:3, 6, 8; Jer. 1:13, 14; Ezek. 11:3, 7; 11:24, 6
4 Lit., Gather her pieces
4a Mic. 3:2, 3
5 Lit., bones
5a Jer. 39:6; 52:10, 24-27
6 Lit., No lot has fallen on it
6a Kin. 24:3; 4; Ezek. 22:2, 3, 27; Mic. 7:2; Nah. 3:1
7 Lev. 17:13; Deut. 12:16
8 Is. 38:21
9 Ezek. 24:6; Hab. 2:12
10 Lit., Complete
11 Lit., become hot
Jer. 21:10; Mal. 4:1
Ezek. 22:15, 23-27
12 Jer. 9:5
13 Lit., caused to rust
Jer. 6:28-30; Ezek. 22:24
Ezek. 5:13; 8:18
14 So with several ancient mss. and versions; M.T., they
Ps. 33:9; Is. 55:11; Jer. 13:14; Ezek. 8:10; Is. 3:11; Ezek. 18:30; 38:19

7 "For her blood is in her midst;

She placed it on the bare rock;

She did not ^apour it on the ground

To cover it with dust.

8 "That it may ^acause wrath to come up to take vengeance,

I have put her blood on the bare rock,

That it may not be covered."

9 'Therefore, thus says the Lord God,

"^aWoe to the bloody city! I also shall make the pile great.

10 "Heap on the wood, kindle the fire,

¹Boil the flesh well,

And mix in the spices,

And let the bones be burned.

11 "Then ^aset it empty on its coals,

So that it may be hot,

And its bronze may ¹glow, And its ^bfilthiness may be melted in it,

Its rust consumed.

12 "She has ^awearied Me with toil,

Yet her great rust has not gone from her;

Let her rust be in the fire!

13 "In your filthiness is lewdness.

Because I would have cleansed you,

Yet you are ^anot clean,

You will not be cleansed from your filthiness again,

Until I have ¹spent My wrath on you.

14 "I, the LORD, have spoken; it is ^acoming and I shall act. I shall not relent, and I shall not ^bpity, and I shall not be sorry; ^aaccording to your ways and according to your deeds ¹I shall judge you," declares the Lord God.'

15 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

16 "Son of man, behold, I am about to take from you the desire of your eyes with a blow; but you shall not mourn, and you shall not weep, and your tears shall not come.

17 "Groan silently; make no mourning for the dead. Bind on your turban, and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your mustache, and do not eat the bread of men."

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I was commanded.

19 And the people said to me, "Will you not tell us what these things that you are doing mean for us?"

20 Then I said to them, "The word of the LORD came to me saying,

21 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I am about to profane My sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and the delight of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword.

22 'And you will do as I have done; you will not cover your mustache, and you will not eat the bread of men.

23 'And your turbans will be on your heads and your shoes on your feet. You will not mourn, and you will not weep; but you will rot away in your iniquities, and you will groan to one another.

24 'Thus Ezekiel will be a sign to you; according to all that he has done you will do; when it comes, then you will know that I am the Lord God.' "

25 ¶ As for you, son of man, will it not be on the day when I take from them their stronghold, the joy of their pride, the desire of their eyes, and their

16 Song
7:10; Ezek.
24:18; Job
23:2; Jer.
16:5; 22:10
Jer. 13:17

17 Lev.
21:10-12; Jer.
16:7; Hos. 9:4

21 Ps. 27:4;
84:1; Ezek.
24:18; Jer.
6:11; 16:3, 4;
Ezek. 23:25,
47

23 Lit., a
man to his
brother
Job 27:15;
Ps. 78:64
Lev. 26:39;
Ezek. 33:10

24 Ezek.
4:3; Luke
11:29, 30

25 Or,
beauty; Lit.,
the lifting up
of their soul
Ps. 48:2;
50:2; Ezek.
24:21

26 1 Sam.
4:12; Job
1:15-19

27 Ezek.
3:26, 33; 22

2 Jer.
49:1-6; Amos
1:13-15;
Zeph. 2:9

3 Heb.,
YHWH, usually
rendered
Lord, and so
throughout
the ch.
Ps. 70:2, 3;
Ezek. 21:28;
25:6; 26:2,
36:2

4 Judg.
6:3, 33; 1 Kin.
4:30; Deut.
28:33, 51; Is.
1:7

5 Deut.
3:11; 2 Sam.
12:26; Jer.
49:2; Ezek.
21:20

6 Job
27:23; Nah.
3:19; Obad.
12; Zeph. 2:8,
10

7 Ezek.
25:13, 18;
Zeph. 1:4; Is.
33:4; Ezek.
28:5; Ezek.
21:32; Amos
1:14, 15
Ezek. 6:14

heart's delight, their sons and their daughters,

26 that on that day he who escapes will come to you with information for your ears?

27 'On that day your mouth will be opened to him who escaped, and you will speak and be dumb no longer. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 25

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face toward the sons of Ammon, and prophesy against them.

3 and say to the sons of Ammon, 'Hear the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord God, "Because you said, 'Aha!' against My sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was made desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile,

4 therefore, behold, I am going to give you to the sons of the east for a possession, and they will set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you; they will beat your fruit and drink your milk.

5 "And I shall make Rabbah a pasture for camels and the sons of Ammon a resting place for flocks. Thus you will know that I am the LORD."

6 'For thus says the Lord God, "Because you have clapped your hands and stamped your feet and rejoiced with all the scorn of your soul against the land of Israel,

7 therefore, behold, I have stretched out My hand against you, and I shall give you for spoil to the nations. And I shall cut you off from the peoples and make you perish from the lands; I shall destroy you. Thus you will know that I am the LORD."

8 ¶ Thus says the Lord God,
"Because Moab and Seir say,
'Behold, the house of Judah is
like all the nations.'

9 therefore, behold, I am going to ¹deprive the flank of Moab of its cities, of its cities which are on its ²frontiers, the glory of the land. ^aBeth-jeshimoth, ^bBaal-meon, and ^cKiriathaim.

10 and I will give it for a possession, along with the sons of Ammon, to the ^asons of the east, that the sons of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations.

11 "Thus I will execute judgments on Moab, and they will know that I am the Lord."

12 9 Thus says the Lord God,
"Because ^aEdom has acted
against the house of Judah by
taking vengeance, and has in-
curred grievous guilt, and
avenged themselves upon
them."

13 therefore, thus says the Lord God, "I will also ^astretch out My hand against Edom and ^bcut off man and beast from it. And I will lay it waste; from ^cTe-man even to ^dDedan they will fall by the sword.

14 "And I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel. Therefore, they will act in Edom according to My anger and according to My wrath; thus they will know My vengeance," declares the Lord God.

**15 9 Thus says the Lord God,
"Because the Philistines have
acted in *revenge and have taken
vengeance with scorn of soul to
destroy with everlasting en-
mity."**

16 therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, even cut off the ^bCherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast.

17 And I will execute great vengeance on them with wrath.

ful rebukes; and they will know that I am the LORD when I lay My vengeance on them." "

CHAPTER 26

NOW it came about in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2nd Son of man, because ^aTyre has said concerning Jerusalem, 'Aha, the ^bgateway of the peoples is broken; it has ^copened to me. I shall be filled, now that she is laid waste.'

3 therefore, thus says the Lord
 'God, 'Behold, I am against you,
 O Tyre, and I will bring up ^amany
 nations against you, as the ^bsea
 brings up its waves.

4 And they will destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock.

5 'She will be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,' declares the Lord God, 'and she will become a spoil for the nations.

6 'Also her daughters who are
on the mainland will be slain by
the sword, and they will know
that I am the Lord.'"

79 For thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will bring upon Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, ^aking of kings, with horses, ^bchariots, cavalry, and ^{1a}a great army.

8th He will slay your daughters
 1 on the mainland with the sword;
 and he will make 4 siege walls
 against you, cast up a 6 mound
 against you, and raise up a large
 shield against you.

9' And the blow of his battering
rams he will direct against your
walls, and with his 'axes he will
break down your towers.

10*Because of the multitude of his horses, the dust raised by

8-4th, 12-1.
 Jan. 4th 1.
 Amos 2:1, 2
 9-4th.
 open 4th.
 and
 4thm. 12-4th
 Jan. 12-4
 12-20 4thm.
 12-1, 20.
 4thm. 13-17.
 1 Chr 5:8
 Jan 4th 23
 4thm. 12-17
 Jan. 13-19.
 Jan 4th 1, 23
 10-4thm.
 12-4
 12-4 Chr
 20-17 Pa.
 17-7. Jan
 4th-7, 22
 13-4th
 4thm. 13
 4thm. 20-4
 13-1, 4
 Gen. 20-24
 Jan 4th-7
 Amos 1-12
 4th 25-22
 4th-6
 14-4th, 11-14
 4thm. 25-11
 15-4th
 14-20-31.
 Ezek. 25-4.
 12, 20-1-4
 16-4th
 25-20 4-1-7
 31 Sam.
 10-14, Zeph.
 2-5
 17-4th, 9-16
 2-4th.
 turned
 4 Sam. 2-11.
 Is. 25-1. Jan
 25-22 4th.
 4th 10-4th
 25-4, 25-10
 2-4thm.
 YHVH, usually rendered
 Lord, and so
 throughout
 the ch.
 4thm. 4-11
 4th. 5-20 Jan.
 20-42, 51-42
 4-4th
 13-11. Ezek.
 25-2 Amos
 1-10
 3-4thm.
 25-7, 20-19
 6-4th., in
 the field
 4thm. 10-4th
 12, 20-6
 7-4th., on
 country,
 even many
 people
 Gen 7-12 Is.
 10-4th Jan
 25-22 Dan.
 2-37, 47
 4thm. 25-24
 10th 2-1, 4
 8-4th., on
 the field
 4th 25-4
 Ezek. 21-22
 4th 25-24
 9-4th.
 turned

them will cover you; your walls will ^bshake at the noise of cavalry and ^lwagons and chariots, when he ^centers your gates as men enter a city that is breached.

11 "With the hoofs of his ^ahorses he will trample all your streets. He will slay your people with the sword; and your strong pillars will ^bcome down to the ground.

12 "Also they will make a spoil of your riches and a prey of your ^amerchandise, ^bbreak down your walls and destroy your ^cpleasant houses, and ^lthrow your stones and your timbers and your debris ^dinto the water.

13 "So I will ^lsilence the sound of your ^asongs, and the sound of your ^bharps will be heard no more.

14 "And I will make you a bare rock; you will be a place for the spreading of nets. You will be ^abuilt no more, for I the ^bLORD have spoken," declares the Lord God.

15 ¶ Thus says the Lord God to Tyre, "Shall not the ^acoastlands ^bshake at the sound of your fall when the wounded groan, when the slaughter occurs in your midst?

16 "Then all the princes of the sea will ^ago down from their thrones, remove their robes, and strip off their embroidered garments. They will ^bclothe themselves with ^ltrembling; they will sit on the ground, ^ctremble every moment, and be appalled at you.

17 "And they will take up a ^alamentation over you and say to you,

"How you have perished, O inhabited one,
From the seas, O renowned city,
Which was ^cmighty on the sea,
She and her inhabitants,
Who ^limposed ²her terror
On all her inhabitants!

10 ^lLit., wheels ^bEzek. 26:15, 27:28
^cJer. 39:3
11 ^aIs. 5:28;
Hab. 1:8 ^bIs. 26:5, Jer. 43:13

12 ^lLit., put ^aIs. 23:8, 18;
Ezek. 27:3-27;
Zech. 9:3
^cJer. 52:14
^dChr. 32:27;
Amos 5:11
^eEzek. 27:27;
32:34, 28:8

13 ^lLit., cause to cease
^aIs. 23:16,
24:8, 9; Amos 6:5 ^bIs. 5:12;
Rev. 18:22

14 ^aDeut. 13:16, Job 12:14; Mal. 1:4 ^bIs. 14:27
15 ^aEzek. 26:18, 27:35
^cJer. 49:21;
Ezek. 31:16

16 ^lLit., tremblings
^aJon. 3:6 ^bJob 8:22; Ps. 35:26, Ezek. 7:27, 1 Pet. 5:5 ^cEzek. 32:10; Hos. 11:10

17 ^lLit., put ²Lit., their
^aEzek. 19:1, 14; 27:2, 32;
32:2, 16 ^bIs. 14:12; Jer. 48:39; 50:23
^cEzek. 27:3, 10, 11; 28:2

18 ^aIs. 41:5;
Ezek. 26:15;
27:35 ^bIs. 23:5-7, 10, 11
19 ^aIs. 8:7;
8, Ezek. 26:3
20 ^lOr, return
^aIs. 14:9, 10;
Ezek. 32:30
^bPs. 88:6;
Amos 9:2;
Jon. 2:2, 6
^cJer. 33:9;
Zech. 2:8

21 ^lLit., give you terrors
^aEzek. 26:15, 16; 27:36
^bRev. 18:21
2 ^aJer. 9:10, 17-20;
Ezek. 28:12
3 ^lLit., entrances
²Heb., usually rendered Low, and so throughout the ch.
^aEzek. 28:2
^bIs. 23:3

18 "Now the ^acoastlands will ^ltremble

On the day of your fall;

Yes, the coastlands which ^aare by the sea

Will be terrified at your ^bpassing."

19 For thus says the Lord God, "When I shall make you a desolate city, like the cities which are not inhabited, when I shall ^abring up the deep over you, and the great waters will cover you,

20 then I shall bring you down with those who ^ago down to the pit, to the people of old, and I shall make you dwell in the ^blower parts of the earth, like the ancient waste places, with those who go down to the pit, so that you will not ^bbe inhabited; but I shall set ^cglory in the land of the living.

21 "I shall ^bbring ^aterrors on you, and you will be no more; though you will be sought, ^byou will never be found again," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 27

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "And you, son of man, ^atake up a lamentation over Tyre;

3 and say to Tyre, ^awho dwells at the ^lentrance to the sea, ^bmerchant of the peoples to many coastlands, 'Thus says the Lord ²God,

"O Tyre, you have said, 'I am perfect in beauty.'

4 "Your borders are in the heart of the seas;
Your builders have perfected your beauty.

5 "They have ^lmade all your planks of fir trees from ^aSenir;
They have taken a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

8 ^lLit., built ^aDeut. 3:9; 1 Chr. 5:23; Song 4:8

- 6 "Of ^aoaks from ^bBashan they have made your oars;
With ivory they have ¹inlaid your deck of boxwood from the coastlands of ^cCyprus.
- 7 "Your sail was of fine embroidered linen from Egypt
So that it became your ¹distinguishing mark;
Your ²awning was ^{3a}blue and purple from the coastlands of ^bElishah.
- 8 "The inhabitants of Sidon and ^aArvad were your rowers;
Your ^bwise men, O Tyre, were ^{1a}aboard; they were your pilots.
- 9 "The elders of ^aGebal and her wise men were with you repairing your seams;
All the ships of the sea and their sailors were with you in order to deal in your merchandise.
- 10 " ^aPersia and ^aLud and ^aPut were in your army, your men of war. They hung shield and helmet in you; they set forth your splendor.
- 11 "The sons of Arvad and your army were on your walls, all around, and the ¹Gammadim were in your towers. They hung their shields on your walls, all around; they perfected your beauty.
- 12 " ^aTarshish was your customer because of the abundance of all kinds of wealth; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they paid for your wares.
- 13 " ^aJavan, ^aTubal, and ^bMeshech, they were your traders; with the ^clives of men and vessels of bronze they paid for your merchandise.
- 14 "Those from ^aBeth-togarmah gave horses and war horses and mules for your wares.
- 15 "The sons of ^aDedan were

6 ¹Lat., made
^aIs. 2:13;
Zech. 11:2
^bNum. 21:33;
^cIs. 2:13, Jer. 22:20, Gen. 10:4, Is. 23:1, 12, Jer. 2:10
7 ¹Or, standard
8 ¹Lat., covering
^aEx. 25:4, Jer. 10:9
^bGen. 10:4
9 ¹Lat., in you
^aGen. 10:18, 1 Chr. 1:16, Ezek. 27:11
^b1 Km. 9:27
10 ^aJosh. 13:5, 1 Km. 5:18
11 ^aEzek. 30:5, 38:5
12 ¹Or, valorous ones
13 ^aGen. 10:2, Is. 66:19, Ezek. 27:19
^bGen. 10:2, Ezek. 38:2, 39:1
^cJoel 3:3, Rev. 18:13
14 ^aGen. 10:3, Ezek. 39:6
15 ¹Lat., the market of your hand
^aJer. 25:23, Ezek. 25:13, 27:20
^b1 Km. 10:22, Rev. 18:12
16 ¹Lat., works
^aJudg. 10:6, Is. 7:1-8, Ezek. 16:57
^bEzek. 28:13
^cEzek. 16:13, 18
17 ¹Heb., parrying
^aJudg. 11:33
18 ¹Lat., works
^aGen. 14:15, Is. 7:8, Jer. 49:23, Ezek. 47:16-18
19 ¹Or, with yarn
^aOr, columns
20 ^aGen. 25:3
21 ¹Lat., customers of your hand
^aIs. 21:13
^bIs. 60:7
22 ^aGen. 10:7, Is. 60:6, Ezek. 38:13
^bGen. 43:11, 1 Km. 10:2
23 ^a1 Km. 19:12, Is. 37:12, Amos 1:5
24 ¹Or, vessel
25 ¹Lat., your travelers
^aLat., honored
^aIs. 2:16

your traders. Many coastlands were ¹your market; ^bivory tusks and ebony they brought as your payment.

16 "Aram was your customer because of the abundance of your ¹goods; they paid for your wares with ^bemeralds, purple, ^cembroidered work, fine linen, coral, and rubies.

17 "Judah and the land of Israel, they were your traders; with the wheat of ^aMinnith, ¹cakes, honey, oil, and balm they paid for your merchandise.

18 "Damascus was your customer because of the abundance of your ¹goods, because of the abundance of all kinds of wealth, because of the wine of Helbon and white wool.

19 "Vedan and Javan paid for your wares ¹from Uzal; wrought iron, cassia, and ²sweet cane were among your merchandise.

20 "Dedan traded with you in saddlecloths for riding.

21 "Arabia and all the princes of Kedar, they were ¹your customers for ^blambs, rams, and goats; for these they were your customers.

22 "The traders of ^aSheba and Raamah, they traded with you; they paid for your wares with the best of all kinds of ^bspices, and with all kinds of precious stones, and gold.

23 "Haran, Canneh, ^aEden, the traders of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad traded with you.

24 "They traded with you in choice garments, in clothes of ¹blue and embroidered work, and in carpets of many colors, and tightly wound cords, which were among your merchandise.

25 "The ^aships of Tarshish were ¹the carriers for your merchandise.

And you were filled and were very ²glorious
In the heart of the seas.

- 26 "Your rowers have brought you
Into ^agreat waters;
The ^beast wind has broken you
In the heart of the seas.
- 27 "Your wealth, your wares, your merchandise,
Your sailors, and your pilots,
Your repairers of seams, your dealers in merchandise,
And all your men of war who are in you,
With all your company that is in your midst,
Will fall into the heart of the seas
On the day of your overthrow.
- 28 "At the sound of the cry of your pilots
The pasture lands will ^ashake.
- 29 "And all who handle the oar, The ^asailors, and all the pilots of the sea
Will come down from their ships;
They will stand on the land,
- 30 And they will ^amake their voice heard over you
And will cry bitterly.
They will ^bcast dust on their heads,
They will ^cwallow in ashes.
- 31 "Also they will make themselves ^abald for you
And ^bgird themselves with sackcloth;
And they will ^cweep for you in bitterness of soul
With bitter mourning.
- 32 "Moreover, in their wailing they will take up a ^alamentation for you
And lament over you:
'Who is like Tyre,
Like her who is silent in the midst of the sea?
- 33 'When your wares went out from the seas,
You satisfied many peoples;

²⁶ ^aEzek. 26:19 ^bPs. 48:7, Jer. 18:17, Acts 27:14

²⁸ ^aEzek. 26:10, 15, 18

²⁹ ^aRev. 18:17-19

³⁰ ^aIs. 23:1, 6, Ezek. 26:17, ^b1 Sam. 4:12, 2 Sam. 1:2, Lam. 2:10, Rev. 18:19, ^cJer. 6:26, Jon. 3:6

³¹ ^aIs. 15:2, Ezek. 29:18, ^bIs. 22:12, Ezek. 7:18, ^cIs. 18:9, 22:4

³² ^aEzek. 26:17, 27:2, 28:12

³³ ^aEzek. 27:12, 18, 28:4, 5

³⁴ ^aLit., The time ^bEzek. 26:12, 27:26, 27 ^cZech. 9:3, 4

³⁵ ^aIs. 23:6, Ezek. 26:16

³⁶ ^aLit., terrorm ^bJer. 18:18, 19:8, 49:17, 50:13; Zeph. 2:15 ^cPs. 37:10, 36

² ^aOr, ruler, prince ^bHeb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch. ^cOr, God ^dIs. 14:14; 47:8; Ezek. 28:9; 2 Thess. 2:4 ^ePs. 9:20; 82:6, 7; Is. 31:3; Ezek. 28:9

³ ^aDan. 1:20; 2:20-23, 28; 5:11, 12

⁴ ^aEzek. 27:33; Zech. 9:2, 3

⁵ ^aEzek. 27:12; Hos. 12:7, 8

With the ^aabundance of your wealth and your merchandise
You enriched the kings of earth.

34 "Now that you are ^abroken by the seas
In the depths of the waters
Your ^bmerchandise and all your company
Have fallen in the midst of you.

35 'All the ^ainhabitants of the coastlands
Are appalled at you,
And their kings are horribly afraid;
They are troubled in countenance.

36 'The merchants among the peoples ^ahiss at you;
You have become ¹terrified
And you ^bwill be no more.' "

CHAPTER 28

THE word of the LORD came again to me saying,

2 "Son of man, say to the ¹leader of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord ²God,

"Because your heart is lifted up

And you have said, '¹I am a god,

I sit in the seat of ³gods,
In the heart of the seas';

Yet you are a ^bman and not God,

Although you make your heart like the heart of God—

3 Behold, you are wiser than ^aDaniel;

There is no secret that is a match for you.

4 "By your wisdom and understanding

You have acquired ^ariches for yourself,

And have acquired gold and silver for your treasures.

5 "By your great wisdom, by your ^atrade

You have increased your riches,
And your ^bheart is lifted up because of your riches—
6 Therefore, thus says the Lord God,
'Because you have ^amade your heart
Like the heart of God,
7 Therefore, behold, I will bring ^astrangers upon you,
The ^bmost ruthless of the nations.
And they will draw their swords
Against the beauty of your wisdom
And defile your splendor.
8 'They will bring you down to the pit,
And you will die the ^adeath of those who are slain
In the heart of the seas.
9 'Will you still say, "I am a god,"
In the presence of your slayer,
Although you are a man and not God,
In the hands of those who wound you?
10 'You will die the death of the ^auncircumcised
By the hand of strangers.
For I have spoken!' declares the Lord God!''''
11 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me saying,
12 "Son of man, ^atake up a lamentation over the king of Tyre,
and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God,
"You ^lhad the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
13 "You were in ^aEden, the garden of God;
^bEvery precious stone was your covering:
The ^cruby, the topaz, and the diamond;
The beryl, the onyx, and the jasper;

6 ^aJob 31:24, 25; Ps. 52:7; Ezek. 28:2; Hos. 13:6
6 ^aEx. 9:17; Ezek. 28:2
7 ^aEzek. 28:7 ^bEzek. 30:11, 31:12, 32:12; Hab. 1:6-8
8 ^aEzek. 27:28, 27, 34
10 ^a1 Sam. 17:26, 36; Ezek. 31:18, 32:30
12 ^aLt., were the one sealing a pattern ^aEzek. 19:1, 26:17, 27:2
13 ^aOr, town boundaries ^aOr, fables ^aGen. 2:8, 1a 51:3, Ezek. 31:8, 9, 16; 36:35 ^aEzek. 27:18, 22 ^aEx. 28:17-20 ^a1a 24:8, 30:32
14 ^aOr, guards ^aEx. 25:17-20; 30:26, 40:9; Ezek. 28:16 ^aEzek. 20:40; 28:16 ^aEzek. 28:13, 16; Rev. 18:16
15 ^aEzek. 27:3, 4; 28:3-6, 12 ^aEzek. 28:17, 18
16 ^aLt., They filled your midst ^aOr, guardroom ^aEzek. 27:12 ^aEzek. 8:17; Hab. 2:8, 17
17 ^aEzek. 27:3, 4; 28:7 ^a1a 19:11 ^aEzek. 28:16
18 ^aAmos 1:9, 10 ^aMal. 4:3

The lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald;
And the gold, the workmanship of your ^ldsettings and ²sockets,
Was in you.
On the day that you were created
They were prepared.
14 "You were the ^aanointed cherub who ^lcovers,
And I placed you *there*.
You were on the holy ^bmountain of God;
You walked in the midst of the ^cstones of fire.
15 "You were ^ablameless in your ways
From the day you were created,
Until ^bunrighteousness was found in you.
16 "By the ^aabundance of your trade
^lYou were internally ^bfilled with violence,
And you sinned;
Therefore I have cast you as profane
From the mountain of God.
And I have destroyed you,
O ²covering cherub,
From the midst of the stones of fire.
17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your ^abeauty;
You ^bcorrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.
I cast you to the ground;
I put you before ^ckings,
That they may see you.
18 "By the multitude of your iniquities,
In the unrighteousness of your trade,
You profaned your sanctuaries.
Therefore I have brought ^afire from the midst of you;
It has consumed you,
And I have turned you to ^bashes on the earth

In the eyes of all who see you.

19 "All who know you among the peoples
Are appalled at you;
You have become ^{1a}terrified.

And you will be ^bno more." " "

20 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to me saying,

21 "Son of man, ^aset your face toward ^bSidon, prophesy against her,

22 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God,

"Behold, I am against you, O Sidon,

And I shall ^{1b}be glorified in your midst.

Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I ^aexecute judgments in her,

And I shall manifest My holiness in her.

23 "For ^aI shall send pestilence to her

And blood to her streets,
And the ^bwounded will ¹fall in her midst

By the sword upon her on every side;

Then they will know that I am the LORD.

24 "And there will be no more for the house of Israel a ^aprickling brier or a painful thorn from any round about them who scorned them; then they will know that I am the Lord God."

25 ¶ 'Thus says the Lord God, "When I ^agather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall manifest My holiness in them in the sight of the nations, then they will ^blive in their ¹land which I gave to My servant Jacob.

26 "And they will ^alive in it securely; and they will ^bbuild houses, plant vineyards, and live securely, when I ^cexecute judgments upon all who scorn them round about them. Then they

¹⁹ ¹Lit., ¹terrors

^aEzek. 28:21; 27:36 ^bJer. 51:64

²¹ ^aEzek. 6:2; 25:2

^bGen. 10:15; 19; Is. 23:2, 4; Ezek. 27:8

²² ¹Or, glorify Myself

^aEzek. 28:26; 30:19

²³ ¹Or, be judged

^aEzek. 38:22

^bJer. 51:52

²⁴ ^aNum. 33:55; Josh. 23:13; Is. 55:13; Ezek. 2:8

²⁸ ¹Lit., ground

^aPs. 106:47; Is. 11:12, 13; Jer. 32:37; Ezek. 20:41; 34:13, 27

^bJer. 23:8; 27:11

²⁸ ^aJer. 23:6; Ezek. 34:25-28; 38:8

^bJer. 32:15; 43, 44; Amos 9:13, 14

^cEzek. 25:11; 28:22

¹ ^aEzek. 28:1; 29:17; 30:20

² ^aJer. 44:30 ^bIs. 19:1-17; Jer. 46:2-26; Ezek. 30:1-32:32

³ ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch. ²Lit., tannim ³Or, Nile

^aIs. 27:1; Ezek. 32:2

^bEzek. 29:9; 30:12

⁴ ¹Or, Nile

² ^aKin. 19:28; Ezek. 38:4

³ ¹Or, Nile

²Lit., faces of the field ³Or, with several mss. and Targum, buried

^aEzek. 32:4-6

^bJer. 8:2; 25:33 ^cJer. 7:33; 34:20; Ezek. 39:4

⁶ ² ^aKin. 18:21; Is. 38:6

⁷ ¹So with some ancient versions; M.T., shoulders

² ^aKin. 18:21; Is. 38:6; Ezek. 17:15-17

will know that I am the LORD their God." " "

CHAPTER 29

IN the ^atenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against ^aPharaoh, king of Egypt and prophesy against him and against all ^bEgypt.

3 "Speak and say, 'Thus say the Lord ¹God,

"Behold, I am against you Pharaoh, king of Egypt. The great ^{2a}monster that lies in the midst of his ³rivers,

That ^bhas said, 'My Nile is mine, and I myself have made it.'

4 "And I shall put ^ahooks in your jaws,

And I shall make the fish of your ¹rivers cling to your scales.

And I shall bring you up out of the midst of your ¹rivers,

And all the fish of your ¹rivers will cling to your scales.

5 "And I shall ^aabandon you to the wilderness, you and all the fish of your ¹rivers:

You will fall on the ²open field; you will not be brought together or ^{3b}gathered.

I have given you for ^cfood to the beasts of the earth and to the birds of the sky.

6 "Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am the LORD,

Because they have been only a ^astaff made of reed to the house of Israel.

7 "When they took hold of you with the hand,

You ^abroke and tore all their ¹hands;

And when they leaned on you,

You broke and made all their loins ²quake."

8 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I shall ^abring upon you a sword, and I shall cut off from you man and beast.

9 "And the ^aland of Egypt will become a desolation and waste. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

^a Because ^byou ^bsaid, 'The Nile is mine, and I have made it,'

10 therefore, behold, I am ^aagainst you and against your ^brivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, from Migdol to Syene and even to the border of ²Ethiopia.

11 "A man's foot will ^anot pass through it, and the foot of a beast will not pass through it, and it will not be inhabited for forty years.

12 "So I shall make the land of Egypt a desolation in the ^amidst of desolated lands. And her cities, in the midst of cities that are laid waste, will be desolate forty years; and I shall ^bscatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands."

13 ¶ "For thus says the Lord God, "At the end of forty years I shall ^agather the Egyptians from the peoples ^bamong whom they were scattered.

14 "And I shall turn the fortunes of Egypt and shall make them return to the land of ^aPathros, to the land of their origin; and there they will be a lowly kingdom.

15 "It will be the ^alowest of the kingdoms; and it will never again lift itself up above the nations. And I shall make them so small that they will not ^brule over the nations.

16 "And it will never again be the ^aconfidence of the house of Israel, ^bbringing to mind the iniquity of their having turned ²to

7 ^aLit., stand
8 ^aJer. 46:13; Ezek. 14:17
9 ^aLit., he
10 ^aEzek. 29:10-12, 30:7, 8, 13-19; Prov. 16:18; 18:12; Ezek. 29:3
11 ^aOr, Nile
12 ^aLit., Cush
13 ^aEzek. 13:8, 21:3, 28:3, 29:3
14 ^aJer. 43:11, 12; 46:19; Ezek. 32:13
15 ^aJer. 25:15-19; 27:8-11; Ezek. 30:7
16 ^aJer. 46:19; Ezek. 30:23, 26
17 ^aLit., where
18 ^aIs. 19:22; Jer. 46:28
19 ^aIs. 11:11; Jer. 44:1, 15; Ezek. 30:14
20 ^aEzek. 17:6, 14, 30:13; Zech. 10:11
21 ^aEzek. 31:2, 32:2; Nah. 3:8-10
22 ^aLit., causing to remember
23 ^aLit., after them
24 ^aIs. 20:5; 30:1-3, 31:1, 36:6; Ezek. 17:15; 29:6, 7
25 ^aIs. 64:9; Jer. 14:10; Ezek. 21:23; Hos. 8:13
26 ^aEzek. 24:1, 26:1, 29:1, 30:20, 40:1
27 ^aLit., a great labor
28 ^aLit., labored
29 ^aJer. 25:9; 27:6; Ezek. 26:7-12
30 ^aJer. 48:37; Ezek. 27:31
31 ^aOr, multitude
32 ^aEzek. 30:10, 24, 25; 32:11
33 ^aJer. 43:10-13; Ezek. 30:14
34 ^aLit., labored
35 ^aIs. 10:6, 7; 45:1-3; Jer. 25:9
36 ^aLit., give you an opening of the mouth
37 ^a1 Sam. 2:10; Ps. 62:10
38 ^a132:17
39 ^aEzek. 3:27; 24:27; 32:22; Amos

Egypt. Then they will know that I am the Lord God." " "

17 ¶ Now in the ^atwenty-seventh year, in the first month, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, ^aNebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made his army labor ^bhard against Tyre; every head was made ^bbald, and every shoulder was rubbed bare. But he and his army had no wages from Tyre for the labor that he had ²performed against it."

19 Therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I ^ashall give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. And he will carry off her ^bwealth, and capture her spoil and seize her plunder; and it will be wages for his army.

20 "I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor which he ^bperformed, because they acted for Me," declares the Lord God.

21 ¶ "On that day I shall make a ^ahorn sprout for the house of Israel, and I shall ^bopen your mouth in their midst. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 30

THE word of the LORD came again to me saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord ^bGod, "^aWail, 'Alas for the day!'

3 "For the day is near, Even ^athe day of the LORD is near;

It will be a day of ^bclouds, A time of doom for the nations.

4 "And a sword will come upon Egypt, And anguish will be in ^bEthiopia,

3:7, 8; Luke 21:15

2 ^aHeb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch. ^aIs. 13:6, 13:2; Ezek. 21:12; Joel 1:5, 11, 13

3 ^aEzek. 7:18; 13:5; Joel 1:15; 2:1; Obad. 15
30:18; 32:7; 34:12

4 ^aLit., Cush

When the slain fall in Egypt,
They ^atake away her ²wealth,
And her foundations are torn down.
5 ¹Ethiopia, Put, Lud, all ^{2a}Arabia, ³Libya, and the ⁴people of the land ⁵that is in league will fall with them by the sword."
6 ¶ Thus says the LORD,
"Indeed, those who support ^aEgypt will fall,
And the pride of her power will come down;
From Migdol to Syene
They will fall within her by the sword."
Declares the Lord God.
7 "And they will be desolate
In the ^amidst of the desolated lands;
And her cities will be
In the midst of the devastated cities.
8 "And they will ^aknow that I am the LORD,
When I set a ^bfire in Egypt
And all her helpers are broken.
9 "On that day ^amessengers will go forth from Me in ships to frighten ^bsecure ¹Ethiopia; and ^canguish will be on them as on the day of Egypt; for, behold, it comes!"
10 Thus says the Lord God,
"^aI will also make the ¹multitude of Egypt cease
By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.
11 "He and his people with him,
^aThe most ruthless of the nations,
Will be brought in to destroy the land;
And they will draw their swords against Egypt
And fill the land with the slain.
12 "Moreover, I will make the ^aNile canals dry
And ^bsell the land into the hands of evil men.

4 ^aOr, multitude
Ezek. 29:19
5 ¹Lit., Cush
^aOr, the mixed people
²Or, Cub
³Lit., sons
⁴Lit., of the covenant
Jer. 25:20,
24
6 ^aIsa.
20:3-6
7 ^aJer.
25:18-26,
Ezek. 29:12
8 ^aPs.
58:11, Ezek.
29:6, 9, 18
^bEzek. 22:31,
30:14, 16,
Amos 1:4, 7,
10, 12, 14
9 ¹Lit., Cush
^aIsa. 18:1, 2
^bIsa. 47:8,
Ezek. 38:11,
39:6 ^aIsa.
19:17, 23:5,
Ezek. 32:9, 10
10 ¹Or,
wealth
^aEzek. 29:10
11 ^aEzek.
28:7
12 ¹Lit., her
fulness
^aEzek. 29:3, 9
^bIsa. 19:4
13 ¹Or, fu-
tile ones ^aOr,
Noph
^aIsa. 2:18 ^bIsa.
19:13, Jer.
2:16, 44:1,
48:14, Ezek.
30:18
14 ¹Or, No
^aIsa. 11:11,
Jer. 44:1, 15,
Ezek. 29:14
^bPs. 78:12,
43; ^cIsa. 19:11,
13 ^cJer.
46:25; Ezek.
30:15, 16,
Nah. 3:8
15 ¹Or, Pe-
lusium ^aOr,
No
16 ¹Or, Pe-
lusium ^aOr,
No ^aOr, Noph
^aOr, adver-
saries
17 ¹Or,
Aven
²Lit., they
^aGen. 41:43;
48:20
18 ¹So with
many mas.
and ancient
versions:
M.T., restrain
^aJer. 43:8-13
^bEzek. 30:3
^cLev. 28:13;
Isa. 10:27; Jer.
27:2; 28:10,
13; 30:8;
Ezek. 34:27
19 ^aPs. 9:16;
Ezek. 5:8, 15;
25:11; 30:14

And I will make the land
desolate,
And ¹all that is in it,
By the hand of strangers;
the LORD, have spoken.
13 ¶ Thus says the Lord God
"I will also ^adestroy the
idols
And make the ¹image-
cease from ^{2b}Memphis.
And there will no longer be
a prince in the land of
Egypt;
And I will put fear in the
land of Egypt.
14 "And I will make ^aPathros
desolate,
Set a fire in ^bZoan,
And execute judgment
on ^cThebes.
15 "And I will pour out My
wrath on ¹Sin,
The stronghold of Egypt;
I will also cut off the multi-
tude of ²Thebes.
16 "And I will set a fire in
Egypt;
¹Sin will writhe in anguish
²Thebes will be breached
And ³Memphis will have
⁴distresses daily.
17 "The young men of ^{1a}O
and of Pi-beseth
Will fall by the sword,
And ²the women will go
into captivity.
18 "And in ^aTehaphnehes the
day will ^{1b}be ^bdark
When I ^cbreak there the
yoke bars of Egypt.
Then the pride of her
power will cease in her,
A cloud will cover her,
And her daughters will go
into captivity.
19 "Thus I will ^aexecute judg-
ments on Egypt,
And they will know that
am the LORD." " "
20 ¶ And it came about in the
^aeleventh year, in the first
month, on the seventh of the

20 ^aEzek. 26:1; 29:1, 17; 31:1

month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

21 "Son of man, I have ^abroken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, behold, it has not been ^bbound up ¹for healing ²or wrapped with a bandage, that it may be strong to hold the sword.

22 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I am ^aagainst Pharaoh king of Egypt and will break his arms, both the strong and the ^bbroken; and I will make the sword ^cfall from his hand.

23 'And I will ^ascatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

24 'For I will ^astrengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put ^bMy sword in his hand; and I will break the arms of Pharaoh, so that he will groan before him with the groanings of a wounded man.

25 'Thus I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fall. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he ^astretches it out against the land of Egypt.

26 'When I scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands, then they will know that I am the LORD.' "

CHAPTER 31

AND it came about in the ^aeleventh year, in the third month, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his ^amultitude,

'Whom are you like in your greatness?

3 'Behold, Assyria was a ^acedar in Lebanon
With beautiful branches
and forest shade,

21 ¹Lat., to give healing
²Lat., to put a bandage, to wrap it

^aPs. 10:15;
37:17; Ezek.
30:24 ^bJer.
30:13; 46:11

22 ^aJer.
46:25; Ezek.
29:3 ^b2 Kin.
24:7; Jer. 37:7
^cJer. 46:21

23 ^aEzek.
29:12; 30:17,
18, 26

24 ^aNeh.
6:9; Is. 45:1.
5; Ezek.
30:10, 25;
Zech. 10:12
^bEzek. 30:11,
25; Zeph.
2:12

25 ^aJosh.
8:18, 1 Chr.
21:16; Is. 5:25

26 ^aJer.
52:5, 8; Ezek.
30:20; 32:1

27 ^aEzek.
29:19; 30:10;
Nah. 3:9

28 ¹Lat.,
high of stature
²So Gr.
M.T., thick
boughs

^aIs. 10:33, 34;
Ezek. 17:3, 4;
22, 31:16;
Dan. 4:10, 20;
23 ^bIs. 10:33;
Ezek. 31:5, 10

29 ^aHe., sub-
terranean wa-
ters ²Lat., was
giving

^aEzek. 17:5,
8; Rev. 17:1,
15

30 ¹Lat., in
its sending
forth

^aDan. 4:11
^bPs. 1:3;
Ezek. 17:5

31 ^aEzek.
17:23, 31:13;
Dan. 4:12, 21;
Matt. 13:32

32 ¹Lat., root
was

33 ¹Lat., did
²Or, Phoeni-
cian Assyrians
³Lat., were
not like

^aPs. 80:10;
Ezek. 31:3
^bGen. 2:8, 9;
13:10; Is.
51:3; Ezek.
28:13, 31:16,
18

34 ^aGen.
2:6, 9; 13:10;
Is. 51:3; Ezek.
28:13, 31:16,
18

And ^{1b}very high;

And its top was among the ²clouds.

4 'The ^awaters made it grow,
the ¹deep made it high.

With its rivers it continu-
ally ²extended all around
its planting place,

And it sent out its channels
to all the trees of the field.

5 'Therefore ^aits height was
loftier than all the trees of
the field

And its boughs became
many and its branches
long

Because of ^bmany waters
^{1a}as it spread them out.

6 'All the ^abirds of the heav-
ens nested in its boughs,
And under its branches all
the beasts of the field
gave birth,

And all great nations lived
under its shade.

7 'So it was beautiful in its
greatness, in the length
of its branches;

For its ¹roots extended to
many waters.

8 'The ^acedars in ^bGod's gar-
den ¹could not match it;
The ²cypresses ¹could not
compare with its boughs,
And the plane trees ³could
not match its branches.

No tree in ^bGod's garden
¹could compare with it in
its beauty.

9 'I made it beautiful with the
multitude of its
branches,

And all the trees of ^aEden,
which were in the ^agar-
den of God, were jealous
of it.

10 'Therefore, thus says the
Lord ¹God, "Because ²it is high
in stature, and it has set its top
among the ³clouds, and its ^aheart
is haughty in its loftiness,

¹⁰ ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so
throughout the ch. ²Lat., you are ³Or, thick boughs ^q
Chr. 32:25; Is. 10:12; 14:13, 14; Ezek. 28:17; Dan. 5:20

11 therefore, I will give it into the hand of a ¹despot of the nations; he will thoroughly deal with it. According to its wickedness I have ^bdriven it away.

12 "And ^aalien ^btyrants of the nations have cut it down and left it; on the ^cmountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen, and its boughs have been broken in all the ravines of the land. And all the peoples of the earth have ^dgone down from its shade and left it.

13 "On its ruin all the ^abirds of the heavens will dwell. And all the beasts of the field will be on its *fallen* branches

14 in order that all the trees by the waters may not be exalted in their stature, nor set their top among the ¹clouds, nor their ²well-watered mighty ones stand *erect* in their height. For they have all been given over to death, to the ^aearth beneath, among the sons of men, with those who go down to the pit."

15 "Thus says the Lord God, "On the day when it went down to Sheol I ^acaused lamentations; I closed the ¹deep over it and held back its rivers. And its many waters were stopped up, and I made Lebanon ²mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted away on account of it.

16 "I made the nations ^aquake at the sound of its fall when I made it ^bgo down to Sheol with those who go down to the pit; and all the ¹well-watered trees of Eden, the choicest and best of ^cLebanon, were ^dcomforted in the earth beneath.

17 "They also ^awent down with it to Sheol to those who were ^bslain by the sword; and those who were its ¹strength lived ^cunder its shade among the nations.

18 "To which among the trees of Eden are you thus ¹equal in glory and greatness? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth beneath; you

11 ¹Or, *mighty one*
^aEzek. 30:10;
 11:32; 11:12;
 Dan. 5:18, 19
^bDeut. 18:12;
 Nah. 3:18

12 ^aEzek.
 7:21; 28:7;
 30:12; Hab.
 1:6 ^bEzek.
 28:7; 30:11;
 32:12 ^cEzek.
 32:5, 35:8
^dEzek. 31:17;
 Dan. 4:14;
 Nah. 3:17, 18

13 ^aIs. 18:6;
 Ezek. 29:5;
 31:6, 32:4

14 ¹Or, *thick boughs*
²Lit., *drinkers of water*
^aNum. 16:30;
 33; Ps. 63:9;
 Ezek. 26:20;
 31:18; 32:24;
 Amos 9:2;
 Jon. 2:2, 8;
 Eph. 4:9

15 ¹I.e., *subterranean waters* ²Lit., *be darkened*
^aEzek. 32:7;
 Nah. 2:10

16 ¹Lit., *drinkers of water*
^aEzek. 26:15;
 27:28; Hag.
 2:7 ^bIs. 14:15;
 Ezek. 32:18
^cIs. 14:8;
 Hab. 2:17
^dEzek. 14:22;
 23; 32:31

17 ¹Lit., *arm*
^aPs. 9:17
^bEzek. 32:20f.
^cEzek. 31:3;
 6; Dan. 4:12

18 ¹Lit., *like*
^aJer. 9:25, 28;
 Ezek. 28:10;
 32:19, 21 ^bPs.
 52:7; Matt.
 13:19

1 ^aEzek.
 30:20; 31:1;
 32:17; 33:21

2 ¹Or, *were like* ²Lit., *like*
^aEzek. 19:1;
 27:2; 28:12;
 32:16 ^bJer.
 4:7; Ezek.
 19:2-6; Nah.
 2:11-13 ^cIs.
 27:1; Ezek.
 29:3 ^dJer.
 48:7, 8

3 ¹Heb., *YHWH*, usually rendered *Lord*, and so throughout the ch.
^aEzek. 12:13

will lie in the midst of the ^auncircumcised, with those who were slain by the sword. ^bSo is Pharaoh and all his multitude:" declares the Lord God."

CHAPTER 32

AND it came about in the ^atwelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him,

"You ¹compared yourself to a young ^blion of the nations,

Yet you are like the ^cmonster in the seas;

And you ^dburst forth in your rivers,

And muddied the waters with your feet,

And ²fouled their rivers."

3 Thus says the Lord ¹God,

"Now I will ^aspread My net over you

With a company of many peoples,

And they shall lift you up in My net.

4 "And I will leave you on the land;

I will cast you on the ¹open field.

And I will cause all the ^abirds of the heavens to dwell on you,

And I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth ²with you.

5 "And I will lay your flesh ^aon the mountains,

And fill the valleys with your refuse.

6 "I will also make the land drink the discharge of your ^ablood,

As far as the mountains,

And the ravines shall be full of you.

4 ¹Lit., *surface of the field* ²Lit., *from* ^aIs. 18:6

5 ^aEzek. 31:12

6 ^aEx. 7:17; Is. 34:3, 7; Ezek. 35:6; Rev. 14:20

7 "And when I ^aextinguish you,
I will ^bcover the heavens,
and darken their ^cstars;
I will cover the ^dsun with a cloud,
And the moon shall not
give its light.

8 "All the shining ^alights in
the heavens
I will darken over you
And will set darkness on
your land,"

Declares the Lord God.

9 "I will also ^atrouble the hearts
of many peoples, when I ^bbring
your destruction among the na-
tions, into lands which you have
not known.

10 "And I will make many peo-
ples ^aappalled at you, and their
kings shall be horribly afraid of
you when I brandish My sword
before them; and ^bthey shall
tremble every moment, every
man for his own life, on the day
of your fall."

11 ¶ For ^athus says the Lord
God, "The sword of the king of
Babylon shall come upon you.

12 "By the swords of the mighty
ones I will cause your multitude
to fall; all of them are ^atyrants of
the nations,

And they shall ^bdevastate
the pride of Egypt,
And all its multitude shall
be destroyed.

13 "I will also destroy all its
cattle from beside many
waters;

And ^athe foot of man shall
not muddy them any-
more,

And the hoofs of beasts
shall not muddy them.

14 "Then I will make their wa-
ters settle,

And will cause their rivers
to run like oil,"

Declares the Lord God.

15 "When I make the land of
Egypt a ^adesolation,
And the land is destitute of
that which filled it,

7 Job
18:5, 6; Prov.
13:9; Ex.
10:21-23; Is.
34:4; Ezek.
30:3, 18,
34:12; Is.
13:10; Joel
2:2, 31, 31:5;
Amos 8:9;
Matt. 24:29;
Mark 13:24f;
Luke 21:25;
Rev. 6:12;
8:12

8 Gen.
1:14
9 Ezek.
27:20-32;
28:19; Rev.
18:10-15; Ex.
15:14-16

10 Ezek.
27:35; Ezek.
28:16

11 Jer.
46:20

12 Ezek.
28:7; Ezek.
28:19

13 Ezek.
29:11

18 Ps.
107:33, 34;
Ezek. 29:12;
19, 20; Ex.
7:5, 14, 18;
Ps. 9:16;
Is. 17:18;
Ezek. 6:7;
30:19, 20

16 Or, la-
ment

17 Sam. 1:17;
1:33, 34;
2 Chr. 35:25;
Jer. 9:17;
Ezek. 26:17;
32:2

17 Ezek.
31:1, 32:1;
33:21

18 Is. 10:9;
Ezek. 21:6;
32:2, 18; Mic.
1:8; Jer. 1:10;
Ezek. 43:3;
Hos. 6:5

19 Ezek. 31:14;
18, 19, 32:24;
19 Jer.
9:25, 26;
Ezek. 31:18;
32:21, 24, 29;
30

20 Or, The
sword is
given

21 Ps. 28:3
21 Is. 14:9;
12; Ezek.
32:27

22 Is. 14:9;
Is. 14:10;
Ezek. 27:22;
31:3, 16

23 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

24 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

25 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

26 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

27 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

28 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

29 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

30 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

31 Is.
31:3, 16;
32:27

When I smite all those who
live in it,

Then they shall ^bknow that
I am the LORD.

16 "This is a ^alamentation and
they shall ^bchant it. The daugh-
ters of the nations shall ^bchant it.
Over Egypt and over all her mul-
titude they shall ^bchant it," de-
clares the Lord God.

17 ¶ And it came about in the
^atwelfth year, on the ^afifteenth of
the month, that the word of the
LORD came to me saying,

18 "Son of man, ^awail for the
multitude of Egypt, and ^bbring it
down, her and the daughters of
the powerful nations, to the
^cnether world, with those who go
down to the pit;

19 "Whom do you surpass in
beauty?

Go down and make your
bed with the ^auncircum-
cised."

20 "They shall fall in the midst
of those who are slain by the
sword. ^bShe is given over to the
sword; they have ^adrawn her and
all her multitudes away.

21 "The ^astrong among the
mighty ones shall speak of him
and his helpers from the midst of
Sheol, "They have gone down,
they lie still, the uncircumcised,
slain by the sword."

22 ¶ "Assyria is there and all
her company; ^bher graves are
round about ^bher. All of them are
slain, fallen by the sword.

23 whose ^agraves are set in the
remotest parts of the pit, and her
company is round about her
grave. All of them are slain,
fallen by the sword, who ^bspread
terror in the land of the living.

24 ¶ "Elam is there and all her
multitude around her grave; all
of them slain, fallen by the
sword, who went down uncir-
cumcised to the ^blower parts of
the earth, who instilled their ter-
ror in the ^cland of the living, and

20:28, 31:14, 18, 32:18; Job 28:13; Ps. 77:13;
32:5, 14:2-5; Is. 38:11; Jer. 11:10

bore their disgrace with those who went down to the pit.

25 "They have made a ^abed for her among the slain with all her multitude. Her graves are around it, they are all uncircumcised, slain by the sword (although their terror was ¹instilled in the land of the living), and they bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit; ²they were put in the midst of the slain.

26 ¶ "Meshech, ^bTubal and all their multitude are there; their graves ¹surround them. All of them were slain by the sword ^cuncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living.

27 "Nor do they lie beside the fallen ¹heroes of the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and whose swords were laid under their heads; but the punishment for their ^ciniquity rested on their bones, though the terror of these ¹heroes was once in the land of the living.

28 "But in the midst of the uncircumcised you will be broken and lie with those slain by the sword.

29 ¶ "There also is ^aEdom, its kings, and all its ¹princes, who ²for all their might are laid with those slain by the sword; they will lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.

30 ¶ "There also are the ¹chiefs of the ^anorth, all of them, and all the ^bSidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword, and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit.

31 ¶ "These Pharaoh will see, and he will be ^acomforted for all his multitude slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his army," declares the Lord God.

24 "Ezek.
16:32, 34;
32:25, 30;
28 ¹Lit.,
given ²So
with ancient
versions;
M.T. reads he
was

*Ps. 139:8

26 ¹Lit., are

around him

*Gen. 10:2;

Ezek. 27:13;

38:2, 3, 39:1

*Gen. 10:2;

Is. 66:19;

Ezek. 27:13;

38:2, 3, 39:1

*Ezek. 32:19

27 ¹Or,

mighty ones

*Is. 14:18, 19

*Job 3:13-15;

Ezek. 32:21

*Job 20:11;

Ps. 109:18

29 ¹Or,

leaders ²Or,

in

*Is. 34:5-15;

Jer. 49:7-22;

Ezek. 25:13;

35:9, 15

30 ¹Or,

princes

*Jer. 1:15;

25:26; Ezek.

38:6, 15; 39:2

*Jer. 25:22;

Ezek. 28:21-

23

31 *Ezek.

14:22, 31:16

32 *Ezek.

3:11; 33:12;

17:30; 37:18

3 *Neh.

4:18-20; Is.

58:1; Ezek.

33:9; Hos.

8:1; Joel 2:1

4 *2 Chr.

25:18; Jer.

6:17; Zech.

1:4 *Ezek.

18:13; 33:5, 9;

Acts 18:6

5 *Ex. 9:18-

21; Heb. 11:7

6 ¹Or, for,

and so

throughout

the ch.

*Ezek. 18:20;

24; 33:8, 9

*Ezek. 3:18,

20

7 ¹Or,

given ²Lit.,

word

*Is. 62:6;

Ezek. 3:17-21

*Jer. 1:17;

26:2; Ezek.

2:7, 8; Acts

5:20

8 *Is. 3:11;

Ezek. 18:4;

13, 18, 20;

33:14

9 *Acts

13:40, 41, 46

32 "Though I instilled a terror of him in the land of the living, yet he will be made to lie down among the uncircumcised ^aalong with those slain by the sword even Pharaoh and all his multitude," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 33

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, speak to the ^asons of your people, and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman

3 and he sees the sword coming upon the land, and he ^ablows on the trumpet and warns the people,

4 then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and ^adoes not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his ^bblood will be on his own head.

5 'He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have ^adelivered his life.

6 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is ^ataken away ¹in his iniquity; but his ^bblood I will require from the watchman's hand.'

7 ¶ "Now as for you, son of man, I have ¹appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a ²message from My mouth, and give them ^bwarning from Me.

8 "When I say to the wicked, 'C wicked man, you shall ^asurely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand.

9 "But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way, and he ^adoes not turn from

his way, he will die in his iniquity; but you have ^bdelivered your life.

10 ¶ "Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus you have spoken, saying, "Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are ^arotting away in them; ^bhow then can we ¹survive?"'

11 "Say to them, '^aAs I live!' declares the Lord ¹God, 'I take ^bno pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked ^cturn from his way and live. ^dTurn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'

12 "And you, son of man, say to ¹your fellow citizens, 'The ^arighteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will ^bnot stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live ²by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.'

13 "When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he so trusts in his righteousness that he ^acommits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die.

14 "But when I say to the wicked, 'You will surely die,' and he ^aturns from his sin and practices ^bjustice and righteousness,

15 if ^a wicked man restores a pledge, ^apays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the ^bstatutes ¹which ensure life without committing iniquity, he will surely live; he shall not die.

16 "^aNone of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he will surely live.

17 ¶ "Yet ¹your fellow citizens say, 'The way of the Lord is not

right,' when it is their own way that is not right.

18 "When the righteous turns from his righteousness and ^acommits iniquity, then he shall die in ¹it.

19 "But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them.

20 "Yet you say, '^aThe way of the Lord is not right.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

21 ¶ Now it ^acame about in the ^btwelfth year of our exile, on the fifth of the tenth month, that the ¹refugees from Jerusalem came to me, saying, "'The city has been ²taken.'

22 Now the ^ahand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening, before the ¹refugees came. And He ^bopened my mouth ²at the time they came to me in the morning; so my mouth was ^copened, and I was no longer ³speechless.

23 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

24 "Son of man, they who ^alive in these waste places in the land of Israel are saying, '^bAbraham was only one, yet he possessed the land; so to ^cus who are many the land has been given as a possession.'

25 "Therefore, say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "You eat meat with the ^ablood in it, lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood. ^bShould you then possess the land?'

26 "You ¹arely on your sword, you commit abominations, and each of you defiles his neighbor's wife. Should you then possess the land?"'

27 "Thus you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "As I live, surely those who are

9 ^aEzek. 3:18, 21; Acts 20:26
10 ¹Lit., live
^aLev. 28:30; Ezek. 4:17; 24:23; Mic. 49:14; Ezek. 37:11
11 ¹Heb. YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch.
12 ^a49:18; Ezek. 5:11
13 ^aEzek. 18:23, 32; Hos. 11:8
14 ¹Jer. 31:20; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9
15 ^a6:7; Jer. 3:22; Ezek. 18:30, 31; Hos. 14:1; Acts 3:19
16 ¹Lit., the sons of your people
17 ^aEzek. 3:18; 18:24, 33; 20:2; 2 Chr. 7:14; Ezek. 18:21, 33; 19
18 ^aEzek. 18:28; Heb. 10:38; 2 Pet. 2:20, 21
19 ^a4:5; 55:7; Jer. 18:7, 8; Ezek. 18:27; 33:8, 19; Hos. 14:1, 4
20 ^aLit., of life
21 ^aEx. 22:1-4; Lev. 6:4, 5; Luke 19:8
22 ^aPs. 119:59; 143:8; Ezek. 20:11
23 ^a4:5; 1:18; 43:25; Ezek. 18:22
24 ¹Lit., the sons of your people
25 ¹Lit., them
26 ^aEzek. 3:20; 18:24, 33; 12:13
27 ^aEzek. 18:25
28 ¹Or, refugees
29 ^aLit., until he comes
30 ¹Or, dumb
31 ^aEzek. 1:3; 8:1; 37:1
32 ^aEzek. 3:28; 27:24-27
33 ^aLuke 1:64

24 ^aJer. 38:10; 48:7; Ezek. 33:27; Mic. 31:2; Luke 3:8
Acts 7:3; Rom. 4:12
25 ^aLev. 17:10, 12, 14; Deut. 12:16, 23; 15:23; Jer. 7:9, 10
26 ¹Lit., stand
27 ^a2:1, 2; Zeph. 3:3

in the waste places will ^afall by the sword, and whoever is in the ¹open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and in the ^bcaves will die of pestilence.

28 "And I shall ^amake the land a desolation and a waste, and the ^bpride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate, so that no one will pass through.

29 "Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed."

30 ¶ "But as for you, son of man, ¹your fellow citizens who talk about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak to one another, each to his brother, saying, '^aCome now, and hear what the ²message is which comes forth from the LORD.'

31 "And they come to you as people come, and sit before you as My people, and hear your words, but they do not do them, for they do the lustful desires expressed by their ^amouth, and their heart goes after their ^bgain.

32 "And behold, you are to them like a sensual song by one who has a ^abeautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not practice them.

33 "So when it ^acomes to pass—¹as surely it will—then they will know that a prophet has been in their midst."

CHAPTER 34

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the ^ashepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to ¹those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord ²GOD, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been ^{3b}feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds ^{3c}feed the flock?"

27 ¹Lit., surface of the field

^aJer. 15:2, 3; 42:22; Ezek. 5:12; ^b1 Sam. 13:6; ^{1a}2:19

28 ^aEzek. 5:14; 6:14; Mic. 7:13; ^bEzek. 7:24; 24:21; 30:6

29 ¹Lit., the sons of your people ²Lit., word

^aIs. 29:13; 58:2; Ezek. 14:3; 20:3, 31

31 ^aPs. 78:36, 37; ^{1a}29:13; ¹John 3:18; ^bEzek. 22:13, 27; Luke 12:15

32 ^aMark 6:20

33 ¹Lit., he hold, it is coming

^aJer. 28:9; Ezek. 33:29

2 ¹Lit., them, the shepherds ²Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch. ³Lit., pasturing, pasture

^aJer. 2:8; 3:15; 10:21; 12:10; ^bJer. 23:1; Ezek. 22:25, 34:8; 10: Mic. 3:1

3, 11 ^aPs. 78:71, 72; ^{1a}40:11; Ezek. 34:14, 15; John 10:11; 21:15-17

3 ¹Lit., pasturing

^aEzek. 11:16; ^bEzek. 22:25, 27

4 ¹Lit., sick

^aZech. 11:16; ^bMatt. 9:36; 10:6; 18:12; 13: Luke 15:4

5 ^aNum. 27:17; 2 Chr. 18:16; ^bJer. 10:21; 23:2; 50:8; 7, Matt. 9:36; Mark 6:34; ^bEzek. 34:8, 28

6 ^aJer. 40:11, 12; Ezek. 7:10; 1 Pet. 2:25

^bJohn 10:18; ^cPs. 142:4

8 ^aActs 20:29

10 ¹Or, (a) flock ²Lit., from their hand ³Lit.,

3 "You ^aeat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you ^bslaughter the fat sheep without ¹feeding the flock.

4 "Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the ¹dis-eased you have not healed, ^athe broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you ^bsought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

5 "And they were ^ascattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became ^bfood for every beast of the field and were scattered.

6 "My flock ^awandered through all the mountains and on every high hill, and ^bMy flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth; and there was ^cno one to search or seek for them."

7 ¶ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

8 "As I live," declares the Lord God, "surely because My flock has become a ^aprey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but *rather* the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock;

9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:

10 "Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I am ^aagainst the shepherds, and I shall demand My ¹sheep ²from them and make them ^bcease from feeding ¹sheep. So the shepherds will not ³feed themselves anymore, but I shall ^cdeliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be food for them."

11 ¶ For thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I Myself will ^asearch for My sheep and seek them out.

pasture, and so throughout the ch. ^aJer. 21:13; Ezek. 5:8; 13:8; 34:2; Zech. 10:3; ^b1 Sam. 2:29, 30; Jer. 52:24-27; ^cPs. 72:12-14; Ezek. 13:23

11 ^aEzek. 11:17; 20:41

12^a "As a shepherd ¹cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered ²sheep, so I will ¹care for My ²sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a ^ccloudy and gloomy day.

13^a "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will ^afeed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ^bstreams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.

14^a "I will feed them in a ^agood pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing ground, and they will feed in ^brich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15^a "I will ^afeed My flock and I will ^blead them to rest," declares the Lord God.

16^a "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick; but the ^afat and the strong I will destroy. I will ^bfeed them with judgment.

17^a "And as for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I will ^ajudge between one ¹sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats.

18^a "Is it too ^aslight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must ¹foul the rest with your feet?

19^a "And as for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet, and they must drink what you ¹foul with your feet!"

20^a "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them, 'Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21^a "Because you push with side and with shoulder, and ^athrust at

12^a Or, ^ascattered out
13^a Or, ^aflock
14^a Jer. 31:10
15^a Ma. 40:11;
56:8; Jer.
23:3, 31:8;
Luk. 19:10;
John 10:16;
Jer. 13:16;
Ezek. 30:3;
Joel 2:2

13^a Ezek.
34:23, 36:29;
30; Mic. 7:14
14^a Ma. 30:25

14^a Lit., for
15^a Ps. 23:2, Jer.
31:12-14, 25;
John 10:9
16^a Ezek. 28:25,
26, 36:29, 30
18^a Lit.,

cause them
to lie down
19^a Ps. 23:1, 2;
Ezek. 34:23
16^a Ma. 10:16
17^a Or, ^alamb

18^a Ezek. 20:38,
34:20-22, Mal.
4:1, Matt.
25:32

18^a Lit., ^afoul
by trampling
19^a Num. 16:9,
13, 2 Sam.
7:19; Is. 7:13

19^a Lit., ^afoul
by trampling
21^a Or, ^asuch
Lit., to the
outside

20^a Deut. 33:17;
Dan. 8:4;
Luk. 13:14-16
23^a Ps.

72:12-14, Jer.
23:3, Ezek.
34:10

23^a Rev.
7:17; Ma.
40:11, John
10:11; Jer.
30:9; Ezek.
37:24

34^a Ma. 55:3,
Jer. 30:9;
Ezek. 37:24,
25; Hos. 3:5

28^a Ezek.
16:60; 20:37;
37:26; Job.
5:22, 23; Is.
11:6-9; Jer.
33:16; Ezek.
28:26, 34:27.

28^a Gen.
12:2; Ezek.
34:14; Deut.
11:13-15;
28:12; Lev.
25:21, Is. 44:3

27^a Ezek.
38:8, 11; Lev.
26:13; Is.
52:2, 3; Jer.
30:8

28^a Jer.
30:10; Ezek.
30:26

all the ¹weak with your horns, until you have scattered them ²abroad.

22^a therefore, I will ^adeliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another.

23^a "Then I will ^aset over them one ^bshepherd, My servant ^cDavid, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd.

24^a "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant ^aDavid will be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

25^a "And I will make a ^acovenant of peace with them and ^beliminate harmful beasts from the land, so that they may ^clive securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

26^a "And I will make them and the places around My hill a ^ablessing. And I will cause ^bshowers to come down in their season; they will be showers of ^cblessing.

27^a "Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit, and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be ^asecure on their land. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have ^bbroken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

28^a "And they will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will ^alive securely, and no one will make them afraid.

29^a "And I will establish for them a ^arenowned planting place, and they will ^bnot again be ^cvictims of famine in the land, and they will not ^cendure the insults of the nations anymore.

30^a "Then they will know that ^aI, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of

29^a Lit., those gathered Ma. 4:2; 69:21; 61:3; Ezek.
34:26, 27; 36:29; Ezek. 36:6, 15
30^a Ps. 48:7, 11; Ezek. 14:11; 36:28

Israel, are My people," declares the Lord God.

31 "As for you, My ^asheep, the ^bsheep of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 35

MOREOVER, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against ^aMount Seir, and prophesy against it,

3 and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God,

"Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir,

And I will ^astretch out My hand against you,

And I will make you a ^bdesolation and a waste.

4 "I will ^alay waste your cities,

And you will become a desolation.

Then you will know that I am the LORD.

5 "Because you have had everlasting ^aenmity and have ¹delivered the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of the ^{2b}punishment of the end,

6 therefore, as I live," declares the Lord God, "I will ¹give you over to ^abloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you.

7 "And I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation, and I will cut off from it the one who passes through and returns.

8 "And I will ^afill its mountains with its slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those slain by the sword will ¹fall.

9 "I will make you an everlasting ^adesolation, and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

31 ^aPs. 78:52; 80:1; Ezek. 36:38; ^bPs. 100:3; Jer. 23:1
2 ^aGen. 36:8; Ezek. 25:12; 36:5
3 ¹Heb.
YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch.
Jer. 6:12; 15:6; Ezek. 25:13; Jer. 49:13, 17, 18; Ezek. 35:7
4 ^aEzek. 6:6, 35:9; Mal. 1:3, 4
5 ¹Lit., poured ²Or, iniquity
^aPs. 137:7; Ezek. 25:12, 15, 36:5; Amos 1:11; (Obad. 10)
^bEzek. 7:2; 21:25, 29
6 ¹Lit., prepare you for
^aIs. 63:2-6; Ezek. 16:38; 32:6
7 ¹Lit., fall in them
^aIs. 34:5, 6; Ezek. 31:12; 32:4, 5; 39:4, 5
8 ^aJer. 49:13; Ezek. 25:13
9 ¹Lit., it
^aPs. 83:4-12; Ezek. 36:2, 5
^bPs. 48:1-3; 132:13, 14; Is. 12:6; Ezek. 48:35; Zeph. 3:15
10 ^aPs. 137:7; Ezek. 25:14; Amos 1:11
^bPs. 9:18; 73:17, 18
11 ¹Or, that I am the LORD: I have heard
^aJer. 50:7; Ezek. 36:2
12 ¹Lit., made great with your mouth
^aIs. 10:13, 14; 36:20; Jer. 48:26, 42; Dan. 11:36
^bJer. 7:11; 29:23
13 ^aIs. 44:23; 48:13; Jer. 51:48
14 ^aJer. 50:11; Lam. 4:21
^bObad. 15
^cIs. 34:5, 6; Ezek. 35:3, 4

10 ¹"Because you have ^asaid, 'These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess ¹them,' although the ^bLORD was there,

11 therefore, as I live," declares the Lord God, "I will deal with you ^aaccording to your anger and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; so I will ^bmake Myself known among them when I judge you.

12 "Then you will know ¹that I, the LORD, have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, 'They are laid desolate; they are ^agiven to us for food.'

13 "And you have ^{1a}spoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; ^{b1}I have heard."

14 "Thus says the Lord God, "As all the ^aearth rejoices, I will make you a desolation.

15 "As you ^arejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, ^bso I will do to you. You will be a ^cdesolation, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 36

“AND you, son of man, a prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.

2 "Thus says the Lord ¹God, "Because the enemy has spoken against you, 'Aha!' and, 'The everlasting ^{2a}heights have become our possession,'

3 therefore, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "For good cause they have made you ^adesolate and crushed you from every side, that you should become a possession of the rest of the nations, and you have been

2 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch. ²Heb., Bamoth ^aDeut. 32:13; Ps. 78:68; Is. 58:14; Hab. 3:19

3 ¹Lit., Because; or, By the cause ^aJer. 2:15

taken up in the ^{2b}talk and the whispering of the people." ' ' "

4 'Therefore, O ^amountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God. Thus says the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities, which have become a ^bprey and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about,

5 therefore, thus says the Lord God, "Surely in the fire of My ^ajealousy I have spoken against the ^brest of the nations, and against all Edom, who ¹appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted ^cjoy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey."

6 'Therefore, prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, "Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have ^aendured the insults of the nations.'

7 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God, 'I have ¹sworn that surely the nations which are around you will themselves endure their insults.

8 'But you, O mountains of Israel, you will ^aput forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come.

9 'For, behold, I am for you, and I will ^aturn to you, and you shall be ^bcultivated and sown.

10 'And I will multiply men on you, ^aall the house of Israel, all of it; and the ^bcities will be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.

11 'And I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were ^aformerly and will ¹treat you ^bbetter than at the first. Thus

³ Lit.,
lip of
the tongue
^aPs. 44:13, 14.
Jer. 18:16.
Ezek. 35:13

⁴ Deut.
11:11, Ezek.
36:1, 6, 8
^bEzek. 34:8,
26

⁵ Lit.,
gave
^aEzek. 5:13,
36:6, 38:19
Jer. 25:9, 15:
29, Ezek. 36:3
Jer. 50:11,
Ezek. 35:15,
Mic. 7:8

⁶ Ps.
74:10, 123:3,
4, Ezek. 34:29
7 Lit.,
lifted up My
hand

⁸ Is. 4:2,
27:6, Ezek.
17:23, 34:26-
29

⁹ Lev.
26:9, Ezek.
28:26, 34:14,
36:34

¹⁰ Is. 27:6,
49:17-23,
Ezek. 37:21,
22 Jer.
31:27, 28,
33:12, Ezek.
36:33

¹¹ Lit.,
cause good
^aJer. 30:18,
Ezek. 16:55,
Mic. 7:14
^bJob 42:12;
Is. 51:3

¹² Ezek.
34:13, 14
^bEzek. 47:14
^cJer. 15:7,
Ezek. 22:12,
27

¹³ Or, na-
tions, and so
throughout
the ch.
^aNum. 13:32
15 Is.

¹⁴ Ezek.
34:29, 36:7
^bPs. 80:50, Is.
54:4, Ezek.
22:4 Is.

¹⁵ Jer.
13:16, 18:15
17 Jer. 2:7
18 Lev. 15:19
19 2 Chr.
34:21, 25,
Lam. 2:4;
4:11, Ezek.
22:20, 22

¹⁹ Deut.
28:64, Ezek.
5:12, 22:15,
Amos 9:9
^bEzek. 24:14,
30:24, Rom.
2:6

²⁰ Is. 52:5,
Ezek. 12:16,
Rom. 2:24
^aJer. 32:24

you will know that I am the LORD.

12 'Yes, I will cause ^amen—My people Israel—to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their ^binheritance and never again ^cbereave them of children.'

13 "Thus says the Lord God, 'Because they say to you, "You are a ^adevourer of men and have bereaved your ¹nation of children,"

14 therefore, you will no longer devour men, and no longer bereave your nation of children,' declares the Lord God.

15 "And I will not let you hear ^ainsults from the nations anymore, nor will you bear ^bdisgrace from the peoples any longer, nor will you cause your nation to ^cstumble any longer," declares the Lord God.'

16 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they ^adefiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like ^bthe uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.

18 "Therefore, I ^apoured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols.

19 "Also I ^ascattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the lands. ^bAccording to their ways and their deeds I judged them.

20 "When they came to the nations where they went, they ^aprofaned My holy name, because it was said of them, 'These are the ^bpeople of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land.'

21 "But I had ¹concern for My ^aholy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.

21 Lit., compassion ^aPs. 74:18 Is. 48:2 Ezek. 22:44

22 ¶ Therefore, say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord God, "It is ^anot for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.

23 "And I will ^avindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the ^bnations will know that I am the LORD," declares the Lord God, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.

24 "For I will ^atake you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land.

25 "Then I will ^asprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your ^bfilthiness and from all your ^cidols.

26 "Moreover, I will give you a ^anew heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the ^bheart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 "And I will ^aput My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

28 "And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be ^aMy people, and I will be your God.

29 "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I ^awill not ^bbring a famine on you.

30 "And I will ^amultiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.

31 "Then you will ^aremember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own

22 ^aDeut. 7:7, 8; 9:5, 6; Ezek. 36:32

23 ^aIs. 5:16; Ezek. 20:41; 38:23; 39:7; 25 ^bPs. 102:15; 126:2

24 ^aIs. 43:5; 6; Ezek. 34:13; 37:21

25 ^aNum. 19:17-19; Ps. 51:7; Titus 3:5, 6; Heb. 9:13, 19; 10:22 ^bIs. 4:4; Zech. 13:1; ^cIs. 2:18, 20; Hos. 14:3, 8

26 ^aPs. 51:10; Ezek. 11:19; 18:31; John 3:3, 5; 2 Cor. 5:17; ^bEzek. 11:19; Zech. 7:12

27 ^aIs. 44:3; 59:21; Ezek. 37:14; 39:28; Joel 2:28, 29

28 ^aEzek. 14:11; 37:23, 27

29 ^aLit., put ^aEzek. 34:27; 29; Hos. 2:21-23

30 ^aLev. 26:4; Ezek. 34:27

31 ^aEzek. 16:61-63; 20:43

32 ^aDeut. 9:5

33 ^aEzek. 36:10; Zech. 8:7, 8 ^bIs. 58:12

35 ^aIs. 51:3; Ezek. 31:9; Joel 2:3

36 ^aEzek. 17:24; 22:14; 37:14; Hos. 14:4-9

38 ^aLit., of holy things; ^b1 Kin. 8:63; 2 Chr. 35:7-9; John 2:14; ^cPs. 74:1; 100:3; Jer. 23:1; John 10:7, 9, 16

^dOr, in ^aEzek. 1:3; 33:22; 40:1; ^bEzek. 8:3; 11:24; 43:5; Acts 8:39; ^cJer. 7:32-8:2

sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

32 "I am not doing this ^afor your sake," declares the Lord God "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"

33 ¶ Thus says the Lord God "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the ^acities to be inhabited and the ^bwaste places will be rebuilt.

34 "And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of every one who passed by.

35 "And they will say, "This desolate land has become like the ^agarden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited."

36 "Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and ^awill do it."

37 ¶ Thus says the Lord God, "This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

38 "Like the ^aflock ^bfor sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with ^bflocks of men. Then they will know that I am the LORD." " "

CHAPTER 37

THE ^ahand of the LORD was upon me, and He ^bbrought me out ^bby the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the ^cvalley; and it was full of bones.

2 And He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry.*

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, ^acan these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord ¹God, Thou knowest."

4 Again He said to me, ^a"Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, ^bhear the word of the LORD.'"

5 "Thus says the Lord God to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause ^bbreath to enter you that you may come to life.'

6 'And I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will ^aknow that I am the LORD.'"

7 [¶] So I prophesied ^aas I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a ¹noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew, and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

9 Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and ^abreathe on these slain, that they ^bcome to life.'"

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the ^abreath came into them, and they came to life, and stood on their feet, an ^bexceedingly great army.

11 [¶] Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the ^awhole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our ^bbones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are ¹completely ^ccut off.'

12 "Therefore prophecy, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will open your graves and ^acause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.'

13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused

you to come up out of your graves, My people.

14 "And I will ^aput My ¹Spirit within you, and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD.'"

15 [¶] The word of the LORD came again to me saying,

16 "And you, son of man, take for yourself ^aone stick and write on it, 'For ^bJudah and for the sons of Israel, his companions'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For ^cJoseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.'

17 "Then ^ajoin them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.

18 "And when the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us ^awhat you mean by these?'

19 say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.'"

20 "And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21 "And say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will ^atake the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and I will make them ^aone nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and ^bone king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and they will no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

23 "And they will ^ano longer defile themselves with their idols,

3 Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.
4 Ezek. 36:19
5 Ezek. 37:1
6 Ezek. 37:9, 12
7 Jer. 22:28; Ezek. 36:1
8 Or, spirit, and so throughout the ch.
9 Gen. 2:7; Ps. 104:28, 30; Ezek. 37:9, 10, 14
10 Or, voice, or, thunder
11 Jer. 13:5-7
12 Or, 104:30
13 Rev. 11:11
14 Jer. 30:18, 33:22
15 Or, cut off to our selves
16 Jer. 33:24; Ezek. 36:10; 37:25
17 141:7
18 28:5; Lam. 3:54
19 Or, 32:15; Ezek. 11:19; 36:27; 37:9, 26; 38:28; 39:28; 40:12; 41:17; 42:10
20 Or, 17:2, 3
21 Chr. 10:17; 11:11-17; 15:9
22 1 Km. 12:16; 20:2
23 Chr. 10:19
24 Or, 11:13; Jer. 30:4; Ezek. 37:22-24; Hos. 1:11; Zeph. 2:9
25 Or, 12:9; 17:12; 20:48; 24:19
26 Or, 43:5; 44:1; 45:14; 46:15
27 Or, 3:14; 38:4, 5; Ezek. 36:19
28 Ezek. 36:23; 37:24
29 Or, 36:25

or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but ^bI will deliver them from all their ¹dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.

24 ^c"And My servant ^aDavid will be king over them, and they will all have ^bone shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them.

25 "And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons' sons, forever; and ^aDavid My servant shall be their prince forever.

26 "And I will make a ^acovenant of peace with them; it will be an ^beverlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and ^cmultiply them, and will set My ^dsanctuary in their midst forever.

27 "My ^adwelling place also will be with them; and ^bI will be their God, and they will be My people.

28 "And the nations will know that I am the LORD ^awho sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever." "

CHAPTER 38

AND the word of the LORD came to me saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face toward ^aGog of the land of ^bMagog, the ¹prince of ^cRosh, ^dMeshech, and ^eTubal, and prophesy against him.

3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, ²prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

4 "And I will turn you about, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will ^abring you out, and all your army, ^bhorses and horsemen, all of them ¹splendidly attired, a great company with

buckler and shield, all of them wielding swords;

5 ^aPersia, ^bEthiopia, and ^cPu¹ with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

6 ^aGomer with all its troops; ^bBeth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you.

7 ¹"Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them.

8 "After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been ^bgathered from many ¹nations to the ^cmountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but ²its people were brought out from the ¹nations, and they are ^dliving securely, all of them.

9 "And you will go up, you will come ^alike a storm; you will be like a ^bcloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you."

10 ¹"Thus says the Lord God, "It will come about on that day, that ¹thoughts will come into your mind, and you will ^adevise an evil plan,

11 and you will say, 'I will go up against the land of ¹unwalled villages. I will go against those who are ^bat rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls, and having no bars or gates,

12 to ^acapture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the ¹center of the world.'

⁹ ¹Is. 5:28; 21:1; 25:4; 28:2; Jer. 4:13 ^bEzek. 30:18; 38:18; Joel 2:2

¹⁰ ¹Lit., words ^aPs. 38:4; Mic. 2:1

¹¹ ¹Or, open country ^aZech. 2:4 ^bJer. 49:31

¹² ¹Lit., navel ^aIs. 10:8; Ezek. 29:19

²³ ¹Another reading is backslidings ^bEzek. 36:28, 29

²⁴ ¹Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:24; 37:25; Hos. 3:5 ^bPs. 78:71; Is. 40:11; Ezek. 34:23

²⁵ ¹Is. 11:1; Ezek. 37:24; Zech. 6:12

²⁶ ^aEzek. 16:62; 20:37; 34:25 ^bPs. 89:3; 4; Is. 55:3; 59:21; Ezek. 16:60

²⁷ ¹Jer. 30:19; Ezek. 36:10; 11:37 ^dEzek. 20:40; 43:7

²⁸ ¹John 1:14; Rev. 21:3 ^bEzek. 37:23; 2 Cor. 6:16

²⁹ ^aEx. 31:13; Ezek. 20:12

³⁰ ¹Or, chief prince of Meshech

³¹ ^aEzek. 38:3; 14; 16; 18; 39:1; 11; Rev. 20:8 ^bGen. 10:2; Ezek. 39:8; Rev. 20:8 ^cEzek. 38:3; 39:1

³² ^dEzek. 27:13; 38:3; 39:1

³³ ¹Heb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch. ²Or, chief prince of Meshech

³⁴ ¹Or, clothed in full armor

³⁵ ¹Is. 43:17; Ezek. 38:15; Dan. 11:40

³⁶ ¹Lit., Cush

³⁷ ²Chr. 38:20; Ezra 1:1; Ezek. 27:10; Dan. 8:20

³⁸ ^bGen. 10:6-8; Ezek. 30:4; 5 ^cEzek. 27:10; 30:5

³⁹ ^aGen. 10:2, 3 ^bGen. 10:3; Ezek. 27:14

⁴⁰ ⁷ ^aIs. 8:9

⁴¹ ⁸ ¹Lit., peoples ²Lit., it was

⁴² ^aIs. 24:22 ^bIs. 11:11; Ezek. 38:24; 37:21; 38:12; 39:27

⁴³ ²⁸ ^cEzek. 34:13; 36:1-8 ^dEzek. 38:11; 14; 39:28

13^a "Sheba, and ^bDedan, and the merchants of ^cTarshish, with all its ¹villages, will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder, to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to capture great ^dspoil?' "

14 ¶ "Therefore, prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord God, "On that day when My people Israel are ^aliving securely, will you not know it?"

15 "And ^ayou will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;

16 and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It will come about in the last days that I shall bring you against My land, in order that the nations may ^aknow Me when I shall be ^bsanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog."

17 ¶ "Thus says the Lord God, "Are you the one of whom I spoke in former days through My servants the prophets of Israel, who ^aprophesied in those days for many years that I would bring you against them?"

18 "And it will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," declares the Lord God, "that My fury will mount up in My ^aanger.

19 "And in My ^azeal and in My blazing wrath I declare that on that day there will surely be a great ¹earthquake in the land of Israel.

20 "And the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the ^bmountains also will be thrown down, the steep

pathways will ¹collapse, and every wall will fall to the ground.

21 "And I shall call for a ^asword against ¹him on all My mountains," declares the Lord God. "Every man's sword will be against his brother.

22 "And with pestilence and with blood I shall enter into ^ajudgment with him; and I shall rain on him, and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, ¹a torrential rain, with ^bhailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 "And I shall magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and ^amake Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the LORD."

CHAPTER 39

6^a AND ^ayou, son of man, a prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord ¹God, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, ²prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;

2 and I shall turn you around, drive you on, take you up from the remotest parts of the north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.

3 "And I shall ^astrike your bow from your left hand, and dash down your arrows from your right hand.

4 "You shall ^afall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops, and the peoples who are with you; I shall give you as ^bfood to every ¹kind of predatory bird and beast of the field.

5 "You will fall on the ¹open field; for it is I who have spoken," declares the Lord God.

6 "And I shall send ^afire upon Magog and those who inhabit the ^bcoastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the LORD.

13 ¹Or, young lions
14 ²Ezek. 27:22.
23 ²Ezek. 25:13; 27:15.
20 ²Ezek. 27:12 ¹Isa. 10:6; 33:23.
Jer. 15:13.

14 ¹Jer. 23:6; Ezek. 38:8, 11.
Zech. 2:5, 8.
18 ²Ezek. 39:2.

16 ¹Ps. 83:18; Ezek. 38:23; 39:23.
15 ¹Isa. 5:18.
8:13; 29:23.
Ezek. 28:22.

17 ¹Isa. 5:26; 29:34; 1:4.
63:1-6; 68:15.
16; Joel 3:9-14.

18 ¹Ps. 18:8, 15.

19 ¹Or, shaking
10 ²Deut. 32:22.
Ps. 18:7, 8.
Ezek. 5:13.
36:5, 6; Nah. 1:2; Heb. 12:29; Joel 3:16; Hag. 2:4, 7, 21.

20 ¹Isa. 40:1; Jer. 4:24, 25.
Hos. 4:3.
Nah. 1:4-6.
2 ²Zech. 14:4.

21 ¹Isa. 40:1; Gog
2 ²Ezek. 14:17.
3 ²Judg. 7:22.
1 Sam. 14:20.
2 Chr. 20:23.
Hag. 2:22.

22 ¹Isa. 40:1; an
overflowing
15 ¹Isa. 68:16.
Jer. 25:31.
1 ²Ps. 11:6.
18:12-14; Is. 28:17.

23 ¹Ps. 9:16.
Ezek. 37:28.
38:16.

1 ¹Heb. YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch. 2 ²Or, chief prince of Meshech
3 ²Ezek. 38:2.

3 ¹Ps. 78:3.
Jer. 21:4, 5.
Ezek. 30:21.
24; Hos. 1:5.

4 ¹Isa. 41:24; 25.
Ezek. 39:17-20; 2 ²Zech. 29:5; 32:4, 5.
33:27.

5 ¹Isa. 40:1; face of the

6 ²Ezek. 38:8, 14; 39:19, 22; Amos 1:4, 7, 10; Nah. 1:6.
1 ²Ps. 72:10; Is. 66:12; Jer. 25:22.

7 ¶"And My ^aholy name I shall make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I shall not let My holy name be ^bprofaned anymore. And the ^cnations will know that I am the LORD, the ^dHoly One in Israel.

8 "Behold, it is coming and it shall be done," declares the Lord God. "That is the day of which I have spoken.

9 ¶"Then those who inhabit the cities of Israel will ^ago out, and make ^bfires with the weapons and burn *them*, both shields and bucklers, bows and arrows, war clubs and spears and for seven years they will make fires of them.

10 "And they will not take wood from the field or gather firewood from the forests, for they will make fires with the weapons; and they will take the spoil of those who despoiled them, and seize the ^aplunder of those who plundered them," declares the Lord God.

11 ¶"And it will come about on that day that I shall give Gog a burial ground there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea, and it will block off the passers-by. So they will bury Gog there with all his multitude, and they will call *it* the valley of ¹Hamon-gog.

12 "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to ^acleanse the land.

13 "Even all the people of the land will bury *them*; and it will be ¹to their ^arenown on the day that I ^bglorify Myself," declares the Lord God.

14 "And they will set apart men who will constantly pass through the land, ^aburying those who were passing through, even those left on the surface of the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search.

7 ^aEzek.
36:20-22;
39:25 ^bEx.
20:7, Ezek.
20:9, 14, 39
^cEzek. 38:16,
23 ^dIs. 12:6,
43:3, 14; 55:5;
60:9, 14

8 ^aIs.
66:24; Mal.
1:5 ^bJoah.
11:6, Ps. 46:9

10 ^aIs. 14:2;
33:1, Mic. 5:8,
Hab. 2:8

11 ¹Or, the
multitude of
Gog

12 ^aDeut.
21:23, Ezek.
39:14, 16

13 ¹Or, a
memorial for
them

^aJer. 33:9;
Zeph. 3:19;
20 ^bEzek.
28:22

14 ^aJer.
14:16

15 ¹Lit.,
build ²Or, the
multitude of
Gog

17 ¹Lit.,
wing

^aIs. 58:9; Jer.
12:9; Ezek.
39:4; Rev.
19:17, 18 ^bIs.
34:6, 7; Jer.
48:10; Zeph.
1:7

18 ^aEzek.
29:5, Rev.
19:18 ^bJer.
51:40 ^cJer.
50:27 ^dPs.
22:12; Amos
4:1

20 ^aPs. 78:5,
8; Ezek. 38:4;
Hag. 2:22;
Rev. 19:18

21 ^aEx. 9:16;
Is. 37:20;
Ezek. 36:23;
38:16, 23;
39:13

22 ^aJer. 24:7

23 ^aJer.
22:8, 9; 44:22;
Ezek. 36:18,
19 ^bIs. 1:15;
59:2; Ezek.
39:29

24 ^a2 Kin.
17:7; Jer.
2:17, 19; 4:18;
Ezek. 36:19

15 "And as those who pass through the land pass through and anyone sees a man's bone then he will ¹set up a marker ¹it until the buriers have buried ¹in the valley of ²Hamon-gog.

16 "And even the name of the city will be Hamonah. So they will cleanse the land."

17 ¶"And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God: "Speak to every ¹kind of ^abird and to every ^abeast of the field: "Assemble and come, gather from every side to My sacrifice which I am going to ^bsacrifice for you, as a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh and drink blood.

18 "You shall ^aeat the flesh of mighty men, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, *although they were* ^brams, lambs, goats, and ^cbulls, all of them fatlings of ^dBashan.

19 "So you will eat fat until you are glutted, and drink blood until you are drunk, from My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 "And you will be glutted at My table with ^ahorses and charioteers, with mighty men and all the men of war," declares the Lord God.

21 ¶"And I shall set My ^aglory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them.

22 "And the house of Israel will ^aknow that I am the LORD their God from that day onward.

23 "And the nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile for their ^ainiquity because they acted treacherously against Me, and I ^bhid My face from them; so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and all of them fell by the sword.

24 "According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I dealt with them, and I hid My face from them."

25 ¶ Therefore thus says the Lord God, "Now I shall ^{1a}restore the fortunes of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole ^bhouse of Israel; and I shall be ^cjealous for My holy name.

26 "And they shall ^{1a}forget their disgrace and all their treachery which they ²perpetrated against Me, when they ^blive securely on their own land with ^cno one to make them afraid.

27 "When I ^abring them back from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, then I shall be ^bsanctified ¹through them in the sight of the many nations.

28 "Then they will know that I am the LORD their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them again to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer.

29 "And I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I shall have ^apoured out My Spirit on the house of Israel," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 40

IN the ^atwenty-fifth year of our exile, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth of the month, in the fourteenth year after the ^bcity was ¹taken, on that same day the ^chand of the LORD was upon me and He brought me there.

2 In the ^avisions of God He brought me into the land of Israel, and set me on a very ^bhigh mountain; and on it ^cto the south there was a ^dstructure like a city.

3 So He brought me there; and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of ^abronze, with a ^bline of flax and a ^cmeasuring ¹rod in his hand; and he was standing in the gateway.

4 And the man said to me, "Son of man, ^bsee with your eyes, hear with your ears, and

25 ^{1a}Or, return the captivity
26 27:12, 13; Jer. 32:7;
Ezek. 34:13
27 Jer. 31:1;
Ezek. 38:10;
37:21, 22;
Hos. 1:11
28 Ex. 20:5;
Nab. 1:2

28 ¹Another reading is bear H.L., did treacherously
29 Ezek. 16:63;
20:43, 38:31
31 Kin. 4:25;
Ezek. 34:25;
28 1a, 17:2;
Mic. 4:4

27 ¹Lt., in
28 ¹Lt., 38:24;
37:21
29 ¹Lt., 38:16;
23

30 4a
31 15; Ezek.
38:27, 37:14;
Joel 2:28

1 ¹Lt.,
structure
2 ¹Lt., 32:1;
17, 32:21
3 Kin. 25:1;
7; Jer. 30:1-8;
32:4-11; Ezek.
33:21
4 ¹Lt., 13; 3:14, 22;
37:1

3 ¹Lt.,
1:1, 8:3, Dan.
7:1, 7:14, 2:2;
1, Ezek.
17:23, 20:40;
37:22; Mic.
4:1, Rev.
21:10
4a 2; Is. 14:13;
41 Chr. 28:12;
19

3 ¹Lt.,
road, and so
throughout
the ch.
4 ¹Lt., 17;
Dan. 10:6;
Rev. 1:15
5 ¹Lt., 47:3;
Zech. 2:1, 2;
Rev. 11:1;
21:15

4 ¹Lt.,
2:1, 3, 8, 8;
44:5
5 ¹Lt., 27, 8, 44:5
6 Is. 21:10;
Jer. 28:2;
Acts 20:27

5 ¹Lt.,
house H.L.,
20:4 m. H.L.,
building
6a 28:1;
Ezek. 42:20

6 ¹Or, in
depth
7 ¹Lt., 8:10;
11:1; 40:28;
43:1

give attention to all that I am going to show you; for you have been brought here in order to show it to you. ^cDeclare to the house of Israel all that you see."

5 ¶ And behold, there was a ^awall on the outside of the ¹temple all around, and in the man's hand was a measuring rod of six cubits, each of which was a cubit and a ²handbreadth. So he measured the thickness of the ³wall, one rod; and the height, one rod.

6 Then he went to the gate which faced ^aeast, went up its steps, and measured the threshold of the gate, one rod ¹in width; and the other threshold was one rod ¹in width.

7 And the ^aguardroom was one rod long and one rod wide; and there were five cubits between the guardrooms. And the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate ¹facing inward was one rod.

8 Then he measured the porch of the gate ¹facing inward, one rod.

9 And he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and its side pillars, two cubits. And the porch of the gate was ¹faced inward.

10 And the guardrooms of the gate toward the east numbered three on each side; the three of them had the same measurement. The side pillars also had the same measurement on each side.

11 And he measured the width of the ¹gateway, ten cubits, and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 And there was a ¹barrier wall one cubit wide in front of the guardrooms on each side; and the guardrooms were six cubits square on each side.

7 ¹Lt., from the house
8 ¹Lt., from the house
9 ¹Lt., from the house
10 ¹Lt., entrance of the gate
12 ¹Lt., border

13 And he measured the gate from the roof of the one guard-room to the roof of the other, a width of twenty-five cubits from one door to the door opposite.

14 And he made the side pillars sixty cubits high; the gate extended round about to the side pillar of the ^acourtyard.

15 And from the front of the entrance gate to the front of the inner porch of the gate was fifty cubits.

16 And there were ^{1a}shuttered windows looking toward the guardrooms, and toward their side pillars within the gate all around, and likewise for the porches. And there were windows all around inside; and on each side pillar were ^bpalm tree ornaments.

17 ¶ Then he brought me into the ^aouter court, and behold, there were ^bchambers and a pavement, made for the court all around; thirty chambers ¹faced the pavement.

18 And the pavement (that is, the lower pavement) was by the ¹side of the gates, corresponding to the length of the gates.

19 Then he measured the width from the front of the ^alower gate to the front of the exterior of the inner court, a ^bhundred cubits on the east and on the north.

20 ¶ And as for the ^agate of the outer court which faced the north, he measured its length and its width.

21 And ¹it had three ^aguardrooms on each side; and its ^bside pillars and its porches ²had the same measurement as the first gate. Its length was ^cfifty cubits, and the width ^dtwenty-five cubits.

22 And its ^awindows, and its porches, and its palm tree ornaments had the same measurements as the ^bgate which faced toward the east; and ¹it was

14 ^aEx. 27:9; 1 Chr. 28:6; Ps. 100:4; Is. 62:9; Ezek. 8:7, 42:1

16 ¹Or, bowed inwards
1 Kin. 6:4; Ezek. 41:16, 26
1 Kin. 6:29, 32, 35; 2 Chr. 3:5; Ezek. 40:22, 26, 31, 34, 37, 41
18-20, 25, 26

17 ¹Lit., to ^aEzek. 10:5, 42:1, 46:21, Rev. 11:2
2 Kin. 23:11; 1 Chr. 9:26, 23:28, 2 Chr. 31:11; Ezek. 40:38

18 ¹Lit., shoulder
19 ^aEzek. 40:23, 27, 46:1, 2
20 ^aEzek. 40:6

21 ¹Lit., its guardrooms were three
22 ¹Lit., were
23 ^aEzek. 40:7
24 ^aEzek. 40:16, 30
25 ^aEzek. 40:15
26 ^aEzek. 40:13

27 ¹Lit., they were going up into it
28 ^aOr, porches
29 ^aEzek. 40:16
30 ^aEzek. 40:6
31 ^aEzek. 40:26, 31, 34, 37, 49

32 ^aEzek. 40:19, 27
33 ¹Lit., these measurements, and so throughout the ch.

34 ^aEzek. 40:6, 20, 35, 46:9
35 ^aEzek. 40:21
36 ¹Lit., it
37 ¹Lit., these windows
38 ^aEzek. 40:16, 22, 29
39 ^aEzek. 40:21, 33

40 ^aEzek. 40:6, 22
41 ^aEzek. 40:16
42 ^aEzek. 40:23, 32
43 ^aEzek. 40:19
44 ^aEzek. 40:28, 32, 35

45 ¹Lit., it
46 ^aEzek. 40:7, 10, 21
47 ^aEzek. 40:16, 22, 25
48 ^aEzek. 40:21
49 ^aEzek. 40:16, 21

reached by seven ^csteps, and its ²porch was in front of them.

23 And the inner court had gate opposite the gate on the north as well as the gate on the east; and he measured ^ahundred cubits from gate to gate.

24 ¶ Then he led me toward the south, and behold, there was a ^agate toward the south; and he measured its ^bside pillars and its porches according to ¹those same measurements.

25 And ¹the gate and its porches had ^awindows all around like ²those other windows; the length was ^bfifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

26 And there were seven ^asteps going up to it, and its porches were in front of them; and it had ^bpalm tree ornaments on its side pillars, one on each side.

27 And the inner court had ¹gate toward the ^asouth; and he measured from gate to gate toward the south, a ^bhundred cubits.

28 ¶ Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate and he measured the south gate ^aaccording to those same measurements.

29 Its ^aguardrooms also, its side pillars, and its ^bporches were according to those same measurements. And ¹the gate and its porches had ^bwindows all around; it was ^cfifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

30 And there were ^aporches all around, twenty-five cubits long and five cubits wide.

31 And its porches were toward the outer court; and ^apalm tree ornaments were on its side pillars, and its stairway had eight ^bsteps.

32 ¶ And he brought me into the ^ainner court toward the east

31 ^aEzek. 40:16
32 ^aEzek. 40:22, 26, 34, 37
33 ^aEzek. 40:26-31, 35

And he measured the gate according to those same measurements.

33 Its guardrooms also, its side pillars, and its porches were according to those same measurements. And the gate and its porches had windows all around; it was fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits wide.

34 And its porches were toward the outer court; and palm tree ornaments were on its side pillars, on each side, and its stairway had eight steps.

35 ¶ Then he brought me to the north gate; and he measured it according to those same measurements.

36 with its guardrooms, its side pillars, and its porches. And the gate had windows all around; the length was fifty cubits and the width twenty-five cubits.

37 And its side pillars were toward the outer court; and palm tree ornaments were on its side pillars on each side, and its stairway had eight steps.

38 ¶ And a chamber with its doorway was by the side pillars at the gates; there they brinse the burnt offering.

39 And in the porch of the gate were two tables on each side, on which to slaughter the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

40 And on the outer side, as one went up to the gateway toward the north, were two tables; and on the other side of the porch of the gate were two tables.

41 Four tables were on each side next to the gate; or, eight tables on which they slaughter sacrifices.

42 And for the burnt offering there were four tables of hewn stone, a cubit and a half long, a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high, on which they lay the instruments with which they

22 Ezek.
40:28
23 1.Lit., if
Ezek. 40:29
Ezek. 40:16
Ezek. 40:21
34 Ezek.
40:16 Ezek.
40:22, 37
38 Ezek.
40:27, 32;
44:4, 47:2
39 1.Lit., if
Ezek. 40:7,
29 Ezek.
40:16 Ezek.
40:21
37 Ezek.
40:16 Ezek.
40:34
38 1 Chr
28:12; Neh.
13:5, 9; Jer.
35:4, 38:10;
Ezek. 40:17,
41:10; 42:13
42 Chr. 4:6
39 Ezek.
40:42 Lev.
1:3-17; Ezek.
40:2
40 1.Lit.,
shoulder
1.Lit., to the
one going up
1.Lit., on
entrance of the
gate
41 1.Lit., by
the shoulder
of
Ezek. 40:38,
40
42 Ezek.
40:38 1.Lit.
20:25 Ezek.
40:38
43 1.Chr.,
ledges 1.Chr.,
travels
44 1.Chr.
reads in two
chambers
1.Lit., should-
er 1.Lit.,
their 1.Chr.
reads south
Ezek. 40:23,
27 Ezek.
40:17, 38
1 Chr. 6:31,
32; 16:41-43,
25:1-7
45 1.Chr.,
house
Ezek. 40:17,
38 1 Chr.
9:23; Ps.
134:1
46 Ezek.
40:17, 38
Lev. 6:12,
13; Ezek.
44:15 1 Km.
2:35; Ezek.
43:18; 48:11
Lev. 10:3;
Num. 18:5,
40; Ezek.
42:13; 45:4
47 1.Lit.,
house
Ezek. 40:18,
23, 27

slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And the double hooks, one handbreadth in length, were installed in the house all around; and on the tables was the flesh of the offering.

44 ¶ And from the outside to the inner gate were chambers for the singers in the inner court, one of which was at the side of the north gate, with its front toward the south, and one at the side of the east gate facing toward the north.

45 And he said to me, "This is the chamber which faces toward the south, intended for the priests who keep charge of the temple;

46 but the chamber which faces toward the north is for the priests who keep charge of the altar. These are the sons of Zadok, who from the sons of Levi come near to the LORD to minister to Him."

47 And he measured the court, a perfect square, a hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits wide; and the altar was in front of the temple.

48 ¶ Then he brought me to the porch of the temple and measured each side pillar of the porch, five cubits on each side; and the width of the gate was three cubits on each side.

49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and at the stairway by which it was ascended were columns belonging to the side pillars, one on each side.

CHAPTER 41

THEN he brought me to the nave and measured the side pillars; six cubits wide on each side was the width of the side pillar.

48 1.Lit., house 1 Km. 6:3; 2 Chr. 3:4
49 Ezek. 40:31, 34, 37 1 Km. 7:15-22; 2 Chr. 3:17;
Jer. 52:17-23; Rev. 3:12
1 1.Lit., the main inner hall 1.Lit., tent Ezek. 40:2, 3,
17 Ezek. 41:21, 23 Ezek. 40:2, 41:3

2 And the width of the entrance was ten cubits, and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on each side. And he measured the length of the nave, forty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits.

3 Then he went inside and measured each side pillar of the doorway, two cubits, and the doorway, six cubits high; and the width of the doorway, seven cubits.

4 And he measured its length, twenty cubits, and the width, twenty cubits, before the nave; and he said to me, "This is the most holy place."

5 ¶ Then he measured the wall of the temple, six cubits; and the width of the side chambers, four cubits, all around about the house on every side.

6 And the side chambers were in three stories, one above another, and thirty in each story; and the side chambers extended to the wall which stood on their inward side all around, that they might be fastened, and not be fastened into the wall of the temple itself.

7 And the side chambers surrounding the temple were wider at each successive story. Because the structure surrounding the temple went upward by stages on all sides of the temple, therefore the width of the temple increased as it went higher; and thus one went up from the lowest story to the highest by way of the second story.

8 I saw also that the house had a raised platform all around; the foundations of the side chambers were a full rod of six long cubits in height.

9 The thickness of the outer wall of the side chambers was five cubits. But the free space between the side chambers belonging to the temple

10 and the outer chambers

2 ¹Lit., shoulders
²Lit., its length
1 Kin. 8:2, 17; 2 Chr. 3:3

3 ¹i.e., of the inner sanctuary
Ezek. 40:16
Ezek. 41:1

4 ¹Kin. 8:20
²Kin. 8:5
Ex. 26:33, 34;
1 Kin. 6:16, 7:50, 8:6;
2 Chr. 3:7;
Heb. 9:3-8

5 ¹Lit., house, and so throughout the ch
²Kin. 6:5;
Ezek. 41:6-11

6 ¹Lit., chamber upon chamber
²Lit., thirty times
³Lit., they were coming
⁴Lit., the inside of the side chambers

⁵1 Kin. 6:5-10
⁶1 Kin. 6:6, 10

7 ¹Lit., middle
²1 Kin. 6:8
8 ¹Lit., height
Or, to the point
Ezek. 40:5
9 ¹Lit., width
Ezek. 41:11
10 ¹Ezek. 40:17

11 ¹Lit., doorway
²Lit., side chamber
Ezek. 41:9

12 ¹Lit., wide
Ezek. 41:13, 15, 42:1
Ezek. 41:14, 42:10, 13

13 ¹Ezek. 40:47
Ezek. 41:13-15;
42:1, 10, 13
Ezek. 41:12

14 ¹Lit., area

15 ¹Lit., to Or, passage-way
Ezek. 41:12, 13, 42:1
Ezek. 41:14, 42:1, 10, 13
Ezek. 41:10, 42:3, 5

16 Or, framed Or, passageways
Is. 6:4; Ezek. 10:18, 40:6;

was twenty cubits in width all around the temple on every side.

11 And the doorways of the side chambers toward the free space consisted of one doorway toward the north and another doorway toward the south; and the width of the free space was five cubits all around.

12 ¶ And the building that was in front of the separate area at the side toward the west was seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and its length was ninety cubits.

13 Then he measured the temple, a hundred cubits long; the separate area with the building and its walls were also a hundred cubits long.

14 Also the width of the front of the temple and that of the separate areas along the east side totaled a hundred cubits.

15 ¶ And he measured the length of the building along the front of the separate area behind it, with a gallery on each side, a hundred cubits; he also measured the inner nave and the porches of the court.

16 The thresholds, the blatted windows, and the galleries round about their three stories, opposite the threshold, were paneled with wood all around, and from the ground to the windows (but the windows were covered),

17 over the entrance, and to the inner house, and on the outside, and on all the wall all around inside and outside, by measurement.

18 And it was carved with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces.

41:25 ¹1 Kin. 6:4; Ezek. 40:16, 25; 41:26
Ezek. 41:15
Ezek. 42:3 ¹1 Kin. 6:15

18 ¹Lit., made ¹1 Kin. 6:29, 32, 35, 7:36; Ezek. 41:20, 25
2 Chr. 3:5; Ezek. 40:16

19 a *man's face toward the palm tree on one side, and a young *lion's face toward the palm tree on the other side; they were ¹carved on all the house all around.

20 From the ground to above the entrance *cherubim and *palm trees were ¹carved, as well as on the wall of the nave.

21 ¶ The *doorposts of the ^hnave were square; as for the front of the sanctuary, the appearance of one doorpost was like that of the other.

22 The *altar was of wood, three cubits high, and its length two cubits; its corners, its ¹base, and its ²sides were of wood. And he said to me, "This is the ^htable that is before the LORD."

23 And the *nave and the ^hsanctuary each had a double ^hdoor.

24 And each of the doors had two leaves, two ¹swinging leaves; two leaves for one door and two leaves for the other.

25 Also there were ¹carved on them, on the doors of the nave, *cherubim and *palm trees like those ¹carved on the walls; and there was a ^{2b}threshold of wood on the front of the porch outside.

26 And there were ^{1a}latticed windows and ^hpalm trees on one side and on the other, on the sides of the ^hporch; thus were the ^hside chambers of the house and the ²thresholds.

CHAPTER 42

THEN he ^abrought me out into the ^houter court, the way ^ctoward the north; and he brought me to the ^hchamber which was opposite the ^eseparate area and opposite the ^hbuilding toward the north.

2 Along the length, which was a ^ahundred cubits, was the north door; the width was fifty cubits.

3 Opposite the ^atwenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and opposite the ^hpave-

ment which belonged to the outer court, was ^{1c}gallery corresponding to ¹gallery in three stories.

4 And before the ^achambers was an inner walk ten cubits wide, a way of one hundred cubits; and their openings were on the north.

5 Now the upper chambers were ¹smaller because the ^{2a}galeries took more space away from them than from the lower and middle ones in the building.

6 For they were in ^athree stories and had no pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore the upper chambers were ¹set back from the ground upward, more than the lower and middle ones.

7 As for the ^aouter wall by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court facing the chambers, its length was fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers which were in the outer court was fifty cubits; and behold, the length of those facing the temple was a ^ahundred cubits.

9 And below these chambers was the ^aentrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer court.

10 ¶ In the ¹thickness of the ^awall of the court toward the east, facing the ^hseparate area and facing the building, there were ^cchambers.

11 And the ^away in front of them was like the appearance of the chambers which were on the north, according to their length so was their width; and all their exits were both according to their arrangements and openings.

12 And corresponding to the openings of the chambers which were toward the south was an opening at the head of the way, the way in front of the ^awall

19 ¹Lat.
made
Ezek. 1:10
10:14
20 ¹Lat.
made
Ezek. 41:18
21 ¹Kim.
6:33, Ezek.
40:9, 14, 16,
41:1 ^hEzek.
41:1
22 ¹Lat.
length ²Lat.
walls
Ex. 30:1-3,
1 Kim. 6:20,
Rev. 8:3 ^hEx.
25:23, 30,
Lev. 24:6,
Ezek. 23:41,
44:16, Mal.
1:7, 12
23 ^hEzek.
41:1 ^hEzek.
41:4 ¹Kim.
6:31, 35
24 ^hOr.
turning
1 Kim. 6:34
25 ¹Lat.
made ^hOr.
canopy of
wood over
Ezek. 41:18
Ezek. 41:18
26 ^hOr.
framed ^hOr.
canopies
Ezek. 41:16
Ezek. 40:16
Ezek. 40:9,
46 ^hEzek.
41:5
1 ^hEzek.
40:17, 28, 48,
41:1 ^hEzek.
40:17, 20
Ezek. 40:20
Ezek. 40:17,
42:4 ^hEzek.
41:12, 42:10,
13 ^hEzek.
41:12
2 ^hEzek.
41:13
3 ^hOr. pas-
sageway
Ezek. 41:10
Ezek. 40:17
Ezek. 41:13,
16, 42:5
4 ^hEzek.
48:19
5 ¹Lat.
shorter ^hOr.
passageway
Ezek. 42:3
6 ^hOr. re-
duced
Ezek. 41:6
7 ^hEzek.
42:10, 12
8 ^hEzek.
41:13, 14
9 ^hEzek.
44:5, 48:19
10 ¹Lat.
width
Ezek. 42:7
Ezek. 42:1,
13 ^hEzek.
42:17
11 ^hEzek.
42:4

12 ^hEzek. 42:7

toward the east, as one enters them.

13 ¶ Then he said to me, "The north chambers and the south chambers, which are opposite the ^aseparate area, they are the ^bholy chambers where the priests who are ^cnear to the LORD shall eat the ^dmost holy things. There they shall lay the most holy things, the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering; for the place is holy.

14 "When the priests enter, then they shall not go out into the outer court from the sanctuary ¹without ^alaying there their ^bgarments in which they minister, for they are holy. They shall put on other garments; then they shall approach that which is for the people."

15 ¶ Now when he had finished measuring the inner house, he brought me out by the way of the ^agate which faced toward the east, and measured it all around.

16 He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, by the ^ameasuring reed.

17 He measured on the north side five hundred reeds by the measuring reed.

18 On the south side he measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

19 He turned to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed.

20 He measured it ¹on the four sides; it had a ^awall all around, the ^blength five hundred and the ^bwidth five hundred, to ^cdivide between the holy and the profane.

CHAPTER 43

THEN he led me to the ^agate, the gate facing toward the east;

2 and behold, the ^aglory of the God of Israel was coming from

13 ^aEzek. 42:1, 10 ^bEx 29:31, Lev 7:6, 10:13, 14, 17 ^cLev 10:3, Deut 21:5, Ezek 40:46 ^dLev 6:25, 29, 14:13, Num 18:9, 10

14 ¹Lit., but there they shall lay ^aEzek 44:19 ^bEx 29:4-9, Lev 8:7, 13, 15:61:10, Zech 3:4, 5 ^cEzek 40:6, 43:1 ^dEzek 40:3

20 ¹Lit., toward the four winds ^aIs 60:18, Ezek 40:5, Zech 2:5 ^bEzek 45:2, Rev 21:16 ^cEzek 22:28, 44:23, 48:15

1 ^aEzek 10:19, 40:6, 42:15, 43:4, 44:1, 46:1

2 ^aIs 6:3, Ezek 1:28, 3:23, 10:18, 19 ^bEzek 11:23 ^cEzek 1:24, Rev 1:15, 14:2 ^dEzek 1:28, 10:4, Rev 18:1

3 ¹So with some mss. and some ancient versions, M.T., 1 ^aEzek 1:4-28 ^bJer 1:10, Ezek 9:1, 5, 32:18 ^cEzek 1:3, 10:20 ^dEzek 1:28, 3:23

4 ^aEzek 10:19, 11:23, 43:2

5 ^aEzek 3:14, 8:3, 11:1, 24, 2 Cor 12:2-4 ^bEzek 10:4

6 ^aEzek 1:28, 40:3

7 ¹Or, monuments as in Ugaritic ²Or, in their high places ^aPs 47:8, Ezek 1:28 ^bEzek 37:28, 28 ^cLev 28:30, Ezek 6:5, 13

8 ^aEzek 8:3, 16

the way of the ^beast. And His ^cvoice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth ^dshone with His glory.

3 And it was like the appearance of the vision which I saw, like the ^avision which I saw when ¹He came to ^bdestroy the city. And the visions were like the vision which I saw by the ^criver Chebar; and I ^dfell on my face.

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate facing toward the ^aeast.

5 And the ^aSpirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the ^bglory of the LORD filled the house.

6 ¶ Then I heard one speaking to me from the house, while a ^aman was standing beside me.

7 And He said to me, "Son of man, *this is the place of My ^athrone and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will ^bdwell among the sons of Israel forever. And the house of Israel will not again defile My holy name, neither they nor their kings, by their harlotry and by the ¹corpses of their kings ²when they die,*

8 *by setting their threshold by My threshold, and their door post beside My door post, with only the wall between Me and them. And they have ^adefiled My holy name by their abominations which they have committed. So I have consumed them in My anger.*

9 "Now let them ^aput away their harlotry and the ¹corpses of their kings far from Me; and I will ^bdwell among them forever.

10 ¶ "As for you, son of man, ¹describe the ²temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ^bashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the ³plan.

9 ¹Or, monuments as in Ugaritic ^aEzek 18:30, 31 ^bEzek 37:28-29, 43:7

10 ¹Lit., declare ²Lit., house ³Lit., perfection or pattern ^aEzek 40:4 ^bEzek 16:61, 63, 43:11 ^cEzek 28:12

11 "And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the ¹design of the house, its structure, its ²exits, its entrances, all its designs, all its statutes², and all its laws. And write it ³in their sight, so that they may observe its whole ¹design and all its statutes, and ⁴do them.

12 "This is the ¹law of the house: its entire ²area on the top of the ³mountain all around shall be most holy. Behold, this is the ¹law of the house.

13 ¶ "And these are the measurements of the ⁴altar by cubits (the ⁵cubit being a cubit and a handbreadth): the ¹base shall be a cubit, and the width a cubit, and its border on its edge round about one span; and this shall be the height of the ²base of the altar.

14 "And from the base on the ground to the lower ¹ledge shall be two cubits, and the width one cubit; and from the smaller ledge to the larger ledge shall be four cubits, and the width ¹one cubit.

15 "And the ¹altar hearth shall be four cubits; and from the ¹altar hearth shall extend upwards four ²horns.

16 "Now the ¹altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve wide, ²square in its four sides.

17 "And the ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen wide in its four sides, the border around it shall be half a cubit, and its base shall be a cubit round about; and its ²steps shall ¹face the east."

18 ¶ And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord ¹God, 'These are the statutes for the altar on the day it is built, to offer ²burnt offerings on it and to ³sprinkle blood on it.

19 'And you shall give to the Levitical priests who are from the offspring of ²Zadok, who draw ³near to Me to minister to Me,

11 Or, forms) M.T. repeats and all its designs after statutes
Ezek. 44:5
Ezek. 12:3
Ezek. 11:20;
36:27

12 Or, instruction for
Lit., border
Ezek. 40:2
13 Lit., lap
Or, back
Ex. 27:1-8;
2 Chr. 4:1
Ezek. 40:5;
41:8

14 Lit., the
Ezek. 43:17;
20, 45:19

15 Or, arid
shall
Ex. 27:2;
Lev. 9:9;
1 Kin. 1:50;
Ps. 118:27

16 Or, arid
shall
Ex. 27:1

17 Or, be on the east side
Ex. 20:26
Ezek. 40:6

18 Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch.
Ezek. 2:1
Ex. 40:29
Lev. 1:5, 11;
Heb. 9:21, 22

19 1 Kin. 2:35; Ezek. 40:46, 44:15
Num. 18:5;
40 Lev. 4:3;
Ezek. 43:23;
45:18 Ezek. 45:19; Heb. 7:27

20 Lev. 8:15, 9:9;
Ezek. 43:15
Ezek. 43:14;
17 Lev. 16:19; Ezek. 43:22, 26

21 Ex. 29:14; Lev. 4:12; Heb. 13:11
22 Ezek. 43:25 Ezek. 43:20, 26

23 Ex. 29:1;
10; Ezek. 45:18 Ex. 29:1

24 Lev. 2:13; Num. 18:19; Mark 9:49, 50; Col. 4:6

25 Ex. 28:35-37; Lev. 8:33, 35

26 Lit., all its hands

declares the Lord God, 'a ⁴young bull for a ⁵sin offering.

20 'And you shall take some of its blood, and put it on its four ²horns, and on the four corners of the ³ledge, and on the border round about; thus you shall ⁴cleanse it and make atonement for it.

21 'You shall also take the bull for the sin offering; and it shall be ²burned in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary.

22 'And on the second day you shall offer a ²male goat without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall ³cleanse the altar, as they cleansed it with the bull.

23 'When you have finished cleansing it, you shall present a ⁴young bull without blemish and a ⁵ram without blemish from the flock.

24 'And you shall present them before the LORD, and the priests shall throw ²salt on them, and they shall offer them up as a burnt offering to the LORD.

25 'For seven days you shall prepare daily a goat for a sin offering; also a young bull and a ram from the flock, without blemish, shall be prepared.

26 'For seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it; so shall they ¹consecrate it.

27 'And when they have completed the days, it shall be that on the ²eighth day and onward, the priests shall ³offer your burnt offerings on the altar, and your ⁴peace offerings; and I will ⁵accept you,' declares the Lord God."

CHAPTER 44

THEN He brought me back by the way of the ²outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces the east; and it was shut.

27 Lit., make Lev. 9:1 Lev. 3:1, 17:5 Ezek. 20:40
1 Ezek. 40:6, 17, 42:14

2 And the LORD said to me, "This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the ^aLORD God of Israel has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut.

3 "As for the ^aprince, he shall sit in it as prince to ^beat bread before the LORD; he shall ^center by way of the ^dporch of the gate, and shall go out ^by the same way."

4 ^c Then He brought me by way of the ^anorth gate to the front of the house; and I looked, and behold, the ^bglory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD, and I ^cfell on my face.

5 And the LORD said to me, "Son of man, ¹mark well, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ^bstatutes of the house of the LORD and concerning all its laws; and ¹mark well the entrance of the house, with all exits of the sanctuary.

6 "And you shall say to the ¹rebellious ones, to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord ²God, "bEnough of all your abominations, O house of Israel,

7 when you brought in ^aforeigners, ^buncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it, even My house, when you ^coffered My food, the fat and the blood; for they ^dmade My covenant void—*this* in addition to all your abominations.

8 "And you have not ^akept charge of My holy things yourselves, but you have set *foreigners* ^bto keep charge of My sanctuary."

9 ^c "Thus says the Lord God, "aNo foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the sons of Israel, shall enter My sanctuary.

10 "But the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who ^awent astray from

2 ^aEzek.
43:2-4
3 ¹Lit., by
his way
^aEzek. 34:24;
37:25 ^bGen.
31:34; Ex.
24:9-11
^cEzek. 48:2,
8-10 ^dEzek.
40:9

4 ^aEzek.
40:20, 40 ^bIsa.
63:3, 4; Ezek.
1:28, 3:23,
43:4, 5; Hag.
2:7 ^cEzek.
1:28, 43:3

5 ¹Lit., and
your heart on
^aDeut. 32:48;
Ezek. 40:4
^bDeut. 12:32;
Ezek. 43:10,
11

6 ¹Lit., rebellion
²Heb.
YHWH, usually
rendered
LORD, and so
throughout
the ch.

^aEzek. 2:5-7;
3:9 ^bEzek.
45:9; 1 Pet.
4:3

7 ^aEx.
12:43-49
^bLev. 28:41;
Deut. 10:16;
Jer. 4:4; 9:28

^cLev. 22:25
^dGen. 17:14

8 ¹Lit., as
keepers of
My charge in
My

^aLev. 22:2;
Num. 18:7

9 ^aEzek.
44:7; Joel
3:17; Zech.
14:21

10 ^a2 Kin.
23:8, 9; Ezek.
22:28; 44:12

^bNum. 18:23
11 ^aNum.
3:5-37; 4:1-33;
18:2-7 ^b1 Chr.
26:1-19

^cEzek. 40:45;
44:14 ^d2 Chr.
29:34; 30:17

^aNum. 16:9

12 ¹Lit.,
lifted up My
hand

^a2 Kin. 16:10;
16 ^bEzek.
14:3, 4 ^cEzek.
20:15, 23

^dEzek. 44:10
13 ^aNum.
18:3 ^bEzek.
16:61, 63;
39:28

14 ¹Lit., give
²Lit., keepers
of the charge

^aNum. 18:4;
1 Chr. 23:28;
32; Ezek. 44:11

Me after their idols, shall ^bbear the punishment for their iniquity.

11 "Yet they shall be ^aministers in My sanctuary, having ^boversight at the gates of the house and ^cministering in the house; they shall ^dslaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall ^estand before them to minister to them.

12 "Because they ministered to them ^abefore their idols and became a ^bstumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have ^csworn against them," declares the Lord God, "that they shall ^dbear the punishment for their iniquity.

13 "And they shall ^anot come near to Me to serve as a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall ^bbear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

14 "Yet I will ¹appoint them ²to ^akeep charge of the house, of all its service, and of all that shall be done in it.

15 ¶ "But the ^aLevitical priests, the sons of ^bZadok, who ^ckept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel ^dwent astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall ^estand before Me to offer Me the 'fat and the blood,' declares the Lord God.

16 "They shall ^aenter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My ^btable to minister to Me and keep My charge.

17 "And it shall be that when they enter at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with ^alinen garments; and wool shall not ^bbe on them while they are ministering in the gates of the inner court and in the house.

15 ^aJer. 33:18-22 ^bEzek. 40:46; 43:19; 48:11 ^cNum.
18:7; Ezek. 40:45 ^dEzek. 44:10; 48:11 ^eZech. 3:1, 7 ^fLev.
3:16, 17; 17:5, 6; Ezek. 44:7
16 ^aNum. 18:5, 7, 8 ^bEzek. 41:22; Mal. 1:7, 12
17 ¹Lit., come upon ^aEx. 28:42, 43; 39:27-29; Rev. 19:8

18 "Linen ^aturbans shall be on their heads, and ^blinen undergarments shall be on their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything which makes them sweat.

19 "And when they go out into the outer court, into the outer court to the people, they shall ^aput off their garments in which they have been ministering and lay them in the holy chambers; then they shall put on other garments that they may ^bnot transmit holiness to the people with their garments.

20 "Also they shall ^anot shave their heads, yet they shall not ^blet their locks ¹grow long; they shall only trim the hair of their heads.

21 "Nor shall any of the priests drink wine when they enter the inner court.

22 "And they shall not ¹marry a widow or a ^adivorced woman but shall ^btake virgins from the offspring of the house of Israel, or a widow who is the widow of a priest.

23 "Moreover, they shall teach My people the ^adifference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

24 "And in a dispute ^athey shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My ordinances. They shall also keep My laws and My statutes in all My ^bappointed feasts, and ^csanctify My sabbaths.

25 "And ¹they shall not go to a dead person to defile themselves; however, for father, for mother, for son, for daughter, for brother, or for a sister who has not had a husband, they may defile themselves.

26 "And after he is ^acleansed, seven days shall ¹elapse for him.

27 "And on the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the ^ainner court to minister in the sanc-

tuary, he shall offer his ^bsin offering," declares the Lord God.

28 "And it shall be with regard to an inheritance for them, that ^aI am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel—I am their possession.

29 "They shall ^aeat the grain offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every ¹devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs.

30 "And the first of all the ^afirst fruits of every kind and every ¹contribution of every kind, from all your ¹contributions, shall be for the priests; you shall also give to the priest the ^bfirst of your ²dough to cause a ^cblessing to rest on your house.

31 "The priests shall not eat any bird or beast that has ^adied a natural death or has been torn to pieces.

CHAPTER 45

66 "AND when you shall ^adivide by lot the land for inheritance, you shall offer ¹an ^aballotment to the LORD, a ^choly portion of the land; the length shall be the length of 25,000 ^acubits, and the width shall be ²10,000. It shall be holy within all its boundary round about.

2 "Out of this there shall be for the holy place a square round about ^afive hundred by five hundred cubits, and fifty cubits for its ¹open space round about.

3 "And from this ¹area you shall measure a length of 25,000 cubits, and a width of 10,000 cubits; and in it shall be the sanctuary, the most holy place.

4 "It shall be the holy portion of the land; it shall be for the ^apriests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who ^bcome near to minister to the LORD, and it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary.

3 ¹Or, pasture land ^aEzek. 42:20 ^aEzek. 27:28

3 ¹Or, measure

4 ^aEzek. 42:18, 11 ^aNum. 18:2, Ezek. 42:42, 43:19

18 ^aEx. 28:40, 1a.
23:20, Ezek. 24:17, 23 ^aEx. 28:42, Lev. 16:4
19 ^aLev. 6:10, 16:4, 23, 24, Ezek. 42:14 ^aLev. 6:27, Ezek. 46:20
20 ¹Or, hang loose
^aLev. 21:5
^aNum. 6:5
21 ^aLev. 10:9
22 ¹Lat., take as wives for themselves
^aLev. 21:7, 14
^aLev. 21:13
23 ^aLev. 10:10, Ezek. 23:26, Hos. 4:6, Mic. 3:8
11, Zeph. 3:4
Mag. 2:11-13, Mal. 2:6-8
24 ^aDeut. 17:8, R. 19:17, 21:5, 1 Chr. 23:4, 2 Chr. 19:8-10 ^aLev. 23:2, 4, 44
^aEzek. 20:12, 20
25 ¹Lat., he
^aLev. 21:4
26 ¹Lat., be counted
^aNum. 19:13-19
27 ^aEzek. 44:17 ^aLev. 5:3, 6, Num. 6:8-11
28 ^aNum. 18:20, Deut. 10:9, 18:1, 2, Josh. 13:33
29 ¹Or, dedicated
^aNum. 18:9, 14, Josh. 13:14 ^aLev. 27:21, 28, Num. 18:14
30 ¹Or, have offering
^aOr, coarse meal
^aNum. 18:12, 13, 2 Chr. 31:4-6, 10, Neh. 10:35-37
^aNum. 15:20, 21 ^aMal. 3:10
31 ^aLev. 22:8, Deut. 14:21, Ezek. 4:14
1 ¹Or, a contribution
^aOr, with Gr. 20,000
^aNum. 34:13, Josh. 13:7, 14:3, Ezek. 47:21, 48:29
^aEzek. 48:8, 9
^aZech. 14:20, 21 ^aEzek. 42:18, 43:2

5" And an area ^a25,000 cubits in length and 10,000 in width shall be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, and for their possession ¹cities to dwell in.

6" And you shall give the ^acity possession of an area 5,000 cubits wide and 25,000 cubits long, alongside the ¹allotment of the holy portion; it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7" And the ^aprince shall have land on either side of the holy ¹allotment and the ²property of the city, adjacent to the holy ¹allotment and the ²property of the city, on the west side toward the west and on the east side toward the east, and in length comparable to one of the portions, from the west border to the east border.

8" This shall be his land for a possession in Israel; so My princes shall no longer ^aoppress My people, but they shall give *the rest* of the land to the house of Israel ^baccording to their tribes."

9 ¶ Thus says the Lord ¹God, "Enough, you princes of Israel; put away ^bviolence and destruction, and ^cpractice justice and righteousness. Stop your ^dexpropriations from My people," declares the Lord God.

10" You shall have ^ajust balances, a just ^bephah, and a just ^bbath.

11" The ephah and the bath shall be ¹the same quantity, so that the bath may contain a tenth of a ^ahomer, and the ephah a tenth of a homer; ²their standard shall be according to the homer.

12" And the ^ashekel shall be twenty ^agerahs; twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, and fifteen shekels shall be your ¹maneh.

13 ¶ "This is the offering that you shall offer: a sixth of an ephah from a homer of wheat; a sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley;

14 and the prescribed portion

8 ¹So with Gr.; M.T., twenty chambers

^aEzek. 48:13

6 ¹Or, contribution

^aEzek. 48:15-18, 30-35

7 ¹Or, contribution

²Lit., possession

^aEzek. 34:24; 37:24; 46:18-18, 48:21

8 ^aIs. 11:3; 5, Jer. 23:5; Ezek. 19:7; 22:27; 46:18

^bJosh. 11:23

9 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.

^aEzek. 44:8; Jer. 8:7; Ezek. 7:11; 23:8; 17:1; Jer. 22:3; Zech. 8:16; Neh. 5:1-5

10 ^aLev. 19:36; Deut. 25:15; Prov. 16:11; Amos 8:4-8; Mic. 6:10, 11

^bIs. 5:10

11 ¹Lit., one

²Lit., its measure

^aIs. 5:10

12 ¹Or, mina

^aEx. 30:13; Lev. 27:25; Num. 3:47

13 ^aEzek. 45:17; Lev. 1:4; 6:30

16 ¹Lit., be

^aEx. 30:14, 15

^bIs. 16:1

17 ^aEzek. 46:4-12

^b1 Kin. 8:64; 1 Chr. 16:2; 2 Chr. 31:3

^cLev. 23:1-44; Num. 28:1-29:39

^aIs. 66:23; 1 Kin. 8:63; Ezek. 43:27

18 ^aEx. 12:2; Lev. 22:20; Heb. 9:14

^cLev. 16:16, 33; Ezek. 43:22, 28

19 ^aLev. 16:18-20; Ezek. 43:20

^aEzek. 43:14, 17, 20

20 ¹Lit., simple

^aLev. 4:27; Ps. 19:12

^bLev. 16:20; Ezek. 45:15, 18

of oil (namely, the bath of oil), ^atenth of a bath from each kor (which is ten baths or a homer for ten baths are a homer);

15 and one sheep from *each* flock of two hundred from the watering places of Israel—for a ^agrain offering, for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to ^bmake atonement for them," declares the Lord God.

16" All the people of the land shall ¹give to this offering for the ^bprince in Israel.

17" And it shall be the ^aprince's part to provide the ^bburnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the libations, at the ^cfeasts, on the ^dnew moons, and on the sabbaths, at all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel; he shall provide the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the ^apeace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel."

18 ¶ Thus says the Lord God, "In the ^afirst month, on the first of the month, you shall take a young bull ^bwithout blemish and ^ccleanse the sanctuary.

19" And the priest shall take some of the blood from the sin offering and put it on the door posts of the house, on the ^afour corners of the ^bledge of the altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20" And thus you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who goes ^aastray or is ^bnaive; so you shall make ^batonement for the house.

21 ¶ "In the ^afirst month, on the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the ^bPassover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

22" And on that day the prince shall provide for himself and all the people of the land a ^abull for a sin offering.

21 ^aNum. 28:16f. ^bEx. 12:1-24; Lev. 23:5-8

22 ^aLev. 4:14

23 "And during the ^aseven days of the feast he shall provide as a ^bburnt offering to the LORD ^cseven bulls and seven rams without blemish on every day of the seven days, and a male goat daily for a sin offering.

24 "And he shall provide as a ^agrain offering an ephah ¹with a bull, an ephah ¹with a ram, and a hin of oil ¹with an ephah.

25 "In the ^aseventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, he shall provide like this, seven days ¹for the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil."

CHAPTER 46

THUS says the Lord ¹GOD, "The ^agate of the ^binner court facing east shall be ^cshut the six ^dworking days; but it shall be opened on the ^asabbath day, and opened on the day of the ^fnew moon.

2 "And the ^aprince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside and stand by the ^bpost of the gate. Then the priests shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate and then go out; but the gate shall not be ^cshut until the evening.

3 "The ^apeople of the land shall also worship at the doorway of that gate before the LORD on the sabbaths and on the ^bnew moons.

4 "And the ^aburnt offering which the prince shall offer to the LORD on the sabbath day shall be ^bsix lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish;

5 and the ^agrain offering shall be an ephah ¹with the ram, and the grain offering ¹with the lambs ²as much as he is ^bable to give, and a hin of oil ¹with an ephah.

6 "And on the day of the ^anew moon he shall offer a young bull

23 ^aLev. 23:8 ^bNum. 28:16-25 ^cNum. 23:1. 2: Job 42:8

24 ¹Lit., for ^aNum. 28:12-15, Ezek. 46:5-7

25 ¹Lit., according to ^aLev. 23:33-43, Num. 28:12-38, 2 Chr. 5:3, 7:8, 10

1 ¹Heb. YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch

^aEzek. 45:19 ^bEzek. 8:16, 10:3 ^cEzek. 44:1, 2 ^dEx. 20:9 ^eIsa. 66:23, Ezek. 45:17 ^fEzek. 45:18, 46:3, 6

2 ^aEzek. 44:3, 46:8 ^bEzek. 45:19 ^cEzek. 46:12

3 ^aLuke 1:10 ^bEzek. 46:1

4 ^aEzek. 45:17 ^bNum. 28:9

5 ¹Lit., for ^aLit., a gift of his hand ^bNum. 28:12, Ezek. 45:24, 46:7, 11

^aEzek. 46:7 ^bEzek. 46:1

7 ¹Lit., for ^aLit., his hand can reach ^bEzek. 46:5

^aLev. 14:21, Deut. 16:17, Ezek. 46:5

8 ¹Lit., by its way ^aEzek. 44:3, 46:2

9 ¹Lit., He shall not ^aEx. 34:23, Ps. 84:7, Mic. 6:6

10 ¹So with many mss. and the ancient versions, M.T., they

^a2 Sam. 6:14, 15, 1 Chr. 28:20, 22, 2 Chr. 6:3, 7:4, Ps. 42:4

11 ¹Lit., for ^aLit., a gift of his hand ^bEzek. 45:17 ^cEzek. 46:5, 7

without blemish, also six lambs and a ram, which shall be without blemish.

7 "And he shall provide a ^agrain offering, an ephah ¹with the bull, and an ephah ¹with the ram, and ¹with the lambs as ²much as he is ^bable, and a hin of oil ¹with an ephah.

8 "And when the ^aprince enters, he shall go in by way of the porch of the gate and go out ¹by the same way.

9 "But when the people of the land come ^abefore the LORD at the appointed feasts, he who enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate. And he who enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate. ¹No one shall return by way of the gate by which he entered but shall go straight out.

10 "And when they go in, the prince shall go in ^aamong them; and when they go out, ¹he shall go out.

11 "And at the ^afestivals and the appointed feasts the ^bgrain offering shall be an ephah ¹with a bull and an ephah ¹with a ram, and ¹with the lambs as ²much as one is able to give, and a hin of oil ¹with an ephah.

12 "And when the prince provides a ^afreewill offering, a burnt offering, or peace offerings as a freewill offering to the LORD, the gate facing east shall be ^bopened for him. And he shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he does on the ^csabbath day. Then he shall go out, and the gate shall be shut after he goes out.

13 "And you shall provide a ^alamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering to the LORD daily; ^bmorning by morning you shall provide it.

12 ^aLev. 23:38, 2 Chr. 28:31 ^bEzek. 44:3, 46:1, 2, 8 ^cEzek. 45:17

13 ^aNum. 28:3-5 ^bIsa. 50:4

14 "Also you shall provide a grain offering with it morning by morning, a ^asixth of an ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour, a grain offering to the LORD continually by a perpetual ^lordinance.

15 "Thus they shall provide the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a ^acontinual burnt offering."

16 ¶ Thus says the Lord GOD, "If the prince gives a ^agift out of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.

17 "But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, it shall be his until the ^ayear of liberty; then it shall return to the prince. His inheritance *shall be only his sons*'; it shall belong to them.

18 "And the prince shall ^anot take from the people's inheritance, ^lb thrusting them out of their possession; he shall give his sons inheritance from his own possession so that My people shall not be scattered, anyone from his possession. " " "

19 ¶ Then he brought me through the ^aentrance, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which faced north; and behold, there was a place at the extreme rear toward the west.

20 And he said to me, "This is the place where the priests shall boil the ^aguilt offering and the sin offering, and where they shall ^bbake the grain offering, in order that they may not bring *them* out into the outer court to transmit holiness to the people."

21 Then he brought me out into the outer court and led me across to the four corners of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court *there was a small court*.

22 In the four corners of the court *there were enclosed courts, forty cubits long and*

14 ^lLit., statute
*Num. 28:5

16 *Ex. 29:42; Num. 28:6

18 *2 Chr. 21:3

17 *Lev. 25:10

18 ^lLit., oppressing
*Ezek. 45:8
*1 Kin. 21:19; Ezek. 22:27; Mic. 2:1, 2

19 *Ezek. 42:9; 44:5

20 *2 Chr. 35:13; Ezek. 44:29
*Lev. 2:4-7

22 ^lLit., one measure

24 ^lLit., houses

1 *Ezek. 41:2, 23-25
*Ps. 48:4; Is. 30:25; 55:1; Jer. 2:13; Joel 3:18; Zech. 13:1; 14:8; Rev. 22:1, 17

2 ^lLit., by way of

5 *Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:14

6 ^lLit., and caused me to return
*Ezek. 8:6; 40:4; 44:5

7 *Is. 60:13, 21; 61:3; Ezek. 47:12

thirty wide; these four in the corners were ^lthe same size.

23 And *there was a row of masonry round about in them, around the four of them, and boiling places were made under the rows round about.*

24 Then he said to me, "These are the boiling ^lplaces where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifices of the people."

CHAPTER 47

THEN he brought me back to the ^adoor of the house; and behold, ^bwater was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east, for the house faced east. And the water was flowing down from under, from the right side of the house, from south of the altar.

2 And he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around ^lon the outside to the outer gate by way of *the gate* that faces east. And behold, water was trickling from the south side.

3 ¶ When the man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, *water reaching the ankles*.

4 Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, *water reaching the knees*. Again he measured a thousand and led me through *the water*, *water reaching the loins*.

5 Again he measured a thousand; *and it was a river that I could not ford, for the water had risen, enough water to swim in, a ^ariver that could not be forded.*

6 And he said to me, "Son of man, have you ^aseen *this*?" Then he brought me ^lback to the bank of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, on the bank of the river *there were very many ^atrees on the one side and on the other.*

8 Then he said to me, "These waters go out toward the eastern region and go down into the ^aArabah; then they go toward the sea, being made to flow into the ^bsea, and the waters of the sea become ¹fresh.

9 "And it will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the ¹river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there, and the others ²become fresh; so ^aeverything will live where the river goes.

10 "And it will come about that ^afishermen will stand beside it; from ^bEngedi to Eneglaim there will be a place for the ^cspreading of nets. Their fish will be according to their kinds, like the fish of the ^dGreat Sea, ^every many.

11 "But its swamps and marshes will not become ¹fresh; they will be ²left for ^asalt.

12 "And ^aby the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of ^btrees for food. Their ^cleaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their ^dleaves for healing."

13 ¶ Thus says the Lord ¹God, "This shall be the ^aboundary by which you shall divide the land for an inheritance among the twelve tribes of Israel; Joseph shall have two ^bportions.

14 "And you shall divide it for an inheritance, each one ¹equally with the other; for I ²swore to give it to your forefathers, and this land shall fall to you ³as an inheritance.

15 ¶ "And this shall be the boundary of the land: on the ^anorth side, from the Great Sea by the way of Hethlon, to the entrance of ^bZedad;

16 ^{1a}Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of ^bDamascus and the border of

8 ¹Lit., headed
Deut. 3:17; Is. 35:6, 7; 41:17-19; 44:3
Josh. 3:16

9 ¹Lit., two rivers
are headed
Isa. 12:3, 56:1
John 4:14, 7:37, 38

10 Matt. 4:19; 13:47; Luke 5:10
Gen. 14:7; Josh. 15:62; 1 Sam. 23:29; 24:1, 2 Chr. 20:2; Ezek. 28:5, 14

Num. 34:6; Ps. 104:25; Ezek. 47:15; 48:28; Luke 5:5-9; John 21:6

11 ¹Lit., headed
given
Deut. 29:23

12 Ezek. 47:7, Rev. 22:2; Gen. 2:9; Ps. 1:3; Jer. 17:8

Rev. 22:2
13 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.

Num. 34:2; 12; Gen. 48:5; Ezek. 48:4, 5

14 ¹Lit., like his brother
Lit., lifted up My hand
Lit., in

Deut. 1:8; Ezek. 20:6
15 Or, Hamath

Num. 34:7-9
Num. 34:8
16 Or, Zedad

Num. 13:21; Is. 10:9; Ezek. 47:17, 20; 48:1; Zech. 9:2; Gen. 14:15; Ezek. 47:17, 18; 48:1

17 ¹Lit., be
Num. 34:9
18 Num. 34:10-12

Gen. 37:25; Jer. 50:19
Gen. 13:10, 11
19 Num. 34:3-5; Ezek. 48:28; Deut. 32:51; Num. 34:5; 1 Kin. 8:65; Is. 27:12; Ezek. 47:10, 15

Hamath; Hazer-hatticon, which is by the border of Hauran.

17 "And the boundary shall ¹extend from the sea to ^aHazar-enan at the border of Damascus, and on the north toward the north is the border of Hamath. This is the north side.

18 "And the ^aeast side, from between Hauran, Damascus, ^bGilead, and the land of Israel, shall be the ^cJordan; from the north border to the eastern sea you shall measure. This is the east side.

19 "And the ^asouth side toward the south shall extend from ^bTamar as far as the waters of ^cMeribath-kadesh, to the ^dbrook of Egypt, and to the ^eGreat Sea. This is the south side toward the south.

20 "And the ^awest side shall be the Great Sea, from the south border to a point opposite ^bLebo-hamath. This is the west side.

21 ¶ "So you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

22 "And it will come about that you shall divide it by ^alot for an inheritance among yourselves and among the ^baliens who stay in your midst, who bring forth sons in your midst. And they shall be to you as the native-born among the sons of Israel; they shall be allotted an ^cinheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 "And it will come about that in the tribe with which the alien stays, there you shall give him his inheritance," declares the Lord God.

CHAPTER 48

“NOW ^athese are the names of the tribes: from the northern extremity, ^bbeside the way of Hethlon to

20 Or, entrance of Hamath Num. 34:6; Judg. 3:3; 2 Chr. 7:8; Ezek. 48:1; Amos 6:14

22 Num. 26:56, 58; 14:1; 56:6, 7; Acts 11:18; 15:2; Eph. 2:12-14; 3:8; Col. 3:11

1 ¹Lit., at the head of = Ex. 1:1

²Lebo-hamath, as far as Hazar-enan at the border of Damascus, toward the north ¹beside Hamath, ³running from east to west, ^bDan, one portion.

2" And beside the border of Dan, from the east side to the west side, ^aAsher, one portion.

3" And beside the border of Asher, from the east side to the west side, ^aNaphtali, one portion.

4" And beside the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west side, ^aManasseh, one portion.

5" And beside the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west side, ^aEphraim, one portion.

6" And beside the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west side, ^aReuben, one portion.

7" And beside the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west side, ^aJudah, one portion.

8 ¶ And beside the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the ¹allotment which you shall ²set apart, 25,000 ³cubits in width, and in length like one of the portions, from the east side to the west side; and the ^asanctuary shall be in the middle of it.

9" The allotment that you shall set apart to the LORD shall be 25,000 cubits in length, and 10,000 in width.

10" And the holy allotment shall be for these, namely for the ^apriests, toward the north 25,000 cubits in length, toward the west 10,000 in width, toward the east 10,000 in width, and toward the south 25,000 in length; and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in its midst.

11" It shall be for the priests who are sanctified of the ^asons of Zadok, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the sons of Israel went astray, as the ^bLevites went astray.

¹ Lit., at the hand of Or, the entrance of Hamath ² Lit., and there shall be to it an east and west side ^a Josh. 19:40-48

³ Josh. 19:24-31

³ Josh. 19:32-39

⁴ Josh. 13:29-31, 17:11

⁵ Josh. 18:5-9, 17:8, 10, 14-18

⁶ Josh. 13:15-21

⁷ Josh. 15:1-63, 19:9

⁸ Or, contribution, and so throughout the ch ² Lit., offer ³ Or possibly, reads, and so throughout the ch ^a Is. 12:6, 33:20-22, Ezek. 45:3, 4

¹⁰ Ezek. 44:28, 45:4

¹¹ Ezek. 40:46, 44:15 ^a Ezek. 44:10, 12

¹⁴ Lit., first or first fruits ^a Lev. 28:32, 34; 27:10, 28, 33

¹⁵ Lit., in front ² Or, pasture land ^a Ezek. 42:20, 45:6

¹⁶ Rev. 21:16

¹⁷ Or, pasture land

¹⁸ Or, exactly as

²⁰ Lit., of for ² Lit., fourth ³ Or, possession

²¹ Or, possession ^a Ezek. 34:24, 45:7, 48:22

12" And it shall be an allotment to them from the allotment of the land, a most holy place, by the border of the Levites.

13" And alongside the border of the priests the Levites shall have 25,000 cubits in length and 10,000 in width. The whole length shall be 25,000 cubits and the width 10,000.

14" Moreover, they shall not sell or exchange any of it, or alienate this ¹choice portion of land; for it is holy to the LORD.

15 ¶ And the remainder, 5,000 cubits in width and 25,000 in length, shall be for ^acommon use for the city, for dwellings and for ²open spaces; and the city shall be in its midst.

16" And these shall be its measurements: the north side 4,500 cubits, the south side ^a4,500 cubits, the east side 4,500 cubits and the west side 4,500 cubits.

17" And the city shall have ¹open spaces: on the north 250 cubits, on the south 250 cubits, on the east 250 cubits, and on the west 250 cubits.

18" And the remainder of the length alongside the holy allotment shall be 10,000 cubits toward the east, and 10,000 toward the west; and it shall be ¹alongside the holy allotment. And its produce shall be food for the workers of the city.

19" And the workers of the city out of all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it.

20" The whole allotment shall be 25,000 by 25,000 cubits; you shall ¹set apart the holy allotment, a ²square, with the ³property of the city.

21 ¶ And the ^aremainder shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy allotment and of the ¹property of the city; in front of the 25,000 cubits of the allotment toward the east border and westward in front of the 25,000 toward the west border, alongside the portions, i

shall be for the prince. And the holy allotment and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the middle of it.

22" And exclusive of the ¹property of the Levites and the ¹property of the city, which are in the middle of that which belongs to the prince, everything between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin shall be for the prince.

23" ¹As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west side, ⁴Benjamin, one portion.

24" And beside the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, ⁴Simeon, one portion.

25" And beside the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, ⁴Issachar, one portion.

26" And beside the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west side, ⁴Zebulun, one portion.

27" And beside the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west side, ⁴Gad, one portion.

28" And beside the border of Gad, at the south side toward the south, the border shall be from ⁴Tamar to the waters of Meri-

bath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, to the ⁴Great Sea.

29" This is the ⁴land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for an inheritance, and these are their several portions," declares the Lord ¹God.

30" ¹And these are the exits of the city: on the ⁴north side, 4,500 cubits by measurement.

31" ¹shall be the gates of the city, ²named for the tribes of Israel, three gates toward the north: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one.

32" And on the east side, 4,500 cubits, ¹shall be three gates: the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one.

33" And on the south side, 4,500 cubits by measurement, ¹shall be three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun, one.

34" On the west side, 4,500 cubits, shall be three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one.

35" The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the ⁴name of the city from that day shall be, ¹The ⁴Lord is there."

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The Choice Young Men

IN the third year of the reign of ⁴Jehoiakim king of Judah, ⁴Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

2 And the ⁴Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the ⁴vessels

of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of ⁴Shinar, to the house of his ¹god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his ¹god.

3 Then the king ¹ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his ²officials, to bring in some of the sons of

³ ¹Or, and so ²Or, servants, and so throughout the ch.

23 ¹Or, prince
24 ¹Or, land
25 ¹Or, land
26 ¹Or, land
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28 ¹Or, land
29 ¹Or, land
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Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,

4 youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding, and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.

6 Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

7 Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach, and to Azariah Abed-nego.

8 ¶ But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,

10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king."

11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over

3 Lit., seed of the
42 Kin. 24:15.
Is. 39:7
4 Lit., standing
Lit., palace
Or, writing
42 Sam. 14:25
Dan. 1:17
Is. 38:11;
Jer. 5:15;
Dan. 2:4
Dan. 2:2, 4,
5, 10; 3:8, 4, 7;
5:7, 11, 30;
9:1

5 Or, reared
Lit., stand before the king
Dan. 1:8
61 Sam. 16:22; Dan. 1:19

6 Ezek. 14:14, 20;
28:3, Matt. 24:15

7 Dan. 2:26; 4:8, 5:12
Dan. 2:49;
3:12

8 Lit., set upon his heart
Lev. 11:47;
Ezek. 4:13;
14, Hos. 9:3;
4 Ps. 141:4;
Dan. 1:5
Deut. 32:38;
Dan. 5:4

9 Lit., lov- ingkindness
Gen. 39:21;
1 Kin. 8:50;
Job 5:15, 16;
Ps. 108:46;
Prov. 16:7
10 Lit., make my head guilty
12 Dan. 1:16

13 Lit., seem
15 Lit., fat of flesh
Ex. 23:25;
Prov. 10:22

16 Lit., take away
Dan. 1:12
17 Or, writ- ing

1 Kin. 3:12;
28, Job 32:8;
Dan. 1:20;
2:21, 23; Acts 7:22
Dan. 2:19; 7:1; 8:1

18 Lit., said
Lit., to bring them in
Lit., brought in
19 Lit., stood before the king

Dan. 1:6, 7
Gen. 41:46;
Dan. 1:5

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

13 "Then let our appearance be observed in your presence, at the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see."

14 ¶ So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their appearance seemed better, and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.

16 So the overseer continued to withhold their choice food and the wine they were to drink and kept giving them vegetables.

17 ¶ And as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood a kinds of visions and dreams.

18 Then at the end of the day which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's personal service.

20 And as for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm.

20 Lit., of Or, soothsayer priests
1 Kin. 4:30, 31;
Dan. 1:17
Gen. 31:7; Num. 14:22; Neh. 4:12; Job 19:3
Dan. 2:27, 28, 46, 48
Is. 19:3; Dan. 2:2; 4:18; 5:7

21 And Daniel ¹continued until the ^afirst year of Cyrus the king.

CHAPTER 2

NOW in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar ^{1a}had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his ^bsleep ²left him.

2 Then the king ¹gave orders to call in the ^{2a}magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the ³Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, "I ^{1a}had a dream, and my spirit ²is anxious to ³understand the dream."

4 ¶ Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in ^{1a}Aramaic: "bO king, live forever! ^cTell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be ^{2a}torn limb from limb, and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.

6 "But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me ^agifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation."

7 They answered a second time and said, "Let the king ^atell the dream to his servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

8 The king answered and said, "I know for certain that you are ¹bargaining for time, inasmuch as you have seen that ²the command from me is firm,

9 that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only ^aone ¹decree for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt ²words before me until the ³situation is changed; therefore tell me the

21 ¹Lat. was until
*Dan. 6:28.
10:1

1 ¹Lat.
dreamed
dreams ²Lat.
was gone
upon him
*Gen. 40:5-8,
41:1, 8, Job
33:15-17,
Dan. 2:3, 4:5
*Ezek. 6:1,
Dan. 6:18

2 ¹Lat. and
to call ²Or.
soothe your
prerogative ²Or.
number as-
tronomers, and
so through-
out the ch.
*Gen. 41:8,
Ex. 7:11, 1a
47:12, 13,
Dan. 1:20,
2:10, 27, 4:6,
5:7

3 ¹Lat.
dreamed
Lat. was
troubled ²Lat.
know
*Gen. 40:8,
41:15, Dan.
4:5

4 ¹The text
is in Aramaic
from here
through 7:28
*Ezek. 4:7, 1a
38:11 *Dan.
1:9, 3:10
*Dan. 2:7

5 ¹Another
reading is
The word has
gone from me
²Lat. made
into limbs
*Ezek. 6:11,
Dan. 2:12,
3:29

6 *Dan.
2:48, 5:7, 16,
29

7 *Dan. 2:4
8 ¹Lat.
buying ²Or. 5,
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9 *Or. law
Lat. word
Lat. time
*Ezek. 4:11,
Dan. 2:15 *Isa.
41:23

10 ¹Lat. be-
fore the ²Lat.
of ²Or. sooth-
sayer priest
*Dan. 2:2, 27

11 *Or. rare
Lat. before
*Gen. 41:38,
Dan. 5:11
*Ex. 28:40; 1a
57:15

12 *Ps.
78:16; Dan.
2:5, 3:13, 19

13 *Or. law
Lat. be
lulled
*Dan. 1:19, 20

dream, that I may ^bknow that you can declare to me its interpretation."

10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter ²for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any ^{3a}magician, conjurer or Chaldean.

11 "Moreover, the thing which the king demands is ¹difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it ²to the king except ^agods, whose ^bdwelling place is not with mortal flesh."

12 Because of this the king became ^aindignant and very furious, and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

13 So the ¹decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for ^aDaniel and his friends to ²kill them.

14 ¶ Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to ^aArioch, the captain of the king's ¹bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;

15 he answered and said to Arioch, the king's commander, "For what reason is the ¹decree from the king so ²urgent?" Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter.

16 So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would ¹give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

17 ¶ Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, ^aHananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter.

18 in order that they might ^arequest compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends might not be ^bdestroyed

14 *Or. consultation *Dan. 2:24

15 *Or. law *Or. search

16 *Or. appointed a time for him

17 *Dan. 1:6

18 *Ezek. 4:15, 16; 1a, 37:4, Jer. 32:3, Ezek. 38:37, Dan. 2:23 *Gen. 18:28; Mal. 3:19

with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night ^avision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven;

20 Daniel answered and said, "Let the name of God be ^ablessed forever and ever,

For ^bwisdom and power belong to Him.

21 "And it is He who ^achanges the times and the epochs; He ^bremoves kings and ^cestablishes kings;

He gives ^cwisdom to wise men,

And knowledge to ²men of understanding.

22 "It is He who ^areveals the profound and hidden things;

^bHe knows what is in the darkness,

And the ^clight dwells with Him.

23 "To Thee, O ^aGod of my fathers, I give thanks and praise,

For Thou hast given me ^bwisdom and power;

Even now Thou hast made known to me what we ^crequested of Thee,

For Thou hast made known to us the king's matter."

24 Therefore, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and spoke to him as follows: "^aDo not destroy the wise men of Babylon! Take me ¹into the king's presence, and I will declare the interpretation to the king."

25 ¶ Then Arioch hurriedly ^abrought Daniel ¹into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the ^{2b}exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!"

26 The king answered and said

19 ^aNum. 12:6; Job 33:13, 16; Dan. 1:17; 7:2, 7, 13
20 ^aPs. 103:1, 2; 113:1, 2; 115:18; 145:1, 2, 21 ^b1 Chr. 29:11, 12; Job 12:13, 16-22; Dan. 2:21-23
21 ^cOr, sets up ²Lit., knows
^aPs. 31:15; Dan. 2:9; 7:25
^bJob 12:18; Ps. 73:6, 7; Dan. 4:17, 32
¹1 Kin. 3:9; 10:4:29; James 1:5
22 ^aJob 12:22; Ps. 25:14; Dan. 2:19, 28 ^bJob 28:6; Ps. 139:12; Is. 45:7; Jer. 23:24; Heb. 4:13 ^cPs. 36:9; Dan. 5:11, 14; James 1:17; 1 John 1:5
23 ^aGen. 31:42; Ex. 3:15 ^bDan. 1:17; 2:21 ^cPs. 21:2, 4; Dan. 2:18, 29, 30
24 ¹Lit., in before the king
^aDan. 2:12, 13; Acts 27:24
25 ¹Lit., in before the king ²Lit., sons of the exile of
^aGen. 41:14 ^bDan. 1:6; 5:13; 6:13
26 ^aDan. 1:7; 4:8; 5:12
27 ^cOr, soothsayer priests
^aDan. 2:2, 10, 11; 5:7, 8
28 ¹Lit., end of the days
²Lit., of your head
^aGen. 40:8; 41:16; Dan. 2:22, 45 ^bGen. 48:1; Is. 2:2; Dan. 10:14; Mic. 4:1
^cDan. 4:5
29 ¹Lit., came up
²Lit., after this
^aDan. 2:23, 47
30 ¹Lit., which is ²Lit., know ³Lit., heart
^aGen. 41:16;

to Daniel, whose name was ^aBelteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?"

27 Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither ^awise men, conjurers, ¹magicians, nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.

28 "However, there is a ^aGod in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the ^{1b}latter days. This was your dream and the ^cvisions ²in your mind while on your bed

29 "As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts ¹turned to what would take place ²in the future; and ^aHe who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.

30 "But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any ^awisdom ¹residing in me more than in any other living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may ²understand the ^bthoughts of your ³mind.

31 ¶ "You, O king, were looking and behold, there was a single great statue; that statue, which was large and ¹of extraordinary splendor, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was ^aawesome.

32 "The ^ahead of that statue was made of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,

33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 "You ¹continued looking until a ^astone was cut out ^bwithout hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and ^ccrushed them.

Dan. 1:17 ^bPs. 139:2; Amos 4:13

31 ¹Lit., its splendor was surpassing ^aHab. 1:7

32 ^aDan. 2:38

34 ¹Lit., were ^aDan. 2:45 ^bDan. 8:25; Zech. 4:6 ^cPs. 2:9; Is. 60:12

35 "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed ¹all at the same time, and became ^alike chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that ^bnot a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great ^cmountain and filled the whole earth.

36 ¶ "This was the dream; now we shall tell ^aits interpretation before the king.

37 "You, O king, are the ^aking of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the ¹kingdom, the ^bpower, the strength, and the glory;

38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the ^abeasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given ^{them} into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

39 "And after you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

40 "Then there will be a ^afourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

41 "And in that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with ¹common clay.

42 "And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle.

43 "And in that you saw the iron mixed with ¹common clay, they will combine with one another ²in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even

35 ¹Lat., like one
^aPs. 1:4; Is. 17:13; 41:15; 16; Hos. 13:3
^bPs. 37:10, 36
^cIs. 2:2; Mic. 4:1

36 ^aDan. 2:24

37 ¹Or, sovereignty
^aIs. 47:5; Jer. 27:6, 7; Ezek. 28:7
^bPs. 62:11

38 ^aPs. 50:10, 11; Dan. 4:21, 22

39 ^aDan. 7:23

41 ¹Lat., clay of mud

42 ¹Lat., clay of mud

43 ¹Or, with

44 ¹Or, passed on to

^aDan. 2:28, 37

^bIs. 9:6, 7; ^cPs. 145:13; Ezek. 37:23; Dan. 4:3, 34, 6:26; 7:14, 27; Mic. 4:7; Luke 1:32, 33

^aPs. 29:1a; 80:12; Dan. 2:34, 35

46 ¹Lat., after this

^aDan. 2:34

^bDan. 10:17; 2 Sam. 7:22; Ps. 48:1; Jer. 32:18, 19; Dan. 2:28; Mal. 1:11

^cGen. 41:28, 32

47 ¹Lat., reveal odors

^aDan. 3:5, 7; Acts 10:25; 14:13; Rev. 19:10; 22:8

^bLev. 26:31; Ezra 6:10

48 ^aDan. 3:15, 4:25

^bDan. 10:17; Ps. 138:2, 3; Dan. 11:36

^cDan. 2:22; 30; Amos 3:7

49 ¹Lat., made great

^aLat., of the prefects

^bGen. 41:36; 43; Dan. 2:4; 5:16, 29

^cDan. 3:1, 12, 30

50 ¹Lat., gate

^aDan. 3:12

^bDan. 1:7

^cEzek. 2:18; 21; Amos 5:15

¹Lat., One

^aLat., equals

^bapprox. 18 in.

^c1 Kin. 12:28

as iron does not combine with pottery.

44 "And in the days of those kings the ^aGod of heaven will ^bset up a ^ckingdom which will never be destroyed, and ^{that} kingdom will not be ¹left for another people; it will ^acrush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

45 "Inasmuch as you saw that a ^astone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the ^bgreat God has made known to the king what ^cwill take place ¹in the future; so the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy."

46 ¶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did ^ahomage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and ¹fragrant incense.

47 The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely ^ayour God is a ^bGod of gods and a Lord of kings and a ^crevealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery."

48 Then the king ¹promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole ^bprovince of Babylon and chief ²prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

49 And Daniel made request of the king, and he ^aappointed ^bShadrach, Meshach and Abednego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's ¹court.

CHAPTER 3

NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king made an ^aimage of gold, the height of which was sixty ¹cubits and its width six ¹cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the ^bprovince of Babylon.

^aIs. 46:9; Jer. 10:28; Dan. 2:31; Hos. 2:8; 2:4; Habb. 2:19
^bDan. 2:48; 3:30

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent word to assemble the ^asatraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

3 Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates and all the rulers of the provinces were assembled for the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

4 Then the herald loudly proclaimed: "To you ¹the command is given, ^aO peoples, nations and men of every ²language,

5 that at the moment you ^ahear the sound of the horn, flute, ¹lyre, ²trigon, ³psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

6 "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall ¹immediately be ^acast into the midst of a ^bfurnace of blazing fire."

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, ¹lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations and men of every ²language fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8 ¶ For this reason at that time certain ^aChaldeans came forward and ¹brought charges against the Jews.

9 They responded and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king: "^aO king, live forever!

10 "You yourself, O king, have ^amade a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, ¹lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music,

3 ^aDan. 3:3, 27; 6:1-7

4 ¹Lit., they command ²Lit., tongue

^aDan. 3:7, 4:1; 6:25

5 ¹Or, zither ²Lit., triangular lyre ³Or, a type of harp ^aDan. 3:7, 10, 15

6 ¹Or, in the same hour ^aDan. 3:11, 15, 21; 6:7

^bJer. 29:22; Ezek. 22:18-22; Matt. 13:42, 50; Rev. 9:2, 14:11

7 ¹IV, 5, notes 1, 2, 3 ²Lit., tongue

8 ¹Lit., all the pieces of ^aDan. 2:2, 10; 4:7 ^bEzra 4:12-16; Euth. 3:8, 9; Dan. 6:12, 13

9 ^aDan. 2:4, 5; 10, 6-8, 21

10 ¹IV, 5, notes 1, 2, 3 ^aEuth. 3:12-14; Dan. 3:4-6, 6:12 ^bDan. 3:5, 7, 15

11 ^aDan. 2:49

12 ^aDan. 2:12, 3:19

13 ^aIsa. 46:1; Jer. 50:2; Dan. 3:1, 4:8

14 ¹IV, 5, notes 1, 2, 3 ²Or, in the same hour ^aDan. 3:5

^bDan. 3:6 ^cEx. 5:2; Is. 38:18-20; Dan. 2:47

15 ^aDan. 1:7, 3:12

16 ¹Or, If our God is able ²Or, then

^aJob 5:19; Ps. 27:1, 2; Is. 28:3, 4; Jer. 1:8; 15:20, 21

^b1 Sam. 17:37; Mic. 7:7; 2 Cor. 1:10

17 ^aJosh. 24:15; 1 Kin. 19:14, 18; Is. 51:12, 13; Dan. 3:28

^bHeb. 11:25 ¹Or, Euth. 7:7; Dan. 3:13

is to ^bfall down and worship the golden image.

11 "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.

12 "There are certain Jew whom you have ^aappointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up."

13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in ^arage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve ^amy gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?

15 "Now if you are ready, ^aat the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, ¹lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well. But if you will not worship, you will ²immediately be ^bcast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and ^cwhat god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?"

16 ^aShadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.

17 "If it be so, our ^aGod whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; ²and ^bHe will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

18 "^aBut even if He does not, ^blet it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

19 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with ^awrath, and his

facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered ¹by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

20 And he commanded certain valiant warriors who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, in order to cast them into the furnace of blazing fire.

21 Then these men were tied up in their ¹trousers, their ²coats, their caps and their other clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

22 For this reason, because the king's ¹command was ²urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

23 But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, ¹fell into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire still tied up.

24 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he responded and said to his high officials, "Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "Certainly, O king."

25 He answered and said, "Look! I see four men loosed and ¹walking about in the midst of the fire ²without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the ³gods!"

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the ¹Most High God, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego ²came out of the midst of the fire.

27 And the ¹satraps, the prefects, the governors and the

19 ¹Lit., and ordered to

21 ¹Or, leggings ²Or, cloaks ³Dan. 3:27

22 ¹Lit., word ²Or, harsh ³Ex. 12:33; Dan. 2:15

23 ¹Is. 43:2

24 ¹Lit., there is no injury in them ²Ps. 91:3-9; Is. 43:2 ³Jer. 18, 19; 15:21

25 ¹Dan. 3:17, 4:2; ²Deut. 4:20; ³1 Kin. 8:51; Jer. 11:4

27 ¹Lit., power over ²Lit., their ³Or, cloaks ⁴Lit., changed ⁵Dan. 3:2, 3 ⁶Is. 43:2; Heb. 11:34 ⁷Dan. 3:21

28 ¹Lit., and changed the king's word ²Dan. 2:47; 3:15-17 ³Ps. 34:7, 8; Is. 37:36; Dan. 3:25; 6:22; Acts 5:19; 12:7 ⁴Ps. 22:4; 5:40-4; 84:12; Is. 12:2; 26:3; 4:50-10; Jer. 17:7 ⁵Dan. 3:16-18

29 ¹Dan. 6:26 ²Dan. 1:7, 19; 2:17; 49; 3:12 ³Ezra 6:11; Dan. 2:5 ⁴Dan. 2:47; 3:15

30 ¹Dan. 2:49; 3:12

1 ¹Ch. 3:31 in Aram. ²Lit., tongue ³Or, wellfare or prosperity ⁴Ezra 4:17; Dan. 6:25

2 ¹Dan. 3:26; 4:17, 24; 25, 32, 34

3 ¹Ps. 77:19; 105:27; Is. 25:1; Dan. 6:27 ²Dan. 2:44; 4:34; 6:28

4 ¹Ch. 4:1 in Aram. ²Ps. 30:6; Is. 47:7, 8

king's high officials gathered around and saw in regard to these men that the ¹fire had no ²effect on ³the bodies of these men nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their ⁴trousers ⁵damaged, nor had the smell of fire even come upon them.

28 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the ¹God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has ²sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their ³trust in Him, ⁴violating the king's command, and yielded up their bodies so as ⁵not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

29 "Therefore, I ¹make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of ²Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their ³houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as there is ⁴no other god who is able to deliver in this way."

30 Then the king ¹caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER 4

1 NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king to all the peoples, nations, and men of every ²language that live in all the earth: "May your ³peace abound!

2 "It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the ¹Most High God has done for me.

3 "How great are His ¹signs, And how mighty are His wonders! His ²kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. And His dominion is from generation to generation.

4 ¶ "I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and ¹flourishing in my palace.

5 "I saw a ^adream and it made me fearful; and *these* fantasies as I lay on my bed and the ^bvisions ¹in my mind kept alarming me.

6 "So I gave orders to ^abring into my presence all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

7 "Then the ^{1a}magicians, the conjurers, the ²Chaldeans, and the diviners came in, and I related the dream ³to them; but they could not make its ^binterpretation known to me.

8 "But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is ^aBelteshazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is ^{1b}a spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream ²to him, saying,

9 "O Belteshazzar, ^achief of the magicians, since I know that ^{ba}a spirit of the holy gods is in you and ^cno mystery baffles you, ^dtell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.

10 "Now *these* were the ^avisions ¹in my mind as I lay on my bed: I was looking, and behold, *there* was a ^btree in the midst of the ²earth, and its height was great.

11 "The tree grew large and became strong,

And its height ^areached to the sky,

And it was visible to the end of the whole earth.

12 "Its foliage was ^abeautiful and its fruit abundant,

And in it was food for all. The ^bbeasts of the field

found ^cshade under it, And the ^dbirds of the sky

dwelt in its branches, And all ¹living creatures

fed themselves from it.

13 ¶ "I was looking in the ^avisions ¹in my mind as I lay on my bed, and behold, ^ban angelic watcher, a ^choly one, descended from heaven.

⁵ ¹Lit., of my head
^aDan. 2:3
^bDan. 2:1, 28; 4:10, 13

⁶ ^aGen. 41:8; Dan. 2:2

⁷ ¹Or, soothsayer priests, and so throughout the ch.

²Or, master astrologers

³Lit., before

^aGen. 41:8; Dan. 2:10, 27; 5:7; Isa. 44:25; Jer. 27:9, 10; Dan. 2:7

⁸ ¹Or possibly, the Spirit of the holy God, and so throughout the ch.

²Lit., before

^aDan. 1:7; 2:26; 5:12

^bDan. 4:9, 18; 5:11, 14

⁹ ^aDan. 1:20; 2:48; 5:11; ^bGen. 41:38; Dan. 4:8

^cEzek. 28:3; Dan. 2:47

^dGen. 41:15; Dan. 2:4, 5

¹⁰ ¹Lit., of my head

²Or, land, and so throughout the ch.

^aDan. 4:5

^bEzek. 31:3, 6

¹¹ ^aDeut. 9:1; Dan. 4:21, 22

¹² ¹Lit., flesh

^aEzek. 31:7

^bJer. 27:6; Ezek. 31:6

^cLam. 4:20

^dEzek. 17:23; Matt. 13:32; Luke 13:19

¹³ ¹Lit., of my head

^aDan. 7:1

^bDan. 4:17; 23

^cDeut. 33:2; Ps. 89:7; Dan. 8:13

¹⁴ ^aEzek. 31:10-14; Dan. 4:23; Matt. 3:10; 7:19; Luke 13:7-9

^bEzek. 31:12, 13; Dan. 4:12

¹⁸ ¹Lit., of his portion be with

14 "He shouted out and spoke as follows:

"^aChop down the tree and cut off its branches,

Strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit;

Let the ^bbeasts flee from under it,

And the birds from its branches.

15 "Yet ^aleave the stump ¹with its roots in the ground,

But with a band of iron and bronze around it

In the new grass of the field;

And let him be drenched with the dew of heaven

And let ²him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth.

16 "Let his ¹mind be changed from *that of* a man,

And let a beast's ¹mind be given to him,

And let ^aseven ²periods of time pass over him.

17 "This sentence is by the decree of the *angelic* watchers,

And the decision is a command of the holy ones,

In order that the living may ^aknow

That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,

And ^bbestows it on whom He wishes,

And sets over it the ^clowest of men."

18 "This is the dream which King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar,

tell me its interpretation, inasmuch as none of the ^awise men of my kingdom is able to make known to me the interpretation

but you are able, for a ^bspirit of the holy gods is in you."

19 ¶ "Then Daniel, whose

17 ^aPs. 9:16; 83:18; Dan. 2:21; 5:21

^bJer. 27:5-7; Dan. 4:25; 5:18, 19

^c1 Sam. 2:8; Dan. 11:21

18 ^aGen. 41:8, 15; Dan. 4:7; 5:8, 15

^bDan. 4:8, 9

name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his thoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, 'Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.' Belteshazzar answered and said, 'My lord, if only the dream applied to those who hate you, and its interpretation to your adversaries!'

20 'The tree that you saw, which became large and grew strong, whose height reached to the sky and was visible to all the earth,

21 and whose foliage was beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt and in whose branches the birds of the sky lodged—

22 it is you, O king; for you have become great and grown strong, and your majesty has become great and reached to the sky and your dominion to the end of the earth.

23 'And in that the king saw an angelic watcher, a holy one, descending from heaven and saying, "Chop down the tree and destroy it; yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze around it in the new grass of the field, and let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him share with the beasts of the field until seven periods of time pass over him";

24 this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:

25 that you be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and be-

stows it on whomever He wishes.

26 'And in that it was commanded to leave the stump with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you after you recognize that it is Heaven that rules.

27 'Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: break away now from your sins by doing righteousness, and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.'

28 'All this happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king.

29 'Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon.

30 'The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'

31 'While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you,

32 and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes.'

33 'Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.

34 'But at the end of that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised

19 Jer.
4:19; Dan.
7:15, 28; 8:27;
10:16, 17
21 Sam. 3:17;
Dan. 4:4, 5
2 Sam.
18:31; Dan.
4:24; 10:16
22 Sam. 18:32

20 Dan.
4:10-12

22 Lat.
greek/rome
22 Sam. 12:7;
Dan. 2:37, 38
Jer. 27:6, 7

23 Lat. of
Lat. has por-
tion be with
He. years
Dan. 4:14, 15
Dan. 4:16

24 Job
40:11, 12; Ps.
107:40

25 He.
years
Dan. 4:33,
5:21; Ps.
83:18; Jer.
27:5; Dan.
4:2, 17; Dan.
2:37, 4:17;
5:21

26 Lat. of
Lat. endur-
ing
Dan. 4:15, 23
Dan. 2:18,
19, 28, 37, 44,
4:31

27 Or, re-
dem now
your sins
Gen. 41:33-
37; Prov.
28:13; Is.
55:6, 7; Ezek.
18:7, 21, 22;
Acts 8:22; Ps.
41:1-3; Is.
58:6, 7, 10
41 Km. 21:28
Jon. 3:9

28 Num.
23:18; Zach.
1:6

29 2 Pet.
3:9

30 Lat. on-
rived Lat.
house
Hab. 2:4

31 Lat. full
Or, kingdom

32 He.
years
Dan. 4:25
Dan. 4:16
Dan. 4:17

33 Dan.
4:25; 5:21

34 Lat. the
days

my eyes toward heaven, and my ²reason returned to me, and I blessed the ^aMost High and praised and honored ^bHim who lives forever;

For His dominion is an ^ceverlasting dominion.

And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

35 "And ^aall the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing.

But ^bHe does according to His will in the host of heaven

And among the inhabitants of earth;

And ^cno one can ¹ward off His hand

Or say to Him, ^d"What hast Thou done?"

36 "At that time my ^{1a}reason returned to me. And my majesty and ^bsplendor were ²restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my ³sovereignty, and surpassing ^cgreatness was added to me.

37 "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of ^aheaven, for ^ball His works are ¹true and His ways ²just, and He is able to humble those who ^cwalk in pride."

CHAPTER 5

BELSHAZZAR the king ¹held a great ^afeast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

2 When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver ^avessels which Nebuchadnezzar his ¹father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, in order that the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out

34 ¹Lit., knowledge
Dan. 4:2;
5:18, 21; ²Ps.
102:24-27;
Dan. 6:26;
12:7; Rev.
4:10; ³Ps.
145:13; Jer.
10:10; Dan.
4:3; Mic. 4:7;
Luke 1:33
35 ¹Lit.,
strike against
²Ps. 39:5; Is.
40:15, 17; ³Ps.
33:11; 115:3;
135:6; Dan.
6:27; Job
42:2; Is. 43:13
43:9; Rom.
9:20

36 ¹Lit.,
knowledge
²Lit., return-
ing ³Or, king-
dom
⁴2 Chr. 33:12;
13; Dan. 4:34
⁵Dan. 2:31
⁶Prov. 22:4;
Dan. 4:22
37 ¹Lit.,
truth ²Lit.,
justice
³Dan. 4:26;
5:23; ⁴Deut.
32:4; Ps. 33:4;
5; Is. 5:16
⁵Ex. 18:11;
Job 40:11, 12;
Dan. 5:20
⁶Lit.,

made
⁷Ezek. 1:3; Is.
22:12-14
3 ¹Or, fore-
father, and so
throughout
the ch.
²2 Kin. 24:13;
25:15; Ezra
1:7-11; Dan.
1:2

4 ¹Is. 42:8;
Dan. 5:23;
Rev. 9:20; ²Ps.
115:4; 135:15;
Is. 40:19, 20;
Dan. 3:1;
Hab. 2:19

5 ¹Or,
palm
6 ¹Lit.,
brightness
changed for
him
²Dan. 5:9, 10;
7:28; ³Ps.
88:23; ⁴Ezek.
7:17; 21:7;
Nah. 2:10

7 ¹Or, mas-
ter astrolog-
ers ²Or, a
triumvir
³Is. 44:25;
47:13; Dan.
4:6, 7; 5:11;
15 ¹Gen.
41:42-44;
5:16, 29

of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.

4 They ^adrank the wine and praised the gods of ^bgold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

5 ¶ Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the ¹back of the hand that did the writing.

6 Then the king's ^{1a}face grew pale, and his thoughts alarmed him; and his ^bhip joints were slack, and his ^cknees began knocking together.

7 The king called aloud to bring in the ^aconjurers, the ¹Chaldeans and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Any man who can read this inscription and explain its interpretation to me will be ^bclothed with purple, and have a ^cnecklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as ^{2d}third ruler in the kingdom."

8 Then all the king's wise men came in, but ^athey could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king.

9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly ^aalarmed, his ^{1b}face grew even paler, and his nobles were perplexed.

10 ¶ The queen entered the banquet ¹hall because of the words of the king and his nobles. The queen spoke and said, "My king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your ²face be pale.

11 "There is a ^aman in your kingdom in whom is ^{1a}a ^bspirit of

^cEzek. 16:11; ^dDan. 2:48; 5:16, 29; 6:2, 3

8 ¹Gen. 41:8; Dan. 2:27; 4:7; 5:15

9 ¹Lit., brightness was changing upon him; Job 18:11; Is. 21:24; Jer. 6:24; Dan. 2:1; 5:6; ²Is. 13:6-8

10 ¹Lit., house ²Lit., brightness be changed; ³Dan. 3:1; 6:6

11 ¹Or possibly, the Spirit of the holy God; ²Gen. 41:11-15; Dan. 2:47; ³Dan. 4:8, 9, 18; 5:14

the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father^{2c} the king, appointed him chief of the³ magicians, conjurers, ⁴Chaldeans, and diviners.

12["] This was because an ^aextraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas, and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named ^bBelteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned, and he will declare the interpretation."

13 [†] Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the ^{1a}exiles from Judah, whom my father the king ^bbrought from Judah?"

14["] Now I have heard about you that ^{1a}a spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination, insight, and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you.

15["] Just now the ^awise men and the conjurers were brought in before me that they might read this inscription and make its interpretation known to me, but they ^bcould not declare the interpretation of the ¹message.

16["] But I personally have heard about you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve difficult problems. Now if you are able to read the inscription and make its ^ainterpretation known to me, you will be ^bclothed with purple and wear a necklace of gold around your neck, and you will have authority as the ¹third ruler in the kingdom."

17 [†] Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "1["] Keep your ^agifts for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscrip-

11["] Or, O king² Or, soothsayer priests³ Or, master astrologers⁴ Dan. 2:48

12["] Dan. 5:14, 6:3² Dan. 1:7, 4:8

13["] Lit., some of the exile

^aEzra 4:1; 6:16, 18, 20; Dan. 2:25; 6:13² Dan. 1:1, 2

14["] Or possibly, the Spirit of God

15["] Lit., word² Dan. 5:7² Isa. 47:12² Dan. 5:8

16["] Or, drummer² Gen. 40:8² Dan. 5:7, 20

17["] Lit., let be for² 2 Kin. 5:16

18["] Lit., You, O king² Or, the king² dom² Dan. 4:2, 5:21² Dan. 2:37, 38, 4:17² Jer. 25:9, 27:5-7

19["] Lit., tongues² Dan. 2:12, 13, 5:6, 11:3, 18, 30

20["] Lit., strong² Ex. 9:17; Job 15:25, 16, 14:13-15; Dan. 4:30, 31² 2 Kin. 17:14, 2 Chr. 36:13² Job 40:11, 12; Jer. 13:18

21["] Lit., the sons of man² Job 30:3-7; Dan. 4:32, 33² Job 39:5-8² Ex. 8:14-16; Ps. 83:17, 18; Ezek. 17:24; Dan. 4:17, 34, 35

22["] Or, descendant² Lit., unequal as you² Ex. 10:3; 2 Chr. 33:23; 36:12

23["] 2 Kin. 14:10; Is. 2:12, 37:23; Jer. 50:28; Dan. 5:3, 4

tion to the king and make the interpretation known to him.

18["] O king, the ^aMost High God ^bgranted ²sovereignty, ^cgrandeur, glory, and majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father.

19["] And because of the grandeur which He bestowed on him, all the peoples, nations, and men of every ¹language feared and trembled before him; ^awhomever he wished he killed, and whomever he wished he spared alive; and whomever he wished he elevated, and whomever he wished he humbled.

20["] But when his heart was ^alifted up and his spirit became so ^bproud that he behaved arrogantly, he was ^cdeposed from his royal throne, and his glory was taken away from him.

21["] He was also ^adriven away from ¹mankind, and his heart was made like that of beasts, and his dwelling place was with the ^bwild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he recognized that the ^cMost High God is ruler over the realm of mankind, and that He sets over it whomever He wishes.

22["] Yet you, his ¹son, Belshazzar, have ^anot humbled your heart, ²even though you knew all this.

23["] but you have ^aexalted yourself against the ^bLord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the ^cgods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand. But the God ^din whose hand are your life-breath and your ^aways, you have not glorified.

^aDan. 4:37² Ps. 115:4-8; Is. 37:18; Hab. 2:18, 19² Job 12:10² Job 31:4; Ps. 136:2; Prov. 28:24; Jer. 10:23

24 "Then the ¹hand was sent from Him, and this inscription was written out.

25 ¶ "Now this is the inscription that was written out: ¹MENĒ, ¹MENĒ, ²TEKĒL, ³UPHARSIN.'

26 "This is the interpretation of the ¹message: ¹MENĒ—God has numbered your kingdom and ²put an end to it.

27 "TEKĒL—you have been ²weighed on the scales and found deficient.

28 "PERĒS—your kingdom has been divided and given over to the ²Medes and ¹Persians."

29 ¶ Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they ²clothed Daniel with purple and ²put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the ¹third ruler in the kingdom.

30 ¶ That same night ²Belshazzar the Chaldean king was ²slain.

31 ¹So ²Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.

CHAPTER 6

¹It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they should be in charge of the whole kingdom,

2 and over them three commissioners (of whom ²Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer ²bloss.

3 Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself ¹among the commissioners and satraps because ²he possessed an ²extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the ²entire kingdom.

4 Then the commissioners and satraps began ²trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to ¹government affairs; but they could find ²no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch

24 ¹Lit., palm of the hand
²Dan. 5:5

25 ¹Or, a mina (50 shekels) from verb "to number" ²Or, a shekel from verb "to weigh" ³Or, and half-shekels (sing. perds) from verb "to divide"

26 ¹Lit., word
²Is. 13:6, 17:19; Jer. 50:41-43

27 ¹Job 31:6, Ps. 62:9

28 ¹Aram. Pdras
²Is. 13:17, 21:2; 45:1, 2; Dan. 5:31, 6:8, 28; Acts 2:9

29 ¹Or, triumvir
²Dan. 5:7, 18

30 ²Dan. 5:1, 2 ²Is. 21:4-9; 47:9; Jer. 51:11, 31, 39, 57

31 ¹Ch. 6:1 in Aram.
²Dan. 6:1, 9:1

¹Ch. 6:2 in Aram.
²Dan. 2:48, 49; 5:18, 29; Ezra 4:22; Esth. 7:4

3 ¹Lit., above ²Lit., there was in him

²Dan. 5:12, 14; 9:23 ²Gen. 41:40; Esth. 10:3

4 ¹Lit., the kingdom
²Gen. 43:18; Judg. 14:4; Jer. 20:10; Dan. 3:8; Luke 20:20
²Dan. 6:22; Luke 20:26; 23:14, 15; Phil. 2:15; 1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16

5 ²Acts 24:13-16, 20, 21

6 ¹Or, thronging
²Neb. 2:3; Dan. 2:4; 5:10; 6:21

7 ¹Or, pit, and so throughout the ch.

²Dan. 3:2, 27
²Ps. 59:3; 62:4; 64:2-6; 83:1-3 ²Ps. 10:9; Dan. 3:6; 8:16

as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.

5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the ²law of his God."

6 Then these commissioners and satraps came ¹by agreement to the king and spoke to him as follows: "King Darius, ²live for ever!"

7 "All the ²commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have ²consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that any one who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall ²be cast into the lions' ¹den.

8 "Now, O king, ²establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the ²law of the Medes and Persians, which ¹may not be revoked."

9 Therefore King Darius ²signed the document, that is, the injunction.

10 ¶ Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open ²toward Jerusalem); and he continued ²kneeling on his knees three times a day, ²praying and ²giving thanks before his God, ¹as he had been doing previously.

11 Then these men came ¹by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.

12 Then they approached and ²spoke before the king about the

8 ¹Lit., does not pass away ²Esth. 3:12; 8:10; Is. 10:1; Esth. 1:19; 8:8; Dan. 6:12, 15

9 ²Ps. 118:9; 148:3

10 ¹Or, because ²1 Kin. 8:44, 48, 49; Ps. 5:7; Jon. 2:4

²Ps. 55:17; 95:6 ²Dan. 9:4-19 ²Ps. 34:1; Phil. 4:6;

1 Thess. 5:17, 18

11 ¹Or, thronging ²Ps. 37:32, 33; Dan. 6:6

12 ²Dan. 3:8-12; Acts 16:19-21

king's injunction, "Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, is to be cast into the lions' den?" The king answered and said, "The statement is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked."

13 Then they answered and spoke before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day."

14 Then, as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel; and even until sunset he kept exerting himself to rescue him.

15 Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Recognize, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

16 ¶ Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you."

17 And a stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing might be changed in regard to Daniel.

18 Then the king went off to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

19 ¶ Then the king arose with the dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions' den.

20 And when he had come near

12 ¹Lat., does not pass away
²Ezra. 1:19; Dan. 6:8, 15
 13 ¹Lat., sons of the exile
²Dan. 2:25; 5:13 ³Ezra. 3:8; Dan. 3:12; Acts 5:29
 14 ¹Mark 6:28
 15 ¹Or, thronging
²Ezra. 8:8, Ps 94:20, 21; Dan. 6:8, 12
 16 ¹Or, May your God Himself deliver you
²Sam. 3:39; Jer. 38:5; Dan. 6:7 ³Job 5:19; Ps. 37:39, 40; Is. 41:10; Dan. 3:17, 28, 6:20; 2 Cor. 1:10
 17 ¹Lam. 3:53; Matt. 27:66
 18 ²Sam. 12:10, 17
³Ezra. 6:1; Ps. 77:4; Dan. 2:1
 20 ¹Dan. 6:16, 27 ²Gen. 18:14; Num. 11:23; Jer. 32:17; Dan. 3:17
 21 ¹Lat., with
²Dan. 2:4, 6, 6
 22 ¹Lat., innocence was found for me
²Lat., before
³Num. 20:16; Is. 63:9; Dan. 3:28; Acts 12:11; Heb. 1:14 ⁴Ps. 91:11-13; 2 Tim. 4:17; Heb. 11:33
 23 ¹Dan. 3:25, 27
²1 Chr. 5:20; 2 Chr. 20:20; Ps. 118:8, 9; Is. 28:3; Dan. 3:17, 28
 24 ¹Lat., eat on the pieces of Daniel
²Deut. 19:16, 19; Ezra. 7:10
³Deut. 24:16; 2 Kin. 14:6; Ezra. 9:10
 25 ¹Lat., tongue
²Or, welfare or prosperity
³Ezra. 1:1, 2; Ezra. 3:12; 8:9; Dan. 4:1
⁴Ezra. 4:17; 1 Pet. 1:2

the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

21 Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever!"

22 "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime."

23 Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

24 The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children, and their wives into the lions' den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

25 ¶ Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language who were living in all the land: "May your peace abound!"

26 "I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel;

For He is the living God and enduring forever.

And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.

And His dominion will be forever.

26 ¹Lat., From me a decree is made
²Lat., to the end
³Ezra. 6:12; 7:13, 21; Dan. 3:29 ⁴Dan. 4:34; 6:28; Hos. 1:10; Rom. 9:26 ⁵Ps. 92:1, 2; Mal. 3:6 ⁶Dan. 2:44; 4:3; 7:14, 27; Luke 1:33

27 "He delivers and rescues and performs ^asigns and wonders

In heaven and on earth,
Who has also delivered
Daniel from the ¹power
of the lions."

28 ¶ So this ^aDaniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of ^bCyrus the Persian.

CHAPTER 7

IN the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel saw a ^adream and visions ¹in his mind as he lay on his bed; then he ^bwrote the dream down and related the following ²summary of ³it.

2 Daniel ¹said, "I was ^alooking in my vision by night, and behold, the ^bfour winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

3 "And four great ^abeasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another.

4 "The first was ^alike a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human ¹mind also was given to it.

5 "And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!'

6 "After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, ^alike a leopard, which had on its ¹back four wings of a bird; the beast also had ^bfour heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 "After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a ^afourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its

27 ¹Lit., hand
^aDan. 4:2, 3

28 ^aDan. 1:21 ^bChr. 36:22, 23;
Dan. 10:1

1 ¹Lit., of his head ²Or, beginning
³Lit., words
^aJob 33:14-16;
Dan. 1:17;
2:1, 26-28;
4:5-9; Joel 2:28 ^bJer. 36:4, 32

2 ¹Lit., spoke and said
^aDan. 7:7, 13
^bRev. 7:1

3 ^aDan. 7:17; Rev. 13:1; 17:8

4 ¹Lit., heart
^aJer. 4:7

6 ¹Or, sides
^aRev. 13:2
^bDan. 8:22

7 ^aDan. 7:19, 20, 23
^bRev. 12:3; 13:1

8 ¹Lit., in this horn were eyes
^aDan. 8:9
^bRev. 13:5, 6

9 ¹Lit., flames of fire
^aRev. 20:4
^bMark 9:3
^cRev. 1:14
^dEzek. 1:13;
26 ^eEzek. 10:2, 6

10 ^aPs. 18:8; 50:3; 97:3; Is. 30:27, 33
^bDeut. 33:2;
1 Kin. 22:19;
Rev. 5:11 ^cPs. 98:11-13;
Dan. 7:22, 26
^dDan. 12:1;
Rev. 20:11-15

11 ¹Lit., great ²Lit., of the fire
^aRev. 19:20; 20:10

13 ^aMatt. 24:30; 26:64;
Mark 13:26;
14:62; Luke 21:27; Rev. 1:7, 13; 14:14

feet; and it was different from ^athe beasts that were before it and it had ^bten horns.

8 "While I was contemplating the horns, behold, ^aanother horn a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horn were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, ¹this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of man, and ^ba mouth uttering great boasts.

9 ¶ "I kept looking

Until ^athrones were set up
And the Ancient of Days
took His seat;

His ^bvesture was like
white snow,

And the ^cchair of His head
like pure wool.

His ^dthrone was ¹ablaze
with flames,

Its ^ewheels were a burning
fire.

10 "A river of ^afire was flowing
And coming out from before Him;

^bThousands upon thousands
were attending Him,

And myriads upon myriads
were standing before Him;

The ^ccourt sat,

And ^dthe books were
opened.

11 "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the ¹boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the ^aburning ²fire.

12 "As for the rest of the beasts their dominion was taken away; but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

13 ¶ "I kept looking in the night visions,

And behold, with the
clouds of heaven

One like a ^aSon of Man was
coming.

And He came up to the Ancient of Days
And was presented before Him.

14 "And to Him was given ^adominion,
Glory and ^{1b}a kingdom,
^cThat all the peoples, nations,
and men of every ²language

Might serve Him.

^dHis dominion is an everlasting dominion

Which will not pass away;

^eAnd His kingdom is one

Which will not be destroyed.

15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed ¹within me, and the ^avisions ²in my mind kept ^balarming me.

16 "I approached one of those who were ^astanding by and began asking him the ¹exact meaning of all this. So he ^btold me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 "These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.

18 "But the ^{1a}saints of the Highest One will ^breceive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, ²for all ages to come."

19 "Then I desired to know the ¹exact meaning of the ^afourth beast, which was different from all ²the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet,

20 and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts, and ¹which was larger in appearance than its associates.

21 "I kept looking, and that horn was ^awaging war with the ¹saints and overpowering them

14 ¹Or, sovereignty ²Lit. tongue

^aDan. 7:27; John 3:35; 1 Cor. 15:27; Eph. 1:20-22; Phil. 2:9-11; Rev. 1:6; 11:15 ^bDan. 2:37 ^cPs. 72:11, 102:22 ^dMic. 4:7; Luke 1:33 ^eHeb. 12:28

15 ¹Lit., in the midst of its sheath ²Lit., of my head

^aDan. 7:1 ^bDan. 4:19; 7:28

16 ¹Lit. truth concerning

^aZech. 1:9; 19; Rev. 5:5; 7:13, 14

^bDan. 8:16; 17:9, 22

18 ¹Lit. holy ones ²Lit. and unto the age of the ages

^aDan. 7:22; 25, 27 ^bPs. 149:5-9; Is. 60:12-14; Dan. 7:14; Rev. 2:26, 27; 20:4, 22:5

19 ¹Lit. truth concerning ²Lit. of them

^aDan. 7:7, 8 ^bLit., its appearance was larger

20 ¹Lit. holy ones ²Rev. 11:7; 13:7

21 ¹Lit. given for ²Lit. holy ones

^aDan. 7:10; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3

22 ^aDan. 7:7; Rev. 17:12

23 ¹Lit. words ²Lit. holy ones

^aDan. 7:22; 11:36; Rev. 13:6

^bDan. 3:26; 4:2, 17, 34; Rev. 13:7; 18:24 ^cDan. 3:21 ^dDan. 12:7; Rev. 12:14

24 ¹Lit., to annihilate and to destroy ²Lit., to the end

^aRev. 17:14; 19:2

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and ^ajudgment was ¹passed in favor of the ²saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the ²saints took possession of the kingdom.

23 "Thus he said: "The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.

24 "As for the ^aten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

25 "And he will ^aspeak ¹out against the ^bMost High and ^cwear down the ²saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make ^dalterations in times and in law; and ³they will be given into his hand for a ⁴time, ⁴times, and half a ⁴time.

26 "But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be ^ataken away, ¹annihilated and destroyed ²forever.

27 "Then the ^{1a}sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the ²saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an ^beverlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will ^cserve and obey Him."

28 "At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were ^agreatly alarming me and my ²face grew pale, but I ^bkept the matter ³to myself."

CHAPTER 8

IN the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king a vision

27 ¹Or, kingdom ²Lit. holy ones ^aIs. 54:3; Dan. 7:14; 18:22; Rev. 20:4 ^bPs. 145:13; Is. 9:7; Dan. 2:44; 4:34; 7:14; Luke 1:33; Rev. 11:15; 22:5 ^cPs. 2:6-12; 22:27; 72:11, 88:9; Is. 60:12; Rev. 11:1

28 ¹Lit. To have the end of the word ²Lit. brightness was changing upon me ³Lit. in my heart ^aDan. 4:19 ^bLuke 2:19, 51

appeared to me, ¹Daniel, subsequent to the one which appeared to me ²previously.

2 And I ¹looked in the vision, and it came about while I was looking, that I was in the citadel of ^bSusa, which is in the province of ^cElam; and I looked in the vision, and I myself was beside the Ulai ¹Canal.

3 Then I lifted my gaze and looked, and behold, a ^aram which had two horns was standing in front of the ¹canal. Now the two horns were ²long, but one was ²longer than the other, with the ²longer one coming up last.

4 I saw the ram ^abutting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him, nor was there anyone to rescue from his ¹power; but ^bhe did as he pleased and magnified *himself*.

5 ¶ While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the ¹goat had a ^aconspicuous horn between his eyes.

6 And he came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the ¹canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath.

7 And I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his ¹power.

8 Then the male goat magnified *himself* exceedingly. But as soon as ^ahe was mighty, the ^blarge horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous *horns* toward the ^cfour winds of heaven.

9 ¶ And out of one of them came forth a rather ^asmall horn

which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the ^bBeautiful Land.

10 And it grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the ^astars to fall to the earth, and it ^btrampled them down.

11 It even ^amagnified *itself* ¹to be equal with the ²Commander of the host; and it removed the ^bregular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.

12 And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will ^afling truth to the ground and perform *its will* and prosper.

13 Then I heard a ^aholy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, "^bHow long will the vision *about* the regular sacrifice apply, ¹while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host ²to be ^ctrampled?"

14 And he said to me, "For ^a2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be ¹properly restored."

15 ¶ And it came about when ^aI, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought ¹to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one ²who looked like a ^bman.

16 And I heard the voice of a man between *the banks* of Ulai, and he called out and said, "^aGabriel, give this *man* an understanding of the vision."

17 So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and ^afell on my face; but he said to me, "Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the ^btime of the end."

¹⁵ ¹Lit., understanding ²Lit., like the appearance of a man ^aDan. 8:1 ^bDan. 7:13; 10:16, 18

¹⁶ ^aDan. 9:21; Luke 1:19, 26

¹⁷ ^aEzek. 1:28; 44:4; Dan. 2:46; Rev. 1:17 ^bDan. 8:19; 11:35, 40

¹ ¹Lit., I
Daniel ²Lit.,
at the begin-
ning

² ¹Or, river
^aNum. 12:6;
Dan. 7:2, 13;
8:3 ^bNeh. 1:1;
Esth. 1:2, 2:8
^cGen. 10:22;
14:1, Is.
11:11, Jer.
25:25, Ezek.
32:24

³ ¹Or, river
²Lit., high(er)
^aDan. 8:20

⁴ ¹Lit.,
hand
^aDeut. 33:17;
1 Kin. 22:11;
Ezek. 34:21
^bDan. 11:3

⁵ ¹Lit.,
huck
^aDan. 8:8, 21;
11:3

⁶ ¹Or, river
²Lit.,
hand

⁷ ^a2 Chr.
26:16; Dan.
5:20 ^bDan.
8:22 ^cDan.
7:2; Rev. 7:1

⁸ ¹Lit., Pal-
estine
^aDan. 8:23
^bPs. 48:2;
Dan. 11:16;
41

⁹ ^aIs.
14:13; Jer.
48:26; Rev.
12:4 ^bDan.
7:7, 8:7

¹⁰ ¹Lit., up
to the ²Or,
Prince
^a2 Kin. 19:22;
23; 2 Chr.
32:15-17, Is.
37:23; Dan.
8:25, 11:36;
37 ^bEzek.
46:14; Dan.
11:31; 12:11

¹¹ ^aIs. 59:14

¹² ¹Or possibly, and the
transgression
that horrifies

²Lit., as a
trampling
^aDan. 4:13;
23; 1 Pet.
1:12 ^bPs.
74:10; 79:5;
Is. 6:11; Dan.
12:6, 8; Rev.
8:10 ^cIs.
63:18; Jer.
12:10; Luke
21:24; Heb.
10:29; Rev.
11:2

¹³ ¹Lit., vin-
dicated
^aDan. 7:25;
12:7, 11; Rev.
11:2, 3; 12:14;
13:5

18 Now while he was talking with me, I ¹sank into a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he ²touched me and made me stand ³upright.

19 And he said, "Behold, I am going to ⁴let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end.

20 "The ⁵ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

21 "And the shaggy ⁶goat represents the ⁷kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

22 "And the ⁸broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.

23 "And in the latter period of their ⁹rule,

When the transgressors have ¹⁰run their course,

A king will arise

¹¹Insolent and skilled in ¹²intrigue.

24 "And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power,

And he will ¹³destroy to an extraordinary degree

And prosper and perform his will;

He will ¹⁴destroy mighty men and ¹⁵the holy people.

25 "And through his shrewdness

He will cause deceit to succeed by his ¹⁶influence;

And he will magnify himself in his heart,

And he will ¹⁷destroy many while they are ¹⁸at ease.

He will even ¹⁹oppose the Prince of princes,

But he will be broken ²⁰without ²¹human agency.

26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings

18 ¹Lat. on my standing
Dan. 10:2.
Luk. 8:32. ²Hezek. 2:2. Dan. 10:10, 14, 16
19 ³Lat.
8:15-17
20 ⁴Lat. 8:3
21 ⁵Lat.
hech ⁶Lat.
hang
22 ⁷Lat. 8:8
23 ⁸Lat.
hang
24 ⁹Lat. ¹⁰Lat. ¹¹Lat. ¹²Lat. ¹³Lat. ¹⁴Lat. ¹⁵Lat. ¹⁶Lat. ¹⁷Lat. ¹⁸Lat. ¹⁹Lat. ²⁰Lat. ²¹Lat.

25 ¹Lat. on my standing
Dan. 10:2.
Luk. 8:32. ²Hezek. 2:2. Dan. 10:10, 14, 16
19 ³Lat.
8:15-17
20 ⁴Lat. 8:3
21 ⁵Lat.
hech ⁶Lat.
hang
22 ⁷Lat. 8:8
23 ⁸Lat.
hang
24 ⁹Lat. ¹⁰Lat. ¹¹Lat. ¹²Lat. ¹³Lat. ¹⁴Lat. ¹⁵Lat. ¹⁶Lat. ¹⁷Lat. ¹⁸Lat. ¹⁹Lat. ²⁰Lat. ²¹Lat.

26 ¹Lat. on my standing
Dan. 10:2.
Luk. 8:32. ²Hezek. 2:2. Dan. 10:10, 14, 16
19 ³Lat.
8:15-17
20 ⁴Lat. 8:3
21 ⁵Lat.
hech ⁶Lat.
hang
22 ⁷Lat. 8:8
23 ⁸Lat.
hang
24 ⁹Lat. ¹⁰Lat. ¹¹Lat. ¹²Lat. ¹³Lat. ¹⁴Lat. ¹⁵Lat. ¹⁶Lat. ¹⁷Lat. ¹⁸Lat. ¹⁹Lat. ²⁰Lat. ²¹Lat.

27 ¹Lat. on my standing
Dan. 10:2.
Luk. 8:32. ²Hezek. 2:2. Dan. 10:10, 14, 16
19 ³Lat.
8:15-17
20 ⁴Lat. 8:3
21 ⁵Lat.
hech ⁶Lat.
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22 ⁷Lat. 8:8
23 ⁸Lat.
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24 ⁹Lat. ¹⁰Lat. ¹¹Lat. ¹²Lat. ¹³Lat. ¹⁴Lat. ¹⁵Lat. ¹⁶Lat. ¹⁷Lat. ¹⁸Lat. ¹⁹Lat. ²⁰Lat. ²¹Lat.

28 ¹Lat. on my standing
Dan. 10:2.
Luk. 8:32. ²Hezek. 2:2. Dan. 10:10, 14, 16
19 ³Lat.
8:15-17
20 ⁴Lat. 8:3
21 ⁵Lat.
hech ⁶Lat.
hang
22 ⁷Lat. 8:8
23 ⁸Lat.
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24 ⁹Lat. ¹⁰Lat. ¹¹Lat. ¹²Lat. ¹³Lat. ¹⁴Lat. ¹⁵Lat. ¹⁶Lat. ¹⁷Lat. ¹⁸Lat. ¹⁹Lat. ²⁰Lat. ²¹Lat.

29 ¹Lat. on my standing
Dan. 10:2.
Luk. 8:32. ²Hezek. 2:2. Dan. 10:10, 14, 16
19 ³Lat.
8:15-17
20 ⁴Lat. 8:3
21 ⁵Lat.
hech ⁶Lat.
hang
22 ⁷Lat. 8:8
23 ⁸Lat.
hang
24 ⁹Lat. ¹⁰Lat. ¹¹Lat. ¹²Lat. ¹³Lat. ¹⁴Lat. ¹⁵Lat. ¹⁶Lat. ¹⁷Lat. ¹⁸Lat. ¹⁹Lat. ²⁰Lat. ²¹Lat.

30 ¹Lat. on my standing
Dan. 10:2.
Luk. 8:32. ²Hezek. 2:2. Dan. 10:10, 14, 16
19 ³Lat.
8:15-17
20 ⁴Lat. 8:3
21 ⁵Lat.
hech ⁶Lat.
hang
22 ⁷Lat. 8:8
23 ⁸Lat.
hang
24 ⁹Lat. ¹⁰Lat. ¹¹Lat. ¹²Lat. ¹³Lat. ¹⁴Lat. ¹⁵Lat. ¹⁶Lat. ¹⁷Lat. ¹⁸Lat. ¹⁹Lat. ²⁰Lat. ²¹Lat.

Which has been told is ¹true;

But ²keep the vision secret,

For it pertains to many ³days in the future."

27 Then I, Daniel, was ⁴exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up again and ⁵carried on the king's business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was none to ⁶explain it.

CHAPTER 9

IN the first year of ¹Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to ²Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, ³seventy years.

3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, "Alas, O Lord, the ⁴great and awesome God, who ⁵keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

5 ⁶we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly, and ⁷rebelled, even ⁸turning aside from Thy commandments and ordinances.

6 "Moreover, we have not ⁹listened to Thy servants the prophets, who spoke in Thy name to our kings, our princes, our fathers, and all the people of the land.

7 "Righteousness belongs to Thee, O Lord, but to us ¹⁰open shame, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who

are far away in ^call the countries to which Thou hast driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against Thee.

8["]Open shame belongs to us, O Lord, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee.

9["]To the Lord our God belong ^acompassion and forgiveness, ¹for we have ^brebelled against Him;

10 nor have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His ¹teachings which He ^aset before us through His servants the prophets.

11["]Indeed ^aall Israel has transgressed Thy law and turned aside, not obeying Thy voice; so the ^bcurse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, for we have sinned against Him.

12["]Thus He has ^aconfirmed His words which He had spoken against us and against our ¹brulers who ruled us, to bring on us great calamity; for under the whole heaven there has ^cnot been done *anything* like what was done to Jerusalem.

13["]As it is written in the ^alaw of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have ^bnot ¹sought the favor of the LORD our God by ^cturning from our iniquity and ²giving attention to Thy truth.

14["]Therefore, the LORD has ¹kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the LORD our God is ^brighteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

15["]And now, O Lord our God, who hast ^abrought Thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and hast ^bmade a name for Thyself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked.

7 ^cDeut. 4:27

8 ¹Lit., The shame of face

9 ¹Or, though ^cNeh. 9:17; Ps. 130:4 ^bPs. 106:43; Jer. 14:7; Dan. 9:5, 6

10 ¹Or, laws ²2 Kin. 17:13; 15:18-12

11 ^aIs. 1:3; 4: Jer. 8:5-10 ^bDeut. 27:15-26

12 ¹Lit., judges who judged us ^aIs. 44:26; Jer. 44:2-6; Lam. 2:17; Zech. 1:6 ^bJob 12:17; Ps. 82:2-7; 148:11 ^cLam. 1:12; 2:13; Ezek. 5:9

13 ¹Lit., softened the face of ²Or, having insight into ^aLev. 26:14-45; Deut. 28:15-68; Dan. 9:11 ^bJob 36:13; Is. 9:13; Jer. 2:30; 5:3 ^cJer. 31:18

14 ¹Lit., watched over the evil ^cJer. 31:28; 44:27 ^bPs. 51:14; Dan. 9:7

15 ^cDeut. 5:15 ^bNeh. 9:10; Jer. 32:20

16 ¹Lit., righteousnesses ^cJer. 32:31; 32 ^bPs. 87:1-3; Dan. 9:20; Joel 3:17; Zech. 8:3

^cEzek. 5:14 ¹7 ¹Lit., the sake of the Lord ^aNum. 6:24-26; Ps. 80:3, 7, 19 ^bLam. 5:18

18 ¹Lit., causing to fall ²Lit., our righteousnesses ^aIs. 37:17 ^bPs. 80:14 ^cJer. 7:10-12 ^dJer. 36:7

19 ^aPs. 44:23; 74:10; 11

16["]O Lord, in accordance with all Thy ¹righteous acts, let not Thine ^aanger and Thy wrath turn away from Thy city Jerusalem; Thy ^bholy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people have become a ^creproach to all those around us.

17["]So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplications, and for ¹Thy sake, O Lord, ^alet Thy face shine on Thy ^bdesolate sanctuary.

18["]O my God, ^aincline Thine ear and hear! Open Thine eye and ^bsee our desolations and the city which is ^ccalled by Thy name; for we are not ¹d presenting our supplications before Thee on account of ²any merit of our own, but on account of Thy great compassion.

19["]O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Thine own sake, O my God, ^ado not delay, because Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name."

20 ¶ Now while I was ^aspeaking and praying, and ^bconfessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and ¹presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

21 while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man ^aGabriel whom I had seen in the vision ¹previously, ²came to me ³in my extreme weariness about the time of the ^bevening offering.

22 And he gave me instruction and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with ^aunderstanding.

23["]At the ^abeginning of your supplications the ¹command was issued, and I have come to

20 ¹Lit., causing to fall ^aPs. 145:18; Is. 58:9; Dan. 9:3; 10:12 ^bIs. 6:5

21 ¹Lit., at the beginning ²Lit., was reaching, or, touching ³Lit., wearied with weariness ^aDan. 8:16; Luke 1:19, 26 ^bEx. 29:30; 1 Kin. 18:36; Ezra 9:4

22 ^aDan. 8:16; 10:21; Zech. 1:9

23 ¹Lit., word went out ^aDan. 10:12

tell you, for you are ^{2b}highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain ^cunderstanding of the vision.

24 ¶ "Seventy ^{1a}weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to ²finish the transgression, to ³make an end of sin, to ^bmake atonement for iniquity, to bring in ^ceverlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and ^dprophecy, and to anoint the most holy place.

25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a ^{1a}decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until ^{2b}Messiah the ^cPrince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with ³plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the ¹Messiah will be ^acut off and have ²nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will ^bdestroy the city and the sanctuary. And ³its end will come with a ^cflood; even to the end ^dthere will be war; desolations are determined.

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of ^{1a}abominations will come one who ²makes desolate, even until a ^bcomplete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who ²makes desolate."

CHAPTER 10

IN the third year of ^aCyrus king of Persia a ¹message was revealed to ^bDaniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the ^{1c}message was true and one of great ²conflict, but he understood the ¹message and had an ^dunderstanding of the vision.

2 In those days I, Daniel, had been ^amourning for three entire weeks.

25 ¹Lit., desirable; or, precious
²Den. 10:11.
³19 Matt. 24:15
⁴24 Or, units of seven, and so throughout the ch.
⁵Or, restrain
⁶Another reading is seal up
⁷Lit., prophet
⁸Lav. 25 8.
⁹Num. 14:34.
¹⁰Ezek. 4:5, 6
¹¹2 Chr. 29:24.
¹²Is. 53:10.
¹³Rom. 9:10
¹⁴Is. 51:8, 9.
¹⁵Jer. 23:5, 6.
¹⁶Rom. 1:21, 22
¹⁷28 ¹Lit., word
²Or, an appointed one
³Or, streets
⁴Ezra 4:24.
⁵6:1-15; Neh. 2:1-8, 3:1
⁶John 1:41.
⁷4:25
⁸Is. 9:8.
⁹Den. 8:11, 25
¹⁰28 Or, appointed one
¹¹Or, no one
¹²Or, has
¹³Or, was will be decreed for desolations
¹⁴Is. 53:8.
¹⁵Mark 9:12.
¹⁶Luke 24:26
¹⁷Matt. 24:2.
¹⁸Mark 13:2.
¹⁹Luke 19:43.
²⁰44 Neh. 1:8
²¹27 Or, despicable things
²²Or, causes horror
²³Den. 11:31.
²⁴Matt. 24:15.
²⁵Mark 13:14.
²⁶Luke 21:20
²⁷Is. 10:23.
²⁸28:22
²⁹1 ¹Lit., word
²Or, warfare
³Den. 1:21.
⁴6:28
⁵Den. 1:7
⁶Den. 1:17.
⁷2:21
⁸2 Ezra 9:4.
⁹5, Neh. 1:4
¹⁰3 ¹Lit., bread of desirability
¹¹Den. 6:18
¹²4 ¹Hab. Haddishai
¹³Ezek. 1:3.
¹⁴Den. 8:2
¹⁵8 Ezek. 9:2; Den. 12:6, 7
¹⁶Rev. 1:13; 15:6
¹⁷Jer. 10:9

3 I ^adid not eat any ¹tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all, until the entire three weeks were completed.

4 And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great ^ariver, that is, the ¹Tigris,

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man ^adressed in linen, whose waist was ^bgirded with a belt of pure ^cgold of Uphaz.

6 His body also was like ¹beryl, his face ²had the appearance of lightning, ^ahis eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a ³tumult.

7 Now I, Daniel, ^aalone saw the vision, while the ^bmen who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great ^cdread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

8 So I was ^aleft alone and saw this great vision; yet ^bno strength was left in me, for my ¹natural color turned to ^{2a}a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

9 But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I ^afell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

10 ¶ Then behold, a hand ^atouched me and set me trembling on my ¹hands and knees.

11 And he said to me, "O ^aDaniel, man of ¹high esteem, ^bunderstand the words that I am about to tell you and ^cstand ²upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this

6 Or, yellow serpentine
⁷Lit., like
⁸Or, roaring
⁹Rev. 1:14; 2:18; 19:12
¹⁰7 Q. Kin. 6:17-20
¹¹Acts 9:7
¹²Ezek. 12:18
¹³8 ¹Lit., splendor
²Lit., corruption
³Gen. 32:24
⁴Den. 7:28; 8:27; Hab. 3:18
⁵9 Gen. 13:12; Job 4:13; Den. 8:18
⁶10 ¹Lit., lines and the palms of my hands
²Jer. 1:9; Den. 8:18
³11 ¹Lit., desirability; or, preciousness
²Lit., upon your standing
³Den. 10:19
⁴Den. 8:16, 17
⁵Ezek. 2:1

word to me, I stood up ^dtrembling.

12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on ^bhumbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response ^cto your words.

13 "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was ^lwithstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, ^aMichael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

14 "Now I have come to ^agive you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the ^llatter days, for the vision pertains to ^cthe days yet *future*."

15 And when he had spoken to me according to these words, I ^lturned my face toward the ground and became ^aspeechless.

16 And behold, ^laone who resembled a human being was ^btouching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, and said to him who was standing before me, "O my lord, as a result of the vision ²anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength.

17 "For ^ahow can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now ^bno strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me."

18 ¶ Then *this* one with human appearance touched me again and ^astrengthened me.

19 And he said, "O man of ^lhigh esteem, ^ado not be afraid. Peace ²be with you; take ^bcourage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have ^cstrengthened me."

20 Then he said, "Do you ^lunderstand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the ²prince of Persia; so I am

11 Job 4:14, 15
12 ^aIs. 41:10, 14; Dan. 10:19
^bDan. 9:20-23; 10:2, 3
^cActs 10:30, 31
13 ^lLit., standing opposite
^aDan. 10:21; 12:1; Jude 9; Rev. 12:7
14 ^lLit., end of the days
^aDan. 8:18, 9:22
^bDeut. 31:29; Dan. 2:28
^cDan. 8:26; 12:4, 9
15 ^lLit., set
^aEzek. 3:26; 24:27; Luke 1:20
16 ^lLit., as a likeness of sons of man
²Lit., my pains have
^aDan. 8:15
^bIs. 6:7; Jer. 1:9
^cDan. 7:15, 28; 8:17, 27; 10:8, 9
17 ^aEx. 24:10, 11; Is. 6:1-5
^bDan. 10:8
18 ^aIs. 35:3, 4
19 ^lLit., desirability; or, preciousness
²Lit., to you
^aJudg. 6:23; Is. 43:1; Dan. 10:12
^bJosh. 1:8, 7:9; Is. 35:4
^cPs. 138:3; 2 Cor. 12:9
20 ^lLit., know
²Lit., i.e., Satanic angel
^aHeb., Javan
^bDan. 8:21; 11:2
21 ^lLit., shows himself strong
^aDan. 12:4
^bDan. 10:13; Rev. 12:7
1 ^lLit., my standing up was
²Lit., for a strengthener
^aDan. 5:31; 9:1
2 ^lLit., for
^aOr, they all will stir up the realm of Greece
^bHeb., Javan
^cDan. 8:28; 10:1, 21
^dDan. 8:21; 10:20
3 ^aDan. 8:5, 21
^bDan. 5:19; 8:4; 11:16, 36

going forth, and behold, the ²prince of ³Greece is about to come.

21 "However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writings of ^atruth. Yet there is no one who ^lstands firmly with me against these forces except ^bMichael your prince.

CHAPTER 11

66 AND in the ^afirst year of Darius the Mede, ^lI arose to be ²an encouragement and a protection for him.

2 "And now I will tell you the ^atruth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise ^lin Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of *them*; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, ²he will arouse the whole *empire* against the realm of ³Greece.

3 "And a ^amighty king will arise and he will rule with great authority and ^bdo as he pleases.

4 "But as soon as he has arisen his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out ^atoward the ^bfour ^lpoints of the compass though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded; for his sovereignty will be ^cuprooted and *given* to others besides ²them.

5 ¶ "Then the ^aking of the South will grow strong, ^lalong with one of his princes ²who will gain ascendancy over him and obtain dominion; his domain *will be* a great dominion *indeed*

6 "And after some years they will form an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the South will come to the ^aking of the North to carry out ^la peaceful arrangement. But she will not retain her ²position of power, nor

4 ^lLit., winds of the heaven
²Lit., his descendants
^aDan. 8:8, 22
^bJer. 49:38; Ezek. 37:9; Dan. 7:2; 8:8; Zech. 2:6; Rev. 7:1
^cJer. 12:15, 17; 18:7
5 ^lLit., and
²Lit., and he
^aDan. 11:9, 11, 14, 25, 40
6 ^lOr, an equitable agreement
²Lit., strength of arm
^aDan. 11:7, 13, 15, 40

will he remain with his ²power, but she will be given up, along with those who brought her in, and the one who sired her, as well as he who supported her in those times.

7" But one of the ¹descendants of her line will arise in his place, and he will come against *their* army and enter the ^afortress of the king of the North, and he will deal with them and display great strength.

8" And also their ^agods with their ¹metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold he will take into captivity to Egypt, and he on his part will ²refrain from attacking the king of the North for some years.

9" Then ¹the latter will enter the realm of the king of the South, but will return to his own land.

10 ¶ And his sons will ¹mobilize and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one of them will keep on coming and ^aoverflow and pass through, that he may ²again wage war up to his very fortress.

11" And the ^aking of the South will be enraged and go forth and fight ¹with the king of the North. Then the latter will raise a great multitude, but *that* multitude will be given into ²the hand of the former.

12" When the multitude is carried away, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall; yet he will not prevail.

13" For the king of the North will again raise a greater multitude than the former, and ¹after an ^ainterval of some years he will ²press on with a great army and much equipment.

14 ¶ Now in those times many will rise up against the king of the South; the violent ones among your people will also lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will ¹fall down.

6 ²Lit. arm
7 ¹Lit.,
branch of her
roofs
Dan. 11:19,
30, 39

8 ¹Lit., cont
swages ²Or,
stood against
the king
Is. 37:19
48:1, 2; Jer
43:12, 13

9 ¹Lit., he
will, and so
throughout
the ch.

10 ¹Or,
wage war
²Or, return
and wage
Is. 63:1; Jer
48:7, 8; 51:42;
Dan. 11:28,
40

11 ¹Lit.,
with him,
with ²Lit., his
hand
Dan. 11:5

12 ¹Lit., at
the end of the
times, years
²Or, keep on
coming
Dan. 4:16,
12:7

14 ¹Lit.,
stumble, and
so through-
out the ch.

15 ¹Lit., the
people of its
choice ones
Jer. 6:6;
Ezek. 4:2;
17:17

16 ¹Lit., Pal-
estine
Dan. 5:19;
11:3, 38
Josh. 1:5
Dan. 9:2;
11:41

17 ¹Lit., and
²Lit., equiva-
lent things
³Lit., for him,
i.e., for her
father
2 Kin. 12:17;
Ezek. 4:3, 7

18 ¹Gen.
10:5, Is.
66:19; Jer
2:10, 31:10;
Zeph. 2:11
Hos. 12:14

19 ¹Ps. 27:2;
Jer. 48:6; Job
20:8, Ps.
37:38; Ezek.
26:21

20 ¹Or, ex-
actor of trib-
ute ²Lit.,
adornment,
i.e., probably
Jerusalem
and its tem-
ple
Is. 60:17
21 ¹2 Sam.
15:6

15" Then the king of the North will come, cast up a ^asiege mound, and capture a well-fortified city; and the forces of the South will not stand *their* ground, not even ¹their choicest troops, for there will be no strength to make a stand.

16" But he who comes against him will ^ado as he pleases, and ^bno one will be able to withstand him; he will also stay for a time in the ^{1c}Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.

17" And he will ^aset his face to come with the power of his whole kingdom, ¹bringing with him ²a proposal of peace which he will put into effect; he will also give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But she will not take a stand for him or be ³on his side.

18" Then he will turn his face to the ^acoastlands and capture many. But a commander will put a stop to his scorn against him; moreover, he will ^brepay him for his scorn.

19" So he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will ^astumble and fall and be ^bfound no more.

20 ¶ Then in his place one will arise who will ^asend an ¹oppressor through the ²Jewel of his kingdom; yet within a few days he will be shattered, though neither in anger nor in battle.

21" And in his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and ^aseize the kingdom by intrigue.

22" And the overflowing ^aforces will be flooded away before him and shattered, and also the prince of the covenant.

23" And after an alliance is made with him he will practice deception, and he will go up and gain power with a small force of people.

22 ¹2 Sam. 2:26; 11:16

24^a "In a time of tranquility he will enter the ^arichest parts of the ²realm, and he will accomplish what his fathers never did, nor his ³ancestors; he will distribute plunder, booty, and possessions among them, and he will devise his schemes against strongholds, but only for a time.

25^a "And he will stir up his strength and ¹courage against the ^aking of the South with a large army; so the king of the South will mobilize an extremely large and mighty army for war; but he will not stand, for schemes will be devised against him.

26^a "And those who eat his choice food will ¹destroy him, and his army will ^{2a}overflow, but many will fall down slain.

27^a "As for both kings, their hearts will be *intent* on ^aevil, and they will ^bspeak lies to each other at the same table; but it will not succeed, for the ^cend is still to come at the appointed time.

28^a "Then he will return to his land with much ¹plunder; but his heart will be *set* against the holy covenant, and he will take action and *then* return to his own land.

29 ¶ "At the appointed time he will return and come into the South, but ¹this last time it will not turn out the way it did before.

30^a "For ships of ^{1a}Kittim will come against him; therefore he will be disheartened, and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action; so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant.

31^a "And forces from him will arise, ^adesecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the ^babomination ¹of desolation.

32^a "And by ^asmooth words he will ¹turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the

²⁴ ¹Lit., into tranquility and the richest parts; he will enter

²⁵ ¹Or, province ²Lit., fathers' fathers

²⁶ ¹Num. 13:20; Neh. 8:25; Ezek. 34:14

²⁷ ¹Lit., heart ²Dan. 11:5

²⁸ ¹Lit., break ²Or, he swept away, and many ³Dan. 11:10, 40

²⁹ ¹Ps. 52:1, 64:6 ²Ps. 12:2, Jer. 9:3, 5, 41:1-3

³⁰ ¹Dan. 8:19, 11:35, 40; Hab. 2:3

³¹ ¹Lit., possessions

³² ¹Lit., it will not happen as the first and as the last

³³ ¹E. Cyprus ²Gen. 10:4; Num. 24:24; Is. 23:1, 12; Jer. 2:10

³⁴ ¹Lit., that makes desolate, or, that causes horror ²Dan. 8:11-13; 12:11 ³Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14

³⁵ ¹Or, pollute those ²Dan. 11:21, 34 ³Mic. 5:7-9; Zech. 8:13-16; 10:3-6

³⁶ ¹Or, instructors of the people ²Mal. 2:7 ³Matt. 24:9; John 16:2; Heb. 11:36-38

³⁷ ¹Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:29, 30 ²Dan. 11:21, 32; Rom. 16:18

³⁸ ¹Or, the instructors ²Lit., white ³Deut. 8:16; Prov. 17:3; Dan. 12:10; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:2, 3 ⁴John 15:2 ⁵Rev. 7:14 ⁶Dan. 11:27

³⁹ ¹Lit., extraordinary ²Dan. 5:19; 11:3, 16 ³Is. 14:13; Dan.

covenant, but the people who know their God will display ^bstrength and take action.

33^a "And ^{1a}those who have in sight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will ^bfall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, for many days.

34^a "Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will ^ajoin with them in ^bhypocrisy.

35^a "And some of ¹those who have insight will fall, in order to ^arefine, ^bpurge, and make them ^{2c}pure, until the ^dend time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

36 ¶ "Then the king will ^ado as he pleases, and he will exalt and ^bmagnify himself above every god, and will ^cspeak ¹monstrous things against the ^dGod of gods, and he will prosper until the ^eindignation is finished, for that which is ^fdecreed will be done.

37^a "And he will show no regard for the ¹gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.

38^a "But ¹instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor *him* with gold, silver, costly stones, and treasures.

39^a "And he will take action against the strongest of fortresses with *the help of* a foreign god; he will give great honor to ¹those who acknowledge *him*, and he will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.

40 ¶ "And at the ^aend time the ^bking of the South will collide with him, and the ^cking of the

5:20; 8:11, 25; 2 Thess. 2:4 ⁶Rev. 13:5, 8 ⁷Deut. 10:17; Ps. 136:2; Dan. 2:47 ⁸Is. 10:25; 28:20; Dan. 8:19 ⁹Dan. 9:27

³⁷ ¹Or, God

³⁸ ¹Lit., in his place

³⁹ ¹Lit., the one who acknowledges

⁴⁰ ¹Dan. 11:27, 35; 12:4, 9 ²Dan. 11:11, 25 ³Dan. 11:7, 13, 15

North will ^dstorm against him with chariots, with horsemen, and with many ships; and he will enter countries, ^eoverflow them, and pass through.

41¹ "He will also enter the ¹Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, ^bMoab and the foremost of the sons of ^cAmmon.

42² "Then he will stretch out his hand against *other* countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

43³ "But he will ¹gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and ^aLibyans and ^bEthiopians will follow at his ²heels.

44⁴ "But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and ¹annihilate many.

45⁵ "And he will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful ^aHoly Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

CHAPTER 12

66^NOW at that time ^aMichael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a ^btime of distress ^csuch as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the ^dbook, will be rescued.

2² "And ^amany of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, ^bthese to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting ¹contempt.

3³ "And ¹those who have ^ainsight will ^bshine brightly like the brightness of the ²expanse of heaven, and those who ^clead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

40 ^aIs.
5:28; Jer. 4:13
"Dan. 11:10.
28
41 ¹Le., Palestine
"Dan. 8:9;
11:16 "Jer.
48:47 "Jer.
49:6

42 ¹Or, rule over "Lit., footsteps
"2 Chr. 12:3.
Nah. 3:9
"2 Chr. 12:3.
Ezek. 30:4, 5.
Nah. 3:9
44 ¹Lit., devote to destruction
45 ^aIs. 11:9;
27:13; 65:25;
66:20; Dan.
9:18, 20
1 "Dan.
10:13, 21.
Rev. 12:7
"Rev. 7:14.
18:18 "Jer.
30:7, Ezek.
5:9; Dan.
9:12; Matt.
24:21; Mark
13:19 "Dan.
7:10; 10:21
2 ¹Lit., ab-

horrence
"Is. 28:19;
Ezek. 37:12-
14 "Matt.
25:46; John
5:28, 29

3 ¹Or, the
destructors will
"Or, Armageddon
"Dan. 11:33.
35, 12:10
"John 5:35
"Is. 53:11.
Dan. 11:33
4 "Dan.
8:26, 12:9 "Is.
8:16; Dan.
12:9; Rev.
22:10 "Dan.
8:17; 12:9, 13
"Is. 11:9;
29:18, 19;
Dan. 11:33
5 "Dan.
8:16; Ezek.
1:12, 13 "Ez.
zek. 8:2; Dan.
10:5 "Dan.
8:13; 12:8;
Matt. 24:3;
Mark 13:4
7 ¹Lit., and
"Is. year(s)
"Lit., to finish
"Lit., hand
"Ezek. 20:5;
Rev. 10:5, 6
"Dan. 4:34
"Dan. 7:25;
Rev. 12:14
"Dan. 8:24;
Luke 21:24
8 ¹Or, Angel
and
9 "Dan.
12:4

4⁴ "But as for you, Daniel, ^aconceal these words and ^bseal up the book until the ^cend of time; ^dmany will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

5 ¹ Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river, and the other on that bank of the river.

6 And ^aone said to the man ^bdressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "^cHow long will it be until the end of these wonders?"

7 And I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, ¹as he ^araised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by ^bHim who lives forever that it would be for a ²time, ²times, and half a ²time; and as soon as ³they finish ^dshattering the ⁴power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

8 As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the ¹outcome of these events?"

9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and ^asealed up until the end time.

10^a "Many will be purged, ¹purified and refined; but the ^bwicked will act wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand, but ²those who ^chave insight will understand.

11¹ "And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the ¹abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

12² "How ^ablessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the ^b1,335 days!

10 ¹Lit., made whole "Or, the destructors will "Ezek. 13:9 "Is. 32:6, 7; Rev. 22:11 "Dan. 12:3; Hos. 14:3; John 7:17; 8:47

11 ¹Or, horrible abomination "Dan. 8:27; 11:31; Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14

12 ^aIs. 30:18 "Dan. 8:24; Rev. 11:2; 12:6; 13:5

13 "But as for you, go your way to the ¹end; then you will enter into ^arest and rise again for your

13 ¹l.e., end of your life
²l.e., days
³Is. 57:2; Rev. 14:13 ⁴Ps.

ballotted portion at the end of the
2 age."

16:5

THE BOOK OF HOSEA

Hosea's Wife and Children

THE word of the LORD which came to ^aHosea the son of Beerī, during the days of ^bUzziah, ^cJotham, ^dAhaz, and ^eHezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the days of ^fJeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 ^a When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "^aGo, take to yourself a wife of harlotry, and have children of harlotry; for ^bthe land commits flagrant harlotry, ¹for-saking the LORD."

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and ^abore him a son.

4 And the LORD said to him, "Name him ^aJezreel; for yet a little while, and ^bI will ¹punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed of Jezreel, and ^cI will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 "And it will come about on that day, that I will ^abreak the bow of Israel in the ^bvalley of Jezreel."

6 Then she conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. And ¹the LORD said to him, "Name her ²Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer ^ahave compassion on the house of Israel, that I should ever forgive them.

7 "But I will have ^acompassion on the house of Judah and ^bdeliver them by the LORD their God, and will not deliver them by

1 ^aRom. 9:25 ^b2 Chr. 26:1-23; Is. 1:1; Amos 1:1; 2 Kin. 15:5; 7:32-38; 2 Chr. 27:1-9; 2 Kin. 16:1-20; 2 Chr. 28:1-27; Is. 1:1; 7:1-17; Mic. 1:1; 2 Kin. 18:1-20:21; 2 Chr. 29:1-32:33; Mic. 1:1; 2 Kin. 13:13; 14:23-29; Amos 1:1; 2 ¹l.e.,

from not following after
^aHos. 3:1
^bDeut. 31:16; Jer. 3:1; Ezek. 23:3-21; Hos. 2:5; 5:3
3 ^aEzek. 23:4
4 ¹l.e., visit the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu
^aHos. 2:22
^b2 Kin. 10:11
^c2 Kin. 15:8-10
5 ^aJer. 49:35; Ezek. 39:3 ^bJoah. 17:16; Judg. 6:33
6 ¹l.e., He
²l.e., she has not obtained compassion
^aHos. 2:4
7 ^a2 Kin. 19:29-35; Is. 30:18 ^bJer. 25:5, 6; Zech. 9:9, 10 ^cPs. 44:3-7; Zech. 4:6
8 ¹l.e., He
²l.e., not my people
³l.e., you
9 ^aCh. 2:1 in Heb.
^bGen. 22:17; 32:12; Jer. 33:22 ^cRom.

^abow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen."

8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and gave birth to a son.

9 And ¹the LORD said, "Name him ²Lo-ammi, for you are not My people and I am not ³your God."

10 ¶ ¹Yet the number of the sons of Israel

Will be like the ^asand of the sea,

Which cannot be measured or numbered;

And ^bit will come about that, in the place

Where it is said to them, "You are ^cnot My people,"

It will be said to them,

"You are the ^dsons of the living God."

11 And the ^asons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be ^bgathered together,

And they will appoint for themselves ^cone leader,

And they will go up from the land,

For great will be the day of Jezreel.

CHAPTER 2

SAY to your brothers, "²Ammi," and to your sisters, "³Ruhamah."

9:26 ^cIs. 65:1; Hos. 1:9 ^dIs. 63:16; 64:8; John 1:12; 1 Pet. 2:10

11 ^aIs. 11:12 ^bJer. 23:5, 6; 50:4, 5; Ezek. 37:21-24 ^cJer. 30:21; Hos. 3:5

1 ¹Ch. 2:3 in Heb. ²l.e., my people ³l.e., she has obtained compassion

- 2 "Contend with your mother,
 *contend,
 For she is ^bnot my wife, and
 I am not her husband;
 And let her put away her
 *harlotry from her face,
 And her adultery from be-
 tween her breasts,
- 3 Lest I strip her *naked
 And expose her as on the
^bday when she was born.
 I will also *make her like a
 wilderness,
 Make her like desert land,
 And slay her with ^dthirst.
- 4 "Also, I will have no compas-
 sion on her children,
 Because they are *children
 of harlotry.
- 5 "For their mother has
 *played the harlot;
 She who conceived them
 has acted shamefully.
 For she said, 'I will go after
 my lovers,
 Who ^bgive me my bread and
 my water,
 My wool and my flax, my
 *oil and my drink.'
- 6 "Therefore, behold, I will
 *hedge up ^hher way with
^bthorns,
 And I will build ^aa wall
 against her so that she
 cannot find her ^cpaths.
- 7 "And she will *pursue her
 lovers, but she will not
 overtake them;
 And she will seek them, but
 will not find ^{them}.
 Then she will say, '^bI will go
 back to my ^cfirst hus-
 band,
 For it was ^dbetter for me
 then than now!'
- 8 ¶ "For she does *not know
 that it was ^bI who gave
 her the grain, the new
 wine, and the oil,
 And lavished on her silver
 and gold,
 Which they ^hused for Baal.
- 9 "Therefore, I will *take back
 My grain at ^hharvest time

2 *Ezek.
 23:45; Hos.
 2:5; 4:5 *Isa.
 50:1 *Jer. 3:1,
 9, 13
 3 *Jer.
 13:22; Ezek.
 16:7, 22, 39
 *Ezek. 16:4
 *Isa. 32:13, 14,
 Hos. 13:15
 *Jer. 14:3;
 Amos 8:11-13
 4 *Jer.
 13:14
 5 *Isa. 1:21;
 Jer. 2:25; 3:1,
 2; Hos. 3:1
 *Jer. 44:17,
 18; Hos. 2:12
 *Hos. 2:8
 6 *So with
 some ancient
 versions,
 Heb., your
 *Lit., her wall
 so that
 *Job 19:8,
 Lam. 3:7, 9
 *Hos. 9:8,
 10:8 *Jer.
 18:15
 7 *Hos.
 5:13 *Luke
 15:17, 18
 *Jer. 2:2; 3:1,
 Ezek. 16:8,
 23:4 *Jer.
 14:22; Hos.
 13:6
 8 *Or,
 made into the
 *Isa. 1:3
 *Ezek. 16:19
 9 *Lit., its
 time
 *Hos. 8:7; 9:2
 10 *Ezek.
 16:37
 11 *Jer.
 7:34, 16:9
 *Hos. 3:4;
 Amos 5:21,
 8:10 *Isa. 1:13,
 14
 12 *Jer.
 5:17; 8:13 *Isa.
 5:5, 7:23
 *Hos. 13:6
 13 *Or, burn
 incense *Or,
 nose rings
 *Hos. 4:13;
 11:2 *Jer. 7:9
 *Ezek. 16:12,
 17:23, 40
 *Hos. 4:6;
 8:14, 13:6
 14 *Lit.,
 upon her
 heart
 *Ezek. 20:33-
 36
 15 *Or, give
 answer
 *Ezek. 28:25,
 26 *Josh. 7:26
 *Jer. 2:1-3;
 Ezek. 16:8-14
 *Hos. 11:1,
 12:9, 13:13, 14
 16 *Isa. my
 husband
 *Isa. 54:5; Hos.
 2:7

- And My new wine in its sea-
 son.
 I will also take away My
 wool and My flax
 Given to cover her naked-
 ness.
- 10 "And then I will *uncover her
 lewdness
 In the sight of her lovers,
 And no one will rescue her
 out of My hand.
- 11 "I will also *put an end to all
 her gaiety,
 Her ^bfeasts, her ^cnew
 moons, her sabbaths,
 And all her festal assem-
 blies.
- 12 "And I will *destroy her vines
 and fig trees,
 Of which she said, 'These
 are my wages
 Which my lovers have
 given me.'
 And I will ^bmake them a for-
 est,
 And the ^cbeasts of the field
 will devour them.
- 13 "And I will punish her for the
 *days of the Baals
 When she used to ^hoffer
 sacrifices to them
 And ^cadorn herself with her
²earrings and jewelry,
 And follow her lovers, so
 that she ^dforgot Me," de-
 clares the LORD.
- 14 ¶ "Therefore, behold, I will
 allure her,
 *Bring her into the wilder-
 ness,
 And speak ^hkindly to her.
- 15 "Then I will give her her
 *vineyards from there,
 And ^bthe valley of Achor as
 a door of hope.
 And she will ^hsing there as
 in the days of her youth,
 As in the ^dday when she
 came up from the land of
 Egypt.
- 16 "And it will come about in
 that day," declares the
 LORD,
 "That you will call Me ^hIshi

And will no longer call Me²Baali.

17^aFor I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth,

So that they will be¹mentioned by their names no more.

18^aIn that day I will also make a covenant for them

With the^abeasts of the field, The birds of the sky,

And the creeping things of the ground.

And I will^{1b}abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land,

And will make them^clie down in safety.

19^aAnd I will^abetroth you to Me forever;

Yes, I will betroth you to Me in^bbrighteousness and in justice,

In lovingkindness and in compassion,

20 And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness.

Then you will^aknow the LORD.

21¹And it will come about in that day that^aI will respond," declares the LORD.

"I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth,

22 And the^aearth will respond to the grain, to the new wine, and to the oil,

And they will respond to¹Jezreel.

23^aAnd I will^asow her for Myself in the land.

^bI will also have compassion on¹her who had not obtained compassion,

And^cI will say to²those who were^dnot My people,

'You are My people!'

And³they will say, 'Thou art my God!'

16^aI.e.,

my master,

or my Baal

17^aOr, re-

membered

^aEx. 23:13;

Josh. 23:7;

Ps. 16:4

18^aLit.,

break

^aJob 5:23; Is.

11:6-9; Ezek.

34:25 bIs. 2:4.

Ezek. 39:1-10

^cLev. 26:5.

Jer. 23:6;

Ezek. 34:25

19^aIs. 62:4.

5 bIs. 1:27;

54:6-8

20^aJer.

31:33, 34;

Hos. 6:6; 13:4

21^aIs.

33:10; Zech.

8:12; Mal.

3:10, 11

22^aI.e., God

sows

^aJer. 31:12;

Joel 2:19

23^aHeb.,

Lo-ruhamah

²Heb., Lo-

ammi ³Lit.,

he

^aJer. 31:27

^bHos. 1:8

^cRom. 9:25;

1 Pet. 2:10

^dHos. 1:9

1^aI.e., Go-

mer ²Lit.,

companion

^aJer. 3:20

^b2 Sam. 6:19;

1 Chr. 16:3;

Song 2:5

2^aHeb.,

lethach

^aRuth 4:10

3^aOr, hus-

band

^aDeut. 21:13

4^aHeb.,

teraphim

^aHos. 10:3;

13:10, 11

^bDeut. 9:27;

11:31; 12:11;

Hos. 2:11

^cHos. 10:1, 2

^dEx. 28:4-12;

1 Sam. 23:9-

12 ^aGen.

31:19, 34;

Judg. 17:5;

18:14, 17;

1 Sam. 15:23

5^aJer.

50:4, 5 ^bJer.

30:9; Ezek.

34:24 ^cIs. 2:2,

3; Jer. 31:9

1^aOr,

truth ²Or,

loyalty

^aHos. 5:1

^bHos. 12:2;

Mic. 6:2 ^cIs.

50:4; Jer. 7:28

^dJer. 4:22

CHAPTER 3

THEN the LORD said to me "Go again, love a¹woman who is loved by her²husband yet an adulteress, even^aas the LORD loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin^bcakes."

2 So I^abought her for myself for fifteen^ashekels of silver and a homer and a¹half of barley.

3 Then I said to her, "You shall^astay with me for many days. You shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a¹man; so I will also be toward you."

4 For the sons of Israel will remain for many days^awithout king or prince, ^bwithout sacrifice or sacred^cpillar, and without^dephod or^{1e}household idols.

5 Afterward the sons of Israel will^areturn and seek the LORD their God and^bDavid their king; and^cthey will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.

CHAPTER 4

LISTEN to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel,

For the LORD has a^bcase against the inhabitants of¹the land,

Because there is^cno¹faithfulness or²kindness

Or^dknowledge of God in the land.

2 There is^aswearing, ^bdeception, ^cmurder, ^dstealing, and^aadultery.

They employ violence, so that^bbloodshed¹follows bloodshed.

3 Therefore the land^amourns, And everyone who lives in it languishes

2^aLit., touches ^aDeut. 5:11; Hos. 10:4 ^bHos. 7:3; 10:13; 11:12 ^cGen. 4:8; Hos. 6:9 ^dDeut. 5:19; Hos. 7:1 ^eDeut. 5:18; Hos. 7:4 ^aHos. 6:8; 12:14

3^aIs. 24:4; 33:9; Amos 5:16; Zeph. 1:3

- Along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky;
And also the fish of the sea¹ disappear.
- 4 ¶ Yet let no one¹ find fault, and let none offer reproof;
For your people are like those who^b contend with the priest.
- 5 So you will^a stumble by day, And the prophet also will stumble with you by night;
And I will destroy your^b mother.
- 6 ^aMy people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have^b rejected knowledge, I also will^c reject you from being My priest. Since you have^d forgotten the^a law of your God, I also will forget your children.
- 7 ¶ The more they^a multiplied, the more they sinned against Me; I will^b change their glory into shame.
- 8 They^a feed on the¹ sin of My people, And^b direct their desire toward their iniquity.
- 9 And it will be, like people, ^alike priest; So I will^b punish them for their ways, And repay them for their deeds.
- 10 And^a they will eat, but not have enough; They will^b play the harlot, but not increase, Because they have^c stopped giving heed to the LORD.
- 11 ¶ Harlotry, ^awine, and new wine take away the¹ understanding.

3 ¹Lat., are taken away
4 ¹Lat., contend
^aEzek. 3:20, Amos 5:10.
13 ^aDeut. 17:12
8 ^aEzek. 14:3, 7; Hos. 5:5; Jer. 15:8; Hos. 2:2, 5
9 ^aIsa. 5:13
^aHos. 4:14, Mai. 2:7, 8
^aZech. 11:8, 9, 15-17
^aHos. 2:13, 8:14, 13:8
^aHos. 8:1, 12
7 ^aHos. 10:1, 13:6
^aHab. 2:16
8 ^aOr, an offering
^aHos. 10:13
^aIsa. 56:11
^aMic. 3:11
9 ^aIsa. 24:2, Jer. 5:31
^aHos. 8:13, 9:9
10 ¹Lat., for whom giving heed, or, for whom the Lord to practice (v. 11)
harlotry
^aLev. 24:20, Is. 65:13, Mic. 6:14
^aHos. 7:4
^aHos. 9:17
11 ¹Lat., heart
^aProv. 20:1, Is. 5:12, 28:7
12 ¹Lat., from under
^aIsa. 44:18, Jer. 2:27
13 ^aOr, offer sacrifices
^aOr, daughter-in-law
^aJer. 3:6
^aHos. 7:13, 11:2
^aIsa. 1:28, Jer. 2:20
14 ^aOr, daughters-in-law
¹Lat., thrust down
^aDeut. 23:17
15 ^aHos. 9:15, 12:11
^aJer. 5:2, 44:20, Amos 6:14
16 ^aOr, Now the Lord will pasture
^aField
^aPs. 78:6
^aIsa. 5:17, 7:25
17 ^aHos. 13:2
^aPs. 81:12
^aHos. 6:4
18 ¹Lat., should
^aMic. 3:11
19 ^aHos. 12:1, 13:15

- 12 My people^a consult their wooden idol, and their diviner's wand informs them;
For a spirit of harlotry has led them astray, And they have played the harlot, departing¹ from their God.
- 13 They offer sacrifices on the^a tops of the mountains And^b burn incense on the hills,
^cUnder oak, poplar, and terebinth, Because their shade is pleasant. Therefore your daughters play the harlot, And your² brides commit adultery.
- 14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot Or your¹ brides when they commit adultery, For the men themselves go apart with harlots And offer sacrifices with^a temple prostitutes; So the people without understanding are² ruined.
- 15 ¶ Though you, Israel, play the harlot, Do not let Judah become guilty; Also do not go to^a Gilgal, Or go up to Beth-aven, ^bAnd take the oath: "As the LORD lives!"
- 16 Since Israel is^a stubborn Like a stubborn heifer, ¹Can the LORD now^b pasture them Like a lamb in a large field?
- 17 Ephraim is joined to^a idols; ^bLet him alone.
- 18 Their liquor gone, They play the harlot continually; ^aTheir¹ rulers dearly love shame.
- 19 ^aThe wind wraps them in its wings,

And they will be ashamed
because of their sacrifices.

CHAPTER 5

HEAR this, O priests!

Give heed, O house of Israel!

Listen, O house of the king!
For the judgment applies to you,

For you have been a ^asnare
at Mizpah,

And a net spread out on Tabor.

2 And the ^arevolters have
^bgone deep in depravity.
But I will chastise all of them.

3 I ^aknow Ephraim, and Israel
is not hidden from Me;
For now, O Ephraim, you
have played the harlot,
Israel has defiled itself.

4 Their deeds will not allow
them

To return to their God.
For a ^aspirit of harlotry is
within them,

And they ^bdo not know the
LORD.

5 Moreover, the ^apride of Israel
testifies against him,
And Israel and Ephraim
stumble in their iniquity;
^bJudah also has stumbled
with them.

6 They will ^ago with their
flocks and herds

To seek the LORD, but they
will ^bnot find Him;

He has ^cwithdrawn from
them.

7 They have ^adealt treacherously
against the LORD,
For they have borne ^billegitimate
children.

Now the ^cnew moon will devour
them with their ²land.

8 ¶ ^aBlow the horn in ^bGibeah,

The trumpet in Ramah.

1 ^aHos. 9:8
2 ¹Or,
waded deep
in slaughter
^aHos. 9:15
^bIs. 29:15,
Hos. 4:2; 6:9
3 ^aAmos
3:2; 5:12
4 ^aHos.
4:12 ^bHos.
4:6, 14
5 ^aHos.
7:10 ^bEzek.
23:31-35
6 ^aHos.
8:13; Mic. 6:6;
7 ^bProv. 1:28;
Is. 1:15; Jer.
14:12 ^cEzek.
8:6
7 ¹Lit.,
strange ²Lit.,
portions
^aIs. 48:8; Jer.
3:20; Hos. 6:7
^bHos. 2:4 ^cIs.
1:14; Hos.
2:11
8 ^aJoel 2:1
^bHos. 9:9;
10:9 ^cJudg.
5:14
9 ^aIs. 28:1-
4; Hos. 9:11-
17 ^bIs. 37:3
^cIs. 48:10;
Zech. 1:6
10 ^aDeut.
19:14; 27:17
^bEzek. 7:8
^cPs. 32:6;
93:3, 4
11 ¹Or, with
some ancient
versions, fol-
low nothing-
ness
^aDeut. 28:33
^bMic. 6:16
12 ^aPs.
39:11; Is. 51:8
13 ¹Or, ul-
cer ²Or, the
avenging
king or the
great king
^aHos. 7:11;
8:9; 12:1
^bHos. 10:6
^cJer. 30:12-15
14 ^aPs. 7:2;
Hos. 13:7, 8;
Amos 3:4
^bPs. 50:22
^cMic. 5:8
15 ¹Or, bear
their punish-
ment
^aIs. 64:7-9;
Jer. 3:13, 14
^bPs. 50:15;
78:34; Jer.
2:27; Hos. 3:5
1 ¹Lit.,
struck
^aJer. 50:4, 5
^bDeut. 32:39;
Hos. 5:14
^cJer. 30:17;
Hos. 14:4 ^dIs.
30:28

The People's Apostasy Rebuked.

Sound an alarm at Beth-
aven:

"^cBehind you, Benjamin!"

9 Ephraim will become a
^adesolation in the ^bday of
rebuke;

Among the tribes of Israel I
^cdeclare what is sure.

10 The princes of Judah have
become like those who
^amove a boundary;

On them I will ^bpour out My
wrath ^clike water.

11 Ephraim is ^aoppressed,
crushed in judgment,

^bBecause he was deter-
mined to ¹follow man's
command.

12 Therefore I am like a ^amoth
to Ephraim,

And like rottenness to the
house of Judah.

13 When Ephraim saw his
sickness,

And Judah his ¹wound,
Then Ephraim went to ^aAs-
syria

And sent to ^{2b}King Jareb.
But he is ^cunable to heal
you,

Or to cure you of your
¹wound.

14 For I will be ^alike a lion to
Ephraim,

And like a young lion to the
house of Judah.

^bI, even I, will tear to pieces
and go away,

I will carry away, and there
will be ^cnone to deliver.

15 I will go away and return to
My place

Until they ^{1a}acknowledge
their guilt and seek My
face;

In their affliction they will
earnestly ^bseek Me.

CHAPTER 6

66 ^aCOME, let us return to the
LORD.

For ^bHe has torn us, but ^cHe
will heal us;

He has ¹wounded us, but He
will ^dbandage us.

- 2 "He will ^arevive us after two days;
He will ^braise us up on the third day
That we may live before Him.
- 3 "So let us ^aknow, let us press on to know the LORD.
His ^bgoing forth is as certain as the dawn;
And He will come to us like the ^crain,
Like the spring rain watering the earth."
- 4 ¶ What shall I do with you, O ^aEphraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
For your ¹loyalty is like a ^bmorning cloud,
And like the dew which goes away early.
- 5 Therefore I have ^ahewn them in pieces by the prophets;
I have slain them by the ^bwords of My mouth;
And the judgments on you are like the light that goes forth.
- 6 For ^aI delight in loyalty ^brather than sacrifice,
And in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
- 7 But ^alike ¹Adam they have ^btransgressed the covenant;
There they have ^cdealt treacherously against Me.
- 8 ^aGilead is a city of wrongdoers,
Tracked with ^bbloody footprints.
- 9 And as ^araiders wait for a man,
So a band of priests ^bmurder on the way to Shechem;
Surely they have committed ¹crime.
- 10 In the house of Israel I have seen a ^ahorrible thing;

2 ^aPs. 30:5
^b1 Cor. 15:4
3 ^aIsa. 2:3;
Mic. 4:2 ^bPs.
19:8; Mic. 5:2
^cJob 29:23;
Ps. 72:6; Joel
2:23
4 ¹Or, lov-
ingkindness
^aHos. 7:1;
11:8 ^bPs.
78:34-37;
Hos. 13:3
5 ^a1 Sam.
15:32, 33; Jer.
1:10; 5:14
^bJer. 23:29
6 ^aMatt.
9:13; 12:7 ^bIsa.
1:11
7 ¹Or, men
^aJob 31:33
^bHos. 8:1
^cHos. 5:7
8 ^aHos.
12:11 ^bHos.
4:2
9 ¹Or,
lovedness
^aHos. 7:1
^bJer. 7:9, 10;
Hos. 4:2
^cEzek. 22:9;
23:27; Hos.
2:10
10 ^aJer.
5:30, 31;
23:14 ^bHos.
5:3
11 ^aJer.
51:33; Joel
3:13 ^bZeph.
2:7
1 ^aEzek.
24:13; Hos.
6:4, 7:13, 11:8
^bHos. 4:2
^cHos. 6:9
2 ¹Lit., say
to their heart
^aPs. 25:7; Jer.
14:10; 17:1;
Hos. 8:13;
9:8; Amos 8:7
^bJer. 2:19;
4:18; Hos. 4:9
3 ^aRom.
1:32 ^bJer.
28:1-4; Hos.
7:5; Mic. 7:3
^cHos. 4:2;
11:12
4 ^aJer. 9:2;
23:10
5 ¹I.e., a
festive occa-
sion
^aIsa. 28:1, 7
^bIsa. 28:14
6 ¹Lit., cov-
er with some
ancient ver-
sion; Mt. T.,
baker ¹Lit.,
sleeps
^aPs. 21:9
7 ^aHos.
13:10 ^bIsa.
64:7

Ephraim's ^bharlotry is there, Israel has defiled itself.

- 11 Also, O Judah, there is a ^aharvest appointed for you,
When I ^brestore the fortunes of My people.

CHAPTER 7

- WHEN I ^awould heal Israel,
The iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered,
And the evil deeds of Samaria,
For they deal ^bfalsely;
The thief enters in,
^cBandits raid outside.
- 2 And they do not ¹consider in their hearts
That I ^aremember all their wickedness.
Now their ^bdeeds are all around them;
They are before My face.
- 3 ^aWith their wickedness they make the ^bking glad,
And the princes with their ^clies.
- 4 They are ^aall adulterers
Like an oven heated by the baker,
Who ceases to stir up the fire
From the kneading of the dough until it is leavened.
- 5 On the ¹day of our king, the princes ^abecame sick with the heat of wine;
He stretched out his hand with ^bscoffers,
- 6 For their hearts are like an ^aoven
As they approach their ¹plotting;
Their ²anger ³smolders all night,
In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.
- 7 All of them are hot like an oven,
And they consume their ^arulers;
All their kings have fallen.
^bNone of them calls on Me.

- 8 ¶ Ephraim ^amixes himself with the ¹nations; Ephraim has become a cake not turned.
- 9 ^aStrangers devour his strength, Yet he ^bdoes not know it; Gray hairs also are sprinkled on him, Yet he does not know it.
- 10 Though the ^apride of Israel testifies against him, Yet ^bthey have neither returned to the LORD their God, Nor have they sought Him, for all this.
- 11 So ^aEphraim has become like a silly dove, ^bwithout ¹sense; They call to ^cEgypt, they go to ^dAssyria.
- 12 When they go, I will ^aspread My net over them; I will bring them down like the birds of the sky. I will ^bchastise them in accordance with the ¹proclamation to their assembly.
- 13 ^aWoe to them, for they have ^bstrayed from Me! Destruction is theirs, for they have rebelled against Me! I ^cwould redeem them, but they speak lies against Me.
- 14 And ^athey do not cry to Me from their heart When they wail on their beds; For the sake of grain and new wine they ¹assemble themselves, They ^cturn away from Me.
- 15 Although I trained and strengthened their arms, Yet they ^adevise evil against Me.
- 16 They turn, but not ¹upward, They are like a ^adeceitful bow;

8 ¹Lit., peoples
^aPs. 106:35
^bIsa. 1:7
^cHos. 8:7
^dHos. 4:6
^eHos. 5:5
^fIsa. 9:13
^gLit., heart
^hHos. 11:11
ⁱHos. 4:6, 11
^jIsa. 5:4
^kHos. 8:13; 9:3, 6
^lHos. 5:13; 8:9; 12:1
^mLit., report
ⁿEzek. 12:13
^oLev. 26:14
^pDeut. 28:15
^qHos. 9:12
^rJer. 14:10; Ezek. 34:6; Hos. 9:17
^sJer. 51:9; Hos. 7:1; Matt. 23:37
^tOr, with Gr. and many ancient mss., gash themselves
^uJob 35:9-11; Hos. 8:2; Zech. 7:5
^vJudg. 9:27; Amos 2:8; Mic. 2:11
^wHos. 13:16
^xNah. 1:9
^yOr possibly, to the Most High
^zLit., indignation; or, cursing
^{aa}Ps. 78:57
^{ab}Ps. 12:3, 4; 17:10; 73:9; Dan. 7:25; Mal. 3:13; 14
^{ac}Ezek. 23:32; Hos. 9:3, 6
^{ad}Lit., palate
^{ae}Jer. 4:13; Hos. 5:8
^{af}Hab. 1:8
^{ag}Deut. 28:49
^{ah}Hos. 8:7
^{ai}Hos. 4:6
^{aj}Ps. 78:34; Hos. 7:14
^{ak}Titus 1:16
^{al}Lit., he
^{am}2 Kin. 15:13, 17, 25; Hos. 13:10, 11
^{an}Hos. 2:8; 13:1, 2
^{ao}Or, Your calf has rejected you
^{ap}Hos. 10:5; 13:2
^{aq}Ps. 19:13; Jer. 13:27
^{ar}Or, splinters
^{as}Hos. 13:2

Israel's Rebellion and Idolatry

Their princes will fall by the sword
 Because of the ²insolence of their tongue.
 This will be their ^cderision in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 8

- ^a**P**UT the trumpet to your ¹lips
^bLike an eagle *the enemy* comes ^cagainst the house of the LORD,
 Because they have ^dtransgressed My covenant, And rebelled against My ^elaw.
- 2 ^aThey cry out to Me, "My God, ^bwe of Israel know Thee!"
- 3 Israel has rejected the good; The enemy will pursue him.
- 4 ^aThey have set up kings, but not by Me; They have appointed princes, but I did not know it.
 With their ^bsilver and gold they have made idols for themselves, That ¹they might be cut off.
- 5 ¹He has rejected your ^acalf, O Samaria, saying, "My anger burns against them!"
 How long will they be incapable of ^binnocence?
- 6 For from Israel is even this! A ^acraftsman made it, so it is not God; Surely the calf of Samaria will be broken to ¹pieces.
- 7 For ^athey sow the wind, And they reap the ^bwhirlwind.
 The standing grain has no ¹heads; It yields ^cno ²grain. Should it yield, strangers would swallow it up.
- 8 ¶ Israel is ^aswallowed up; They are now among the nations

7 ¹Lit., growth
²Or, meal
^aProv. 22:8
^bIsa. 66:15; Nah. 1:3
^cHos. 2:9
^d2 Kin. 17:6; Jer. 51:34

- Like a ^bvessel in which no one delights.
- 9 For they have gone up to ^aAssyria,
Like ^ba wild donkey all alone;
Ephraim has ^chired ¹lovers.
- 10 Even though they hire ^aallies among the nations,
Now I will ^agather them up; And they will begin ^bto ¹diminish
Because of the burden of the ^cking of princes.
- 11 ¶ Since Ephraim has ^amultiplied altars for sin,
They have become altars of sinning for him.
- 12 Though ^aI wrote for him ten thousand ^aprecepts of My ^blaw,
They are regarded as a strange thing.
- 13 As for My ^asacrificial gifts, They ^bsacrifice the flesh and eat it,
But the LORD has taken no delight in them.
Now He will ^cremember their iniquity,
And ^dpunish them for their sins;
They will return to ^aEgypt.
- 14 For Israel has ^aforgotten his Maker and ^bbuilt palaces;
And Judah has multiplied fortified cities,
But I will send a ^cfire on its cities that it may consume its palatial dwellings.

CHAPTER 9

- D**O not rejoice, O Israel, ¹with exultation like the ²nations!
For you have ^bplayed the harlot, ³forsaking your God.
You have loved harlots' earnings on ⁴every threshing floor.
- 2 Threshing floor and wine press will ^anot feed them,

8 ^aJer. 22:28; 28:34
9 ¹Lit., loves
^aHos. 7:11
^bJer. 2:24
^cEzek. 16:33, 34
10 ¹Or, suffer for awhile
^aEzek. 16:37, 22:20
^bJer. 42:2
^cIs. 10:8
11 ^aHos. 10:1
12 ^aDeut. 4:8, 8
^bHos. 4:6
13 ^aHos. 5:6
^bJer. 6:20, 7:21
^cJer. 14:10; Hos. 7:2, Luke 12:1
^d1 Cor. 4:5
^aHos. 4:9, 9:7
^bHos. 9:3, 6
14 ^aDeut. 32:18; Hos. 2:13, 4:6, 13:6
^bIs. 9:9, 10
^cJer. 17:27
1 ¹Lit., to ^aLit., people
^bLit., away from your God
^cLit., all threshing floors of grain
^aIs. 22:12, 13; Hos. 10:5
^bHos. 4:12
2 ¹Lit., her
^aHos. 2:9
3 ^aLev. 25:23; Jer. 2:7
^bHos. 7:16; 8:13
^cHos. 7:11
^dEzek. 4:13
4 ¹Lit., be to them
^aOr, bread of misfortune
^bLit., their appetite
^cEx. 29:40
^dJer. 6:20; Hos. 8:13
^eHag. 2:13, 14
^fIs. 10:3, Jer. 5:31
^aHos. 2:11, Joel 1:13
6 ^aIs. 19:13; Jer. 2:18; 44:1, 46:14, 18
^bEzek. 30:13, 16
^cIs. 5:6; 7:23; Hos. 10:8
7 ¹Or, Israel will know it
^aLit., man of the spirit
^bIs. 10:3; Jer. 10:15; Mic. 7:4
^cLuke 21:22
^dIs. 34:8; Jer.

- And the new wine will fail ¹them.
- 3 They will not remain in ^athe LORD's land,
But Ephraim will return to ^bEgypt,
And in ^cAssyria they will eat ^dunclean food.
- 4 They will not pour out libations of ^awine to the LORD,
^bTheir sacrifices will not please Him.
Their bread will ¹be like ²mourners' bread;
All who eat of it will be ^cdefiled,
For their bread will be for ³themselves alone;
It will not enter the house of the LORD.
- 5 ^aWhat will you do on the day of the appointed festival
And on the day of the ^bfeast of the LORD?
- 6 For behold, they will go because of destruction;
Egypt will gather them up,
^aMemphis will bury them.
Weeds will take over their treasures of silver;
^bThorns will be in their tents.
- 7 ¶ The days of ^apunishment have come,
The days of ^bretribution have come;
¹Let Israel know this!
The prophet is a ^cfool,
The ²inspired man is ^ddemented,
Because of the grossness of your ^einiquity,
And because your hostility is so great.
- 8 Ephraim was a watchman with my God, a prophet;
Yet the snare of a bird catcher is in all his ways,

18:18, 25:14
^aLam. 2:14; Ezek. 13:3, 10
^bIs. 44:25
^cEzek. 14:9, 10

And there is only hostility
in the house of his God.

- 9 They have gone ^adeep ¹in
depravity

As in the days of ^bGibeah;
He will ^cremember their in-
iquity,

He will punish their sins.

- 10 ¶ I found Israel like ^agrapes
in the wilderness;

I saw your forefathers as
the ^bearliest fruit on the
fig tree in its first season.

But they came to ^cBaal-
peor and devoted them-
selves to ^{1d}shame,

And they became as ^ade-
testable as that which
they loved.

- 11 As for Ephraim, their ^aglory
will fly away like a bird—
No birth, no pregnancy, and
no conception!

- 12 Though they bring up their
children,

Yet I will bereave them ¹un-
til not a man is left.

Yes, ^awoe to them indeed
when I depart from them!

- 13 Ephraim, as I have seen,
Is planted in a pleasant
meadow like ^aTyre;

But Ephraim will bring out
his children for slaugh-
ter.

- 14 Give them, O LORD—what
wilt Thou give?

Give them a ^amiscarrying
womb and dry breasts.

- 15 ¶ All their evil is at ^aGilgal;
Indeed, I came to hate them
there!

Because of the ^bwickedness
of their deeds

I will drive them out of My
house!

I will love them no more;
All their princes are ^crebels.

- 16 ^aEphraim is stricken, their
root is dried up,

They will bear ^bno fruit.
Even though they bear chil-
dren,

⁹ ¹Lit.,
they have
corrupted
^aIs. 31:6
^bJudg. 19:12,
16-30; Hos.
10:9; Hos.
7:2, 8:13.

¹⁰ ¹Lit., Baal
^aMic. 7:1
^bJer. 24:2

^cNum. 23:1-5;
Ps. 106:28, 29
^dJer. 11:13;
Hos. 4:18; ^aPs.
115:8, Ezek.

20:8
¹¹ ^aHos. 4:7;
10:5

¹² ¹Lit.,
without a
man

^aDeut. 31:17;
Hos. 7:13
¹³ ^aEzek.

26:1-21
¹⁴ ^aHos.
9:11

¹⁵ ^aHos.
4:15; 12:11
^bHos. 4:9; 7:2;
12:2; ^aIs. 1:23;
Hos. 5:2

¹⁶ ^aHos.
5:11; ^bHos. 8:7
^cEzek. 24:21
¹⁷ ^aHos.

4:10; ^bHos.
7:13
¹ ¹Or, de-
generate ²Or,
better ³Lit.,
they

^aIs. 5:1-7;
Ezek. 15:1-8
^bJer. 2:28;
Hos. 8:11;
12:11; ^c1 Kin.

14:23; Hos.
3:4
² ¹Lit.,
smooth ²Lit.,
He

^a1 Kin. 18:21;
Zeph. 1:5
^bHos. 13:16
^cHos. 10:8;
Mic. 5:13

³ ^aPs. 12:4;
Is. 5:19
⁴ ¹Or,
Swearing
falsely in
making a
covenant

^aEzek. 17:13-
19; Hos. 4:2
^bDeut. 31:16;
17:2; 1 Kin.
17:3, 4; Amos
5:7

⁵ ¹So with
some ancient
versions;
Heb., calves
²Or, who
used to re-
joice over

^aHos. 8:5, 6
^bHos. 4:15;
5:8; ^c2 Kin.
23:5; ^dHos.
9:11

⁶ ¹Or, the
avenging king or the great king ²Lit.,
receive shame ^aHos. 11:5; ^bHos. 5:13; ^cHos. 4:7

Israel's Sin Reaps Retribution

I will slay the ^cprecious one
of their womb.

- 17 My God will cast them
away

Because they have ^anot ¹in-
tended to Him;

And they will be ^bwander-
ers among the nations.

CHAPTER 10

ISRUEL is a ¹luxuriant ^avine—
He produces fruit for him-
self.

The more his fruit,
The more altars he ^bmade

The ²richer his land,
The better ³he made the ^asa-
cred ^cpillars.

- 2 Their heart is ^{1a}faithless;
Now they must bear the
^bguilt.

²The LORD will ^cbreak down
their altars

And destroy their ^asacred
pillars.

- 3 ¶ Surely now they will say
"We have ^ano king,
For we do not revere the
LORD.

As for the king, what can he
do for us?"

- 4 They speak ^amere words,
¹With ^aworthless oaths they
make covenants;

And ^bjudgment sprouts like
poisonous weeds in the
furrows of the field.

- 5 The inhabitants of Samaria
will fear

For the ^{1a}calf of ^bBeth
aven.

Indeed, its people will
mourn for it,

And its ^cidolatrous priest
²will cry out over it,

Over its ^dglory, since it has
departed from it.

- 6 The thing itself will be car-
ried to ^aAssyria

As tribute to ^{1b}King Jareb
Ephraim will ²be ^cseize
with shame,

- And Israel will be ashamed of its ^down counsel.
- 7 Samaria will be ^acut off with her king.
Like a stick on the surface of the water.
- 8 Also the ^ahigh places of Aven, the ^bsin of Israel, will be destroyed;
^cThorn and thistle will grow on their altars,
Then they will ^dsay to the mountains,
"Cover us!" And to the hills,
"Fall on us!"
- 9 From the days of Gibeah you have sinned, O Israel;
There they stand!
Will not the battle against the sons of iniquity overtake them in Gibeah?
- 10 When it is My ^adesire, I will ^bchastise them;
And ^cthe peoples will be gathered against them
When they are bound for their double guilt.
- 11 ^a And Ephraim is a trained ^aheifer that loves to thresh,
But I will ^bcome over her fair neck with a yoke;
I will harness Ephraim,
Judah will plow, Jacob will harrow for himself.
- 12 ^aSow with a view to righteousness,
Reap in accordance with ^bkindness;
^bBreak up your fallow ground,
For it is time to ^cseek the LORD
Until He ^dcomes to ²rain righteousness on you.
- 13 You have ^aplowed wickedness, you have reaped injustice,
You have eaten the fruit of ^blies.
Because you have trusted in your way, in your ^cnumerous warriors,
- 6 ^aIs.
30:3; Jer. 7:24
- 7 ^aHos.
13:11
- 8 ^aHos.
4:13 ^b1 Kin.
12:28-30;
13:34 ^cIs.
32:13; Hos.
9:6; 10:2 ^dIs.
2:19; Luke
23:30; Rev
6:16
- 10 ^aOr, bind
^bEzek. 5:13
^cHos. 4:9
^dJer. 16:18
- 11 ^aJer.
50:11; Hos.
4:16; Mic.
4:13 ^bJer.
28:14
- 12 ^aOr, loyalty
^bOr, teach
^cProv. 11:18
^dJer. 4:3
^eHos. 12:6
^fHos. 6:3 ^gIs.
44:3; 45:8
- 13 ^aJob 4:8;
Prov. 22:8;
Gal. 6:7; 8
^bHos. 4:2; 7:3;
11:12 ^cPs.
33:16
- 14 ^aIs. 17:3
^bHos. 13:18
- 1 ^aHos.
2:15; 12:9; 13;
13:4 ^bEx.
4:22; 23;
Matt. 2:15
- 2 ^aIs.
God's proph-
eta
^b2 Kin. 17:13-
15 ^cHos. 2:13;
4:13 ^dIs. 60:7;
Jer. 18:15
- 3 ^aSo an-
cient ver-
sions; Heb.
He ... His
^bDeut. 1:31;
32:10; 11 ^cPs.
107:20; Jer.
30:17
- 4 ^aJer.
31:2; 3 ^bLev.
26:13 ^cEx.
16:32; Ps.
78:25
- 5 ^aIs., He
^bIs., His
^cHos. 7:16
- 6 ^aIs., His
^bHos. 13:16
^cLam. 2:9
^dHos. 4:16; 17

- 14 Therefore, a tumult will arise among your people,
And all your ^afortresses will be destroyed,
As Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle,
When ^bmothers were dashed in pieces with their children.
- 15 Thus it will be done to you at Bethel because of your great wickedness.
At dawn the king of Israel will be completely cut off.

CHAPTER 11

- W**HEN Israel was a youth I loved him,
And ^aout of Egypt I ^bcalled My son.
- 2 The more ^athey called them,
The more they went from ^bthem;
They kept ^csacrificing to the Baals
And ^dburning incense to idols.
- 3 Yet it is I who taught Ephraim to walk,
^aI ^btook them in My arms;
But they did not know that I ^chealed them.
- 4 I ^aled them with cords of a man, with bonds of love,
And ^bI became to them as one who lifts the yoke from their jaws;
And I bent down and ^cfed them.
- 5 ^a They will not return to the land of Egypt;
But Assyria—he will be ^btheir king.
Because they ^crefused to return to Me.
- 6 And the ^asword will whirl against ^btheir cities,
And will demolish ^ctheir gate bars
And ^dconsume them because of their ^ecounsels.

7 So My people are bent on
 turning from Me.
 Though they call them to
 the One on high,
 None at all exalts Him.

8 ¶ How can I give you up, O
 Ephraim?
 How can I surrender you, O
 Israel?
 How can I make you like
 Admah?
 How can I treat you like
 Zeboiim?
 My heart is turned over
 within Me,
 All my compassions are
 kindled.

9 I will not execute My fierce
 anger;
 I will not destroy Ephraim
 again.
 For I am God and not man,
 the Holy One in your
 midst,
 And I will not come in
 wrath.

10 They will walk after the
 LORD,
 He will roar like a lion;
 Indeed He will roar,
 And His sons will come
 trembling from the
 west.

11 They will come trembling
 like birds from Egypt,
 And like doves from the
 land of Assyria;
 And I will settle them in
 their houses, declares the
 LORD.

12 ¶ Ephraim surrounds Me
 with lies,
 And the house of Israel with
 deceit;
 Judah is also unruly against
 God,
 Even against the Holy One
 who is faithful.

CHAPTER 12

EPHRAIM feeds on wind,
 And pursues the east wind
 continually;

7 ¹lit.,
 God's proph-
 ets ²lit., hum;
 i.e., Israel
 Jer. 3:6, 7;
 8:5

8 ¹lit., give
²lit., To-
 gether
 Hos. 6:4; 7:1
 Gen. 14:8;
 Deut. 29:23

9 ¹lit., ex-
 citation/
 Deut. 13:17
 Jer. 26:3;
 30:11 Num
 23:19 dls.
 5:24; 12:6;
 41:14, 16

10 Hos. 3:5;
 6:1-3 ¹lit.
 31:4, Joel
 3:16; Amos
 1:2 ¹lit.
 66:2, 5

11 ¹lit., 11:11
 Isa. 60:8; Hos.
 7:11 Ezek.
 28:25, 26;
 34:27, 28

12 Ch. 12:1
 in Heb.
 Hos. 4:2, 7:3

1 ¹Ch. 12:2
 in Heb. ²lit.,
 they make
 Jer. 22:22
 Gen. 41:6;
 Ezek. 17:10

2 Hos. 4:1;
 Mic. 6:2
 Hos. 4:9; 7:2

3 Gen.
 25:26 Gen.
 32:28

4 Gen.
 32:26 Gen.
 28:13-19;
 35:10-15

5 ¹lit., me-
 morial
 Ex. 3:15

6 Or, loy-
 alty
 Hos. 6:1-3;
 10:12 Mic.
 6:8 Mic. 7:7

7 Or, Ca-
 naanite
 Prov. 11:1;
 Amos 8:5;
 Mic. 6:11

8 Ps.
 62:10; Hos.
 13:6; Rev.
 3:17 Hos.
 4:8; 14:1

9 Lev
 23:42

10 ¹lit.,
 multiplied
 the vision
 2 Kin. 17:13;
 Jer. 7:25
 Ezek. 17:2;
 20:40

He multiplies lies and vi-
 lence.

Moreover, he makes a con-
 enant with Assyria,

And oil is carried to Egypt

2 The LORD also has a dis-
 pute with Judah,

And will punish Jacob ac-
 cording to his ways;

He will repay him accor-
 ding to his deeds.

3 In the womb he took his
 brother by the heel,

And in his maturity he con-
 tended with God.

4 Yes, he wrestled with the
 angel and prevailed;

He wept and sought His fa-
 vor.

He found Him at Bethel,
 And there He spoke with us

5 Even the LORD, the God of
 hosts;

The LORD is His name.

6 Therefore, return to your
 God,

Observe kindness and
 justice,

And wait for your God con-
 tinually.

7 A merchant, in whose
 hands are false balances,

He loves to oppress.

8 And Ephraim said, "Surely
 I have become rich,

I have found wealth for my-
 self;

In all my labors they will
 find in me

No iniquity, which would
 be sin."

9 But I have been the LORD
 your God since the land
 of Egypt;

I will make you live in tent
 again,

As in the days of the as-
 pointed festival.

10 I have also spoken to the
 prophets,

And I gave numerous vi-
 sions;

And through the prophets
 gave parables.

11 Is there iniquity in Gilead?
Surely they are worthless.
In Gilgal they sacrifice
bulls,
Yes, ^atheir altars are like the
stone heaps
Beside the furrows of the
field.

12 ¶ Now ^aJacob fled to the
¹land of Aram,
And ^bIsrael worked for a
wife,
And for a wife he kept
sheep.

13 But by a ^aprophet the LORD
brought Israel from
Egypt,
And by a prophet he was
kept.

14 ^aEphraim has provoked to
bitter anger;
So his Lord will leave his
^bbloodguilt on him,
And bring back his ^cre-
proach to him.

CHAPTER 13

WHEN Ephraim ¹spoke,
there was trembling.

He ^bexalted himself in Is-
rael,
But through ^cBaal he ²did
wrong and died.

2 And now they sin more and
more,
And make for themselves
^amolten images,
Idols ^bskillfully made from
their silver,
All of them the ^cwork of
craftsmen.

They say of them, "Let the
²men who sacrifice kiss
the ^dcalves!"

3 Therefore, they will be like
the ^amorning cloud,
And like dew which ¹soon
disappears,
Like ^bchaff which is blown
away from the threshing
floor,
And like ^csmoke from a
²chimney.

11 ^aHos.
8:11; 10:1, 2
12 ¹Lit.,
field
^aGen. 28:5
^aGen. 29:20
13 ^aEx.
14:19-22; 1a.
63:11-14
14 ²Kin.
17:7-18
^aEzek. 18:10-
13 ^aDan.
11:18, Mic.
6:18
1 ¹Or,
spoke with
trembling
²Or, became
guilty
^aJob 29:21, 22
^aJudg. 8:1,
12:1 ^aHos.
2:8-17; 11:2
2 ²Or, ac-
cording to
their own un-
derstanding
^aLit., sacrific-
ers of fat,
among men-
kind
^aIs. 48:6, Jer.
10:4, Hos. 2:8
^aIs. 44:17-20
^aHos. 8:6
^aHos. 8:5, 6;
10:5
3 ¹Lit.,
goes away
early ^aLit.,
windrow
^aHos. 6:4 ^aPs.
14, Is. 17:13,
Dan. 2:35 ^aPs.
68:2
4 ^aHos.
12:9 ^aEx.
20:3; 2 Kin.
18:35 ^aIs.
43:11, 45:21,
22
5 ²Or,
know
^aDeut. 2:7;
32:10 ^aDeut.
8:15
6 ^aDeut.
8:12, 14;
32:13-15; Jer.
5:7 ^aHos. 7:14
^aHos. 2:13,
4:6; 8:14
7 ²Or,
watch
^aLam. 3:10;
Hos. 5:14
^aJer. 5:6
8 ¹Lit., the
enclosure of
their heart
^a3 Sam. 17:8
^aPs. 50:22
9 ²Or, But
in Me is your
help
^aJer. 2:17, 19;
Mal. 1:12, 13
^aDeut. 33:28,
29
10 ¹Lit., and
^a2 Kin. 17:4;
Hos. 8:4
^a1 Sam. 8:5, 6

4 ¶ Yet I have been the ^aLORD
your God
Since the land of Egypt;
And you were not to know
^bany god except Me,
For there is no savior ^cbe-
sides Me.

5 I ¹loved you in the wil-
derness,
^bIn the land of drought.

6 As they had their pasture,
they became ^asatisfied,
And being satisfied, their
^bheart became proud;
Therefore, they ^cforgot Me.

7 So I will be ^alike a lion to
them;
Like a ^bleopard I will ¹lie in
wait by the wayside.

8 I will encounter them ^alike a
bear robbed of her cubs,
And I will tear open ¹their
chests;
There I will also ^bdevour
them like a lioness,
As a wild beast would tear
them.

9 ¶ It is your destruction, O
Israel,
¹That you are ^aagainst Me,
against your ^bhelp.

10 Where now is your ^aking
That he may save you in all
your cities,
And your ^bjudges of whom
you ¹requested,
"Give me a king and
princes"?

11 I ^agave you a king in My an-
ger,
And ^btook him away in My
wrath.

12 ¶ The iniquity of Ephraim
is bound up;
His sin is ^astored up.

13 The pains of ^achildbirth
come upon him;
He is ^bnot a wise son,

11 ^a1 Sam. 8:7; 10:17-24 ^b1 Sam. 15:28; 1 Kin. 14:7-10;
Hos. 10:7
12 ^aDeut. 32:34, 35; Job 14:17; Rom. 2:5
13 ^aIs. 13:8; Mic. 4:9, 10 ^aDeut. 32:6; Hos. 5:4

For ¹it is not the time that he
should ^cdelay at the
opening of the womb.

14 I will ^aransom them from
the ¹power of Sheol;
I will redeem them from
death.

^bO Death, where are your
thorns?

O Sheol, where is your
sting?

^cCompassion will be hidden
from My sight.

15 ¶ Though he ^aflourishes
among the ¹reeds,

An ^beast wind will come,
The wind of the LORD com-
ing up from the wilder-
ness;

And his fountain will ^cbe-
come dry,

And his spring will be dried
up;

It will ^dplunder his treasury
of every precious article.

16 ¹Samaria will be held
^aguilty,

For she has ^brebelled
against her God.

^cThey will fall by the
^dsword,

Their little ones will be
^cdashed in pieces,

And their pregnant ^fwomen
will be ripped open.

CHAPTER 14

^{1a} **R**ETURN, O Israel, to the
LORD your God,

For you have stumbled ²be-
cause of your ^biniquity.

2 Take words with you and
return to the LORD.

Say to Him, "^aTake away all
iniquity,

And ¹receive us graciously,
That we may ^bpresent ²the
fruit of our lips.

3 "Assyria will not save us,
We will ^anot ride on horses;

¹³ ¹Lit., it is
the time that
he should not
tarry at the
breaking
forth of chil-
dren
^cIs. 37:3; 68:9

¹⁴ ¹Lit.,
hand
^aPs. 49:15;
Ezek. 37:12;
13 ¹1 Cor.
15:55 ^cJer.
20:18; 31:35-
37

¹⁸ ¹Or,
brothers
^aGen. 49:22;
Hos. 10:1
^aGen. 41:6;
Jer. 4:11, 12;
Ezek. 17:10;
19:12 ^cJer.
51:36 ^dJer.
20:5

¹⁶ ¹Ch. 14:1
in Heb.
^aHos. 10:2
^bHos. 7:14
^c2 Kin. 8:12
^dHos. 11:6
^eHos. 10:14
^f2 Kin. 15:18

¹ ¹Ch. 14:2
in Heb. ²Or,
in
^aHos. 6:1;
10:12; 12:6;
Joel 2:13
^bHos. 4:8; 5:5;
9:7

² ¹Or, ac-
cept that
which is good
²So with an-
cient ver-
sions; M.T.,
our lips as
bulls

^aMic. 7:18, 19
^bPs. 51:16;
17; Hos. 6:6;
Heb. 13:15

³ ¹Or, fa-
therless
^aPs. 33:17; Is.
31:1 ^bHos.
8:6; 13:2
^cHos. 4:12
^dPs. 10:14;
68:5

⁴ ^aIs.
57:18; Hos.
6:1 ^bZeph.
3:17 ^cIs. 12:1

⁵ ¹Lit.,
strike his
roots
^aProv. 19:12;
Is. 26:19
^bSong 2:1;
Matt. 6:28
^cIs. 35:2

⁶ ¹Lit., go
²Or, splendor
^aJer. 11:16
^bSong 4:11

Nor will we say again, ^bOu-
god.'

To the ^cwork of our hands
For in ^dThee the ¹orphan
finds mercy."

4 ¶ I will ^aheal their apo-
tasy,

I will ^blove them freely,
For My anger has ^cturne
away from them.

5 I will be like the ^adew to Is-
rael;

He will blossom like the
^blily,

And he will ¹take root lik
the cedars of ^cLebanon.

6 His shoots will ¹sprout,
And his ²beauty will be lik
the ^aolive tree,

And his fragrance like the
cedars of ^bLebanon.

7 Those who ^alive in his
shadow

Will ¹again raise ^bgrain,
And they will blossom lik
the vine.

His renown will be like the
wine of Lebanon.

8 ¶ O Ephraim, what mor
have I to do with ^aidols
It is I who answer and loo
after ¹you.

I am like a luxuriant ^bcyc
press;

From ^cMe comes your fruit

9 ¶ ^aWhoever is wise, let him
understand these things:
Whoever is discerning, let
him know them.

For the ^bways of the LORD
are right,

And the ^crighteous will
walk in them,

But ^dtransgressors will
stumble in them.

⁷ ¹Or, return, they will raise grain ^aEzek. 17:23 ^bHeb.
2:21, 22

⁸ ¹Lit., him ^aJob 34:32; Hos. 14:3 ^bIs. 41:19 ^cEzek.
17:23

⁹ ^aPs. 107:43; Jer. 9:12 ^bPs. 111:7, 8; Prov. 10:29;
Zeph. 3:5 ^cIs. 26:7 ^dIs. 1:28

THE BOOK OF JOEL

The Devastation of Locusts

THE ^aword of the LORD that came to ^bJoel, the son of Pe-thuel.

- 2 ^aHear this, O ^belders,
And listen, all inhabitants
of the land.
^cHas *anything* like this hap-
pened in your days
Or in your fathers' days?
- 3 ^aTell your sons about it,
And *let* your sons *tell* their
sons,
And their sons the next gen-
eration.
- 4 ¶ What the ^agnawing lo-
cust has left, the swarm-
ing locust has eaten;
And what the ^bswarming lo-
cust has left, the creeping
locust has eaten;
And what the creeping lo-
cust has left, the ^cstrip-
ping locust has eaten.
- 5 Awake, ^adrunkards, and
weep;
And wail, all you wine
drinkers,
On account of the sweet
wine
That is ^bcut off from your
mouth.
- 6 For a ^anation has ^binvaded
my land,
Mighty and without num-
ber;
^bIts teeth are the teeth of a
lion,
And it has the fangs of a
lioness.
- 7 It has ^amade my vine a
waste,
And my fig tree ^bsplinters.
It has stripped them bare
and cast *them* away;

1 ^aJer. 1:2,
Ezek. 1:3,
Hos. 1:1
^bActs 2:16

2 ^aHos. 4:1,
5:1 ^bJob 8:8,
Joel 1:14 ^cJer.
30:7, Joel 2:2

3 ^aEx. 10:2,
Ps. 78:4

4 ^aDeut.
28:38; Joel
2:25; Amos
4:9 ^bNah.
3:15, 16 ^cIs.
33:4

5 ^aJoel 3:3
^bIs. 32:10

6 ^aLt.,
come up
against
^bJoel 2:2, 11,
25 ^cRev. 9:8

7 ^aOr, a
stump
^bIs. 5:6, Amos
4:9

8 ^aIs. 22:12
^bJoel 1:13;
Amos 8:10

9 ^aHos. 9:4,
Joel 1:13;
2:14 ^bJoel
2:17

10 ^aLt.,
wastes away
^bIs. 24:4, 7
^cJer. 12:11

11 ^aOr, The
farmers are
ashamed, The
vinedressers
wail
^bJer. 14:4;
Amos 5:16
^cIs. 17:11;
Jer. 9:12

12 ^aLt.,
wastes away
^bOr, apricot
^cJoel 1:10;
Hab. 3:17
^dHag. 2:19
^eSong 7:8
^fSong 2:3 ^gIs.
16:10, 24:11,
Jer. 48:33

13 ^aJer. 4:8,
Ezek. 7:18
^bJer. 9:10
^c1 Kin. 21:27

14 ^aJoel
2:15, 16 ^bLev.
23:36

Their branches have be-
come white.

- 8 ¶ ^aWail like a virgin
^bgirded with sackcloth
For the bridegroom of her
youth.
- 9 The ^agrain offering and the
libation are cut off
From the house of the LORD.
The ^bpriests mourn,
The ministers of the LORD.
- 10 The field is ^aruined,
^bThe land mourns,
For the grain is ruined,
The new wine dries up,
Fresh oil ^bfails.
- 11 ^aBe ashamed, O farmers,
Wail, O vinedressers,
For the wheat and the bar-
ley;
Because the ^bharvest of the
field is destroyed.
- 12 The ^avine dries up,
And the fig tree ^bfails;
The ^bpomegranate, the
^cpalm also, and the ^dap-
ple tree,
All the trees of the field dry
up.
Indeed, ^erejoicing dries up
From the sons of men.
- 13 ¶ ^aGird yourselves with
sackcloth,
And lament, O priests;
^bWail, O ministers of the al-
tar!
Come, ^cspend the night in
sackcloth,
O ministers of my God,
For the grain offering and
the libation
Are withheld from the
house of your God.
- 14 ^aConsecrate a fast,
Proclaim a ^bsolemn assem-
bly;

- Gather the elders
And all the inhabitants of
the land
To the house of the LORD
your God,
And cry out to the LORD.
- 15 ^aAlas for the day!
For the ^bday of the LORD is
near,
And it will come as ^cde-
struction from the ¹Al-
mighty.
- 16 Has not ^afood been cut off
before our eyes,
Gladness and ^bjoy from the
house of our God?
- 17 The ¹seeds shrivel under
their ²clouds;
The storehouses are deso-
late,
The barns are torn down,
For the grain is dried up.
- 18 How ^athe beasts groan!
The herds of cattle wander
aimlessly
Because there is no pasture
for them;
Even the flocks of sheep
¹suffer.
- 19 ^aTo Thee, O LORD, I cry;
For ^bfire has devoured the
pastures of the wilder-
ness,
And the flame has burned
up all the trees of the
field.
- 20 Even the beasts of the field
¹apant for Thee;
For the ^bwater brooks are
dried up,
And fire has devoured the
pastures of the wilder-
ness.

CHAPTER 2

- ^a**B**LOW a trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm on My
holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the
land tremble,
For the ^bday of the LORD is
coming;
Surely it is near,
2 A day of ^adarkness and
gloom,

14 ^aJon. 3:8
18 ¹Heb.,
Shaddai;
^aIs. 13:9; Jer.
30:7; Amos
5:16 ^bJoel 2:1,
11, 31 ^cIs.
13:6; Ezek.
7:2-12
16 ^aIs. 3:7;
Amos 4:6
^bDeut. 12:7;
Ps. 43:4
17 ¹Or,
dried figs ²Or,
shovels
^aIs. 17:10, 11
18 ¹Lit.,
hear punish-
ment
^a1 Kin. 8:5;
Jer. 12:4;
14:5, 6; Hos.
4:3
19 ^aPs.
50:15; Mic.
7:7 ^bJer. 9:10;
Amos 7:4
20 ¹Lit.,
long for
^aPs. 104:21;
147:8; Joel
1:18 ^b1 Kin.
17:7, 18:5
1 ^aJer. 4:5;
Joel 2:15;
Zeph. 1:16
^bJoel 1:15;
2:11, 31; 3:14;
Obad. 15;
Zeph. 1:14
2 ^aJoel
2:10, 31;
Amos 5:18;
Zeph. 1:15
^bJoel 1:6;
2:11, 25
^cLam. 1:12;
Dan. 9:12;
12:1; Joel 1:2
3 ^aPs. 97:3;
Is. 9:18, 19
^bIs. 51:3;
Ezek. 36:35
^cEx. 10:5, 15;
Ps. 105:34,
35; Zech. 7:14
4 ^aRev. 9:7
5 ¹Lit.,
Like the
noise of
chariots ²Lit.,
noise
^aRev. 9:9 ^bIs.
5:24; 30:30
6 ¹Or, be-
come flushed
^aIs. 13:8;
Nah. 2:10
^bJer. 30:8
7 ¹Lit., in
his ways
^aProv. 30:27
8 ¹Lit., fall
²Lit., weapon,
probably
javelin

Terribleness of the Happenin

- A day of clouds and thick
darkness.
As the dawn is spread over
the mountains,
So there is a ^bgreat and
mighty people;
There has ^cnever been an-
thing like it,
Nor will there be again after
it
To the years of many gen-
erations.
- 3 A ^afire consumes before
them,
And behind them a flame
burns.
The land is ^blike the garden
of Eden before them,
But a ^cdesolate wilderness
behind them,
And nothing at all escapes
them.
- 4 Their ^aappearance is like
the appearance of
horses;
And like war horses, so they
run.
- 5 ¹With a ^anoise as of chariot
They leap on the tops of the
mountains,
Like the ²crackling of
^bflame of fire consuming
the stubble,
Like a mighty people ar-
ranged for battle.
- 6 Before them the people are
in ^aanguish;
All ^bfaces ¹turn pale.
- 7 They run like mighty men
They climb the wall like so-
diers;
And they each ^amarch ¹in
line,
Nor do they deviate from
their paths.
- 8 They do not crowd each
other;
They march everyone in his
path.
When they ¹burst through
the ²defenses,
They do not break ranks.
- 9 They rush on the city,
They run on the wall;

- They climb into the^a houses,
They enter through the windows like a thief.
- 10 Before them the earth^a quakes,
The heavens tremble,
The sun and the moon grow dark,
And the stars lose their brightness.
- 11 And the LORD utters His voice before His army;
Surely His camp is very great,
For strong is he who carries out His word.
The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome,
And who can endure it?
- 12 "Yet even now," declares the LORD,
"Return to Me with all your heart,
And with fasting, weeping, and mourning;
- 13 And rend your heart and not your garments."
Now return to the LORD your God,
For He is gracious and compassionate,
Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness,
And relenting of evil.
- 14 Who knows whether He will not turn and relent,
And leave a blessing behind Him,
Even a grain offering and a libation
For the LORD your God?
- 15 Blow a trumpet in Zion,
Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly,
- 16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Gather the children and the nursing infants.
Let the bridegroom come out of his room

9 Ex. 10:6
Jer. 9:21;
John 10:1
10 Ps. 18:7;
Joel 3:16;
Nah. 1:5 Ma.
13:10; 34:4;
Jer. 4:23;
Ezek. 32:7, 8;
Joel 2:31;
3:15; Matt.
24:29; Rev.
8:12
11 Ps. 48:6;
Is. 13:4; Jer.
25:30; Joel
3:16; Joel
2:25; Jer.
50:34; Rev.
18:8; Jer.
30:7; Joel
1:15, 2:1, 3:1;
3:14; Zeph.
1:14, 15; Rev.
6:17; Ezek.
22:14; Mal.
3:2
12 Deut.
4:28; Jer. 4:1;
2. Ezek.
33:11; Hos.
12:6; Dan.
9:3
13 Ps.
34:18, 51:17;
Is. 57:15
14 Gen. 37:34;
2 Sam. 1:11;
Job 1:20; Jer.
41:5; Ex. 34:6
4:10; Amos
7:3, 6
14 Jer.
28:3; Jon. 3:9
15 Hag. 2:19
Joel 1:9, 13
16 Hos.
10:3, 2 Km.
10:20; Joel
1:14
16 1 Sam.
16:5; 2 Chr.
29:5; Ps. 10:5
17 2 Chr.
8:12; Ezek.
8:16; Ex.
32:11, 12; Is.
37:30; Amos
7:2, 5; Ps.
44:13, 74:10
Ps. 42:10;
79:10; 115:2
18 Or, was
zealous Or,
had pity
Zech. 1:14;
8:2 Ma. 8:2; 10;
63:9, 15
19 Or, an-
nounced and
said Matt. 23
Jer. 31:12;
Hos. 2:21, 22;
Joel 1:10;
Mal. 3:10
Ezek. 34:29;
38:15
20 Jer.
1:14, 15
Zech. 14:8
Deut. 11:24
Amos 4:10

- And the bride out of her bridal chamber.
- 17 Let the priests, the LORD's ministers,
Weep between the porch and the altar,
And let them say, "Spare Thy people, O LORD,
And do not make Thine inheritance a reproach,
A byword among the nations.
Why should they among the peoples say,
"Where is their God?" "
- 18 ¶ Then the LORD will be zealous for His land,
And will have pity on His people.
- 19 And the LORD will answer and say to His people,
"Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine, and oil,
And you will be satisfied in full with them;
And I will never again make you a reproach among the nations.
- 20 "But I will remove the northern army far from you,
And I will drive it into a parched and desolate land,
And its vanguard into the eastern sea,
And its rear guard into the western sea.
And its stench will arise and its foul smell will come up.
For it has done great things."
- 21 ¶ Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad,
For the LORD has done great things.
- 22 Do not fear, beasts of the field,

21 Ma. 54:4; Jer. 30:18; Zeph. 3:16, 17; Ps. 124:3; Joel 2:28

- For the ^apastures of the wilderness have turned green,
 For the tree has borne its fruit,
 The fig tree and the vine have yielded ¹in full.
- 23 So rejoice, O ^asons of Zion,
 And ^bbe glad in the LORD your God;
 For He has ^cgiven you ¹the early rain for your vindication.
 And He has poured down for you the rain,
 The ²early and ^{3d}latter rain ⁴as before.
- 24 And the threshing floors will be full of grain,
 And the vats will ^aoverflow with the new wine and oil.
- 25 "Then I will make up to you for the years
 That the swarming ^alocust has eaten,
 The creeping locust, the stripping locust, and the gnawing locust,
 My great army which I sent among you.
- 26 "And you shall have plenty to ^aeat and be satisfied,
 And ^bpraise the name of the LORD your God,
 Who has ^cdealt wondrously with you;
 Then My people will ^dnever be put to shame.
- 27 "Thus you will ^aknow that I am in the midst of Israel,
 And that I am the LORD your God
 And there is ^bno other;
 And My people will never be ^cput to shame.
- 28 ¶ "And it will come about after this
 That I will ^bpour out My Spirit on all ^{2c}mankind;
 And your sons and daughters will prophesy,
 Your old men will dream dreams,

22 ¹Lit., their wealth
^aPs. 65:12, 13
 23 ¹i.e., autumn; or possibly, the teacher for righteousness
²i.e., autumn
³i.e., spring
⁴So with ancient versions; Heb., in the first
^aPs. 149:2 ^bIs. 12:2-8 ^cDeut. 11:14; Is. 41:18; Jer. 5:24; Hab. 3:18; Zech. 10:7 ^dLev. 26:4; Hos. 6:3; Zech. 10:1
 24 ^aLev. 26:10; Amos 9:13; Mal. 3:10
 25 Joel 1:4-7; 2:2-11
 26 ^aLev. 26:5; Deut. 11:15; Is. 62:9 ^bDeut. 12:7; Ps. 67:5-7
^cPs. 128:2, 3; Is. 25:1 ^dIs. 45:17
 27 ^aLev. 26:11, 12; Joel 3:17, 21
^bIs. 45:5, 6
^cIs. 49:23
 28 ¹Ch. 3:1 in Heb. ²Lit., flesh
^aActs 2:17-21
^bIs. 32:15; 44:3; Ezek. 39:28; Zech. 12:10 ^cIs. 40:3; 49:26
 29 ^a1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28
 30 ^aMatt. 24:29; Mark 13:24, 25; Luke 21:11, 25, 26; Acts 2:19
 31 ^aIs. 13:10; 34:4; Joel 2:10; 3:15; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Luke 21:25; Acts 2:20; Rev. 6:12, 13 ^bIs. 13:9; Zeph. 1:14-16; Mal. 4:1, 5
 32 Jer. 33:3; Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13 ^bIs. 46:13; Rom. 11:26 ^cIs. 4:2; Obad. 17 ^dIs. 11:11; Jer. 31:7; Mic. 4:7; Rom. 9:27

- Your young men will see ^avisions.
- 29 "And even on the ^amale and female servants
 I will pour out My Spirit ^athose days.
- 30 "And I will ^adisplay wonders in the sky and on the earth,
 Blood, fire, and columns of smoke.
- 31 "The ^asun will be turned into darkness,
 And the moon into blood:
 Before the ^bgreat and awesome day of the LORD comes.
- 32 "And it will come about that ^awhoever calls on the name of the LORD
 Will be delivered;
 For ^bon Mount Zion and Jerusalem
 There will be those who ^cescape,
 As the LORD has said,
 Even among the ^dsurvivors whom the LORD calls.

CHAPTER 3

- ¶ "FOR behold, ^ain those days and at that time
 When I ^brestore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
 I will ^agather all the nation
 And bring them down to the ^bvalley of Jehoshaphat.
 Then I will ^center into judgment with them there
 On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel,
 Whom they have ^dscattered among the nations;
 And they have ^edivided up My land.
- 3 "They have also ^acast lots for My people,
^{1b}Traded a boy for a harlot
 And sold a girl for wine that they may drink.

¹Ch. 4:1 in Heb. ^aJer. 30:3; Ezek. 38:14 ^bJer. 18:1
²i.e., YHWH judges ^aIs. 66:18; Mic. 4:12; Zech. 14:2 ^bJoel 3:12, 14 ^cIs. 66:18; Jer. 25:31; Ezek. 38:22
^dJer. 50:17; Ezek. 34:6 ^eEzek. 35:10; 38:1-5
³Lit., Given ^aObad. 11; Nah. 3:10 ^bAmos 2:6

4 "Moreover, what are you to Me, O ^aTyre, Sidon, and all the regions of ^bPhilistia? Are you rendering Me a recompense? But if you do recompense Me, swiftly and speedily I will ^creturn your recompense on your head.

5 "Since you have ^ataken My silver and My gold, brought My precious ¹treasures to your temples,

6 and sold the ^asons of Judah and Jerusalem to the ¹Greeks in order to remove them far from their territory,

7 behold, I am going to ^aarouse them from the place where you have sold them, and return your recompense on your head.

8 "Also I will ^asell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the ^bSabeans, to a distant nation," for the LORD has spoken.

9 ¶ ^aProclaim this among the nations:

^bPrepare a war; ^crouse the mighty men!

Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up!

10 ^aBeat your plowshares into swords,

And your pruning hooks into spears;

^bLet the weak say, "I am a mighty man."

11 ¹Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations,

And gather yourselves there.

Bring down, O LORD, Thy ^bmighty ones.

12 Let the nations be aroused

And come up to the ^avalley of ¹Jehoshaphat,

For there I will sit to ^bjudge All the surrounding nations.

13 ^aPut in the sickle, for the ^bharvest is ripe.

Come, ^ctread, for the ^dwine press is full;

4 ^aIs. 23:1-18; Amos 1:9; 10; Zach. 9:2-4; Matt. 11:21, 22; Luke 10:13; 14 ^aIs. 14:29-31; Jer. 47:1-7; Ezek. 25:15-17; Amos 1:6-8; Zach. 9:5-7; ^aIs. 34:8; 59:18; 8 ^aLat., ^bgoodly things; ^c2 Kin. 12:18; 2 Chr. 21:16, 17; 6 ^aLat., ^bsons of Javan; ^cEzek. 27:13; 7 ^aIs. 43:5; 8; Jer. 23:8; Zach. 9:13; 8 ^aIs. 14:2; 80:14; Job 1:15; Ps. 72:10; Ezek. 38:13; 9 ^aJer. 51:27; ^bJer. 6:4; Ezek. 38:7; Mic. 3:5; ^aIs. 8:9, 10; Jer. 48:3, 4; Zach. 14:2, 3; 10 ^aIs. 2:4; Mic. 4:3; ^bZach. 12:8; 11 ^aOr, ^bLand and; ^cEzek. 38:15; 18 ^aIs. 13:3; 12 ^aIs. 1; YHWH Judges; Joel 3:2, 14; ^aPs. 7:6; 98:13; 98:9; Is. 2:4, 3:13; 18 ^aRev. 14:14-19; Jer. 51:33; Hos. 6:11; ^bRev. 14:19, 20; 19:15 ^aIs. 63:3; Lam. 1:15; ^cGen. 18:20; 14 ^aIs. 1; God's verdict; ^aIs. 34:2-8; Joel 3:2, 12; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 18 ^aJoel 2:10, 31; 10 ^aHos. 11:10; Amos 1:2; Joel 2:11; ^cEzek. 38:18; Joel 2:10; Hag. 2:6; ^aPs. 61:3; Is. 33:18; Jer. 17:17; Jer. 16:18; Nah. 1:7; 17 ^aJoel 2:27; ^aIs. 11:9; 58:7; Ezek. 20:40; ^aIs. 4:3; Obad. 17; ^aIs. 52:1; Nah. 1:15;

The vats overflow, for their ^awickedness is great.

14 ^aMultitudes, multitudes in the ^bvalley of ¹decision! For the ^cday of the LORD is near in the valley of ¹decision.

15 The ^asun and moon grow dark, And the stars lose their brightness.

16 And the LORD ^aroars from Zion

And ^butters His voice from Jerusalem.

And the ^cheavens and the earth tremble.

But the LORD is a ^arefuge for His people

And a ^astronghold to the sons of Israel.

17 Then you will ^aknow that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My ^bholy mountain.

So Jerusalem will be ^choly, And ^dstrangers will pass through it no more.

18 ¶ And it will come about in that day

That the ^amountains will drip with ¹sweet wine,

And the hills will ^bflow with milk,

And all the ^cbrooks of Judah will flow with water;

And a ^dspring will go out from the house of the LORD,

To water the valley of ²Shittim.

19 Egypt will become a waste, And Edom will become a desolate wilderness,

Because of the ^aviolence ¹done to the sons of Judah,

In whose land they have shed innocent blood.

20 But Judah will be ^ainhabited forever.

18 ^aLat., ^bfreshly pressed and grape juice; ^cOr, ^doccasions; ^aAmos 8:13; ^bEz. 3:8; ^cIs. 38:25; 33:6; ^dEzek. 47:1-12; 19 ^aLat., ^bof the sons; ^cObad. 10; 20 ^aEzek. 37:25; Amos 8:15

And Jerusalem for all generations.
21 And I will ^aavenge their

21 ^aIs. 4:4

blood which I have not
avenged,
For the LORD dwells in Zion

THE BOOK OF AMOS

Judgment on Neighbor Nations

THE words of Amos, who was among the ^ashepherders from ^bTekoa, which he ¹envisioned in visions concerning Israel in the days of ^cUzziah king of Judah, and in the days of ^dJero-boam son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the ^eearthquake.

2 And he said,

"The ^aLORD roars from Zion,
And from Jerusalem He utters His voice;
And the shepherds' ^bpasture grounds mourn,
And the ¹csummit of Carmel dries up."

3 ¶ Thus says the LORD,

"For ^athree transgressions of ^bDamascus and for four I will not ¹revoke its *punishment*,
Because they threshed Gil-ead with *implements* of sharp iron.

4 "So I will send fire upon the house of Hazael,
And it will consume the citadels of ^aBen-hadad.

5 "I will also ^abreak the gate bar of Damascus,
And cut off the inhabitant from the ¹valley of Aven,
And him who holds the scepter, from Beth-eden;
So the people of Aram will go exiled to ^bKir,"
Says the LORD.

1 ¹Lit., saw

concerning

^aAmos 7:14^{b2} Sam. 14:2;

Jer. 6:1

^{c2} Chr. 28:1-23; ¹Is. 1:1^{d2} Kin. 14:23-

29; Hos. 1:1;

^eAmos 7:10;11 ^aZech.

14:5

² ¹Lit.,

head

^aIs. 42:13;

Jer. 25:30;

Joel 3:18

^bJer. 12:4;

Joel 1:18, 19

^cAmos 9:3³ ¹Lit.,

cause it to

turn back,

and so

throughout

the ch.

^aAmos 2:1, 4,6 ^aIs. 8:4;

17:1-3; Jer.

48:23-27;

Zech. 9:1

⁴ ^a1 Kin.

20:1; 2 Kin.

8:24

⁵ ¹Possibly,

Baalbek

^aJer. 51:30;

Lam. 2:9

^{b2} Kin. 18:9;

Amos 9:7

⁶ ^a1 Sam.

8:17; Jer.

47:1, 5; Zeph.

2:4 ^bEzek.

35:5; Obad.

11

⁸ ¹Lit.,

cause to re-

turn ¹Lit.,hand ¹Heb.,

YHWH, usually

rendered

LORD

^{a2} Chr. 28:6;

Amos 3:9;

Zech. 9:6

^bJer. 47:5;Zeph. 2:4 ^aIs.

14:29-31; Jer.

47:1-7; Ezek.

25:16; Joel

3:4-8; Zeph.

2:4-7; Zech.

9:5-7

6 ¶ Thus says the LORD,

"For three transgressions of ^aGaza and for four I will not revoke its *punishment*,

Because they deported an entire population

To ^bdeliver it up to Edom

7 "So I will send fire upon the wall of Gaza,

And it will consume her citadels.

8 "I will also cut off the inhabitant from ^aAshdod,

And him who holds the scepter, from ^bAshkelon

I will even ¹unleash My ²power upon Ekron,

And the remnant of the ^cPhilistines will perish,"

Says the Lord ³God.

9 ¶ Thus says the LORD,

"For three transgressions of ^aTyre and for four I will not revoke its *punishment*,

Because they delivered up an entire population to Edom

And did not remember the covenant of ¹brotherhood.

10 "So I will ^asend fire upon the wall of Tyre,

And it will consume her citadels."

⁹ ¹Lit., brothers ^aIs. 23:1-18; Jer. 25:22; Ezek. 26:2-4; Joel 3:4-8; Zech. 9:1-4; Matt. 11:21, 22; Luke 10:13, 14

^{b1} Kin. 9:11-14

¹⁰ ^aZech. 9:4

- 11 ¶ Thus says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of
 *Edom and for four
 I will not revoke its punish-
 ment,
 Because he ^bpursued his
 brother with the sword,
 While he ^lstifled his com-
 passion;
 His anger also ^ctore con-
 tinually,
 And he maintained his fury
 forever.
 12 "So I will send fire upon *Te-
 man,
 And it will consume the
 citadels of Bozrah."

- 13 ¶ Thus says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of
 the sons of *Ammon and
 for four
 I will not revoke its punish-
 ment,
 Because they ^bripped open
 the pregnant women of
 Gilead
 In order to ^cenlarge their
 borders.
 14 "So I will kindle a fire on the
 wall of *Rabbah,
 And it will consume her
 citadels
 Amid ^bwar cries on the day
 of battle
 And a ^cstorm on the day of
 tempest.
 15 "Their ^king will go into
 exile,
 He and his princes to-
 gether," says the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

- THUS says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of
 *Moab and for four
 I will not ^lrevoke its punish-
 ment,
 Because he ^bburned the
 bones of the king of
 Edom to lime.
 2 "So I will send fire upon
 Moab,
 And it will consume the
 citadels of *Kerioth;

11 ^lLi., cor-
 rupted
^aIs. 34:5, 6;
 63:1-8; Jer.
 49:7-22; Ezek.
 25:12-14;
 36:1-15;
 Obad. 1-14;
 Mal. 1:2-5
^bNum. 20:14-
 21; 2 Chr.
 28:17; Obad.
 10-12; ^aIs.
 57:16; Mic.
 7:18
 12 ^aJer.
 49:7, 20;
 Obad. 9
 13 ^aJer.
 49:1-8; Ezek.
 21:28-32;
 25:2-7; Zeph.
 2:8, 9; ^a2 Kin.
 15:16; Hos.
 13:16; ^aIs. 5:8;
 Ezek. 35:10
 14 ^aOr,
 should
^aDavid 3:11;
 1 Chr. 20:1;
 Jer. 49:2
^aEzek. 21:22;
 Amos 2:2; ^aIs.
 29:6, 30:30
 15 ^aJer. 49:3
 1 ^lLi.,
 cause it to
 turn back,
 and so
 throughout
 the ch.
^aIs. 15:1;
 16:14, 25:10;
 12; Jer. 48:1-
 47; Ezek.
 25:8-11;
 Zeph. 2:8, 9
^a2 Kin. 3:26,
 27
 2 ^aOr,
 should
^aJer. 48:24,
 41; ^aJer. 48:45
 3 ^aOr, ex-
 ecutive offi-
 cer
^aPs. 2:10;
 141:6; Amos
 5:7, 12; 6:12
^aJob 12:21;
^aIs. 40:23
 4 ^aOr, ^aAmos
 gods
^a2 Kin. 17:18;
 Hos. 12:2;
 Amos 3:2
^aJudg. 2:17-
 20; 2 Kin.
 22:11-17; Jer.
 6:19; 8:9; ^aIs.
 9:15, 16;
 28:15; Jer.
 16:19; Hab.
 2:18; ^aJer.
 9:14, 16:11;
 12; Ezek.
 20:18, 24, 30
 3 ^aJer.
 17:27; 21:10;
 Hos. 8:14
 6 ^a2 Kin.
 18:11, 12
^aJoel 3:3;
 Amos 5:11,
 12; 8:6

- And Moab will die amid ^btu-
 mult,
 With ^lwar cries and the
 sound of a trumpet.
 3 "I will also cut off the ^lajudge
 from her midst,
 And slay all her ^bprinces
 with him," says the
 LORD.
 4 ¶ Thus says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of
 *Judah and for four
 I will not revoke its punish-
 ment,
 Because they ^brejected the
 law of the LORD
 And have not kept His stat-
 utes;
 Their ^lclies also have led
 them astray,
 Those after which their ^afa-
 thers walked.
 5 "So I will ^asend fire upon Ju-
 dah,
 And it will consume the
 citadels of Jerusalem."
 6 ¶ Thus says the LORD,
 "For three transgressions of
 *Israel and for four
 I will not revoke its punish-
 ment,
 Because they ^bsell the right-
 eous for money
 And the needy for a pair of
 sandals.
 7 "These who ^lpant after the
 very dust of the earth on
 the head of the ^ahelpless
 Also ^bturn aside the way of
 the humble;
 And a ^cman and his father
²resort to the same ³girl
 In order to profane My holy
 name.
 8 "And on garments ^ataken as
 pledges they stretch out
 beside ^bevery altar,
 And in the house of their
 God they ^cdrink the wine
 of those who have been
 fined.

7 ^aOr, trample or, snap at the head of the helpless
 on the dust ^aLi., go ^apossibly a harlot, or a temple
 prostitute ^aAmos 5:4; Mic. 2:2, 9 ^aAmos 5:12 ^aHos. 4:14
 8 ^aEx. 22:26 ^aAmos 3:14 ^aAmos 4:1; 6:6

- 9 ¶ Yet it was I who destroyed the ^aAmorite before them,
 1 Though his ^bheight was like the height of cedars
 And he was strong as the oaks;
 I even destroyed his ^cfruit above and his root below.
 10 "And it was I who ^abrought you up from the land of Egypt,
 And I led you in the wilderness ^bforty years
 That you might take possession of the land of the ^cAmorite.
 11 "Then I ^araised up some of your sons to be prophets
 And some of your young men to be ^bNazirites.
 Is this not so, O sons of Israel?" declares the LORD.
 12 "But you made the Nazirites drink wine,
 And you commanded the prophets saying, 'You ^ashall not prophesy!'
 13 "Behold, I am ^aweighted down beneath you
 As a wagon ²is weighted down when filled with sheaves.
 14 "¶ Flight will perish from the swift,
 And the stalwart will not strengthen his power,
 Nor the ^bmighty man save his ²life.
 15 "He who ^agrasps the bow will not stand *his ground*,
 The swift of foot will not escape,
 Nor will he who rides the ^bhorse save his ¹life.
 16 "Even the ¹bravest among the warriors will ^aflee naked in that day," declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 3

HEAR this word which the LORD has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against the entire ¹a family which ²He

⁹ Lit., Whose height
^a Num. 21:23-25; Josh. 10:12
^b Num. 13:32
^c Ezek. 17:9; Mal. 4:1
¹⁰ Lit., To possess
^a Ex. 12:51; 20:2; Amos 3:1; 9:7
^b Deut. 2:7
^c Ex. 3:8
¹¹ Deut. 18:18; Jer. 7:25
^b Num. 6:2, 3; Judg. 13:5
¹² Is. 30:10; Jer. 11:21; Amos 7:13, 16; Mic. 2:6
¹³ Or, tottering
² Or, totters
^a Is. 1:14
¹⁴ Or, A place of refuge
² Lit., soul
^a Is. 30:16, 17
^b Ps. 33:18; Jer. 9:23
¹⁵ Lit., soul
^a Jer. 51:58; Ezek. 39:3
^b Is. 31:3
¹⁶ Lit., stout of heart
^a Judg. 4:17
¹ I.e., nation
² Lit., I
^a Jer. 8:3; 13:11
² Lit., known
² Lit., visit
^a Gen. 18:19; Ex. 19:5, 6; Deut. 4:32-37; 7:8
^b Jer. 14:10; Ezek. 20:38; Dan. 9:12; Rom. 2:9
³ Or, agreement
⁴ Lit., give his voice
^a Ps. 104:21; Hos. 5:14; 11:10
⁵ Or, striker-bar set
⁶ Jer. 4:5; 19:21; 8:1; Hos. 5:8; Zeph. 1:18
^b Is. 14:24-27; 45:7
⁷ Or, For
^a Gen. 6:13; 18:17; Jer. 23:22; Dan. 9:22; John 15:15
⁸ Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so

- brought up from the land of Egypt,
 2 "¶ You only have I ¹chosen among all the families of the earth;
 Therefore, I will ^{2b}punish you for all your iniquities."
 3 Do two men walk together unless they have made a ¹appointment?
 4 Does a ^alion roar in the forest when he has no prey
 Does a young lion ¹grow from his den unless he has captured something
 5 Does a bird fall into a trap on the ground when there is no ¹bait in it?
 Does a trap spring up from the earth when it captures nothing at all?
 6 If a ^atrumpet is blown in a city will not the people tremble?
 If a ^bcalamity occurs in a city has not the LORD done it?
 7 ¶ Surely the Lord God does nothing
 Unless He ^areveals His secret counsel
 To His servants the prophets etc.
 8 A ^alion has roared! Who will not fear?
 The ^bLORD ¹God has spoken
 Who can but prophesy
 9 ¶ Proclaim on the citadels in Ashdod and on the citadels in the land of Egypt and say, "Assemble yourselves on the ^bmountains of Samaria and see the great tumults within her and the ^coppressions in her midst.
 10 "But they ^ado not know how to do what is right," declares the LORD, "these who ^bhoard up violence and devastation in their citadels."

throughout the ch. ^a Amos 1:2 ^b Jon. 1:1-3; 3:1-3 ^c Jer. 20:9; Acts 4:20
⁹ ^a 1 Sam. 5:1 ^b Amos 4:1; 6:1 ^c Amos 5:11; 8:6
¹⁰ I.e., the booty from violence ^a Ps. 14:4; Jer. 4:22; Amos 5:7; 6:12 ^b Hab. 2:8-10; Zeph. 1:9; Zech. 5:3, 4

11 ¶ Therefore, thus says the Lord God,

"An ^aenemy, even one surrounding the land,
Will pull down your
¹strength from you
And your ^bcitadels will be looted."

12 Thus says the LORD,

"Just as the shepherd
^{1a}snatches from the lion's mouth a couple of legs or a piece of an ear,
So will the sons of Israel dwelling in Samaria be ²snatched away—

With the ^bcorner of a bed and the ^{3c}cover of a couch!

13 "Hear and ^atestify against the house of Jacob,"

Declares the Lord God, the God of hosts.

14 "For on the day that I punish Israel's transgressions,
I will also punish the altars of ^aBethel;

The horns of the altar will be cut off,
And they will fall to the ground.

15 "I will also smite the ^{1a}winter house together with the ^bsummer house;

The houses of ^{2c}ivory will also perish

And the ^dgreat houses will come to an end,"

Declares the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

HEAR this word, you cows of ^aBashan who are on the ^bmountain of Samaria,
Who ^coppress the poor,
who crush the needy,
Who say to ¹your husbands,
"Bring now, that we may ^ddrink!"

2 The Lord ¹God has ^asworn by His ^bholiness,

"Behold, the days are coming upon you

When ²they will take you away with ^cmeat hooks,

11 ^{10r}, stronghold
^aAmos 6:14
^bAmos 2:5
12 ^{10r}, delivers ^{10r}, delivered ^{10r}, L.L., domestic
¹ Sam.
17:34-37 ^aPs.
132:3 ^aEzek.
16:7-8
Amos 6:4
18 ^aEzek.
27

14 ² Kin.
23:15, Hos.
10:5-8, 14, 15,
Amos 4:4,
5:5, 6, 7, 10,
13

18 ^{10r}, autumn ^{10r}, ivory inlay
^aJer. 38:22
^bJudg. 3:20
¹ Kin. 22:38,
Ps. 45:6
^aAmos 2:5,
6:11

1 ¹ L.L., their lords
^aPs. 22:12,
Ezek. 39:18
^bAmos 3:9,
6:1 ^aAmos
5:11, 8:6
^aAmos 2:8,
6:6

2 ^{10r}, Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch. ^{10r}, L.L., he

^aAmos 6:8,
8:7 ^aPs. 89:35
^{1a} Is. 37:28,
Ezek. 38:4
^aJer. 18:18,
Ezek. 28:4,
Hab. 1:15

3 ^{10r}, So Gr., M.T. reads will come
^aJer. 52:7

4 ^aNum.
28:3, Amos
5:21, 22

8 ^{10r}, L.L., Of for up in smoke
^aLev. 7:13
^bLev. 22:18-21
^aJer. 7:9,
10; Hos. 8:1,
10

6 ^aIs. 3:1,
Jer. 14:18 ^aIs.
8:13, Jer. 5:3,
Hag. 2:17

7 ^aDant.
11:17, 2 Chr.
7:13; Is. 5:6
^bEx. 8:4, 28,
10:22, 23

8 ^a1 Kin.
18:5, Jer. 14:4
^bEzek. 4:16,
17, Hag. 1:6
^aJer. 3:7

And the last of you with ^afish hooks.

3 "You will ^ago out through breaches in the walls,
Each one straight before her,

And you ¹will be cast to Harmon," declares the LORD.

4 ¶ "Enter Bethel and transgress;

In Gilgal multiply transgression!

^aBring your sacrifices every morning.

Your tithes every three days.

5 "Offer a ^athank offering also from that which is leavened,

And proclaim ^bfreewill offerings, make them known.

For so you ^clove to do, you sons of Israel,"

Declares the Lord God.

6 ¶ "But I gave you also ^acleanness of teeth in all your cities

And lack of bread in all your places,

Yet you have ^bnot returned to Me," declares the LORD.

7 "And furthermore, I ^awithheld the rain from you

While there were still three months until harvest.

Then I would send rain on one city

And on ^banother city I would not send rain;

One part would be rained on,

While the part not rained on would dry up.

8 "So two or three cities would stagger to another city to drink ^awater,

But would ^bnot be satisfied;

Yet you have ^cnot returned to Me," declares the LORD.

9 "I ^asmote you with scorching wind and mildew;
And the ^bcaterpillar was devouring

Your many gardens and vineyards, fig trees and olive trees;

Yet you have ^cnot returned to Me," declares the LORD.

10 "I sent a ^aplague among you after the manner of Egypt;

I ^bslew your young men by the sword along with your ^ccaptured horses,
And I made the ^dstench of your camp rise up in your nostrils;

Yet you have ^enot returned to Me," declares the LORD.

11 "I overthrew you as ^aGod overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,

And you were like a ^bfire-brand snatched from a blaze;

Yet you have ^cnot returned to Me," declares the LORD.

12 "Therefore, thus I will do to you, O Israel;

Because I shall do this to you,

Prepare to ^ameet your God, O Israel."

13 For behold, He who ^aforms mountains and ^bcreates the wind

And ^cdeclares to man what are His thoughts,

He who ^dmakes dawn into darkness

And ^etreads on the high places of the earth,

'The LORD God of hosts is His name.

CHAPTER 5

HEAR this word which I take up for you as a ^adirge, O house of Israel.

2 She has fallen, she will ^anot rise again—

9 ^aDeut. 28:22; Hag. 2:17 ^bJoel 1:4; 7: Amos 7:1, 2 ^cJer. 3:10

10 ^aEx. 9:3; Lev. 26:25; Deut. 28:27; 60; Ps. 78:50 ^bJer. 11:22; 18:21, 48:15 ^c2 Kin. 13:3; 7 ^dJoel 2:20 ^eIs. 9:13

11 ^aGen. 19:24, 25; Deut. 29:23; Is. 13:19 ^bZech. 3:2 ^cJer. 23:14

12 ^aIs. 32:11, 64:2; Jer. 5:22 ^bJob 38:4-7; Ps. 65:6; Is. 40:12 ^cPs. 135:7; Jer. 10:13

^dDan. 2:28, 30 ^eJer. 13:16; Joel 2:2; Amos 5:8 ^aMic. 1:3 ^bIs. 47:4; Jer. 10:16; Amos 5:8, 27; 9:6

1 ^aJer. 7:29; 9:10, 17; Ezek. 19:1

2 ^aAmos 8:14 ^bJer. 14:17 ^cIs. 51:18; Jer. 50:32

3 ^aHeb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD, and so throughout the ch. ^bIs. 6:13

^cAmos 8:9 ^dDeut. 4:29; 32:46; 47; Jer. 29:13 ^eIs. 50:3

4 ^aLit., seek ^bOr, become iniquity ^c1 Kin. 12:28; 29; Amos 3:14; 4:4; 7:10, 13

^b1 Sam. 7:16; 11:14 ^cGen. 21:31-33; Amos 8:14

6 ^aOr, in the house ^bIs. 59:3, 6, 7; Amos 5:14 ^cDeut. 4:24

7 ^aLit., they have put down ^bAmos 2:3; 5:12; 6:12

8 ^aLit., And He darkened ^bJob 9:9; 38:31 ^cJob 12:22; 38:12

The ^bvirgin Israel.

She lies neglected on her land;

There is ^cnone to raise her up.

3 For thus says the LORD ¹God,

"The city which goes forth thousand ^{strong}

Will have a ^ahundred left,

And the one which goes forth a hundred ^{strong}

Will have ^bten left to the house of Israel."

4 ¶ For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel,

"^aSeek Me ^bthat you may live.

5 "But do not ¹resort to ^aBethel,

And do not come to ^bGilgal Nor cross over to ^cBeersheba;

For Gilgal will certainly go into captivity,

And Bethel will ²come to trouble.

6 "Seek the LORD that you may live,

Lest He break forth like a ^bfire, ¹O house of Joseph

And it consume with none to quench it for Bethel,

7 For those who turn ^ajustice into wormwood

And ¹cast righteousness down to the earth."

8 ¶ He who made the ^aPleiades and Orion

And ^bchanges deep darkness into morning,

¹Who also ^cdarkens day into night,

Who ^dcalls for the waters of the sea

And pours them out on the surface of the earth,

The ^eLORD is His name.

9 It is He who ^aflashes forth with destruction upon the strong,

Is. 42:16 ^cPs. 104:20 ^dPs. 104:6-9; Amos 9:6

^eAmos 4:13

9 ^aIs. 29:5; Amos 2:14

- So that ^bdestruction comes upon the fortress.
- 10 ¶ They hate him who ^areproves in the ¹gate.
And they ^babhor him who speaks with integrity.
- 11 Therefore, because you ¹impose heavy rent on the poor
And exact a tribute of grain from them,
Though you have built ^ahouses of well-hewn stone,
Yet you will not live in them;
You have planted pleasant vineyards, yet you will ^bnot drink their wine.
- 12 For I know your transgressions are many and your sins are great,
You who ^adistress the righteous and accept bribes,
And ¹turn aside the poor in the ²gate.
- 13 Therefore, at ¹such a time the prudent person ^akeeps silent, for it is an evil time.
- 14 ¶ Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
And thus may the LORD God of hosts be with you,
^aJust as you have said!
- 15 ^aHate evil, love good,
And establish justice in the ¹gate!
Perhaps the LORD God of hosts
^bMay be gracious to the ^cremnant of Joseph.
- 16 ¶ Therefore, thus says the LORD God of hosts, the Lord,
"There is ^awailing in all the plazas,
And in all the streets they say, 'Alas! Alas!'
They also call the ^bfarmer to mourning
And ¹professional mourners to lamentation.

9 Mic. 5:11
10 ¹i.e., the place where court was held
11 ¹Another reading is *trample upon*
12 ¹Lit., they turn
13 ¹i.e., the place where court was held
14 ¹Is. 23, 5:23, Amos 2:6
15 ¹Lit., that time
16 ¹Eccl. 3:7, Hos. 4:4
17 ¹Mic. 3:11
18 ¹i.e., the place where court was held
19 ¹Ps. 97:10, Rom. 12:9
20 ¹Joel 2:14
21 ¹Mic. 5:3, 7, 8
22 ¹Lit., those who know lamentation
23 ¹Jer. 9:10, 18:20, Amos 8:3
24 ¹Joel 1:11
25 ¹2 Chr. 35:25, Jer. 9:17
26 ¹Is. 48:33
27 ¹Is. 5:19, Jer. 30:7, Joel 1:15, 2:1, 11, 31
28 ¹Is. 5:30, Joel 2:2
29 ¹Or, Then
30 ¹Job 20:24, Is. 24:17, 18, Jer. 15:2, 3, 48:44
31 ¹Is. 13:10, Zeph. 1:15
32 ¹Lit., like to small
33 ¹Is. 1:11-16, 66:3, Amos 4:4, 5:8, 10
34 ¹Lev. 26:31, Jer. 14:12, Hos. 5:6
35 ¹Is. 66:3, Mic. 6:6, 7
36 ¹Lev. 7:11-15, Amos 4:5
37 ¹Jer. 22:3, Ezek. 45:9, Mic. 6:8
38 ¹Or, You presented Me with the sacrifices and a grain offering
39 ¹Deut. 32:17, Josh. 24:14, Neh. 9:18-21;

- 17" And in all the ^avineyards there is wailing.
Because I shall pass through the midst of you," says the LORD.
- 18 ¶ Alas, you who are longing for the ^aday of the LORD,
For what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you?
It will be ^bdarkness and not light;
- 19 As when a man ^aflees from a lion,
And a bear meets him,
¹Or goes home, leans his hand against the wall,
And a snake bites him.
- 20 Will not the day of the LORD be ^adarkness instead of light,
Even gloom with no brightness in it?
- 21 ¶ "I hate, I ^areject your festivals,
Nor do I ¹delight in your solemn assemblies.
- 22" Even though you ^aoffer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
And I will not even look at the ^bpeace offerings of your fatlings.
- 23" Take away from Me the noise of your songs;
I will not even listen to the sound of your harps.
- 24" But let ^ajustice roll down like waters
And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
- 25 ¶ "Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel?
26" You also carried along ¹Sikkuth your king and ²Kiyyun, your images, ³the star of your

Acts 7:42, 43

26 ¹Or, Sabbath (Saturn) or shrine of your Moloch
²Or, Kaimon (Saturn) or stands of ³Or, your star gods
³Acts 7:43

gods which you made for yourselves.

27 "Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus," says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

CHAPTER 6

^aWOE to those who are at ease in Zion,

And to those who *feel* secure in the mountain of Samaria,

The ^bdistinguished men of the foremost of nations, To whom the house of Israel comes.

2 Go over to ^aCalneh and look,

And go from there to ^bHamath the great,

Then go down to ^cGath of the Philistines.

Are ¹they better than these kingdoms,

Or is their territory greater than yours?

3 Do you ^aput off the day of calamity,

And would you ^bbring near the seat of violence?

4 ^aThose who recline on beds of ivory

And sprawl on their ^acouches,

And ^bbeat lambs from the flock

And calves from the midst of the stall,

5 Who improvise to the sound of the harp,

And like David have ¹composed ^asongs for themselves,

6 Who ^adrink wine from ¹sac-rificial bowls

While they anoint themselves with the finest of oils,

Yet they have not ^bgrieved over the ruin of Joseph.

7 Therefore, they will now ^ago into exile at the head of the exiles,

¹ Is. 32:9; 11; Zeph. 1:12; Luke 6:24 ^bEx. 19:3; Amos 3:2

² Or, you ^aGen. 10:10; Is. 10:9 ^{b1} Kin. 8:65; 2 Kin. 18:34; Is. 10:9

^{c1} Sam. 5:8; 2 Chr. 26:6 ³ Is. 56:12; Amos 9:10 ^bAmos 3:10

⁴ ^aAmos 3:12 ^bEzek. 34:2, 3 ⁵ Or, invented musical instruments

^{a1} Chr. 15:16; 23:5; Is. 5:12 ⁶ ¹Lit., sprinkling basins ^aAmos 2:8; 4:1 ^bEzek. 9:4

⁷ Or, cultic feasts ²Lit., turn aside ^aAmos 7:11; 17 ^{b1} Kin. 20:16-21; Dan. 5:4-8, 30

⁸ Heb., YHWH, usually rendered LORD ²Lit., hate ³Lit., its fulness ^aGen. 22:16; Jer. 22:5;

51:14; Amos 4:2; 8:7 ^bLev. 26:30; Deut. 32:19; Ps. 108:40; Amos 5:21 ^aAmos 3:10, 11 ^dHos. 11:6

⁹ ^aAmos 5:3 ¹⁰ Or, beloved one ²Lit., one who burns him ³Lit., say

⁴Lit., not to make mention of the name of ^{a1} Sam. 31:12 ^bAmos 5:13; 8:3 ^cJer. 44:26; Ezek. 20:39

¹¹ Is. 55:11 ^{b2} Kin. 25:9; Amos 3:15; 5:11 ¹² Another reading is the sea with oxen ²i.e., bitterness

^{a1} Kin. 21:7-13; Is. 59:13; 14; Hos. 10:4; Amos 5:7, 11, 12

And the ^bsprawlers' ¹banqueting will ²pass away

8 ¶ The Lord ¹God has ^asworn by Himself, the LORD God of hosts has declared:

"I ^bloathe the arrogance of Jacob,

And I ²detest his ^ccitadels

Therefore, I will ^ddeliver up the city and ³all it contains."

9 And it will be, if ^aten men are left in one house, they will die.

10 Then one's ¹uncle, or his ^{2a}undertaker, will lift him up to carry out his bones from the house, and he will say to the one who is in the innermost part of the house, "Is anyone else with you?" And that one will say, "No one." Then he will ³answer,

"^bKeep quiet. For ⁴the name of the LORD is ^cnot to be mentioned."

11 For behold, the LORD is going to ^acommand that the ^bgreat house be smashed to pieces and the small house to fragments.

12 ¶ Do horses run on rocks?

Or does one plow ¹them with oxen?

Yet you have turned ^ajustice into poison,

And the fruit of righteousness into ²wormwood.

13 You who rejoice in ^{1a}Lo-debar,

²And say, "Have we not ^bby our own strength taken ³Karnaim for ourselves?"

14 "For behold, ^aI am going to raise up a nation against you,

O house of Israel," declares the LORD God of hosts,

"And they will afflict you from the ^bentrance of Hamath

¹³ ¹Lit., a thing of nothing ²Lit., Who ³Lit., a pair of horns ^aJob 8:14, 15; Ps. 2:2-4; Luke 12:19, 20 ^bPs. 75:4; 5; Is. 28:14, 15

¹⁴ ^aJer. 5:15 ^bNum. 34:7, 8; 1 Kin. 8:65; 2 Kin. 14:25

To the ^bbrook of the Arabah.

CHAPTER 7

THUS the Lord ¹God showed me, and behold, He was forming a ^alocust-swarm ²when the spring crop began to sprout. And behold, the spring crop was after the king's ³mowing.

2 And it came about, ¹when it had ^afinished eating the vegetation of the land, that I said,

^b"Lord God, please pardon!

²How can Jacob stand,
For he is ^csmall?"

3 The LORD ¹changed His mind about this.

"It shall not be," said the LORD.

4 ¶ Thus the Lord God showed me, and behold, the Lord God was calling to contend with them by ^afire, and it consumed the great deep and began to consume the ¹farm land.

5 Then I said,

^a"Lord God, please stop!

^bHow can Jacob stand, for he is small?"

6 The LORD ¹changed His mind about this.

"This too shall not be," said the Lord God.

7 ¶ Thus He showed me, and behold, the Lord was standing ¹by a ²vertical wall, with a plumb line in His hand.

8 And the LORD said to me, ^a"What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold I am about to put a ^bplumb line

in the midst of My people Israel.

I will ¹spare them no longer.

9 "The ^ahigh places of Isaac will be desolated

And the ^bsanctuaries of Israel laid waste.

Then shall I ^crise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

14 ^aHeb. 34:7.
8:1 Kin. 8:65;
2 Kin. 14:23
1 ^bHeb.
YHWH, usually rendered *LORD*, and so throughout the ch. ²Lat., at the beginning of the coming up of ³Or, shearing
Joel 1:4.
Amos 4:9.
Nah. 3:15
2 ^cLat., if
Lat., As who
Ex. 10:15
Jer. 14:7, 20.
21, Ezek. 9:8.
11:13 ¹Is
37:4, Jer. 42:2
3 ¹Or, re-
lentled
Deut. 32:36.
Jer. 26:19.
Hos. 11:8.
Amos 5:15.
Jon. 3:10
4 ¹Lat., pur-
tion
Deut. 32:22.
Is. 66:15, 16.
Amos 2:5
5 ^aPs. 85:4.
Joel 2:17
6 ^aAmos 7:2
7 ¹Or, re-
lentled
Ps. 108:45.
Amos 7:3.
Jon. 3:10
7 ¹Or,
upon ²Lat.,
wall of a
plumb line
8 ¹Lat.,
pass him by
Jer. 1:11.
Amos 6:2
9 ²2 Kin. 21:13.
Is. 28:17.
34:11, Lam.
2:8 ¹Jer. 15:6.
Ezek. 7:4-8.
Amos 8:2
9 ^aGen.
46:1, Hos.
10:8, Mic. 1:5
Lev. 26:31.
Is. 63:18, Jer.
51:51, Amos
7:13 ²2 Kin.
15:8-10.
Amos 7:11
10 ¹1 Kin.
12:31, 32.
13:33 ²2 Kin.
14:23, 24
Jer. 26:8-11.
38:4
12 ^aMat.
8:34
13 ¹Lat.,
house
Amos 2:12;
Acts 4:18
1 ¹1 Kin. 12:29;
32; Amos 7:9

10 ¶ Then Amaziah, the ^apriest of Bethel, sent word to ^bJeroboam, king of Israel, saying, "Amos has ^cconspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is unable to endure all his words.

11 "For thus Amos says, 'Jeroboam will die by the sword and Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'"

12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, ^a"Go, you seer, flee away to the land of Judah, and there eat bread and there do your prophesying!

13 "But ^ano longer prophesy at Bethel, for it is a ^bsanctuary of the king and a royal ¹residence."

14 ¶ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the ^ason of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a ¹grower of sycamore figs.

15 "But the LORD took me from ¹following the flock and the LORD said to me, 'Go ^aprophesy to My people Israel.'

16 "And now hear the word of the LORD: you are saying, 'You ^ashall not prophesy against Israel ^bnor shall you ¹speak against the house of Isaac.'

17 "Therefore, thus says the LORD, 'Your ^awife will become a harlot in the city, your ^bsons and your daughters will fall by the sword, your land will be parceled up by a measuring line, and you yourself will die ¹upon ^cunclean soil. Moreover, Israel will certainly go from its land into exile.'"

CHAPTER 8

THUS the Lord ¹God showed me, and behold, there was a basket of summer fruit.

14 ¹Or, supper ¹1 Kin. 20:35; 2 Kin. 2:3, 5; 4:38; 2 Chr. 19:2

15 ¹Lat., behind Jer. 1:7, Ezek. 2:3, 4

16 ¹Lat., flow ^aAmos 2:12; 7:13 ^aDeut. 32:2; Ezek. 20:46; 21:2

17 ¹Or, in an unclean land ^aHos. 4:13, 14 ¹Jer. 14:16
2 Kin. 17:6; Ezek. 4:13; Hos. 9:3

1 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered *LORD*, and so throughout the ch.

2 And He said, "What do you see, Amos?" And ^aI said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, "The ^bbend has come for My people Israel. I will ^cspare them no longer.

3 ^aThe ^asongs of the palace will turn to ^bwailing in that day," declares the Lord God. "Many will be the ^ccorpses; in every place ^dthey will cast them forth ^ein silence."

4 ^f Hear this, you who ^gtrample the needy, to do away with the humble of the land,

5 saying,

"When will the ^anew moon ^bbe over,

So that we may buy grain,
And the ^bsabbath, that we may open the wheat market,

To make the ^bbushel smaller and the shekel bigger,

And to ^ccheat with ^ddishonest scales,

6 So as to ^abuy the helpless for ^bmoney

And the needy for a pair of sandals,

And *that* we may sell the refuse of the wheat?"

7 ^f The LORD has ^asworn by the ^bpride of Jacob,

"Indeed, I will ^cnever forget any of their deeds.

8 "Because of this will not the land ^aquake

And everyone who dwells in it ^bmourn?

Indeed, all of it will ^crise up like the Nile,

And it will be tossed about,
And subside like the Nile of Egypt.

9 "And it will come about in that day," declares the Lord God,

"That I shall make the ^asun go down at noon

And ^bmake the earth dark in ^cbroad daylight.

³ ^aLit., pass him by
^aJer. 24:3
^bEzek. 7:2, 3.
^cAmos 7:8

³ ^aOr, They will howl the palace songs
^aLit., he has thrown ^aOr, hush!

^aAmos 5:23;
6:4, 5; 8:10
^aAmos 5:16
^aAmos 6:8-10

⁴ ^aOr, snap at
^aPs. 14:4;
Prov. 30:14;
Amos 2:7,
5:11, 12

⁵ ^aLit., pass by ^aLit., ephah ^aLit., balances of deception
^aNum. 28:11;
2 Kin. 4:23
^aEx. 31:13-17;
Neh. 13:15
^aHos. 12:7;
Mic. 6:11

⁶ ^aLit., silver

^aAmos 2:6
7 ^aAmos 4:2
^aDeut. 33:26, 29; Ps. 68:34; Amos 6:8
^aPs. 10:11;
Hos. 7:2; 8:13

⁸ ^aPs. 18:7;
60:2; Is. 5:25
^aHos. 4:3
^aJer. 46:7, 8;
Amos 9:5

⁹ ^aLit., a day of light
^aJob 5:14; Is. 13:10; Jer. 15:9; Mic. 3:6
^aIs. 50:9, 10;
Amos 4:13;
5:8

¹⁰ ^aOr, a dirge
^aJob 20:23;
Amos 5:21
^aIs. 15:2, 3;
Jer. 48:37;
Ezek. 7:18;
27:31
^aJer. 6:26; Zech. 12:10

¹¹ ^a1 Sam. 3:1; 2 Chr. 15:3; Ps. 74:9;
Ezek. 7:26;
Mic. 3:6

¹² ^aEzek. 20:3, 31
¹³ ^aLam. 1:18; 2:21
^aIs. 41:17; Hos. 2:3

¹⁴ ^aOr, Ashumah
^aHos. 8:5
^a1 Kin. 12:28;
29
^aAmos 5:5
^aAmos 5:2

10 "Then I shall ^aturn your festivals into mourning
And all your songs into ^blamentation;

And I will bring ^bsackcloth on everyone's loins
And baldness on every head.

And I will make it ^clike time of mourning for ^dan only son,

And the end of it will be like a bitter day.

11 ^f "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord God,

"When I will send a famine on the land,

Not a famine for bread or thirst for water,

But rather ^afor hearing the words of the LORD.

12 "And people will stagger from sea to sea,

And from the north even to the east;

They will go to and fro to ^aseek the word of the LORD,

But they will not find it.

13 "In that day the beautiful ^avirgins

And the young men will ^bfaint from thirst.

14 "As for those who swear by the ^aguilt of Samaria,

Who say, 'As your god lives O ^bDan,'

And, 'As the way of ^cBeersheba lives,'

They will fall and ^dnot rise again."

CHAPTER 9

I SAW the Lord standing beside the ^aaltar, and He said,

"Smite the capitals so that the ^bthresholds will shake,

And ^cbreak them on the heads of them all!

1 ^aAmos 3:14 ^aZeph. 2:14 ^aPs. 68:21; Hab. 3:13

- Then I will ^aslay the rest of them with the sword;
They will ^anot have a fugitive who will flee,
Or a refugee who will escape.
- 2 "Though they dig into ^aSheol,
From there shall My hand take them;
And though they ^bascend to heaven,
From there will I bring them down.
- 3 "And though they hide on the summit of Carmel,
I will ^asearch them out and take them from there;
And though they ^bconceal themselves from My sight on the floor of the sea,
From there I will command the ^cserpent and it will bite them.
- 4 "And though they go into ^acaptivity before their enemies,
From there I will command the sword that it slay them,
And I will ^bset My eyes against them for evil and not for good."
- 5 ¶ And the Lord ¹God of hosts,
The One who ^atouches the land so that it melts,
And ^ball those who dwell in it mourn,
And all of it rises up like the Nile
And subsides like the Nile of Egypt;
- 6 The One who builds His ^{1a}upper chambers in the heavens,
And has founded His vaulted dome over the earth,
He who ^bcalls for the waters of the sea
And ^cpours them out on the face of the earth,

1 ^aAmos 7:17; ^aJer. 11:11
2 ^aPs. 139:8; ^aJer. 51:53; Obed. 4
3 ^aJer. 16:18; ^aJob 34:22; ^aPs. 139:9, 10; ^aIs. 27:1
4 ^aLev. 26:33; ^aLev. 17:10; ^aJer. 21:10; ^a39:16; 44:11
5 ^aHeb. YHWH, usually rendered Lord, and so throughout the ch.
^aPs. 104:32; 144:5; ^aIs. 64:1; ^aMic. 1:4
^aAmos 8:8
6 ^aOr, slays
^aPs. 104:3, 13
^aAmos 5:8
^aPs. 104:6
^aAmos 4:13
7 ^aCh. 14:9, 12; ^aIs. 20:4; 43:3
^aDeut. 2:23; ^aJer. 47:4
^aAmos 1:5
^a2 Km. 16:9; ^aIs. 22:6
8 ^aJer. 44:27; ^aAmos 9:4
^aAmos 7:17; ^aJer. 5:10; 30:11; 31:35; 36; ^aJoel 2:32; ^aAmos 3:12; Obed. 17
9 ^aOr, possible
^aIs. 30:28; ^aLuke 22:31
10 ^aIs. 33:14; ^aZech. 13:6
^aAmos 8:3
11 ^aOr, shelter or tabernacle
^aActs 15:16; 18:5
^aPs. 80:12
^aIs. 63:11; ^aJer. 48:26
12 ^aOr, Gentiles
^aObed. 19
^aNum. 24:18; ^aIs. 11:14
^aIs. 43:7
13 ^aLev. 26:5

^aThe LORD is His name.

- 7 ¶ "Are you not as the sons of ^aEthiopia to Me,
O sons of Israel?" declares the LORD.
"Have I not brought up Israel from the land of Egypt,
And the ^bPhilistines from Caphtor and the ^cArameans from ^dKir?"
- 8 "Behold, the ^aeyes of the Lord God are on the sinful kingdom,
And I will ^bdestroy it from the face of the earth;
Nevertheless, I will ^cnot totally destroy the house of Jacob,"
Declares the LORD.
- 9 "For behold, I am commanding,
And I will ^ashake the house of Israel among all nations
As grain is shaken in a sieve,
But not a ¹kernel will fall to the ground.
- 10 "All the ^asinners of My people will die by the sword,
Those who say, ^bThe calamity will not overtake or confront us."
- 11 "In that day I will ^araise up the fallen ^{1b}booth of David,
And wall up its ^cbreaches;
I will also raise up its ruins,
And rebuild it as in the ^ddays of old;
- 12 "That they may possess the remnant of ^bEdom
And all the ¹nations who are ^ccalled by My name,"
Declares the LORD who does this.
- 13 ¶ "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD,
"When the ^aplowman will overtake the reaper
And the treader of grapes him who sows seed;

When the ^bmountains will
drip sweet ^cwine,

And all the hills will be dis-
solved.

14 "Also I will ^arestore the ¹cap-
tivity of My people Israel.
And they will ^brebuild the
ruined cities and live in
them,

They will also ^cplant vine-

13 ^bJoel
3:18 ^cGen.
49:11

14 ¹Or, for-
tunes
^aPsa. 53:6; Is.
60:4; Jer.
30:3, 18 ^bIs.
61:4, 63:21
^cJer. 24:6,
31:28

15 ^aIs.
60:21; Ezek.
34:28, 37:25

yards and drink the
wine,

And make gardens and ^e
their fruit.

15 "I will also plant them ^a
their land,

And ^athey will not again ^b
rooted out from the
land

Which I have given them
Says the LORD your God.

THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

Edom Will Be Humbled

THE vision of Obadiah.
Thus says the Lord ¹God
concerning ^aEdom—

^bWe have heard a report
from the LORD,
And an ^cenvoy has been
sent among the nations
saying,

"^dArise and let us go against
her for battle"—

2 "Behold, I will make you
^asmall among the na-
tions;

You are greatly despised.

3 "The ^aarrogance of your
heart has deceived you,
You who live in the clefts of
¹the ^brock,

In the loftiness of your
dwelling place,

Who say in your heart,

"^cWho will bring me down to
earth?"

4 "Though you ^abuild high like
the eagle,

Though you set your nest
among the ^bstars,

From there I will bring you
down," declares the
LORD.

5 "If ^athieves came to you,
If ¹robbers by night—

1 ¹Heb.
YHWH, usu-
ally rendered
LORD

^aPsa. 137:7; Is.
21:11, 12,
34:1-17, 63:1-
6; Jer. 49:7,
22; Ezek.
25:12-14,
35:15; Joel
3:19; Amos
1:11, 12; Mal.
1:4 ^bJer.
49:14-16;
Obad. 1-4 ^cIs.
18:2; 30:4
^dJer. 6:4, 5

2 ^aNum.
24:18; Is. 23:9

3 ¹Or, Sela
^aIs. 16:6; Jer.
49:16 ^b2 Kin.
14:7; 2 Chr.
25:11 ^cIs.
14:13-15;
Rev. 18:7

4 ^aJob
20:6, 7; Hab.
2:9 ^bIs. 14:12-
15

5 ¹Lit.,
devastators
of the night
²Lit., their
sufficiency
^aJer. 49:9
^bDeut. 24:21

6 ^aJer.
49:10

7 ¹Lit., of
your cov-
enant ²i.e., in
Esau; or, of it
^aJer. 30:14
^bPsa. 41:9 ^cIs.
19:11; Jer.
49:7

8 ^aJob
5:12-14; Is.
29:14

O how you will be ruined!—
Would they not steal on ¹
²until they had enough?
If grape gatherers came to
you,

^bWould they not leave some
gleanings?

6 "O how Esau will be ^aran-
sacked,

And his hidden treasure
searched out!

7 "All the ^amen ¹allied with
you

Will send you forth to the
border,

And the men at peace with
you

Will deceive you and over-
power you.

They who eat your ^bbread
Will set an ambush for you
(There is ^cno understanding
²in him.)

8 "Will I not on that day," de-
clares the LORD,

"^aDestroy wise men from
Edom

And understanding from
the mountain of Esau?

9 "Then your ^amighty men will
be dismayed, O ^bTeman

9 ^aJer. 49:22 ^bGen. 36:11; 1 Chr. 1:43; Job 2:11; Jer.
49:7; Ezek. 25:13; Amos 1:12; Hab. 3:3

- In order that everyone may be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter.
- 10 ¶ "Because of violence to your brother Jacob,
 You will be covered with shame,
 And you will be cut off forever.
- 11 "On the day that you stood aloof,
 On the day that strangers carried off his wealth,
 And foreigners entered his gate
 And cast lots for Jerusalem—
 You too were as one of them.
- 12 "Do not gloat over your brother's day,
 The day of his misfortune.
 And do not rejoice over the sons of Judah
 In the day of their destruction;
 Yes, do not boast
 In the day of their distress.
- 13 "Do not enter the gate of My people
 In the day of their disaster.
 Yes, you, do not gloat over their calamity
 In the day of their disaster.
 And do not blot their wealth
 In the day of their disaster.
- 14 "And do not stand at the fork of the road
 To cut down their fugitives;
 And do not imprison their survivors
 In the day of their distress.
- 15 ¶ "For the day of the LORD draws near on all the nations.
 As you have done, it will be done to you.
 Your dealings will return on your own head.

9 ^aIs. 34:5
 8; 63:1-3;
 Obad. 5
 10 ^aLat.
 Shame will
 cover you
^aGen. 27:41;
 Ezek. 25:12;
 Joel 3:19;
 Amos 1:11
^bEzek. 35:9
 11 ^aPs. 83:5,
 6; 137:7;
 Amos 1:6, 9
^bJoel 3:3;
 Nah. 3:10
^cEzek. 35:10
 12 ^aLat.
 look on ^aLat.
 make your
 mouth large
^aMal. 4:11;
 7:10 ^bProv.
 17:5; Ezek.
 35:15, 36:5
^cPs. 31:18;
 Ezek. 35:12
 13 ^aLat.
 look on
^cEzek. 35:5
^bEzek. 35:10;
 36:2, 3
 14 ^aIs.
 16:3, 4
 15 ^aEzek.
 30:3; Joel
 1:15; 2:1, 11;
 31; Amos
 5:18, 20 ^bJer.
 50:28; 51:58;
 Hab. 2:8
^cEzek. 35:11
 16 ^aOr, stag-
 ger
^bJer. 49:12
^cJoel 3:17 ^aIs.
 51:22, 23; Jer.
 25:15, 16
 17 ^aIs. 42:3
^bIs. 14:1, 2;
 Amos 9:11-15
 18 ^aIs., the
 people of
 Esau
^aIs. 5:24, 9:18;
 19; Zach. 12:6
^bJer. 11:23;
 Amos 1:8
 19 ^aIs., the
 South coun-
 try ^aIs., the
 foothills
^aIs. 11:14;
 Amos 9:12
^bIs. 11:14
^cJer. 31:5,
 32:44
 20 ^a1 Kin.
 17:9; Luke
 4:26 ^bJer.
 32:44; 33:13
 21 ^aNah.
 9:27 ^bPs.
 22:28; 47:7-8;
 67:4; Zach.
 14:9; Rev.
 11:15

- 16 "Because just as you drank
 on My holy mountain,
 All the nations will drink
 continually.
 They will drink and swallow,
 And become as if they had
 never existed.
- 17 "But on Mount Zion there
 will be those who escape.
 And it will be holy.
 And the house of Jacob will
 possess their posses-
 sions.
- 18 "Then the house of Jacob will
 be a fire
 And the house of Joseph a
 flame;
 But the house of Esau will
 be as stubble.
 And they will set them on
 fire and consume them,
 So that there will be no sur-
 vivor of the house of
 Esau."
 For the LORD has spoken.
- 19 Then those of the Negev
 will possess the moun-
 tain of Esau,
 And those of the Shephe-
 lah the Philistine plain;
 Also, they will possess the
 territory of Ephraim and
 the territory of Samaria,
 And Benjamin will possess
 Gilead.
- 20 And the exiles of this host of
 the sons of Israel,
 Who are among the Can-
 naanites as far as Zare-
 phath,
 And the exiles of Jerusalem
 who are in Sepharad
 Will possess the cities of
 the Negev.
- 21 The deliverers will ascend
 Mount Zion
 To judge the mountain of
 Esau,
 And the kingdom will be
 the LORD's.

THE BOOK OF JONAH

Jonah's Disobedience

THE word of the LORD came to ^aJonah the son of Amittai saying.

2^a "Arise, go to ^aNineveh the great city, and ^bcry against it, for their ^cwickedness has come up before Me."

3 But Jonah rose up to flee to ^aTarshish ^bfrom the presence of the LORD. So he went down to ^cJoppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

4 ^a "And the ^aLORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to ^bbreak up.

5 Then the sailors became afraid, and every man cried to ^ahis god, and they ^bthrew the ^ccargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it ²for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down, and fallen sound asleep.

6 So the captain approached him and said, "How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, ^acall on your god. Perhaps your ^bgod will be concerned about us so that we will not perish."

7 And each man said to his mate, "Come, let us ^acast lots so we may ^blearn on whose account this calamity *has struck* us." So they cast lots and the ^blot fell on Jonah.

8 Then they said to him, "^aTell us, now! On whose account *has this calamity struck* us? What is your ^boccupation? And where do you come from? What is your

1 ^{a2} Kin. 14:25; Matt. 12:39-41; 16:4; Luke 11:29, 30, 32

2 ^a Gen. 10:11; 2 Kin. 19:36; Is. 37:37; Nah. 1:1; Zeph. 2:13 ^b Is. 58:1 ^c Gen. 18:20; Hos. 7:2

3 ^a Is. 23:1, 6, 10; Jer. 10:9 ^b Gen. 4:16; Ps. 139:7, 9, 10 ^c Josh. 19:46; 2 Chr. 2:16; Ezra 3:7; Acts 9:36, 43

4 ^a ¹ Lit., *he broken* ^b Ps. 107:23-28; 135:6, 7

5 ^a ¹ Lit., *ves-*
^a ¹ Lit., *from upon them* ^b 1 Kin. 18:26 ^c Acts 27:18, 19, 38

6 ^a Ps. 107:28 ^b 2 Sam. 12:22; Amos 5:15; Jon. 3:9

7 ^a ¹ Lit., *know* ^b Josh. 7:14-18; 1 Sam. 10:20, 21; 14:41, 42; Acts 1:23-26 ^c Num. 32:23; Prov. 16:33

8 ^a Josh. 7:19; 1 Sam. 14:43 ^b Gen. 47:3; 1 Sam. 30:13

9 ^a Gen. 14:13; Ex. 1:15; 2:13 ^b 2 Kin. 17:25, 28, 32, 33 ^c Ezra 1:2; Neh. 1:4; Ps. 136:26; Dan. 2:18 ^d Neh. 9:6; Ps. 95:5; 146:6

10 ^a ¹ Lit., *What is this you have done* ^b Job 27:22; Jon. 1:3

11 ^a ¹ Lit., *from upon us*

country? From what people are you?"

9 And he said to them, "I am ^aHebrew, and I ^bfear the LORD ^cGod of heaven who ^dmade the sea and the dry land."

10 ¶ Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, "'How could you do this?' For the men knew that he was ^afleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

11 So they said to him, "What should we do to you that the sea may become calm ¹for us?" — for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy.

12 And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm ¹for you, for I know that ^aon account of me this great storm *has* come upon you."

13 However, the men ¹rowed desperately to return to land but they could not, for the sea was becoming even stormier against them.

14 Then they called on the ^aLORD and said, "We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man's life and do not put innocent blood on us, for ^bThou, O LORD, hast done as ^cThou hast pleased."

15 ¶ So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ^astopped its raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD greatly, and they offered ^aa sacrifice to the LORD and made ^avows.

12 ¹ Lit., *from upon you* ^{a2} Sam. 24:17; 1 Chr. 21:17

13 ¹ Lit., *dug their oars into the water*

14 ^a Ps. 107:28; Jon. 1:16 ^b Ps. 115:3; 135:6; Dan. 4:34,

35

15 ^a Ps. 65:7; 93:3, 4; 107:29

16 ^a Ps. 50:14; 66:13, 14

17 ¶ And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the ^astomach of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAPTER 2

1 THEN Jonah prayed to the LORD his God ^afrom the stomach of the fish.

2 and he said,

"I ^acalled out of my distress to the LORD,

And He answered me.

I cried for help from the ¹depth of ^bSheol;

Thou didst hear my voice.

3" For Thou hadst ^acast me into the deep,

Into the heart of the seas,

And the current ¹engulfed me.

All Thy ^bbreakers and billows passed over me.

4" So I said, 'I have been ^aexpelled from ¹Thy sight.

Nevertheless I will look again ^btoward Thy holy temple.'

5" ^aWater encompassed me to the ¹point of death.

The great ^bdeep ²engulfed me,

Weeds were wrapped around my head.

6" I ^adescended to the roots of the mountains.

The earth with its ^bbars was around me forever,

But Thou hast ^abrought up my life from ¹the pit, O LORD my God.

7" While I ¹was ^afainting away,

I ^bremembered the LORD;

And my ^aprayer came to Thee,

Into ^aThy holy temple.

8" Those who ^aregard ¹vain idols

Forsake their faithfulness,

9 But I will ^asacrifice to Thee With the voice of thanksgiving.

17 Ch. 2:1
in Heb.
Matt. 12:40
10:4

1 Ch. 2:2
in Heb.
Job 12:15;
Ps. 130:1, 2;
Lam. 2:53-56

2 L.L. but
ly

1 Sam. 30:9;
Ps. 124:4;
22:24, 120:1
Psa. 18:5, 6;
88:12, 89:1-7

3 L.L. not
rounded
Psa. 69:1, 2;
14, 15; Lam.
3:54 Psa. 42:7

4 L.L. be-
fore Thine
eyes
Psa. 31:22;
Jer. 7:15

11 Kan. 8:38;
2 Chr. 6:38;
Ps. 5:7

5 L.L. and
L.L. not
rounded
Lam. 3:54
Psa. 69:1, 2

6 Chr. cor-
ruption
Psa. 18:5;
110:3; Isa.
38:16; Matt.
18:18; Job
33:28; Ps.
10:10, 30:3;
Is. 38:17

7 L.L. my
and
without me
Psa. 142:3
Psa. 77:10;
11, 143:5

2 Chr. 30:27;
Ps. 18:6 Psa.
11:4; 65:4;
Jon. 2:4; Mic.
1:2; Hab. 2:20

8 L.L.
empty vani-
ties
11 Kan. 17:15;
Ps. 31:9; Jer.
10:8

9 Psa.
50:14, 23; Jer.
33:11; Mic.
14:2; Job
22:27; Eccl.
5:4, 5 Psa.
34:1; Is. 45:17

10 Jer.
1:17

2 Zeph.
2:13; Jer.
1:17; Ezek.
2:7

3 L.L. a
great cry to
God
Jon. 1:2; 4:11

4 Matt.
12:41; Luke
11:32

5 Chas.
9:2; Jer. 1:14

That which I have vowed I will ^apay.

^aSalvation is from the LORD."

10 ¶ Then the LORD com-
manded the ^afish, and it vomited
Jonah up onto the dry land.

CHAPTER 3

NOW the word of the LORD
came to Jonah the second
time, saying,

2" Arise, go to ^aNineveh the
great city and ^bproclaim to it the
proclamation which I am going
to tell you."

3 So Jonah arose and went to
Nineveh according to the word
of the LORD. Now Nineveh was
¹an ^aexceedingly great city, a
three days' walk.

4 Then Jonah began to go
through the city one day's walk;
and he ^acried out and said, "Yet
forty days and Nineveh will be
overthrown."

5 ¶ Then the people of Nine-
veh believed in God; and they
called a ^afast and put on sack-
cloth from the greatest to the
least of them.

6 When the word reached the
king of Nineveh, he arose from
his throne, laid aside his robe
from him, ^acovered himself with
sackcloth, and sat on the ¹ashes.

7 And he issued a ^aproclama-
tion and it said, "In Nineveh by
the decree of the king and his
nobles: Do not let man, beast,
herd, or flock taste a thing. Do
not let them eat or drink water.

8" But both man and beast must
be covered with sackcloth; and
let ¹men ^acall on God earnestly
that each may ^bturn from his
wicked way and from the vio-
lence which is in ²his hands.

9" Who knows, God may turn
and relent, and withdraw His

6 Chr. about Ezek. 4:1-4; Jer. 6:28; Ezek. 27:28, 31

7 Chr. 20:2; Ezra 8:21; Jon. 3:5

8 L.L. them L.L. their Psa. 136:1; Jon. 1:8, 14; Isa.

1:16-18; 55:6, 7; Jer. 18:11

9 Chr. Sam. 12:22; Jer. 2:14

burning anger so that we shall not perish?"

10 ¶ When God saw their deeds, that they ^aturned from their wicked way, then ^bGod relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would ^bbring upon them. And He did not do it.

CHAPTER 4

BUT it greatly displeased Jonah, and he became ^aangry.

2 And he ^aprayed to the LORD and said, "Please LORD, was not this ¹what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore, ²in order to forestall this I ^bfled to Tarshish, for I knew that Thou art a ^cgracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity.

3 "Therefore now, O LORD, please ^atake my ¹life from me, for death is ^bbetter to me than life."

4 And the LORD said, "Do you have good reason to be angry?"

5 ¶ Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of ¹it. There he made a shelter for himself and ^asat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city.

10 ¹Lit., do
1 Kin. 21:27;
29; Jer. 31:18
Ex. 32:14;
Jer. 18:8;
Amos 7:3, 6

1 ¹Jon. 4:4;
9; Matt.
20:15; Luke
15:28

2 ¹Lit., my
word ²Lit., I
was before-
hand in flee-
ing

Jer. 20:7
Jon. 1:3 Ex.
34:6; Num.
14:18; Ps.
88:5, 15; Joel
2:13

3 ¹Lit., and
1 Kin. 19:4;
Job 6:8, 9
Job 7:15, 16;
Eccl. 7:1

3 ¹Lit., the
city
1 Kin. 19:9;
13

4 ¹Prob-
ably a castor
oil plant, and
so in vv. 7, 9
and 10 ²Lit.,
greatly

7 ¹Joel 1:12
8 ¹Ezek.
19:12; Hos.
13:15 ²Ps.
121:6; Is.
49:10 ³Jon.
4:3

10 ¹Lit., was
a son of a
night ²Lit., a
son of a
night

11 ¹Jon.
3:10 ²Deut.
1:39; Is. 7:16
Ps. 36:6

6 So the LORD God appointed ¹plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was ²extremely happy about the ¹plant.

7 But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day and it attacked the plant and ^awithered.

8 And it came about when the sun came up that God appointed a scorching ^aeast wind, and the ^bsun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with *all* his soul to die saying, "Death is better to me than life."

9 ¶ Then God said to Jonah "Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death."

10 Then the LORD said, "You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work, and which you did not cause to grow, which ¹came up overnight and perished ²overnight.

11 "And should I not ^ahave compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not ^bknow the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many ^canimals?"

THE BOOK OF MICAH

Destruction in Israel and Judah

THE ^aword of the LORD which came to ^bMicah of Moresheth in the days of ^cJotham, ^dAhaz, and ^eHezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

1 ²Pet.
1:21 ³Jer.
28:18 ²Kin.
15:3, 32-38;
2 Chr. 27:1-9;
Is. 1:1; Hos.
1:1 ²Kin.
16:1-20;
2 Chr. 28:1-
27; Is. 7:1-12
2 Kin.
18:1-20;
2 Chr.
29:1-31

2 Hear, O peoples, all of ¹you
^aListen, O earth and ²all it
contains,
And let the Lord ³God be
^bwitness against you,
The Lord from His holy
temple.

2 ¹Lit., them ²Lit., its fullness ³Heb., YHWH, usually
rendered LORD Jer. 6:19; 22:29 ⁴Is. 50:7

3 For behold, the LORD is
coming forth from His
place.

He will come down and
tread on the high places
of the earth.

4 The mountains will melt
under Him,
And the valleys will be split,
Like wax before the fire,
Like water poured down a
steep place.

5 All this is for the rebellion of
Jacob
And for the sins of the house
of Israel.

What is the rebellion of Ja-
cob?

Is it not Samaria?

What is the high place of
Judah?

Is it not Jerusalem?

6 For I will make Samaria a
heap of ruins in the
open country.

Planting places for a vine-
yard.

I will pour her stones down
into the valley.

And will lay bare her foun-
dations.

7 All of her idols will be
smashed,

All of her earnings will be
burned with fire,

And all of her images I will
make desolate,

For she collected them from
a harlot's earnings,

And to the earnings of a har-
lot they will return.

8 Because of this I must la-
ment and wail,

I must go barefoot and
naked;

I must make a lament like
the jackals

And a mourning like the os-
triches.

9 For her wound is incur-
able,

For it has come to Judah;

3 Or, land
Is. 28:21
Amos 4:13

4 Ps. 97:5;
Is. 64:1, 2;
Nah. 1:5

5 Lit.,
places
Jer. 2:19; Is.
7:9; Amos
8:14; 2 Chr.
34:3, 4

6 Lit., of
the field
2 Km. 19:25;
Mic. 3:12
Jer. 31:5;
Amos 5:11
Lam. 4:1
Ezek. 13:14

7 Deut.
9:21, 2 Chr.
34:7; Deut.
23:18; Is.
23:17

8 Is. 32:11
Is. 13:21, 22

9 Lit.,
washed
Is. 3:26; Jer.
30:12, 15
2 Km. 18:13;
Is. 8:7, 8
Mic. 1:12

10 Is.,
house of dust
2 Sam. 1:20

11 Is., Go
into captivity
Is., plant-
ations Is.,
going out
Is., go out
Is., house of
removal Is.,
standing
place
Ezek. 23:29
Josh. 15:37

12 Is., bit-
terness
Is. 30:9-11;
Jer. 14:19
Mic. 1:9

13 Josh.
10:3, 2 Km.
14:18; Is. 38:2
Mic. 1:5

14 2 Km.
16:8; Josh.
15:44; Jer.
15:18

15 Is., pos-
session
Josh. 15:44
Josh. 12:15;
15:35; 2 Sam.
23:13

16 Is. 22:12
2 Km. 17:6;
Amos 7:11;
17

It has reached the gate of
my people.

Even to Jerusalem.

10 Tell it not in Gath,
Weep not at all.

At Beth-le-aphrah roll
yourself in the dust.

11 Go on your way, inhabitant
of Shaphir, in shameful
nakedness.

The inhabitant of Zaanan
does not escape.

The lamentation of
Beth-ezel: "He will take
from you its support."

12 For the inhabitant of Ma-
roth

Becomes weak waiting for
good,

Because a calamity has
come down from the
LORD

To the gate of Jerusalem.

13 Harness the chariot to the
team of horses.

O inhabitant of Lachish—
She was the beginning of
sin

To the daughter of Zion—
Because in you were found
The rebellious acts of Is-
rael.

14 Therefore, you will give
parting gifts

On behalf of Moresheth-
gath;

The houses of Achzib will
become a deception

To the kings of Israel.

15 Moreover, I will bring on
you

The one who takes posses-
sion.

O inhabitant of Mareshah.
The glory of Israel will enter
Adullam.

16 Make yourself bald and cut
off your hair.

Because of the children of
your delight;

Extend your baldness like
the eagle.

For they will go from you
into exile.

CHAPTER 2

WOE to those who ^ascheme iniquity,

Who work out evil on their beds!

^{1b}When morning comes, they do it,

For it is in the ^cpower of their hands.

2 They ^acovet fields and then ^bseize them,

And houses, and take them away.

They ^{1c}rob a man and his house,

A man and his inheritance.

3 Therefore, thus says the LORD,

"Behold, I am ^aplanning against this ^bfamily a calamity

From which you ^ccannot remove your necks;

And you will not walk ^dhaughtily,

For it will be an ^eevil time.

4"On that day they will ^atake up against you a ¹taunt

And ^{2b}utter a bitter lamentation and say,

'We are completely ^cdestroyed!

He exchanges the portion of my people;

How He removes it from me!

To the apostate He ^dapportions our fields.'

5"Therefore, you will have no one ^{1a}stretching a measuring line

For you by lot in the assembly of the LORD.

6 ¶ ^a"Do not ¹speak out,' so they ¹speak out.

But if ²they do ^bnot ¹speak out concerning these things,

^cReproaches will not be turned back.

7"Is it being said, O house of Jacob:

¹ Lit., in the light of the morning
^aPs. 38:4, 1a.
32:7; Nah.
1:11 ^bHos.
7:6, 7 ^cGen.
31:29; Deut.
28:32; Prov.
3:27

² Lit., oppress
^aJer. 22:17;
Amos 8:4 ^bIs.
5:8 ^c1 Kin.
21:1-15

³ ^aDeut.
28:48; Jer.
18:11 ^bJer.
8:3; Amos
3:1, 2 ^cLam.
1:14, 5:5 ^dIs.
2:11, 12
^eAmos 5:13

⁴ Or, proverb ² Lit., lament
^aHab. 2:6
^bJer. 9:10, 17;
21; Mic. 1:8
^cIs. 6:11; 24:3;
Jer. 4:13 ^dJer.
6:12; 8:10

⁵ Lit., casting
^aNumb. 34:13;
16:29; Deut.
32:8; Josh.
18:4, 10

⁶ Lit., flow ² i.e., God's proph-
ets
^aIs. 30:10;
Amos 2:12;
7:16 ^bIs.
29:10; Mic.
3:6 ^cMic. 6:16

⁷ ^aIs. 50:2;
56:1 ^bPs.
119:65, 68,
116; Jer.
15:16 ^cPs.
15:2; 84:11

⁸ Lit., And yester-
day ² Or, or-
naments
^aJer. 12:8
^bMic. 3:2, 3;
7:2, 3 ^cPs.
120:6, 7

⁹ ^aJer.
10:20 ^bEzek.
39:21; Hab.
2:14

¹⁰ ^aDeut.
12:9 ^bPs.
106:38

¹¹ Lit., flow ² Lit., one who flows oracles
^aJer. 5:31 ^bIs.
28:7 ^cIs.
30:10, 11

¹² ^aMic. 4:6,
7 ^bMic. 5:7, 8;
7:18

'Is the Spirit of the LORD ^ain-
patient?

Are these His doings?

Do not My words ^bdo good
To the one ^cwalking u-

rightly?

8"Recently My people have
arisen as an ^aenemy—

You ^bstrip the ²robe off the
garment,

From ^cunsuspecting pas-
sers-by,

From those returned from
war.

9" The women of My people
you ^aevict,

Each one from her pleasant
house.

From her children you take
My ^bsplendor forever.

10" Arise and go,
For this is no place ^aof re-

Because of the ^bunclean-
ness that brings on de-

A painful destruction.

11" If a man walking after win
and ^afalsehood

Had told lies and said,
'I will ¹speak out to you con-

cerning ^bwine and I
quor,'

He would be ²spokesman to
^cthis people.

12 ¶ "I will surely ^aassemble a
of you, Jacob,

I will surely gather the
^bremnant of Israel.

I will put them together like
sheep in the fold;

Like a flock in the midst of
its pasture

They will be noisy with
men.

13" The breaker goes up before
them;

They break out, pass
through the gate, and go
out by it.

So their king goes on before
them,

And the LORD at their
head."

- 2 And ^amany nations will come and say,
^b"Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD
 And to the house of the God of Jacob,
 That ^cHe may teach us about His ways
 And that we may walk in His paths."
 For ^dfrom Zion will go forth the law,
 Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 3 And He will ^ajudge between many peoples
 And render decisions for mighty, ¹distant nations.
 Then they will hammer their swords ^binto plowshares
 And their spears into pruning hooks;
 Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
 And never again will they ²train for war.
- 4 And each of them will ^asit under his vine
 And under his fig tree,
 With ^bno one to make them afraid,
 For the ^cmouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.
- 5 Though all the peoples walk
 Each in the ^aname of his god,
 As for us, ^bwe will walk in the name of the ^cLORD our God forever and ever.
- 6 ¶ "In that day," declares the LORD,
 "I will assemble the ^alame,
 And ^bgather the outcasts,
 Even those whom I have afflicted.
- 7 "I will make the lame a ^aremnant,
 And the outcasts a strong nation,
 And the ^bLORD will reign over them in Mount Zion
 From now on and forever.

² ^aZech. 2:11; 14:16
^bIsa. 2:3; Jer. 31:8 ^cPs. 23:8, 9, 12; Isa. 54:13 ^dIsa. 42:1-4; Zech. 14:8, 9

³ ¹Lit., at a distance ²Lit., learn
^aIsa. 2:4; 11:3; 5 ^bJoel 3:10

⁴ ^a1 Kin. 4:23; Zech. 3:10 ^bLev. 26:6; Jer. 30:10 ^cIsa. 120:40:5

⁵ ^a2 Kin. 17:29 ^bZech. 10:12 ^cJoel. 24:15; Isa. 26:8, 13

⁶ ^aZeph. 3:19 ^bPs. 147:2; Ezek. 34:13, 16; 37:21

⁷ ^aMic. 5:7; 8:7; 18 ^bIsa. 24:23

⁸ ¹Heb., Migdal-edder ²Heb., Ophel of ^aPs. 48:3, 12; 61:3; Mic. 2:12 ^bIsa. 1:26; Zech. 9:10

⁹ ^aJer. 8:19 ^bIsa. 3:1-3

¹⁰ ^aMic. 5:3 ^b2 Kin. 20:18; Hos. 2:14 ^cIsa. 43:14; 45:13; Mic. 7:8-12 ^dIsa. 48:20; 52:9-12

¹¹ ¹Lit., look on ^aIsa. 5:25-30; 17:12-14

¹² ^aPs. 147:19, 20

¹³ ^aIsa. 41:15 ^bJer. 51:20-23 ^cIsa. 60:9

- 8 "And as for you, ¹a tower of the flock,
²Hill of the daughter of Zion,
 To you it will come—
 Even the ^bformer dominion will come,
 The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.
- 9 ¶ "Now, why do you ^acry out loudly?
 Is there no king among you
 Or has your ^bcounselor perished,
 That agony has gripped you like a woman in child birth?
- 10 "Writhe and labor to give birth,
 Daughter of Zion,
 Like a woman in childbirth
 For now you will ^bgo out of the city,
 Dwell in the field,
 And go to Babylon.
^cThere you will be rescued
^dThere the LORD will redeem you
 From the hand of your enemies.
- 11 "And now ^amany nations have been assembled against you
 Who say, 'Let her be polluted,
 And let our eyes ¹gloat over Zion.'
- 12 "But they do not ^aknow the thoughts of the LORD,
 And they do not understand His purpose;
 For He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor.
- 13 "Arise and ^athresh, daughter of Zion,
 For your horn I will make iron
 And your hoofs I will make bronze,
 That you may ^bpulverize many peoples,
 That you may ^cdevote to the LORD their unjust gain

And their wealth to the
Lord of all the earth.

CHAPTER 5

66 **N**OW muster yourselves
in troops, daughter of
troops;

2 They have laid siege
against us;

With a rod they will smite
the judge of Israel on the
cheek.

211 But as for you, Bethlehem
Ephrathah,

Too little to be among the
clans of Judah,

From you One will go forth
for Me to be ruler in Is-
rael.

2 His goings forth are from
long ago,

From the days of eternity."

3 Therefore, He will give
them up until the time

When she who is in labor
has borne a child.

Then the remainder of His
brethren

Will return to the sons of Is-
rael.

4 And He will arise and shep-
herd His flock

In the strength of the LORD.

In the majesty of the name
of the LORD His God.

And they will remain,
Because at that time He

will be great
To the ends of the earth.

5 And this One will be our
peace.

9 When the Assyrian invades
our land,

When he tramples on our
citadels,

Then we will raise against
him

Seven shepherds and eight
leaders of men.

6 And they will shepherd the
land of Assyria with the
sword,

1 Ch. 4:14
in Heb. Pl.
He has
1 Kin. 22:24.
Job 18:10;
Lam. 3:30
2 Ch. 5:1
in Heb. Or.
His appear-
ances are
from long
ago, from
days of old
Gen. 25:19;
48:7; Ruth
4:11; Matt.
26: Ma 11:1.
Luke 2:4;
John 7:42
Jer. 30:21.
Zach. 9:9-10
102:25; Prov
8:22, 23
3 Hos
11:8; Mic.
4:10; 7:13
Mic. 4:9, 10
Is. 10:20-22;
Mic. 5:7, 8
4 Or, live
in safety
Pl., now
Is. 40:11.
48:9; Ezek.
34:13-15, 23;
24; Mic. 7:14
Is. 45:22;
52:10
5 Or, pos-
sibly
Is. 9:8; Luke
2:14; Eph.
2:14; Col.
1:20; Ma. 8:7;
8:10:24-27
6 Nah.
2:11-13;
Zeph. 2:13
Gen. 10:8-11
Is. 14:25;
37:36, 37
7 Mic.
2:12, 4:7, 5:3;
7:18; Ose.
12:2; Ps.
110:3; Hos.
14:5; Ps. 72:6;
Is. 44:3
8 Gen.
48:9; Num.
24:9-10
44:5; Is.
41:15, 16;
Mic. 4:13;
Zach. 10:5
Hos. 5:14
9 Ps. 58:22
10 Is. 12:21 &
Is. 28:11
11 Zach.
9:10; Ose.
17:16; Is. 2:7;
Hos. 14:3
12 Is. 1:7;
6:11; Ma. 2:12;
17; Hos.
10:14; Amos
5:9
13 Ose.
12:10-12; Is.
2:6; 8:19
14 Is. 2:18;
17:8; Ezek.
6:9

The land of Nimrod at its
entrances;

And He will deliver us from
the Assyrian

When he attacks our land
And when he tramples our
territory.

7 9 Then the remnant of Ja-
cob

Will be among many peo-
ples

Like dew from the LORD.

Like showers on vegeta-
tion

Which do not wait for man
Or delay for the sons of
men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob
Will be among the nations,

Among many peoples

Like a lion among the
beasts of the forest.

Like a young lion among
flocks of sheep.

Which, if he passes
through,

Tramples down and tears,
And there is none to res-
cue.

9 Your hand will be lifted up
against your adversaries,

And all your enemies will be
cut off.

10 9 "And it will be in that
day," declares the LORD,

"That I will cut off your
horses from among you

And destroy your chariots.

11 "I will also cut off the cities
of your land

And tear down all your for-
tifications.

12 "I will cut off sorceries from
your hand,

And you will have fortune-
tellers no more.

13 "I will cut off your carved
images

And your sacred pillars
from among you,

So that you will no longer
bow down
To the work of your hands.

14 "I will root out your ^{1a}Ashe-
rim from among you
And destroy your cities.
15 "And I will ^aexecute ven-
geance in anger and
wrath
On the nations which have
not obeyed."

CHAPTER 6

HEAR now what the LORD is
saying,

"Arise, plead your case ^{1b}be-
fore the mountains,
And let the hills hear your
voice.

2 "Listen, you mountains, to
the indictment of the
LORD,

And you enduring ^afounda-
tions of the earth,
Because the ^bLORD has a
case against His people;
Even with Israel He will dis-
pute.

3 "My people, ^bwhat have I
done to you,
And ^chow have I wearied
you? Answer Me.

4 "Indeed, I ^abrought you up
from the land of Egypt
And ^bransomed you from
the house of slavery,
And I sent before you
^cMoses, Aaron, and ^dMir-
iam.

5 "My people, remember now
What ^aBalak king of Moab
counseled

And what Balaam son of
Beor answered him,
And from ^bShittim to ^cGil-
gal,

In order ¹that you might
know the ^drighteous acts
of the LORD."

6 ¶ ^aWith what shall I come
to the LORD

And bow myself before the
God on high?

Shall I come to Him with
^bburnt offerings,
With yearling calves?

14 ¹i.e.,
wooden sym-
bols of a fe-
male deity
^aEx. 34:13; Is.
17:8; 27:9

15 ¹Is. 1:24;
65:12

1 ¹Lit.,
with

2 ²Sam.
22:16; Ps.
104:5 ^bIs.
1:18; Hos.
4:1; 12:2

3 ³Ps. 50:7
Jer. 2:5 ^cIs.
43:22, 23

4 ⁴Ex.
12:51; 20:2
^bDeut. 7:8
^cEx. 4:10-16;
Ps. 77:20 ^dEx.
15:20

5 ⁵Lit., to
know

^aNum. 22:5, 6
^bNum. 25:1;
Josh. 2:1; 3:1
^cJosh. 4:19;
5:9, 10
^d1 Sam. 12:7;
Is. 1:27

6 ⁶Ps. 40:6-
8 ^bPs. 51:16,
17

7 ⁷Ps. 50:9;
Is. 1:1; 40:16
^bLev. 18:21;
20:1-5; 2 Kin.
16:3; Jer. 7:31

8 ⁸Or, loy-
alty ²Or, cir-
cumpectly

^aDeut. 30:15
^bDeut. 10:12
^cIs. 56:1; Jer.
22:3 ^dHos. 6:6
^eIs. 57:15;
66:2

9 ⁹Lit., it

10 ¹⁰Lit.,
shrunk
^aaphah

^aJer. 5:26, 27;
Amos 3:10
^bEzek. 45:9,
10; Amos 8:5

11 ¹¹Lev.
19:36; Hos.
12:7

12 ¹²Lit., her
^aIs. 1:23; 5:7;
Amos 6:3, 4;
Mic. 2:1, 2
^bJer. 9:2-6, 8;
Hos. 7:13;
Amos 2:4 ^cIs.
3:8

13 ¹³Mic. 1:9
^bIs. 1:7; 6:11

14 ¹⁴Or pos-
sibly, garbage
or excreta
^aIs. 9:20 ^bIs.
30:6

15 ¹⁵Deut.
28:38-40; Jer.
12:13

7 Does the LORD take delig
in ^athousands of rams,
In ten thousand ^crivers
oil?

Shall I present my ^bfir:
born for my rebellio
acts,

The fruit of my body for t
sin of my soul?

8 He has ^atold you, O ma
what is good;

And ^bwhat does the LO
require of you

But to ^cdo justice, to ^dlo
¹kindness,

And to walk ²humbly wi
your God?

9 ¶ The voice of the LO
will call to the city—

And it is sound wisdom
fear Thy name:

"Hear, O tribe. Who has a
pointed ¹its time?

10 "Is there yet a man in tl
wicked house,

Along with treasures
^awickedness,

And a ^{1b}short measure th
is cursed?

11 "Can I justify wicked ^ascal
And a bag of deceptiv
weights?

12 "For the rich men of the ¹ci
are full of ^aviolence,

Her residents speak ^blies,
And their ^ctongue is decei
ful in their mouth.

13 "So also I will make yc
^asick, striking you dow

^bDesolating you because
your sins.

14 "You will eat, but you wi
^anot be satisfied,

And your ¹vileness will be
your midst.

You will try to remove fe
safekeeping,

But you will ^bnot preserv
anything,

And what you do preserve
will give to the sword.

15 "You will sow but you wi
^anot reap.

You will tread the olive but
will not anoint yourself
with oil;

And the grapes, but you will
not drink wine.

16 "The statutes of ^aOmri

And all the works of the
house of ^bAhab are ob-
served;

And in their devices you
walk.

Therefore, I will give you up
for ^ddestruction

And ^lyour inhabitants for
^cderision,

And you will bear the ^rre-
proach of My people."

CHAPTER 7

WOE is me! For I am
Like the fruit pickers and
the ^agrape gatherers.
There is not a cluster of
grapes to eat,
Or a ^bfirst-ripe fig which I
crave.

2 The ^lgodly person has ^aper-
ished from the land,
And there is no upright per-
son among men.

All of them lie in wait for
^bbloodshed;

Each of them hunts the oth-
er with a ^cnet.

3 Concerning evil, both
hands do it ^awell.

The prince asks, also the
judge, for a ^bbribe,

And a great man speaks the
desire of his soul;

So they weave it together.

4 The best of them is like a
^abriar,

The most upright like a
^bthorn hedge.

The day when you post a
watchman,

Your ^cpunishment will
come.

Then their ^dconfusion will
occur.

5 Do not ^atrust in a neighbor;
Do not have confidence in a
friend.

18 ^aAmos
5:11; Zeph.
1:13

16 ^lLa., her
41 Kin. 16:25.
28 ^l1 Kin.
16:29-33 ^cJer
7:24 ^cJer
18:16; Mic
6:13 ^cJer
19:8; 25:9; 18.
29:18 ^cPs.
44:13; Jer
51:51; Hos.
12:14

1 ^lLa., my
soul
41a. 24:13 ^aIsa
28:4; Hos.
9:10

2 ^lOr, lov-
ed
41a. 57:1 ^aIsa
59:7; Mic.
3:10 ^cJer
5:26; Hos. 5:1

3 ^aProv
4:16, 17
^aAmos 5:12;
Mic. 3:11

4 ^aEzek.
2:6; 28:24
^aNab. 1:10
^aIsa. 10:3; Hos.
9:7 ^aIsa. 22:5

5 ^lLa.,
openings of
your mouth
^cJer. 9:4

6 ^aMatt.
10:21, 35;
Luke 12:53
^aMatt. 10:36

7 ^aIsa. 2:1
^aPs. 130:5; ^aIsa.
25:9 ^aPs. 4:3

8 ^aProv.
24:17; Obad.
12 ^aMic. 7:10
^aAmos 9:11
^aIsa. 9:2

9 ^lIsa.,
right dealing
^cJer. 50:34
^aPs. 37:6; ^aIsa.
42:7, 16 ^aIsa.
48:13; 58:1

10 ^lLa.,
Now ^lLa., be-
come a tramp-
led place
^aJoel 2:17 ^aIsa.
51:23; Zech.
10:5

11 ^aIsa.
54:11; Amos
9:11

12 ^lLa., he
^aIsa. 19:23-25;
60:4, 9

From her who lies in your
bosom

Guard ^lyour lips.

6 For ^ason treats father con-
temptuously,

Daughter rises up against
her mother,

Daughter-in-law against
her mother-in-law;

^bA man's enemies are the
men of his own house-
hold.

7 ¶ But as for me, I will
^awatch expectantly for
the LORD;

I will ^bwait for the God of
my salvation.

My ^cGod will hear me.

8 ^aDo not rejoice over me, O
^bmy enemy.

Though I fall I will ^crise;

Though I dwell in darkness,
the LORD is a ^dlight for
me.

9 ¶ I will bear the indigna-
tion of the LORD

Because I have sinned
against Him,

Until He ^apleads my case
and executes justice for
me.

He will bring me out to the
^bblight,

And I will see His ^lright-
eousness.

10 Then my enemy will see,
And shame will cover her
who ^asaid to me,

"Where is the LORD your
God?"

My eyes will look on her;

^lAt that time she will ²be
^btrampled down,

Like mire of the streets.

11 It will be a day for ^abuilding
your walls.

On that day will your
boundary be extended.

12 It will be a day when ^lthey
will ^acome to you

From Assyria and the cities
of Egypt.

From Egypt even to the ²Euphrates,
Even from sea to sea and
mountain to mountain.
13 And the earth will become
^adesolate because of her
inhabitants,
On account of the ^bfruit of
their deeds.
14 ^aShepherd Thy people
with Thy ^bscepter,
The flock of Thy ¹possession
Which dwells by itself in the
woodland,
In the midst of ^{2a} a fruitful
field.
Let them feed in ^cBashan
and Gilead
^dAs in the days of old.
15 "As in the days when you
came out from the land of
Egypt,
I will show ^{1a} you miracles."
16 Nations ^awill see and be
ashamed
Of all their might.
They will ^bput *their* hand on
their mouth,
Their ears will be deaf.
17 They will ^alick the dust like
a serpent,

13 ²Lit.,
River
13 ^aJer.
25:11; Mic.
6:13 ^aIs. 3:10;
11; Mic. 3:4
14 ¹Or, in-
heritance
^aOr, Carmel
^aPs. 95:7; Is.
40:11; 49:10;
Mic. 5:4 ^bLev.
27:32; Ps.
23:4 ^cJer.
50:19 ^dAmos
9:11
15 ¹Lit., him
^aEx. 3:20;
34:10; Ps.
78:12
16 ^aIs. 28:11
^bMic. 3:7
17 ¹Lit.,
fastnesses
^aPs. 72:9; Is.
49:23 ^bDeut.
32:24 ^cPs.
18:45 ^dIs.
25:3, 50:19
18 ¹Or, in-
heritance
^aOr, loving-
kindness
^aEx. 34:7, 9;
Is. 43:25
^bMic. 2:12;
4:7, 5:7, 8
^cPs. 103:8, 9;
13 ^dJer. 32:41
19 ¹Several
ancient ver-
sions read
our
^aJer. 50:20
^bIs. 38:17;
43:25; Jer.
31:34

Like ^breptiles of the earth
They will come ^ctrembling
out of their ¹fortresses;
To the LORD our God they
will come in ^ddread,
And they will be afraid be-
fore Thee.
18 Who is a God like Thee, who
^apardons iniquity
And passes over the rebe-
lious act of the ^brenegade
of His ¹possession?
He does not ^cretain His an-
ger forever,
Because He ^ddelights in ²ur-
changing love.
19 He will again have compas-
sion on us;
^aHe will tread our iniquities
under foot.
Yes, Thou wilt ^bcast all
¹their sins
Into the depths of the sea
20 Thou wilt give ^{1a} truth to Ja-
cob
And ²unchanging love to
Abraham,
Which Thou didst ^bswear to
our forefathers
From the days of old.

20 ¹Or, faithfulness ^aOr, lovingkindness ^aGen. 24:27;
32:10 ^bDeut. 7:8, 12

THE BOOK OF NAHUM

God Is Awesome

THE ^{1a}oracle of ^bNineveh. The
book of the vision of Nahum
the Elkoshite.

2 ^aA ^ajealous and avenging
God is the LORD;
The LORD is ^bavenging and
¹wrathful.
The LORD takes ^cvengeance
on His adversaries,

1 ¹Or, bur-
den
^aIs. 13:1; 19:1;
Jer. 23:33, 34;
Hab. 1:1;
Zech. 9:1;
Mal. 1:1
^b2 Kin. 19:36;
Jon. 1:2; Nah.
2:8; Zeph.
2:13

2 ¹Lit., a
possessor of
wrath
^aEx. 20:5;
Josh. 24:19
^bDeut. 32:35;
41 ^cPs. 94:1

And He reserves wrath for
His enemies.
3 The LORD is ^aslow to anger
and great in power,
And the LORD will by no
means leave *the guilty*
unpunished.
In ^bwhirlwind and storm is
His way,
And ^cclouds are the dust be-
neath His feet.

3 ^aEx. 34:6, 7; Neh. 9:17; Ps. 103:8 ^bEx. 19:16; Is. 29:
32:10 ^cPs. 104:3; Is. 19:1

- 4 He ^arebukes the sea and makes it dry;
He dries up all the rivers.
^bBashan and Carmel wither;
The blossoms of Lebanon wither.
- 5 Mountains ^aquake because of Him,
And the hills ^bdissolve;
Indeed the earth is ^cupheaved by His presence,
The ^dworld and all the inhabitants in it.
- 6 ^aWho can stand before His indignation?
Who can endure the ^bburning of His anger?
His ^cwrath is poured out like fire,
And the ^drocks are broken up by Him.
- 7 The LORD is ^agood,
A stronghold in the day of trouble,
And ^bHe knows those who take refuge in Him.
- 8 But with an ^aoverflowing flood
He will make a complete end of ^bits site,
And will pursue His enemies into ^bdarkness.
- 9 ¶ Whatever you ^adevise against the LORD,
He will make a ^bcomplete end of it.
Distress will not rise up twice.
- 10 Like tangled ^athorns,
And like those who are ^bdrunken with their drink,
They are ^cconsumed
As stubble completely withered.
- 11 From you has gone forth
One who ^aplotted evil against the LORD,
A ^bwicked counselor.
- 12 Thus says the LORD,
"Though they are at full strength and likewise many,

4 ^aJosh. 3:15, 16; Ps. 108:9; Is. 50:2; Matt. 8:28; Ps. 33:9.
5 ^aEx. 19:18; 2 Sam. 22:8; Ps. 18:7.
6 ^aMic. 1:4; ^bPs. 24:1, 20; ^cPs. 98:7.
7 ^aJer. 10:10; Mal. 3:2; ^bIs. 13:13; ^cIs. 66:15.
8 ^a1 Km. 19:11; 7 ^aPs. 25:8; 37:39, 40; Jer. 33:11; ^bPs. 18; John 10:14, 2 Tim. 2:19.
9 ^aIs. 28:2, 17; Amos 8:8; ^bIs. 13:9, 10; 9 ^aPs. 2:1; Nah. 1:11; ^bIs. 28:22.
10 ^a2 Sam. 23:6; Mic. 7:4; ^bIs. 58:12; Nah. 3:11; ^cIs. 5:24, 10:17; Mal. 4:1.
11 ^aOr, worthless; Heb., Belial; ^bIs. 10:7-11; Nah. 1:9; ^cEzek. 11:2.
12 ^aIs. 10:16-19, 33; 34; ^bLam. 3:31, 32; 13 ^aIs. 9:4, 10:27; Jer. 2:20.
13 ^aIs. 2:1; in Heb., ^bOr, worthless one; Heb., Belial; ^cIs. 40:8; 52:7; Rom. 10:15; ^dLev. 23:2, 4; ^eIs. 52:1; Joel 3:17; ^fIs. 29:7, 8.
14 ^aCh. 2:2; in Heb., ^bLit., your face; ^cLit., Make strong your loins; ^dLit., strengthen power greatly; ^eJer. 51:20-23.

- Even so, they will be ^acut off and pass away.
Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you ^bno longer.
- 13 "So now, I will ^abreak his yoke bar from upon you,
And I will tear off your shackles."
- 14 ¶ The LORD has issued a command concerning ^byou:
"Your name will ^ano longer be perpetuated.
I will cut off ^bidol and ^cimage
From the house of your gods.
I will prepare your ^cgrave,
For you are contemptible."
- 15 ¶ ^aBehold, ^aon the mountains the feet of him who brings good news,
Who announces peace!
^bCelebrate your feasts, O Judah;
Pay your vows.
For ^cnever again will the ^dwicked one pass through you;
He is ^ecut off completely.

CHAPTER 2

- 1 THE one who ^ascatters has come up against ^byou.
Man the fortress, watch the road;
^cStrengthen your back,
^dsummon all your strength.
- 2 For the LORD will restore the ^asplendor of Jacob
^bLike the splendor of Israel,
Even though devastators have devastated them
And ^cdestroyed their vine branches.
- 3 ¶ The shields of ^bhis mighty men are colored red,

2 ^aIs. 60:15; ^bEzek. 37:21-23; ^cPs. 80:12, 13.
3 ^aLit., those attacking Nineveh.

- The warriors are dressed in
^ascarlet,
 The chariots are enveloped
 in ²flashing steel
³When he is prepared to
 march,
 And the cypress ^bspears are
 brandished.
- 4 The ^achariots race madly in
 the streets,
 They rush wildly in the
¹squares,
 Their appearance is like
 torches,
 They dash to and fro like
 lightning flashes.
- 5 He remembers his ^anobles;
 They ^bstumble in their
 march,
 They hurry to her wall,
 And the ¹mantelet is set up.
- 6 The gates of the rivers are
 opened,
 And the palace is dissolved.
- 7 And it is fixed:
 She is stripped, she is car-
 ried away,
 And her handmaids are
^amoaning like the sound
 of doves,
^bBeating on their ¹breasts.
- 8 ¶ Though Nineveh was like
 a pool of water through-
 out her days,
 Now they are fleeing;
 "Stop, stop,"
 But ^ano one turns back.
- 9 Plunder the silver!
 Plunder the ^agold!
 For there is no limit to the
 treasure—
 Wealth from every kind of
 desirable object.
- 10 She is ^aemptied! Yes, she is
 desolate and waste!
^bHearts are melting and
 knees knocking!
 Also anguish is in ¹the
 whole body,
 And all their ^cfaces are
 grown pale!
- 11 Where is the den of the lions
 And the feeding place of the
^ayoung lions,

3 ¹Lit.,
 fire of
 steel ²Lit., On
 the day of his
 preparation
^aEzek. 23:14,
 15 ^bJob 39:23

4 ¹Lit.,
 broad places
^aIs. 68:15;
 Jer. 4:13;
 Ezek. 26:10;
 Nah. 3:2, 3

5 ¹Lit.,
 covering used
 in a siege
^aNah. 3:18
^bJer. 48:12

7 ¹Lit.,
 hearts
^aIs. 38:14;
 59:11 ^bIs.
 32:12

8 ^aJer.
 46:5; 47:3

9 ^aRev.
 18:12, 16

10 ¹Lit., all
 the loins
^aIs. 24:1;
 34:10-13;
 Nah. 2:2 ^bPs.
 22:14; Is.
 13:7, 8; Ezek.
 21:7 ^cJoel 2:8

11 ^aIs. 5:29

12 ¹Lit.,
 Strangled

13 ^aJer.
 21:13; Ezek.
 5:8; Nah. 3:5
^bJosh. 11:6, 9;
 Ps. 46:9 ^cIs.
 49:24, 25;
 Nah. 3:1

1 ^aEzek.
 24:6, 9

2 ¹Lit.,
 skipping
^aJob 38:22-25;
 Jer. 47:3;
 Nah. 2:3, 4

3 ¹Lit.,
 there is no
 end to ²Lit.,
 their
^aHab. 3:11
^bIs. 34:3;
 66:16 ^cIs.
 37:36; Ezek.
 39:4

4 ^aIs.
 23:17; Ezek.
 16:25-29;
 Rev. 17:1, 2
^bIs. 47:9, 12,
 13 ^cRev. 18:3

5 ¹Lit., un-
 cover your
^aJer. 50:31;
 Ezek. 26:3;
 Nah. 2:13 ^bIs.
 47:2, 3; Jer.
 13:28 ^cEzek.
 16:37

- Where the lion, lioness, a
 lion's cub prowled,
 With nothing to distu-
 bles them?
- 12 The lion tore enough for ¹l-
 cubs,
¹Killed enough for his lic-
 esses,
 And filled his lairs with pr-
 And his dens with to
 flesh.
- 13 "Behold, ^aI am against you
 declares the LORD of hosts.
 will ^bburn up her chariots
 smoke, a sword will devour yo
 young lions, I will ^ccut off yo
 prey from the land, and no long
 will the voice of your messe-
 gers be heard."

CHAPTER 3

- ^aWOE to the bloody cit-
 completely full of li-
 and pillage;
 Her prey never departs.
- 2 The ^anoise of the whip,
 The noise of the rattling
 the wheel,
 Galloping horses,
 And ¹bounding chariots!
- 3 Horsemen charging,
 Swords flashing, ^aspea-
 gleaming,
^bMany slain, a mass
 corpses,
 And ¹countless dead bo-
 dies—
 They stumble over ²th-
 dead bodies!
- 4 All because of the ^amar-
 harlotries of the harlot
 The charming one, the ^bmi-
 tress of sorceries,
 Who ^csells nations by h-
 harlotries
 And families by her sorce-
 ies.
- 5 "Behold, ^aI am against you
 declares the LORD
 hosts;
 "And I will ^blift up you
 skirts over your face,
 And ^cshow to the nation
 your nakedness

And to the kingdoms your disgrace.

6 "I will ^athrow ^bfilth on you
And ^bmake you vile,
And set you up as a ^cspectacle.

7 "And it will come about that
all who see you
Will ^bshrink from you and
say,

'Nineveh is devastated!
'Who will grieve for her?'
Where will I seek comfort-
ers for you?'

8 ¶ Are you better than
^aNo-amon,
Which was situated by the
^bwaters of the Nile,
With water surrounding
her,
Whose rampart was ^athe
sea,
Whose wall consisted of
^athe sea?

9 ^aEthiopia was her might,
And Egypt too, without lim-
its.

^bPut and ^cLubim were
among ^bher helpers.

10 Yet she ^abecame an exile,
She went into captivity;
Also her ^bsmall children
were dashed to pieces
^cAt the head of every street;
They ^dcast lots for her hon-
orable men,

And all her great men were
bound with fetters.

11 You too will become
^adrunk,

You will be ^bhidden.
You too will search for a ref-
uge from the enemy.

12 All your fortifications are
^afig trees with ^bripe
fruit—

When shaken, they fall into
the eater's mouth.

13 Behold, your people are
^awomen in your midst!
The gates of your land are

6 ^aLa., de-
structible
things
Job 9:31
Job 30:2
Mal. 2:9 ^aLa.
14:16; Jer.
51:37

7 ^aLa., Rev.
14: 51:19;
Jer. 15:5

8 ^aLa., the
city of Ammon
Thimna ^aLa.,
the Nile
Jer. 48:25;
Ezek. 30:14-
16 ^aLa. 19:6-8

9 ^aLa.,
your
14: 20:5; Jer.
48:9; Ezek.
27:10; 30:3;
30:5; 2 Chr.
12:3; 16:8

10 ^aLa. 19:4;
30:4 ^aPa.
137:9; Is.
13:16; Hos.
13:16 ^aLam.
2:19 ^aJoel 3:3;
Obad. 11

11 ^aLa.
48:26; Jer.
25:27; Nah.
1:10 ^aLa. 2:10;
19: Hos. 10:8

12 ^aLa., Arab.
Franks
Rev. 8:13
14: 28:4

13 ^aLa.
19:16; Jer.
50:37; 51:30
14: 45:1, 2;
Nah. 2:6

14 ^aChr.
32:3, 4 ^aNah.
2:1

15 ^aLa.
48:15, 16;
Nah. 2:13;
3:13 ^aJoel 1:4

16 ^aLa.,
stripes vegeta-
tion, or,
molds

17 ^aChr., off-
cials

Rev. 8:7
Jer. 51:37
18 ^aPa. 70:5;
6; Is. 58:10;
Jer. 51:57

Jer. 58:18
Nah. 2:5
19 ^aLa. 22:17;
Is. 13:14

20 ^aLa.,
your report
Jer. 48:11;
Mic. 1:9 ^aJer.
38:13 ^aJob
27:23; Lam.
2:15

^bopened wide to your en-
emies;

Fire consumes your gate
bars.

14 ^aDraw for yourself water
for the siege!

^bStrengthen your fortifica-
tions!

Go into the clay and tread
the mortar!

Take hold of the brick mold!

15 There ^afire will consume
you,

The sword will cut you
down;

It will ^bconsume you as the
locust does.

¶ Multiply yourself like the
creeping locust.

Multiply yourself like the
swarming locust.

16 You have increased your
^atraders more than the
stars of heaven—

The creeping locust ^bstrips
and flies away.

17 Your ^aguardsmen are like
the swarming locust.

Your ^bmarshals are like
hordes of grasshoppers

Settling in the stone walls
on a cold day.

The sun rises and they flee,
And the place where they
are is not known.

18 Your shepherds are ^asleep-
ing. O ^bking of Assyria;

Your ^cnobles are lying
down.

Your people are ^dscattered
on the mountains.

And there is no one to re-
gather them.

19 There is ^ano relief for your
breakdown.

Your ^bwound is incurable.

All who hear ^babout you
Will ^cclap their hands over
you,

For on whom has not your
evil passed continually?

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

Chaldeans Used to Punish Judah

THE ¹oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

2 ¶ ^aHow long, O LORD, will I call for help,
And Thou wilt not hear?
I cry out to Thee, "Violence!"
Yet Thou dost ^bnot save.

3 Why dost Thou make me ^asee iniquity,
And cause me to look on wickedness?
Yes, ^bdestruction and violence are before me;
^cStrife exists and contention arises.

4 Therefore, the ^alaw is ¹ignored
And justice ²is never upheld.
For the wicked ^bsurround the righteous;
Therefore, justice comes out ^cperverted.

5 ¶ ^a"Look among the nations! Observe!
Be astonished! ^bWonder!
Because I am doing ^csomething in your days—
You would not believe if ¹you were told.

6 "For behold, I am ^araising up the Chaldeans,
That ¹fierce and impetuous people
Who march ²throughout the earth
To ³seize dwelling places which are not theirs.

7 "They are dreaded and ^afeared.
Their ^bjustice and ¹authority ²originate with themselves.

¹ Or, burden

^aIs. 13:1;

Nah. 1:1

² ^aPs. 13:1,

2:22:1, 2

^bJer. 14:9

³ ^aPs. 55:9-

11, Jer. 20:18

^bJer. 20:8

^cJer. 15:10

⁴ Or, ineffective, lit.,

numbered ²lit.,

never goes forth

^aPs. 58:1, 2,

119:126, Is.

59:12, 14 ^bPs.

22:12; Is.

1:21-23 ^cIs.

5:20; Ezek.

9:9

⁵ ¹Lit., it

^aActs 13:41

^bIs. 29:9 ^cIs.

29:14; Ezek.

12:22-28

⁶ ¹Lit., bit-

ter ²Lit., the

breadth of

³Lit., take

possession of

^a2 Kin. 24:2;

Jer. 4:11-13

^bJer. 8:10

⁷ ¹Lit.,

eminence

²Lit., pro-

ceeds from

^aIs. 18:2, 7

^bJer. 39:5-9

⁸ Or,

more eager to

attack ²Or,

steeds paw

the ground

^aJer. 4:13

^bZeph. 3:3

^cEzek. 17:3;

Hos. 8:1

⁹ Or, The

eagerness of

their faces

^a2 Kin. 12:17;

Dan. 11:17

¹⁰ ^a2 Chr.

36:6, 10; Is.

37:13 ^bIs.

10:8; 14:16

^cJer. 32:24;

Ezek. 28:8

¹¹ ^aJer.

4:11, 12 ^bJer.

2:3 ^cDan.

4:30; Hab.

1:16

¹² ^aDeut.

33:27; Ps.

90:2; Mal. 3:6

^bIs. 10:5, 6;

Mal. 3:5

^cDeut. 32:4

8 "Their ^ahorses are swift
than leopards

And ¹keener than ^bwolves
in the evening.

Their ²horsemen come galloping.

Their horsemen come from afar;

They fly like an ^aeagle swooping down to devour.

9 "All of them come for violence.

¹Their horde of ^aface moves forward.

They collect captives like sand.

10 "They ^amock at kings,
And rulers are a laughing matter to them.

They ^blaugh at every fortress,

And ^cheap up rubble to capture it.

11 "Then they will sweep through like the ^awin and pass on.

But they will be held ^bguilty; They whose ^cstrength is their god."

12 ¶ Art Thou not from ^aeverlasting,

O LORD, my God, my Holy One?

We will not die.

Thou, O LORD, hast ^bappointed them to judge;

And Thou, O ^cRock, hast established them to correct.

13 Thine eyes are too ^apure to approve evil,

And Thou canst not look on wickedness with favor.

Why dost Thou ^blook with favor

¹³ ¹Lit., look at ^aPs. 11:4-8; 34:15, 16 ^bJer. 12:1, 2

- On those who deal ^ctreach-
erously?
Why art Thou ^dsilent when
the wicked ^aswallow up
Those more righteous than
they?
- 14 Why hast Thou made men
like the fish of the sea,
Like creeping things with-
out a ruler over them?
- 15 The Chaldeans ^abring all of
them up with a hook,
^bDrag them away with their
net,
And gather them together
in their fishing net.
Therefore, they rejoice and
are glad.
- 16 Therefore, they offer a sac-
rifice to their net.
And ¹burn incense to their
fishing net;
Because through ^athese
things their ²catch is
³large,
And their food is ^aplentiful.
- 17 Will they therefore empty
their ^anet
And continually ^bslay na-
tions without sparing?

CHAPTER 2

- I** WILL ^astand on my guard
post
And station myself on the
rampart;
And I will ^bkeep watch to
see ^cwhat He will speak
to me,
And how I may reply ¹when
I am reproved.
- 2 Then the LORD answered
me and said,
²"Record the vision
And inscribe it on tablets,
That ¹the one who ²reads it
may run.
- 3 "For the vision is yet for the
^aappointed time;
It ¹hastens toward the goal,
and it will not ²fail.
Though it tarries, ^bwait for
it;
For it will certainly come, it
^cwill not delay.

13 ¹Is. 24:16
^aPs. 50:21
^bPs. 35:25

18 ^aJer.
18:16; Amos
4:2 ^bPs. 10:9

16 ¹Or, sac-
rifice ²Is.
portion ³Is.
fat, or,
plentiful
⁴Is., the fat
portion
^aJer. 44:17

17 ¹Is. 19:8
^aIs. 14:5, 6

1 ¹Is.
upon my re-
proof
^aIs. 21:8 ^bPs.
53 ^cPs. 65:8

2 ¹Or, one
may read it
suddenly ²Or,
as to pro-
claim it
^aDeut. 27:8
Rom. 15:4
Rev. 1:19

3 ¹Is.
points ²Or, let
^aDeut. 8:17,
19:10; 14 ^bPs.
27:14 ^cEzek.
12:25; Heb.
10:37

4 ¹Or,
faithfulness
^aPs. 40:18, 19
13:11 ^bRom.
1:17; Gal.
3:11; Heb.
10:38

5 ^aProv.
20:1 ^bProv.
21:24 ^c2 Kin.
14:10 ^dProv.
27:20; 30:18;
Is. 5:11-15

6 ¹Is.
heavy
^aIs. 14:4-10;
Jer. 50:13
^bJob 20:15-
28; Heb. 2:12

7 ¹Is.
those who
hate you ²Is.
violently
shake you
^aProv. 29:1

8 ¹Is., of
the land
^aIs. 33:1; Jer.
27:7; Zach.
2:8

9 ^aJer.
22:13; Ezek.
22:27 ^bJer.
48:16

10 ^a3 Kin.
5:26; Heb.
1:14; Heb.
2:16

- 4 ¹"Behold, as for the ^aproud
one,
His soul is not right within
him;
But the ^brighteous will live
by his ¹faith.
- 5 "Furthermore, ^awine betrays
the ^bhaughty man.
So that he does not ^cstay at
home.
He ^denlarges his appetite
like Sheol,
And he is like death, never
satisfied.
He also gathers to himself
all nations
And collects to himself all
peoples.
- 6 ¹"Will not all of these ^atake
up a taunt-song against
him,
Even mockery and insinu-
ations against him.
And say, ^bWoe to him who
increases what is not
his—
For how long—
And makes himself ¹rich
with loans?"
- 7 "Will not ¹your creditors
^arise up suddenly,
And those who ²collect
from you awaken?
Indeed, you will become
plunder for them.
- 8 "Because you have ^alooted
many nations,
All the remainder of the
peoples will loot you—
Because of human
bloodshed and violence
¹done to the land,
To the town and all its in-
habitants.
- 9 ¹"Woe to him who gets
^aevil gain for his house
To ^bput his nest on high
To be delivered from the
hand of calamity!
- 10 "You have devised a ^ashame-
ful thing for your house
By cutting off many peo-
ples;

- So you are ^bsinning against yourself.
- 11 "Surely the ^astone will cry out from the wall,
And the rafter will answer it from the ^lframework.
- 12 "Woe to him who ^abuilds a city with bloodshed
And founds a town with ^lviolence!
- 13 "Is it not indeed from the LORD of hosts
That peoples ^atoil for fire,
And nations grow weary for nothing?
- 14 "For the earth will be ^afilled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.
- 15 "Woe to you who make ^lyour neighbors drink,
Who mix in your venom even to make *them* drunk
So as to look on their nakedness!
- 16 "You will be filled with disgrace rather than honor.
Now you yourself ^adrink and ^lexpose your own nakedness.
The ^bcup in the LORD's right hand will come around to you,
And ^cutter disgrace will come upon your glory.
- 17 "For the ^aviolence ^ldone to Lebanon will ²overwhelm you,
And the devastation of its beasts ³by which you terrified them,
^bBecause of human bloodshed and ^cviolence ⁴done to the land,
To the town and all its inhabitants.
- 18 "What ^aprofit is the ^lidol when its maker has carved it,
Or ²an image, a ^bteacher of falsehood?
For its maker ^ctrusts in his own handiwork

10 ^bJer. 26:19
11 ^lLit., wood
^aJoah. 24:27; Luke 19:40
12 ^lOr, injustice
^aMic. 3:10; Nah. 3:1
13 ^aIs. 50:11; Jer. 51:58
14 ^aPs. 22:27; Is. 11:9; Zech. 14:9
15 ^lLit., his neighbor
16 ^lLit., show yourself uncrumpled, or, stagger, so DSS and ancient versions
^aAm. 4:21
^bJer. 25:15; 17 ^cNah. 3:8
17 ^lLit., of Lebanon
²Lit., cover
³Lit., which terrified them
⁴Lit., of the land
^aJoel 3:19; Zech. 11:1
^bPs. 55:23; Hab. 2:8 ^cJer. 51:35; Hab. 2:8
18 ^lOr, a graven image
²Lit., a cast metal image
^aIs. 42:17; 44:9; Jer. 2:27, 28 ^bJer. 10:8, 14; Zech. 10:2
^cPs. 115:4, 8
19 ^aJer. 2:27, 28; 10:3
^b1 Kin. 18:26-29 ^cPs. 135:15-18; Jer. 10:4, 9, 14 ^dPs. 135:17
20 ^lLit., Hush before Him, all the earth
^aMic. 1:2
^bZeph. 1:7; Zech. 2:13
1 ^li.e., a highly emotional poetic form
2 ^lOr, Thy report
3 ^lOr, I stand in awe of Thy work, O LORD; in the midst of the years revive it.
4 ^lOr, compassion
^aJob 42:5 ^bPs. 119:120; Jer. 10:7 ^cPs. 71:20; 88:6

When he fashions speechless idols.

- 19 "Woe to him who ^asays to piece of wood, ^b'Awake! To a dumb stone, 'Arise!'
And that is your teacher?
Behold, it is overlaid with ^cgold and silver,
And there is ^dno breath at a inside it.
- 20 "But the ^aLORD is in His holy temple.
^lLet all the earth ^bbe silent before Him."

CHAPTER 3

A PRAYER of Habakkuk the prophet, according to ^lShigionoth.

- 2 "LORD, I have ^aheard ^lth report about Thee and ^lb'fear.

O LORD, ^crevive ^dThy work in the midst of the year:
In the midst of the year make it known;
In wrath remember ³mercy.

- 3 "God comes from ^aTemar.
And the Holy One from Mount ^bParan. [Selah
His ^csplendor covers the heavens,
And the ^dearth is full of His praise.

- 4 His ^aradiance is like the sun light;
He has rays *flashing* from His hand,
And there is the hiding o His ^bpower.

- 5 Before Him goes ^apestilence,
And ^bplague comes ^lafter Him.

- 6 He stood and surveyed the earth;

^dPs. 44:1-8; Hab. 1:5 ^cNum. 14:19; 2 Sam. 24:15-17; Is. 54:8

³ Jer. 49:7; Amos 1:12; Obad. 9 ^bGen. 21:21; Deut. 33:2 ^cPs. 113:4; 148:13 ^dPs. 48:10

⁴ ^cPs. 18:12 ^bJob 28:14

⁵ ^lLit., at His feet ^aEx. 12:29, 30; Num. 16:46-49

^bNum. 11:1-3; Ps. 18:12, 13

He looked and ^astartled the nations.

Yes, the perpetual mountains were shattered,
The ancient hills ¹collapsed.
His ways are ^beverlasting.

7 I saw the tents of Cushan under ^adistress,
The tent curtains of the land of ^bMidian were trembling.

8 ¶ Did the LORD rage against the ^arivers,
Or was Thine anger against the rivers,
Or was Thy wrath against the ^bsea,
That Thou didst ^cride on Thy horses,
On Thy ^dchariots of salvation?

9 Thy ^abow was made bare,
The rods of ¹chastisement were sworn. [Selah.
Thou didst ^bcleave the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw Thee and quaked;
The downpour of waters swept by.
The deep ^auttered forth its voice,
It lifted high its hands.

11 ^aSun and moon stood in their places;
They went away at the ^blight of Thine arrows.
At the radiance of Thy gleaming spear.

12 In indignation Thou didst ^amarch through the earth;
In anger Thou didst ^btrample the nations.

13 Thou didst go forth for the ^asalvation of Thy people,
For the salvation of Thine ^banointed.

Thou didst strike the ^ahead of the house of the evil
To lay him open from ¹thigh to neck. [Selah.

6 ¹Lat., bowed; or, sank down
Job 21:18;
Ps. 35:3
Hab. 1:12

7 ²Ex. 15:14-16
Num. 31:7,
8; Judg. 7:24,
25; 8:12

8 ³Ex. 7:19,
20; Josh. 3:16; Is. 50:2
⁴Ex. 14:16,
21; Ps. 114:3,
5; Deut. 33:28; Ps. 18:10; Hab. 3:15 ⁴Ps. 68:17

9 ¹Lat., word
²Ps. 7:12, 13;
Hab. 3:11
³Ps. 78:16;
105:41

10 ⁴Ps. 80:3,
8
11 ¹Josh. 10:12-14 ⁴Ps. 18:14

12 ¹Or, through
²Ps. 88:7 ³Is. 41:13; Jer. 51:33; Mic. 4:13

13 ¹Lat., foundation
²Ex. 15:2;
2 Sam. 5:20;
Ps. 68:19, 20
³Ps. 20:6;
28:8 ⁴Ps. 68:21, 110:6

14 ¹Lat., shafts ²Or, warriors or villagers ³Lat., me
Judg. 7:22
⁴Deut. 11:40;
Zech. 9:14
⁵Ps. 10:8,
64:2-5

15 ⁴Ps. 77:19; Hab. 3:8 ⁵Ex. 15:8

16 ¹Lat., bel-ly ²Or, To come upon the people who will
³Deut. 10:8;
Hab. 3:2 ⁴Job 30:17, 32; Jer. 23:9 ⁵Luke 21:19 ⁶Jer. 5:15

17 ¹Lat., pro-duce
Joel 1:10-12;
Amos 4:9;
2 Cor. 4:8, 9
²Mic. 6:15
Joel 1:18
Jer. 5:17

14 Thou didst pierce with his ^aown ¹spears
The head of his ²thongs.
They ^bstormed in to scatter ³us;

Their exultation was like those
Who ^cdevour the oppressed in secret.

15 Thou didst ^atread on the sea with Thy horses,
On the ^bsurge of many waters.

16 ¶ I heard and my ¹inward parts ^atrembled,
At the sound my lips quivered.

Decay enters my ^bbones,
And in my place I tremble.
Because I must ^cwait quietly for the day of distress,

²For the ^dpeople to arise who will invade us.

17 Though the ^afig tree should not blossom,
And there be no ¹fruit on the vines,
Though the yield of the ^bolive should fail,
And the fields produce no food,

Though the ^cflock should be cut off from the fold,
And there be ^dno cattle in the stalls,

18 Yet I will ^aexult in the LORD,
I will ^brejoice in the ^cGod of my salvation.

19 The Lord ¹God is my ^astrength,
And ^bHe has made my feet like hinds' feet,
And makes me walk on my ^chigh places.

For the choir director, on my stringed instruments.

18 ¹Ex. 15:1, 2; Job 12:18; Is. 40:10; Rom. 5:2, 3 ²Ps. 46:1-5; Phil. 4:6 ³Ps. 29:5; 27:1; Is. 12:2
19 ¹Hab., YHYH, usually rendered Logo ²Ps. 18:32, 33; 27:1, 6b; Is. 46:24 ³2 Sam. 22:34 ⁴Deut. 32:29

THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

Day of Judgment on Judah

THE word of the LORD which came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, son of Gedaliah, son of Amariah, son of Hezekiah, in the days of ^aJosiah son of ^bAmon, king of Judah.

2 [¶]"I will completely ^aremove all things

From the face of the ¹earth," declares the LORD.

3 "I will remove ^aman and beast;

I will remove the ^bbirds of the sky

And the fish of the sea,

And the ¹ruins along with the wicked;

And I will cut off man from the face of the ²earth," declares the LORD.

4 "So I will ^astretch out My hand against Judah

And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

And I will ^bcut off the remnant of Baal from this place,

And the names of the ^cidolatrous priests along with the priests.

5 "And those who bow down on the ^ahousetops to the host of heaven,

And those who bow down and ^bswear to the LORD and yet swear by ¹Milcom,

6 And those who have ^aturned back from following the LORD,

And those who have ^bnot sought the LORD or inquired of Him."

1 ^a2 Kin. 22:1, 2; 2 Chr 34:1-33; Jer. 1:2; 22:11
^b2 Kin. 21:18-26; 2 Chr. 33:20-25

2 ¹Lit., ground
^aGen. 6:7; Jer. 7:20; Ezek. 33:27, 28

3 ¹Or, stumbling blocks ²Lit., ground
^aIs. 6:11, 12; Jer. 4:25; 9:10; Ezek. 7:19; 14:3, 4, 8

4 ^aJer. 6:12; Ezek. 6:14; Mic. 5:13; ²2 Kin. 23:5; Hos. 10:5

5 ¹Or, their king, M.T., Malcam, probably a variant spelling of Milcom
^a2 Kin. 23:12; Jer. 19:13; Jer. 5:2, 7; 7:9, 10

^c1 Kin. 11:5; 33; Jer. 49:1

6 ^aIs. 1:4; Hos. 7:10 ^bIs. 9:13

7 ¹Lit., Hush ²Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord
^aHab. 2:20; Zech. 2:13
^bZeph. 1:14
^cIs. 34:6; Jer. 46:10 ^d1 Sam. 16:5; Is. 13:3

8 ^aIs. 24:21; Hab. 1:10 ^bIs. 2:6

9 ¹Or, Lord
^aJer. 5:27; Amos 3:10

10 ¹i.e., a district of Jerusalem
^a2 Chr. 33:14; Neh. 3:3; 12:39 ^b2 Chr. 34:22 ^cEzek. 6:13

7 [¶] ¹a Be silent before the Lord ²God!

For the ^bday of the LORD is near,

For the LORD has prepared ¹a sacrifice,

He has ^dconsecrated His guests.

8 "Then it will come about on the day of the LORD's sacrifice,

That I will ^apunish the princes, the king's sons

And all who clothe themselves with ^bforeign garments.

9 "And I will punish on that day all who leap on the temple threshold,

Who fill the house of their ¹lord with ^aviolence and deceit.

10 "And on that day," declares the LORD,

"There will be the sound of ¹a cry from the ^aFish Gate:

A wail from the ^{1b}Second Quarter,

And a loud crash from the ^chills.

11 "Wail, O inhabitants of the ¹Mortar,

For all the ²people of ^aCanaan will be silenced;

All who weigh out ^bsilver will be cut off.

12 "And it will come about at that time

That I will ^asearch Jerusalem with lamps,

And I will punish the men Who are ^{1b}stagnant in spirit,

11 ¹i.e., a district of Jerusalem ²Or, merchant peoples will ^aZeph. 2:5; Zech. 14:21 ^bJob 27:18, 17; Hos. 9:8

12 ¹Lit., thickening on their lips ^aJer. 18:16, 17; Ezek. 9:4-11; Amos 9:1-3 ^bJer. 48:11; Amos 8:1

Who say in their hearts,
The LORD will 'not do good
or evil.'

- 13 "Moreover, their wealth will
become 'plunder,
And their houses desolate;
Yes, 'they will build houses
but not inhabit them,
And plant vineyards but not
drink their wine."

- 14 ¶ Near is the 'great 'day of
the LORD,
Near and coming very
quickly;
Listen, the day of the LORD!
'In it the warrior 'cries out
bitterly.

- 15 A day of wrath is that day,
A day of 'trouble and dis-
tress,
A day of destruction and
desolation,
A day of 'darkness and
gloom,
A day of clouds and thick
darkness,

- 16 A day of 'trumpet and bat-
tle cry,
Against the 'fortified cities
And the high corner towers.

- 17 And I will bring 'distress on
men,
So that they will walk 'like
the blind,
Because they have sinned
against the LORD;

- And their 'blood will be
poured out like dust,
And their 'flesh like dung.

- 18 Neither their 'silver nor
their gold
Will be able to deliver them
On the day of the LORD's
wrath;

- And 'all the earth will be de-
voured

- In the fire of His jealousy,
For He will 'make a com-
plete end.

- Indeed a terrifying one,
Of all the inhabitants of the
earth.

12 'Ezek.
8:12, 9:9

13 'Jer.
15:13, 17:3
'Amos 5:11.
Mic. 6:15

14 'L.L.
There
'Jer. 39:7.
Joel 2:11.
Mal. 4:5
'Ezek. 7:7.
12, 39:3, Joel
1:15, 2:14.
Zeph. 1:7
'Ezek. 7:16.
18

15 'Isa. 22:5
'Joel 2:2, 31.
'Amos 5:18-20

16 'Isa.
27:13, Jer.
4:19 'Isa. 2:12.
15

17 'Jer.
10:16 'Obad.
20, 29 'Ezek.
34:7, 8 'Jer.
8:2, 9:22

18 'Ezek.
7:19 'Zeph.
1:8 'Gen. 6:7.
Ezek. 7:5-7

1 'Chr.
Isaiah
'2 Chr. 28:4
Joel 1:14
'Jer. 2:2, 6:15

2 'L.L. is
here
'Isa. 17:13.
Mic. 1:3
'Lam. 4:11.
Nah. 1:6
'Zeph. 1:18

3 'Chr. Isai
'Chr. Isai
'Ps. 105:4.
'Amos 3:6
'Ps. 22:28, Is.
11:4 'Amos
5:14, 15 'Ps.
57:1, Is. 28:28

4 'Amos
1:7, 8: Zeph.
9:5-7

5 'L.L. is
evidence of
the Philis-
tines with
roots in Crete
'Ezek. 25:16
'Amos 2:1
'Zeph. 1:11
'Isa. 14:28, 30
'Zeph. 3:6

6 'Chr.
manhood or
will
'Isa. 5:17, 7:25

7 'Isa. 11:16
'Isa. 32:14

CHAPTER 2

GATHER yourselves to-
gether, yes, 'gather.

O nation 'without 'shame.

- 2 Before the decree 'takes ef-
fect—

The day passes 'like the
chaff—

Before the 'burning anger
of the LORD comes upon
you,

Before the 'day of the
LORD's anger comes
upon you.

- 3 'Seek the LORD.
All you 'humble of the
'earth

Who have carried out His
'ordinances;

'Seek righteousness, seek
humility.

Perhaps you will be 'hidden
In the day of the LORD's an-
ger.

- 4 ¶ For 'Gaza will be aban-
doned,

And Ashkelon a desolation;

'Ashdod will be driven out
at noon,

And 'Ekron will be uproot-
ed.

- 5 Woe to the inhabitants of
the seacoast.

The nation of the 'Chereth-
ites!

The word of the LORD is
'against you,

O 'Canaan, land of the Phi-
listines;

And I will 'destroy you,

So that there will be 'no in-
habitant.

- 6 So the seacoast will be 'pas-
tures,

With 'caves for shepherds
and folds for flocks.

- 7 And the coast will be
For the 'remnant of the
house of Judah,

They will 'pasture on it.

In the houses of Ashkelon
they will lie down at eve-
ning.

For the LORD their God will
 care for them
 And restore their fortune.

8 "I have heard the taunting of Moab
 And the revilings of the
 sons of Ammon,
 With which they have
 taunted My people
 And become arrogant
 against their territory.

9 "Therefore, as I live," declares the LORD of hosts,
 The God of Israel,
 "Surely Moab will be like
 Sodom,
 And the sons of Ammon
 like Gomorrah—
 A place possessed by net-
 tles and salt pits,
 And a perpetual desolation.
 The remnant of My people
 will plunder them,
 And the remainder of My
 nation will inherit them."

10 This they will have in return
 for their pride, because they
 have taunted and become ar-
 rogant against the people of the
 LORD of hosts.

11 The LORD will be terrifying
 to them, for He will starve all
 the gods of the earth; and all the
 coastlands of the nations will
 bow down to Him, everyone
 from his own place.

12 "You also, O Ethiopians,
 will be slain by My
 sword."

13 And He will stretch out His
 hand against the north
 And destroy Assyria,
 And He will make Nineveh
 a desolation,
 Parched like the wilder-
 ness.

14 And flocks will lie down in
 her midst,
 All beasts which range in
 herds;
 Both the pelican and the
 hedgehog
 Will lodge in the tops of her
 pillars;

7 Ex. 4:31;
 Ps. 80:14 Jer.
 32:44; Zeph.
 3:20
 8 Lit., re-
 proach Lit.,
 reproached
 Lit., made
 themselves
 great
 Ezek. 25:8
 Ezek. 25:3
 Amos 1:13
 9 Isa. 15:1;
 Jer. 48:1-
 47; Amos 2:1-
 3 Gen. 19:24
 Jer. 49:1-6;
 Ezek. 25:1-10
 Deut. 29:23
 Isa. 11:14
 10 Lit., re-
 proached
 Lit., made
 themselves
 great
 Isa. 18:6
 Zeph. 2:8
 11 Lit.,
 make lean
 Joel 2:11
 Zeph. 1:4
 Isa. 24:15 Ps.
 72:8-11;
 Zeph. 3:9
 12 Isa. 18:1-
 7; 20:4, 5;
 Ezek. 30:4-9
 13 Isa.
 14:28; Zeph.
 1:4 Isa. 10:16;
 Mic. 5:6
 Nah. 3:7
 14 Or, All
 kinds of
 beasts in
 crowds; lit.,
 Every kind of
 beast of a na-
 tion Or, owl
 or jackdaw
 Lit., her cap-
 itals Lit., A
 voice
 Isa. 14:23;
 34:11
 15 Isa. 22:2
 Isa. 32:9, 11;
 47:8 Isa. 47:8;
 Ezek. 28:2, 9
 Isa. 32:14
 Jer. 18:16;
 19:8
 1 Jer. 5:23
 Ezek. 23:30
 Jer. 6:6
 2 Jer.
 7:23-28 Jer.
 2:30; 5:3;
 2 Tim. 3:16
 Ps. 78:22;
 Jer. 13:26
 Ps. 73:28
 3 Ezek.
 22:27 Jer.
 5:6; Hab. 1:8
 4 Judg.
 9:4 Ezek.
 22:28; Mal.
 2:7, 8
 5 Deut.
 32:4 Zeph.
 3:15, 17 Ps.
 82:15 Job
 7:18 Zeph.
 2:1

Birds will sing in the win-
 dow,

Desolation will be on the
 threshold;

For He has laid bare the ce-
 dar work.

15 This is the exultant city
 Which dwells securely,
 Who says in her heart,

"I am, and there is no one be-
 sides me."

How she has become a des-
 olation,

A resting place for beasts

Everyone who passes by
 her will hiss

And wave his hand in con-
 tempt.

CHAPTER 3

WOE to her who is rebel-
 lious and defiled,

The tyrannical city!

2 She heeded no voice;
 She accepted no instruc-
 tion.

She did not trust in the
 LORD;

She did not draw near to
 her God.

3 Her princes within her are
 roaring lions,

Her judges are wolves at
 evening;

They leave nothing for the
 morning.

4 Her prophets are reckless,
 treacherous men;

Her priests have profaned
 the sanctuary.

They have done violence to
 the law.

5 The LORD is righteous
 within her;

He will do no injustice.

Every morning He brings
 His justice to light;

He does not fail.

But the unjust knows no
 shame.

6 "I have cut off nations;
 Their corner towers are in
 ruins.

I have made their streets
^adesolate,
 With no one passing by;
 Their ^bcities are laid waste,
 Without a man, ^cwithout an
 inhabitant.

7 "I said, 'Surely you will re-
 vere Me,
^a'Accept instruction.'
 So her dwelling will ^bnot be
 cut off
 According to all that I have
 appointed concerning
 her.
 But they were eager to ^ccor-
 rupt all their deeds.

8 ¶ "Therefore, ^a'wait for Me,'"
 declares the LORD,
 "For the day when I rise up to
 the prey.
 Indeed, My decision is to
^bgather nations,
 To assemble kingdoms,
 To pour out on them My in-
 dignation,
 All My burning anger;
 For ^call the earth will be de-
 voured
 By the fire of My zeal.

9 "For then I will ¹give to the
 peoples ^a'purified lips,
 That all of them may ^bcall
 on the name of the LORD,
 To serve Him ²shoulder to
 shoulder.

10 "From beyond the rivers of
^a'Ethiopia
 My ¹worshippers, ²My dis-
 persed ones,
 Will ^bbring My offerings.

11 "In that day you will ^a'feel no
 shame
 Because of all your deeds
 By which you have rebelled
 against Me;
 For then I will remove from
 your midst
 Your ^bproud, exulting ones,
 And you will never again be
 haughty
 On My ^c'holy mountain.

12 "But I will leave among you
 A ^a'humble and lowly peo-
 ple.

6 Jer.
 9:12; Zach.
 7:14; Matt.
 23:38; Lev.
 26:31; Is. 6:11
^cZeph. 2:5
 7 Job
 38:10; Ps.
 32:8; 1 Tim.
 1:5; Jer. 7:7
^cHos. 9:9
 8 Ps.
 27:14; Is.
 30:18; Hab.
 2:3; Ezek.
 38:14-23; Joel
 3:2; Zeph.
 1:18
 9 Lit.
 change; Lit.
 with one
 shoulder
 10 Is. 19:18;
 57:19; Ps.
 22:27; 88:9;
 Hab. 2:14;
 Zeph. 2:11
 11 Or, sup-
 pliants; Lit.,
 the daughter
 of My dis-
 perses ones
 Ps. 68:31; Is.
 18:1; Ps.
 60:6, 7
 11 Is.
 45:17; 54:4;
 Joel 2:28, 27
 Is. 2:12; 5:15
 Is. 11:9; 54:7;
 Ezek. 20:40
 12 Is. 14:30
 13 Is. 14:32;
 50:10; Nah.
 1:7; Zach.
 13:8, 9
 13 Is.
 10:20-22; Mic.
 4:7; Zeph. 2:7
 Ps. 119:3;
 Jer. 31:33;
 Zeph. 3:5
 Zach. 8:3;
 18, Rev. 14:5
 Ezek. 34:13-
 15
 14 Zach.
 9:9
 15 Ps. 19:2;
 John 5:30;
 Rev. 18:20
 Ezek. 37:26-
 28; Zeph. 3:5
 Is. 54:14
 16 Is. 25:9
 Is. 35:3, 4
 Job 4:3; Hab.
 12:12
 17 Lit., A
 warrior who
 saves; Or,
 with some
 ancient ver-
 sions, renew
 you in
 Zeph. 3:5, 15
 Is. 63:1; Is.
 62:5
 18 Lit.,
 were; Lit.,
 her
 Ps. 42:2-4;
 Ezek. 9:4

And they will ^b'take refuge
 in the name of the LORD.
 13 "The ^a'remnant of Israel will
^b'do no wrong
 And ^c'tell no lies,
 Nor will a deceitful tongue
 Be found in their mouths;
 For they shall ^d'feed and lie
 down
 With no one to make them
 tremble."

14 ¶ Shout for joy, O daughter
 of Zion!
^a'Shout in triumph, O Israel!
 Rejoice and exult with all
 your heart,
 O daughter of Jerusalem!

15 The LORD has taken away
^a'His judgments against
 you,
 He has cleared away your
 enemies.
 The King of Israel, the
 LORD, is ^b'in your midst;
 You will ^c'fear disaster no
 more.

16 ^a'In that day it will be said to
 Jerusalem:
^b'Do not be afraid, O Zion;
^c'Do not let your hands fall
 limp.

17 "The LORD your God is ^a'in
 your midst,
 A ^b'victorious warrior.
 He will ^c'exult over you with
 joy,
 He will ²'be quiet in His love,
 He will rejoice over you
 with shouts of joy.

18 "I will gather those who
^a'grieve about the ap-
 pointed feasts—
 They ¹'came from you, O
 Zion;
 The reproach of exile is a
 burden on ²'them.

19 "Behold, I am going to deal at
 that time
 With all your ^a'oppressors,
 I will save the ^b'blame
 And gather the outcast,

19 Is. 60:14; Ezek. 34:16; Mic. 4:6

And I will turn their ^cshame
into ^dpraise and renown
In all the earth.
20 "At that time I will ^abring you
in,
Even at the time when I
gather you together;

18 ^cEzek.
16:27, 57 ^dIs.
60:18, 62:7;
Zech. 8:23
20 ^cEzek.
37:12, 21
^dDeut. 28:18,
19; Is. 56:3;
66:22 ^cJer.
29:14; Joel
3:1; Zeph. 2:7

Indeed, I will give you ^bre-
nown and praise
Among all the peoples of
the earth,
When I ^crestore your for-
tunes before your eyes."
Says the LORD.

THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

Haggai Begins Temple Building

IN the ^asecond year of Darius
the king, on the first day of
the sixth month, the word of the
LORD came by the prophet ^bHag-
gai to ^cZerubbabel the son of
Shealtiel, ^dgovernor of Judah,
and to ^eJoshua the son of Jehoza-
dak, the high priest saying.

2 "Thus says the LORD of ¹hosts,
"This people says, "The time has
not come, even the time for the
house of the LORD to be re-
built." "

3 Then the word of the LORD
came by Haggai the prophet say-
ing.

4 "Is it time for you yourselves
to dwell in your paneled houses
while this house ^alies desolate?"

5 Now therefore, thus says the
LORD of hosts, "Consider your
ways!

6 "You have ^asown much, but
¹harvest little; you eat, but *there*
is not enough to be satisfied; you
drink, but *there is* ²not enough to
become drunk; you put on cloth-
ing, but no one is warm enough;
and he who earns, earns wages
to put into a purse with holes."

7 ¶ Thus says the LORD of
hosts, "Consider your ways!

8 "Go up to the ¹mountains,
bring wood and ^arebuild the
²temple, that I may be ^bpleased

1 ^aEzra
4:24 ^bEzra
5:1, 6:14;
Hag. 1:3, 12,
13; 2:1, 10, 20
^cEzra 2:2;
Neh. 7:7;
Hag. 1:12, 14;
Zech. 4:6;
Matt. 1:12, 13
^d1 Kin. 10:15;
Ezra 5:3
^eZech. 6:11
2 ¹Lit.,
hosts, saying
4 ^aJer.
33:10, 12;
Hag. 1:9
5 ¹Lit., Set
your heart on
6 ¹Lit.,
bring in ²Lit.,
not becoming
drunk
^cDeut. 28:38-
40; Hos. 8:7;
Hag. 1:9, 10;
2:18, 17
7 ¹Lit., Set
your heart on
8 ¹Lit.,
mountain
²Lit., house
^a1 Kin. 6:1
^bPs. 132:13,
14 ^cHag.
2:7, 9

9 ^aProv.
27:20; Eccl.
1:8 ^bIs. 40:7
^cHag. 1:4
10 ¹Lit.,
from dew
^aDeut. 28:23,
24; 1 Kin.
17:1; Joel
1:18-20
11 ¹Lit., the
palms
^cJer. 14:2-6;
Mal. 3:9, 11
^dDeut. 28:22
^eHag. 2:17
12 ¹Lit.,
feared before
^aHag. 1:1
^bHag. 1:14;
2:2 ^cIs. 1:19;

with it and be ^cglorified," says
the LORD.

9 "You look for much, but be-
hold, it comes to little; when you
bring it home, I ^bblow it away.
Why?" declares the LORD of
hosts, "Because of My houses
which ^clie desolate, while each
of you runs to his own house.

10 "Therefore, because of you
the ^asky has withheld ¹its dew,
and the earth has withheld its
produce.

11 "And I called for a ^adrought
on the land, on the mountains, on
the grain, on the new wine, on
the oil, on what the ground pro-
duces, on ^bmen, on cattle, and on
^call the labor of ¹your hands."

12 ¶ Then ^aZerubbabel the
son of Shealtiel, and ^bJoshua the
son of Jehozadak, the high
priest, with all the remnant of
the people, ^cobeyed the voice of
the LORD their God and the
words of Haggai the prophet, as
the LORD their God had sent him.
And the people ^dshowed rever-
ence for the LORD.

13 Then Haggai, the ^amessen-
ger of the LORD, spoke ^bby the
commission of the LORD to the
people saying, " ^bI am with you,"
declares the LORD."

14 So the LORD stirred up the

1 Thess. 2:13 ^aDeut. 31:12, 13; Ps. 112:1; Is. 50:10
13 ¹Or, the message ^aIs. 44:26; Ezek. 3:17; Mal. 2:7;
3:1 ^bPs. 48:11; Is. 41:10; 43:2

spirit of ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, ^agovernor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the ^bremnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

15 on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAPTER 2

ON the twenty-first of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came by ^aHaggai the prophet saying,

2 "Speak now to ^aZerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, ^agovernor of Judah, and to ^aJoshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the ^bremnant of the people saying,

3 'Who is ^aleft among you who saw this ¹temple in its ^bformer glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not ²seem to you like nothing ³in comparison?

4 'But now ¹take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the LORD, 'and work; for ^bI am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

5 'As for the ¹promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, ³My ^bSpirit is abiding in your midst; 'do not fear!'

6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Once more ¹in a ^blittle while, I am going to 'shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.

7 'And I will shake ^aall the nations; and ¹they will come with the ^bwealth of all nations; and I will 'fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

8 'The ^asilver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts.

9 'The latter ^aglory of this house will be greater than the ^bformer.'

14 ^aHag. 1:1, 2:2, 21
^aHag. 1:12
^aEzra 5:2
^aNeb. 4:6
1 ^aHag. 1:1
2 ^aHag. 1:1
^aHag. 1:12
3 ^aLat.
house ^aLat., in your eyes
^aLat., like it
^aEzra 3:12
^aHag. 2:9
4 ^aLat., be strong
^aDeut. 31:23,
1 Chr. 22:13,
28:20; Zech.
8:9; Eph. 6:10
^a2 Sam. 5:10;
Acts 7:9
5 ^aLat.
word ^aLat., cut with ^aOr, while was standing
^aEx. 19:4-6,
29:46, 48,
33:12-14;
34:8-10; ^aNeb.
9:20; ^aIs.
63:11, 14; ^aIs.
41:10, 13;
Zech. 8:13
6 ^aLat., it is a little
^aHeb. 12:26
^aIs. 10:23,
29:17; ^aHag.
2:21
7 ^aOr, the desire of all nations will come
^aDeut. 2:44,
Joel 3:9, 16
^aIs. 60:4-9
^a1 Km. 8:11,
^aIs. 60:7
8 ^a1 Chr.
29:14, 16; ^aIs.
60:17
9 ^aZech.
2:5; ^aHag. 2:3
^aIs. 9:6, 7;
68:12
10 ^aHag.
2:20
11 ^aLat., low
^aDeut. 17:6
11 ^aMal. 2:7
12 ^aLat.
wing ^aLat., his wing
^aEx. 28:37;
Lev. 6:27, 28;
7:6; ^aExh.
44:19; ^aMat.
23:19
13 ^aLat., soul
^aLev. 22:4-6;
Num. 19:22
14 ^aProv.
15:6; ^aIs. 1:11;
15
15 ^aLat., set your heart
^aOr, backward
^aHag. 1:5, 7;
2:18; ^aEzra
3:10; 4:24
16 ^aLat., since they were ^aOr, brought full
17 ^aOr, but what did we have in common? ^aDeut.
28:22; 1 Km. 8:37; ^aAmos 4:9
18 ^aLat., set your heart ^aOr, backward ^aDeut. 32:28;
^aHag. 2:15; ^aHag. 2:16; ^aEzra 5:1, 2; Zech. 8:9, 12

says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I shall give ^apeace,' declares the LORD of hosts."

10 ¶ On the ^atwenty-fourth of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Haggai the prophet saying,

11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Ask now the priests for a ¹ruling:

12 'If a man carries ^aholy meat in the ¹fold of his garment, and touches bread with ²this fold, or cooked food, wine, oil, or any other food, will it become holy?' " And the priests answered and said, "No."

13 Then Haggai said, "'If one who is unclean from a ¹corpse touches any of these, will the latter become unclean?" And the priests answered and said, "It will become unclean."

14 Then Haggai answered and said, "'So is this people. And so is this nation before Me,' declares the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.

15 'But now, do ¹consider from this day ²onward: before one ^bstone was placed on another in the temple of the LORD,

16 ¹from that time when one came to a grain heap of twenty measures, there would be only ten; and when one came to the wine vat to draw fifty ²measures, there would be only twenty.

17 'I smote you and every work of your hands with ^ablasting wind, mildew, and hail; ¹yet you did not come back to Me,' declares the LORD.

18 'Do ¹consider from this day ²onward, from the ^btwenty-fourth day of the ninth month; from the day when the temple of the LORD was 'founded, ¹consider:

16 ^aLat., since they were ^aOr, brought full
17 ^aOr, but what did we have in common? ^aDeut.
28:22; 1 Km. 8:37; ^aAmos 4:9
18 ^aLat., set your heart ^aOr, backward ^aDeut. 32:28;
^aHag. 2:15; ^aHag. 2:16; ^aEzra 5:1, 2; Zech. 8:9, 12

19 'Is the seed still in the barn? Even including the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree, it has not borne fruit. Yet from this day on I will ^abless you.' "

20 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai on the ^atwenty-fourth day of the month saying,

21 "Speak to ^aZerubbabel governor of Judah saying, 'I am going to ^bshake the heavens and the earth.

22 'And I will ^aoverthrow the

19 ^aPs. 128:1-6; Jer. 31:12, 14; Mal. 3:10
20 ^aHag. 2:10
21 ^aEzra 5:2; Hag. 1:1; Zech. 4:6-10
^aHag. 2:6; Heb. 12:28, 27
22 ¹Or, Gen. 1:1
^aEzek. 26:18; Zeph. 3:8
^aMic. 7:16
^aPs. 46:9; Ezek. 39:20; Mic. 5:10
^aAmos 2:15
^aJudg. 7:22; 2 Chr. 20:23

thrones of kingdoms and destroy the ^bpower of the kingdoms of the ^cnations; and I will ^coverthrow the chariots and their riders, and the ^dhorses and their riders will go down, ^eevery one by the sword of another.'

23 'On that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, my servant,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like a ^asignet ring, for ^bI have chosen you,' declares the LORD of hosts.

23 ¹Or, seal ^aSong. 8:6; Jer. 22:24 ^bIsa. 42:1, 43:10

THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH

A Call to Repentance

IN the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to ^bZechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of ^cIddo saying,

2 "The LORD was very ^aangry with your fathers.

3 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "^aReturn to Me," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I may return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

4 "Do not be ^alike your fathers, to whom the ^bformer prophets proclaimed, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "^cReturn now from your evil ways and from your evil deeds." ' But they did ^dnot listen or give heed to Me," declares the LORD.

5 "Your ^afathers, where are they? And the ^bprophets, do they live forever?

6 "But did not My words and My statutes, which I commanded My servants the prophets, ^aover-

1 ^aEzra 4:24; 6:15; Hag. 1:15; 2:10; Zech. 1:7; 7:1 ^bEzra 5:1; 6:14; Zech. 7:1; Matt. 23:35; Luke 11:51
^aNeh. 12:4, 16
2 ^a2 Chr. 36:16; Jer. 44:6; Ezek. 8:18; Zech. 1:15
3 ^aIsa. 31:6; 44:22; Mal. 3:7
4 ^aPs. 78:8; 106:6, 7
^a2 Chr. 24:19; 36:15 ^aIsa. 1:16-19; Jer. 4:1; Ezek. 33:11 ^aJer. 6:17; 11:7, 8
5 ^aLam. 5:7
^aJohn 8:52
6 ^aJer. 12:16, 17; 44:28, 29; Amos 9:10
^aLam. 2:17
7 ^aZech. 6:2; Rev. 6:4
^aNeh. 8:15; Isa. 41:19; 56:13; Zech. 1:10, 11
8 ^aZech. 6:3; Rev. 6:2
9 ^aZech. 1:19; 4:4, 5; 13:6 ^aZech. 2:3; 5:5

10 ^aAs the LORD of hosts purposed to do to us in accordance with our ways and our deeds, so He has dealt with us.

7 ¶ On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the prophet, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, as follows:

8 I saw at night, and behold, a man was riding on a ^ared horse and he was standing among the ^bmyrtle trees which were in the ravine, with red, sorrel, and ^cwhite horses behind him.

9 Then I said, "My ^alord, what are these?" And the ^bangel who was speaking with me said to me, "I will show you what these are."

10 And the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are those whom the LORD has sent to ^apatrol the earth."

10 ¹Isa. 1:16, walk about through ^aJob 1:7; Zech. 1:11; 4:10; 6:5-8

11 So they answered the angel of the LORD who was ^astanding among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have ¹patrolled the earth, and behold, ²all the earth is ²peaceful and quiet."

12 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, "O LORD of hosts, ^ahow long will Thou ^bhave no compassion for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, with which Thou hast been ^cindignant these ^dseventy years?"

13 And the LORD answered the ^aangel who was speaking with me with ¹gracious words, ^bcomforting words.

14 So the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "Proclaim, saying, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "I am ^bexceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion."

15 "But I am very ^aangry with the nations who are ^bat ease; for while I was only a little angry, they ¹furthered the disaster."

16 "Therefore, thus says the LORD, "I will ^areturn to Jerusalem with compassion; My ^bhouse will be built in it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and a ^cmeasuring ^dline will be stretched over Jerusalem."

17 "Again, proclaim, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, "My ^acities will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again ^bcomfort Zion and again ^cchoose Jerusalem."

18 ¶ Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, *there* were four horns.

19 So I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these?" And he answered me, "These are the ^ahorns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

20 Then the LORD showed me four ^acraftsmen.

21 And I said, "What are these coming to do?" And he said, "These are the ^ahorns which

have scattered Judah, so that no man lifts up his head; but these ^acraftsmen have come to terrify them, to ^bthrow down the horns of the nations who have lifted up their horns against the land of Judah in order to scatter it."

CHAPTER 2

1 THEN I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, *there* was a man with a ^ameasuring line in his hand.

2 So I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To ^ameasure Jerusalem, to see how wide it is and how long it is."

3 And behold, the ^aangel who was speaking with me was going out, and another angel was coming out to meet him,

4 and said to him, "Run, speak to that ^ayoung man, saying, ^bJerusalem will be inhabited ¹with-out walls, because of the ^dmulti-tude of men and cattle within it.

5 'For I,' declares the LORD, 'will be a ^awall of fire ¹around her, and I will be the ^bglory in her midst.'"

6 ¶ "Ho there! ^aFlee from the land of the north," declares the LORD, "for I have ^bdispersed you as the four winds of the heavens," declares the LORD.

7 "Ho, Zion! ^aEscape, you who are living with the daughter of Babylon."

8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After ¹aglorry He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the ²apple of His eye.

9 "For behold, I will ^awave My hand over them, so that they will be ^bplunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

10 "Sing for joy and be glad, O

11 ¹Lit. walked about through ²Lit. sitting
Zech. 1:8, 10
Ma. 14:7
12 ^aPs. 74:10; Jer. 12:4; Hab. 1:2
^bPs. 102:13; Jer. 30:18
^cPs. 102:10; Jer. 15:17
^dJer. 25:11; 29:10; Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5
13 ¹Lit. good
^aZech. 1:9; 4:1 Ma. 40:1, 2, 57, 18
14 ^aMa. 40:2, 6, Zech. 1:17
^bZech. 8:2
15 ¹Lit. helped for evil
^aZech. 1:2
^bPs. 123:4; Jer. 48:11
^cAmos 1:11
16 ^aMa. 54:8-10; Zech. 2:10, 11 ^bEzra 6:14, 15, Zech. 4:9
^cJer. 31:39; Zech. 2:2, 4
17 ^aMa. 44:26, 61:4
^bMa. 51:3
^cZech. 2:12
18 ¹Ch. 2:1 in Heb.
19 ^a1 Kin. 22:11; Ps. 75:4, 5, Amos 6:13 mg.
20 ^aMa. 44:12, 54:16
21 ^aZech. 1:19 ^bPs. 75:10
1 ¹Ch. 2:5 in Heb.
^aJer. 31:39; Ezek. 40:3; 47:3; Zech. 1:16
2 ^aJer. 31:39; Ezek. 40:3; Rev. 21:15-17
3 ^aZech. 1:9
4 ¹Lit. like unvalled vil-lages; or, like open country
^aJer. 1:6; Dan. 1:4; 1 Tim. 4:12
^bZech. 1:17; 8:4 ^cEzek. 38:11 ^dMa. 49:20; Jer. 30:19; 33:22
5 ¹Lit. to her
^aMa. 4:5; 28:1; 62:18 ^bMg. 2:9; Zech. 2:10, 11

6 ¹Lit. Her her ^aJer. 3:18 ^bJer. 31:10; Ezek. 11:16
7 ^aMa. 62:20; Jer. 51:6
8 ¹Or, the glory ²Lit. pupil ^aMa. 62:7-9 ^bIsa. 22:10; Ps. 17:8
9 ^aMa. 19:16 ^bMa. 14:2
10 ^aMa. 62:18, 19; Zech. 9:9

daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will ^bdwell in your midst," declares the LORD.

11 "And ^amany nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people. Then I will ^bdwell in your midst, and you will ^cknow that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

12 "And the LORD will ^apossess Judah as His portion in the holy land, and will again ^bchoose Jerusalem.

13 "Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He is ^baroused from His holy habitation."

CHAPTER 3

THEN he showed me ^aJoshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and ^bSatan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has ^bchosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a ^cbrand plucked from the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with ^afilthy garments and standing before the angel.

4 And he spoke and said to those who were standing before him saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have ^btaken your iniquity away from you and ⁱwill ^cclothe you with festal robes."

5 Then I said, "Let them put a clean ^aturban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by.

6 ¶ And the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua saying,

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will ^awalk in My ways, and if you will perform My service, then you will also ^bgovern My house and also have charge of My ^ccourts, and I will grant

10 ^aZech. 2:3; 8:3
11 ^aMic. 4:2
^bZech. 2:5, 10
^cZech. 2:9
12 ⁱOr, in-
hant
^aDeut. 32:9;
Ps. 33:12; Jer.
10:16 ^b2 Chr.
6:6; Ps.
132:13, 14;
Zech. 1:17
13 ⁱLit.,
Hush
^aHab. 2:20;
Zeph. 1:7 ^bPs.
78:65; Is. 51:9
1 ⁱOr, the
Adversary or
Accuser
^aEzra 5:2;
Hag. 1:1;
Zech. 6:11
^b1 Chr. 21:1;
Job 1:6; Ps.
109:6; Rev.
12:10
2 ^aMark
9:25; Jude 9
^bZech. 2:12
^cAmos 4:11;
Jude 23
3 ^aEzra
9:15; Is. 4:4;
64:6
4 ⁱLit., to
clothe
^aIs. 43:25;
Ezek. 38:25
^bMic. 7:18;
19; Zech. 3:9
^cIs. 52:1;
61:10
5 ^aJob
29:14; Is. 3:23
7 ⁱLit., go-
ings
^a1 Kin. 3:14
^bDeut. 17:9;
12 ^cIs. 62:9
8 ⁱLit.,
Sprout
^aIs. 9:18; 20:3;
Ezek. 12:11
^bIs. 11:1;
53:2; Jer.
23:5; 33:15;
Zech. 6:12
9 ^aZech.
4:10 ^bJer.
31:34; 50:20;
Zech. 3:4
10 ^a1 Kin.
4:25; Is.
38:18; Mic.
4:4
1 ^aZech.
1:9 ^b1 Kin.
19:5-7; Jer.
31:28
2 ^aJer.
1:13; Zech.
5:2 ^bEx.
25:31, 37; Jer.
52:19 ^cRev.
4:5
3 ^aZech.
4:11; Rev.
11:4
4 ^aZech.
1:9; 4:5, 13;
6:4
5 ^aZech.
1:9; 4:1
^bZech. 4:13

you ⁱfree access among these who are standing here.

8 "Now listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who are sitting in front of you—indeed they are men who are a ^asymbol, for behold, I am going to bring in My servant the ^bBranch.

9 "For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are ^aseven eyes. Behold, I will engrave an inscription on it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and I will ^bremove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 "In that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "every one of you will invite his neighbor to sit under his ^avine and under his fig tree."

CHAPTER 4

THEN ^athe angel who was speaking with me returned, and ^broused me as a man who is awakened from his sleep.

2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a ^blampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its ^cseven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;

3 also ^atwo olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."

4 Then I answered and said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, ^amy lord?"

5 So ^athe angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."

6 Then he answered and ⁱsaid to me, "This is the word of the LORD to ^aZerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My ^cSpirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

6 ⁱLit., said to me, saying ^aEzra 5:2; Hag. 2:4, 5 ^bIs. 11:2-4; 30:1; Hos. 1:7 ^c2 Chr. 32:7, 8; Eph. 6:17

7 "What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"

8 Also the word of the LORD came to me saying,

9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.

10 "For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel—these are the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth."

11 ¶ Then I answered and said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?"

12 And I answered the second time and said to him, "What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?"

13 So he answered me saying, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."

14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones, who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth."

CHAPTER 5

THEN I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, there was a flying scroll.

2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" And I answered, "I see a flying scroll; its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits."

3 Then he said to me, "This is the curse that is going forth over the face of the whole land; surely everyone who steals will be purged away according to the writing on one side, and everyone who swears will be

7 *Pa.
114:4, 6; Is.
40:4; Jer.
51:25; Nah.
1:3; Zech.
14:4, 5 *Ezra
3:10, 11; Ps.
64:11

9 *Lit., you
(plural)
*Ezra 3:8-10;
5:18; Hag.
2:18 *Ezra
6:14, 15;
Zech. 6:12, 13

10 *Or, But
they will re-
joice when
they see
Zerubbabel.
These seven
are the eyes
of the LORD
*Lit., plumb-
line stone
*Neh. 4:2-4;
Amos 7:2, 5;
Hag. 2:3
*Zech. 3:9;
Rev. 8:2

*Amos 7:7, 8
*Chr. 18:9;
Prov. 15:3;
Jer. 18:17
*Zech. 1:10;
Rev. 5:6

11 *Zech.
4:3, Rev. 11:4

12 *Or, char-
lers

13 *Zech.
4:5 *Zech.
4:4, 5

14 *Lit.,
sons of fresh
oil
*Ex. 29:7;
40:15, 1 Sam.
16:1, 12, 13;
Is. 61:3;
Dan. 9:24-26
*Zech. 3:1-7
*Mic. 4:13

1 *Jer.
38:2; Ezek.
2:9; Rev. 5:1

2 *I.e., One
cubit equals
approx. 18 in.
*Zech. 4:2

3 *Or,
earth *Lit., it
*Is. 24:6;
43:28; Jer.
28:6 *Ex.
20:15; Lev.
19:11; Mai.
3:8, 9 *Lev.
19:12; Is.
48:1; Jer. 5:2;
Zech. 5:4

4 *Mal. 3:5
*Hos. 4:2, 3
*Jer. 2:26
*Lev. 14:34;
35; Job 18:15

5 *Zech.
1:9

6 *I.e., Ap-
prox. one bu-
*Lit., eye,
some ancient

purged away according to the writing on the other side.

4 "I will make it go forth," declares the LORD of hosts, "and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of the one who swears falsely by My name; and it will spend the night within that house and consume it with its timber and stones."

5 ¶ Then the angel who was speaking with me went out, and said to me, "Lift up now your eyes, and see what this is, going forth."

6 And I said, "What is it?" And he said, "This is the ephah going forth." Again he said, "This is their appearance in all the land

7 (and behold, a lead cover was lifted up); and this is a woman sitting inside the ephah."

8 Then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And he threw her down into the middle of the ephah and cast the lead weight on its opening.

9 Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there two women were coming out with the wind in their wings; and they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heavens.

10 And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "Where are they taking the ephah?"

11 Then he said to me, "To build a temple for her in the land of Shinar; and when it is prepared, she will be set there on her own pedestal."

CHAPTER 6

NOW I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming forth from between the two

versions read inequity *Or, earth *Lev. 19:38; Amos 8:5

8 *Lit., mouth *Hos. 12:7; Amos 8:5; Mic. 6:11

9 *Lev. 11:13, 19; Ps. 104:17; Jer. 8:7

11 *Lit., house *Gen. 10:10; 11:2; 14:1; Is. 11:11; Dan.

1:2

1 *Dan. 7:3; Ezr. 1:18; 6:5

mountains; and the mountains were bronze mountains.

2 With the first chariot were ^ared horses, with the second chariot ^bblack horses,

3 with the third chariot ^awhite horses, and with the fourth chariot strong ^bdappled horses.

4 Then I spoke and said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?"

5 And the angel answered and said to me, "These are the ^afour spirits of heaven, going forth after standing before the Lord of all the earth,

6 with one of which the black horses are going forth to the ^anorth country; and the white ones go forth after them, while the dappled ones go forth to the ^bsouth country.

7 "When the strong ones went out, they ¹were eager to go to ^{2a}patrol the earth." And He said, "Go, ²patrol the earth." So they ³patrolled the earth.

8 Then He cried out to me and spoke to me saying, "See, those who are going to the land of the north have ^{1a}appeased My wrath in the land of the north."

9 ¶ The ^aword of the LORD also came to me saying,

10 "Take an offering from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah; and you go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have arrived from Babylon.

11 "And take silver and gold, make an *ornate* ^acrown, and set it on the head of ^bJoshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

12 "Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is ^{1a}Branch, for He will ^{2b}branch out from where He is; and He will ^cbuild the temple of the LORD.

13 "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will ^abear the honor and sit and ^brule on His throne. Thus, He will be a ^cpriest on His throne,

2 ^aZech. 1:8; Rev. 6:4
3 ^aRev. 6:2
4 ^aZech. 1:9

5 ^aJer. 49:36; Ezek. 37:9; Dan. 7:2; 11:4; Matt. 24:31; Rev. 7:1

6 ^aJer. 1:14, 15; 4:6; 6:1; 25:9; 48:10; Ezek. 1:4; 14:3; Dan. 11:5

7 ^aLit., sought to go
^bLit., walk about
through ^aLit., walked about
through

^aZech. 1:10
8 ^aLit., caused My spirit to rest in
^aEzek. 5:13; 24:13; Zech. 1:15

9 ^aZech. 1:1; 7:1; 8:1
10 ^aEzra 7:14-16; 8:26-30; Jer. 28:6
11 ^a2 Sam. 12:30; Ps. 21:3; Song. 3:11
^bEzra 3:2; Hag. 1:1; Zech. 3:1

12 ^aLit., sprout
^bLit., sprout up
^aIs. 4:2; 11:1; Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8
^bIs. 33:2

^cEzra 3:8, 10; Amos 9:11; Zech. 4:6-9
13 ^aLit., of them
^aIs. 9:6; 11:10; 22:24; 49:5, 6
^bIs. 9:7
^cPs. 110:1, 4

14 ^aI.e., Josiah
^aZech. 6:11
15 ^aLit., build in
^aIs. 58:6-8; 60:10
^bZech. 2:9-11; 4:9
^cIs. 58:10-14; Jer. 7:23; Zech. 3:7

1 ^aNeh. 1:1
2 ^aLit., has
^bLit., soften the face of
^a1 Km. 13:6; Jer. 28:19; Zech. 8:21

3 ^aLit., ab-staining; or, dedicating myself
^aEzra 3:10-12
^bZech. 8:19

and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices."

14 "Now the ^acrown will become a reminder in the temple of the LORD to Helem, Tobijah, ¹Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

15 "And ^athose who are far off will come and ¹build the temple of the LORD." Then you will ^bknow that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And it will take place, if you completely ^cobey the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 7

THEN it came about in the fourth year of King Darius that the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is ^aChisleu.

2 Now the town of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regemmelech and ¹their men to ^{2a}seek the favor of the LORD.

3 speaking to the ^apriests who belong to the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets saying, "Shall I weep in the ^bfifth month ¹and abstain, as I have done these many years?"

4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me saying,

5 "Say to all the people of the land and to the priests, 'When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months ¹these ^aseventy years, was it actually for ^bMe that you fasted?

6 'And when you eat and drink, ¹do you not eat for yourselves and do you not drink for yourselves?

7 'Are not these the words which the LORD ^aproclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and ^{1b}prosperous with its cities around it, and the ^{2c}Negev and the ³foothills were inhabited?' "

8 ^aLit., and these
9 ^aLit., is it not you who eat and you who drink
7 ^aOr, at ease
^bI.e., South country
^cHeb., Shephelah
^aIs. 1:16-20; Jer. 7:5, 23; Zech. 1:4
^bJer. 22:21
^cJer. 13:19; 32:44

8 "Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah saying,

9 "Thus has the LORD of hosts said, 'Dispense true justice, and practice ^bkindness and compassion each to his brother;

10 and ^ado not oppress the widow or the ^lorphan, the ²stranger or the poor; and do ^bnot devise evil in your hearts against one another.'

11 "But they ^arefused to pay attention, and ^bturned a stubborn shoulder and ²stopped their ears from hearing.

12 "And they made their ^ahearts like ^bflint ²so that they could not hear the law and the ^cwords which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the ^dformer prophets; therefore great ^awrath came from the LORD of hosts.

13 "And it came about that just as ^aHe called and they would not listen, so ^bthey called and I would not listen," says the LORD of hosts;

14 "but I ^ascattered them with a ^bstorm wind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land is ^cdesolated behind them, ²so that ^dno one went back and forth, for they ^amade the pleasant land desolate."

CHAPTER 8

THEN the word of the LORD of hosts came saying,

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I am ^aexceedingly jealous for Zion, yes, with great wrath I am jealous for her.'

3 "Thus says the LORD, 'I will return to Zion and will ^adwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of ^bTruth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.'

4 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Old men and old women will again sit in the ^lstreets of Jerusa-

lem, each man with his staff in his hand because of ²age.

5 'And the ^lstreets of the city will be filled with ^aboys and girls playing in its ^lstreets.'

6 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If it is ^atoo difficult in the sight of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be ^btoo difficult in My sight?' declares the LORD of hosts.

7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the ^least and from the land of the ²west;

8 and I will ^abring them back, and they will ^blive in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be ^cMy people and I will be their God in ^ltruth and righteousness.'

9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Let your hands be ^astrong, you who are listening in these days to these words from the mouth of the ^bprophets, those who spoke in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, to the end that the temple might be built.

10 'For before those days there was ^ano wage for man or any wage for animal; and for him who went out or came in there was no ^bpeace because of ²this enemies, and I ^cset all men one against another.

11 'But now I will ^anot ^ltreat the remnant of this people as in the former days,' declares the LORD of hosts.

12 'For there will be ^apeace for the seed: the vine will yield its fruit, the land will yield its produce, and the heavens will give their ^bdew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit ^call these things.

13 'And it will come about that just as you were a ^acurse among

9 ^aZeak. 18:8; 40:2; Zeak. 8:16-17; Sam. 9:7; Job 6:14; Mic. 6:8
10 ^aOr, fatherless ^aOr, resident alien
Ex. 22:22; Ps. 72:4; Jer. 7:6-8; 21:11; Mic. 2:1; Zeak. 8:17
11 ^aLat. gave ^aLat. made heavy
Jer. 5:3; 8:5; 11:10; Jer. 7:28; 17:23
Ps. 38:4; Jer. 5:21
12 ^aLat. co-undum ^aLat. from hearing
2 Chr. 36:13; Ezek. 2:4; 3:7-9; Jer. 17:1; Ezek. 3:9; Zeak. 7:7
Neh. 9:30
2 Chr. 36:16; Dan. 9:11; 12:13
Jer. 11:10, 14; 14:12
Prov. 1:24-28; Is. 1:15
14 ^aLat. stormed them away upon all ^aLat. from passing and from returning
Deut. 4:27; 28:64
Jer. 23:19; Jer. 44:6-9a; 60:15
Jer. 12:10
3 ^aZeak. 1:14
8 ^aZeak. 2:10, 11
Zeak. 8:16, 19
4 ^aOr, square ^aLat. the multitude of days
Is. 65:20
8 ^aOr, square
Jer. 30:18; 20:31; 12:13
6 ^aOr, wonderful
Ps. 118:23; 128:1-3
Jer. 32:17, 27
7 ^aLat. setting sun
Ps. 107:3; Is. 11:11; 27:12; 13:43, 5
8 ^aOr, South/South
Zeak. 2:28; Zeak. 10:10
Jer. 3:17; Ezek. 37:25
Ezek. 11:20; 36:28; Zeak. 2:11
9-11 Chr. 22:13; Is. 35:4; Hag. 2:4
Ezra 3:1, 6-14
10 ^aOr, safety ^aLat. the ordinary thing
2 Chr. 13:5
Is. 19:2; Amos 3:6; 2:4
11 ^aLat. he to the
Ps. 108:2; Is. 12:1; Hag. 2:10
12 ^aJer. 28:3-6
Gen. 27:28; Deut. 32:13, 28; Hos. 13:3
Is. 61:7; Obad. 17
13 ^aJer. 28:18; Dan. 9:11

the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be strong.

14 ¶ "For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Just as I ^apurposed to do harm to you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I have not ^brelented.

15 so I have again purposed in these days to ^ado good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. ^bDo not fear!

16 'These are the things which you should do: speak the ^atruth to one another; ^bjudge with truth and judgment for peace in your ^cgates.

17 'Also let none of you ^adevise evil in your heart against another, and do not love ^bperjury; for all these are what I ^chate,' declares the LORD."

18 ¶ Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me saying,

19 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'The fast of the ^afourth, the fast of the ^bfifth, the fast of the ^cseventh, and the fast of the ^dtenth months will become ^ejoy, gladness, and ^fcheerful feasts for the house of Judah; so ^glove truth and peace.'

20 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'It will yet be that ^apeoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities.

21 'And the inhabitants of one will go to another saying, "Let us go at once to ^aentreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; ^bI will also go."

22 'So ^amany peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to ^bentreat the favor of the LORD.'

23 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'In those days ten men from all the ^anations will ^bgrasp the ^cgarment of a Jew saying, "Let us go

13 ^aPs.
72:17; Is.
19:24, 25;
Ezek. 34:26;
Zech. 14:11
Zech. 8:9

14 ^aJer.
31:28 ^bJer.
4:28; Ezek.
24:14

15 ^aJer.
29:11; Mic.
7:18-20

^bZech. 8:13
16 ^ai.e., the
place where
court was
held

^aPs. 15:2;
Prov. 12:17;
19; Zech. 8:3;
Eph. 4:25 ^bIs.
9:7, 11:4, 5;

Zech. 7:9
17 ^aLit.,
false oath

^aProv. 3:29;
Jer. 4:14;
Zech. 7:10

^bZech. 5:4;
Mal. 3:5
^cProv. 8:16;
19; Hab. 1:13

18 ^aOr,
goodly

^a2 Kin. 25:3;
4; Jer. 39:2
^bZech. 7:3, 5
^c2 Kin. 25:25;
Zech. 7:5

^dJer. 32:4 ^ePs.
30:11; Is. 12:1
^fZech. 8:16;
Luke 1:74, 75

20 ^aPs.
117:1; Jer.
18:19; Mic.
4:2, 3; Zech.
2:11, 14:16

21 ^aOr, let
me go too
^bZech. 7:2

22 ^aIs. 2:2,
3, 25:7, 49:6,
22, 23; 60:3-
12 ^bZech.
8:21

23 ^aLit., lan-
guages of the
nations ^bLit.,
grasp, and
they will
grasp ^cOr,
corner of the
garment

^aIs. 45:14, 24;
60:14

1 ^aOr, ora-
cle

^aIs. 17:1; Jer.
49:23-27;
Amos 1:3-5

2 ^aOr, be-
cause ^bi.e.,
they think
they are

^aJer. 49:23
^bEzek. 28:2-5,
12 ^cEzek.
28:21

3 ^aJosh.
19:29; 2 Sam.
24:7 ^bJob
27:16; Ezek.
27:33; 28:4, 5

with you, for we have heard that God is with you." "

CHAPTER 9

THE ^aburden of the word of the LORD is against the land of Hadrach, with ^aDamascus as its resting place (for the eyes of men, especially of all the tribes of Israel, are toward the LORD).

2 And ^aHamath also, which borders on it;

^bTyre and ^cSidon, ^dthough they are ^every wise.

3 For Tyre built herself a ^afortress

And ^bpiled up silver like dust,

And ^cgold like the mire of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord will ^adispossess her

And cast her wealth into the sea;

And she will be ^bconsumed with fire.

5 Ashkelon will see it and be afraid.

Gaza too will writhe in great pain;

Also Ekron, for her expectation has been confounded.

Moreover, the king will perish from Gaza,

And Ashkelon will not be inhabited.

6 And a ^amongrel race will dwell in ^aAshdod,

And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I will remove their blood from their mouth,

And their detestable things from between their teeth.

Then they also will be a remnant for our God,

And be like a ^aclan in Judah,

And Ekron like a Jebusite.

^a1 Kin. 10:21, 27

4 ^aEzek. 28:3-5 ^bEzek. 28:18

6 ^aLit., bastard will ^bAmos 1:8; Zeph. 2:4

7 ^aOr, chief

- 8 But I will camp around My house ¹because of an army,
Because of ^ahim who passes by and returns;
And ^bno oppressor will pass over them anymore,
For now I have seen with My eyes.
- 9 ^aRejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your ^bking is coming to you;
He is ^{1c}just and ^dendowed with salvation,
^eHumble, and mounted on a donkey,
Even on a ^fcolt, the ²foal of a donkey.
- 10 And I will ^acut off the chariot from Ephraim,
And the ^bhorse from Jerusalem;
And the ^cbow of war will be cut off.
And He will speak ^dpeace to the nations;
And His ^edominion will be from sea to sea,
And from the ¹River to the ends of the earth.
- 11 ^aAs for you also, because of the ^ablood of My covenant with you,
I have set your ^bprisoners free from the ¹waterless pit.
- 12 Return to the ^{1a}stronghold, O prisoners ²who have the ^bhope;
This very day I am declaring that I will restore ^cdouble to you.
- 13 For I will ^abend Judah ^{1a}as My bow,
I will fill the bow with Ephraim.
And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O ^bGreece;

8 ¹Or, as a guard, so that none will go back and forth
^aIs. 52:1 ^aIs. 54:14; 60:18
9 ¹Or, vindicated and victorious
^aLt., son of a female donkey
^aZeph. 3:14, 15; Zech. 2:10
^aPs. 110:1; Is. 62:7; Jer. 23:5, 6; Matt. 21:5; John 12:15
^aZeph. 3:5 ^aIs. 43:3, 11 ^aIs. 57:15
^aJudg. 10:4; Is. 30:6
10 ¹Is., Ephraim
^aHos. 1:7
^aIs. 5:10
^aHos. 2:18
^aIs. 57:19; Mic. 4:2-4
^aPs. 72:8; Is. 60:12
11 ¹Lt., capture in which there is no water
^aEx. 24:8; Heb. 10:2 ^aIs. 24:22; 51:14
12 ¹Or, Stronghold
^aLt., of the hope
^aJer. 16:18; Joel 3:16
^aJer. 14:8; 17:13; Heb. 6:18, 19 ^aIs. 61:7
13 ¹Lt., for Me
^aJer. 51:20
^aJoel 3:6 ^aPs. 45:3
14 ¹Heb., YHWH, usually rendered Lord
^aIs. 31:5; Zech. 2:5 ^aPs. 18:14; Heb. 3:11 ^aIs. 27:13; 66:15
15 ^aIs. 37:36; Zech. 12:8
^aZech. 12:8
^aJob 41:28 ^aPs. 78:65
^aEx. 27:2
16 ¹Or, Displayed over
^aJer. 31:10; 11 ^aIs. 62:3
17 ¹Lt., goodness
^aLt., has
^aJer. 31:12, 14
^aPs. 27:4; Is. 33:17

And I will make you like a warrior's sword.

- 14 Then the LORD will appear ^aover them,
And His ^barrow will go forth like lightning;
And the LORD ¹God will blow the ^ctrumpet,
And will march in the ^dstorm winds of the south.
- 15 ^aThe LORD of hosts will defend them.
And they will ^bdevour, and trample on the ^csling stones;
And they will drink, and be ^dboisterous as with wine;
And they will be filled like a sacrificial basin,
Drenched like the ^ecorners of the altar.
- 16 And the LORD their God will ^asave them in that day
As the flock of His people;
For they are as the stones of a ^bcrown,
¹Sparkling in His land.
- 17 For what ^{1a}comeliness and ^bbeauty will be ²theirs!
Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

CHAPTER 10

ASK ^arain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain—
The LORD who ^bmakes the ¹storm clouds;
And He will give them ^cshowers of rain, vegetation in the field to each man.

2 For the ^ateraphim speak ¹iniquity,
And the ^bdiviners see ²lying visions,
And tell ^cfalse dreams;
They comfort in vain.

1 ¹Or, thunderbolts
2 ¹Or, Authority
^aLt., a lie
^aIs. 21:21; Hos. 3:4
^aJer. 27:9
^aJer. 23:32

- Therefore the people
³wander like ^dsheep.
 They are afflicted, because
 there is no shepherd.
- 3 "My ^aanger is kindled
 against the shepherds,
 And I will punish the ^lmale
 goats;
 For the LORD of hosts has
^bvisited His flock, the
 house of Judah,
 And will make them like
 His majestic horse in bat-
 tle.
- 4 "From ^lthem will come the
^acornerstone,
 From ^lthem the tent peg,
 From ^lthem the bow of
^bbattle,
 From ^lthem every ²ruler,
 all of them together.
- 5 "And they will be as mighty
 men,
^aTreading down the enemy
 in the mire of the streets
 in battle;
 And they will fight, for the
 LORD will be with them;
 And the ^briders on horses
 will be put to shame.
- 6 "And I shall ^astrengthen the
 house of Judah,
 And I shall ^bsave the house
 of Joseph,
 And I shall ^lcbring them
 back,
 Because I have had ^dcom-
 passion on them;
 And they will be as though
 I had ^anot rejected them,
 For I am the LORD their
 God, and I will ^lanswer
 them.
- 7 "And Ephraim will be like a
 mighty man,
 And their heart will be
 glad as if from wine;
 Indeed, their ^achildren will
 see it and be glad,
^lTheir heart will rejoice in
 the LORD.
- 8 "I will ^awhistle for them to
 gather them together,
 For I have redeemed them;

3 ^lLit.,
 journey
^dEzek. 34:3, 8;
 Matt. 9:36;
 Mark 6:34

3 ^li.e.,
 leaders
^aJer. 23:34-38
^bEzek. 34:12

4 ^lLit., him
^aOr, oppres-
 sor
^aLuke 20:17;
 Eph. 2:20;
 1 Pet. 2:6
^bJer. 51:20;
 Zech. 9:10

5 ^a2 Sam.
 22:43 ^bAmos
 2:15, Hag.
 2:22

6 ^lOr,
 make them
 dwell
^aZech. 10:12
^bZech. 8:7;
 9:16 ^cZech.
 8:8 ^dIs. 54:8;
 Zech. 1:16
^eIs. 54:4
^fZech. 13:9

7 ^lOr, Let
 their heart re-
 joice
^aIs. 54:13;
 Ezek. 37:25

8 ^lLit.,
 were numer-
 ous
^aIs. 5:26; 7:18;
 19 ^bJer.
 33:22; Rev.
 7:9 ^cJer.
 30:20; Ezek.
 38:11

9 ^lLit., sow
^a1 Kin. 8:47;
 48; Ezek. 6:9

10 ^lLit.,
 And
^aIs. 11:11
^bJer. 50:19
^cIs. 49:19, 20

11 ^aIs. 51:9;
 10 ^bIs. 19:5-7
^cZeph. 2:13
^dEzek. 30:13

12 ^aZech.
 10:6 ^bMic. 4:5

1 ^aJer.
 22:6, 7 ^bEzek.
 31:3

2 ^lOr, jun-
 per ²Another
 reading is
 forest of the
 vintage

3 ^lOr, jun-
 gle
^aJer. 25:34-38
^bJer. 2:15;
 50:44

And they will be as ^bnu-
 merous as they ^lwere
 before.

- 9 "When I ^lscatter them
 among the peoples,
 They will ^aremember Me
 in far countries,

And they with their chil-
 dren will live and come
 back.

- 10 "I will ^abring them back
 from the land of Egypt,
 And gather them from As-
 syria;

And I will bring them into
 the land of ^bGilead and
 Lebanon,

^lUntil ^cno room can be
 found for them.

- 11 "And He will pass through
 the ^asea of distress,
 And strike the waves in
 the sea,

So that all the depths of the
^bNile will dry up;

And the pride of ^cAssyria
 will be brought down,

And the scepter of ^dEgypt
 will depart.

- 12 "And I shall ^astrengthen
 them in the LORD,
 And in His name ^bthey will
 walk," declares the
 LORD.

CHAPTER 11

OPEN your doors, O Leba-
 non,

That a ^afire may feed on
 your ^bcedars.

- 2 Wail, O ^lcypress, for the
 cedar has fallen,

Because the glorious trees
 have been destroyed;

Wail, O oaks of Bashan,
 For the ²impenetrable for-
 est has come down.

- 3 There is a sound of the
 shepherds' ^awail,

For their glory is ruined;
 There is a ^bsound of the
 young lions' roar,

For the ^lpride of the Jor-
 dan is ruined.

4 of 4
44-22; Zach
11:7
8 'Lit. are
not held
guilty

*Jer 50:7
*Hos 12:8
1 Tim. 6:9
*Ezek 34:2, 3
6 L.L., And
Flt., heard
*Jer 13:14
Ma. 9:18-21.
Mic 7:2-6.
Zech 14:13
*Ps 50:22.
Mic 5:8

71 Another reading is for the sheep dealers *Or, Pleasant name *Or, Corda *Zach 11:4 *Jer 39:10, Zeph 3:12 *Ezek 37:16 *Ps 27:4, 80:17, Zach 11:10 *Ps 133:1, Ezek 37:16-23, Zach 11:14

8 Or, de-
livered
+ Hos. 5.7
9 Or, will
the Or, will
be annu-
lated Or,
those will
not
+ Jer 15.2

10 Or, Pleasantness
Or, annual
*Zech 11:7
*Ps 88:39
Jer 14:21
11 Or, an-
nulled *An-
other reaching
to the sheep
dealers who
*Zeph 3:12

12 1st Lt.
 canoe
 *1 Km. 5.6;
 Mal. 3.5
 *Gen. 37 20,
 Ex. 21 32,
 Matt. 28: 13,
 27: 9, 10
 13 *Matt.
 27 3-10; Acts
 1: 18, 19
 14 *Or.

Cordis
Zech 11:7
4a 9:21;
Zech 11:6
15 4Qv, use-
less
4a 6:10-12;
Zech 11:17
16 4Jaz, 23:2
5Ezek 34:2-8

17 Lit.
completely
dammed
Jer. 23:1;
Zech. 10:2;
11:15 b Jer

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14 Then I cut my second staff, ^{1a}Union, in pieces, to ^bbreak the brotherhood between Judah and [Israel].

16"For behold, I am going to raise up a shepherd in the land who will ^anot care for the perishing, seek the scattered, heal the broken, or sustain the one standing, but will ^bdevour the flesh of the fat *sheep* and tear off their hoofs.

Who leaves the flock!

And on his right eye!

And his right eye will be 'blind.'"

**THE 'burden of the word of
the LORD concerning Israel.**

2²Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a ^acup ¹that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against ^bJudah.

3¹ And it will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy ^astone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be ^bseverely ^cinjured. And all the ^dnations of the earth will be gathered against it.

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1 Or, oracle vs. 42:3; 44:24; Jer. 51:15 & Job 28:7. Ps. 102:25, 28; Heb. 1:10-12 vs. 57:16; Heb. 12:9

3 1 1 1, of resting 9 75 2 in 51:22, 23 = 2 2 14:14
3 1 1 1, scratched 2 34, 35, 44, 65 = 1 1 1:21:44
• 2 2 14:2

4 "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will strike every horse with bewilderment, and his rider with madness. But I will ¹watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

5 "Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, 'A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the LORD of hosts, their God.'

6 "In that day I will make the clans of Judah like a ^afirepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples, while the ^binhabitants of Jerusalem again dwell on their own sites in Jerusalem.

7 "The LORD also will ^asave the tents of Judah first in order that the glory of the house of ^bDavid and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified above Judah.

8 "In that day the LORD will ^adefend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the one who ¹is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like ^cGod, like the ^dangel of the LORD before them.

9 "And it will come about in that day that I will ¹set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 ¶ "And I will ^apour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, ¹the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have ^bpierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one ^cmourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born.

11 "In that day there will be great ^amourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the ¹plain of ²Megiddo.

4 ¹Lit., open My eyes

5 ¹Lit., My strength is

6 ^aIsa. 10:17, 18; Obad. 18; Zech. 11:1; ^bZech. 2:4; R. 3-5

7 ¹Jer. 30:18; ^aAmos 9:11

8 ¹Or, stumbles; ^aJoel 3:18; Zech. 9:14, 15; ^bLev. 26:8; Josh. 23:10; Mic. 7:8; ^cPs. 85:82, 64; ^dEx. 14:19, 33, 2

9 ¹Lit., seek to; ^aZech. 14:2, 3

10 ¹Or, a spirit; ^aIsa. 44:3; Ezek. 36:26; Joel 2:28, 29; ^bJohn 19:37; Rev. 1:7; ^cJer. 8:28; Amos 8:10

11 ¹I.e., broad valley; ²Heb., Megiddon; ^aMatt. 24:30; Rev. 1:7

1 ¹Jer. 2:13, 17, 13; ^bPs. 51:2, 7; Is. 1:16-18; John 1:29; ^cNum. 19:17; Is. 4:4; Ezek. 36:25

3 ^aEx. 23:13; Hos. 2:17; ^bJer. 23:14, 15; ^c1 Kin. 22:22; Ezek. 36:25, 29

3 ^aJer. 23:34; ^bDeut. 18:20; Ezek. 14:9; ^cJer. 23:25; ^dDeut. 13:6-11; Matt. 10:37

4 ^aJer. 6:15; 8:9; Mic. 3:7; ^b2 Kin. 1:8; Is. 20:2; Matt. 3:4

5 ¹Lit., caused another to bury me; ^aAmos 7:14

6 ¹Lit., hands; ²2 Kin. 9:24

12 "And the land will mourn every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

CHAPTER 13

¶ "IN that day a ^afountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for ^bsin and for ^cimpurity.

2 ¶ "And it will come about in that day," declares the LORD of hosts, "that I will ^acut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the ^bprophets and the ^cunclean spirit from the land.

3 "And it will come about that if anyone still ^aprophesies, then his father and mother who gave birth to him will say to him, 'You shall ^bnot live, for you have spoken ^cfalsely in the name of the LORD'; and his ^dfather and mother who gave birth to him will pierce him through when he prophesies.

4 "Also it will come about in that day that the prophets will each be ^aashamed of his vision when he prophesies, and they will not put on a ^bhairy robe in order to deceive;

5 but he will say, 'I am ^anot a prophet; I am a tiller of the ground, for a man ¹sold me as a slave in my youth.'

6 "And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds ^abetween your ¹arms?' Then he will say, 'Those with which I was

wounded in the house of ²my friends.'

7 ¶ "Awake, O ^asword, against My ^bShepherd, And against the man, My ^cAssociate,"

Declares the LORD of hosts.

"^dStrike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered;

And I will ^eturn My hand ^fagainst the little ones.

8 "And it will come about in all the land,"

Declares the LORD,

"That ^atwo parts in it will be cut off and perish;

But the third will be left in it.

9 "And I will bring the third part through the ^afire,

Refine them as silver is refined,

And test them as gold is tested.

They will ^bcall on My name,

And I will ^canswer them; I will say, 'They are ^dMy people.'

And they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

CHAPTER 14

BEHOLD, a ^aday is coming for the LORD when ^bthe spoil taken from you will be divided among you.

2 For I will ^agather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the ^bhouses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go forth and ^afight against those nations, as ^bwhen He fights on a day of battle.

4 And in that day His feet will ^astand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives

⁶ ¹Lit. those who love me

⁷ ¹Or, upon

^aJer. 47:6, Ezek. 21:3-5

^bIs. 40:11, Ezek. 34:23, 24, 37:24;

^cMic. 5:2, 4; ^dPs. 2:2; Jer. 23:5, 6; ^eIs. 53:4, 5, 10;

^fMatt. 26:31, Mark 14:27

⁸ ¹Is. 1:25; ²Is. 6:13; Ezek. 5:2-4, 12

⁹ ¹Is. 48:10; Mal. 3:3; ²Ps. 34:15-17;

³Is. 50:15; Zech. 12:10; ⁴Is. 58:9, 65:24;

⁵Jer. 29:11-13, Zech. 10:6

⁶Is. 2:23; ⁷Is. 13:6, Jer. 31:1, Mal. 4:1

⁸Zech. 14:14; ⁹Zech. 12:2, 3; ¹⁰Is. 13:16

¹¹Lit. His day of fighting

¹²Zech. 9:14, 15

¹³Zech. 11:23; ¹⁴Is. 64:1, 2; Ezek. 47:1-10; Mic. 1:3, 4; Hab. 3:6; Zech. 4:7, 14-8

¹⁵So the versions, Heb., Thau

¹⁶Is. 29:6; Amos 1:1; ¹⁷Ps. 88:13, Is. 66:15, 16; Matt. 16:27, 25:31

¹⁸Lit. glorious ones will congregate

¹⁹Is. 13:10; Jer. 4:23; Ezek. 32:7, 8; Joel 2:30, 31; Acts 2:16, 19

²⁰Jer. 30:7; Amos 8:9; ²¹Is. 45:21; Acts 15:18

²²Is. 58:10; Rev. 22:5

²³Zech. 47:1-12; Joel 3:18; John 7:38; Rev. 22:1, 2

²⁴Is. 2:2-4; 45:23; Zech. 9:9, 14:16, 17

²⁵Deut. 6:4; Is. 45:21-24

will be ^bsplit in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

5 And you will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the ^aearthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.

^bThen the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with ¹Him!

6 And it will come about in that day that there will be ^ano light; the ^bluminaries will dwindle.

7 For it will be ^aa unique day which is ^bknown to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at ^cevening time there will be light.

8 And it will come about in that day that ^aliving waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

9 ¶ And the LORD will be ^aking over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be ^bthe only ^cone, and His name ^dthe only one.

10 All the land will be changed into a plain from ^aGeba to ^bRimmon south of Jerusalem; but ¹Jerusalem will ^crise and ^dremain on its site from ^eBenjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the ^fCorner Gate, and from the ^gTower of Hananel to the king's wine presses.

11 And ¹people will live in it, and there will be ^ano more curse, for Jerusalem will ^bdwell in security.

12 ¶ Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will ^arot while they

¹³ ¹Lit. it ²Is. 15:22; ³Josh. 15:32; Judg. 20:45, 47; ⁴Is. 2:2; Amos 9:11; ⁵Jer. 30:18; Zech. 12:6; ⁶Jer. 37:13; ⁷38:7; ⁸Is. 14:13; ⁹Jer. 31:38

¹⁰ ¹Lit. they ²Zech. 8:13; Rev. 22:3; ³Jer. 23:5, 6; Ezek. 34:25-28

¹¹ ¹Lev. 26:16; Deut. 28:21, 22

stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

13 And it will come about in that day that a great panic from the LORD will ¹fall on them; and they will ^aseize one another's hand, and the hand of one will ²be lifted against the hand of another.

14 And ^aJudah also will fight at Jerusalem; and the ^bwealth of all the surrounding nations will be gathered, gold and silver and garments in great abundance.

15 So also like this ^aplague, will be the plague on the horse, the mule, the camel, the donkey, and all the cattle that will be in those camps.

16 ¶ Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will ^ago up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the ^bFeast of Booths.

17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the ^aKing, the LORD of

13 ¹Lit., be among ²Lit., rise up against ^aZech. 11:6

14 ^aZech. 12:2, 3 ^bIsa. 23:18; Zech. 14:1

15 ^aZech. 14:12

16 ^aIsa. 60:8; 9:60:18-21; 23 ^bLev. 23:34-44

17 ^aZech. 14:9, 16 ^bJer. 14:3-6; Amos 4:7

18 ^aZech. 14:12, 13

19 ¹Lit., sin

hosts, there will be ^bno rain on them.

18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the ^aplague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

19 This will be the ¹punishment of Egypt, and the ¹punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

20 In that day there will be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "^aHOLY TO THE LORD." And the ^bcooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the bowls before the altar.

21 And every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be ^aholy to the LORD of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them. And there will no longer be a ^{1b}Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts in that day.

20 ^aEx. 28:38-38 ^bEzek. 46:20

21 ¹Or, merchant ^aNeh. 8:10; Rom. 14:6, 7; 1 Cor. 10:31 ^bZeph. 1:11

THE BOOK OF MALACHI

God's Love for Jacob

THE ¹oracle of the word of the LORD to ^bIsrael through ²Malachi.

2 ¶ "I have ^aloved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How hast Thou loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I ^bhave loved Jacob;

3 but I have hated Esau, and I have ^amade his mountains a

1 ¹Lit., burden ²Or, My messenger ^aIsa. 13:1; Nah. 1:1; Hab. 1:1; Zech. 9:1 ^bMal. 2:11

2 ^aDeut. 4:37; 7:8; 23:5; Isa. 41:8; 9; Jer. 31:3; John 15:12 ^bRom. 9:13

3 ^aJer. 49:10, 16-18; Ezek. 35:3, 4, 7, 8, 15

desolation, and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."

4 Though Edom says, "We have been ^abeaten down, but we will ^{1b}return and build up the ruins"; thus says the LORD of hosts, "They may ^cbuild, but I will tear down; and men will call them the ²wicked territory, and the people ³toward whom the LORD is indignant ^dforever."

4 ¹Or, rebuild the ruins ²Lit., border of wickedness ³Or, whom the LORD has cursed ^aJer. 5:17 ^bIsa. 9:9, 10 ^cAmos 3:15; 5:11; 6:11 ^dEzek. 35:9; Obad. 10

5 And your eyes will see this and you will say, "The LORD ¹be magnified beyond the ²border of Israel!"

6 ¶ "A son ^ahonors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a ^bfather, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My ¹respect?" says the LORD of hosts to you, O ^cpriests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Thy name?'

7 "You are presenting ^adefiled ¹food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled Thee?' In that you say, 'The ^ctable of the LORD is to be despised.'

8 "But when you present the ^ablind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? ¹Why not offer it to your ^bgovernor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

9 "But now ¹will you not ^aentreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? ²With such an offering on your part, will He ^breceive any of you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

10 "Oh that there were one among you who would ^ashut the ¹gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of hosts, "nor will I accept an offering from ²you.

11 "For from the ^arising of the sun, even to its setting, ^bMy name will be ^cgreat among the nations, and in every place ^dincense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be ^agreat among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.

12 "But you are ^aprofaning it, in that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.'

13 "You also say, 'My, how ^atiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the LORD of

8 ¹Or, will be great ²Or, territory
^aPs. 35:27.
^bMal. 5:4

6 ¹Lat., fear
^aEx. 20:12;
^bProv. 30:11.
^cDeut. 1:31, 1a, 12.
^dJer. 3:4; Mal. 2:10
^eZeph. 3:4; Mal. 2:1-9

7 ¹Lat., bread
^aMal. 1:8, 13
^bLev. 3:11.
^c21:6, 8
^dMal. 1:12

8 ¹Lat., Of, for it, please
^aLev. 22:23.
^bDeut. 15:21
^cHag. 1:1

9 ¹Lat., on, treat, please
^aLat., This has been from your hand
^bJer. 27:18.
^cJoel 2:12-14
^dAmos 5:22

10 ¹Or, dours ²Lat., your hand
^aIs. 1:13
^bJer. 14:10, 12.
^cHos. 5:6

11 ^aIs. 45:6
^bPs. 111:9
^cIs. 66:18, 19
^dIs. 12:4.
^e5, 34, 5, Jer. 10:6, 7

12 ^aMal. 1:7
^bLat., Be- hold it is weariness
^cIs. 43:22

13 ^aLev. 6:4; Is. 61:8
^bMal. 1:8
^cMal. 1:10

14 ¹Or, re- vored ²Or, Gentiles
^aActs 5:1-4
^bLev. 22:18
^c20
^dZeph. 14:9
^eZeph. 2:11

2 ^aLev. 26:14, 15
^bDeut. 28:15
^cDeut. 28:16
^d20
^eMal. 3:9

3 ¹Lat., seed ²Or, vomit ³Lat., to
^aLev. 26:16
^bDeut. 28:38
^cNah. 3:6
^dEx. 29:14

4 ¹Or, to be My cov- enant with
^aLat., be
^bNumb. 3:11-13, 45; 18:21.
^cNeh. 13:22
^dMal. 3:1

5 ¹Or, fear
^aOr, feared
^bNumb. 25:12
^cNumb. 25:7.
^d8, 13

hosts, "and you bring what was taken by ^brobbery, and what is ^clame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I ^areceive that from your hand?" says the LORD.

14 "But cursed be the ^aswindler who has a male in his flock, and vows it, but sacrifices a ^bblem- ished animal to the Lord, for I am a great ^cKing," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is ^dfeared among the ²nations."

CHAPTER 2

66 **A**ND now, this command- ment is for you, O priests.

2 "If you do ^anot listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the LORD of hosts, "then I will send the ^bcurse upon you, and I will curse your blessings; and in- deed, I have ^ccurled them al- ready, because you are not tak- ing it to heart.

3 "Behold, I am going to ^arebuke your ¹offspring, and I will ^bspread ²refuse on your faces, the ²refuse of your ^cfeasts; and you will be taken away ³with it.

4 "Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, ¹that My ^acovenant may ²continue with Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

5 "My covenant with him was one of life and ^apeace, and I gave them to him as an object of ¹rev- erence; so he ²revered Me, and stood in awe of My name.

6 "True instruction was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked ^bwith Me in peace and uprightness, and he ^cturned many back from iniquity.

7 "For the lips of a priest should preserve ^aknowledge, and ¹men should ^bseek ²instruction from his mouth; for he is the ^cmessen- ger of the LORD of hosts.

6 ¹Or, Law of truth ^aPs. 119:142, 151, 169
^bDeut. 33:8, 9
^cPs. 37:37
^dJer. 23:22

7 ¹Lat., they ²Or, law ^aLev. 10:11; Neh. 8:7
^bNumb. 27:21; Deut. 17:9-11; Jer. 18:18; Ezek. 7:26
^cHag. 1:13

8 "But as for you, you have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to ^astumble ^bby the instruction; you have ^{2b}corrupted the covenant of Levi," says the LORD of hosts.

9 "So ^aI also have made you despised and ^babased ¹before all the people, just as you are not keeping My ways, but are showing ^cpartiality in the ²instruction.

10 "Do we not all have ^aone father? ^bHas not one God created us? Why do we deal ^ctreacherously each against his brother so as to profane the ^dcovenant of our fathers?

11 "Judah has dealt ^atreacherously, and an abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has ^bprofaned the sanctuary of the LORD ¹which He loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

12 "As for the man who does this, may the ^aLORD cut off from the tents of Jacob everyone who awakes and answers, or who ^bpresents ¹an offering to the LORD of hosts.

13 "And this is ¹another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He ^ano longer regards the ²offering or accepts it with favor from your hand.

14 "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the ^awife of your youth, against whom you have dealt ^btreacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

15 "But not one has ^adone so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And ²what did *that* one do while he was seeking a ^bgodly ³offspring? Take heed then, to your spirit, and let no one deal ^ctreacherously against the wife of your youth.

16 "For ¹I hate ^{2a}divorce," says

8 ¹Or, in the law ²Or, violated
Jer. 18:13
Num. 25:12
13, Neh.
13:29; Ezek.
44:10

9 ¹Lit., to
²Or, law
Nah. 3:6
Ezek. 7:26
Deut. 1:17
Mic. 3:11

10 ¹Is.
63:16, 64:8;
Jer. 31:9;
1 Cor. 8:6;
Eph. 4:6
Acts 17:24f
Jer. 9:4, 5
Ex. 19:4-6,
24:3, 7, 8

11 ¹Or, in that he has loved and married
Jer. 3:7-9
Ezra 9:1, 2
12 ¹Or, a grain offering
Ezek. 24:21;
Hos. 9:12
Mal. 1:10, 13
13 ¹Lit., second ²Or, grain offering
Jer. 11:14;
14:12

14 ¹Is. 54:6
Jer. 9:2; Mal. 3:5

15 ¹Or, Did He not make one, although He had the remnant ²Or, why one? He sought a godly offering
Lit., send
Gen. 2:24;
Matt. 19:4, 5
Ruth 4:12;
1 Sam. 2:20
Ex. 20:14;
Lev. 20:10

16 ¹Lit., He hates ²Lit., sending away
Lit., he covers ³Or, violence
Deut. 24:1;
Matt. 5:31;
19:6-8
Ps. 73:6; Is. 59:6
17 ¹Is.
43:22, 24
Is. 5:20; Zeph.
1:12
Job 9:24
2 Pet. 3:4
Is. 5:19; Jer. 17:15

1 ¹Or, angel ²Or, prepare ³Or, even

Matt. 11:10;
14; Mark 1:2;
Luke 1:76;
7:27
Mag. 1:13; John 1:8, 7:1a
40:3
Is. 63:9

the LORD, the God of Israel, "and ³him who covers his garment with ^{4b}wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously."

17 ¶ You have ^awearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, "How have we wearied Him?" In that you say, "^bEveryone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He ^cdelights in them," or, "^dWhere is the God of ^ejustice?"

CHAPTER 3

“**B**EHOLD, I am going to send ^bMy ¹messenger, and he will ^{2c}clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; ³and the ^{1d}messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.

2 "But who can ^aendure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a ^brefiner's fire and like ¹fullers' soap.

3 "And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will ^apurify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may ^bpresent to the LORD ¹offerings in righteousness.

4 "Then the ¹offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be ^apleasing to the LORD, as in the ^bdays of old and as in former years.

5 "Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the ^asorcerers and against the ^badulterers and against those who ^cswear falsely, and against those who oppress the ^dwage earner in his wages, the ^ewidow and the

2 ¹Lit., laundrymen's ¹Is. 33:14; Ezek. 22:14; Rev.

6:17
Zech. 13:9; Matt. 3:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:13-15

3 ¹Or, grain offerings ¹Is. 1:25; Deut. 12:10
Ps. 4:5;
51:19

4 ¹Or, grain offering ¹Ps. 51:17-19
2 Chr. 7:1-3, 12

5 ¹Deut. 18:10; Jer. 27:9, 10
Ezek. 22:9-11

Jer. 5:2; 7:9; Zech. 5:4
Lev. 19:13
Ex. 22:22-24

Orphan, and those who turn aside the ²alien, and do not ³fear Me," says the LORD of hosts.

6 "For I, the LORD, ^ado not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, ²are not consumed.

7 ¶ "From the ^adays of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes, and have not kept them. ^bReturn to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'

8 "Will a man ¹rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed Thee?' In ^atithes and ²offerings.

9 "You are ^acursed with a curse, for you are ¹robbing Me, the whole nation of you!

10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be ¹food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not ^bopen for you the windows of heaven, and ^cpour out for you a blessing until ^{2d}it overflows.

11 "Then I will rebuke the ^adevourer for you, so that it may not ¹destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes," says the LORD of hosts.

12 "And ^aall the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a ^bdelightful land," says the LORD of hosts.

13 ¶ "Your words have been ¹arrogant against Me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against Thee?'

14 "You have said, 'It is ^avain to serve God; and what ^bprofit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts?'

15 "So now we ^acall the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up, but they also test God and ^bescape."

8 Or, fatherless Or, sojourner Or, reverse (Deut. 27:19)

6 Or, I am the LORD; I do not Or, have not come to an end (Num. 23:19; James 1:17)

7 Jer 7:23, 28; 16:11, 12; 22:13

8 Or, do fraud Or, have offerings (Neh. 13:11, 12)

9 Or, do frauding (Mal. 2:2)

10 Lit., pray Or, there is not room enough (Lev. 27:30; Num. 18:21)

24, Deut. 12:6, 14, 22; 28; Neh. 13:12

13:12 Ps. 78:23-29; Ezek. 34:28

Lev. 26:3-5; 11 Lit., rain

Joel 1:4, 2:25; 13:14, 61:9

13 Lit., strong

14 Jer 2:25, 18:12; 41:3

18:14, 2:22; Mal. 4:1

Jer 7:10; 16 Or, reverse(d)

Ps. 34:15; Jer 31:18-20; 4:3, Dan. 12:1

17 Lit., make Or, special treasure Or, have (has) compassion on

44:1; 43:1; 42:2; Ex. 18:3; Deut. 7:6; 14:3; 21:1; 1 Pet. 2:9

103:13; 18 Gen. 18:25; Amos 5:15

1 Ch. 3:19; in Heb.

Ps. 21:9; Neh. 1:3, 6; Mal. 3:2, 3; 2 Pet. 3:7

Ma. 5:24; Obad. 16; 14:8, 18, 19

16 ¶ Then those who ¹feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD ^agave attention and heard it, and a ^bbook of remembrance was written before Him for those who ¹fear the LORD and who esteem His name.

17 "And they will be ^aMine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the ^bday that I ¹prepare My ^{2c}own possession, and I will ³spare them as a man ^{3d}s pares his own son who serves him."

18 So you will again ^adistinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

CHAPTER 4

66 ¹FOR behold, the day is coming, ^aburning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be ^bchaff; and the day that is coming will ^cset them ablaze," says the LORD of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."

2 "But for you who ¹fear My name the ^asun of righteousness will rise with ^bhealing in its wings; and you will go forth and ^cskip about like calves from the stall.

3 "And you will ^atread down the wicked, for they shall be ^bashes under the soles of your feet ^con the day ¹which I am preparing," says the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ "Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.

5 "Behold, I am going to send you ^aElijah the prophet before

2 Or, reverse (3 Sam. 23:4; Is. 30:26; 60:1; Jer. 30:17; 33:6; Is. 35:6)

3 Or, when I act (Job 40:12; Is. 28:6; Mic. 5:8; Ezek. 28:18; Mal. 3:17)

4 Ch. 3:22 in Heb. (Deut. 4:23; 8:11, 19)

5 (Isa. 11:14; 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17; John 1:21)

the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

6“And he will ¹restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* chil-

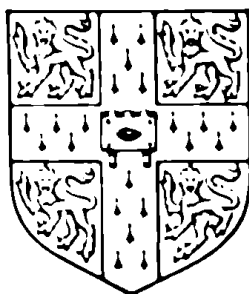
6 ¹Or, turn
2Or, ban of
destruction
3Luke 1:17
4Isa. 11:4; Rev.
19:15

dren, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and ²smite the land with a ²curse.”

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2 ^cTo Abraham was born Isaac; and to Isaac, Jacob; and to Jacob, ^dJudah and his brothers;

3 and to Judah were born Perez and Zerah by Tamar; and to ^ePerez was born Hezron; and to Hezron, ^fRam;

4 and to Ram was born Amminadab; and to Amminadab, Nahshon; and to Nahshon, Salmon;

5 and to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab; and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse;

6 and to Jesse was born David the king.

7 And to David ^gwas born Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah;

8 and to Solomon ^hwas born Rehoboam; and to Rehoboam, Abijah; and to Abijah, ⁱAsa;

9 and to Asa was born Jehoshaphat; and to Jehoshaphat, ^jJoram; and to Joram, Uzziah;

10 and to Uzziah was born ^kJotham; and to Jotham, Ahaz; and to Ahaz, Hezekiah;

11 and to Hezekiah was born Manasseh; and to Manasseh, ^lAmon; and to Amon, Josiah;

12 and to Josiah were born Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the ^mdeportation to Babylon.

13 ⁿAnd after the ^odeportation to Babylon, to Jeconiah was born ^pShealtiel; and to Shealtiel, Zerubbabel;

14 and to Zerubbabel was born ^qAbiud; and to Abiud, Eliakim; and to Eliakim, Azor;

1 ² Sam 7:12-16, Ps 132:11, 132:11, Is 9:6f, 11:1, Matt 9:27, Luke 1:32, 68; John 7:42, Acts 13:23, Rom 1:3, Rev 22:16, ³Matt 1:1-6, Luke 3:32-34, Gen 22:18, Gal 3:16

2 ⁴Gr. Judas Names of Old Testament characters will be given in their Old Testament form

3 ⁵Gr. Aram ⁶Ruth 4:18-22, 1 Chr 2:15, Matt 1:3-6

4 ⁷2 Sam 11:27, 12:24, 7 ⁸Gr. Asaph ⁹1 Chr 3:10ff, 8 ¹⁰Gr. Je-horam, 9 ¹¹Gr. Joatham, 10 ¹²Gr. Amos

11 ¹³Or, Je-hoachin ¹⁴2 Kin 24:14f, Jer 27:20, Matt 1:17

12 ¹⁵Gr. Salathiel ¹⁶2 Kin 24:14f, Jer 27:20, Matt 1:17

13 ¹⁷Gr. Abiud ¹⁸11e, the Menasseh ¹⁹Matt 27:17, 22, Luke 2:11, John 4:25

17 ²⁰11e, the Menasseh ²¹2 Kin 24:14f, Jer 27:20, Matt 1:11, 12

18 ²²Matt 12:46; Luke 1:27 ²³Luke 1:35

19 ²⁴Or, to divorce her ²⁵Deut. 22:20-24; 24:1-4; John 8:4, 5

20 ²⁶Lat., begotten ²⁷Luke 2:4

21 ²⁸Luke 1:31, 2:21 ²⁹Luke 2:11, John 1:29; Acts 4:12; 5:31; 13:23, 38, 39; Col. 1:20-23

22 ³⁰Or, has taken place ³¹Luke 24:44; Rom. 1:2-4

14 and to Azor was born Zadok; and to Zadok, Achim; and to Achim, Eliud;

15 and to Eliud was born Eleazar; and to Eleazar, Matthan; and to Matthan, Jacob;

16 and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom was born Jesus, ^awho is called ^bChrist.

17 ^cTherefore all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the ^ddeportation to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the ^edeportation to Babylon to the time of ^fChrist fourteen generations.

18 ^gNow the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His ^hmother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was ⁱfound to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired ^jto put her away secretly.

20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ^k"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been ^lconceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

21 ^mAnd she will bear a Son; and ⁿyou shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who ^owill save His people from their sins."

22 Now all this ^ptook place that what was ^qspoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

23 ³²Lat., begotten ³³Luke 2:4

24 ³⁴Luke 1:31, 2:21 ³⁵Luke 2:11, John 1:29; Acts 4:12; 5:31; 13:23, 38, 39; Col. 1:20-23

25 ³⁶Or, has taken place ³⁷Luke 24:44; Rom. 1:2-4

23 ^aBEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH ^bCHILD, AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME ^cIMMANUEL," which translated means, "^cGOD WITH US."

24 And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife.

25 and ¹kept her a virgin until she ^agave birth to a Son; and ^bhe called His name Jesus.

CHAPTER 2

NOW after Jesus was ^aborn in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of ^bHerod the king, behold, ¹magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Where is He who has been born ^aKing of the Jews? For we saw ^bHis star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

3 And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began to inquire of them where ¹the Christ was to be born.

5 And they said to him, "^aIn Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written ¹by the prophet,

6 ^aAND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER, WHO WILL ^bSHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL."

7 ^aThen Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them ¹the time ^athe star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

23 ^aOr, Emmanuel
^aIs 7:14; ^bIs 9:6, 7; ^cIs 8:10

25 ¹Lit., was not knowing her
^aLuke 2:7
^bMatt 1:21, Luke 2:21

1 ¹Pro-nounced may-jil, a caste of wise men specializing in astrology, medicine and natural science
^aMic 5:2, Luke 2:4-7
^bLuke 1:5

2 ^aJer 23:5, 30:9; Zech 9:9; Matt 27:11, Luke 19:38, 23:38, John 1:49; ^bNum. 24:17

4 ¹Lit., the Messiah

5 ¹Lit., through
^aJohn 7:42

6 ^aMic 5:2, John 7:42
^bJohn 21:18

7 ¹Lit., the time of the appearing star
^aNum. 24:17

11 ^aMatt 1:18, 12:46
^bMatt 14:33

12 ^aMatt. 2:13, 19, 22; Luke 2:26; Acts 10:22; Heb. 8:5; 11:7
^bJob 33:15, 16; Matt 1:20

13 ^aActs 5:19; 10:7, 12:7-11
^bMatt. 2:12, 19

15 ^aHos. 11:1; ^bNum. 24:8; ^cEx. 4:22

16 ^aMatt. 2:1; ^bIs. 59:7

18 ^aJer. 31:15

9 And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was.

10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And they came into the house and saw the Child with ^aMary His mother; and they fell down and ^bworshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been ^awarned by God ^bin a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their own country by another way.

13 ^aNow when they had departed, behold, an ^aangel of the Lord ^bappeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

14 And he arose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt;

15 and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "^aOUT OF EGYPT DID I CALL ^bMY SON."

16 ^aThen when Herod saw that he had been tricked by ^athe magi, he became very enraged, and sent and ^bslew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its environs, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the magi.

17 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

18 ^a"A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING,

RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN;
AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED,
BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."

19 ¶ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord ^aappeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying,

20 "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead."

21 And he arose and took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being ^awarned by God in a dream, he departed for the regions of Galilee,

23 and came and resided in a city called ^aNazareth, that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a ^bNazarene."

CHAPTER 3

NOW ^ain those days ^bJohn the Baptist ^ccame, ^dpreaching in the ^ewilderness of Judea, saying,

2 "Repent, for ^bthe kingdom of ¹heaven ²is at hand."

3 For this is the ^aone referred to ¹by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

"^bTHE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,

"^cMAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,

MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!"

4 Now John himself had ¹a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt about his waist; and his food was ^blocusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem ^awas going out to him, and all Judea, and all ^bthe district around the Jordan;

19 ^aMatt. 1:20; 2:12, 13, 22

22 ^aMatt. 2:12, 13, 19

23 ^aLuke 1:26; 2:39; John 1:45, 46

^bMark 1:24; John 18:5, 7, 19:19

1 ¹Or, arrived

²Or, proclaiming as a herald

^aMatt. 3:1-12; Mark 1:3-8; Luke 3:2-17; John 1:6-8, 19-28

^bMatt. 11:11-14; 16:14; Josh. 15:61; Judg. 1:16

2 ¹Lit., the heavens

²Lit., has come near

^aMatt. 4:17; Dan. 2:44; Matt. 4:17, 23; 6:10; 10:7; Mark 1:15; Luke 10:9f.; 11:20; 21:31

3 ¹Lit., through

^aLuke 1:17; 76; ^bIs. 40:3

^cJohn 1:23

4 ¹Lit., his garment

²2 Kin. 1:8; Zech. 13:4; Matt. 11:8; Mark 1:6

^bLev. 11:22

5 ^aMark 1:5; Luke 3:3

6 ^aMatt. 3:11, 13-16; Mark 1:5; John 1:25, 26, 3:23; Acts 1:5; 2:38-41; 10:37

7 ^aMatt. 16:1ff.; 23:13, 15

^bMatt. 22:23; Acts 4:1; 5:17; 23:6ff.

^cMatt. 12:34; 23:33

^dThess. 1:10

8 ^aLuke 3:8; Eph. 5:8

9 ^bActs 26:20

9 ^aLuke 3:8, 16:24; John 8:33, 39, 53; Acts 13:26; Rom. 4:1; 9:7, 8; Gal. 3:29

10 ^aLuke 3:9

^bPs. 92:12-14; Matt. 7:19; John 15:2

11 ¹The Gr. here can be translated in, with or by

6 and they were being ^abaptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the ^aPharisees and ^bSadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You ^cbrood of vipers, who warned you to flee from ^dthe wrath to come?"

8 "Therefore bring forth fruit ^bin keeping with repentance;

9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, '^aWe have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you, that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

10 "And ^athe axe is already laid at the root of the trees; ^bevery tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "As for me, ^aI baptize you ¹with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; ^bHe will baptize you ¹with the Holy Spirit and fire.

12 "And His ^awinnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will ^bgather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the ^cchaff with ^dunquenchable fire."

13 ¶ ^aThen Jesus ^aarrived ^bfrom Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.

14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

15 But Jesus answering said to him, "**Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us ^ato fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he ^apermitted Him.

^aMark 1:4, 8; Luke 3:16; John 1:26f.; Acts 1:5, 8:36, 38, 11:16; John 1:33; Acts 2:3, 4; Titus 3:5

12 ^aIs. 30:24; 41:16; Jer. 15:7; 51:2; Luke 3:17; ^bMatt. 13:30; ^cPs. 1:4; ^dIs. 66:24; Jer. 7:20; Matt. 13:41, 42; Mark 9:43, 48

13 ^aMatt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21, 22; John 1:31-34; ^bMatt. 2:22

15 ^aPs. 40:7, 8; John 4:34; 8:29

16 And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and ^{1a}he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him,

17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is ¹My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

CHAPTER 4

^a**T**HEN Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness ^bto be tempted by the devil.

2 And after He had ^afasted forty days and forty nights, He ¹then became hungry.

3 And ^athe tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the ^bSon of God, command that these stones become ¹bread."

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, ^a**MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.**"

5 Then the devil ^atook Him into ^athe holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and ^asaid to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written,

^a**HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU;**

and

^a**ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP,**

^a**LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.**"

7 Jesus said to him, "^a**On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT ²PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'**"

8 ^aAgain, the devil ^atook Him to a very high mountain, and ^ashowed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory;

9 and he said to Him, "^aAll these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus ^asaid to him, "**Begone, Satan! For it is written,**

16 ¹Or, He
^aMark 1:10;
Luke 3:22;
John 1:32;
Acts 7:56

17 ¹Lit., My Son, the Beloved

^aPs. 2:7; Is. 42:1; Matt. 12:18; 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; John 12:28

1 ^aMatt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13 ^bHeb. 4:15; James 1:14

2 ¹Lit., later, afterward
^aEx. 34:28;
1 Kin. 19:8

3 ¹Lit., loaves
^a1 Thess. 3:5;
^bMatt. 14:33;
26:63; Mark 3:11; 5:7;
Luke 1:35;
4:41; John 1:34, 49; Acts 9:20

4 ^aDeut. 8:3

5 ^aNeh. 11:1, 18; Dan. 9:24; Matt. 27:53

6 ^aPs. 91:11, 12

7 ¹Lit., Again ²Or, tempt... God

^aDeut. 6:16

8 ^aMatt. 16:26; 1 John 2:15-17

9 ^a1 Cor. 10:20f.

10 ¹Or, fulfill religious duty to Him

^aDeut. 6:13; 10:20

11 ^aMatt. 26:53; Luke 22:43; Heb. 1:14

12 ¹Lit., been delivered up

^aMatt. 14:3; Mark 1:14; Luke 3:20; John 3:24

^bMark 1:14; Luke 4:14; John 1:43; 2:11

13 ^aMatt. 11:23; Mark 1:21; 2:1; Luke 4:23, 31; John 2:12; 4:46f.

15 ¹Or, Toward the sea ²Or, nations

^aIs. 9:1

^a**YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND ¹SERVE HIM ONLY.**"

11 Then the devil ^aleft Him and behold, ^aangels came and began to minister to Him.

12 ¶ Now when He heard that ^aJohn had ¹been taken into custody, ^bHe withdrew into Galilee

13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and ^asettled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali

14 This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

15 ^a**THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI,**

¹**BY THE WAY OF THE SEA BEYOND THE JORDAN GALILEE OF THE ²GEN TILES—**

16 ^a**THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND TO THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.**"

17 ¶ ^aFrom that time Jesus began to ¹preach and say, "^b**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**"

18 ¶ ^aAnd walking by ^bthe Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers ^cSimon who was called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19 And He ^asaid to them, "¹**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**"

20 And they immediately left the nets, and followed Him.

21 And going on from there He saw two other brothers, ^{1a}James the son of Zebedee, and ²John his

18 ^aIs. 9:2; 60:1-3; Luke 2:32

17 ¹Or, proclaim ^aMark 1:14, 15 ^bMatt. 3:2

18 ^aMatt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:2-11; John 1:40-42 ^bMatt. 15:29; Mark 7:31; Luke 5:1; John 6:1

^cMatt. 10:2; 16:18; John 1:40-42

19 ¹Lit., Come here after Me

21 ¹Or, Jacob ²Gr., Joannes, Heb., Johanan ^aMatt. 10:2; 20:20

brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

22 And they immediately left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

23 ^aAnd Jesus was going about ^ain all Galilee, ^bteaching in their synagogues, and ^cproclaiming the ¹gospel of the kingdom, and ^dhealing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

24 And the news about Him went out ^ainto all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, taken with various diseases and pains, ^bdemoniacs, ^cepileptics, ^dparalytics; and He healed them.

25 And great multitudes ^afollowed Him from Galilee and ^bDecapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and ^cfrom beyond the Jordan.

CHAPTER 5

^aAND when He saw the multitudes, He went up on ^bthe ¹mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 And ^aopening His mouth He began to teach them, saying,

3 ^a"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ^btheirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 ^a"Blessed are ^athose who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 ^a"Blessed are ^athe ¹gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 ^a"Blessed are ^athose who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 ^a"Blessed are ^athe merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 ^a"Blessed are ^athe pure in heart, for ^bthey shall see God.

9 ^a"Blessed are the peacemakers, for ^athey shall be called sons of God.

10 ^a"Blessed are those who have been ^apersecuted for the sake of righteousness, for ^btheirs is the kingdom of heaven.

23 ^aOr, good

news

^aMark 1:39;

Luke 4:14, 44

^bMatt. 9:35;

13:54; Mark

1:21; 6:2;

10:1; Luke

4:15; 6:6;

13:10; John

6:59; 18:20

^cMatt. 3:2;

9:35; 24:14;

Mark 1:14;

Luke 4:43;

8:1; 16:16;

Acts 20:25;

28:31 ^dMatt.

8:16; 9:35;

14:14; 15:30;

19:2; 21:14;

Mark 1:34;

3:10; Luke

4:40; 7:21;

Acts 10:38

24 ^aLit.,

moon-smitten

^aMark 7:26;

Luke 2:2;

Acts 15:23;

18:18; 20:3;

21:3; Gal.

1:21 ^bMatt.

8:16; 28:33;

9:32; 12:22;

15:22; Mark

1:32; 5:15, 16;

18; Luke 8:36;

John 10:21

^cMatt. 17:15

^dMatt. 8:6;

9:2, 6; Mark

2:3, 5, 9;

Luke 5:24

25 ^aMark

3:7, 8; Luke

6:17 ^bMark

5:20; 7:31

^cMatt. 4:15

1 ^aOr, hill

^aMatt. ch. 5-

7; Luke 6:20-

49 ^bMark

3:13; Luke

6:17; 9:28;

John 6:3, 15

2 ^aMatt.

13:35; Acts

8:35; 10:34;

18:14

3 ^aMatt.

5:3-12; Luke

6:20-23

^bMatt. 5:10;

19:14; 25:34;

Mark 10:14;

Luke 6:20;

22:29f.

4 ^aIs. 61:2;

John 16:20;

Rev. 7:17

5 ^aOr,

humble,

meek

^aPs. 37:11

6 ^aIs. 55:1;

2; John 4:14;

6:48ff.; 7:37

7 ^aProv.

11:17; Matt.

6:14, 15;

18:33-35

8 ^aPs. 24:4

^bHeb. 12:14;

1 John 3:2;

Rev. 22:4

11 ^aBlessed are you when men ^acast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

12 ^aRejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for ^aso they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 ^aYou are the salt of the earth; but ^aif the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

14 ^aYou are ^athe light of the world. A city set on a ¹hill cannot be hidden.

15 ^aNor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.

16 ^aLet your light shine before men in such a way that they may ^asee your good works, and ^bglorify your Father who is in heaven.

17 ^aDo not think that I came to abolish the ^aLaw or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

18 ^aFor truly I say to you, ^auntil heaven and earth pass away, not ¹the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

19 ^aWhoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches ¹others, shall be called least ^ain the kingdom of heaven; but whoever ²keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

9 ^aMatt. 5:45; Luke 6:35; Rom. 8:14
10 ^a1 Pet. 3:14 ^bMatt. 5:3, 19:14; 25:34; Mark 10:14;
Luke 6:20; 22:29f.

11 ^a1 Pet. 4:14

12 ^a2 Chr. 36:16; Matt. 23:37; Acts 7:52; 1 Thess. 2:15;

Heb. 11:33ff.; James 5:10

13 ^aMark 9:50; Luke 14:34f.

14 ^aOr, mountain ^bProv. 4:18; John 8:12; 9:5; 12:36

15 ^aMark 4:21; Luke 8:16; 11:33; Phil. 2:15

16 ^a1 Pet. 2:12 ^bMatt. 9:8

17 ^aMatt. 7:12

18 ^aLit., one iota (yodh) or one projection of a letter

(serif) ^aMatt. 24:35; Luke 16:17

19 ^aLit., the men ^bLit., does ^aMatt. 11:11

20 "For I say to you, that unless your ^arighteousness surpasses ^{that} of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 ¶ "You have heard that ¹the ancients were told, ^bYOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be ²liable to ^cthe court.'

22 "But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother¹ shall be ²guilty before ^athe court; and whoever shall say to his brother, ³Raca,⁴ shall be ²guilty before ^{4b}the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be ²guilty enough to go into the ⁵fiery hell.

23 "If therefore you are ^apresenting your ¹offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your ¹offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be ^areconciled to your brother, and then come and present your ¹offering.

25 "Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, in order that your opponent may not deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

26 "Truly I say to you, ^ayou shall not come out of there, until you have paid up the last ¹cent.

27 ¶ "You have heard that it was said, ^bYOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY';

28 but I say to you, that every one who looks on a woman ^ato lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

29 "And ^aif your right eye makes you ¹stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, ²than for your whole body to be thrown into ^{3b}hell.

30 "And ^aif your right hand makes you ¹stumble, cut it off,

20 ^aLuke 18:11, 12
21 ¹Lit., it was said to the ancients
²Or, guilty before
^aMatt. 5:27, 33, 38, 43
^bEx. 20:13; Deut. 5:17
^cDeut. 16:18; 2 Chr. 19:5f.
22 ¹Some mss. insert without cause
²Or, liable to
³Aram. for empty-head or good for nothing
⁴Lit., the Sanhedrin
⁵Lit., Gehenna of fire
^aDeut. 16:18; 2 Chr. 19:5f.
^bMatt. 10:17, 26-59; Mark 13:9, 14:55, 15:1; Luke 22:66; John 11:47; Acts 4:15, 5:21; 6:12, 22:30, 23:1, 24:20
^cMatt. 5:29f.; 10:28, 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43ff.; Luke 12:5; James 3:6
23 ¹Or, gift
^aMatt. 5:24
24 ¹Or, gift
^bRom. 12:17, 18
25 ^aProv. 25:8f.; Luke 12:58
26 ¹Lit., quadrans (equaling two lepta or mites); i.e., 1/64 of a denarius
^aLuke 12:59
27 ^aMatt. 5:21, 33, 38, 43
^bEx. 20:14; Deut. 5:18
28 ^a2 Sam. 11:2-5; Job 31:1; Matt. 15:19; James 1:14, 15
29 ¹i.e., cause to sin
²Lit., not your whole body
³Gr., Gehenna
^aMatt. 18:9; Mark 9:47
^bMatt. 5:22
30 ¹i.e., cause to sin
²Lit., not your whole body
³Gr., Gehenna
^aMatt. 18:8; Mark 9:43
^bMatt. 5:22

and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, ²than for your whole body to go into ^{3b}hell.

31 "And it was said, ^aWHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE';

32 ^abut I say to you that every one who ¹divorces his wife, except for the cause of unchastity makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a ²divorced woman commits adultery.

33 ¶ "Again, ^ayou have heard that ¹the ancients were told ^{2b}YOU SHALL NOT ³MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR ⁴VOWS TO THE LORD,'

34 "But I say to you, ^amake no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is ^bthe throne of God,

35 or by the earth, for it is the ^afootstool of His feet, or ¹by Jerusalem, for it is ^bTHE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.

36 "Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 "But let your statement be 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; and any thing beyond these is ¹of ^aevil.

38 ¶ "You have heard that it was said, ^bAN EYE FOR AN EYE AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH,'

39 "But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but ^awhoever slaps you on your right cheek turn to him the other also.

40 "And if anyone wants to sue you, and take your ¹shirt, let him have your ²coat also.

31 ^aDeut. 24:1, 3; Jer. 3:1; Matt. 19:7; Mark 10:4
32 ¹Or, sends away
²Or, sent away
^aMatt. 19:9; Mark 10:11f.; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:11f.
33 ¹Lit., it was said to the ancients
²you and your are singular here
³Or, break your vows
⁴Lit., oaths
^aMatt. 5:21, 27, 38, 43; 23:16ff.
^bLev. 19:12; Num. 30:2; Deut. 23:21, 23
34 ^aJames 5:12
^bIs. 66:1; Matt. 23:22
35 ¹Or, toward
^aIs. 66:1; Acts 7:49
^bPs. 48:2
37 ¹Or, from the evil one
^aMatt. 6:13; 13:19, 38; John 17:15; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 John 2:13f.; 3:12; 5:18f.
38 ^aMatt. 5:21, 27, 33, 43
^bEx. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21
39 ^aMatt. 5:39-42; Luke 6:29, 30; 1 Cor. 6:7
40 ¹Or, tunic; i.e., garment worn next to the body
²Or, cloak; i.e., outer garment

41 "And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 "Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

43 "You have heard that it was said, ^bYou shall love your neighbor, ^cand hate your enemy.

44 "But I say to you, ^alove your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.

45 in order that you may ^bbe sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same?

47 "And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 "Therefore ^ayou are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

CHAPTER 6

1 **B**EWARE of practicing your righteousness before men ^ato be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

2 "When therefore you ^bgive alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they ^amay be honored by men. ^bTruly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

3 "But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

4 that your ^balms may be in secret; and ^ayour Father who sees in secret will repay you.

5 "And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites;

42 *Deut. 15:7-11; Luke 6:34f.; 1 Tim. 6:18

43 *Matt. 5:21, 27, 33, 38 *Lev. 19:18 *Deut. 23:3-6

44 *Luke 6:27f., 23-34; Acts 7:60; Rom. 12:20

45 *Or, show yourselves to be *Matt. 5:9; Luke 6:35; Acts 14:17

46 *I.e., Collectors of Roman taxes for profit *Luke 6:32

48 *Lev. 19:2; Deut. 18:13; 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 3:12-15

1 *Matt. 6:5, 16, 23-5

2 *Or, do an act of charity

*Matt. 6:5, 16, 23-5

*Matt. 6:5, 16, Luke 6:24

4 *Or, deeds of charity

*Jer. 17:10; Matt. 6:6, 18; Heb. 4:13

5 *Lit., to be apparent to men

*Mark 11:25; Luke 18:11, 13 *Matt. 6:1, 16 *Matt. 6:2, 16; Luke 6:24

6 *Is. 26:20; Matt. 26:36-39; Acts 9:40

*Matt. 6:4, 18

7 *Kin. 18:26f.

8 *Ps. 38:9; 69:17-19; Matt. 6:32; Luke 12:30

9 *Lit., the heavens

*Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

10 *Matt. 3:2, 4:17

*Matt. 26:42; Luke 22:42; Acts 21:14

11 *Or, our bread for the coming day or our needful bread

*Prov. 30:8; Is. 33:16; Luke 11:3

12 *Ex. 34:7; Ps. 32:1; 130:4; Matt. 9:2; 26:28; Eph. 1:7; 1 John 1:7-9

for they love to ^astand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, ^bin order to be seen by men. ^cTruly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

6 "But you, when you pray, ^ago into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and ^byour Father who sees in secret will repay you.

7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their ^amany words.

8 "Therefore do not be like them; for ^ayour Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.

9 "Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

10 ^aThy kingdom come.

^bThy will be done.

On earth as it is in heaven.

11 ^aGive us this day ^bour daily bread.

12 ^aAnd ^aforgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 ^aAnd do not lead us into temptation, but ^adeliver us from ^bevil. ^c[For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.]

14 "For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 "But ^aif you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

16 "And ^awhenever you fast,

do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they ^bneglect their appearance in order to be seen fasting by men. ^cTruly

13 *Or, the evil one *This clause omitted in the earliest mss. *John 17:15; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Thess. 3:3; 2 Tim. 4:18; 2 Pet. 2:9; 1 John 5:18 *Matt. 5:37

14 *Matt. 7:2; Mark 11:25f.; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13

15 *Matt. 18:35

16 *Lit., render their faces unrecognizable *Is. 58:5

*Matt. 6:2

I say to you, they have their reward in full.

17^aBut you, when you fast, ^aanoint your head, and wash your face

18 so that you may not be seen fasting by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your ^aFather who sees in secret will repay you.

19 [†]^aDo not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

20^aBut lay up for yourselves ^atreasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

21 for ^awhere your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22^aThe lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is ¹clear, your whole body will be full of light.

23^aBut if ^ayour eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24^a^aNo one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and ^{1b}mammon.

25^aFor this reason I say to you, ¹do not be ^banxious for your life, as to what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing?

26^a^aLook at the birds of the ¹air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

27^aAnd which of you by being ^aanxious can ^badd a single ¹cubit to his ²life's span?

28^aAnd why are you ^aanxious about clothing? Observe how the

17 ^aRuth 3:3; 2 Sam. 12:20

18 ^aMatt. 6:4, 6

19 ^aProv. 23:4; Matt. 19:21; Luke 12:21, 33;

18:22; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10; Heb. 13:5; James 5:2

20 ^aMatt. 19:21; Luke 12:33; 1 Tim. 6:19

21 ^aLuke 12:34

22 ¹Or, healthy ^aMatt. 6:22; 23; Luke 11:34, 35

23 ^aMatt. 20:15; Mark 7:22

24 ¹Or, riches ¹Kin. 18:21; Luke 16:13; Gal. 1:10; James 4:4 ^bLuke 16:9, 11, 13

25 ¹Or, stop being anxious ^aMatt. 6:25-33; Luke 12:22-31

^aMatt. 6:27, 28, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

26 ¹Lit., heaven ^aJob 35:11; 38:41; Ps. 104:27, 28; Matt. 10:29ff.; Luke 12:24

27 ¹I.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in.

²Or, height ^aMatt. 6:25, 28, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

^bPs. 39:5

28 ^aMatt. 6:25, 27, 31, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

29 ¹Kin. 10:4-7; 2 Chr. 9:4-6, 20-22

30 ^aJames 1:10, 11; 1 Pet. 1:24

^bMatt. 8:26; 14:31; 16:8

31 ^aMatt. 6:25, 27, 28, 34; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

32 ^aMatt. 6:8; Phil. 4:19

33 ¹Or, continually seek ²Or, the kingdom ³Or, provided ^aMatt. 19:28; Mark 10:29f.; Luke 18:29f.; 1 Tim. 4:8

34 ¹Or, will worry about itself ^aMatt. 6:25, 27, 28, 31; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

1 ^aMatt. 7:1-5; Luke 6:37f., 41f.; Rom. 14:10, 13

2 ¹Lit., by what measure you measure ^aMark 4:24; Luke 6:38

3 ^aRom. 2:1

4 ¹Lit., will ^aLuke 6:42

lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,

29 yet I say to you that even ^aSolomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these

30^aBut if God so arrays the ^agrass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, ^bO men of little faith?

31^aDo not be ^aanxious then saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?'

32^aFor all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for ^ayou heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33^aBut ¹seek first ²His kingdom and His righteousness; and ^aall these things shall be ³added to you.

34^aTherefore do not be ^aanxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will ¹care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

CHAPTER 7

6^a^aDo not judge lest you be judged.

2^aFor in the way you judge, you will be judged; and ^{1a}by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

3^aAnd why do you ^alook at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

4^a^aOr how ¹can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?

5^aYou hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

32 ^aMatt. 6:8; Phil. 4:19

33 ¹Or, continually seek ²Or, the kingdom ³Or, provided ^aMatt. 19:28; Mark 10:29f.; Luke 18:29f.; 1 Tim. 4:8

34 ¹Or, will worry about itself ^aMatt. 6:25, 27, 28, 31; Luke 10:41; 12:11, 22; Phil. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:7

1 ^aMatt. 7:1-5; Luke 6:37f., 41f.; Rom. 14:10, 13

2 ¹Lit., by what measure you measure ^aMark 4:24; Luke 6:38

3 ^aRom. 2:1

4 ¹Lit., will ^aLuke 6:42

6 ¶¹Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

7 ¶¹Ask, and ²it shall be given to you; ³seek, and you shall find; ⁴knock, and it shall be opened to you.

8¹For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

9¹Or what man is there among you, ²when his son shall ask him for a loaf, ³will give him a stone?

10¹Or ²if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

11¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, ²how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

12¹Therefore, however you want people to treat you, ²so treat them, for ³this is the Law and the Prophets.

13 ¶¹Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.

14¹For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

15 ¶¹Beware of the ²false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ³bravens wolves.

16¹You will ²know them by their fruits. ³Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they?

17¹Even so, ²every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

18¹A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

19¹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

6 *Matt.

15:26

7 ¹Or,

Keep asking

²Or, keep

seeking ³Or,

keep knock-

ing

*Matt. 7:7-11;

Luke 11:9-13

*Matt. 18:19;

21:22; Mark

11:24; John

14:13, 15:7,

16:16-23f.;

James 1:5f.;

1 John 3:22;

5:14f.

9 ¹Lit.,

whom ²Lit.,

he will not

give him a

stone, will

he?

10 ¹Lit., also

11 *Ps.

84:11, Is.

63:7; Rom.

8:32; James

1:17

12 ¹Or, you,

too, do so for

*Luke 6:31

*Matt. 22:40;

Rom. 13:8ff.;

Gal. 5:14

13 *Luke

13:24

15 *Matt.

24:11, 24;

Mark 13:22;

Luke 6:26;

Acts 13:6;

2 Pet. 2:1;

1 John 4:1;

Rev. 16:13;

19:20; 20:10

*Ezek. 22:27;

John 10:12;

Acts 20:29

16 ¹Or, rec-

ognize ²Lit.,

They do not

gather

*Matt. 7:20;

12:33; Luke

6:44; James

3:12

17 *Matt.

12:33, 35

19 *Matt.

3:10; Luke

3:9; 13:7;

John 15:2, 6

20 ¹Or, rec-

ognize

*Matt. 7:16;

12:33; Luke

6:44; James

3:12

21 *Luke

6:46

22 ¹Or,

works of

power

*Matt.

25:11f.; Luke

13:25ff.

*Matt. 10:15

23 *Ps. 6:8,

Matt. 25:41;

Luke 13:27

20¹So then, you will ²know them ³by their fruits.

21¹Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.

22¹Many will say to Me on ²that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many ³miracles?'

23¹And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; ²DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

24 ¶¹Therefore ²everyone who hears these words of Mine, and ³acts upon them, ⁴may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock.

25¹And the rain descended, and the ²floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.

26¹And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not ²act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand.

27¹And the rain descended, and the ²floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall."

28 ¶¹The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, ²the multitudes were amazed at His teaching;

29 for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

CHAPTER 8

AND when He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

24 ¹Lit., does ²Lit., will be compared to *Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:47-49; Matt. 16:18; James 1:22-25

25 ¹Lit., rivers

26 ¹Lit., do

27 ¹Lit., rivers

28 ¹Lit., And it came to pass *Matt. 11:1; 13:53; 19:1;

26:1 *Matt. 13:54; 22:33; Mark 1:22; 6:2; 11:18; Luke

4:32; John 7:46

2 And behold, ^aa leper came to Him, and ^bbowed down to Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

3 And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, **"I am willing; be cleansed."** And immediately his ^aleprosy was cleansed.

4 And Jesus ^{*}said to him, **"See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and present the offering that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."**

5 ¶ And ^awhen He had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, entreating Him,

6 and saying, "Lord, my ²servant is ³lying ^aparalyzed at home, ⁴suffering great pain."

7 And He ^{*}said to him, **"I will come and heal him."**

8 But the centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just ²say the word, and my ³servant will be healed.

9 "For I, too, am a man under ^aauthority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

10 Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled, and said to those who were following, **"Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith ¹with anyone in Israel."**

11 **"And I say to you, that many ^ashall come from east and west, and ¹recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven;**

12 **but ^athe sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into ^bthe outer darkness; in that place ^athere shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."**

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, **"Go your way; let it be done to you ^aas you have believed."** And the ¹servant was healed that very hour.

2 ¹Or, worshiped

^aMatt. 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-44; Luke 5:12-14; ^bMatt. 9:18; 15:25; 18:26; 20:20; John 9:38; Acts 10:25

3 ^aMatt. 11:5; Luke 4:27

4 ¹Or, gift ^aMatt. 9:30; 12:16; 17:9; Mark 1:44; 3:12; 5:43; 7:36; 8:30; 9:9; Luke 4:41; 8:56; 9:21 ^bMark 1:44; Luke 5:14; 17:14; ^cLev. 13:49; 14:2ff

5 ^aMatt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10

6 ¹Or, Sir ²Lit., boy ³Lit., throwing ⁴Lit., fearfully tormented ^aMatt. 4:24

7 ¹Or, Sir ²Lit., say with a word ³Lit., boy

8 ^aMark 1:27; Luke 9:1

9 ¹Some mss. read not even in Israel

10 ¹Or, dine ^aIs. 49:12; 59:19; Mal. 1:11; Luke 13:29

11 ^aMatt. 13:38 ^bMatt. 22:13; 25:30 ^cMatt. 13:42; 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28

12 ¹Lit., boy ^aMatt. 9:22; 29

13 ¹Or, house ^aMatt. 8:14-16; Mark 1:29-34; Luke 4:38-41

14 ¹Or, served ^aMatt. 4:24 ^bMatt. 4:23; 8:33

15 ¹Or, removed ^aIs. 53:4

16 ^aMark 4:35; Luke 8:22

17 ^aMatt. 8:19-22; Luke 9:57-60

18 ¹Or, sky ²Or, roosting places ^aDan. 7:13; Matt. 9:6;

14 ¶ ^aAnd when Jesus had come to Peter's ¹home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever.

15 And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and ¹waited on Him.

16 And when evening had come, they brought to Him many ^awho were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and ^bhealed all who were ill

17 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, **"He HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES, AND ¹CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."**

18 ¶ Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, ^aHe gave orders to depart to the other side.

19 ^aAnd a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

20 And Jesus ^{*}said to him, **"The foxes have holes, and the birds of the ¹air have ²nests; but ^athe Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."**

21 And another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."

22 But Jesus ^{*}said to him, **"Follow Me; and allow the dead to bury their own dead."**

23 ¶ ^aAnd when He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

24 And behold, there arose ¹a great storm in the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves; but He Himself was asleep.

25 And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, **"Save us, Lord; we are perishing!"**

12:8, 32, 40; 13:41; 16:13, 27f.; 17:9; 19:28; 26:64; Mark 8:38; Luke 12:8; 18:8; 21:36; John 1:51; 3:13f.; 6:27; 12:34; Acts 7:56

22 ^aMatt. 9:9; Mark 2:14; Luke 9:59, 60; John 1:43; 21:19

23 ^aMatt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41; Luke 8:22-25

24 ¹Lit., a shaking

25 ^aMatt. 8:2; 9:18

26 And He ^asaid to them, **"Why are you timid, ^ayou men of little faith?"** Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and ¹it became perfectly calm.

27 And the men marveled, saying, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

28 ¶ ^aAnd when He had come to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were ^bdemon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; *they were* so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by that road.

29 And behold, they cried out, saying, "What do we have to do with You, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before ¹the time?"

30 Now there was at a distance from them a herd of many swine feeding.

31 And the demons *began* to entreat Him, saying, "If You are going to cast us out, send us into the herd of swine."

32 And He said to them, **"Be-gone!"** And they came out, and went into the swine, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters.

33 And the herdsmen ran away, and went to the city, and reported everything, ¹including the incident of the ^ademoniacs.

34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, ^athey entreated Him to depart from their region.

CHAPTER 9

AND getting into a boat, He crossed over, and came to ^aHis own city.

2 ^aAnd behold, they were bringing to Him a ^bparalytic, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, **"Take courage, My ¹son, ^ayour sins ²are forgiven."**

26 ¹Lit., a great calm occurred
*Matt. 6:30; 14:31, 16:8; 17:20

28 *Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-17; Luke 8:26-37

*Matt. 4:24

29 ¹L.e., the appointed time of judgment

*Judg. 11:12;

2 Sam. 16:10;

19:22; 1 Kin.

17:18; 2 Kin.

3:13; 2 Chr.

35:21; Mark

1:24; 5:7;

Luke 4:34;

8:28; John 2:4

33 ¹Lit., and

*Matt. 4:24

34 *Amos

7:12; Acts

16:39

1 *Matt.

4:13; Mark

5:21

2 ¹Lit.,

child ²Lit.,

are being for-

given

*Matt. 9:2-8;

Mark 2:3-12;

Luke 5:16-26

*Matt. 4:24;

9:6 *Matt.

9:22; 14:37;

Mark 6:50;

10:49; John

16:33; Acts

23:11 *Mark

2:5, 9; Luke

5:20, 23; 7:48

3 ¹Lit.,

among

*Mark 3:28,

29

4 *Matt.

12:25; Luke

6:8; 9:47

5 ¹Lit., are

being for-

given

*Matt. 9:2, 6;

Mark 2:5, 9;

Luke 5:20, 23;

7:48

6 *Matt.

8:20; John

5:27 *Matt.

4:24; 9:2

7 ¹Or, de-

ported

8 ¹Or,

afraid

*Matt. 5:16;

15:31; Mark

2:12; Luke

2:20; 5:25, 26;

7:16; 13:13;

17:15; 23:47;

John 15:8;

Acts 4:21;

11:18; 21:20;

2 Cor. 9:13;

Gal. 1:24

9 ¹Lit., at

the tax booth

*Matt. 9:9-17;

Mark 2:14-22;

3 And behold, some of the scribes said ¹to themselves, **"This fellow ^ablasphemes."**

4 And Jesus ^aknowing their thoughts said, **"Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?"**

5 **"For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins ¹are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, and walk'?"**

6 **"But in order that you may know that ^athe Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—**then He ^asaid to the ^bparalytic—**"Rise, take up your bed, and go home."**

7 And he rose, and ¹went home.

8 But when the multitudes saw *this*, they were ¹filled with awe, and ^aglorified God, who had given such authority to men.

9 ¶ ^aAnd as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called ^bMatthew, sitting ¹in the tax office; and He ^asaid to him, **"Follow Me!"** And he rose, and followed Him.

10 ¶ And it happened that as He was reclining *at the table* in the house, behold many ¹tax-gatherers and ²sinners came and ³were dining with Jesus and His disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, **"Why is your Teacher eating with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"**

12 But when He heard this, He said, **"It is not ^athose who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick."**

13 **"But go and learn ^awhat this means, 'I DESIRE ¹COMPASSION, ²AND NOT SACRIFICE,' for 'I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.'"**

Luke 5:27-38 *Matt. 10:3; Mark 2:14; 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13 *Matt. 8:22

10 ¹L.e., Collectors of Roman taxes for profit ²L.e., irreligious Jews ³Lit., reclined with

11 *Matt. 11:19; Mark 2:16; Luke 5:30; 15:2

12 *Mark 2:17; Luke 5:31

13 ¹Or, mercy ²L.e., more than *Matt. 12:7 *Hos. 6:6

*Mark 2:17; Luke 5:32; 1 Tim. 1:15

14 ¶ Then the disciples of John *came to Him, saying, "Why do we and ^athe Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

15 And Jesus said to them, "The ¹attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

16 "But no one puts ¹a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for ²the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

17 "Nor do men put new wine into old ¹wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

18 ¶ *While He was saying these things to them, behold, there came ¹a synagogue ²official, and ^{3b}bowed down before Him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live."

19 And Jesus rose and began to follow him, and so did His disciples.

20 And behold, a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched ^athe fringe of His ¹cloak;

21 for she was saying ¹to herself, "If I only ^atouch His garment, I shall ²get well."

22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "**Daughter, ^atake courage; ^byour faith has ¹made you well.**" And ²at once the woman was ¹made well.

23 And when Jesus came into the ¹official's house, and saw ^athe flute-players, and the crowd in noisy disorder,

24 He began to say, "**Depart; for the girl ^ahas not died, but is**

14 *Luke

18:12

15 ¹Lit.,

sons of the bridal-chamber

16 ¹Lit., that which is put on ²Lit., that which fills up

17 ¹Lit., skins used as bottles

18 ¹Or, one

²Lit., ruler

³Or, worn

shipped

*Matt. 9:18-

26; Mark

5:22-43; Luke

8:41-56

^bMatt. 8:2

20 ¹Or,

outer garment

*Num. 15:38;

Deut. 22:12;

Matt. 14:36;

23:5

21 ¹Lit., in

herself ²Lit.,

be saved

*Matt. 14:36;

Mark 3:10;

Luke 6:19

22 ¹Lit.,

saved you

²Lit., from

that hour

*Matt. 9:2

^bMatt. 9:29;

15:28; Mark

5:34; 10:52;

Luke 7:50;

8:48; 17:19;

18:42

23 ¹Lit., ruler's

^a2 Chr. 35:25;

Jer. 9:17;

16:6; Ezek.

24:17

24 *John

11:13; Acts

20:10

25 ¹Or, was

raised up

*Acts 9:40

^bMark 9:27

26 *Matt.

4:24; 9:31;

14:1; Mark

1:28, 45; Luke

4:14, 37; 5:15;

7:17

27 *Matt.

1:1; 12:23;

15:22; 20:30;

31; 21:9, 15;

22:42; Mark

10:47, 48;

12:35; Luke

18:38, 39;

20:41f.

29 *Matt.

8:13; 9:22

30 *Matt.

8:4

31 *Matt.

4:24; 9:26;

14:1; Mark

1:28, 45; Luke

4:14, 37; 5:15;

7:17

asleep." And they began laughing at Him.

25 But ^awhen the crowd had been put out, He entered and ^btook her by the hand; and the girl ¹arose.

26 And ^athis news went out into all that land.

27 ¶ And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, and saying, "Have mercy on us, ^aSon of David!"

28 And after He had come into the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus ^asaid to them, "**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**" They ^asaid to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "**Be it done to you ^aaccording to your faith.**"

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus ^asternly warned them, saying, "**See here, let no one know about this!**"

31 But they went out, and ^aspread the news about Him in all that land.

32 ¶ And as they were going out, behold, ^aa dumb man, ^bdemon-possessed, ¹was brought to Him.

33 And after the demon was cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled, saying, "^aNothing like this ¹was ever seen in Israel."

34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He ^acasts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

35 ¶ And Jesus was going about all the cities and the villages, ^ateaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

36 And ^aseeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them,

32 ¹Lit., they brought *Matt. 12:22, 24 ^bMatt. 4:24

33 ¹Lit., ever appeared *Mark 2:12

34 *Matt. 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15; John 7:20f.

35 *Matt. 4:23; Mark 1:14

36 *Matt. 14:14; 15:32; Mark 6:34; 8:2

^bbecause they were ¹distressed and ²downcast like sheep ³without a shepherd.

37 Then He ^{*}said to His disciples, ["]*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.*

38 ["]*Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*

CHAPTER 10

AND ^{*}having summoned His twelve disciples, He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to ^bheal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

2 ¶ ^{*}Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, ^bSimon, who is called Peter, and ^cAndrew his brother; and ^{1d}James the son of Zebedee, and ²John his brother;

3 ^{*}Philip and ¹Bartholomew; ^bThomas and ^cMatthew the tax-gatherer; ^{2d}James the son of Alphaeus, and ^{*}Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the ¹Zealot, and ^{*}Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

5 ¶ ^{*}These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them, saying, ["]*Do not ¹go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the ^bSamaritans;*

6 *but rather ¹go to ^athe lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

7 ["]*And as you ¹go, ²preach, saying, ["]*The kingdom of heaven ³is at hand.**

8 ["]*Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons; freely you received, freely give.*

9 ["]*Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper ¹for your money belts,*

10 *or a ¹bag for your journey, or even two ²tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for ^athe worker is worthy of his ³support.*

11 ["]*And into whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is*

36 ¹Or, harassed ²Lit., thrown down ³Lit., not having

^{*}Num. 27:17; Ezek. 34:5; Zech. 10:2; Mark 6:34

37 ^{*}Luke 10:2

1 ^{*}Mark 3:13-15; 6:7 ^{*}Matt. 9:35; Luke 9:1

2 ¹Or, Jacob ²Gr., Joannes, Heb., Johanan ^{*}Matt. 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13

^{*}Matt. 4:18 ^{*}Matt. 4:18 ^{*}Matt. 4:21

3 ¹L.e., son of Talmai (Aram.) ²Or, Jacob ^{*}John 1:43ff. ^{*}John 11:16; 14:5; 20:24ff.; 21:2 ^{*}Matt. 9:9 ^{*}Mark 15:40 ^{*}Mark 3:18; Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13

4 ¹Or, Cananasean ^{*}Matt. 26:14; Luke 22:3; John 6:71; 13:2, 26

5 ¹Or, go off to ^{*}Mark 6:7; Luke 9:2

² Kin. 17:24ff.; Luke 9:52; 10:33; 17:16; John 4:9, 39f.; 8:48; Acts 8:25

6 ¹Or, proceed ^{*}Matt. 15:24

7 ¹Or, proceed ²Or, proclaim ³Lit., has come near

^{*}Matt. 3:2

8 ¹Lit., into ^{*}Matt. 10:9-15; Mark 6:8-11; Luke 9:3-5; 10:4-12; Luke 22:35

9 ¹Or, knapsack or beggar's bag ²Or, inner garments ³Lit., nourishment

^{*}1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Tim. 5:15

12 ¹Or, household

^{*}1 Sam. 25:6; Ps. 122:7, 8

worthy in it; and abide there until you go away.

12 ["]*And as you enter the ¹house, ^agive it your greeting.*

13 ["]*And if the house is worthy, let your greeting of peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your greeting of peace return to you.*

14 ["]*And whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, ^ashake off the dust of your feet.*

15 ["]*Truly I say to you, ^ait will be more tolerable for the land of ^bSodom and Gomorrah in ^cthe day of judgment, than for that city.*

16 ¶ ["]*Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, therefore ¹be ^bshrewd as serpents, and ^cinnocent as doves.*

17 ["]*But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the ^acourts and scourge you ^bin their synagogues;*

18 *and you shall even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.*

19 ["]*But when they deliver you up, ^bdo not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak*

20 ["]*For ^ait is not you who speak but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.*

21 ["]*And brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and ^bchildren will rise up against parents, and ¹cause them to be put to death.*

14 ^{*}Acts 13:51

15 ^{*}Matt. 11:22, 24 ^{*}Matt. 11:24; 2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 7 ^{*}Matt. 7:22; 11:22, 24; 12:36; Acts 17:31; 1 Thess. 5:4; Heb. 10:25; 2 Pet. 2:9; 3:7; 1 John 4:17; Jude 6

16 ¹Or, show yourselves to be ^{*}Luke 10:3 ^{*}Gen. 3:1; Matt. 24:25; Rom. 16:19 ^{*}Hos. 7:11

17 ^{*}Matt. 5:22 ^{*}Matt. 23:34; Mark 13:9; Luke 12:11; Acts 5:40; 22:19; 26:11

18 ^{*}Matt. 10:19-22; Mark 13:11-13; Luke 21:12-17 ^{*}Matt. 6:25; Luke 12:11, 12

19 ^{*}Luke 12:12; Acts 4:8; 13:9; 2 Cor. 13:3

21 ¹Or, put them to death ^{*}Matt. 10:35, 36; Mark 13:12 ^{*}Mic. 7:6

22 "And ^ayou will be hated by all on account of My name, but ^bit is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

23 "But whenever they ^apersecute you in this city, flee to ¹the next; for truly I say to you, you shall not finish *going through* the cities of Israel, ^buntil the Son of Man comes.

24 ¶ "A ¹disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.

25 "It is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher, and the slave as his master. ^aIf they have called the head of the house ^{1b}Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

26 "Therefore do not ^afear them, ^bfor there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

27 "What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in your ear, proclaim ^bupon the housetops.

28 "And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather ^afear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in ^{1b}hell.

29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a ¹cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 "But ^athe very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 "Therefore do not fear; ^ayou are of more value than many sparrows.

32 "Everyone therefore who shall confess ¹Me before men, I will also confess ²him before My Father who is in heaven.

33 "But ^awhoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

34 ¶ "Do not think that I came to ¹bring peace on the earth; I did

22 *Matt. 24:9; Luke 21:17; John 15:18ff.

*Matt. 24:13; Mark 13:13

23 ¹Lit., the other

*Matt. 23:34; *Matt. 16:27f.

24 ¹Or, pupil

*Luke 6:40; John 13:16; 15:20

25 ¹Or, Beelzebul; others read Beelzebub

*Matt. 9:34

*2 Kin. 1:2; Matt. 12:24; 27; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15, 18, 19

26 *Matt. 10:26-33; Luke 12:2-9

*Mark 4:22; Luke 8:17; 12:2; 1 Cor. 4:5

27 *Luke 12:3; *Matt. 24:17; Acts 5:20

28 ¹Gr., Gehenna

*Heb. 10:31; *Matt. 5:22; Luke 12:5

29 ¹Gr., as a saron, the smallest copper coin

*Luke 12:6

30 *1 Sam. 14:45; 2 Sam. 14:11; 1 Kin. 1:52; Luke 21:18; Acts 27:34

31 *Matt. 12:12

32 ¹Lit., in Me ²Lit., in him

*Luke 12:8; Rev. 3:5

33 *Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26; 2 Tim. 2:12

34 ¹Lit., cast

*Matt. 10:34; 35; Luke 12:51-53

35 *Mic. 7:6; Matt. 10:21; Luke 12:53

36 *Mic. 7:6; Matt. 10:21

37 *Deut. 33:9; Luke 14:26

38 *Matt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 14:27

39 ¹Or, soul

*Matt. 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24; 17:33; John 12:25

not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 "For I came to ^aSET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

36 and ^aA MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

37 "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 "And ^ahe who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 "He who has found his ¹life shall lose it, and he who has lost his ¹life for My sake shall find it.

40 ¶ "He who receives you receives Me, and ^bhe who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

42 "And ^awhoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these ¹little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward."

CHAPTER 11

^aAND it came about that when Jesus had finished ¹giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there ^bto teach and ²preach in their cities.

2 ¶ ^aNow when ^bJohn in prison heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples,

40 *Matt. 18:5; Luke 10:16; John 13:20; Gal. 4:14

*Mark 9:37; Luke 9:48; John 12:44

41 *Matt. 25:44, 45

42 ¹i.e., humble *Matt. 25:40; Mark 9:41

1 ¹Or, commanding ²Or, proclaim *Matt. 7:28; *Matt. 9:35; Luke 23:5

2 *Matt. 11:2-19; Luke 7:18-35; Matt. 4:12; *Matt. 14:3; Mark 6:17; Luke 9:7ff.

3 and said to Him, "Are You ^athe ¹Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see:

5 ^athe BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the ^bPOOR HAVE THE ¹GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.

6 ^aAnd blessed is he ¹who ^akeeps from ²stumbling over Me."

7 ¶ And as these were going away, Jesus began to speak to the multitudes about John, "What did you go out into ^athe wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 ^aBut what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' ²palaces.

9 ^aBut why did you go out? To see ^aa prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet.

10 ^aThis is the one about whom it ¹is written,

^aBEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,

WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU."

11 ^aTruly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is ¹least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 ^aAnd ^afrom the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven ¹suffers violence, and violent men ²take it by force.

13 ^aFor all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

14 ^aAnd if you care to accept it, he himself is ^aElijah, who ¹was to come.

15 ^aHe who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 ^aBut to what shall I compare this generation? It is like chil-

3 ¹Lit., Coming One
*Ps. 118:26;
Matt. 11:10;
John 6:14;
11:27; Heb.
10:37

5 ¹Or, good news
*Is. 35:5f.;
Matt. 8:3;
12:13 *Is.
61:1; Luke
4:18

6 ¹Lit., whoever
*Or, taking of-
fense at
*Matt. 5:29;
13:57; 24:10;
26:31; Mark
6:3; John
6:61; 16:1

7 *Matt.
3:1

8 ¹Or, Well then, ¶Lit., houses

9 ¹Or, Well then,
*Matt. 14:5;
21:26; Luke
1:76; 20:8

10 ¹Lit., has been written
*Mal. 3:1;
Mark 1:2

11 ¹Lit., lest
12 ¹Or, is forcibly en-
tered *Or, seize it for themselves
*Luke 16:16

14 ¹Or, is to come
*Mal. 4:5;
Matt. 17:10-
13; Mark
9:11-13; Luke
1:17; John
1:21

15 *Matt.
13:9, 43;
Mark 4:9, 23;
Luke 8:8;
14:35; Rev.
2:7, 11, 17,
20; 3:6, 13,
22; 13:9

17 ¹Lit., beat the breast

18 *Matt.
3:4 *Luke
1:15 *Matt.
9:34; John
7:20; 8:48f.;
52; 10:20

19 ¹Or, wine-drinker
¶i.e., Collec-
tors of Ro-
man taxes for
profit ¶Lit.,
And

*Matt. 9:11;
Luke 5:29-32;
15:2

20 ¹Or, works of power
*Luke 10:13-
15

dren sitting in the market places, who call out to the other chil-

17 and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not ¹mourn.'

18 ^aFor John came neither ^aeating nor ^bdrinking, and they say, ^a'He has a demon!'

19 ^aThe Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ^a'Behold, a gluttonous man and a ¹drunkard, ^aa friend of ²tax-gatherers and sinners!' ^aYet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

20 ¶ Then He began to re-
proach the cities in which most of His ¹miracles were done, because they did not repent.

21 ^a'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, ^bBethsaida! For if the ¹miracles had occurred in ^aTyre and ^aSidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in ^asackcloth and ashes.

22 ^aNevertheless I say to you, ^ait shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in ^bthe day of judgment, than for you.

23 ^aAnd you, ^aCapernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall ¹descend to ^aHades; for if the ²miracles had occurred in ^aSodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

24 ^aNevertheless I say to you that ^ait shall be more tolerable for the land of ^bSodom in the day of judgment, than for you."

25 ¶ ^aAt that ¹time Jesus answered and said, ^a'I ²praise Thee,

21 ¹Or, works of power *Matt. 11:21-23; Luke 10:13-15
*Mark 6:45; 8:22; Luke 9:10; John 1:44; 12:21 *Matt.
11:22; 15:21; Mark 3:8; 7:24, 31; Luke 4:26; 6:17; Acts
12:20; 27:3 *Rev. 11:3

22 *Matt. 10:15; 11:24 *Matt. 10:15; 12:36; Rev. 20:11, 12

23 ¹Some mss. read be brought down *Or, works of power *Matt. 4:13 *Is. 14:13, 15; Ezek. 26:20; 31:14;
32:18, 24 *Matt. 16:18; Luke 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31;
Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13f. *Matt. 10:15

24 *Matt. 10:15; 11:22 *Matt. 10:15

25 ¹Or, occasion *Or, acknowledge to Thy praise
*Matt. 11:25-27; Luke 10:21, 22

O ^bFather, Lord of heaven and earth, that ^cThou didst hide these things from the wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes.

26 "Yes, ^aFather, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight.

27 "All things ¹have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one ²knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone ²know the Father, ^bexcept the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

28 "Come to Me, all ¹who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

29 "Take My yoke upon you, and ^alearn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and ^bYOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

30 "For ^aMy yoke is ¹easy, and My load is light."

CHAPTER 12

^aAT that ¹time Jesus went on the Sabbath through the grainfields, and His disciples became hungry and began to ^bpick the heads of grain and eat.

2 But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, "Behold, Your disciples do what ^ais not lawful to do on a Sabbath."

3 But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did, when he became hungry, he and his companions:

4 how he entered the house of God, and ^athey ate the ¹consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?

5 "Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple ¹break the Sabbath, and are innocent?

6 "But I say to you, that something ^agreater than the temple is here.

7 "But if you had known what

25 ^bLuke 22:42;
23:34; John 11:41; 12:27;
28 ^cPs. 8:2;
1 Cor. 1:26ff.

26 ^aLuke 22:42; 23:34;
John 11:41;
12:27; 28

27 ¹Lit.,
were given
over ²Or, perfectly
know(s)

^aMatt. 28:18;
John 3:35;
13:3; 17:2;
^bJohn 7:29;
10:15; 17:25

28 ¹Or, who
work to exhaustion
^aJer. 31:25;
John 7:37

29 ^aJohn 13:15; Eph. 4:20; Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 John 2:6 ^bJer. 6:16

30 ¹Or, kindly or pleasant
^a1 John 5:3

¹Or, occasion
^aMatt. 12:1-8;
Mark 2:23-28;
Luke 6:1-5
^bDeut. 23:25

2 ^aMatt. 12:10; Luke 13:14; 14:3;
John 5:10;
7:23; 9:16

4 ¹Or, showbread;
lit., loaves of
presentation
^a1 Sam. 21:6

5 ¹Or, profane

6 ²Chr. 6:18; Is. 66:1;
2; Matt. 12:41; 42

7 ¹Lit., is
²Or, mercy
^aHos. 6:6;
Matt. 9:13

8 ^aMatt. 8:20; 12:32;
40

9 ^aMatt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11

10 ^aMatt. 12:2; Luke 13:14; 14:3;
John 5:10;
7:23; 9:16

11 ¹Lit., of
^aLuke 14:5

12 ¹Lit., well
^aMatt. 10:31;
Luke 14:1-6

13 ¹Lit., health
^aMatt. 8:3;
Acts 28:8

this ¹means, "I DESIRE ²COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE," you would not have condemned the innocent.

8 "For ^athe Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

9 ¶ ^aAnd departing from there, He went into their synagogue.

10 And behold, there was a man with a withered hand. And they questioned Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—in order that they might accuse Him.

11 And He said to them, "What man shall there be ¹among you, who shall have one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it, and lift it out?

12 "Of ^ahow much more value then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do ¹good on the Sabbath."

13 Then He ^asaid to the man, "Stretch out your hand!" And ^ahe stretched it out, and it was restored to ¹normal, like the other.

14 But the Pharisees went out, and ^acounseled together against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

15 ¶ But Jesus, ¹aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and ^aHe healed them all,

16 and ^awarned them not to ¹make Him known,

17 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, might be fulfilled, saying,

18 "BEHOLD, MY ¹SERVANT WHOM I ²HAVE CHOSEN; ^bMY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL ³IS WELL-PLEASED; ^cI WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM,

14 ^aMatt. 26:4; Mark 14:1; Luke 22:2; John 7:30; 44; 8:59; 10:31; 39; 11:53

15 ¹Lit., knowing ^aMatt. 4:23

16 ¹Or, reveal who He was ^aMatt. 8:4; 9:30; 17:9

18 ¹Lit., Child ²Lit., chose ³Or, took pleasure
^aIs. 42:1 ^bMatt. 3:17; 17:5 ^cLuke 4:18; John 3:34

^aAND HE SHALL PROCLAIM
⁴JUSTICE TO THE ⁵GEN-
TILES.

19 ^aHE WILL NOT QUARREL,
NOR CRY OUT;
NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR
HIS VOICE IN THE
STREETS.

20 ^aA BATTERED REED HE
WILL NOT BREAK OFF,
AND A SMOLDERING WICK
HE WILL NOT PUT OUT,
UNTIL HE ¹LEADS ²JUSTICE
TO VICTORY.

21 ^aAND IN HIS NAME THE
¹GENTILES WILL HOPE."

22 ¶ ^aThen there was brought
to Him a ^bdemon-possessed man
who was blind and dumb, and He
healed him, so that the dumb
man spoke and saw.

23 And all the multitudes were
amazed, and began to say, "This
man cannot be the ^aSon of Da-
vid, can he?"

24 But when the Pharisees
heard it, they said, "This man
^acasts out demons only by ¹Beel-
zebul the ruler of the demons."

25 ^aAnd ^bknowing their
thoughts He said to them, "¹Any
kingdom divided against itself is
laid waste; and ¹any city or
house divided against itself shall
not stand.

26 ^aAnd if ^aSatan casts out Sa-
tan, he ¹is divided against him-
self; how then shall his kingdom
stand?

27 ^aAnd if I ^aby ¹Beelzebul cast
out demons, ^bby whom do your
sons cast them out? Conse-
quently they shall be your
judges.

28 ^aBut ^aif I cast out demons by
the Spirit of God, then the king-
dom of God has come upon you.

29 ^aOr how can anyone enter
the strong man's house and car-
ry off his property, unless he first
binds the strong man? And then
he will plunder his house.

30 ^aHe who is not with Me is
against Me; and he who does not
gather with Me scatters.

18 ^aOr, judg-
ment ^bOr, na-
tions

^aIs. 42:1

19 ^aIs. 42:2

20 ^aOr, puts
forth ^bOr,
judgment

^aIs. 42:3

21 ^aOr, na-
tions

^aRom. 15:12

22 ^aMatt.

12:22, 24;

Luke 11:14;

15; Matt.

9:32, 34

^aMatt. 4:24;

2 Thess. 2:9

23 ^aMatt.

9:27

24 ^aOr, Bee-
zebul; others
read Beelze-
bub

^aMatt. 9:34

25 ^aLit., Ev-
ery

^aMatt. 12:25-

29; Mark

3:23-27; Luke

11:17-22

^aMatt. 9:4

26 ^aLit., was

^aMatt. 4:10;

13:19

27 ^aV. 24,

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^aMatt. 9:34

^aActs 19:13

28 ^a1 John

3:8

30 ^aMark

9:40; Luke

9:50; 11:23

31 ^aMatt.

12:31, 32;

Mark 3:28-30;

Luke 12:10

32 ^aLuke

12:10 ^aMatt.

13:22, 39;

Mark 10:30;

Luke 10:8;

18:30; 20:34;

35; Eph. 1:21;

1 Tim. 6:17;

2 Tim. 4:10;

Titus 2:12;

Heb. 6:5

33 ^aMatt.

7:16-18; Luke

6:43, 44; John

15:4-7

34 ^aLit.,

good things

^aMatt. 3:7;

23:33; Luke

3:7 ^a1 Sam.

24:13; Is.

32:6; Matt.

12:34, 35;

15:18; Luke

6:45; Eph.

4:29; James

3:2-12

35 ^aLit.,

good things

^aLit., evil

things

^aProv. 10:20;

21; 25:11, 12;

Matt. 13:52;

Col. 4:6

31 ^aTherefore I say to you, any
sin and blasphemy shall be for-
given men, but blasphemy
against the Spirit shall not be
forgiven.

32 ^aAnd whoever shall speak a
word against the Son of Man, it
shall be forgiven him; but who-
ever shall speak against the Holy
Spirit, it shall not be forgiven
him, either in ^bthis age, or in the
age to come.

33 ^aEither make the tree good,
and its fruit good; or make the
tree bad, and its fruit bad; for
^athe tree is known by its fruit.

34 ^aYou brood of vipers, how
can you, being evil, speak ¹what
is good? ^bFor the mouth speaks
out of that which fills the heart.

35 ^aThe good man out of his
good treasure brings forth ¹what
is good; and the evil man out of
his evil treasure brings forth
²what is evil.

36 ^aAnd I say to you, that every
¹careless word that men shall
speak, they shall render account
for it in ^athe day of judgment.

37 ^aFor ¹by your words you
shall be justified, and ¹by your
words you shall be condemned."

38 ¶ Then some of the scribes
and Pharisees answered Him,
saying, "Teacher, ^awe want to
see a ¹sign from You."

39 But He answered and said
to them, ^a"An evil and adulter-
ous generation craves for a ¹sign;
and yet no ¹sign shall be given to
it but the ¹sign of Jonah the
prophet;

40 for just as ^aJONAH WAS
THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS
IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MON-
STER, so shall ^bthe Son of Man be
^athree days and three nights in
the heart of the earth.

36 ^aOr, useless ^aMatt. 10:15

37 ^aOr, in accordance with

38 ^aOr, attesting miracle ^aMatt. 16:1; Mark 8:11, 12;

Luke 11:16; John 2:18; 6:30; 1 Cor. 1:22

39 ^aOr, attesting miracle ^aMatt. 12:39-42; Luke 11:29-

32; Matt. 16:4

40 ^aJon. 1:17 ^aMatt. 8:20 ^aMatt. 16:21

41 ^a"The men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment, and shall condemn it because ^bthey repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, ^csomething greater than Jonah is here.

42 ^a"The Queen of the South shall rise up with this generation at the judgment and shall condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, ^bsomething greater than Solomon is here.

43 ^a"Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it.

44 ^a"Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.

45 ^a"Then it goes, and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and ^athe last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation."

46 ¶ ^aWhile He was still speaking to the multitudes, behold, His ^bmother and ^cbrothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.

47 And someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You."

48 But He answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold, My mother and My brothers!

50 ^a"For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

41 ^aJon. 1:2
^bJon. 3:5
^cMatt. 12:6, 42

42 ^a1 Kin. 10:1, 2 Chr. 9:1 ^bMatt. 12:6, 41

43 ^aMatt. 12:43-45
Luke 11:24-26

45 ^aMark 5:9; Luke 11:26; Heb. 6:4-8, 2 Pet. 2:20

46 ^aMatt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21
^bMatt. 1:18, 2:11ff., 13:55; Luke 1:43, 2:33f., 48, 51; John 2:1, 5, 12, 19:25f.; Acts 1:14
^cMatt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 2:12, 7:3, 5, 10; Acts 1:14; 1 Cor. 9:5; Gal. 1:19

1 ^aMatt. 9:28, 13:36
^bMatt. 13:1-15; Mark 4:1-12; Luke 8:4-10; Mark 2:13

2 ^aLuke 5:3
3 ^aMatt. 13:10ff.; Mark 4:2ff.

5 ^aLit., were not having

7 ^aLit., upon

8 ^aGen. 26:12; Matt. 13:23

9 ^aMatt. 11:15; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

11 ^aMatt. 19:11, 20:23; John 6:65; 1 Cor. 2:10; Col. 1:27; 1 John 2:20, 27

12 ^aMatt. 25:29; Mark 4:25; Luke 8:18, 19:26

13 ^aDeut. 29:4; Is. 42:19, 20; Jer. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2

14 ^aLit., for them

CHAPTER 13

ON that day Jesus went out of ^athe house, and was sitting ^bby the sea.

2 And great multitudes gathered to Him, so that ^aHe got into a boat and sat down, and the whole multitude was standing on the beach.

3 And He spoke many things to them in ^aparables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow

4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.

5 "And others fell upon the rocky places, where they ¹did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

6 "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 "And others fell ¹among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.

8 "And others fell on the good soil, and ^ayielded a crop, some a ^ahundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

9 ^a"He who has ears, let him hear."

10 ¶ And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 And He answered and said to them, ^a"To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

12 ^a"For whoever has, to him shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while ^aseeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 ^a"And ¹in their case the

prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

²²"YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, ²³BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND;

AND ²⁴YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;

15 ²⁵FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL,

AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR,

AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES

LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES,

AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,

AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN,

AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM."

16²⁶"But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.

17²⁷"For truly I say to you, that ²⁸many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it; and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

18²⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower,

19²⁹"When anyone hears ³⁰the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, ³¹the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

20³²"And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy;

21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he ³³falls away.

22³⁴"And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this

14 ³⁵Lit., With a hearing you will hear ³⁶Lit., and ³⁷Lit., seeing you will see

³⁸Is. 6:9; Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10; John 12:40; Acts 28:26, 27; Rom. 10:16; 11:8

15 ³⁹Is. 6:10; Ps. 119:70; Zech. 7:11; Luke 19:42; John 8:43, 44; 2 Tim. 4:4; Heb. 5:11

16 ⁴⁰Matt. 13:16, 17; Luke 10:23, 24; Matt. 16:17; John 20:29

17 ⁴¹John 8:56; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 1:10-12

18 ⁴²Matt. 13:18-23; Mark 4:13-20; Luke 8:11-15

19 ⁴³Matt. 4:23 ⁴⁴Matt. 5:37

21 ⁴⁵Lit., is caused to stumble ⁴⁶Matt. 11:6

22 ⁴⁷Or, age ⁴⁸Matt. 12:32; 13:39; Mark 4:19; Rom. 12:2; 1 Cor. 1:20; 2:6, 8; 3:18; 2 Cor. 4:4; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 2:2

⁴⁹Matt. 19:23; 1 Tim. 6:9; 10, 17

23 ⁵⁰Matt. 13:8

24 ⁵¹Lit., was compared to ⁵²Matt. 13:31, 33, 45, 47; 18:23; 20:1; 22:2; 25:1; Mark 4:26-30; Luke 13:18, 20

25 ⁵³Or, darnel, a weed resembling wheat

26 ⁵⁴Lit., grass

27 ⁵⁵Lit., From where

28 ⁵⁶Lit., enemy man

30 ⁵⁷Matt. 3:12

31 ⁵⁸Matt. 13:31, 32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18, 19; Matt. 13:24 ⁵⁹Matt. 17:20; Luke 17:6

is the man who hears the word, and the worry of ⁶⁰the ⁶¹world, and the ⁶²deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

23⁶³"And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, some ⁶⁴a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

24 ⁶⁵¶ He presented another parable to them, saying, ⁶⁶"The kingdom of heaven ⁶⁷may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25⁶⁸"But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed ⁶⁹tares also among the wheat, and went away.

26⁶⁹"But when the ⁷⁰wheat sprang up and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.

27⁷¹"And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? ⁷²How then does it have tares?'

28⁷³"And he said to them, 'An ⁷⁴enemy has done this!' And the slaves ⁷⁵said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

29⁷⁶"But he ⁷⁷said, 'No; lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them.

30⁷⁸"Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but ⁷⁹gather the wheat into my barn.'"

31 ⁸⁰¶ He presented another parable to them, saying, ⁸¹"The kingdom of heaven is like ⁸²a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;

32 and this is smaller than all other seeds; but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree,

so that ***THE BIRDS OF THE AIR** come and **NEST IN ITS BRANCHES.**"

33 ¶ He spoke another parable to them, **"*The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid in ^bthree ^bpecks of meal, until it was all leavened."**

34 ¶ All these things Jesus spoke to the multitudes in parables, and He did not speak to them ***without a parable.**

35 so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

"*I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES;

I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD."

36 ¶ Then He left the multitudes, and went into ***the house.** And His disciples came to Him, saying, **"*bExplain to us the parable of the ¹tares of the field."**

37 And He answered and said, **"The one who sows the good seed is ^athe Son of Man,**

38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are ^athe sons of the kingdom; and the tares are ^bthe sons of ^cthe evil one;

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is ^athe ¹end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

40 "Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at ^athe ¹end of the age.

41 "The Son of Man ^bwill send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom ¹all ¹stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

42 and ^awill cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place ^bthere shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 "Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. ^bHe who has ears, let him hear.

32 ¹Or, sky
*Ezek. 17:23;
Ps. 104:12;
Ezek. 31:6;
Dan. 4:12

33 ¹Gr., sata
*Matt. 13:33;
Luke 13:21;
Matt. 13:24
*Gen. 18:6;
Judg. 6:19;
1 Sam. 1:24

34 *Mark
4:34; John
10:6; 16:25

35 *Ps. 78:2

36 ¹Or, darnel, a weed resembling wheat

*Matt. 13:1

*Matt. 15:15

37 *Matt.

8:20

38 *Matt.

8:12; John

8:44; Acts

13:10; 1 John

3:10 *Matt.

5:37

39 ¹Or, consummation

*Matt. 12:32;

13:22, 40, 49;

24:3; 28:20;

1 Cor. 10:11;

Heb. 9:26

40 ¹Or, consummation

*Matt. 12:32;

13:22, 39, 49;

24:3; 28:20;

1 Cor. 10:11;

Heb. 9:26

41 ¹Or,

everything

that is offensive

*Matt. 8:20

*Matt. 24:31

*Zeph. 1:3

42 *Matt.

13:50 *Matt.

8:12

43 *Dan.

12:3 *Matt.

11:15

44 *Matt.

13:24 *Matt.

13:46

45 *Matt.

13:24

47 *Matt.

13:44

49 ¹Or, consummation

*Or, separate

*Matt. 13:39;

40

50 *Matt.

13:42 *Matt.

8:12

53 *Matt.

7:28

54 ¹Or, His

own part of

the country

*Or, was

teaching *Or,

miracles

*Matt. 13:54-

58; Mark 6:1-

6 *Matt. 4:23

*Matt. 7:28

55 *Matt.

12:46

44 ¶ **"*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid and from joy over it he goes and ^bsells all that he has, and buys that field.**

45 ¶ "Again, ^athe kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls,

46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 ¶ "Again, ^athe kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering fish of every kind;

48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away.

49 "So it will be at ^athe ¹end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and ²take out the wicked from among the righteous,

50 and ^awill cast them into the furnace of fire; ^bthere shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 ¶ "Have you understood all these things?" They ^asaid to Him, "Yes."

52 And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."

53 ¶ ^aAnd it came about that when Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.

54 ^aAnd coming to ¹His home town He ^{2b}began teaching them in their synagogue, so that ^cthey became astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom, and these ³miraculous powers?

55 "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not ^aHis mother called Mary, and His ^abrothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

56 "And ^aHis sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"

57 And they ¹took ^aoffense at Him. But Jesus said to them, "**^aA prophet is not without honor except in his ²home town, and in his own household.**"

58 And He did not do many ¹miracles there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14

AT that ¹time ^bHerod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus,

2 and said to his servants, "**^aThis is John the Baptist; ¹he has risen from the dead; and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.**"

3 For when ^aHerod had John arrested, he bound him, and put him ^bin prison on account of ^cHerodias, the wife of his brother Philip.

4 For John had been saying to him, "**^aIt is not lawful for you to have her.**"

5 And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because ¹they regarded him as ^aa prophet.

6 But when Herod's birthday ¹came, the daughter of ^aHerodias danced ²before them and pleased ^bHerod.

7 Thereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.

8 And having been prompted by her mother, she ^asaid, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

9 And although he was grieved, the king commanded *it* to be given because of his oaths, and because of ¹his dinner guests.

10 And he sent and had John beheaded in the prison.

11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl; and she brought *it* to her mother.

⁵⁶ *Mark 6:3.

⁵⁷ ¹Lit., were being made to stumble ²Or, own part of the country
*Matt. 11:6
*Mark 6:4.
Luke 4:24.
John 4:44.

⁵⁸ ¹Or, works of power
¹Or, occasion

*Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1, 2; Luke 9:7-9 *Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3; 13:31; 23:7f., 11f., 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1

² ¹Or, he, himself
*Matt. 16:14; Mark 6:14; Luke 9:7

³ *Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3; 13:31; 23:7f., 11f., 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1

*Matt. 4:12; 11:2 *Matt. 14:6; Mark 6:17, 19, 22; Luke 3:19f.

⁴ *Lev. 18:16, 20:21

⁵ ¹Lit., they were holding
*Matt. 11:9

⁶ ¹Lit., occurred ²Lit., in the midst
*Matt. 14:3; Mark 6:17, 19, 22; Luke 3:19 *Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Mark 8:15; Luke 3:1, 19; 8:3; 13:31; 23:7f., 11f., 15; Acts 4:27; 12:1

⁹ ¹Lit., those who reclined at the table with him

¹² ¹Lit., him
¹³ *Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-13; Matt. 15:32-38

¹⁴ ¹Lit., out
*Matt. 9:36
*Matt. 4:23
17 *Matt. 16:9

12 And his disciples came and took away the body and buried ¹it; and they went and reported to Jesus.

13 ¶ ^aNow when Jesus heard *it*, He withdrew from there in a boat, to a lonely place by Himself; and when the multitudes heard of *this*, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14 And when He went ¹ashore, He ^asaw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and ^bhealed their sick.

15 And when it was evening, the disciples came to Him, saying, "The place is desolate, and the time is already past; so send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

16 But Jesus said to them, "**^aThey do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!**"

17 And they ^asaid to Him, "We have here only ^afive loaves and two fish."

18 And He said, "**^aBring them here to Me.**"

19 And ordering the multitudes to recline on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He ^ablessed *the food*, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave to the multitudes,

20 and they all ate, and were satisfied. And they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full ^abaskets.

21 And there were about five thousand men who ate, aside from women and children.

22 ¶ ^aAnd immediately He ¹made the disciples get into the boat, and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

19 *1 Sam. 9:13; Matt. 15:36; 26:26; Mark 6:41; 8:7; 14:22; Luke 24:30; Acts 27:35; Rom. 14:6

20 *Matt. 16:9; Mark 6:43; 8:19; Luke 9:17; John 6:13

22 ¹Lit., compelled *Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-51; John 6:15-21

23 And after He had sent the multitudes away, ^aHe went up to the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.

24 But the boat was already many ¹stadia away from the land, ²battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.

25 And in ^athe ¹fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were ¹frightened, saying, "It is ^aa ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "***Take courage, it is I; ^bdo not be afraid.**"

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 And He said, "**Come!**" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

30 But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and ^asaid to him, "***O you of little faith, why did you doubt?**"

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind stopped.

33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly ^aGod's Son!"

34 ¶ ^aAnd when they had crossed over, they came to ¹land at ^bGennesaret.

35 And when the men of that place ¹recognized Him, they sent into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick;

36 and they began to entreat Him that they might just touch ^athe fringe of His cloak; and as many as ^btouched it were cured.

23 ^aMark 6:46; Luke 6:12, 9:28; John 6:15
24 ¹A stadion was about 600 feet ²Lit., tormented

25 ¹i.e., 3-6 a.m.

^aMatt 24:43; Mark 13:35

26 ¹Or, troubled

^aLuke 24:37

27 ^aMatt. 9:2 ^bMatt. 17:7; 28:5, 10; Mark 6:50;

Luke 1:13, 30; 2:10, 5:10;

12:32; John 6:20; Rev. 1:17

31 ^aMatt. 6:30; 8:26; 16:8

33 ^aMatt. 4:3

34 ¹Lit., the land

^aMatt. 14:34-36; Mark 6:53-56; John 6:24, 25

^bMark 6:53; Luke 5:1

35 ¹Or, knew

36 ^aMatt. 9:20 ^bMatt. 9:21; Mark 3:10; 6:56;

8:22; Luke 6:19

1 ^aMatt. 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23 ^bMark 3:22; 7:1;

John 1:19; Acts 25:7

2 ^aLuke 11:38

3 ¹Or, you also

4 ¹Lit., die the death

^aEx. 20:12; Deut. 5:16

^bEx. 21:17; Lev. 20:9

5 ¹Or, a gift, an offering

6 ¹Many mss. do not contain or his mother ²i.e., by supporting them with it

³Some mss. read low

8 ^aIs. 29:13

9 ^aCol. 2:22

11 ^aMatt. 15:18; Acts 10:14, 15;

1 Tim. 4:3

12 ¹Lit., caused to stumble

13 ^aIs. 60:21; 61:3;

John 15:2; 1 Cor. 3:9

CHAPTER 15

^aTHEN some Pharisees and scribes ^acame to Jesus ^bfrom Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they ^ado not wash their hands when they eat bread."

3 And He answered and said to them, "**And why do ¹you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?**

4 "**For God said, '^aHONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, '^bHWHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM ¹BE PUT TO DEATH.**"

5 "**But you say, 'Whoever shall say to his father or mother 'Anything of mine you might have been helped by has been ¹given to God,'**

6 **he is not to honor his father ¹or his mother². And thus you invalidated the ³word of God for the sake of your tradition.**

7 "**You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying**

8 **'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.**

9 **'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS ^aDOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'**"

10 And after He called the multitude to Him, He said to them, "**Hear, and understand.**

11 "***Not what enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."**

12 Then the disciples ^acame and ^asaid to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were ¹offended when they heard this statement?"

13 But He answered and said, "***Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be rooted up.**

14 "Let them alone; ***they are blind guides¹ of the blind. And ^bif a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.**"

15 And Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain the parable to us."

16 And He said, "Are you still lacking in understanding also?"

17 "Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the ¹stomach, and is ²eliminated?"

18 "But ***the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.**

19 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, ¹fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

20 "These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

21 ¶ And Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of ^bTyre and ^bSidon.

22 And behold, a Canaanite woman came out from that region, and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, ^aSon of David; my daughter is cruelly ^bdemon-possessed."

23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came to Him and kept asking Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is shouting out after us."

24 But He answered and said, "I was sent only to ***the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**"

25 But she came and ^abegan ¹to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26 And He answered and said, "It is not **1**good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

27 But she said, "Yes, Lord; ¹but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, ***your faith is great; be it done for you**

14 ¹Some mss. do not contain of the blind
*Matt. 23:16.
24 *Luke 6:39

15 *Matt. 13:36

17 ¹Lit., belly
²Lit., cast out into the latrine

18 *Matt. 12:34; Mark 7:20

19 ¹I.e., sexual immorality
*Gal. 5:19ff.

21 *Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
*Matt. 11:21

22 *Matt. 9:27
*Matt. 4:24

24 *Matt. 10:6

25 ¹Or, to worship
*Matt. 8:2

26 ¹Or, proper

27 ¹Lit., for

28 ¹Lit., from that hour
*Matt. 9:22

29 *Matt. 15:29-31; Mark 7:31-37
*Matt. 4:18

30 *Matt. 4:23

31 ¹Or, healthy
*Matt. 9:8

32 ¹Lit., are remaining
*Matt. 15:32-39; Mark 8:1-10; Matt. 14:13-21
*Matt. 9:36

35 ¹Lit., recline

36 *Matt. 14:19; 26:27; Luke 22:17; 19; John 6:11; 23; Acts 27:35; Rom. 14:6

37 *Matt. 16:10; Mark 8:8, 20; Acts 9:25

39 *Mark 3:9
*Mark 8:10

as you wish." And her daughter was healed ¹at once.

29 ¶ And departing from there, Jesus went along by ^bthe Sea of Galilee, and having gone up to the mountain, He was sitting there.

30 And great multitudes came to Him, bringing with them *those who were lame, crippled, blind, dumb, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and* ^aHe healed them.

31 so that the multitude marveled as they saw the dumb speaking, the crippled ¹restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they ^aglorified the God of Israel.

32 ¶ And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the multitude, because they ¹have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not wish to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

33 And the disciples ^asaid to Him, "Where would we get so many loaves in a desolate place to satisfy such a great multitude?"

34 And Jesus ^asaid to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

35 And He directed the multitude to ¹sit down on the ground;

36 and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and ^agiving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples *in turn*, to the multitudes.

37 And they all ate, and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large ^abaskets full.

38 And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

39 And sending away the multitudes, He got into ^athe boat, and came to the region of ^bMagadan.

CHAPTER 16

AND the ^bPharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Him ^casked Him to show them a ¹sign from heaven.

2 ¹But He answered and said to them, *"When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'*

3 *"And in the morning, 'There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.' "Do you know how to discern the ¹appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times?*

4 *"An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a ¹sign; and a ¹sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah."* And He left them, and went away.

5 ¶ And the disciples came to the other side and had forgotten to take bread.

6 And Jesus said to them, *"Watch out and ^abeware of the ¹heaven of the ^bPharisees and Sadducees."*

7 And they began to discuss among themselves, saying, *"It is because we took no bread."*

8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, *"^aYou men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread?"*

9 *"Do you not yet understand or remember ^athe five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets you took up?*

10 *"Or ^athe seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets you took up?*

11 *"How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But ^abeware of the ¹heaven of the ^bPharisees and Sadducees."*

12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the heaven of bread, but of the teaching of the ^aPharisees and Sadducees.

13 ¶ ^aNow when Jesus came into the district of ^bCaesarea Philippi, He began asking His

1 ¹Or, at-testing miracle

^aMatt. 16:1-12; Mark 8:11-21

^bMatt. 3:7; 16:6, 11, 12; ^cMatt. 12:38; Luke 11:16

2 ¹The earliest mss. do not contain vv. 2, 3

^aLuke 12:54f.

3 ¹Lit.,

face

^aLuke 12:56

4 ¹Or, at-testing miracle

^aMatt. 12:39; Luke 11:29

6 ¹Or,

yeast

^aMark 8:15;

Luke 12:1

^bMatt. 3:7

8 ^aMatt.

6:30; 8:26;

14:31

9 ^aMatt.

14:17-21

10 ^aMatt.

15:34-38

11 ¹Or,

yeast

^aMatt. 16:6;

Mark 8:15;

Luke 12:1

^bMatt. 3:7;

16:6, 12

12 ^aMatt.

3:7; 5:20

13 ^aMatt.

16:13-16

Mark 8:27-29;

Luke 9:18-20

^bMark 8:27

^cMatt. 8:20;

16:27, 28

14 ¹Gr.,

Elias ²Gr.,

Jeremias

^aMatt. 14:2

^bMatt. 17:10;

Mark 6:15;

Luke 9:8;

John 1:21

16 ¹I.e., the

Messiah

^aMatt. 1:16;

16:20; John

11:27 ^bMatt.

4:3 ^cPs. 42:2;

Matt. 26:63;

Acts 14:15;

Rom. 9:26; 2

Cor. 3:3; 6:16;

1 Thess. 1:9;

1 Tim. 3:15;

4:10; Heb.

3:12; 9:14;

10:31; 12:22;

Rev. 7:2

17 ¹I.e., son

of Jonah

^aJohn 1:42;

21:15-17

^b1 Cor. 15:50;

Gal. 1:16;

Eph. 6:12;

Heb. 2:14

disciples, saying, *"Who do people say that ^cthe Son of Man is?"*

14 And they said, *"Some say ^aJohn the Baptist; and others, ^{1b}Elijah; but still others, ²Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."*

15 He ^asaid to them, *"But who do you say that I am?"*

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, *"Thou art ^{1a}the Christ, ^bthe Son of ^cthe living God."*

17 And Jesus answered and said to him, *"Blessed are you, ^aSimon ¹Barjona, because ^bflesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."*

18 *"And I also say to you that you are ^{1a}Peter, and upon this ²rock I will build My church; and the gates of ^bHades shall not overpower it."*

19 *"I will give you ^athe keys of the kingdom of heaven; and ^bwhatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

20 ^aThen He ¹warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was ^{2b}the Christ.

21 ¶ ^aFrom that time Jesus Christ began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and ^bsuffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

22 And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, *"¹God forbid it, Lord! This shall never ²happen to You."*

23 But He turned and said to Peter, *"Get behind Me, ^aSatan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on ¹God's interests, but man's."*

18 ¹Gr., Petros, a stone ²Gr., petra, large rock, bed-rock ^aMatt. 4:18 ^bMatt. 11:23

19 ^aIs. 22:22; Rev. 1:18; 3:7 ^bMatt. 18:18; John 20:23

20 ¹Or, strictly admonished ²I.e., the Messiah ^aMatt.

8:4; Mark 8:30; Luke 9:21 ^bMatt. 1:16; 16:16; John 11:27

21 ^aMatt. 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-9:1; Luke 9:22-27 ^bMatt.

12:40; 17:9, 12, 22f.; 20:18f.; 27:63; Mark 9:12, 31; Luke

17:25; 18:32; 24:7; John 2:19

22 ¹Lit., (God be) merciful to You ²Lit., be

23 ¹Lit., the things of God ^aMatt. 4:10

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

25 "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

26 "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds.

28 "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

CHAPTER 17

AND six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves.

2 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

6 And when the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were much afraid.

24 *Matt. 10:38; Luke 14:27

25 *Or, soul *Matt. 10:39

27 *Lit., doing

*Matt. 8:20 *Matt. 10:23; 24:3, 27, 37, 39; 26:64;

Mark 8:38; 13:26; Luke 21:27; John 21:22; Acts 1:11, 1 Cor. 15:23;

1 Thessa. 1:10; 4:16; 2 Thessa. 1:7, 10; 2:1, 8;

James 5:7f.; 2 Pet. 1:16; 3:4, 12;

1 John 2:28; Rev. 1:7 *Ps. 62:12; Prov. 24:12; Rom. 2:6; 14:12;

1 Cor. 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:10; Eph. 6:8; Col. 3:25; Rev. 2:23, 20:12; 22:12

28 *Matt. 8:20 *Matt. 10:23, 24:3, 27, 37, 39;

26:64; Mark 8:38; 13:26;

Luke 21:27; John 21:22; Acts 1:11;

1 Cor. 15:23; 1 Thessa. 1:10; 4:16; 2 Thessa. 1:7, 10; 2:1, 8;

James 5:7f.; 2 Pet. 1:16; 3:4, 12;

1 John 2:28; Rev. 1:7

1 *Or, Jacob

*Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8;

Luke 9:29-36; *Matt. 26:37; Mark 5:37, 13:3

4 *Or, sacred tents

*Mark 9:5; Luke 9:33

5 *Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22; 2 Pet. 1:17f. *Is. 42:1; Matt. 3:17; 12:18

7 *Matt. 14:27

9 *Matt. 17:9-13; Mark 9:9-13; *Matt. 8:4; *Matt. 8:20; 17:12, 22; *Matt. 16:21

10 *Mal. 4:5; Matt. 11:14; 16:14

12 *Lit., in him; or, in his case *Lit., by them

7 And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus Himself alone.

9 ¶ And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

10 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

11 And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things;

12 but I say to you, that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands."

13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

14 ¶ And when they came to the multitude, a man came up to Him, falling on his knees before Him, and saying,

15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic, and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire, and often into the water.

16 "And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him."

17 And Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me."

18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once.

19 ¶ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

*Matt. 8:20; 17:9, 22

14 *Matt. 17:14-19; Mark 9:14-28; Matt. 17:14-18; Luke 9:37-42

15 *Or, Sir *Matt. 4:24

18 *Lit., from that hour

20 And He ^asaid to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, ^aif you have faith as ^ba mustard seed, you shall say to ^cthis mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and ^dnothing shall be impossible to you.

21 [^a"But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."]

22 ¶ ^aAnd while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be ¹delivered into the hands of men;

23 and ^athey will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day." And they were deeply grieved.

24 ¶ And when they had come to Capernaum, those who collected ^athe ¹two-drachma tax came to Peter, and said, "Does your teacher not pay ^athe ¹two-drachma tax?"

25 He ^asaid, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus ¹spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth collect ^acustoms or ^bpoll-tax, from their sons or from strangers?"

26 And upon his saying, "From strangers," Jesus said to him, "Consequently the sons are ¹exempt.

27 "But, lest we ¹give them offense, go to the sea, and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a ²stater. Take that and give it to them for you and Me."

CHAPTER 18

^aAT that ¹time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "^bWho then is ²greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

2 And He called a child to Himself and set him ¹before them,

3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you ¹are converted and

20 ^aMatt. 21:21f.; Mark 11:23f.; Luke 17:6 ^bMatt. 13:31; Luke 17:6 ^cMatt. 17:9; 1 Cor 13:2 ^dMark 9:23; John 11:40

21 ¹Many mss. do not contain this v.

^aMark 9:29

22 ¹Or, be-

trayed

^aMatt. 17:22.

23 Mark

9:30-32; Luke

9:44, 45

23 ^aMatt.

16:21, 17:9

24 ¹Equi-

valent to two

denarii or

two days'

wages paid

as a temple

tax

^aEx. 30:13;

38:26

25 ¹Or, an-

anticipated

what he was

going to say,

^aRom. 13:7

^bMatt. 22:17,

19

26 ¹Or, free

27 ¹Lit.,

cause them

to stumble

^aOr, shake,

worth four

drachmas

^aMatt. 5:29,

30; 18:6, 8, 9;

Mark 9:42,

43, 45, 47;

Luke 17:2;

John 6:61;

1 Cor 8:13

¹Lit.,

hour ²Lit.,

greater

^aMatt. 18:1-5;

Mark 9:33-37;

Luke 9:46-48

^bLuke 22:24

2 ¹Lit., in

their midst

3 ¹Lit., are

turned

^aMatt. 19:14;

Mark 10:15;

Luke 18:17;

1 Cor 14:20;

1 Pet. 2:2

6 ¹Lit.,

millstone

turned by a

donkey

^aMark 9:42;

Luke 17:2;

1 Cor. 8:12

^bMatt. 17:27

7 ^aLuke

17:1; 1 Cor.

11:19; 1 Tim.

4:1

8 ^aMatt.

5:30; Mark

9:43

^abecome like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;

6 but ^awhoever ^bcauses one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a ¹heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 ¶ "Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For ^ait is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!

8 "And ^aif your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the eternal fire.

9 "And ^aif your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into the ¹fiery hell.

10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you, that ^atheir angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in heaven.

11 [^a"For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]

12 "What do you think? ^aIf any man ¹has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?

9 ¹Lit., Gehenna of fire ^aMatt. 5:29; Mark 9:47 ^bMatt. 5:22

10 ^aLuke 1:19; Acts 12:15; Rev. 8:2

11 ¹Most ancient mss. do not contain this v. ^aLuke

19:10

12 ¹Or, comes to have ^aMatt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:4-7

13 "And if it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.

14 "Thus it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

15 ¶ "And if your brother sins¹, go and reprove him² in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that **BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.**

17 "And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as ¹a Gentile and ²a tax-gatherer.

18 "Truly I say to you, whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

21 ¶ Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a certain king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 "And when he had begun to settle them, there was brought to him one who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 "But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord com-

14 ¹Lit., before

15 ¹Many mss. add against you
²Lit., between you and him alone

¹Lev. 19:17;
Luke 17:3;
Gal. 6:1;
2 Thess. 3:15;
James 5:19

16 ¹Lit., word

¹Deut. 19:15;
John 8:17;
2 Cor. 13:1;
1 Tim. 5:19;
Heb. 10:28

17 ¹Lit., the
²i.e., Collector of Roman taxes for profit

¹1 Cor. 6:1ff.
²2 Thess. 3:6, 14f.

18 ¹Or, forbid
²Or, permit

¹Matt. 16:19;
John 20:23

19 ¹Lit., from

¹Matt. 7:7

20 ¹Matt. 28:20

21 ¹Matt. 18:15; Luke 17:4

22 ¹Gen. 4:24

23 ¹Matt. 13:24; ²Matt. 25:19

24 ¹About \$10,000,000 in silver content but worth much more in buying power

25 ¹Or, was unable to

¹Luke 7:42
²Ex. 21:2;
Lev. 25:39;
2 Kin. 4:1;
Neh. 5:5

26 ¹Matt. 8:2

27 ¹Or, loan

¹Luke 7:42

28 ¹The denarius was equivalent to one day's wage

33 ¹Matt. 6:12; Eph. 4:32

35 ¹Lit., your hearts

¹Matt. 6:14

1 ¹Matt. 7:28; ²Matt. 19:1-9; Mark 10:1-12

manded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 "The slave therefore falling down, prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you everything.'

27 "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.

28 "But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'

29 "So his fellow slave fell down and began to entreat him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.'

30 "He was unwilling however, but went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.

31 "So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

32 "Then summoning him, his lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you entreated me.

33 "Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?"

34 "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

35 "So shall My heavenly Father also do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

CHAPTER 19

AND it came about that when Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee, and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan;

2 and great multitudes followed Him, and ^aHe healed them there.

3 ¶ And some Pharisees came to Him, testing Him, and saying, "Is it lawful for a man to ¹divorce his wife for any cause at all?"

4 And He answered and said, "Have you not read, ^athat He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

5 and said, ^aFOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND ^bTHE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH?"

6 "Consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

7 They ^asaid to Him, "Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY?"

8 He ^asaid to them, "¹Because of your hardness of heart, Moses permitted you to ²divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

9 "And I say to you, ^awhoever ¹divorces his wife, except for ²immorality, and marries another woman ³commits adultery⁴."

10 The disciples ^asaid to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry."

11 But He said to them, "^aNot all men can accept this statement, but ^bonly those to whom it has been given.

12 "For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are also eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept this, let him accept it."

13 ¶ ^aThen some children were brought to Him so that He

² ^aMatt. 4:23

³ ¹Or, send away

^aMatt. 5:31

⁴ ^aGen. 1:27; 5:2

⁵ ^aGen. 2:24; Eph. 5:31

^b1 Cor. 6:16

⁷ ^aDeut. 24:1-4; Matt. 5:31

⁸ ¹Or, With reference to ²Or, send away

⁹ ¹Or, sends away

² ^{i.e.}, sexual immorality

³Some early mss. read makes her

commit adultery

⁴Some early mss. add and he who marries a divorced woman commits adultery

^aMatt. 5:32

¹¹ ^a1 Cor. 7:1ff

^bMatt. 13:11

¹³ ^aMatt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17

¹⁴ ¹Or, Permit the children

^aMatt. 18:3; Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17

¹ Cor. 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2

^bMatt. 5:3

¹⁶ ^aMatt. 19:16-29; Mark 10:17-30; Luke 18:18-30; Luke 10:25-28

^bMatt. 25:46

¹⁷ ^aLev. 18:5; Neh. 9:29; Ezek. 20:21

¹⁸ ^aEx. 20:13-16; Deut. 5:17-20

¹⁹ ^aEx. 20:12; Deut. 5:16

^bLev. 19:18

²¹ ¹Or, perfect

^aLuke 12:33; 16:9; Acts 2:45; 4:34f.

^bMatt. 6:20

²³ ^aMatt. 13:22; Mark 10:23f.; Luke 18:24

²⁴ ^aMark 10:25; Luke 18:25

might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But Jesus said, "¹Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for ^bthe kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

15 And after laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

16 ¶ ^aAnd behold, one came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain ^beternal life?"

17 And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but ^aif you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."

18 He ^asaid to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "^aYOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS;

19 ^aHONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and ^bYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

20 The young man ^asaid to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?"

21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be ¹complete, go and ^asell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have ^btreasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who owned much property.

23 ¶ And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, ^ait is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

24 "And again I say to you, ^ait is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

25 And when the disciples

heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

26 And looking upon *them* Jesus said to them, "With men *this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.*"

27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?"

28 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when *the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

29 "And *everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother¹ or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive ²many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.*

30 "But many who are first will be last; and the last, first.

CHAPTER 20

“FOR *the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers² for his vineyard.*

2 "And when he had agreed with the laborers for a *denarius* for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

3 "And he went out about the *third hour* and saw others standing idle in the market place;

4 and to those he said, 'You too go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' And so they went.

5 "Again he went out about the *sixth and the ninth hour*, and did *the same thing.*

6 "And about the *eleventh hour* he went out, and found others standing; and he *said to*

26 ¹Gen. 18:14; Job 42:2; Jer. 32:17; Zech. 8:6; Mark 10:27; Luke 1:37; 18:27.

28 ¹Lit., the throne of His glory.

²Matt. 25:31; ³Luke 22:30; Rev. 3:21; 4:4; 11:16; 20:4.

29 ¹Many mss. add or wife ²Many mss. read a hundredfold.

³Matt. 6:33; Mark 10:29f.; Luke 18:29f.

30 ¹Matt. 20:16; Mark 10:31; Luke 13:30.

¹Lit., a man, a landowner ²Lit., into.

³Matt. 13:24; ⁴Matt. 21:28, 33.

2 ¹The denarius was equivalent to one day's wage.

3 ¹I.e., 9 a.m.

5 ¹I.e., Noon and 3 p.m. ²Lit., similarly.

6 ¹I.e., 5 p.m.

8 ¹Or, lord.

²Lev. 19:13; Deut. 24:15.

³Luke 8:3.

9 ¹The denarius was equivalent to one day's wage.

12 ¹Jon. 4:8; Luke 12:55; James 1:11.

13 ¹Matt. 22:12; 26:50.

15 ¹Lit., evil.

²Lit., good.

³Deut. 15:9; Matt. 6:23; Mark 7:22.

16 ¹Matt. 19:30; Mark 10:31; Luke 13:30.

17 ¹Matt. 20:17-19; Mark 10:32-34; Luke 18:31-33.

18 ¹Or, betrayed.

²Matt. 16:21.

19 ¹Matt. 27:2; Acts 2:23; 3:13; 4:27; 21:11.

²Matt. 16:21; 17:23; Luke 18:32f.

them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day long?'

7 "They *said to him, 'Because no one hired us.'* He *said to them, 'You too go into the vineyard.'*

8 "And when *evening* had come, the *owner of the vineyard* *said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last group to the first.'*

9 "And when those *hired about the eleventh hour* came, each one received a *denarius.*

10 "And when those *hired first* came, they thought that they would receive more; and they also received each one a *denarius.*

11 "And when they received it, they grumbled at the landowner,

12 saying, 'These last men have worked *only one hour*, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the *scorching heat of the day.*'

13 "But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?'

14 'Take what is yours and go your way, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.

15 'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your *eye* *envious because I am generous?*'

16 "Thus *the last shall be first, and the first last.*"

17 ¶ *And as Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and on the way He said to them,*

18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man *will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,*

19 and *will deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up.*"

20 ¶ ^aThen the mother of ^bthe sons of Zebedee came to Him with her sons, ^cbowing down, and making a request of Him.

21 And He said to her, "**What do you wish?**" She ^{*}said to Him, "Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine ^amay sit, one on Your right and one on Your left."

22 But Jesus answered and said, "**You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able ^ato drink the cup that I am about to drink?**" They ^{*}said to Him, "We are able."

23 He ^{*}said to them, "**My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, ^bbut it is for those for whom it has been ^cprepared by My Father.**"

24 And hearing *this*, the ten became indignant with the two brothers.

25 ^aBut Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "**You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them.**

26 "**It is not so among you, ^abut whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,**

27 **and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave;**

28 **just as ^athe Son of Man ^bdid not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His ¹life a ransom for many."**

29 ¶ ^aAnd as they were going out from Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Lord, ^ahave mercy on us, ^bSon of David!"

31 And the multitude sternly told them to be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Lord, have mercy on us, ^aSon of David!"

20 ^aMatt. 20:20-28; Mark 10:35-45; ^bMatt. 4:21; 10:2; ^cMatt. 8:2

21 ^aMatt. 19:28

22 ^aIs. 51:17, 22; Jer. 49:12; Matt. 26:39, 42; Luke 22:42; John 18:11

23 ^aActs 12:2; Rev. 1:9; ^bMatt. 13:11; ^cMatt. 25:34

25 ^aMatt. 20:25-28; Luke 22:25-27

26 ^aMatt. 23:11; Mark 9:35; 10:43; Luke 22:26

28 ¹Or, soul; ^aMatt. 8:20; ^bMatt. 26:28; John 13:13ff.; 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:7; 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:14; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 1:5

29 ^aMatt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43; Matt. 9:27-31

30 ^aMatt. 20:31; ^bMatt. 9:27

31 ^aMatt. 9:27

1 ^aMatt. 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-38

^bMatt. 24:3; 26:30; Mark 11:1; 13:3; 14:26; Luke 19:29, 37; 21:37; 22:39; John 8:1; Acts 1:12

4 ^aMatt. 21:4-9; Mark 11:7-10; Luke 19:35-38; John 12:12-15

5 ^aIs. 62:11; Zech. 9:9

7 ¹Lit., on them

8 ^a2 Kin. 9:13

9 ^aMatt. 9:27

32 And Jesus stopped and called them, and said, "**What do you want Me to do for you?**"

33 They ^{*}said to Him, "Lord, we want our eyes to be opened."

34 And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

CHAPTER 21

^aAND when they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, to ^bthe Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "**Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them, and bring them to Me.**

3 "**And if anyone says something to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them.**"

4 ^aNow this took place that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

5 "**SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION,**

'BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU,

GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY,

EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.'"

6 And the disciples went and did just as Jesus had directed them,

7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid on them their garments, ¹on which He sat.

8 And most of the multitude ^aspread their garments in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees, and spreading them in the road.

9 And the multitudes going before Him, and those who followed after were crying out, saying,

"Hosanna to the ^aSon of David;

^bBLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

Hosanna ^cin the highest!"

10 And when He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

11 And the multitudes were saying, "This is ^athe prophet Jesus, from ^bNazareth in Galilee."

12 ¶ ^aAnd Jesus entered the temple and cast out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the ^bmoneychangers and the seats of those who were selling ^cdoves.

13 And He ^asaid to them, "It is written, '^bMY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'; but you are making it a ^c'ROBBER'S DEN.'"

14 And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and ^aHe healed them.

15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the ^aSon of David," they became indignant.

16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus ^asaid to them, "Yes; have you never read, '^bOUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABES THOU HAST PREPARED PRAISE FOR THYSELF?'"

17 And He left them and went out of the city to ^aBethany, and lodged there.

18 ¶ ^aNow in the morning, when He returned to the city, He became hungry.

19 And seeing a lone ^afig tree by the road, He came to it, and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He ^asaid to it, "No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you." And at once the fig tree withered.

^a9 Ps.
118:26 ^bLuke
2:14

^c11 ^aMatt.
21:26; Mark
6:15; Luke
7:16, 39;
13:33, 24:19;
John 1:21, 25;
4:19; 6:14;
7:40; 9:17;
Acts 3:22f.;
7:37 ^bMatt.
2:23

^c12 ^aLit., the
doves
^bMatt. 21:12-
16; Mark
11:15-16;
Luke 19:45-
47; Matt.
21:12, 13;
John 2:13-16
^cEx. 30:13;
^dLev. 1:14;
5:7, 12:8
13 ^aLit.,
came
^bIs. 56:7 ^cJer.
7:11

^c14 ^aMatt.
4:23

^c15 ^aMatt.
9:27

^c16 ^aPs. 8:2;
Matt. 11:25

^c17 ^aMatt.
26:6; Mark
11:1, 11, 12;
14:3; Luke
19:29; 24:50;
John 11:1, 18;
12:1

^c18 ^aMatt.
21:18-22;
Mark 11:12-
14, 20-24

^c19 ^aLuke
13:6-9

^c21 ^aMatt.
17:20; Mark
11:23; Luke
17:6; James
1:6

^c22 ^aMatt.
7:7

^c23 ^aMatt.
21:23-27;
Mark 11:27;
13; Luke
20:1-8 ^bMatt.
26:55

^c24 ^aLit.,
word

^c25 ^aMatt.
11:9; Mark
6:20

^c26 ^aLit.,
children ^bLit.,
Child
^cMatt. 20:1,
21:33

^c29 ^aSome
ms. read 'I
will not'; yet
he afterward
regretted and
went

^c30 ^aLit.,
likewise
^bSome ms.
read 'I will';
and he did
not go

20 And seeing this, the disciples marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?"

21 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you ^aif you have faith, and do not doubt, you shall not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, '^bBe taken up and cast into the sea,' it shall happen.

22 "And ^aall things you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive."

23 ¶ ^aAnd when He had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him ^bas He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"

24 And Jesus answered and said to them, "I will ask you one ^athing too, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 "The baptism of John was from what source, from heaven or from men?" And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'"

26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude; for they all hold John to be ^aa prophet."

27 And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

28 "But what do you think? A man had two ^asons, and he came to the first and said, '^bSon, go work today in the ^cvineyard.'

29 "And he answered and said, '^aI will, sir'; and he did not go.

30 "And he came to the second and said ^athe same thing. But he answered and said, '^aI will not'; yet he afterward regretted it and went.

31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They ^asaid, "The latter." Jesus ^asaid to

them, "Truly I say to you that ^athe ¹tax-gatherers and harlots ²will get into the kingdom of God before you.

32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but ^athe tax-gatherers and harlots did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

33 ¶ "Listen to another parable. ^aThere was a ¹landowner who ^bPLANTED A ^cVINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to ²vine-growers, and ^dwent on a journey.

34 "And when the ¹harvest time approached, he ^asent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce.

35 "And the vine-growers took his slaves and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third.

36 "Again he ^asent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did ¹the same thing to them.

37 "But afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

38 "But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and seize his inheritance.'

39 "And they took him, and threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

40 "Therefore when the ¹owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-growers?"

41 They ^asaid to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and ^awill rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers, who will pay him the proceeds at the proper seasons."

42 Jesus ^asaid to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures,

^a"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,

³¹ ¹I.e., Collectors of Roman taxes for profit ²Or, are getting into ^aLuke 7:29, 37-50

³² ^aLuke 3:12; 7:29f.

³³ ¹Lit., a man, a householder ²Or, tenant farmers; also vv. 34, 35, 38, 40 ^aMatt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19 ^bIs. 5:1, 2 ^cMatt. 20:1, 21:28 ^dMatt. 25:14

³⁴ ¹Lit., the season of the fruits ^aMatt. 22:3

³⁶ ¹Lit., likewise ^aMatt. 22:4

⁴⁰ ¹Lit., lord

⁴¹ ^aMatt. 8:11f.; Acts 13:46; 18:6, 28:28

⁴² ^aPs. 118:22f.; Acts 4:11; Rom. 9:33; 1 Pet. 2:7

⁴⁴ ^aIs. 8:14, 15

⁴⁶ ^aMatt. 21:28 ^bMatt. 21:11

² ¹Lit., a man, a king ²Lit., made ^aMatt. 13:24, 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24 ^bLuke 12:36; John 2:2

³ ^aMatt. 21:34

⁴ ^aMatt. 21:36

⁵ ¹Or, field

THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone;

THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,

AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?"

43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it.

44 "And ^ahe who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.

46 And when they sought to seize Him, they ^afeared the multitudes, because they held Him to be a ^bprophet.

CHAPTER 22

AND Jesus answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying,

2 ^a"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to ¹a king, who ²gave a ^bwedding feast for his son.

3 "And he ^asent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.

4 "Again he ^asent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast."'

5 "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own ¹farm, another to his business,

6 and the rest seized his slave and mistreated them and killed them.

7 "But the king was enraged and sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire.

8 "Then he ^asaid to his slaves

The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.

9 Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.

10 And those slaves went out into the streets, and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.

11 But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw there a man not dressed in wedding clothes,

12 and he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes? And he was speechless.

13 Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

15 Then the Pharisees went and counseled together how they might trap Him in what He said.

16 And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.

17 Tell us therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?

18 But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?

19 Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax. And they brought Him a denarius.

20 And He said to them, Whose likeness and inscription is this?

21 They said to Him, Caesar's. Then He said to them, Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to

9 Ezek.
21:21; Obad.
14

10 Lit.,
those reclining
at the table

11 2 Kin.
10:22; Zech.
3:3, 4

12 Lit., not
having

13 Matt.
8:12; 25:30;
Luke 13:28

14 Or, invited
Matt. 24:23;
2 Pet. 1:10;
Rev. 17:14

15 Lit., in
word

16 Matt. 22:15-
22; Mark
12:13-17;
Luke 20:20-26

17 I.e., you
court no
man's favor

18 Or, permissible
Matt. 17:25
Luke 2:1, 3:1

19 Or,
wickedness

20 The denarius was
equivalent to
one day's wage

21 Matt. 17:25
22 Mark
12:17; Luke
20:25; Rom.
13:7

22 Mark
12:12

23 Matt.
22:23-33;
Mark 12:18-
27; Luke
20:27-40

24 Matt. 3:7
Acts 23:8
25 Deut.
25:5

26 Or,
knowing

27 John 20:9

28 Other
mss. add of
God

29 Matt. 24:38;
Luke 17:27

30 Ex. 3:6
31 Matt.
7:28

32 Matt.
22:34-40;
Mark 12:28-
31; Luke
10:25-37

33 Matt. 3:7

34 I.e., an
expert in the
Mosaic Law
Luke 7:30;
10:25; 11:45;
46; 52; 14:3;
Titus 3:13

God the things that are God's.

22 And hearing this, they marveled, and leaving Him, they went away.

23 On that day some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Him and questioned Him,

24 saying, Teacher, Moses said, If a man dies, having no children, his brother as next of kin shall marry his wife, and raise up an offspring to his brother.

25 Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no offspring left his wife to his brother;

26 so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh.

27 And last of all, the woman died.

28 In the resurrection therefore whose wife of the seven shall she be? For they all had her.

29 But Jesus answered and said to them, You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

31 But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying,

32 I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.

33 And when the multitudes heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they gathered themselves together.

35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him,

36 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?

37 And He said to him, **"*YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND."**

38 **"This is the great and ¹foremost commandment.**

39 **"The second is like it, ²*YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."**

40 **"*On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."**

41 ¶ ***Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,**

42 **saying, "What do you think about ¹the Christ, whose son is He?"** They ²said to Him, **"*The son of David."**

43 He ³said to them, **"Then how does David ¹in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,**

44 **"*THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,**

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET" ?

45 **"If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?"**

46 And ⁴no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

CHAPTER 23

^a **THEN** Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, ²saying, **"*The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses;**

³ **therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say ¹things, and do not do them.**

4 **"And ²*they tie up heavy loads, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.**

5 **"But they do all their deeds ³*to be noticed by men; for they ⁴*broaden their ¹phylacteries,**

37 ⁴Deut

6:5

38 ¹Or, first

39 ²Lev

19:18; Matt

19:19; Gal

5:14

40 ³Matt

7:12

41 ⁴Matt

22:41-46

Mark 12:35-

37; Luke

20:41-44

42 ¹i.e., the

Messiah

²Matt 9:27

43 ³Or, by

inspiration

⁴2 Sam. 23:2;

Rev. 1:10; 4:2

44 ⁵Ps

110:1; Matt

26:64; Mark

16:19; Acts

2:34f.; 1 Cor.

15:25; Heb

1:13; 10:13

46 ⁶Mark

12:34; Luke

14:6; 20:40

1 ⁷Matt

23:1-7; Mark

12:38, 39;

Luke 20:45;

46

2 ⁸Deut

33:3f.; Ezra

7:6, 25; Neh

8:4

4 ⁹Luke

11:46; Acts

15:10

5 ¹⁰i.e.,

small boxes

containing

Scripture

texts worn

for religious

purposes

¹¹Matt. 6:1, 5,

16 ¹²Ex. 13:9;

Deut. 6:8;

11:18 ¹³Matt.

9:20

6 ¹⁴Luke

11:43; 14:7;

20:46

7 ¹⁵Matt

23:8, 26, 25,

49; Mark 9:5;

10:51; 11:21;

John 1:38, 49;

3:2, 26; 4:31;

6:25; 9:2;

11:8, 20, 16

8 ¹⁶James

3:1 ¹⁷Matt.

23:7, 26-25,

49; Mark 9:5;

10:51; 11:21;

14:45; John

1:38, 49; 3:2,

26; 4:31, 6:25,

9:2, 11:8,

20:16

9 ¹⁸Matt

6:9, 7:11

10 ¹⁹Or,

teachers

11 ²⁰Matt

20:26

12 ²¹Luke

14:11; 18:14

and lengthen ²²the tassels of the garments.

6 **"And they ²³love the place of honor at banquets, and the chief seats in the synagogues,**

²⁴ **and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called by men, ²⁵*Rabbi.**

8 **"But ²⁶*do not be called ²⁷*Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.**

9 **"And do not call anyone on earth your father; for ²⁸*One is your Father, He who is in heaven.**

10 **"And do not be called ²⁹Leaders; for One is your Leader, the Son of Man, is, Christ.**

11 **"*But the greatest among you shall be your servant.**

12 **"And ³⁰*whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.**

13 ¶ **"*But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, ³¹because you shut off the kingdom of heaven ³²from men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.**

14 [**"*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, ³³because ³⁴'you devour widows' houses even while for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you shall receive greater condemnation.]**

15 ¶ **"*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, ³⁵because you travel about on sea and land to make one ³⁶*proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of ³⁷heaven as yourselves.**

16 ¶ **"*Woe to you, ³⁸*blind guides, who say, ³⁹'Whoever swears by the ⁴⁰temple, that is nothing; but whoever swears by**

13 ¹Lit., in front of ²Matt. 23:15, 16, 23, 25, 27, 29

³Luke 11:52

14 ¹This v. not found in the earliest mss. ²Mark 12:41

Luke 20:47

15 ¹Or, convert ²Gr., Gehenna ³Acts 2:10; 6:5; 13:43

⁴Matt. 5:22

16 ¹Or, sanctuary ²Matt. 15:14; 23:24 ³Matt. 5:33-35

the gold of the ¹temple, he is obligated.'

17 "You fools and blind men; ^awhich is ¹more important, the gold, or the ²temple that sanctified the gold?

18 "And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, *that* is nothing, but whoever swears by the ¹offering upon it, he is obligated.'

19 "You blind men, ^awhich is ¹more important, the ²offering or the altar that sanctifies the ²offering?

20 "Therefore he who swears, swears *both* by the altar and by everything on it.

21 "And he who swears by the ¹temple, swears *both* by ²the temple and by Him who ^adwells within it.

22 "And he who swears by heaven, ^aswears *both* by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.

23 ¶ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and dill and ¹cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

24 "You ^ablind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

25 ¶ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ^ayou clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full ¹of robbery and self-indulgence.

26 "You blind Pharisee, first ^aclean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

27 ¶ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

16 ¹Or, sanctuary

17 ¹Lit., greater ²Or, sanctuary

*Ex. 30:29

18 ¹Or, gift

19 ¹Lit.,

greater ²Or,

gift

*Ex. 29:37

21 ¹Or,

sanctuary

²Lit., it

*1 Kin. 8:13;

Ps. 26:8;

132:14

22 *Is. 66:1;

Matt. 5:34

23 ¹Similar

to caraway

seeds

*Matt. 23:13;

Luke 11:42

24 *Matt.

23:16

25 ¹Or, as a

result of

*Mark 7:4;

Luke 11:39f.

26 *Mark

7:4; Luke

11:39f.

27 *Luke

11:44; Acts

23:3

29 *Luke

11:47f.

31 ¹Or, de-

scendants

*Matt. 23:34;

37; Acts

7:51f.

32 ¹Lit.,

And all up

33 ¹Or,

judgment

*Gr., Gehenna

*Matt. 3:7;

Luke 3:7

*Matt. 5:22

34 *Matt.

23:34-36;

Luke 11:49-51

*2 Chr. 36:15;

16 *Matt.

10:17 *Matt.

10:23

35 ¹Or,

sanctuary

*Gen. 4:8ff.

Heb. 11:4

*Zech. 1:1

*2 Chr. 24:21

36 *Matt.

10:23; 24:34

37 *Matt.

23:37-39;

Luke 13:34;

35 *Matt.

5:12 *Ruth

2:12

38 ¹Some

ms. do not

contain deso-

late

*1 Kin. 9:7f.;

Jer. 22:5

39 *Ps.

118:26; Matt.

21:9

28 "Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

29 ¶ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous.

30 and say, 'If we had been *living* in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in *shedding* the blood of the prophets.'

31 "Consequently you bear witness against yourselves, that you ^aare ¹sons of those who murdered the prophets.

32 ¹Fill up then the measure of the *guilt* of your fathers.

33 "You serpents, ^ayou brood of vipers, how shall you escape the ¹sentence of ^{2b}hell?

34 "Therefore, behold, ^{b1} I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will ^cscourge in your synagogues, and ^dpersecute from city to city,

35 that upon you may fall the *guilt* of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous ^aAbel to the blood of Zechariah, the ^bson of Berechiah, whom ^cyou murdered between the ¹temple and the altar.

36 "Truly I say to you, all these things shall come upon ^athis generation.

37 ¶ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who ^bkills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, ^cthe way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

38 "Behold, ^ayour house is being left to you ¹desolate!

39 "For I say to you, from now on you shall not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

CHAPTER 24

AND Jesus^b came out from the temple and was going away¹ when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

2 And He answered and said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, ^anot one stone here shall be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

3 ¶ And as He was sitting on ^athe Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of ^bYour coming, and of the ¹end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "^aSee to it that no one misleads you.

5 "For ^amany will come in My name, saying, 'I am the ¹Christ,' and will mislead many.

6 "And you will be hearing of ^awars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for *those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.*

7 "For ^anation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be ^bfamines and earthquakes.

8 "^aBut all these things are *merely the beginning of birth pangs.*

9 "^aThen they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and ^byou will be hated by all nations on account of My name.

10 "And at that time many will ¹fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another.

11 "And many ^afalse prophets will arise, and will mislead many.

12 "And because lawlessness is increased, ¹most people's love will grow cold.

13 "^aBut the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.

1 ¹Lit., and
*Matt. 24:1-51; Mark 13; Luke 21:5-36
*Matt. 21:23
2 ¹Luke 19:44

3 ¹Or, consummation
*Matt. 21:1
*Matt. 16:27; 24:27, 37, 39

4 ¹Jer. 29:8
5 ¹Lit., Messiah
*Matt. 24:11, 24; Acts 5:36f.; 1 John 2:18; 4:3

6 ¹Rev. 6:4
7 ¹2 Chr. 15:6; Is. 19:2; Rev. 6:8, 12
*Acts 11:28; Rev. 6:5, 6

8 ¹*Matt. 24:8-20; Luke 21:12-24

9 ¹*Matt. 10:17; John 16:2
*Matt. 10:22; John 15:18ff.

10 ¹Lit., be caused to stumble
*Matt. 11:6

11 ¹*Matt. 7:15; 24:24

12 ¹Lit., the love of many

13 ¹*Matt. 10:22

14 ¹Lit., inhabited earth

*Matt. 4:23

*Rom. 10:18; Col. 1:6, 23

*Luke 2:1; 4:5; Acts 11:28; 17:6, 31; 19:27;

Rom. 10:18; Heb. 1:6; 2:5;

Rev. 3:10; 16:14

15 ¹*Dan. 9:27; 11:31;

12:11
*Mark 13:14; Luke 21:20; John 11:48; Acts 6:13f.; 21:28

*Mark 13:14; Rev. 1:3

17 ¹*1 Sam. 9:25; 2 Sam. 11:2; Matt. 10:27; Luke 5:19; 12:3;

17:31; Acts 10:9

19 ¹*Luke 23:29

21 ¹*Dan. 12:1; Joel 2:2; Matt. 24:29

22 ¹Lit., flesh

23 ¹Or, chosen ones

*Matt. 22:14; 24:24, 31;

Luke 18:7

14 "And this ^agospel of the kingdom ^bshall be preached in the whole ¹world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

15 ¶ "Therefore when you see the ^aABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet standing in ^bthe holy place (^clet the reader understand),

16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

17 let him who is on ^athe housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house

18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.

19 "But ^awoe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days!

20 "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath;

21 for then there will be a ^agreat tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

22 "And unless those days have been cut short, no ¹life would have been saved; but for ^athe sake of the ²elect those days shall be cut short.

23 "^aThen if anyone says to you 'Behold, here is the ¹Christ,' or '²There He is,' do not believe him.

24 "For false Christs and ^afalse prophets will arise and will show great ¹signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even ^athe ²elect.

25 "Behold, I have told you in advance.

26 "If therefore they say to you 'Behold, He is in the wilderness do not go forth, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them.

23 ¹Lit., Messiah ²Lit., here ¹Luke 17:23f.

24 ¹Or, attesting miracles ²Or, chosen ones *Matt. 7:15; 24:11
*John 4:48; 2 Thess. 2:9
*Matt. 22:14; 24:22, 31; Luke 18:7

27^a "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the ^acoming of the ^aSon of Man be.

28^a "Wherever the corpse is, there the ¹vultures will gather.

29 ¹"But immediately after the ^atribulation of those days ^bTHE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND ^cTHE STARS WILL FALL from ¹the sky, and the powers of ¹the heavens will be shaken,

30 and then ^athe sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see ^bthe SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

31^a "And ^aHe will send forth His angels with ^aA GREAT TRUMPET and they will gather together His ¹elect from ^athe four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

32 ¹"Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;

33 even so you too, when you see all these things, ¹recognize that ²He is near, right ^aat the ³door.

34^a "Truly I say to you, ^athis ¹generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

35^a "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

36^a "But ^aof that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

37^a "For ¹the ^acoming of the Son of Man will be ^bjust like the days of Noah.

38^a "For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were ^amarrying and giving in marriage, until the day that ^aNoah entered the ark,

27 ^aLuke 17:24 ^aMatt. 24:3, 37, 39
^aMatt. 8:20
28 ¹Or, eagles
^aJob 39:30;
Ezek. 39:17;
Hab. 1:8;
Luke 17:37

29 ¹Or, heaven
^aMatt. 24:21
^aIs. 13:10;
24:23; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31;
3:15f.; Amos 5:20; 8:9;
Zeph. 1:15;
Matt. 24:29-35; Acts 2:20;
Rev. 6:12-17;
8:12 ^aIs. 34:4;
Rev. 6:13

30 ^aMatt. 24:3; Rev. 1:7
^aDan. 7:13;
Matt. 16:27;
24:3, 37, 39

31 ¹Or, chosen ones
^aMatt. 13:41
^aEx. 19:16;
Deut. 30:4; Is. 27:13; Zech. 9:14; 1 Cor. 15:52;

1 Thess. 4:16;
Heb. 12:19;
Rev. 8:2;
11:15 ^aMatt. 24:22 ^aDan. 7:2; Zech. 2:6;
Rev. 7:1

33 ¹Lit., know ^aOr, it ¹Lit., doors
^aJames 5:9;
Rev. 3:20

34 ¹Or, race
^aMatt. 10:23;
16:28; 23:36

35 ^aMatt. 5:18; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33

36 ^aMark 13:32; Acts 1:7

37 ¹Lit., just as ... were the days

^aMatt. 16:27;
24:3, 30, 39
^aGen. 8:5;
7:6-23; Luke 17:26f.

38 ^aMatt. 22:30 ^aGen. 7:7

39 ¹Lit., know
^aMatt. 16:27;
24:3, 30, 37

40 ¹Lit., is
41 ¹Lit., handmill
^aLit., is

^aLuke 17:35
^aEx. 11:5;
Deut. 24:6; Is. 47:2

39 and they did not ¹understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the ^acoming of the Son of Man be.

40^a "Then there shall be two men in the field; one ¹will be taken, and one ¹will be left.

41^a "Two women will be grinding at the ¹mill; one ²will be taken, and one ²will be left.

42^a "Therefore ^abe on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

43^a "But ¹be sure of this, that ^aif the head of the house had known ^bat what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be ²broken into.

44^a "For this reason ^ayou be ready too; for ^bthe Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think ^aHe will.

45 ¹"Who then is the ^bfaithful and ^csensible slave whom his ¹master ^aput in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?

46^a "Blessed is that slave whom his ¹master finds so doing when he comes.

47^a "Truly I say to you, that ^ahe will put him in charge of all his possessions.

48^a "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My ¹master ²is not coming for a long time,'

49 and shall begin to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with ¹drunkards;

50 the ¹master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect ^ahim and at an hour which he does not know.

42 ^aMatt. 24:43, 44; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; 21:36
43 ¹Lit., know this ¹Lit., dig through ^aMatt. 24:42, 44; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; 21:36 ^aMatt. 14:25; Mark 6:48; 13:35; Luke 12:38

44 ^aMatt. 24:42, 43; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f.; 21:36
^aMatt. 24:27

45 ¹Or, lord ^aMatt. 24:45-51; Luke 12:42-46 ^aMatt. 25:21, 23; Luke 16:10 ^aMatt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff. ^aMatt. 25:21, 23

46 ¹Or, lord
47 ^aMatt. 25:21, 23
48 ¹Or, lord ¹Lit., lingers
49 ¹Lit., those who get drunk
50 ¹Or, lord

51 and shall ¹cut him in pieces and ²assign him a place with the hypocrites; ³weeping shall be there and the gnashing of teeth.

CHAPTER 25

“**T**HEN ^athe kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their ^blamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom.

2 “And five of them were foolish, and five were ^aprudent.

3 “For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them.

4 but the ^aprudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.

5 “Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep.

6 “But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’

7 “Then all those virgins rose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 “And the foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’

9 “But the ^aprudent answered, saying, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

10 “And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ^aready went in with him to ^bthe wedding feast; and ^cthe door was shut.

11 “And later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘^aLord, lord, open up for us.’

12 “But he answered and said, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’

13 “^aBe on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

14 “^aFor it is just like a man ^babout to go on a journey, who called his own slaves, and entrusted his possessions to them.

15 “And to one he gave five ^atalents, to another, two, and to

51 ¹Or, severely scourge him
²Lit., appoint his portion
^aMatt. 8:12

1 ^aMatt. 13:24 ^bJohn 18:3, Acts 20:8, Rev. 4:5, 8:10

2 ^aMatt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

4 ^aMatt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

9 ^aMatt. 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff.

10 ^aMatt. 24:42ff. ^bLuke 12:35f. ^cMatt. 7:21ff.; Luke 13:25

11 ^aMatt. 7:21ff.; Luke 13:25

13 ^aMatt. 24:42ff.

14 ^aMatt. 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-27
^bMatt. 21:33

15 ^aA talent was \$1,000 in silver content, much more in buying power.
^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13
^bMatt. 21:33

16 ^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

18 ¹Or, lord's

19 ^aMatt. 18:23

20 ^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

21 ¹Or, lord
^aMatt. 24:45, 47; 25:23
^bLuke 12:44; 22:29; Rev. 3:21; 21:7

22 ^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

23 ^aMatt. 24:45, 47; 25:21

24 ^aMatt. 18:24; Luke 19:13

another, one, each according to his own ability; and he ^bwent on his journey.

16 “Immediately the one who had received the five ^atalents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.

17 “In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more.

18 “But he who received the one talent went away and dug in the ground, and hid his ¹master's money.

19 “Now after a long time the master of those slaves ^acame and ^asettled accounts with them.

20 “And the one who had received the five ^atalents came up and brought five more talents saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me; see, I have gained five more talents.’

21 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and ^afaithful slave; you were faithful with few things, I will ^bput you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your ¹master.’

22 “The one also who had received the two ^atalents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted to me two talents; see, I have gained two more talents.’

23 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and ^afaithful slave; you were faithful with few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

24 “And the one also who had received the one ^atalent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed.

25 “And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what yours.’

26 “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked lazy slave, you knew that I was

where I did not sow, and gather where I scattered no seed.

27 "Then you ought to have put my money ^{in the bank}, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest.

28 "Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents."

29 "For to everyone who has shall more be given, and he shall have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.

30 "And cast out the worthless slave into ^{the outer darkness}; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 "But when ^{the Son of Man} comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then ^{He} will sit on His glorious throne.

32 "And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, ^{as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats};

33 and He will put the sheep ^{on His right}, and the goats ^{on the left}.

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, ^{inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world}.'

35 "For ^I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; ^I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

36 ^I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; ^I was in prison, and you came to Me."

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You drink?'

38 "And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?"

27 ^{Lit., to the bankers}
29 ^{Matt.}
13:12; Mark
4:25; Luke
8:18; John
15:2

30 ^{Matt.}
8:12; 22:13;
Luke 13:28
31 ^{Matt.}
16:27f.;
1 Thess. 4:16;
2 Thess. 1:7;
Heb. 9:28;
Jude 14, Rev.
1:7 ^{Matt.}
19:28

32 ^{Matt.}
13:49; 2 Cor.
5:10 ^{Ezek.}
34:17, 20
33 ^I Kin.
2:19; Ps. 45:9
^{Ezek.} 10:2

34 ^{Matt.}
5:3; 19:29;
Luke 12:32;
1 Cor. 6:9;
15:50; Gal.
5:21; James
2:5 ^{Matt.}
13:35; Luke
11:50; John
17:24; Eph.
1:4; Heb. 4:3;
9:26; 1 Pet.
1:20; Rev.
13:8, 17:8

35 ^{Is.} 58:7;
Ezek. 18:7,
16; James
2:15, 16 ^{Job}
31:32; Heb.
13:2

36 ^{Is.} 58:7;
Ezek. 18:7,
16; James
2:15, 16
^{James} 1:27
^{2 Tim.} 1:16f.
40 ^{Matt.}
25:34; Luke
19:36; Rev.
17:14; 19:16
^{Prov.} 19:17;
Matt. 10:42;
Heb. 6:10

41 ^{Matt.}
7:23 ^{Mark}
9:48; Luke
16:24; Jude 7
^{Matt.} 4:10;
Rev. 12:9
44 ^{Or,}
serve

46 ^{Dan.}
12:2; John
5:29; Acts
24:15 ^{Matt.}
19:29; John
3:15f., 36;
5:24; 6:27, 40;
47:54; 17:2f.;
Acts 13:46;
48; Rom. 2:7;
5:21; 6:23;
Gal. 6:8;
1 John 5:11
1 ^{Matt.}
7:28

2 ^{Matt.}
26:2-5; Mark
14:1, 2; Luke
22:1, 2 ^{John}

39 "And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?"

40 "And ^{the King} will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, ^{to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me}.'

41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, '^{Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels};

42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they themselves also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'

45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

46 "And these will go away into ^{eternal punishment}, but the righteous into ^{eternal life}."

CHAPTER 26

^a AND it came about that when Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples,

2 "You know that after two days ^{the Passover is coming}, and the Son of Man is to be ^{delivered up for crucifixion}."

3 "Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in ^{the court}

11:55; 13:1 ^{Matt.} 10:4
3 ^{John} 11:47 ^{Matt.} 26:58, 69; 27:27; Mark 14:54, 66;
15:16; Luke 22:55; John 18:15

of the high priest, named **Caia-
phas**;

4 and they **plotted** together to
seize Jesus by stealth, and kill
Him.

5 But they were saying, "Not
during the festival, **lest** a riot oc-
cur among the people."

6 ¶ **Now** when Jesus was in
Bethany, at the home of Simon
the leper,

7 **a** woman came to Him with
an alabaster vial of very costly
perfume, and she poured it upon
His head as He reclined **at the ta-
ble**.

8 But the disciples were indig-
nant when they saw **this**, and
said, "Why this waste?"

9 "For this **perfume** might have
been sold for a high price and **the
money** given to the poor."

10 But Jesus, aware of this,
said to them, "**Why do you
bother the woman? For she has
done a good deed to Me.**"

11 "For **the poor** you have with
you always; but you do not al-
ways have Me.

12 "For when she poured this
perfume upon My body, she did
it **to prepare Me for burial.**"

13 "Truly I say to you, **wherev-
er this gospel is preached in the
whole world**, what this woman
has done shall also be spoken of
in memory of her."

14 ¶ **Then** one of the twelve,
named **Judas Iscariot**, went to
the chief priests,

15 and said, "What are you
willing to give me **to deliver**
Him up to you?" And **they**
weighed out to him thirty **pieces**
of silver.

16 And from then on he **began**
looking for a good opportunity
to **betray** Him.

17 ¶ **Now** on the first day of
Unleavened Bread the disciples
came to Jesus, saying, "Where
do You want us to prepare for
You to eat the Passover?"

18 And He said, "**Go into the**

3 •Matt.
26:57; Luke
3:2; John
11:49; 18:13;
14, 24, 28;
Acts 4:6

4 •Matt.
12:14

5 •Matt.
27:24

6 •Matt.
26:6-13; Mark
14:3-9; Luke
7:37-39; John
12:1-8 •Matt.
21:17

7 •Luke
7:37f.

11 •Deut.
15:11; Mark
14:7; John
12:8

12 •John
19:40

13 •Mark
14:9

14 •Matt.
26:14-16;
Mark 14:10,
11; Luke
22:3-6 •Matt.
10:4; 26:25,
47; 27:3; John
6:71; 12:4;
13:26; Acts
1:16

15 1Lit., and
I will 2Or, be-
tray 3Or, sil-
ver shekels

•Matt. 10:4
•Ex. 21:32;
Zech. 11:12

16 1Or, de-
liver Him up

17 •Matt.
26:17-19;
Mark 14:12-
16; Luke
22:7-13 •Ex.
12:18-20

18 •Mark
14:13; Luke
22:10 •John
7:6, 8

20 •Matt.
26:20-24;
Mark 14:17-
21

21 •Luke
22:21-23;
John 13:21f.

22 1Or, one
after another

23 •Ps. 41:9;
John 13:18,
26

24 1Lit., for
him if that
man had not
been born

•Matt. 26:31,
54, 56; Mark
9:12; Luke
24:25-27, 46;
Acts 17:2f.; 1
Cor. 15:3; 1 Pet.
1:10f. •Matt.
18:7; Mark
14:21

city to **a certain man**, and say to
him, "The Teacher says, **My
time is at hand; I am to keep the
Passover at your house with My
disciples.**" "

19 And the disciples did as
Jesus had directed them; and
they prepared the Passover.

20 ¶ **Now** when evening had
come, He was reclining **at the ta-
ble** with the twelve disciples.

21 And as they were eating, He
said, "**Truly I say to you that one
of you will betray Me.**"

22 And being deeply grieved,
they **each one** began to say to
Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

23 And He answered and said,
"**He who dipped his hand with
Me in the bowl is the one who
will betray Me.**"

24 "The Son of Man is to go;
**just as it is written of Him; but
woe to that man by whom the
Son of Man is betrayed! It
would have been good for that
man if he had not been born.**"

25 And **Judas**, who was be-
traying Him, answered and said,
"Surely it is not I, **Rabbi**?" He
said to him, "**You have said it
yourself.**"

26 ¶ **And** while they were
eating, Jesus took some bread,
and **after** a blessing, He broke
it and gave it to the disciples, and
said, "**Take, eat; this is My
body.**"

27 And when He had taken a
cup and given thanks, He gave it
to them, saying, "**Drink from it,
all of you;**"

28 **for this is My blood of the
covenant, which is poured out
for many for forgiveness of sins.**

29 "But I say to you, I will not
drink of this fruit of the vine
from now on until that day when
I drink it new with you in My Fa-
ther's kingdom."

25 •Matt. 26:14 •Matt. 23:7; 26:49 •Matt. 26:64; 27:11;
Luke 22:70

26 1Lit., having blessed •Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-
25; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25; 1 Cor. 10:16 •Matt.
14:19

28 •Ex. 24:8; Heb. 9:20 •Matt. 20:28

30 ¶ ^aAnd after singing a hymn, they went out to ^bthe Mount of Olives.

31 ¶ Then Jesus ^asaid to them, "You will all ¹fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, ²*I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.*"

32 "But after I have been raised, ^aI will go before you to Galilee."

33 But Peter answered and said to Him, "Even though all may ¹fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

34 Jesus said to him, "^aTruly I say to you that ^bthis very night, before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times."

35 Peter ^asaid to Him, "^aEven if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.

36 ¶ ^aThen Jesus ^acame with them to a place called ^bGethsemane, and ^asaid to His disciples, "^aSit here while I go over there and pray."

37 And He took with Him ^aPeter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.

38 Then He ^asaid to them, "^aMy soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and ^bkeep watch with Me."

39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "^aMy Father, if it is possible, let ^athis cup pass from Me; ^byet not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

40 And He ^acame to the disciples and ^afound them sleeping, and ^asaid to Peter, "So, you men could not ^akeep watch with Me for one hour?"

41 "^aKeep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; ^bthe spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "^aMy Father, if this ^acannot pass

30 ^aMatt. 26:30-35; Mark 14:26-31; Luke 22:31-34; ^bMatt. 21:1

31 ¹Or, stumble; ^aMatt. 11:6; ^bZech. 13:7; ^cJohn 16:32

32 ^aMatt. 28:7, 10, 16; Mark 16:7

33 ¹Or, stumble; ^aMatt. 26:75; John 13:38; ^bMark 14:30

34 ^aJohn 13:37

35 ^aMatt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:40-46

36 ^aMark 14:32; Luke 22:39; John 18:1

37 ^aMatt. 4:21; 17:1; Mark 5:37

38 ^aJohn 12:27; ^bMatt. 26:40, 41

39 ^aMatt. 20:22; ^bMatt. 26:42; Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42; John 6:38

40 ^aMatt. 26:38

41 ^aMatt. 26:38; ^bMark 14:38

42 ^aMatt. 20:22; ^bMatt. 26:39; Mark 14:39; Luke 22:42; John 6:38

43 ¹Or, Keep on sleeping therefore; ^aMark 14:41; John 12:27; 13:1

44 ¹Lit., and with him; ^aMatt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3

45 ¹Matt. 26:14

46 ^aMatt. 23:7; 26:25

47 ^aMatt. 20:13; 22:12

48 ¹Lit., extended the hand; ²Lit., took off; ^aMark 14:47; Luke 22:50; John 18:10

away unless I drink it, ^bThy will be done."

43 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

45 Then He ^acame to the disciples, and ^asaid to them, "¹Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, ^athe hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners."

46 "Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

47 ¶ ^aAnd while He was still speaking, behold, ^bJudas, one of the twelve, came up, ¹accompanied by a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him."

49 And immediately he went to Jesus and said, "Hail, ^aRabbi!" and kissed Him.

50 And Jesus said to him, "^aFriend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

51 And behold, ^aone of those who were with Jesus ¹reached and drew out his ^bsword, and struck the ^cslave of the high priest, and ²cut off his ear.

52 Then Jesus ^asaid to him, "^aPut your sword back into its place; for ^aall those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword."

53 "^aOr do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve ¹legions of ^bangels?"

52 ^aGen. 9:6; Rev. 13:10

53 ¹A legion equaled 6,000 troops; ^aMark 5:9, 15; Luke 8:30; ^bMatt. 4:11

54 "How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?"

55 At that time Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me."

56 "But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

57 ¶ And those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

58 But Peter also was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome.

59 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, in order that they might put Him to death;

60 and they did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward,

61 and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'"

62 And the high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You make no answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

63 But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

65 Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, "He has blas-

54 *Matt. 26:24
55 *Mark 12:35; 14:49; Luke 4:20; 19:47; 20:1; 21:37; John 7:14, 28; 8:20; 18:20
56 *Matt. 26:24
57 *Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:53-65; John 18:12f., 19-24
58 *Matt. 26:3
59 *Or, servants
*John 18:15
*Matt. 26:3
*Matt. 5:25; John 7:32; 15:1; 19:6; Acts 5:22, 28
60 *Or, Sanhedrin
*Matt. 5:22
61 *Deut. 19:15
62 *Or, sanctuary
*Or, after
*Matt. 27:40; Mark 14:58; 15:29; John 2:19; Acts 6:14
63 *Or, charge You under oath
*I.e., the Messiah
*Matt. 27:12, 14; John 19:9
*Matt. 28:63-68; Luke 22:67-71
*Lev. 5:1
*Matt. 16:16
*Matt. 4:3
64 *Or, from now on
*Matt. 26:25
*Ps. 110:1; Mark 14:62
*Dan. 7:13; Matt. 16:27f.
65 *Or, under garments
*Num. 14:6; Mark 14:63; Acts 14:14
66 *Lev. 24:16; John 19:7
67 *Or possibly, beat Him with rods
*Is. 50:6; Matt. 26:67; 68; Luke 22:63-65; John 18:22
*Matt. 27:30; Mark 10:34
68 *I.e., the Messiah
*Mark 14:65; Luke 22:64

phemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold you have now heard the blasphemy;

66 what do you think?" The answered and said, "He is deserving of death!"

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him.

68 and said, "Prophecy to us: You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

69 ¶ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and certain servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean."

70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."

73 And a little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; for the way you talk gives you away."

74 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man! And immediately a cock crowed."

75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said: "Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

CHAPTER 27

NOW when morning had come, all the chief priest and the elders of the people too counsel against Jesus to put Him to death;

69 *Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:55-62; John 18:16-18, 25-27 *Matt. 26:3
70 *Lit., makes you evident *Mark 14:70; Luke 22:59; John 18:26
71 *Matt. 26:34
1 *Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66; John 18:28

2 and they bound Him, and led Him away, and ^adelivered Him up to ^bPilate the governor.

3 ¶ Then when ^aJudas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned ^bthe thirty ¹pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? ^aSee to that yourself!"

5 And he threw the pieces of silver into ^athe sanctuary and departed; and ^bhe went away and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood."

7 And they counseled together and with ¹the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers.

8 ^aFor this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

9 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "^aAND ¹THEY TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER, THE PRICE OF THE ONE WHOSE PRICE HAD BEEN SET by the sons of Israel;

10 ^aAND ¹THEY GAVE THEM FOR THE POTTER'S FIELD, AS THE LORD DIRECTED ME."

11 ¶ ^aNow Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the ^bKing of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "^aIt is as you say."

12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, ^aHe made no answer.

13 Then Pilate ^asaid to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"

14 And ^aHe did not answer him with regard to even a single ¹charge, so that the governor was quite amazed.

2 ^aMatt. 20:19; Luke 3:1; 13:1; 23:12; Acts 3:13; 4:27; 1 Tim. 6:13

3 ¹Or, silver shekels
^aMatt. 26:14
^bMatt. 26:15
4 ^aMatt.

27:24
5 ^aMatt. 26:61; Luke 19:21
^bActs 1:18

7 ¹Lat., them

8 ^aActs 1:19

9 ¹Some mss. read I took

^aZech. 11:12
10 ¹Some mss. read I gave

^aZech. 11:13
11 ^aMatt.

27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; Luke 23:2, 3; John 18:29-38

^aMatt. 2:2
^bMatt. 26:25
12 ^aMatt.

26:63; John 19:9

14 ¹Lat., word

^aMatt. 27:12; Mark 15:5; Luke 23:9; John 19:9

15 ^aMatt.

27:15-26; Mark 15:6-15; Luke 23:17-25; John 18:39-19:16

17 ^aMatt.

1:16; 27:22
19 ¹Lat., today

^aJohn 19:13; Acts 12:21; 18:12, 16f.; 25:6, 10, 17

^bMatt. 27:24
^cGen. 20:6; 31:11; Num. 12:6; Job 33:15; Matt. 1:20; 2:12f.; 19, 22

20 ^aActs 3:14

22 ^aMatt.

1:16
24 ¹Mary mss. read the blood of this righteous Man

^aMatt. 26:5
^bDeut. 21:6-8
^cMatt. 27:19
^dMatt. 27:4

25 ^aJosh. 2:19; Acts 3:28

26 ¹Or, to them

^aMark 15:15; Luke 23:16; John 19:1

15 ^aNow at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the multitude any one prisoner whom they wanted.

16 And they were holding at that time a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus ^awho is called Christ?"

18 For he knew that because of envy they had delivered Him up.

19 And ^awhile he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that ^brighteous Man; for ¹last night I suffered greatly ^cin a dream because of Him."

20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes to ^aask for Barabbas, and to put Jesus to death.

21 But the governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas."

22 Pilate ^asaid to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus ^awho is called Christ?" They all ^asaid, "Let Him be crucified!"

23 And he said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

24 And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that ^aa riot was starting, he took water and ^bwashed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of ¹this Man's blood; ^dsee to that yourselves."

25 And all the people answered and said, "^aHis blood be on us and on our children!"

26 Then he released Barabbas ¹for them; but after having Jesus ^ascourged, he delivered Him to be crucified.

27 ¶ ^aThen the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into ^bthe Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman ^{1c}cohort around Him.

28 And they stripped Him, and ^aput a scarlet robe on Him.

29 ^aAnd after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a ¹reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "^bHail, King of the Jews!"

30 And ^athey spat on Him, and took the reed and *began* to beat Him on the head.

31 ^aAnd after they had mocked Him, they took His robe off and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

32 ¶ ^aAnd as they were coming out, they found a man of ^bCyrene named Simon, ¹whom they pressed into service to bear His cross.

33 ¶ ^aAnd when they had come to a place called ^bGolgotha, which means Place of a Skull,

34 ^athey gave Him ^bwine to drink mingled with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.

35 And when they had crucified Him, ^athey divided up His garments among themselves, casting ¹lots;

36 and sitting down, they *began* to ^akeep watch over Him there.

37 And they put up above His head the charge against Him ¹which read, "^aTHIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

38 At that time two robbers ^awere crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.

39 And those passing by were ¹hurling abuse at Him, ^awagging their heads,

40 and saying, "^aYou who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! ^bIf You are the Son of

27 ¹Or, battalion

^aMatt. 27:27-31; Mark 15:16-20

^bMatt. 26:3; John 18:28, 33; 19:9 ^aActs 10:1

28 ^aMark 15:17; John 19:2

29 ¹Or, staff (made of a reed)

^aMark 15:17; John 19:2

^bMark 15:18; John 19:3

30 ^aMatt. 26:67; Mark 10:34; 14:65; 15:19

31 ^aMark 15:20

32 ¹Lit., this one

^aMatt. 27:32; Mark 15:21;

Luke 23:26;

John 19:17

^bActs 2:10; 6:9; 11:20; 13:1

33 ^aMatt. 27:34-44;

Mark 15:22-32; Luke

23:33-43;

John 19:17, 24

^bLuke 23:33; John 19:17

34 ^aPs. 69:21 ^bMark 15:23

35 ¹Lit., a lot

^aPs. 22:18

36 ^aMatt. 27:54

37 ¹Lit., written

^aMark 15:26;

Luke 23:38;

John 19:19

39 ¹Or, blaspheming

^aJob 16:4; Ps. 22:7; 109:25;

Lam. 2:15;

Mark 15:29

40 ^aMatt. 26:61; John 2:19 ^bMatt. 27:42

42 ¹Or, can He not save Himself

^aMark 15:31;

Luke 23:35

^bMatt. 27:37;

Luke 23:37;

John 1:49; 12:13

43 ^aPs. 22:8

44 ^aLuke 23:39-43

45 ¹I.e., noon ²Or, occurred ¹I.e., 3 p.m.

^aMatt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41;

Luke 23:44-49

46 ^aPs. 22:1

God, come down from the cross."

41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him, and saying,

42 "^aHe saved others; ¹He cannot save Himself. ^bHe is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we shall believe in Him.

43 "^aHE TRUSTS IN GOD; LET HIM DELIVER HIM NOW, IF HE TAKE PLEASURE IN HIM; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' "

44 ^aAnd the robbers also who had been crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

45 ¶ ^aNow from the ¹sixth hour darkness ²fell upon all the land until the ³ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying, "^aELI, ELI, LAMA SABACH THANI?" that is, "^aMY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

47 And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, *began* saying, "This man is calling for Elijah."

48 And ^aimmediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge he filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink.

49 But the rest of them said, "¹Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him." ²

50 And Jesus ^acried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 ^aAnd behold, ^bthe veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and ^cthe earth shook and the rocks were split,

52 and the tombs were opened and many bodies of the ¹saints

48 ^aPs. 69:21; Mark 15:36; Luke 23:36; John 19:29

49 ¹Lit., Permit that we see ²Some early mss. add And another took a spear and pierced His side, and there came out water and blood. (cf. John 19:34)

50 ^aMark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30

51 ^aMatt. 27:51-56; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:47-49 ^bEx. 26:31ff.; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45; Heb. 9:3 ^cMatt. 27:50

52 ¹Or, holy ones

who had ^afallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered ^athe holy city and appeared to many.

54 ^aNow the centurion, and those who were with him ^bkeeping guard over Jesus, when they saw ^cthe earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was ^dthe Son of God!"

55 ^aAnd many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ^bministering to Him,

56 among whom was ^aMary Magdalene, along with Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and ^bthe mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 ¶ ^aAnd when it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given over to him.

59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled ^aa large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

61 And ^aMary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

62 ¶ Now on the next day, which is the one after ^athe preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate,

63 and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ^a'After three days I am to rise again.'

64 "Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest the disciples

83 ^aActs 7:60
83 ^bMatt.
4:5
84 ^cOr possibly, a son of God or a son of a god
Mark 15:39
Luke 23:47
Matt 27:36
Matt 27:51
Matt 4:3
27:43
85 ^dOr, waiting on
Mark 15:40, Luke 23:49, John 19:25
Mark 15:41, Luke 8:2, 3
86 ^eMatt 28:1, Mark 15:40, 47
16:9, Luke 8:2, John 19:25, 20:1
18
Matt 20:20
87 ^fMatt 27:57-61
Mark 15:42
47, Luke 23:50-54, John 19:38-42
88 ^gMatt 27:66, 28:2
Mark 16:4
89 ^hMatt 27:58, 28:1
90 ⁱMark 15:42, Luke 23:54, John 19:14, 31, 42
91 ^jMatt 16:21, 17:23, 20:19
Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:34, Luke 9:22, 18:31-33
92 ^kMatt 27:68, 28:11
93 ^lMatt 27:65, 28:11
94 ^mGen. 6:17
95 ⁿMatt 27:60, 28:2, Mark 16:4
96 ^oMatt 28:1-8
Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-10, John 20:1-8
97 ^pMatt 27:58, 61
98 ^qLuke 24:4, John 20:12
99 ^rMatt 27:68, Mark 16:4
100 ^sGen. 7:9, 10:6
101 ^tMark 9:3, John 20:12, Acts 1:10
102 ^uOr, Sleep being afraid
103 ^vMatt 14:27, 28:10, Rev 1:17
104 ^wMatt 12:48, 16:21, 27:63
105 ^xMatt 28:32, 28:16, 16, Mark 16:7

come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last deception will be worse than the first."

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a ^aguard; go, make it as secure as you know how."

66 And they went and made the grave secure, and along with ^athe guard they set a ^bseal on ^cthe stone.

CHAPTER 28

^aNow after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, ^bMary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for ^aan angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away ^bthe stone and sat upon it.

3 And ^ahis appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow;

4 and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

6 "He is not here, for He has risen, ^ajust as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going before you ^ainto Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you."

8 And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.

9 And behold, Jesus met them ^aand greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

9 ^bLit. saying hello

10 Then Jesus ^asaid to them, ^a"Do not be afraid; go and take word to ^bMy brethren to leave ^afor Galilee, and there they shall see Me."

11 ¶ Now while they were on their way, behold, some of ^athe guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.

12 And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

13 and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.'"

14 "And if this should come to ^athe governor's ears, we will win him over and ^bkeep you out of trouble."

15 And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was

10 ^aOr, Stop being afraid
*Matt. 14:27; 28:5 ^bJohn 20:17; Rom. 8:29; Heb. 2:11f., 17
*Matt. 26:32; 28:7, 16

11 *Matt. 27:65, 66

14 ^aLit., make you free from care
*Matt. 27:2

15 *Matt. 9:31; Mark 1:45 ^bMatt. 27:8

16 *Matt. 26:32; 28:7, 10; Mark 15:41; 16:7

17 *Mark 16:11

18 *Dan. 7:13f.; Matt. 11:27; 26:64; Rom. 14:9; Eph. 1:20-22; Phil. 2:9f.; Col. 2:10; 1 Pet. 3:22

widely ^aspread among the Jews and is ^bto this day.

16 ¶ But the eleven disciples proceeded ^ato Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.

17 And when they saw Him they worshiped Him; but ^asome were doubtful.

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ^a"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 ^a"Go therefore and ^bmake disciples of ^call the nations ^dbaptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 ^ateaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo ^aI am with you ^balways, even to ^bthe end of the age."

19 *Mark 16:15f. ^bMatt. 13:52; Acts 1:8; 14:21 ^cMatt. 25:32; Luke 24:47 ^dActs 2:38; 8:16; Rom. 8:3; 1 Cor. 1:13, 15f.; Gal. 3:27

20 ^aLit., all the days ^bMatt. 18:20; Acts 18:10 ^bMatt. 13:39

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Preaching of John the Baptist

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, ^athe Son of God.

2 ¶ ^aAs it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

^b"BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,
WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY;

3 ^aTHE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,

^a"MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'"

1 ^aMany mss. do not contain the Son of God
*Matt. 4:3

2 *Mark 1:2-8; Matt. 3:1-11; Luke 3:2-16 ^bMal. 3:1; Matt. 11:10; Luke 7:27

3 ^aIs. 40:3; Matt. 3:3; Luke 3:4; John 1:23

4 ^aOr, proclaiming
*Acts 13:24
^bLuke 1:77

8 ^aLit., he was eating
*2 Kin. 1:8

7 ^aOr, proclaiming

4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness ^apreaching baptism of repentance for the ^bforgiveness of sins.

5 And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair and wore ^aa leather belt around his waist, and ^bhis diet was locusts and wild honey.

7 And he was ^apreaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals.

8 "I baptized you ¹with water; but He will baptize you ¹with the Holy Spirit."

9 ¶ ^aAnd it came about in those days that Jesus ^bcame from Nazareth in Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10 And immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens ¹opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;

11 and a voice came out of the heavens: "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

12 ¶ ^aAnd immediately the Spirit ^{*}impelled Him to go out into the wilderness.

13 And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by ^aSatan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

14 ¶ ^aAnd after John had been ¹taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, ^{2b}preaching the gospel of God,

15 and saying, "^aThe time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; ^brepent and ¹believe in the gospel."

16 ¶ ^aAnd as He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, "^aFollow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

18 And they immediately left the nets and followed Him.

19 And going on a little farther, He saw ¹James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets.

20 And immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away ¹to follow Him.

21 ¶ ^aAnd they ^{*}went into Capernaum; and immediately on

8 ¹The Gr. here can be translated in, with or by

9 ^aMark 1:9-11; Matt. 3:13-17; Luke 3:21, 22

^bMatt. 2:23; Luke 2:51

10 ¹Or,

being parted

11 ^aPs. 2:7;

Is. 42:1; Matt.

3:17; 12:18;

Mark 9:7;

Luke 3:22

12 ^aMark

1:12, 13;

Matt. 4:1-11;

Luke 4:1-13

13 ^aMatt.

4:10

14 ¹Lit., de-

livered up

²Or, pro-

claiming

^aMatt. 4:12

^bMatt. 4:23

15 ¹Or, put

your trust in

^aGal. 4:4;

Eph. 1:10;

1 Tim. 2:6;

Titus 1:3

^bMatt. 3:2;

Acts 20:21

16 ^aMark

1:16-20; Matt.

4:18-22; Luke

5:2-11; John

1:40-42

19 ¹Or, Ja-

cob

20 ¹Lit., af-

ter Him

21 ^aMark

1:21-28; Luke

4:31-37

^bMatt. 4:23;

Mark 1:39;

10:1

22 ^aMatt.

7:28

24 ¹Lit., the

Nazarene

^aMatt. 8:29

^bMatt. 2:23;

Mark 10:47;

14:67; 16:6;

Luke 4:34;

24:19; Acts

24:5 ^aLuke

1:35; 4:34;

John 6:69;

Acts 3:14

27 ^aMark

10:24, 32;

16:5, 6

29 ¹Some

ms. read af-

ter He had

come out, He

came ²Or, Ja-

cob

^aMark 1:29-

31; Matt.

8:14, 15; Luke

4:38, 39

^bMark 1:21,

23

31 ¹Or,

served

32 ^aMark

1:32-34; Matt.

8:16, 17; Luke

the Sabbath ^bHe entered the synagogue and began to teach.

22 And ^athey were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 saying, "^aWhat do we have to do with You, Jesus ¹of ^bNazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—^cthe Holy One of God!"

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "^aBe quiet, and come out of him!"

26 And throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice, and came out of him.

27 And they were all ^aamazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."

28 And immediately the news about Him went out everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.

29 ¶ ^aAnd immediately ¹after they had come ^bout of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with ²James and John.

30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they ^{*}spoke to Him about her.

31 And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she ¹waited on them.

32 ¶ ^aAnd ^bwhen evening had come, ^bafter the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were ^cdemon-possessed.

33 And the whole ^acity had gathered at the door.

4:40, 41 ^aMatt. 8:16; Luke 4:40 ^cMatt. 4:24

33 ^aMark 1:21

34 And He ^ahealed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they ¹knew who He was.

35 ¶ ^aAnd in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and ^bwas praying there.

36 And Simon and his companions hunted for Him;

37 and they found Him, and ^asaid to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

38 And He ^asaid to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, in order that I may ¹preach there also; for that is what I came out for."

39 ^aAnd He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, ¹preaching and casting out the demons.

40 ¶ ^aAnd a leper ^acame to Him, beseeching Him and ^bfalling on his knees before Him, and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

41 And moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand, and touched him, and ^asaid to him, "¹I am willing; be cleansed."

42 And immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

43 And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,

44 and He ^asaid to him, "^aSee that you say nothing to anyone; but ^bgo, show yourself to the priest and ^coffer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."

45 But he went out and began to ^aproclaim it freely and to ^aspread the news about, to such an extent that ¹Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but ²stayed out in unpopulated areas; and ^bthey were coming to Him from everywhere.

34 ¹Some mss. read knew Him to be Christ
^aMatt. 4:23

35 ^aMark 1:35-38; Luke 4:42, 43
^bMatt. 14:23; Luke 5:16

38 ¹Or, proclaim

39 ¹Or, proclaiming
^aMatt. 4:23; 9:35; Mark 1:23; 3:1

40 ^aMark 1:40-44; Matt. 8:2-4; Luke 5:12-14
^bMatt. 8:2; Mark 10:17; Luke 5:12

44 ^aMatt. 8:4
^bMatt. 8:4
^cLev. 14:1-32

45 ¹Lit., He
²Lit., was
^aMatt. 28:15; Luke 5:15
^bMark 2:2, 13; 3:7; Luke 5:17; John 6:2

2 ^aMark 1:45; 2:13

3 ^aMark 2:3-12; Matt. 9:2-8; Luke 5:18-26
^bMatt. 4:24

4 ¹Lit., bring to
²Lit., where He was
^aLuke 5:19
^bMatt. 4:24

5 ¹Lit., child
^aMatt. 9:2

7 ¹Lit., if not one, God
^aIs. 43:25

8 ¹Lit., by

9 ^aMatt. 4:24

12 ^aMatt. 9:8
^bMatt. 9:33

CHAPTER 2

AND when He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.

2 And ^amany were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, even near the door, and He was speaking the word to them.

3 ^aAnd they ^acame, bringing to Him a ^bparalytic, carried by four men.

4 And being unable to ¹get to Him because of the crowd, they ^aremoved the roof ²above Him, and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the ^bparalytic was lying.

5 And Jesus seeing their faith ^asaid to the paralytic, "¹My son your sins are forgiven."

6 But there were some of the scribes sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

7 "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; ^awho can forgive sins ¹but God alone?"

8 And immediately Jesus, aware ¹in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, ^asaid to them, "¹Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?"

9 "¹Which is easier, to say to the ^aparalytic, 'Your sins are forgiven'; or to say, 'Arise, and take up your pallet and walk'?"

10 "¹But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He ^asaid to the paralytic—

11 "¹I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."

12 And he rose and immediately took up the pallet and went out in the sight of all; so that they were all amazed and ^awere glorifying God, saying, "^bWe have never seen anything like this."

13 ¶ And He went out again

by the seashore; and ^aall the multitude were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.

14 ^aAnd as He passed by, He saw ^bLevi the son of Alphaeus sitting in the tax office, and He ^asaid to him, "**Follow Me!**" And he rose and followed Him.

15 ¶ And it ¹came about that He was reclining *at the table* in his house, and many ²tax-gatherers and sinners ³were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him.

16 And when ^athe scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax-gatherers, they *began* saying to His disciples, "^bWhy is He eating and drinking with tax-gatherers and sinners?"

17 And hearing this, Jesus ^asaid to them, "***It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.***"

18 ¶ ^aAnd John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they ^acame and ^asaid to Him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

19 And Jesus said to them, "***While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom do not fast, do they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.***"

20 ^aBut the ^adays will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

21 ^aNo one sews ^aa patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise ²the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.

22 ^aAnd no one puts new wine into old ¹wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and the skins as

13 ^aMark 1:45

14 ^aMark 2:14-17; Matt. 9:9-13; Luke 5:27-32

^bMatt. 9:9

^aMatt. 8:22

15 ¹Lit., comes ²i.e.,

Collectors of Roman taxes for profit

³Lit., were reclining with

16 ^aLuke 5:30; Acts 23:9

^bMatt. 9:11

17 ^aMatt. 9:12, 13; Luke 5:31, 32

18 ^aMark 2:18-22; Matt. 9:14-17; Luke 5:33-38

19 ¹Lit., sons of the bridal-chamber

20 ^aMatt. 9:15; Luke 17:22

21 ¹Lit., that which is put on ²Lit., that which fills up

22 ¹i.e., skins used as bottles

23 ^aMark 2:23-28; Matt. 12:1-8; Luke 6:1-5

^bDeut. 23:25

24 ^aMatt. 12:2

25 ^aOr, showbread; lit., loaves of presentation

¹1 Sam. 21:1; 2 Sam. 8:17; 1 Chr. 24:6

²Lev. 24:9

27 ^aOr, come into being ²Lit., for the sake of

³Ex. 23:12; Deut. 5:14

⁴Col. 2:16

1 ^aMark 3:1-6; Matt. 12:9-14; Luke 6:6-11

^bMark 1:21, 39

2 ^aLuke 6:7; 14:1; 20:20

^bMatt. 12:10; Luke 6:7; 11:54

3 ¹Lit., Arise into the midst

5 ^aLuke 6:10

well; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

23 ¶ ^aAnd it came about that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while ^bpicking the heads of grain.

24 And the Pharisees were saying to Him, "See here, ^awhy are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

25 And He ^asaid to them, "***Have you never read what David did when he was in need and became hungry, he and his companions:***

26 how he entered the house of God in the time of ^aAbiathar the high priest, and ate the ¹consecrated bread, which ^bis not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he gave it also to those who were with him?"

27 And He was saying to them, "***The Sabbath ¹was made ²for man, and ^bnot man ²for the Sabbath.***

28 Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

CHAPTER 3

^aAND He ^bentered again into a synagogue; and a man was there with a withered hand.

2 And ^athey were watching Him to see if He would heal him on the Sabbath, ^bin order that they might accuse Him.

3 And He ^asaid to the man with the withered hand, "***Rise and come forward!***"

4 And He ^asaid to them, "***Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to kill?***" But they kept silent.

5 And after ^alooking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He ^asaid to the man, "***Stretch out your hand.***" And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

6 And the Pharisees went out

and immediately began taking counsel with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

7 ¶ And Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and also from Judea,

8 and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.

9 And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the multitude, in order that they might not crowd Him;

10 for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed about Him in order to touch Him.

11 And whenever the unclean spirits beheld Him, they would fall down before Him and cry out, saying, "You are the Son of God!"

12 And He earnestly warned them not to make Him known.

13 ¶ And He went up to the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him.

14 And He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach,

15 and to have authority to cast out the demons.

16 And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter),

17 and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder");

18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot;

19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

6 Lit., giving

*Matt. 22:16; Mark 12:13

7 *Mark

3:7-12; Matt. 12:15, 16;

Luke 6:17-19

*Matt. 4:25; Luke 6:17

8 *Josh. 15:1, 21; Ezek. 35:15;

36:5 *Matt. 11:21

9 *Mark 4:1; Luke 5:1-3

10 *Matt. 4:23; *Mark 5:29, 34; Luke 7:21; *Matt. 9:21; 14:36;

Mark 6:56; 8:22

11 *Matt. 4:3

12 Or, reveal who He was

*Matt. 8:4

13 *Matt. 5:1; Luke 6:12

*Matt. 10:1; Mark 6:7;

Luke 9:1

14 Some early mss. add whom He named apostles

16 *Mark 3:16-19; Matt. 10:2-4; Luke 6:14-16; Acts 1:13

17 Or, Jacob

18 Or, Jacob

20 Lit., into a house

21 Lit., bread

*Mark 2:1; 7:17; 9:28

*Mark 1:45; 3:7; *Mark 6:31

21 Or, kinsmen

*Mark 3:31f; John 10:20;

Acts 26:24

22 Or, Beelzebub; others read Beelzebub

*Matt. 15:1

*Matt. 10:25; 11:18; *Matt. 9:34

23 *Mark 3:23-27; Matt. 12:25-29;

Luke 11:17-22

*Matt. 13:3ff.; Mark 4:2ff.

*Matt. 4:10

26 Lit., he has an end

*Matt. 4:10

27 Is.

49:24, 25

20 ¶ And He came home and the multitude gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal

21 And when His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."

22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebub," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?"

24 "And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

26 "And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!

27 "But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

28 "Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;

29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—

30 because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 ¶ And His mother and His brothers arrived, and standing outside they sent word to Him, and called Him.

32 And a multitude was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and

28 *Matt. 12:31, 32; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:10

29 *Luke 12:10

31 *Mark 3:31-35; Matt. 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21

Your brothers¹ are outside looking for You."

33 And answering them, He ***said, "Who are My mother and My brothers?"**

34 And looking about on those who were sitting around Him, He ***said, "Behold, My mother and My brothers!"**

35 **For whoever **does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.***

CHAPTER 4

AND He began to teach again ^bby the sea. And such a very great multitude ¹gathered to Him that ^cHe got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And He was teaching them many things in ^aparables, and was saying to them in His teaching.

3 **Listen to this! Behold, the sower went out to sow;**

4 and it came about that as he was sowing, some seed fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up.

5 **And other seed fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.**

6 **And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.**

7 **And other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.**

8 **And other seeds fell into the good soil and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."**

9 And He was saying, **"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."**

10 ¶ And as soon as He was alone, ¹His followers, along with

32 ¹Later mss. add and Your sisters

34 ^aMatt. 12:49

35 ^aEph. 6:6; Heb. 10:26; 1 Pet. 4:2; 1 John 2:17

1 ¹Lit., is gathered ^aMark 4:1-12; Matt. 13:1-15; Luke 8:4-10 ^bMark 2:13; 3:7 ^cLuke 5:1-3

2 ^aMatt. 13:3ff.; Mark 3:23; 4:2ff.

9 ^aMatt. 11:15; Mark 4:23; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29

10 ¹Lit., those about Him

11 ^a1 Cor. 5:12f.; Col. 4:5; 1 Thess. 4:12; 1 Tim. 3:7 ^bMark 3:23; 4:2

12 ^aIs. 6:9f.; 43:8; Jer. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2; Matt. 13:14; Luke 8:10; John 12:40; Rom. 11:8

13 ^aMark 4:13-20; Matt. 13:18-23; Luke 8:11-15

15 ^aMatt. 4:10f.; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 20:2, 3, 7-10

17 ¹Lit., are caused to stumble

19 ¹Or, age ^aMatt. 13:22; Rom. 12:2; Eph. 2:2; 6:12 ^bProv. 23:4; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10, 17

20 ^aJohn 15:2ff.; Rom. 7:4

21 ^aMatt. 5:15; Luke 8:16; 11:33

the twelve, began asking Him about the parables.

11 And He was saying to them, **"To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God; but ^athose who are outside get everything ^bin parables,**

12 **in order that ^aWHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE; AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND LEST THEY RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN."**

13 **And He ^asaid to them, "Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all the parables?"**

14 **The sower sows the word.**
15 **And these are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately ^aSatan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.**

16 **And in a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy;**

17 **and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they ¹fall away.**

18 **And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word,**

19 **and the worries of ^athe world, and the ^bdeceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.**

20 **And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it, and ^abear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."**

21 ¶ And He was saying to them, **"A lamp is not brought to be put under a peck-measure, is it, or under a bed? Is it not brought to be put on the lamp-stand?"**

22 **"For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has anything been secret, but that it should come to light.**

23 **"If any man has ears to hear, let him hear."**

24 And He was saying to them, **"Take care what you listen to.**

^{1a}By your standard of measure it shall be measured to you; and more shall be given you besides.

25 **"For whoever has, to him shall more be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."**

26 ¶ And He was saying, **"The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil;**

27 and goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts up and grows—how, he himself does not know.

28 **"The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.**

29 **"But when the crop permits, he immediately ^{1a}puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."**

30 ¶ **^aAnd He said, "How shall we ^{1b}picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it?"**

31 **"It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil,**

32 yet when it is sown, grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that ^aTHE BIRDS OF THE ^{1a}AIR CAN NEST UNDER ITS SHADE."

33 ¶ And with many such parables He was speaking the word to them as they were able to hear it;

34 and He did not speak to them ^awithout a parable; but He was ^bexplaining everything privately to His own disciples.

35 ¶ **^aAnd on that day, when evening had come, He ^{*}said to**

22 ^aMatt. 10:26; Luke 8:17; 12:2

23 ^aMatt. 11:15; 13:9; 43; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8; 14:35; Rev. 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9

24 ¹Lit., By what measure you measure ^aMatt. 7:2; Luke 6:38

25 ^aMatt. 13:12; 25:29; Luke 8:18; 19:26

29 ¹Lit., sends forth ^aJoel 3:13

30 ¹Lit., compare ^aMark 4:30-32; Matt. 13:31, 32; Luke 13:18; 19 ^bMatt. 13:24

32 ¹Or, shy ^aEzek. 17:23; Ps. 104:12; Ezek. 31:6; Dan. 4:12

34 ^aMatt. 13:34; John 10:6; 16:25 ^bLuke 24:27

35 ^aMark 4:35-41; Matt. 8:18; 23:27; Luke 8:22, 25

36 ¹Or, sending away ^aMark 3:9; 4:1; 5:2, 21

39 ¹Lit., a great calm occurred ^aPs. 65:7; 89:9; 107:29; Matt. 8:26; Luke 8:24

40 ^aMatt. 14:31; Luke 8:25

1 ^aMark 5:1-17; Matt. 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-37

2 ^aMark 3:9; 4:1, 36; 5:21 ^bMark 1:23

them, **"Let us go over to the other side."**

36 And ¹leaving the multitude, they ^{*}took Him along with them, just as He was, ^ain the boat; and other boats were with Him.

37 And there ^{*}arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.

38 And He Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they ^{*}awoke Him and ^{*}said to Him, **"Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"**

39 And being aroused, ^aHe rebuked the wind and said to the sea, **"Hush, be still."** And the wind died down and ¹it became perfectly calm.

40 And He said to them, **"Why are you so timid? ^aHow is it that you have no faith?"**

41 And they became very much afraid and said to one another, **"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"**

CHAPTER 5

^aAND they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.

2 And when He had come out of ^athe boat, immediately a man from the tombs ^bwith an unclean spirit met Him,

3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain;

4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.

5 And constantly night and day, among the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and gashing himself with stones.

6 And seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him;

7 and crying out with a loud voice, he ^asaid, "What do I have to do with You, Jesus, ^bSon of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!"

8 For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!"

9 And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he ^asaid to Him, "My name is ^aLegion; for we are many."

10 And he began to entreat Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.

11 Now there was a big herd of swine feeding there on the mountain.

12 And the demons entreated Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them."

13 And He gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they ¹were drowned in the sea.

14 And their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and out in the country. And the people came to see what it was that had happened.

15 And they ^acame to Jesus and ^aobserved the man who had been ^ademon-possessed sitting down, ^bclothed and ^cin his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion"; and they became frightened.

16 And those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the ^ademon-possessed man, and all about the swine.

17 And they began to ^aentreat Him to depart from their region.

18 ^aAnd as He was getting into the boat, the man who had been ^bdemon-possessed was entreating Him that he might ¹accompany Him.

7 ^aMatt. 8:29; ^bMatt. 4:3; ^cLuke 8:28; Acts 16:17; Heb. 7:1

9 ^aMatt. 26:53; Mark 5:15; Luke 8:30

13 ¹Lit., were drowning

15 ^aMatt. 4:24; Mark 5:16, 18

^bLuke 8:27; ^cLuke 8:35; ^dMark 5:9

16 ^aMatt. 4:24; Mark 5:15

17 ^aMatt. 8:34; Acts 16:39

18 ¹Lit., he with Him

^aMark 5:18-20; ^bLuke 8:38, 39; ^cMatt. 4:24; Mark 5:15, 16

19 ¹Or, everything that

^aLuke 8:39

20 ¹Or, everything that

^aPs. 66:16; ^bMatt. 4:25; Mark 7:31

21 ¹Lit., was

^aMatt. 9:1; ^bLuke 8:40; ^cMark 4:36; ^dMark 4:1

22 ¹Or, rulers

^aMark 5:22-43; ^bMatt. 9:18-26; ^cLuke 8:41-56

^dMatt. 9:18; ^eMark 5:35, 36, 38; ^fLuke 8:49; 13:14; ^gActs 13:15; 18:8, 17

23 ¹Lit., he saved

^aMark 6:5; 7:32; 8:23; 16:18; ^bLuke 4:40; 13:13; ^cActs 6:6; 9:17; 28:8

27 ¹Or, outer garment

28 ¹Lit., was saying

^aLit., he saved

29 ^aMark 3:10; 5:34

30 ^aLuke 5:17

19 And He did not let him, but He ^asaid to him, "^aGo home to your people and report to them ¹what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you."

20 And he went away and began to ^aproclaim in ^bDecapolis ¹what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone marvelled.

21 [¶] And when Jesus had crossed over again in ^bthe boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered about Him; and He ¹stayed ^cby the seashore.

22 ^aAnd one of ^bthe synagogue ¹officials named Jairus ^acame up, and upon seeing Him, ^afell at His feet.

23 and ^aentreated Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and ^alay Your hands on her, that she may ¹get well and live."

24 And He went off with him; and a great multitude was following Him and pressing in on Him.

25 [¶] And a woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years,

26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse,

27 after hearing about Jesus, came up in the crowd behind Him, and touched His ¹cloak.

28 For she ¹thought, "If I just touch His garments, I shall ²get well."

29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her ^aaffliction.

30 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that ^athe power proceeding from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "^aWho touched My garments?"

31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him, and told Him the whole truth.

34 And He said to her, "**Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.**"

35 ¶ While He was still speaking, they came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?"

36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "**Do not be afraid any longer, only believe.**"

37 And He allowed no one to follow with Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

38 And they came to the house of the synagogue official; and He beheld a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing.

39 And entering in, He said to them, "**Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep.**"

40 And they began laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was.

41 And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "**Talitha kum!**" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!").

42 And immediately the girl rose and began to walk; for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.

34 ¹Lit., saved you
^aMatt. 9:22
^bLuke 7:50;
8:48; Acts
16:36; James
2:16
^cMark
3:10; 5:29

35 ^aMark
5:22

36 ¹Or, keep on believing
^aMark 5:22
^bLuke 8:50

37 ¹Or, Jacob
^aMatt. 17:1;
26:37

38 ^aMark
5:22

41 ^aLuke
7:14; Acts
9:40

43 ^aMatt.
8:4

1 ¹Or, His own part of the country
^aMark 6:1-6
Matt. 13:54-58
^bMatt. 13:54, 57;
Luke 4:16, 23

2 ¹Or, works of power
^aMatt. 4:23;
Mark 10:1
^bMatt. 7:28

3 ¹Or, Jacob
²Lit., were being made to stumble
^aMatt. 13:55
^bMatt. 12:46
^cMatt. 13:56
^dMatt. 11:6

4 ¹Or, his own part of the country
^aMatt. 13:57;
John 4:44
^bMark 6:1

5 ¹Or, work of power
^aMark 5:23

6 ^aMatt. 9:35; Mark 1:39; 10:1;
Luke 13:22

7 ^aMark 6:7-11; Matt. 10:1, 9-14;
Luke 9:1, 3-5;
Luke 10:4-11
^bMatt. 10:1, 5; Mark 3:13;
Luke 9:1
^cLuke 10:1

8 ¹Or, knapsack or beggar's bag
^aMatt. 10:10

9 ¹Lit., being shod with
²Or, inner garments

10 ¹Lit., go out from there

43 And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this; and He said that something should be given her to eat.

CHAPTER 6

AND He went out from there, and He came into His home town; and His disciples followed Him.

2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?"

3 "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.

4 And Jesus said to them, "**A prophet is not without honor except in his home town and among his own relatives and in his own household.**"

5 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them.

6 And He wondered at their unbelief.

¶ And He was going around the villages teaching.

7 ¶ And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs; and He was giving them authority over the unclean spirits;

8 and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belt;

9 but to wear sandals; and He added, "**Do not put on two tunics.**"

10 And He said to them, "**Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.**"

11 **"And any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, ^ashake off the dust ¹from the soles of your feet for a testimony against them."**

12 **"And they went out and ¹preached that men should repent."**

13 And they were casting out many demons and ^awere anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

14 ¶ **"And King Herod heard of it, for His name had become well known; and people were saying, "^bJohn the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him."**

15 But others were saying, "**He is ^aElijah.**" And others were saying, "**He is ^{ba}a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.**"

16 But when Herod heard of it, he kept saying, "John, whom I beheaded, has risen!"

17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of ^aHerodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.

18 For John had been saying to Herod, "**^aIt is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.**"

19 And ^aHerodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death and could not do so;

20 for ^aHerod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; ¹but he ²used to enjoy listening to him.

21 And a strategic day came when Herod on his birthday ^agave a banquet for his lords and ¹military commanders and the leading men ^bof Galilee;

22 and when the daughter of ^aHerodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and

11 ¹Lit., under your feet
*Matt. 10:14; Acts 13:51

12 ¹Or, proclaimed as a herald
*Matt. 11:1; Luke 9:6

13 *James 5:14

14 *Mark 6:14-29; Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-16; Luke 9:7-9 *Matt. 14:2; Luke 9:19

15 *Matt. 16:14; Mark 8:28 *Matt. 21:11

17 *Matt. 14:3; Luke 3:19

18 *Matt. 14:4

19 *Matt. 14:3

20 ¹Lit., and ²Lit., was hearing him gladly
*Matt. 21:26

21 ¹Le., chiliarcha, in command of a thousand troops
*Euth. 1:3; 2:18 *Luke 3:1

22 ¹Lit., those who reclined at the table with him
*Matt. 14:3

23 *Euth. 5:3, 6, 7:2

26 ¹Lit., those reclining at the table

30 *Luke 9:10 *Matt. 10:2; Mark 3:14; Luke 6:13; 9:10; 17:5; 22:14; 24:10; Acts 1:2, 26

31 *Mark 3:20

32 *Mark 6:32-44; Matt. 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:5-13; Mark 8:2-9 *Mark 3:9; 4:36; 6:45

34 ¹Lit., out
*Matt. 9:36

¹his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you."

23 And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to ^ahalf of my kingdom."

24 And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

25 And immediately she came in haste before the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me right away the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

26 And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of ¹his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded him to bring back his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison,

28 and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard about this, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

30 ¶ **"And the ^bapostles ^agathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught."**

31 And He ^asaid to them, **"Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while."** (For there were many people coming and going, and ^athey did not even have time to eat.)

32 **"And they went away in ^bthe boat to a lonely place by themselves."**

33 And the people saw them going, and many recognized them, and they ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them.

34 And when He went ¹ashore, He ^asaw a great multitude, and

He felt compassion for them because ^bthey were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

35 And when it was already quite late, His disciples came up to Him and began saying, "The place is desolate and it is already quite late;

36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves ¹something to eat."

37 But He answered and said to them, "**You give them something to eat!**" ^aAnd they ^{*}said to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred ^{1b}denarii on bread and give them *something* to eat?"

38 And He ^{*}said to them, "**How many loaves do you have? Go look!**" And when they found out, they ^{*}said, "Five and two fish."

39 And He commanded them all to recline by groups on the green grass.

40 And they reclined in companies of hundreds and of fifties.

41 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He ^ablessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all.

42 And they all ate and were satisfied.

43 And they picked up twelve full ^abaskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish.

44 And there were ^afive thousand men who ate the loaves.

45 ¶ ^aAnd immediately He made His disciples get into ^bthe boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to ^cBethsaida, while He Himself was sending the multitude away.

46 And after ^abidding them farewell, He departed ^bto the mountain to pray.

47 And when it was evening,

34 ^bNum. 27:17;
1 Kin. 22:17;
2 Chr. 18:16;
Zech. 10:2

36 ¹Lit., what they may eat

37 ¹The denarius was equivalent to one day's wage
^aJohn 6:7
^bMatt. 18:28;
Luke 7:41

41 ^aMatt. 14:19

43 ^aMatt. 14:20

44 ^aMatt. 14:21

45 ^aMark 6:45-51; Matt. 14:22-32;
John 6:15-21
^bMark 6:32
^cMatt. 11:21;
Mark 8:22

46 ^aActs 18:18, 21;
2 Cor. 2:13
^bMatt. 14:23

48 ¹Lit., harassed in rowing 21 e., 3-6 a.m.
^aMatt. 24:43;
Mark 13:35

50 ¹Or, troubled
^aMatt. 9:2
^bMatt. 14:27

51 ^aMark 6:32

52 ¹Lit., had not understood on the basis of ²Or, their mind was closed, made dull, or insensible
^aMark 8:17ff.
^bRom. 11:7

53 ^aMark 6:53-56; Matt. 14:34-36;
John 6:24, 25

55 ¹Or, where they were hearing that He was

56 ^aMark 3:19
^bMatt. 9:20

1 ^aMark 7:1-23; Matt. 15:1-20
^bMatt. 15:1

the boat was in the midst of the sea, and He was alone on the land.

48 And seeing them ¹straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the ^{2a}fourth watch of the night, He ^{*}came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them.

49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out;

50 for they all saw Him and were ¹frightened. But immediately He spoke with them and ^{*}said to them, "**Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid.**"

51 And He got into ^athe boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were greatly astonished,

52 for ^athey ¹had not gained any insight from the *incident* of the loaves, but ²their heart ^bwas hardened.

53 ¶ ^aAnd when they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore.

54 And when they had come out of the boat, immediately *the people* recognized Him,

55 and ran about that whole country and began to carry about on their pallets those who were sick, to ¹the place they heard He was.

56 And wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and entreating Him that they might just ^atouch ^bthe fringe of His cloak, and as many as touched it were being cured.

CHAPTER 7

^aAND the Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered together around Him when they had come ^bfrom Jerusalem,

2 and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their

spread with ^aimpure hands, that is, unwashed.

3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, thus observing the ^atraditions of the elders;

4 and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they ¹cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the ²washing of ^acups and pitchers and copper pots.)

5 And the Pharisees and the scribes ^aasked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the ^atradition of the elders, but eat their bread with ^bimpure hands?"

6 And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

7 **"BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN."**

8 "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the ^atradition of men."

9 He was also saying to them, "You nicely set aside the commandment of God in order to keep your ^atradition.

10 "For Moses said, ^a"HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER"; and, ^b"HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM ¹BE PUT TO DEATH";

11 but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, anything of mine you might have been helped by is ^aCorban (that is to say, ¹given to God),'

12 you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother;

13 thus invalidating the word of God by your ^atradition which

2 ^aMatt. 15:2; Mark 7:5; Luke 11:38; Acts 10:14, 28; 11:8; Rom. 14:14; Heb. 10:29; Rev. 21:27

3 ¹Lit., with the flat ^aMark 7:5, 8, 9, 13; Gal. 1:14

4 ¹Or, sprinkle ²Lit., baptizing ^aMatt. 23:25

5 ^aMark 7:3, 8, 9, 13; Gal. 1:14 ^bMark 7:2

6 ^aIs. 29:13 ⁷Is. 29:13

8 ^aMark 7:3, 5, 9, 13; Gal. 1:14

9 ^aMark 7:3, 5, 8, 13; Gal. 1:14

10 ¹Lit., die the death ^aEx. 20:12; Deut. 5:16

^bEx. 21:17; Lev. 20:9

11 ¹Or, a gift, an offering ^aLev. 1:2; Matt. 27:6

13 ^aMark 7:3, 5, 8, 9; Gal. 1:14

16 ¹Many mss. do not contain this verse

17 ^aMark 2:1; 3:30; 9:28 ^bMatt. 15:15

19 ¹Lit., goes out into the latrine

^aRom. 14:1-12; Col. 2:16 ^bLuke 11:41; Acts 10:15; 11:9

20 ^aMatt. 15:18; Mark 7:23

21 ¹i.e., acts of sexual immorality

22 ¹Lit., an evil eye ²Or, arrogance ^aMatt. 6:23; 20:15

24 ¹Some early mss. add and Sidon ²Lit., and

^aMark 7:24-30; Matt. 15:21-28

^bMatt. 11:21; Mark 7:31

26 ¹Lit., Greek

you have handed down; and you do many things such as that."

14 And after He called the multitude to Him again, He began saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing outside the man which going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.

16 ["If any man has ears to hear, let him hear."]

17 And when leaving the multitude, He had entered ^athe house, ^bHis disciples questioned Him about the parable.

18 And He ^asaid to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him;

19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and ¹is eliminated?" (Thus He declared ^aall foods ^bclean.)

20 And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, ¹fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

22 deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, ¹envy, slander, ²pride and foolishness.

23 "All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

24 ¶ ^aAnd from there He arose and went away to the region of ^bTyre¹. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know of it; ²yet He could not escape notice.

25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, immediately came and fell at His feet.

26 Now the woman was a ¹Gentile, of the Syrophoenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27 And He was saying to her, **"Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not ¹good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."**

28 But she answered and ^{*}said to Him, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."

29 And He said to her, **"Because of this ¹answer go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter."**

30 And going back to her home, she found the child ¹lying on the bed, the demon having departed.

31 ¶ ^{*}And again He went out from the region of ^bTyre, and came through Sidon to ^cthe Sea of Galilee, within the region of ^dDecapolis.

32 And they ^{*}brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they ^{*}entreated Him to ^{*}lay His hand upon him.

33 And ^{*}He took him aside from the multitude by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after ^{*}spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*;

34 and looking up to heaven with a deep ^{*}sigh, He ^{*}said to him, **"Ephphatha!"** that is, **"Be opened!"**

35 And his ears were opened, and the ¹impediment of his tongue ²was removed, and he began speaking plainly.

36 And ^{*}He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they ^bcontinued to proclaim it.

37 And they were utterly astonished, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."

CHAPTER 8

IN those days again, when there was a great multitude

27 ¹Or, proper

29 ¹Lit., word

30 ¹Lit., thrown

31 ^{*}Mark 7:31-37; Matt. 15:29-31; ^bMatt. 11:21; Mark 7:24; ^cMatt. 4:18; ^dMatt. 4:25; Mark 5:20

32 ^{*}Mark 5:23

33 ^{*}Mark 8:23

34 ^{*}Mark 8:12

35 ¹Or, bond ²Lit., was loosed

36 ^{*}Matt. 8:4; ^bMark 1:45

1 ^{*}Mark 8:1-9; Matt. 15:32-39; Mark 6:34-44

2 ^{*}Matt. 9:36; Mark 6:34

4 ¹Lit., loaves

6 ¹Lit., recline ²Lit., set before

7 ¹Lit., set before them ^{*}Matt. 14:19

8 ^{*}Matt. 15:37; Mark 8:20

10 ^{*}Matt. 15:39

11 ¹Or, attesting miracle ²Lit., testing Him ^{*}Mark 8:11-21; Matt. 16:1-12; ^bMatt. 12:38

12 ¹Or, to Himself ²Or, attesting miracle ³Lit., if a sign shall be given ^{*}Mark 7:34; ^bMatt. 12:39

and they had nothing to eat, ^{*}He called His disciples and ^{*}said to them,

2 ^{*}"I feel compassion for this multitude because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat;

3 and if I send them away hungry to their home, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a distance."

4 And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able to find enough to satisfy these men with ¹bread here in a desolate place?"

5 And He was asking them **"How many loaves do you have?"** And they said, "Seven."

6 And He ^{*}directed the multitude to ¹sit down on the ground and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them and started giving them to His disciples to ²serve to them, and they served them to the multitude.

7 They also had a few small fish; and ^{*}after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be ¹served as well.

8 And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up several large ^{*}baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces.

9 And about four thousand were *there*; and He sent them away.

10 And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples and came to the district of ^{*}Dalmanutha.

11 ¶ ^{*}And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, ^bseeking from Him a ¹sign from heaven, ²to test Him.

12 And ^{*}sighing deeply ¹in His spirit, He ^{*}said, **"Why does this generation seek for a ²sign? Truly I say to you, ³no ²sign shall be given to this generation."**

13 And leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

14 ¶ And they had forgotten to take bread; and ¹did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them.

15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, **"Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of ^bHerod."**

16 And they began to discuss with one another *the fact* that they had no bread.

17 And Jesus, aware of this, ¹said to them, **"Why do you discuss *the fact* that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a ¹hardened heart?"**

18 **"HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR? And do you not remember,**

19 **when I broke ^athe five loaves for the five thousand, how many ^bbaskets full of broken pieces you picked up?"** They ¹said to Him, "Twelve."

20 **"And when I broke ^athe seven for the four thousand, how many large ^bbaskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?"** And they ¹said to Him, "Seven."

21 And He was saying to them, **"Do you not yet understand?"**

22 ¶ And they ¹came to ^aBethsaida. And they ¹brought a blind man to Him, and ¹entreated Him to ^btouch him.

23 And taking the blind man by the hand, He ¹brought him out of the village; and after ¹spitting on his eyes, and ^blaying His hands upon him, He asked him, **"Do you see anything?"**

24 And he ¹looked up and said, "I see men, for ²I am seeing *them* like trees, walking about."

25 Then again He laid His hands upon his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly.

26 And He sent him to his home, saying, **"Do not even enter ^athe village."**

14 ¹Lit., were not having

15 ^aMatt. 16:6; Luke 12:1 ^bMatt. 14:1, 22:16

17 ¹Or, dull, insensible

^aMark 6:52

18 ^aJer.

5:21; Ezek.

12:2; Mark

4:12

19 ^aMark

6:41-44

^bMatt. 14:20

20 ^aMark

8:6-9 ^bMark

8:8

21 ^aMark

6:52

22 ^aMatt.

11:21; Mark

6:45 ^bMark

3:10

23 ^aMark

7:33 ^bMark

5:23

24 ¹Or,

gained sight

²Or, they

look to me

26 ^aMark

8:23

27 ^aMark

8:27-29; Matt.

16:13-16;

Luke 9:15-20

^bMatt. 16:13

28 ^aMark

6:14; Luke

9:7, 8

29 ¹Le., the

Messiah

^aJohn 6:68,

69

30 ¹Or,

strictly ad-

monished

^aMatt. 8:4;

16:20; Luke

9:21

31 ^aMark

8:31-9:1;

Matt. 16:21-

28; Luke

9:22-27

^bMatt. 16:21

32 ^aJohn

10:24; 11:14;

16:25, 29;

18:20

33 ¹Lit., the

things of God

^aMatt. 4:10

34 ^aMatt.

10:38; Luke

14:27

35 ¹Or, soul

^aMatt. 10:39;

Luke 17:33;

John 12:25

36 ^aMatt.

10:33; Luke

9:26; Heb.

11:18 ^bMatt.

8:20 ^cMatt.

16:27; Mark

13:26; Luke

9:26

27 ¶ ^aAnd Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of ^bCaesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them,

"Who do people say that I am?"

28 ^aAnd they told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the prophets."

29 And He continued by questioning them, **"But who do you say that I am?"** ^aPeter ¹answered and ¹said to Him, "Thou art ¹the Christ."

30 And ^aHe ¹warned them to tell no one about Him.

31 ¶ ^aAnd He began to teach them that ^bthe Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And He was stating the matter ^aplainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, and ¹said, **"Get behind Me, ^aSatan; for you are not setting your mind on ¹God's interests, but man's."**

34 And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, **"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and ^atake up his cross, and follow Me."**

35 **"For ^awhoever wishes to save his ¹life shall lose it; but whoever loses his ¹life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it."**

36 **"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?"**

37 **"For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"**

38 **"For ^awhoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, ^bthe Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He ^ccomes in the**

glory of His Father with the holy angels."

CHAPTER 9

AND He was saying to them, **"Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."**

2 ¶ And six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up to a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them;

3 and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.

4 And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.

5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

6 For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified.

7 Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

8 And all at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

9 ¶ And as they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, until the Son of Man should rise from the dead.

10 And they seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead might mean.

11 And they asked Him, saying, "Why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

1 *Matt. 16:28; Mark 13:26; Luke 9:27

2 *Or, Jacob

*Mark 9:2-8; Matt. 17:1-8; Luke 9:28-36; *Mark 5:37

3 *Matt. 28:3

5 *Or, sacred tents; *Matt. 23:7; *Mark 17:4; Luke 9:33

7 *Or, occurred; *Or, give constant heed; *2 Pet. 1:17; *Matt. 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22

9 *Lit., except when; *Mark 9:9-13; Matt. 17:9-13; *Matt. 8:4; Mark 5:43; 7:36; 8:30

10 *Or, kept to themselves; *Lit., the statement; *Lit., what was the rising from the dead

11 *Mal. 4:5; Matt. 11:14

12 *Mark 9:31; *Matt. 16:21; 26:24

13 *Lit., also

14 *Mark 9:14-28; Matt. 17:14-19; Luke 9:37-42

15 *Mark 14:33; 16:5, 6

18 *Or, wherever; *Or, tears him; *Or, withers away

20 *Lit., him

12 And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore all things. And yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be treated with contempt?"

13 But I say to you, that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him."

14 ¶ And when they came back to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them.

15 And immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed, and began running up to greet Him.

16 And He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?"

17 And one of the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him mute;

18 and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and stiffens out. And I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it."

19 And He answered them and said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!"

20 And they brought the boy to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling about and foaming at the mouth.

21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

22 And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"

23 And Jesus said to him, "If

You can!" *All things are possible to him who believes."

24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and began saying, "I do believe; help my unbelief."

25 And when Jesus saw that ^aa crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, **"You deaf and dumb spirit, I ²command you, come out of him and do not enter him ³again."**

26 And after crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and the boy became so much like a corpse that most of them said, "He is dead!"

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up.

28 And when He had come ^ainto the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

29 And He said to them, **"This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer¹."**

30 ¶ ^aAnd from there they went out and began to go through Galilee, and He was unwilling for anyone to know about it.

31 For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, **"^aThe Son of Man is to be ¹delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later."**

32 But ^athey ¹did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.

33 ¶ ^aAnd they came to Capernaum; and when He ¹was in the house, He began to question them, **"What were you discussing on the way?"**

34 But they kept silent, for on the way ^athey had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest.

35 And sitting down, He called the twelve and ^asaid to them,

23 *Matt. 17:20; John 11:40

25 ¹Or, running together
²Or, I Myself command
³Or, from now on

*Mark 9:15
28 *Mark 2:1; 7:17

29 ¹Many mss. add and fasting

30 *Mark 9:30-32; Matt. 17:22, 23; Luke 9:43-45

31 ¹Or, betrayed

*Matt. 16:21; Mark 8:31; 9:12

32 ¹Lit., were not knowing
*Luke 2:50; 9:45; 18:34; John 12:16

33 ¹Lit., had come

*Mark 9:33-37; Matt. 18:1-5; Luke 9:46-48

34 *Matt. 18:4; Mark 9:50; Luke 22:24

35 ¹Or, let him be

*Matt. 20:26; 23:11; Mark 10:43, 44; Luke 22:26

36 ¹Lit., in their midst

37 ¹Lit., one of such children

*Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16; John 13:20

38 *Mark 9:38-40; Luke 9:49, 50
²Num. 11:27-29

40 ¹Or, on our side

*Matt. 12:30; Luke 11:23

41 ¹Lit., in a name that you are Christ's

*Matt. 10:42

42 ¹I.e., humble ²Lit., is better for him if a millstone

is hung ³Lit., has been cast

*Matt. 18:6; Luke 17:2; 1 Cor. 8:12

43 ¹Gr., Gehenna

*Matt. 5:30; 18:8 *Matt. 5:22 *Matt. 3:12; 23:41

"^aIf anyone wants to be first, ¹he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

36 And taking a child, He set him ¹before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them,

37 **"^aWhoever receives ¹one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me."**

38 ¶ ^aJohn said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and ^bwe tried to hinder him because he was not following us."

39 But Jesus said, **"Do not hinder him, for there is no one who shall perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me."**

40 **"^aFor he who is not against us is ¹for us."**

41 **"For ^awhoever gives you a cup of water to drink ¹because of your name as followers of Christ, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."**

42 **"And ^awhoever causes one of these ¹little ones who believe to stumble, it ²would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he ³had been cast into the sea."**

43 **"And ^aif your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into ¹hell, into the ^cunquenchable fire."**

44 **[¹where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]**

45 **"And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having your two feet, to be cast into ¹hell."**

46 **[¹where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]**

44 ¹Vv. 44 and 46, which are identical with v. 48, are not found in the best ancient mss.

45 ¹Gr., Gehenna *Matt. 5:22

46 ¹V. 44, note 1

47^a "And ^aif your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into ^bhell.

48 ^awhere THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND ^bTHE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.

49^a "For everyone will be salted with fire.

50^a "Salt is good; but ^aif the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you ^bmake it salty again? ^bHave salt in yourselves, and ^cbe at peace with one another."

CHAPTER 10

^aAND rising up, He ^awent from there to the region of Judea, and beyond the Jordan; and crowds ^agathered around Him again, and, ^baccording to His custom, He once more began to teach them.

2 ¶ And some Pharisees came up to Him, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to ^bdivorce a wife.

3 And He answered and said to them, "^aWhat did Moses command you?"

4 And they said, "^aMoses permitted a man to WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND ^bSEND her AWAY."

5 But Jesus said to them, "^aBecause of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6^a "But ^afrom the beginning of creation, God ^bMADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

7^a "FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER,¹

8 ^aAND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH; consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9^a "What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

10 And in the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again.

47 ¹Gr., Gehenna
^aMatt. 5:29;
18:9 ^bMatt.
5:22

48 ^aIs. 66:24
^bMatt. 3:12;
25:41

50 ¹Lit., season if
^aMatt. 5:13;
Luke 14:34f.
^bCol. 4:6

^cMark 9:34;
Rom. 12:18;
2 Cor. 13:11;
1 Thess. 5:13

1 ^aMark
10:1-12; ^bMatt.
19:1-9 ^bMatt.
4:23; 26:55;
Mark 1:21;
2:13; 4:2; 6:2;
6:34; 12:35;
14:49

2 ¹Or., send away

4 ¹Or., divorce her
^aDeut. 24:1;
3; ^bMatt. 5:31

5 ¹Or., With reference to
^aMatt. 19:8

6 ^aMark
13:19; 2 Pet.
3:4 ^bGen.
1:27; 5:2

7 ¹Some mss. add and shall cleave to his wife
^aGen. 2:24

8 ^aGen.
2:24

11 ¹Or., sends away
^aMatt. 5:32

12 ¹Or., sends away
^a1 Cor. 7:11;
13

13 ^aMark
10:13-16;
Matt. 19:13-
15; ^bLuke
18:15-17

14 ^aMatt.
5:3

15 ^aMatt.
18:3; 19:14;
Luke 18:17;
1 Cor. 14:20;
1 Pet. 2:2

16 ^aMark
9:36

17 ^aMark
10:17-31;
Matt. 19:16-
30; ^bLuke
18:18-30

^bMark 1:40
^aMatt. 25:34;
Luke 10:25;
18:18; Acts
20:32; Eph.
1:18; 1 Pet.
1:4

19 ^aEx.
20:12-16;
Deut. 5:16-20

20 ^aMatt.
19:20

21 ^aMatt.
6:20

11 And He ^asaid to them, "^aWhoever ^bdivorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

12 and ^aif she herself ^bdivorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery."

13 ¶ ^aAnd they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them.

14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "^aPermit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; ^afor the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

15^a "Truly I say to you, ^awhoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all."

16 And He ^atook them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands upon them.

17 ¶ ^aAnd as He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and ^bknelt before Him, and began asking Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

18 And Jesus said to him, "^aWhy do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

19^a "You know the commandments, ^aDO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER."¹

20 And he said to Him, "Teacher, I have kept ^aall these things from my youth up."

21 And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him, and said to him, "^aOne thing you lack: go and sell all you possess, and give to the poor, and you shall have ^atreasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

22 But at these words ^bhis face fell, and he went away grieved,

22 ¹Or., he became gloomy

for he was one who owned much property.

23 ¶ And Jesus, looking around, *said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!"

24 And the disciples *were amazed at His words. But Jesus *answered again and *said to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

25 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

26 And they were even more astonished and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?"

27 Looking upon them, Jesus *said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

28 *Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You."

29 Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake;

30 but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.

31 "But many who are first, will be last; and the last, first."

32 ¶ And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,

33 saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to

23 *Matt. 19:23

24 *Later mss. insert for those who trust in wealth *Mark 1:27

25 *Lit., the *Matt. 19:24

26 *Later mss. read to one another *Lit., And

27 *Matt. 19:26

28 *Matt. 4:20-22

29 *Matt. 6:33, 19:29; Luke 18:29f

30 *Lit., this time *Matt. 12:32

31 *Matt. 19:30, 20:16; Luke 13:30

32 *Mark 10:32-34; Matt. 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-33 *Mark 1:27

33 *Or, betrayed *Or, betray *Mark 8:31; 9:12

34 *Matt. 16:21, 26:67, 27:30; Mark 9:31, 14:65

35 *Or, Jacob *Mark 10:35-45; Matt. 20:20-28

37 *Lit., Give to us *Matt. 19:28

38 *Matt. 20:22 *Luke 12:50

39 *Acts 12:2; Rev. 1:9

40 *Matt. 13:11

41 *Or, Jacob *Mark 10:42-45; Luke 22:25-27

43 *Matt. 20:26, 23:11; Mark 9:35; Luke 22:26

45 *Or, soul *Matt. 20:28

death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles.

34 "And they will mock Him and spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again."

35 ¶ And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, *came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."

36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

37 And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on Your left."

38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

39 And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized."

40 "But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John.

42 And calling them to Himself, Jesus *said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.

43 "But it is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;

44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

46 ¶ ^aAnd they ^{*}came to Jericho. And ^bas He was going out from Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus the ^aNazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, ^bSon of David, have mercy on me!"

48 And many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "^aSon of David, have mercy on me!"

49 And Jesus stopped and said, "**Call him here.**" And they ^{*}called the blind man, saying to him, "^aTake courage, arise! He is calling for you."

50 And casting aside his cloak, he jumped up, and came to Jesus.

51 And answering him, Jesus said, "**What do you want Me to do for you?**" And the blind man said to Him, "^aRabboni, I want to regain my sight!"

52 And Jesus said to him, "**Go your way; ^ayour faith has ¹made you well.**" And immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him on the road.

CHAPTER 11

^aAND as they ^{*}approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and ^bBethany, near ^cthe Mount of Olives, He ^{*}sent two of His disciples,

2 and ^{*}said to them, "**Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.**

3 "**And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' you say, 'The Lord has need of it'; and immediately he ¹will send it back here.**"

4 And they went away and found a colt tied at the door out-

46 ^aMark 10:46-52; Matt. 20:29-34; Luke 18:35-43; ^bLuke 18:35; 19:1

47 ^aMark 1:24; ^bMatt. 9:27

48 ^aMatt. 9:27

49 ^aMatt. 9:2

51 ¹I.e., My Master; ^aMatt. 23:7; John 20:16

52 ¹Lit., saved you; ^aMatt. 9:22

1 ^aMark 11:1-10; Matt. 21:1-9; Luke 19:29-38; ^bMatt. 21:17; ^cMatt. 21:1

3 ¹Lit., sends

7 ^aMark 11:7-10; Matt. 21:4-9; Luke 19:35-38; John 12:12-15

9 ^aPs. 118:26; Matt. 21:9

10 ^aMatt. 21:9

11 ^aMatt. 21:12; ^bMatt. 21:17

12 ^aMark 11:12-14, 20-24; Matt. 21:18-22

15 ¹Lit., the doves; ^aMark 11:15-18; Matt. 21:12-16; Luke 19:45-47; John 2:13-16

16 ¹Lit., a vessel; i.e., a receptacle or implement of any kind

side in the street; and they ^{*}untied it.

5 And some of the bystanders were saying to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus had told *them*, and they gave them permission.

7 ^{*}And they ^{*}brought the colt to Jesus and put their garment on it; and He sat upon it.

8 And many spread their garments in the road, and others *spread* leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

9 And those who went before and those who followed after were crying out,

"Hosanna!

^aBLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David;

Hosanna ^ain the highest!"

11 ¶ And ^aHe entered Jerusalem and came into the temple and after looking all around, ^bHe departed for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

12 ¶ ^aAnd on the next day when they had departed from Bethany, He became hungry.

13 And seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

14 And He answered and said to it, "**May no one ever eat fruit from you again!**" And His disciples were listening.

15 ¶ ^{*}And they ^{*}came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling ¹doves;

16 and He would not permit anyone to carry ¹goods through the temple.

17 And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, **MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS?**" ^bBut you have made it **ROBBERS' DEN.**"

18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard *this*, and ^abegan seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for all the multitude was astonished at His teaching.

19 ¶ And ^awhenever evening came, ¹they would go out of the city.

20 ¶ ^aAnd as they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up.

21 And being reminded, Peter ^asaid to Him, "^aRabbi, behold, the fig tree which You cursed has withered."

22 And Jesus ^aanswered saying to them, "^aHave faith in God.

23 ^aTruly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be granted him.

24 ^aTherefore I say to you, ^aall things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you.

25 ^aAnd whenever you ^astand praying, ^bforgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your transgressions.

26 [¹ ^aBut if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."]

27 ¶ And they ^acame again to Jerusalem. ^aAnd as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, and scribes, and elders ^acame to Him,

28 and began saying to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave

17 ¹Lit.,
cave
^aIs. 56:7 ^bJer.
7:11

18 ^aMatt.
21:46; Mark
12:12; Luke
20:19; John
7:1 ^aMatt.
7:28

19 ¹Lit.,
Jesus and His
disciples
^aMatt. 21:17;
Mark 11:11;
Luke 21:37

20 ^aMark
11:12-14, 20-
24. ^aMatt.
21:19-22

21 ^aMatt.
23:7

22 ^aMatt.
17:20; 21:21f.

23 ^aMatt.
17:20; 1 Cor.
13:2

24 ^aMatt.
7:7f.

25 ^aMatt.
6:5 ^aMatt.
6:14

26 ¹Many
msa. do not
contain this v.
^aMatt. 6:15;
18:35

27 ^aMark
11:27-33;
Matt. 21:23-
27; Luke
20:1-8

32 ¹Or, if
we say

33 ¹Lit., do I
tell

1 ¹Or,
fence ¹Or,
tenant farm-
ers, also vv.
2, 7, 9

^aMark 3:23;
4:2ff. ^aMark
12:1-12; Matt.
21:33-46;
Luke 20:9-19
¹Is. 5:1, 2

You this authority to do these things?"

29 And Jesus said to them, "¹I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and then I will tell you by what authority I do these things.

30 ^aWas the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me."

31 And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?'

32 ^aBut ¹shall we say, 'From men?'"—they were afraid of the multitude, for all considered John to have been a prophet indeed.

33 And answering Jesus, they ^asaid, "We do not know." And Jesus ^asaid to them, "^aNeither ¹will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

CHAPTER 12

^aAND He began to speak to them in parables: "^aA man ^cPLANTED A VINEYARD, AND PUT A ¹WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to ²vine-growers and went on a journey.

2 ^aAnd at the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive some of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.

3 ^aAnd they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed.

4 ^aAnd again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.

5 ^aAnd he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some, and killing others.

6 ^aHe had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

7^{*}But those vine-growers said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!"

8^{*}And they took him, and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

9^{*}What will the ¹owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.

10^{*}Have you not even read this Scripture:

"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone;

11 **"THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?"**

12 And ^athey were seeking to seize Him; and yet they feared the multitude; for they understood that He spoke the parable against them. And so ^bthey left Him, and went away.

13 ¶ ^aAnd they ^{*}sent some of the Pharisees and ^bHerodians to Him, in order to ^ctrap Him in a statement.

14 And they ^{*}came and ^{*}said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful, and ¹defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it ²lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?"

15 "Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, "Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a ¹denarius to look at."

16 And they brought one. And He ^{*}said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" And they said to Him, "Caesar's."

17 And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they ¹were amazed at Him.

18 ¶ ^aAnd some Sadducees (who say that there is no resur-

9 ¹Lit., lord

10 ^aPs. 118:22

11 ^aPs. 118:23

12 ^aMark 11:18 ^bMatt. 22:22

13 ^aMark 12:13-17; Matt. 22:15-22; Luke 20:20-26 ^bMatt. 22:16 ^cLuke 11:54

14 ¹Lit., it is not a concern to You about anyone; i.e., You court no man's favor ²Or, permissible

15 ¹The denarius was equivalent to one day's wage

17 ¹Or, were greatly marveling ^aMatt. 22:21

18 ^aMark 12:18-27; Matt. 22:23-33; Luke 20:27-38; Acts 23:8

19 ^aDeut. 25:5

22 ¹Lit., the seven

23 ¹Most ancient mss. do not contain when they rise again ²Lit., the seven

24 ¹Or, know

26 ¹Lit., concerning the dead, that they rise ^aLuke 20:37; Rom. 11:2 ^bEx. 3:6

27 ¹Or, of corpses ^aMatt. 22:32; Luke 20:38

28 ¹Or, first ^aMark 12:28-34; Matt. 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-28; 20:39; ^bMatt. 22:34; Luke 20:39

29 ^aDeut. 6:4

30 ^aDeut. 6:5

rection) ^{*}came to Him, and began questioning Him, saying,

19 "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that ^aIF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES and leaves behind a wife, AND LEAVES NO CHILD, HIS BROTHER SHOULD TAKE THE WIFE, AND RAISE UP OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.

20 "There were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died, leaving no offspring.

21 "And the second one took her, and died, leaving behind no offspring; and the third likewise

22 and so ¹all seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman died also.

23 "In the resurrection, ¹when they rise again, which one's wife will she be? For ²all seven had her as wife."

24 Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not ¹understand the Scriptures, or the power of God?"

25 "For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

26 "But ¹regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, ^ain the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ^bI AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB?"

27 ^aHe is not the God ¹of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken."

28 ¶ ^aAnd one of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and ^brecognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him "What commandment is the ¹foremost of all?"

29 Jesus answered, "The foremost is, ^aHEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;

30 ^aAND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH."

31 "The second is this, ***YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.** There is no other commandment greater than these."

32 And the scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher, You have truly stated that ***HE IS ONE; AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM;**

33 ***AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF,** ^bis much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 And when Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, **"You are not far from the kingdom of God."** And after that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

35 ¶ ***And Jesus answering began to say, as He ^btaught in the temple, "How is it that the scribes say that ¹the Christ is the ^ason of David?"**

36 **"David himself said ¹in the Holy Spirit,**

***THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,**

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET."

37 **"David himself calls Him 'Lord'; and so in what sense is He his son?"** And ^athe great crowd ¹enjoyed listening to Him.

38 ¶ ***And in His teaching He was saying: "Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and like ^brespectful greetings in the market places,**

39 **and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets,**

40 ***who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation."**

41 ¶ ***And He sat down opposite ^bthe treasury, and began ob-**

31 ^aLev. 19:18

32 ^aDeut. 4:35

33 ^aDeut. 6:5 ^b1 Sam. 15:22; Hos. 6:6; Mic. 6:8; Matt. 9:13; 12:7

34 ^aMatt. 24:46

35 ¹I.e., the Messiah ^aMark 12:35-37; Matt. 22:41-46; Luke 20:41-44 ^bMatt. 26:55; Mark 10:1; ^aMatt. 9:27

36 ¹Or, by ^aPs. 110:1

37 ¹Lit., was gladly hearing Him ^aJohn 12:9

38 ^aMark 12:38-40; Matt. 23:1-7; Luke 20:45-47 ^bMatt. 23:7; Luke 11:43

40 ^aLuke 20:47

41 ¹I.e., copper coins ^aMark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4 ^aJohn 8:20 ²Kin. 12:9

42 ¹Gr., λεπτα ²Gr., quadrans; i.e., 1/64 of a denarius

43 ¹Lit., those who were putting in

44 ¹Or, abundance ²Lit., her whole livelihood ^aLuke 8:43; 15:12, 30; 21:4

1 ¹Lit., how great ^aMark 13:1-37; Matt. 24; Luke 21:5-36

2 ^aLuke 19:44

3 ¹Or, Jacob ^aMatt. 21:1; ^bMatt. 17:1

4 ¹Or, attesting miracle

6 ^aJohn 8:24

serving how the multitude were ^cputting ¹money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums.

42 And a poor widow came and put in two ¹small copper coins, which amount to a ²cent.

43 And calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, **"Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all ¹the contributors to the treasury;**

44 **for they all put in out of their ¹surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned, ²all she had ^ato live on."**

CHAPTER 13

AND as He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples ^asaid to Him, "Teacher, behold ¹what wonderful stones and ¹what wonderful buildings!"

2 And Jesus said to him, **"Do you see these great buildings? ^aNot one stone shall be left upon another which will not be torn down."**

3 ¶ And as He was sitting on ^athe Mount of Olives opposite the temple, ^bPeter and ¹James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately.

4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the ¹sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"

5 And Jesus began to say to them, **"See to it that no one misleads you."**

6 **"Many will come in My name, saying, '^aI am He!' and will mislead many."**

7 **"And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end."**

8 **"For nation will arise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs."**

9 ¶ "But ¹be on your guard; for they will ^adeliver you to the ²courts, and you will be flogged ^bin the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them.

10 "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

11 "And when they ¹arrest you and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but *it is the Holy Spirit*.

12 "And brother will deliver brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and ¹have them put to death.

13 "And ^ayou will be hated by all on account of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.

14 ¶ "But ^awhen you see the ^bABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

15 "And let him who is on the housetop not go down, or enter in, to get anything out of his house;

16 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.

17 "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days!

18 "But pray that it may not happen in the winter.

19 "For those days will be a *time* of tribulation such as has not occurred ^asince the beginning of the creation which God created, until now, and never shall.

20 "And unless the Lord had shortened *those* days, no ¹life would have been saved; but for the sake of the ²elect whom He chose, He shortened the days.

21 "And then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is ¹the Christ';

⁹ ¹Lit., look to yourselves ²Or, Sanhedrin or council

^aMatt. 10:17
^bMatt. 10:17

¹⁰ ^aMatt. 24:14

¹¹ ¹Lit., lead

^aMark 13:11-13

¹³ ^aMatt. 10:19-22; Luke 21:12-17

¹² ¹Lit., put them to death

¹³ ^aMatt. 10:22; John 15:21

¹⁴ ^aMatt. 24:15f. ^bDan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11

¹⁵ ^aLuke 17:31

¹⁹ ^aDan. 12:1; Mark 10:6

²⁰ ¹Lit., flesh ²Or, chosen ones

²¹ ¹I.e., the Messiah

²² ¹Or, attesting miracles

^aMatt. 7:15
^bMatt. 24:24; John 4:48

²⁴ ^aIs. 13:10; Ezek. 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Rev. 6:12

²⁵ ¹Or, heaven
^aIs. 34:4; Rev. 6:13

²⁶ ^aDan. 7:13; Rev. 1:7
^bMatt. 16:27; Mark 8:38

²⁷ ¹Or, chosen ones
^aDeut. 30:4
^bZech. 2:6

²⁹ ¹Lit., know ²Or, it ³Lit., doors

³⁰ ¹Or, race

³² ^aMatt. 24:36; Acts 1:7

³³ ^aEph. 6:18; Col. 4:2

³⁴ ¹Lit., giving the authority to
^aLuke 12:36-38

or, 'Behold, He is there'; do not believe him;

22 for false Christs and ^afalse prophets will arise, and will show ¹signs and ²wonders, in order, if possible, to lead the elect astray.

23 "But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.

24 ¶ "But in those days, after that tribulation, ^aTHE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT,

25 ^aAND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in ¹the heaven will be shaken.

26 "And then they will see ^aTHE SON OF MAN ^bCOMING IN CLOUD with great power and glory.

27 "And then He will send forth the angels, and ^awill gather together His ¹elect from the four winds, ^bfrom the farthest end of the earth, to the farthest end of heaven.

28 ¶ "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branches has already become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 "Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, ¹recognize that ²He is near, right at the ³door.

30 "Truly I say to you, this ¹generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

32 "But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

33 ¶ "Take heed, ^akeep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time is.

34 "It is like a man, away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and ¹putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.

35 Therefore, **be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow, or in the morning—**

36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

37 And what I say to you I say to all, **"Be on the alert!"**

CHAPTER 14

NOW the Passover and Unleavened Bread was two days off; and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Him by stealth, and kill Him;

2 for they were saying, "Not during the festival, lest there be a riot of the people."

3 **And while He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining at the table, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial and poured it over His head.**

4 But some were indignantly remarking to one another, "Why has this perfume been wasted?"

5 "For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

6 But Jesus said, **"Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me."**

7 "For the poor you always have with you, and whenever you wish, you can do them good; but you do not always have Me."

8 **"She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial."**

9 **"And truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, that also which this woman has done shall be spoken of in memory of her."**

10 **And Judas Iscariot,**

35 ¹Lat., lord
*Matt. 24:42;
Mark 13:37
*Mark 14:30
*Matt. 14:25;
Mark 6:48

36 *Rom.
13:11

37 *Matt.
24:42; Mark
13:35

1 *Mark
14:1, 2; Matt.
26:2-5; Luke
22:1, 2 *Ex.
12:1-7; Mark
14:12; John
11:55; 13:1
*Matt. 12:14

3 *Mark
14:3-9; Matt.
26:6-13; Luke
7:37-39; John
12:1-8 *Matt.
21:17 *Matt.
26:6f.; John
12:3

5 ¹The denarius was equivalent to one day's wage

7 *Deut.
15:11; Matt.
26:17; John
12:8

8 *John
19:40

9 *Matt.
26:13

10 ¹Or, deliver Him up
*Mark 14:10;
11; Matt.
26:14-16;
Luke 22:3-6
*John 6:71

12 ¹Lat., they were sacrificing
*Mark 14:12;
16; Matt.
26:17-19;
Luke 22:7-13
*Matt. 26:17

*Deut. 16:5;
Mark 14:1;
Luke 22:7;
1 Cor. 5:7

14 *Luke
22:11

17 *Mark
14:17-21;
Matt. 26:20-24;
Luke
22:14, 21-23;
John 13:18ff.

18 ¹Or, deliver Me up
*Or, the one

20 ¹Or, the one

21 ¹Or, through ²Lat., for him if that man had not been born

¹who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests, in order to betray Him to them.

11 And they were glad when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

12 **And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?"**

13 And He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, **"Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him;**

14 **and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'**

15 **And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; and prepare for us there."**

16 And the disciples went out, and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

17 **And when it was evening He came with the twelve.**

18 And as they were reclining at the table and eating, Jesus said, **"Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me—one who is eating with Me."**

19 They began to be grieved and to say to Him one by one, "Surely not I?"

20 And He said to them, **"It is one of the twelve, one who dips with Me in the bowl."**

21 **"For the Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."**

22 ¶ And while they were eating, He took some bread, and ¹after a ^bblessing He broke it; and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is My body."

23 And when He had taken a cup, and given thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank from it.

24 And He said to them, "This is My ^ablood of the ^bcovenant, which is poured out for many."

25 "Truly I say to you, I shall never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

26 ¶ And after singing a hymn, they went out to ^bthe Mount of Olives.

27 ¶ And Jesus ^{*}said to them, "You will all ¹fall away, because it is written, ^bI WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED."

28 "But after I have been raised, ^aI will go before you to Galilee."

29 But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may ¹fall away, yet I will not."

30 And Jesus ^{*}said to him, "Truly I say to you, that you yourself ¹this very night, before ^aa cock crows twice, shall three times deny Me."

31 But Peter kept saying insistently, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all were saying the same thing, too.

32 ¶ And they ^{*}came to a place named Gethsemane; and He ^{*}said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed."

33 And He ^{*}took with Him Peter and ¹James and John, and began to be very ^adistressed and troubled.

34 And He ^{*}said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch."

35 And He went a little beyond them, and ¹fell to the ground, and

22 ¹Lit., having blessed
*Mark 14:22-25; Matt. 26:26-29; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25; Mark 10:16; ^bMatt. 14:19
24 *Ex. 24:8
^bJer. 31:31-34

26 *Matt. 26:30; ^bMatt. 21:1

27 ¹Or, stumble
*Mark 14:27; 31; Matt. 26:31-35
^bZech. 13:7

28 *Matt. 28:16

29 ¹Or, stumble

30 ¹Lit., today, on this night
*Matt. 26:34
^bMark 14:68; 72; John 13:38

32 *Mark 14:32-42; Matt. 26:36-46; Luke 22:40-46

33 ¹Or, Jacob
*Mark 9:15; 16:5, 6

34 *Matt. 26:38; John 12:27

35 ¹Lit., was falling ²Lit., pass from Him
*Matt. 26:45; Mark 14:41

36 *Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6
^bMatt. 26:39

38 *Matt. 26:41

39 ¹Lit., word

41 ¹Or, Keep on sleeping therefore ²Or, delivered up
*Mark 14:35

43 ¹Lit., and with him
*Mark 14:43; 50; Matt. 26:47-56; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-11

44 ¹Lit., safely

45 *Matt. 23:7

began to pray that if it were possible, ^athe hour might ²pass Him by.

36 And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; ^byet not what I will, but what Thou wilt."

37 And He ^{*}came and ^{*}found them sleeping, and ^{*}said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

38 "Keep watching and praying, that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

39 And again He went away and prayed, saying the same words.

40 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

41 And He ^{*}came the third time, and ^{*}said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; ^athe hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being ²betrayed into the hands of sinners."

42 "Arise, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

43 ¶ And immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, ^{*}came up, ¹accompanied by a multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, He is the one; seize Him, and lead Him away ¹under guard."

45 And after coming, he immediately went to Him, saying, "Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

46 And they laid hands on Him, and seized Him.

47 But a certain one of those who stood by drew his sword,

and struck the slave of the high priest, and ¹cut off his ear.

48 And Jesus answered and said to them, **"Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as against a robber?"**

49 **"Every day I was with you ^ain the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but ¹this has happened that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."**

50 And they all left Him and fled.

51 ¶ And a certain young man was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they ^aseized him.

52 But he left the linen sheet behind, and escaped naked.

53 ¶ ^aAnd they led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes ^agathered together.

54 And Peter had followed Him at a distance, ^aright into ^bthe courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the ¹officers, and ^cwarming himself at the ²fire.

55 Now the chief priests and the whole ^{1a}Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and they were not finding any.

56 For many were giving false testimony against Him, and yet their testimony was not consistent.

57 And some stood up and began to give false testimony against Him, saying,

58 "We heard Him say, ^aI will destroy this ¹temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands."

59 And not even in this respect was their testimony consistent.

60 And the high priest stood up and came forward and questioned Jesus, saying, "Do You make no answer? ¹What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

47 ¹Lit., took off

49 ¹Or possibly, let the Scriptures be fulfilled

^aMark 12:35; Luke 19:47; 21:37

53 ^aMark 14:53-65; Matt. 26:57-68; John 18:12f., 19-24

54 ¹Or, servants ²Lit., light

^aMark 14:68; ^bMatt. 26:3

^cMark 14:67; John 18:18

55 ¹Or, Sanhedrin

^aMatt. 5:22

58 ¹Or, sanctuary

^aMatt. 26:61; Mark 15:29; John 2:19

60 ¹Or, what do these testify?

61 ¹Lit., says "I.e., the Messiah"

^aMatt. 26:63; ^bMark 14:61-63; Matt. 26:63ff.; Luke 22:67-71

62 ^aPs. 110:1; Mark 13:26; ^bDan. 7:13

63 ^aNum. 14:6; Matt. 26:65; Acts 14:14

64 ^aLev. 24:16

65 ¹Or, cover over His face ²Or, treated ³Or possibly, blows with rods

^aMatt. 26:67; Mark 10:34; ^bEzek. 7:8

^cMatt. 26:68; Luke 22:64

66 ^aMark 14:66-72; Matt. 26:69-75; Luke 22:56-62; John 18:16-18, 25-27

^bMark 14:54

67 ^aMark 14:54; ^bMark 1:24

68 ¹Or, forecourt, gateway ²Later mass. add and a cock crowed

^aMark 14:54

70 ^aMark 14:68; ^bMatt. 26:73; Luke 22:59

61 ^aBut He kept silent, and made no answer. ^bAgain the high priest was questioning Him, and ¹saying to Him, "Are You ²the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 And Jesus said, **"I am; and you shall see ^aTHE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and ^bCOMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."**

63 And ^atearing his clothes, the high priest ^asaid, "What further need do we have of witnesses?"

64 "You have heard the ^ablasphemy; how does it seem to you?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

65 And some began to ^aspit at Him, and ^{1b}to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, "^cProphecy!" And the officers ²received Him with ³slaps in the face.

66 ¶ ^aAnd as Peter was below in ^bthe courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest ^acame,

67 and seeing Peter ^awarming himself, she looked at him, and ^asaid, "You, too, were with Jesus the ^bNazarene."

68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he ^awent out onto the ¹porch.²

69 And the maid saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is one of them!"

70 But again ^ahe was denying it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, ^bfor you are a Galilean too."

71 But he began to ¹curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!"

72 And immediately a cock crowed a second time. And Peter

71 ¹Or, put himself under a curse

remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before ^aa cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times." ¹And he began to weep.

CHAPTER 15

^aAND early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole ^{1b}Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away, and delivered Him up to Pilate.

2 ^aAnd Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And answering He ^asaid to him, **"It is as you say."**

3 And the chief priests began to accuse Him ¹harshly.

4 And Pilate was questioning Him again, saying, "Do You make no answer? See how many charges they bring against You!"

5 But Jesus ^amade no further answer; so that Pilate was amazed.

6 ¶ ^aNow at the feast he used to release for them any one prisoner whom they requested.

7 And the man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude went up and began asking him to do as he had been accustomed to do for them.

9 And Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

10 For he was aware that the chief priests had delivered Him up because of envy.

11 But the chief priests stirred up the multitude ^ato ask him to release Barabbas for them instead.

12 And answering again, Pilate was saying to them, "Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

72 ¹Or, Thinking of this, he began weeping or Rushing out, he began weeping
*Mark 14:30, 68

1 ¹Or, Sanhedrin
*Matt. 27:1
*Matt. 5:22

2 *Mark 15:2-5; Matt. 27:11-14; Luke 23:2, 3; John 18:29-38

3 ¹Or, of many things

5 *Matt. 27:12

6 *Mark 15:6-15; Matt. 27:15-26; Luke 23:18-25; John 18:39-19:16

11 *Acts 3:14

13 ¹Or, again

15 *Matt. 27:26

16 ¹Or, court ²Or, battalion
*Mark 15:16-20; Matt. 27:27-31
*Matt. 26:3; 27:27 *Acts 10:1

17 ¹A term for shades varying from rose to purple

19 ¹Or, staff (made of a reed)

21 *Mark 15:21; Matt. 27:32; Luke 23:26 *Rom. 16:13

22 *Mark 15:22-32; Matt. 27:33-44; Luke 23:33-43; John 19:17-24
*Luke 23:33; John 19:17

23 *Matt. 27:34

24 ¹Lit., a lot upon ²Lit., who should take what
*Ps. 22:18; John 19:24

25 ¹I.e., 9 a.m. ²Lit., and
*Mark 15:33

26 ¹Lit., had been inscribed
*Matt. 27:37

13 And they shouted ¹back, "Crucify Him!"

14 But Pilate was saying to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!"

15 And wishing to satisfy the multitude, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus ^ascourged, he delivered Him to be crucified.

16 ¶ ^aAnd the soldiers took Him away into ^bthe ¹palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they ^acalled together the whole Roman ^{2c}cohort.

17 And they ^adressed Him up in ¹purple, and after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on Him;

18 and they began to acclaim Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

19 And they kept beating His head with a ¹reed, and spitting at Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.

20 And after they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, and put His garments on Him. And they ^aled Him out to crucify Him.

21 ¶ ^aAnd they ^apressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and ^bRufus), to bear His cross.

22 ¶ ^aAnd they ^abrought Him to the place ^bGolgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.

23 And they tried to give Him ^awine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it.

24 And they ^acrucified Him, and ^adivided up His garments among themselves, casting ¹lots for them, to decide ²what each should take.

25 And it was the ^{1a}third hour ²when they crucified Him.

26 And the inscription of the charge against Him ¹read, **"THE KING OF THE JEWS."**

27 And they ^acrucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left.

28 ¹And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors."]

29 And those passing by were ¹hurling abuse at Him, ^awagging their heads, and saying, "Ha! You who are going to ^bdestroy the temple and rebuild it in three days,

30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!"

31 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; ¹He cannot save Himself.

32 "Let this Christ, ^athe King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" And ^bthose who were crucified with Him were casting the same insult at Him.

33 ¶ ^aAnd when the ¹sixth hour had come, darkness ²fell over the whole land until the ³ninth hour.

34 And at the ^aninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" which is translated, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"

35 And when some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, "Behold, He is calling for Elijah."

36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down."

37 ^aAnd Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last.

38 ^aAnd the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

39 ^aAnd when the centurion, who was standing ¹right in front of Him, saw ²the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was ³the Son of God!"

40 ^aAnd there were also some women looking on from a dis-

28 ¹Many mss. do not contain this v.

29 ¹Or, blaspheming
*Ps. 22:7;
109:25; Matt.
27:39 *Mark
14:58; John
2:19

31 ¹Or, can He not save Himself?

*Matt. 27:42;
Luke 23:35

32 *Matt.
27:42; Mark
15:26 *Matt.
27:44; Mark
15:27; Luke
23:39-43

33 ¹i.e., noon ²Or, occurred ³i.e., 3 p.m.

*Mark 15:33-41; Matt.
27:45-56;
Luke 23:44-49

*Matt.
27:45f.; Mark
15:25; Luke
23:44

34 *Matt.
27:45f.; Mark
15:25; Luke
23:44 *Ps.
22:1; Matt.
27:46

36 ¹Lit., Permit that we see; or, Hold off, let us see

37 *Matt.
27:50; Luke
23:46; John
19:30

38 *Ex.
26:31-33;
Matt. 27:51;
Luke 23:45

39 ¹Or, opposite Him
²Lit., that He thus
³Or possibly, a son of God or son of a god

*Matt. 27:54;
Mark 15:45;
Luke 23:47

40 ¹Or, Jacob
²Lit., little (either in stature or age)

*Mark 15:40;
41; Matt.
27:55f.; Luke
23:49; John
19:25 *Luke
19:3 *Mark
16:1

41 ¹Or, wait on

*Matt. 27:55f.
42 *Mark
15:42-47;
Matt. 27:57-61; Luke
23:50-56;
John 19:38-42

*Matt. 27:62

tance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of ¹James ^bthe ²Less and Joses, and ^cSalome.

41 And when He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and ¹minister to Him; and there were many other women who had come up with Him to Jerusalem.

42 ¶ ^aAnd when evening had already come, because it was ^bthe preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathea came, a ^aprominent member of the Council, who himself was ^bwaiting for the kingdom of God; and he ^cgathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead.

45 And ascertaining this from ^athe centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

46 And Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

47 And ^aMary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were looking on to see where He was laid.

CHAPTER 16

^aAND when the Sabbath was over, ^bMary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of ¹James, and Salome, ^cbought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

43 *Matt. 27:57; Luke 23:50, 51; Acts 13:50; 17:12
*Matt. 27:57; Luke 2:25, 38; 23:51; John 19:38 *John
19:38

45 *Mark 15:39

47 *Matt. 27:56; Mark 15:40; 16:1

¹Or, Jacob *Mark 16:1-8; Matt. 28:1-8; Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1-8 *Mark 15:47 *Luke 23:56; John 19:39f.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, they *came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away ^athe stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 And looking up, they *saw that the stone had been rolled away, ¹although it was extremely large.

5 And ^aentering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they ^bwere amazed.

6 And he *said to them, "^aDo not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the ^bNazarene, who has been crucified. ^cHe has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him.

7 "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, '^aHe is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you.' "

8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

9 ¶ [Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to ^aMary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

10 ^aShe went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.

11 And when they heard that He was alive, and had been seen by her, ^athey refused to believe it.

12 ¶ And after that, ^aHe appeared in a different form ^bto two of them, while they were walking along on their way to the country.

13 And they went away and re-

3 *Matt. 27:60; Mark 15:46; 16: 4

4 ¹Lit., for

5 *John

20:11, 12

^bMark 9:15

6 *Mark

9:15 ^bMark

1:24 ^cMatt.

28:6; Luke

24:6

7 *Matt.

26:32; Mark

14:28

9 ¹Some of

the oldest

mss. do not

contain vv.

9-20

*Matt. 27:56;

John 20:14

10 *John

20:18

11 *Matt.

28:17; Mark

16:13, 14;

Luke 24:11.

41; John

20:25

12 *Mark

16:14; John

21:1, 14

^bLuke 24:13-

35

13 *Matt.

28:17; Mark

16:11, 14;

Luke 24:11.

41; John

20:25

14 *Mark

16:12; John

21:1, 14

^bLuke 24:36;

John 20:19.

26; 1 Cor.

15:5 ^cMatt.

28:17; Mark

16:11, 13;

Luke 24:11.

41; John

20:25

15 *Matt.

28:19; Acts

1:8

16 *John

3:18, 36; Acts

16:31

17 ¹Or, at-

testing mir-

acles

*Mark 9:38;

Luke 10:17;

Acts 5:16;

8:7, 16; 18;

19:12 ^bActs

2:4; 10:46;

19:6; 1 Cor.

12:10, 28, 30;

13:1; 14:2

18 *Luke

10:19; Acts

28:3-5 ^bMark

5:23

ported it to the others, but they ^adid not believe them either.

14 ¶ And afterward ^aHe appeared ^bto the eleven themselves as they were reclining *at the table*; and He reproached them for their ^cunbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.

15 And He said to them, "^aGo into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

16 "^aHe who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

17 "^aAnd these ¹signs will accompany those who have believed: ^ain My name they will cast out demons, they will ^bspeak with new tongues;

18 they will ^apick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it shall not hurt them; they will ^blay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 ¶ So then, when the Lord Jesus had ^aspoken to them, He ^bwas received up into heaven, and ^csat down at the right hand of God.

20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the ¹signs that followed.²

[³And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]

19 *Acts 1:3 ^bLuke 9:51; 24:51; John 6:62; 20:17; Acts 1:2, 9-11; 1 Tim. 3:16 ^cPs. 110:1; Luke 22:69; Acts 7:55f.; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet. 3:22

20 ¹Or, attesting miracles ²Many mss. add Amen ³A few later mss. and versions contain this paragraph, usually after v. 8; a few have it at the end of ch.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Introduction

INASMUCH as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things ¹accomplished among us,

2 just as those who ^afrom the beginning ¹were ^beyewitnesses and ²servants of ^dthe ³word have handed them down to us,

3 it seemed fitting for me as well, ^ahaving ¹investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you ^bin consecutive order, ^cmost excellent ^dTheophilus;

4 so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been ¹taught.

5 ^aIn the days of Herod, king of Judea, there ¹was a certain priest named ²Zacharias, of the ^bdivision of ³Abijah; and he had a wife ⁴from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.

6 And they were both ^arighteous in the sight of God, walking ^bblamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.

7 And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in ¹years.

8 ^aNow it came about, while ^ahe was performing his priestly service before God in the appointed order of his division,

9 according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot ^ato enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

10 And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer ^aoutside at the hour of the incense offering.

¹ Or, on which there is full conviction
Rom. 4:21, 14:5; Col. 2:2, 4:12; 1 Thess. 1:5, 2 Tim. 4:17; Heb. 6:11, 10:22

² Lit., he came
Or, he came
He e., gospel
John 15:27
Acts 1:21
2 Pet. 1:10
1 John 1:1
Acts 26:10
1 Cor. 4:1
Heb. 2:3
Heb. 4:14, 10:20; Acts 6:4, 14:25, 16:6, 17:11

³ Or, followed
1 Tim. 4:6
Acts 11:4, 18:23
Acts 23:26, 24:3, 26:25
Acts 1:1

⁴ Or, orally instructed
Acts 18:25, Rom. 2:18, 1 Cor. 14:19, Gal. 6:6

⁵ Lit., came into being
He e., Zachariah
Or, Abia
He e., of priestly descent
Heb. 2:1
1 Cor. 24:10

⁶ Gen. 7:1, Acts 2:25, 8:21
Heb. 2:15, 3:6, 1 Thess. 3:13

⁷ Lit., days

⁸ 1 Cor. 24:19, 2 Cor. 8:14, 31:2

⁹ Heb. 36:7

¹⁰ Lev. 16:17

¹¹ Luke 2:2, Acts 2:19
12 Or, All upon
Luke 2:9

11 And ^aan angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

12 And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and ^afear ¹gripped him.

13 But the angel said to him, ^a"Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and ^byou will ¹give him the name John.

14 "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.

15 "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will ^adrink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹while yet in his mother's womb.

16 "And he will ^aturn back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.

17 "And it is he who will ^ago as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of ^bElijah, ^cTO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to ^amake ready a people prepared for the Lord."

18 ^a And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this for certain? For ^aI am an old man, and my wife is advanced in ¹years."

19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am ^aGabriel, who ¹stands in the presence of

13 Lit., call his name
Heb. 14:27; Luke 1:35
Luke 1:65

15 Lit., even from
Heb. 8:2; Judg. 13:4; Matt. 11:10; Luke 7:33

16 Matt. 3:2, 6; Luke 3:3

17 Luke 1:70
Matt. 11:14
Heb. 4:6

18 Lit., days
Gen. 17:17

19 Lit., stand beside
Gen. 8:16; 22:1; Luke 1:26
Matt. 18:10

God; and I have been sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.

20 "And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their proper time."

21 And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple.

22 But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute.

23 And it came about, when the days of his priestly service were ended, that he went back home.

24 ¶ And after these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant; and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying,

25 "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to take away my disgrace among men."

26 ¶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth,

27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."³

29 But she was greatly troubled at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be.

30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High;

22 ¹Or, beckoning to or nodding to
²Luke 1:62
24 ¹Lit., was hidden

25 ¹Gen 30:23, Is. 41:25
26 ¹Luke 1:19
27 ¹Lit., house

²Matt 1:18
³Matt 1:16
20: Luke 2:4
28 ¹Or, O woman richly blessed
²Or, be
³Later miss add you are blessed among women

29 ¹Luke 1:12
30 ¹Matt 14:27, Luke 1:13

31 ¹Is. 7:14, Matt 1:21, 25, Luke 2:21
32 ¹Mark 5:7, Luke 1:35, 76, 6:35, Acts 7:48

²2 Sam 7:12, 13, 16, Is 9:7
33 ¹Matt 1:1
²2 Sam 7:13, 16, Ps 89:36, 37, Dan 2:44, 7:14, 18, 27, Matt 28:18

34 ¹Lit., shall
²Lit., know no man
35 ¹Lit., the holy thing begotten

²Matt 1:18
³Luke 1:32
⁴Mark 1:24
⁵Matt 4:3, John 1:34, 49:20-31

36 ¹Lit., this is the sixth month to her who

37 ¹Lit., not any word
²Gen. 18:14, Jer. 32:17, Matt. 19:26

38 ¹Gr. Maryam, i.e., Miriam, so throughout Luke 21.e., female slave

39 ¹Lit., in these days
²Josh. 20:7, 21:11; Luke 1:65

41 ¹Luke 1:67; Acts 2:4, 4:8, 9:17
43 ¹Lit., whence this to me

²Luke 2:11

and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

33 "and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.

36 "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

37 "For nothing will be impossible with God."

38 And Mary said, "Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

39 ¶ Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah,

40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

42 And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women are you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

43 "And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

45 "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a ful-

46 ¹Or possibly, because there will be
²Luke 1:20, 48

fillment of what had been spoken to her ²by the Lord."

46 And Mary said:

"^aMy soul ^bexalts the Lord,

47 "And ^amy spirit has rejoiced in ^bGod my Savior.

48 "For ^aHe has had regard for the humble state of His ^bbondsman;

For behold, from this time on all generations will count me ^bblessed.

49 "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

50 "^aAND HIS MERCY IS ^bUPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION

TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

51 "^aHe has done ^bmighty deeds with His arm;

He has scattered *those who were proud* in the ²thoughts of their heart.

52 "He has brought down rulers from *their thrones*,

And has ^aexalted *those who were humble*.

53 "^aHE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; And sent away the rich empty-handed.

54 "He has given help to Israel His servant,

^bIn remembrance of His mercy,

55 ^aAs He spoke to our fathers,

^bTo Abraham and his ^coffspring forever."

56 ¶ And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home.

57 ¶ Now the time ^bhad come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had ^bdisplayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

59 And it came about that on ^athe eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were

going to call him Zacharias, ^aafter his father.

60 And his mother answered and said, "No indeed; but ^ahe shall be called John."

61 And they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by that name."

62 And they ^amade signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called.

63 And he asked for a tablet, and wrote as follows, "^aHis name is John." And they were all astonished.

64 ^aAnd at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he *began* to speak in praise of God.

65 And fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters were being talked about in all ^athe hill country of Judea.

66 And all who heard them kept them in mind, saying, "What then will this child turn out to be?" For ^athe hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

67 ¶ And his father Zacharias ^awas filled with the Holy Spirit, and ^bprophesied, saying:

68 "^aBlessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For He has visited us and accomplished ^bredemption for His people,

69 And has raised up a ^ahorn of salvation for us In the house of David ^bHis servant—

70 ^aAs He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets ^bfrom of old—

71 ^aSalvation ^bFROM OUR ENEMIES,

And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;

72 ^aTo show mercy toward our fathers,

^bAnd to remember His holy covenant,

48 ²Lit., from
46 ¹Lit.,
makes great
46-
53: 1 Sam.
2:1-10
34:21
47 ^aPs. 35:9
Hab. 3:18
41 Tim. 1:1
2:3; Thim. 1:3
2:10; 3:4
Jude 25
48 ¹Lit., fe-
male slave
48 ^aPs. 138:6
48 ^bLuke 1:45
49 ¹Lit.,
unto genera-
tions and
generations
49 ^aPs. 103:17
51 ¹Lit.,
might ¹Lit.,
thought, all-
ude
50 ^aPs. 98:1
118:15
52 ^aJob 5:11
53 ^aPs.
107:9
54 ¹Lit., So
as to remem-
ber
55 ¹Lit.,
said
55 ^aGen. 17:19;
Ps. 132:11;
Gal. 3:16
56 ^aGen. 17:7
57 ¹Lit., was
fulfilled
58 ¹Lit.,
magnified
58 ^aGen. 19:19
59 ¹Lit., af-
ter the name
of
59 ^aGen. 17:12;
Lev. 12:3
Luke 2:21;
Phil. 3:5
60 ^aLuke
1:13, 63
62 ^aLuke
1:22
63 ^aLuke
1:13, 80
64 ^aLuke
1:20
65 ^aLuke
1:39
66 ^aActs
11:21
67 ^aLuke
1:41; Acts
2:4, & 9:17
68 ^aJoel 2:28
69 ^a1 Kin.
1:48; Ps.
41:13; 72:18;
108:48
70 ^aLuke
1:71; 2:38;
Heb. 9:12
71 ^a1 Sam.
2:1, 10; Ps.
18:2; 88:17;
132:17; Ezek.
29:21
72 ^a1
70 ^aRom.
1:2
72 ^aActs 3:21

71 ¹Or, Deliverance
72 ^aLuke 1:48
72 ^aPs. 108:10
72 ^aPs. 108:10, 42; 108:45

- 73 *The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,
74 To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear,
75 *In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.
76 "And you, child, will be called the *prophet of ^bthe Most High; For you will go on ^cBEFORE THE LORD TO ^dPREPARE HIS WAYS;
77 To give to His people the knowledge of salvation ¹By ^athe forgiveness of their sins,
78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which ^athe Sunrise from on high shall visit us,
79 *TO SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH, To guide our feet into the ^bway of peace."
80 ¶ *And the child continued to grow, and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

CHAPTER 2

NOW it came about in those days that a decree went out from ^aCaesar Augustus, that a census be taken of ^ball ¹the inhabited earth.

2 ¹This was the first census taken while ²Quirinius was governor of ^aSyria.

3 And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because ^ahe was of the house and family of David,

73 *Gen. 22:16ff.; Heb. 6:13

73 *Eph. 4:24

78 *Matt. 11:9; Luke 1:32; Mal. 3:1; Matt. 11:10; Mark 12:1; Luke 7:27; Luke 1:17

77 ¹Or, Continuing in Jer. 31:34; Mark 1:4

78 *Mal. 4:2; Eph. 5:14; 2 Pet. 1:19

79 ¹Is. 9:2; Is. 59:8; Matt. 4:16

80 *Luke

¹ I.e., the Roman empire

*Matt. 22:17; Luke 3:1; Matt. 24:14

² ¹Or, This took place as a first census

*Gr., Kyrenios; *Matt. 4:24

4 *Luke 1:27

7 ¹Or, feeding trough; *Matt. 1:25

9 *Luke 1:11; Acts 5:19; Luke 24:4; Acts 12:7

10 *Matt. 14:27

11 I.e., Messiah; *Matt. 1:21; John 4:42; Acts 5:31

*Matt. 1:16; 16:16, 20; John 11:27; Luke 1:43; Acts 2:36; 10:36

12 ¹Or, feeding trough; *1 Sam. 2:34; 2 Kin. 19:29; 20:8f.; Is. 7:11, 14

14 ¹Lit., of good pleasure; or possibly, of good will

*Matt. 21:9; Luke 19:38; Luke 3:22; Eph. 1:9; Phil. 2:13

16 ¹Or, feeding trough

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5 in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

6 And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

7 And she ^agave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a ¹manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 ¶ And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And ^aan angel of the Lord suddenly ^bstood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

10 And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a ^aSavior, who is ^{1b}Christ ^cthe Lord.

12 "And ^athis will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a ¹manger."

13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men ^{1b}with whom He is pleased."

15 And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the ¹manger.

17 And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary ^atreasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds went back, ^aglorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

21 ¶ And when ^aeight days were completed ^bbefore His circumcision, ^bHis name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

22 ¶ And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "A EVERY first-born MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES, OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS."

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was ^arighteous and devout, ^blooking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And ^ait had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not ^bsee death before he had seen the Lord's ^cChrist.

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, ^ato carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

28 then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

19 *Luke 2:51

20 *Matt. 9:8

21 *Lit., so as to circum-

cise Him

*Gen. 17:12;

Lev. 12:3;

Luke 1:59

*Matt. 1:21;

25; Luke 1:31

22 *Lev. 12:6-8

23 *Ex. 13:2,

12; Num.

3:13; 8:17

24 *Lev. 5:11; 12:8

25 *Luke 1:6

*Mark 15:43;

Luke 2:38;

23:51

26 *i.e.,

Messiah

*Matt. 2:12

*Ps. 89:48;

John 8:54;

Heb. 11:5

27 *Lit., to do for Him

according to

*Luke 2:22

29 *Luke 2:26

30 *Ps. 119:166, 174;

Is. 52:10;

Luke 3:6

32 *Or, for

*Is. 9:2; 42:6

49:6; 9:51-4;

60:1-3; Matt.

4:16; Acts

13:47; 26:23

33 *Matt. 12:46

34 *Or, res-

urrection

*Matt. 12:46

*Matt. 21:44;

1 Cor. 1:23;

2 Cor. 2:16;

1 Pet. 2:8

36 *Or,

Hannah *Lit.,

days *Lit.,

virginity

*Luke 2:38;

Acts 21:9

*Josh. 19:24

*1 Tim. 5:9

37 *Luke 9:33; Acts

13:3; 14:23;

1 Tim. 5:5

38 *Lit.,

hour

*Luke 1:68;

2:25

39 *Matt. 2:23; Luke

1:26; 2:51;

4:16

40 *Lit., be-

coming full

of

*Luke 1:80;

2:52

41 *Ex. 12:11; 23:15;

Deut. 16:1-6

29 "Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart in peace, ^aaccording to Thy word;

30 For my eyes have ^aseen Thy salvation,

31 Which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 A LIGHT ¹OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Thy people Israel."

33 And His father and ^amother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary ^aHis mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for ^bthe fall and ^crise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed—

35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

36 And there was a ^aprophetess, ¹Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of ^bthe tribe of Asher. She was advanced in ²years, ^chaving lived with a husband seven years after her ³marriage,

37 and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. And she never left the temple, serving night and day with ^afastings and prayers.

38 And at that very ¹moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were ^alooking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 ¶ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to ^atheir own city of Nazareth.

40 ^aAnd the Child continued to grow and become strong, ¹increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

41 ¶ And His parents used to go to Jerusalem every year at ^athe Feast of the Passover.

42 And when He became twelve, they went up *there* according to the custom of the Feast;

43 and as they were returning, after spending the ^afull number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. And His parents were unaware of it,

44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

45 And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for Him.

46 And it came about that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard Him ^awere amazed at His understanding and His answers.

48 And when they saw Him, they were astonished; and ^aHis mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, ^bYour father and I ²have been anxiously looking for You."

49 And He said to them, "**Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that ^aI had to be in My Father's ¹house?**"

50 And ^athey did not understand the statement which He ¹had made to them.

51 And He went down with them, and came to ^aNazareth; and He continued in subjection to them; and ^bHis mother ^{1c}treasured all *these* ²things in her heart.

52 ¶ And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and ¹stature, and in ^afavor with God and men.

CHAPTER 3

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when ^aPontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and ^bHerod

43 ^aEx.
12:15

47 ^aMatt.
7:28, 13:54;
22:33; Mark
1:22, 6:2;
11:18; Luke
4:32; John
7:15

48 ¹Lit.,
Child ¹Lit.,
are looking
^aMatt. 12:46
^bLuke 2:49;
3:23, 4:22

49 ¹Or, af-
fairs; lit., in
the things of
My Father
^aJohn 4:34;
5:36

50 ¹Lit., had
spoken
^aMark 9:32;
Luke 9:45;
18:34

51 ¹Lit., was
treasuring
²Lit., words
^aLuke 2:39
^bMatt. 12:46
^cLuke 2:19

52 ¹Or, age
^aLuke 2:40

1 ^aMatt.
27:2 ^bMatt.
14:1

2 ^aJohn
18:13, 24;
Acts 4:6
^bMatt. 26:3
^cLuke 3:3-10;
Matt. 3:1-10;
Mark 1:3-5

3 ^aMatt.
3:5

4 ^aIs. 40:3

5 ¹Or, lev-
eled
^aIs. 40:4

6 ¹Or,
mankind
^aIs. 40:5
^bLuke 2:30

7 ^aMatt.
12:34, 23:33

8 ¹Or, in
^aLuke 5:21;
13:25, 26;
14:9 ^bJohn
8:33

9 ^aMatt.
7:19; Luke
13:6-9

10 ^aLuke
3:12, 14; Acts
2:37, 38

was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,

2 in the high priesthood of ^aAn-nas and ^bCaiaphas, ^cthe word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all ^athe district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;

4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

"**THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING
IN THE WILDERNESS,**

**'MAKE READY THE WAY OF
THE LORD,**

**MAKE HIS PATHS
STRAIGHT.**

5 ^a**EVERY RAVINE SHALL BE
FILLED UP,**

**AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND
HILL SHALL BE ¹BROUGHT
LOW;**

**AND THE CROOKED SHALL
BECOME STRAIGHT,**

**AND THE ROUGH ROADS
SMOOTH;**

6 ^a**AND ALL ¹FLESH SHALL
^bSEE THE SALVATION OF
GOD.'**"

7 ¶ He therefore began saying to the multitudes who were going out to be baptized by him, "^aYou brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 "Therefore bring forth fruits in keeping with repentance, and ^ado not begin to say ¹to yourselves, '^bWe have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

9 "And also the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; ^aevery tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 And the multitudes were questioning him, saying, "^aThen what shall we do?"

11 And he would answer and say to them, "Let the man who has two tunics ^ashare with him who has none; and let him who has food do likewise."

12 And some ¹tax-gatherers also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

13 And he said to them, "¹Collect no more than what you have been ordered to."

14 And some ¹soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And what about us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or ^aaccuse anyone falsely, and ^bbe content with your wages."

15 ¶ Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were ¹wondering in their hearts about John, ^aas to whether he might be ²the Christ,

16 ^aJohn answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you ¹with the Holy Spirit and fire.

17 "And His ^awinnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with ^bunquenchable fire."

18 ¶ So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people.

19 But when ^aHerod the tetrarch was reproved by him on account of ^aHerodias, his brother's wife, and on account of all the wicked things which ^bHerod had done,

20 he added this also to them all, that ^ahe locked John up in prison.

21 ¶ Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was bap-

tized, and while He was ^bpraying, heaven was opened.

22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "^aThou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased."

23 ¶ And ^awhen He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, ¹being supposedly the son of ^bJoseph, the son of ²Eli,

24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of ¹Hesli, the son of Naggai,

26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,

27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, ^athe son of Zerubbabel, the son of ¹Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,

29 the son of ¹Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

30 the son of Simeon, the son of ¹Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,

31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

32 ^athe son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of ¹Salmon, the son of ²Nahshon,

33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of ¹Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, ^athe son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

35 the son of Serug, the son of ¹Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of ²Heber, the son of Shelah,

36 the son of Cainan, the son of

11 ^aIs 58:7.
1 Tim. 6:17.
18 James
2:14-20
12 ¹i.e., Col-
lections of Ro-
man taxes for
profit
^aLuke 7:29
13 ¹Or.
Exact
14 ¹i.e., men
in active mil-
itary service
^aEx. 20:16.
23 ¹Phil
4:11
18 ¹Or, rea-
soning or de-
bating ²i.e.,
the Messiah
^aJohn 1:19
18 ¹The Gr
here can be
translated in,
with or by
^aLuke 3:16.
17 Matt
3:11, 12.
Mark 1:7, 8
17 ^aIs 30:24.
^aMark 9:43,
46
19 ^aMatt
14:3, Mark
6:17 ^aMatt
14:1, Luke 3:1
20 ^aJohn
3:24
21 ^aLuke
3:21, 22
Matt 3:13-17.
Mark 1:9-11
^aMatt. 14:23.
Luke 5:16,
9:18, 20f
22 ^aPs. 2:7.
Is 42:1, Matt
3:17, 17:5.
Mark 1:11.
Luke 9:35.
2 Pet. 1:17
23 ¹Lat. as
it was being
thought ²Also
spelled Meli
^aMatt. 4:17.
Acts 1:1
^aMatt. 1:16.
Luke 3:23-27
25 ¹Also
spelled Esh
27 ¹Gr.
Solomoni
^aMatt. 1:12
28 ¹Gr.
Jesus
29 ¹Gr. Ju-
das
32 ¹Gr.
Solo ^aGr.
Nahshon
^aLuke 3:32.
34 Matt
1:1-6
33 ¹Gr.
Aras
34 ^aLuke
3:34-36 Gen.
11:26-30.
1 Chr. 1:24-27
35 ¹Gr. Re-
gum ^aGr.
Eber

Arphaxad, the son of Shem, ^athe son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,

38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

CHAPTER 4

^aAND Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, ^breturned from the Jordan and was led about ¹by the Spirit in the wilderness

2 for ^aforty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days; and when they had ended, He became hungry.

3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

4 And Jesus answered him, "**It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'**"

5 ^aAnd he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of ^{1b}the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and ¹its glory; ^afor it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whom-ever I wish.

7 "Therefore if You ¹worship before me, it shall all be Yours."

8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "**It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'**"

9 ^aAnd he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here;

10 for it is written,

'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,'

11 and,

'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"

³⁶ Luke 3:36-38; Gen. 5:3-32; 1 Chr. 1:1-4

¹ Or, under the influence of; lit., in

^a Luke 4:1-13; Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13

² Ex. 34:28; 1 Kin. 19:8

⁴ Deut. 8:3

⁵ Lit., the inhabited earth

^a Matt. 4:8-10

^b Matt. 24:14

⁶ Lit., their (referring to the kingdoms)

^a 1 John 5:19

⁷ Or, bow down

⁸ Deut. 6:13; 10:20; Matt. 4:10

⁹ Matt. 4:5-7

¹⁰ Ps. 91:11

¹¹ Ps. 91:12

¹² Or, tempt . . . God

^a Deut. 6:16

¹⁴ Matt. 4:12; Luke 9:26; Luke 4:37

¹⁵ Matt. 4:23

¹⁶ Luke 2:39, 51

^b Matt. 13:54; Mark 6:1f.

^c Acts 13:14-16

¹⁷ Or, scroll

¹⁸ Is. 61:1; Matt. 11:5; 12:18; John 3:34

¹⁹ Is. 61:2; Lev. 25:10

²⁰ Or, scroll

^a Luke 4:17; Matt. 26:55

²¹ Lit., ears

²² Or, testifying

² Lit., were proceeding out of His mouth

^a Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3; John 6:42

12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "**It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'**"

13 ¶ And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

14 ¶ And ^aJesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and ^bnews about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

15 And He began ^ateaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.

16 ¶ And He came to ^aNazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, ^bHe entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and ^cstood up to read.

17 And the ¹book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the ¹book and found the place where it was written,

18 **"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,**

BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.

HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,

AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,

TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE DOWNTRODDEN.

19 **"TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."**

20 And He ^aclosed the ¹book and gave it back to the attendant, and ^bsat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him.

21 And He began to say to them, "**Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your ¹hearing.**"

22 And all were ¹speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which ²were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "^aIs this not Joseph's son?"

23 And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your home town as well.'"

24 And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his home town."

25 "But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;

26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

27 "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

28 And all in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;

29 and they rose up and cast Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

30 But passing through their midst, He went His way.

31 ¶ And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And He was teaching them on the Sabbath;

32 and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority.

33 And there was a man in the synagogue possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,

34 "Ha! What do we have to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their

23 *Matt. 4:13; Mark 1:21ff.; 2:1ff.; Luke 4:35ff.; John 4:46ff.
*Mark 6:1; Luke 2:39, 51, 4:16

24 *Matt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; John 4:44

25 *1 Kin. 17:1, 18:1; James 5:17

26 *Gr., Septuaginta

*1 Kin. 17:9

*Matt. 11:21

27 *2 Kin. 5:1-14

29 *Num. 15:35; Acts 7:58; Heb. 13:12

30 *John 10:39

31 *Luke 4:31-37; Mark 1:21-28

*Matt. 4:13; Luke 4:23

32 *Lit., word

*Matt. 7:28

*Luke 4:36; John 7:46

33 *Lit., having a spirit

34 *Or possibly, Let us alone

*Lit., the Nazarene

*Matt. 8:29

*Mark 1:24

35 *Matt. 8:26; Mark 4:39; Luke 4:39, 41; 8:24

36 *Or, this word, that with authority

... come out?

*Luke 4:32

37 *Luke 4:14

38 *Luke 4:38, 39; Matt. 8:14, 15; Mark 1:29-31

*Matt. 4:24

39 *Or, served

*Luke 4:35, 41

40 *Luke 4:40, 41; Matt. 8:16, 17; Mark 1:32-34

*Mark 1:32

*Mark 5:23

*Matt. 4:23

41 *I.e., the Messiah

*Matt. 4:3

*Luke 4:35

*Matt. 8:16; Mark 1:34

42 *Luke 4:42, 43; Mark 1:35-38

43 *Mark 1:38

midst, he came out of him without doing him any harm.

36 And amazement came upon them all, and they began discussing with one another saying, "What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

37 And the report about Him was getting out into every locality in the surrounding district.

38 ¶ And He arose and left the synagogue, and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever; and they made request of Him on her behalf.

39 And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately arose and waited on them.

40 ¶ And while the sun was setting, all who had any sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on every one of them, He was healing them.

41 And demons also were coming out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Son of God!" And rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ.

42 ¶ And when day came, He departed and went to a lonely place; and the multitudes were searching for Him, and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from going away from them.

43 But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."

44 ¶ And He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

CHAPTER 5

^a NOW it came about that while the multitude were

^a I.e., the country of the Jews (including Galilee); some mss. read Galilee *Matt. 4:23

1 *Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11; John 1:40-42

pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by ^bthe lake of Genesaret;

2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And ^aHe got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the multitudes from the boat.

4 And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "**Put out into the deep water and ^alet down your nets for a catch.**"

5 And Simon answered and said, "^aMaster, ^bwe worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your ¹bidding I will let down the nets."

6 And when they had done this, ^athey enclosed a great quantity of fish; and their nets began to break;

7 and they signaled to their partners in the other boat, for them to come and help them. And they came, and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' ¹feet, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also ¹James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "**^aDo not fear, from now on you will be ^bcatching men.**"

11 And when they had brought their boats to land, ^athey left everything and followed Him.

12 ¶ ^aAnd it came about that while He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man full of leprosy; and when he saw Jesus,

¹Num. 34:11;
Deut. 3:17;
Josh. 12:3;
13:27; Matt. 4:18

³ Matt. 13:2; Mark 3:9, 10; 4:1

⁴ John 21:6

⁵ Or, word
^a Luke 8:24; 9:33, 49;
17:13 ^b John 21:3

⁶ John 21:6

⁸ Lit., knees

¹⁰ Or, Jacob
^a Matt. 14:27
^b 2 Tim. 2:26

¹¹ Matt. 4:20, 22;
19:29; Mark 1:18, 20; Luke 5:28

¹² Luke 5:12-14; Matt. 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-44

¹⁴ Lev. 13:49; 14:2ff.

¹⁵ Matt. 9:26

¹⁶ Lit., in
² Or, lonely places
^a Matt. 14:23;
Mark 1:35;
Luke 6:12

¹⁷ Lit., on one of the days

^a Matt. 15:1
^b Luke 2:46
^c Mark 1:45
^d Mark 5:30;
Luke 6:19; 8:46

¹⁸ Or, stretcher
^a Luke 5:18-26; Matt. 9:2-8; Mark 2:3-12

¹⁹ Matt. 24:17 ^b Mark 2:4

²⁰ Lit., Man
^a Matt. 9:2

²¹ Luke 3:8
^b Luke 7:49
^c Is. 43:25

²² Or, perceiving

he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

13 And He stretched out His hand, and touched him, saying, "**^aI am willing; be cleansed.**" And immediately the leprosy left him.

14 And He ordered him to tell no one, "**^aBut go and ^ashow yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.**"

15 But ^athe news about Him was spreading even farther, and great multitudes were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

16 But He Himself would often slip away ¹to the ²wilderness and ^apray.

17 ¶ And it came about ¹one day that He was teaching; and ^athere were some Pharisees and ^bteachers of the law sitting there, who had ^ccome from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and ^dthe power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.

18 ^aAnd behold, some men were carrying on a ¹bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in, and to set him down in front of Him.

19 And not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on ^athe roof and let him down ^bthrough the tiles with his stretcher, right in the center, in front of Jesus.

20 And seeing their faith, He said, "**^aFriend, ^ayour sins are forgiven you.**"

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees ^abegan to reason, saying, "^bWho is this man who speaks blasphemies? ^cWho can forgive sins, but God alone?"

22 But Jesus, ¹aware of their reasonings, answered and said to them, "**^aWhy are you reasoning in your hearts?**"

23 Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins have been forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

24 But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,"—He said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, and take up your stretcher and go home."

25 And at once he rose up before them, and took up what he had been lying on, and went home, glorifying God.

26 And they were all seized with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen remarkable things to-day."

27 ¶ And after that He went out, and noticed a tax-gatherer named Levi, sitting in the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me."

28 And he left everything behind, and rose and began to follow Him.

29 ¶ And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax-gatherers and other people who were reclining at the table with them.

30 And the Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax-gatherers and sinners?"

31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick."

32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

33 ¶ And they said to Him, "The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers; the disciples of the Pharisees also do the same; but Yours eat and drink."

34 And Jesus said to them, "You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast

24 *Matt. 4:24

25 *Matt. 9:8

26 *Matt. 9:8; *Luke 1:65; 7:16

27 *I.e., Collector of Roman taxes for profit
*Luke 5:27;
29: Matt. 9:9-17; Mark 2:14-22
*Matt. 9:9

28 *Luke 5:11

29 *Or, banquet
*Matt. 9:9
*Luke 15:1

30 *Mark 2:16; Luke 15:2; Acts 23:9

31 *Matt. 9:12, 13; Mark 2:17

33 *Or, like wine
*Matt. 9:14; Mark 2:18

34 *Lit., sons of the bridal-chamber

35 *Matt. 9:15; Mark 2:20; Luke 17:22

36 *Or, cloak

37 *I.e., skins used as bottles

1 Many mss. read the second-first Sabbath; i.e., the second Sabbath after the first
*Luke 6:1-5; Matt. 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28
*Deut. 23:25

2 *Matt. 12:2

3 *1 Sam. 21:6

4 *Or, showbread; lit., loaves of presentation
*Lev. 24:9

6 *Lit., and his
*Luke 6:6-11; Matt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6
*Luke 6:1
*Matt. 4:23

while the bridegroom is with them, can you?

35 "But the days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days."

36 And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old."

37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined.

38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

39 And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.' "

CHAPTER 6

NOW it came about that on a certain Sabbath He was passing through some grain-fields; and His disciples were picking and eating the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands.

2 But some of the Pharisees said, "Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"

3 And Jesus answering them said, "Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,

4 how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?"

5 And He was saying to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

6 ¶ And it came about on another Sabbath, that He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered.

7 And the scribes and the Pharisees ^awere watching Him closely, to see if He healed on the Sabbath, in order that they might find reason to accuse Him.

8 But He ^aknew ¹what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, **"Rise and ²come forward!"** And he rose and ³came forward.

9 And Jesus said to them, **"I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, or to do harm, to save a life, or to destroy it?"**

10 And after ^alooking around at them all, He said to him, **"Stretch out your hand!"** And he did so; and his hand was restored.

11 But they themselves were filled with ¹rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

12 ¶ And it was ¹at this time that He went off to ^athe mountain to ^bpray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God.

13 And when day came, ^aHe called His disciples to Him; and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as ^bapostles:

14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and ¹James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew;

15 and ^aMatthew and Thomas; James *the son of Alphaeus*, and Simon who was called the Zealot;

16 Judas *the son of James*, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

17 And He ^adescended with them, and stood on a level place; and *there was* ^{ba}a great multitude of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of ^cTyre and Sidon,

18 ¹who had come to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured.

7 ^aMark

3:2

8 ¹Lit.,

their

thoughts

²Lit., stand;

or, stood into

the midst

³Lit., stood

^aMatt. 9:4

10 ^aMark

3:5

11 ¹Lit.,

folly

12 ¹Lit., in

these days

^aMatt. 5:1

^bMatt. 14:23;

Luke 5:16;

9:18, 28

13 ^aLuke

6:13-16; Matt.

10:2-4; Mark

3:16-19; Acts

1:13 ^bMark

6:30

14 ¹Or, Ja-

cob, also vv

15 and 16

15 ^aMatt.

9:9

17 ^aLuke

6:12 ^bMatt.

4:25; Mark

3:7, 8 ^cMatt.

11:21

18 ¹Most

English ver-

sions begin v.

18 with and

those who

19 ^aMatt.

9:21, 14:36;

Mark 3:10

^bLuke 5:17

20 ^aMatt.

5:3-12; Luke

6:20-23

^bMatt. 5:3

22 ¹ Pet.

4:14 ^bJohn

9:22; 16:2

23 ¹Lit., do

to

^aMal. 4

^b2 Chr. 36:16;

Acts 7:52

24 ^aLuke

16:25; James

5:1 ^bMatt. 6:2

25 ¹Lit.,

having been

filled

26 ¹Lit., do

to

^aMatt. 7:15

27 ^aMatt.

5:44; Luke

6:35

28 ¹Or, re-

vile

^aMatt. 5:44;

Luke 6:35

29 ¹Or,

cloak; i.e.,

outer gar-

ment ²Or, tu-

nic; i.e., gar-

ment worn

next to body

^aLuke 6:29;

30; Matt.

5:39-42

31 ¹Lit., do

to

^aMatt. 7:12

19 And all the multitude were trying to ^atouch Him, for ^bpower was coming from Him and healing them all.

20 ¶ And turning His gaze on His disciples, He began to say, **"^aBlessed are you who are poor, for ^byours is the kingdom of God.**

21 **"Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.**

22 **"Blessed are you when men hate you, and ^bostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.**

23 **"Be glad in that day, and ^aleap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for ^bin the same way their fathers used to ¹treat the prophets.**

24 **"But woe to ^ayou who are rich, for ^byou are receiving your comfort in full.**

25 **"Woe to you who ¹are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.**

26 **"Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for in the same way their fathers used to ¹treat the ^afalse prophets.**

27 ¶ **"But I say to you who hear, ^alove your enemies, do good to those who hate you,**

28 **bless those who curse you, ^apray for those who ¹mistreat you.**

29 **"Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your ¹coat, do not withhold your ²shirt from him either.**

30 **"Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.**

31 **"And just as you want people to ¹treat you, ¹treat them in the same way.**

32 **"And ^aif you love those who love you, what credit is that to**

32 ^aMatt. 5:46

you? For even sinners love those who love them.

33 "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

34 "And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, in order to receive back the same amount.

35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.

36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 "And do not judge and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.

38 "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

39 ¶ And He also spoke a parable to them: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit?"

40 "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

41 "And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

42 "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

34 *Matt. 5:42

35 *Or, not despairing at all

*Luke 6:27

*Matt. 5:9

*Luke 1:32

36 *Or, Become

37 *Lit., release

*Luke 6:37-

42; Matt. 7:1-

5; Matt. 6:14;

Luke 23:16;

Acts 3:13

38 *Mark

4:24 *Ps.

79:12; Is.

65:6, 7; Jer.

32:18

39 *Matt.

15:14

40 *Or, dis-

ciple *Or,

reach his

teacher's

level

*Matt. 10:24;

John 13:16,

15:20

43 *Lit.,

again

*Luke 6:43,

44; Matt.

7:16, 18, 20

44 *Matt.

7:16, 12:33

45 *Or, trea-

sury, store-

house *Lit.,

the abun-

dance of

*Matt. 12:35

*Matt. 12:34

46 *Mal. 1:6,

Matt. 7:21

47 *Lit.,

does

*Luke 6:47-

49; Matt.

7:24-27;

James 1:22ff.

48 *Lit., dug

and went

deep *Lit.,

river

49 *Lit.,

river

1 *Matt.

7:28 *Luke

7:1-10; Matt.

8:5-13

2 *Lit., to

whom he was

honorable

3 *Lit., el-

ders of the

Jews *Lit.,

bring safely

through, res-

cue

*Matt. 8:5

43 "For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit; nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit.

44 "For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.

45 "The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

46 ¶ "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?

47 "Everyone who comes to Me, and hears My words, and acts upon them, I will show you whom he is like:

18 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood rose, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

49 "But the one who has heard, and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house upon the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

CHAPTER 7

^a WHEN He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, ^bHe went to Capernaum.

2 ¶ And a certain centurion's slave, ¹who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.

3 And when he heard about Jesus, ^ahe sent some ¹Jewish elders asking Him to come and ²save the life of his slave.

4 And when they had come to Jesus, they earnestly entreated

Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

5 for he loves our nation, and it was he who built us our synagogue."

6 Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;

7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

8 "For I, too, am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and to another, 'Come!' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that was following Him, "I say to you, **not even in Israel have I found such great faith.**"

10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

11 ¶ And it came about soon afterwards, that He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large multitude.

12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep."

14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!"

15 And the dead man sat up,

6 Or, Sir

7 Lit., say with a word
Or, boy

9 Matt. 8:10; Luke 7:50

11 Some mss. read on the next day
Lit., and

12 Lit., one who had died
Or, only begotten

13 Or, Stop weeping
Luke 7:19; 10:1; 11:1, 39; 12:42; 13:15; 17:5, 6; 18:6; 19:8; 22:61; 24:34; John 4:1; 6:23; 11:2

15 Or, corpse

16 Or, cared for
Luke 5:26
Matt. 9:8
Matt. 21:11; Luke 7:39

17 Matt. 9:26

18 Luke 7:18-35; Matt. 11:2-19

19 Lit., a certain two
Lit., Coming One
Some early mss. read one who is different
Luke 7:13; 10:1; 11:1, 39; 12:42; 13:15; 17:5, 6; 18:6; 19:8; 22:61; 24:34; John 4:1; 6:23; 11:2

20 Lit., Coming One

21 Lit., hour
Matt. 4:23
Mark 3:10

22 Is. 35:5
Is. 61:1

23 Lit., whoever

25 Or, Well then, what
Or, garments

and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

16 And fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!"

17 And this report concerning Him went out all over Judea, and in all the surrounding district.

18 ¶ And the disciples of John reported to him about all these things.

19 And summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?"

20 And when the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?'"

21 At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He granted sight to many who were blind.

22 And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: **the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them.**

23 "And blessed is he who keeps from stumbling over Me."

24 ¶ And when the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the multitudes about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

25 "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are splendidly clothed and live in luxury are found in royal palaces.

26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you,

and one who is more than a prophet.

27 "This is the one about whom it is written,

"BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER BEFORE YOUR FACE,

WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU."

28 "I say to you, among those born of women, there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

29 And when all the people and the tax-gatherers heard this, they acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John.

31 "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?

32 "They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another; and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.'

33 "For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine; and you say, 'He has a demon!'

34 "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking; and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man, and a drunkard, a friend of tax-gatherers and sinners!'

35 "Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

36 ¶ Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him. And He entered the Pharisee's house, and reclined at the table.

37 And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,

27 ¹Lit., has been written
*Mal. 3:1;
Matt. 11:10;
Mark 1:2

28 ¹Lit., less

29 ¹Lit., Collectors of Roman taxes for profit
*Or, justified God
*Luke 7:35

*Matt. 21:32;
Luke 3:12;
*Acts 18:25;
19:3

30 ¹Lit., experts in the Mosaic Law
*Lit., him
*Matt. 22:35

31 *Luke 1:15

34 ¹Or, wine-drinker
*Lit., Collectors of Roman taxes for profit

35 ¹Lit., And
*Luke 7:29

36 ¹Lit., eat

37 ¹Lit., an immoral woman
*Matt. 23:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 17:37-39; John 12:1-8

39 ¹Lit., to himself, saying
*Some mss. read the prophet
*Lit., an immoral woman
*Luke 7:16; John 4:19

40 ¹Lit., says

41 ¹The denarius was equivalent to one day's wage

*Matt. 18:28; Mark 6:37

42 *Matt. 18:25

44 *Gen. 18:4; 19:2; 43:24; Judg. 19:21; 1 Tim. 5:10

45 ¹Lit., was not ceasing
*2 Sam. 15:5

46 *2 Sam. 12:20; Ps. 23:5; Eccl. 9:8; Dan. 10:3

48 *Matt. 9:2; Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20, 23

49 ¹Or, among
*Luke 5:21

38 and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."

40 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher."

41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty."

42 "When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him more?"

43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly."

44 And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair."

45 "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet."

46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume."

47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

48 And He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

49 And those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?"

50 And He said to the woman, **"Your faith has saved you; go in peace."**

CHAPTER 8

AND it came about soon afterwards, that He began going about from one city and village to another, **proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God; and the twelve were with Him,**

2 and also **some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,**

3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, **Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.**

4 ¶ **And when a great multitude were coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable:**

5 **"The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road; and it was trampled under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up.**

6 **"And other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.**

7 **"And other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it, and choked it out.**

8 **"And other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great." As He said these things, He would call out, **"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."****

9 ¶ **And His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable might be.**

10 And He said, **"To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, in order that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND."**

50 *Matt. 9:22; Luke 17:19; 18:42; *Mark 5:34; Luke 8:48

1 *Matt. 4:23

2 *Matt. 27:55; Mark 15:40, 41; Luke 23:49; 55; *Matt. 27:56; Mark 16:9

3 *Matt. 14:1; *Matt. 20:8

4 *Luke 8:4-8; Matt. 13:2-9; Mark 4:1-9

5 *Lit., heaven

8 *Matt. 11:15; Mark 7:16; Luke 14:35; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; 13:9

9 *Luke 8:9-15; Matt. 13:10-23; Mark 4:10-20

10 *Matt. 13:11; *Is. 6:9; Matt. 13:14; Acts 28:26

11 *1 Pet. 1:23

13 *Lit., who believe

15 *Or., steadfastness

16 *Matt. 5:15; Mark 4:21; Luke 11:33

17 *Matt. 10:26; Mark 4:22; Luke 12:2

18 *Or., seems to have; *Matt. 13:12; 25:29; Luke 19:26

19 *Luke 8:19-21; Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35

21 *Luke 11:28

11 **"Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.**

12 **"And those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved.**

13 **"And those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.**

14 **"And the seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.**

15 **"And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.**

16 ¶ **"Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed but he puts it on a lampstand, in order that those who come in may see the light.**

17 **"For nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light.**

18 **"Therefore take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him shall more be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him."**

19 ¶ **And His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.**

20 And it was reported to Him, **"Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You."**

21 But He answered and said to them, **"My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."**

22 ¶ ^aNow it came about on one of those days, that He and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, **"Let us go over to the other side of ^bthe lake."** And they launched out.

23 But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended upon ^athe lake, and they began to be swamped and to be in danger.

24 And they came to Him and woke Him up, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And being aroused, He ^brebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and ¹it became calm.

25 And He said to them, **"Where is your faith?"** And they were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?"

26 ¶ ^aAnd they sailed to the country of the ¹Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

27 And when He had come out onto the land, He was met by a certain man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs.

28 And seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, "What do I have to do with You, Jesus, Son of ^bthe Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me."

29 For He ¹had been commanding the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard; and yet he would burst his fetters and be driven by the demon into the desert.

30 And Jesus asked him, **"What is your name?"** And he said, "A Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

22 ^aLuke 8:22-25; Matt. 8:23-27; Mark 4:36-41; ^bLuke 5:1f.; 8:23

23 ^aLuke 5:1f.; 8:22

24 ¹Lit., a calm occurred. ^aLuke 5:5; ^bLuke 4:39

26 ¹Other mss. read Gergesenes or Gadarenes. ^aLuke 8:26-37; Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-17

28 ^aMatt. 8:29; ^bMark 5:7

29 ¹Or, was commanding

30 ^aMatt. 26:53

31 ^aRom. 10:7; Rev. 9:1f., 11:11; 17:8; 20:1, 3

32 ¹Lit., them

33 ^aLuke 5:1f.; 8:22

35 ^aLuke 10:39

36 ¹Or, saved. ^aMatt. 4:24

37 ¹Other mss. read Gergesenes or Gadarenes

38 ¹Lit., be with. ^aLuke 8:38; 39; Mark 5:18-20

40 ^aMatt. 9:1; Mark 5:21

41 ¹Lit., ruler. ^aLuke 8:41-56; Matt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43; ^bMark 5:22; Luke 8:49

31 And they were entreating Him not to command them to depart into ^athe abyss.

32 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons entreated Him to permit them to enter ¹the swine. And He gave them permission.

33 And the demons came out from the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into ^athe lake, and were drowned.

34 And when the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and out in the country.

35 And the people went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down ^aat the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they became frightened.

36 And those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was ^ademon-possessed had been ¹made well.

37 And all the people of the country of the ¹Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to depart from them; for they were gripped with great fear; and He got into a boat, and returned.

38 ^aBut the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him that he might ¹accompany Him; but He sent him away, saying,

39 Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you. And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

40 ¶ ^aAnd as Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him.

41 ^aAnd behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was an ¹official of the synagogue;

and he fell at Jesus' feet, and began to entreat Him to come to his house;

42 for he had an ¹only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes were pressing against Him.

43 ¶ And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ¹and could not be healed by anyone,

44 came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His ¹cloak; and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.

45 And Jesus said, "**Who is the one who touched Me?**" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, ¹"Master, the multitudes are crowding and pressing upon You."

46 But Jesus said, "**Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that ^apower had gone out of Me.**"

47 And when the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.

48 And He said to her, "**Daughter, ^ayour faith has ¹made you well; ^bgo in peace.**"

49 ¶ While He was still speaking, someone ^acame from the house of ^athe synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore."

50 But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, "**^aDo not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she shall be ¹made well.**"

51 And when He had come to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother.

52 Now they were all weeping and ^alamenting for her; but He said, "**Stop weeping, for she has not died, but ^bis asleep.**"

42 ¹Or, only begotten

43 ¹Some mss. add who had spent all her living upon physicians

44 ¹Or, outer garment

45 ¹Some early mss. add and those with him

^aLuke 5:5
46 ^aLuke 5:17

48 ¹Or, saved you
^aMatt 9:22
^bMark 5:34; Luke 7:50

49 ^aLuke 8:41

50 ¹Or, saved
^aMark 5:36

52 ^aMatt. 11:17; Luke 23:27
^bJohn 11:13

56 ^aMatt. 8:4

¹ ^aMatt. 10:5; Mark 6:7

2 ¹Some mss. read to heal the sick
^aMatt. 10:7

3 ¹Or, knapsack or beggar's bag
²Or, inner garment
^aLuke 9:3-5; Matt. 10:9-15; Mark 6:8-11; Luke 10:4-12; 22:35
^bMatt. 10:10; Mark 6:8; Luke 22:35f.

5 ^aLuke 10:11; Acts 13:51

6 ¹Or, from village to village
^aMark 6:12; Luke 8:1

7 ^aLuke 9:7-9; Matt. 14:1, 2; Mark 6:14f.
^bMatt. 14:1; Luke 3:1; 13:31; 23:7
^cMatt. 14:2

8 ^aMatt. 16:14

9 ^aLuke 23:8

53 And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died.

54 He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "**Child, arise!**"

55 And her spirit returned, and she rose immediately; and He gave orders for *something* to be given her to eat.

56 And her parents were amazed; but He ^ainstructed them to tell no one what had happened.

CHAPTER 9

^aAND He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to heal diseases.

2 And He sent them out to ^aproclaim the kingdom of God, and ¹to perform healing.

3 And He said to them, "**^aTake nothing for your journey, ^bneither a staff, nor a ¹bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have ²two tunics apiece.**

4^a And whatever house you enter, stay there, and take your leave from there.

5^a And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, ^ashake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

6 And departing, they began going about ¹among the villages, ^apreaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 ¶ ^aNow ^bHerod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that ^cJohn had risen from the dead,

8 and by some that ^aElijah had appeared, and by others, that one of the prophets of old had risen again.

9 And Herod said, "I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?" And ^ahe kept trying to see Him.

10 ¶ And when the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done. And taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida.

11 But the multitudes were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.

12 And the day began to decline, and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place."

13 But He said to them, "You give them something to eat!" And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people."

14 (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, "Have them recline to eat in groups of about fifty each."

15 And they did so, and had them all recline.

16 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets full.

18 ¶ And it came about that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, "Who do the multitudes say that I am?"

19 And they answered and said, "John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again."

20 And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And

10 *Mark 6:30; Luke 9:10-17; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; John 6:5-13; *Matt. 11:21

12 *Lit., provisions

14 *Mark 6:39

17 *Lit., that which was left over to them of the broken pieces was

*Matt. 14:20

18 *Luke 9:18-20; Matt. 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-29; *Matt. 14:23; Luke 6:12; 9:28

20 *I.e., Messiah *John 6:68f.

21 *Or, strictly admonished *Matt. 8:4; 16:20; Mark 8:30

22 *Luke 9:22-27; Matt. 16:21-28; Mark 8:31-9:1; *Matt. 16:21; Luke 9:44

23 *Matt. 10:38; Luke 14:27

24 *Or, soul *Matt. 10:39; Luke 17:33; John 12:25

25 *Heb. 10:34

26 *Matt. 10:33; Luke 12:9

27 *Matt. 16:28

28 *Luke 9:28-36; Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; *Matt. 17:1; *Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18

29 *Lit., flashing like lightning *Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; *Mark 16:12

31 *Or, splendor *2 Pet. 1:15

32 *Matt. 26:43; Mark 14:40

Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."

21 But He warned them, and instructed them not to tell this to anyone.

22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day."

23 And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

24 "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it."

25 "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?"

26 "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

27 "But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who shall not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

28 ¶ And some eight days after these sayings, it came about that He took along Peter and John and James, and went up to the mountain to pray.

29 And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming.

30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah,

31 who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully

awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

33 And it came about, as ¹these were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, "a Master, it is good for us to be here; and ^blet us make three ²tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—^cnot realizing what he was saying.

34 And while he was saying this, a cloud ¹formed and began to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 And ^aa voice came out of the cloud, saying, "b This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"

36 And when the voice ¹had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And ^athey kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

37 ¶ ^aAnd it came about on the next day, that when they had come down from the mountain, a great multitude met Him.

38 And behold, a man from the multitude shouted out, saying, "Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my ¹only boy,

39 and behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams, and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming at the mouth, and as it mauls him, it scarcely leaves him.

40 "And I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not."

41 And Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you, and put up with you? Bring your son here."

42 And while he was still approaching, the demon ¹dashed him to the ground, and threw him into a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

43 And they were all amazed at the ¹greatness of God.

33 ¹Lit., they ²Or, sacred tents
*Luke 5:5;
9:49; *Matt.
17:4; Mark
9:5; *Mark 9:6

34 ¹Or, occurred

35 ²Pet. 1:17f. *Isa. 42:1; Matt. 3:17; 12:18; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22

36 ¹Lit., occurred
*Matt. 17:9; Mark 9:9f.

37 *Luke 9:37-42; Matt. 17:14-18; Mark 9:14-27

38 ¹Or, only begotten

42 ¹Or, tore him

43 ¹Or, majesty

*2 Pet. 1:16
*Luke 9:43-45; Matt.

17:22f.; Mark 9:30-32

44 ¹Or, betrayed

*Luke 9:22

45 ¹Lit., were not knowing

*Mark 9:32

46 ¹Lit., entered in

*Luke 9:46-48; Matt.

18:1-5; Mark 9:33-37; Luke 22:24

47 ¹Lit., the reasoning, or, argument

*Matt. 9:4

48 ¹Or, lowliest

*Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16; John 13:20

*Luke 22:26

49 *Luke 9:49, 50; Mark 9:38-40

*Luke 5:5; 9:33

50 ¹Or, on your side

*Matt. 12:30; Luke 11:23

51 ¹Lit., taking up

*Mark 16:19

*Luke 13:22; 17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 28

52 ¹Or, prepare

*Matt. 10:5; Luke 10:33; 17:16; John 4:4

53 ¹Lit., His face was proceeding toward

*John 4:9

¶ ^bBut while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing, He said to His disciples,

44 "Let these words sink into your ears; ^afor the Son of Man is going to be ¹delivered into the hands of men."

45 But ^athey ¹did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they might not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

46 ¶ ^aAnd an argument ¹arose among them as to which of them might be the greatest.

47 But Jesus, ^aknowing ¹what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by His side,

48 and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; ^bfor he who is ¹least among you, this is the one who is great."

49 ¶ ^aAnd John answered and said, "b Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to hinder him because he does not follow along with us."

50 But Jesus said to him, "Do not hinder him; ^afor he who is not against you is ¹for you."

51 ¶ And it came about, when the days were approaching for ^aHis ¹ascension, that He resolutely set His face ^bto go to Jerusalem;

52 and He sent messengers on ahead of Him. And they went, and entered a village of the ^aSamaritans, to ¹make arrangements for Him.

53 And they did not receive Him, ^abecause ¹He was journeying with His face toward Jerusalem.

54 And when His disciples ^aJames and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to

54 *Mark 3:17

^bcommand fire to come down from heaven and consume them?¹⁷"

55 But He turned and rebuked them, [¹and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of;

56 for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.

57 ¶ And ^aas they were going along the road, ^bsomeone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go."

58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the ¹air have ²nests, but ^athe Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

59 And He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Permit me first to go and bury my father."

60 But He said to him, "Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and ^aproclaim everywhere the kingdom of God."

61 And another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but ^afirst permit me to say good-bye to those at home."

62 But Jesus said to him, "^aNo one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

CHAPTER 10

NOW after this ^athe Lord appointed ¹seventy ^bothers, and sent them ^ctwo and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.

2 And He was saying to them, "^aThe harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

3 "Go your ways; ^abehold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

4 "^aCarry no purse, no ¹bag, no

54 ¹Some mss. add as Elijah did
52 Kin. 1:9-16
55 ¹Many mss. do not contain bracketed portion

57 ¹Luke 9:51 ²Luke 9:57-60 Matt. 8:19-22
58 ¹Or, sky
59 ¹Or, roosting places
60 Matt. 8:20
61 ¹Some mss. add Lord
62 Matt. 8:22
63 Matt. 4:23
64 ¹I Kin. 19:20
65 ¹Phil. 3:13
66 ¹Some mss. read seventy-two
67 Luke 7:13
68 Luke 9:11
69 Mark 6:7
70 Matt. 9:37, 38, John 4:35
71 ¹Matt. 10:16
72 ¹Or, knapsack or beggar's bag
73 Matt. 10:9
74 Mark 6:8
75 Luke 9:3-5, 10:4-12
76 ¹Lit., son
77 ¹Or, the house itself
78 ¹Lit., the things from them
79 Matt. 10:10
80 1 Cor. 9:14
81 1 Tim. 5:18
82 ¹1 Cor. 10:27
83 ¹Matt. 3:2, 10:7
84 Luke 10:11
85 ¹Lit., know
86 Matt. 10:14
87 Mark 6:11
88 Luke 9:5
89 Acts 13:51
90 Matt. 3:2, 10:7
91 Luke 10:9
92 ¹Gen. 19:24-28
93 Matt. 10:15
94 11:24
95 Matt. 10:15
96 ¹Or, works of power
97 Luke 10:13-15
98 Matt. 11:21-23
99 ¹Isa. 23:1-18; Ezek. 26:1-28; Joel 3:4-8
100 Matt. 11:21
101 Rev. 11:3

shoes; and greet no one on the way.

5 "And whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.'

6 "And if a ¹man of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him; but if not, it will return to you.

7 "And stay in ¹that house, eating and drinking ²what they give you; for ^athe laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.

8 "And whatever city you enter, and they receive you, ^aeat what is set before you;

9 and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, '^aThe kingdom of God has come near to you.'

10 "But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

11 '^aEven the dust of your city which clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you; yet ¹be sure of this, that ^bthe kingdom of God has come near.'

12 "I say to you, ^ait will be more tolerable in that day for ^bSodom, than for that city.

13 "^aWoe to you, ^bChorazin! Woe to you, ^bBethsaida! For if the ¹miracles had been performed in ^bTyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in ^csackcloth and ashes.

14 "But it will be more tolerable for ^aTyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you.

15 "And you, ^aCapernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades!

16 "^aThe one who listens to you listens to Me, and ^bthe one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."

14 ¹Matt. 11:21

15 ¹Isa. 14:13-15; Matt. 4:13; 11:23

16 ¹Matt. 10:40; Mark 9:37; Luke 9:48; John 13:20; Gal. 4:14 ²John 12:48; 1 Thess. 4:8

17 ¶ And the ¹seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even ^athe demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I was watching ^aSatan fall from heaven like lightning.

19 "Behold, I have given you authority to ^atread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.

20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that ^ayour names are recorded in heaven."

21 ¶ ^aAt that very ¹time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I ²praise Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou didst hide these things from the wise and intelligent and didst reveal them to babes. Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing in Thy sight.

22 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and ^bno one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

23 ^aAnd turning to the disciples, He said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see.

24 for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them."

25 ¶ ^aAnd behold, a certain ¹lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How ¹does it read to you?"

27 And he answered and said, "a YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH,

17 ¹Some mss. read seventy-two
*Mark 16:17
18 *Matt. 4:10

19 *Ps. 91:13; Mark 16:18

20 *Ex. 32:32; Ps. 69:28; Is. 4:3; Ezek. 13:9; Dan. 12:1; Phil. 4:3; Heb. 12:23; Rev. 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27

21 ¹Lit., hour
*Or, acknowledge Thy praise
*Luke 10:21; 22: Matt. 11:25-27

22 *John 3:35; *John 10:15

23 *Luke 10:23, 24; Matt. 13:16, 17

25 ¹I.e., an expert in the Mosaic Law
*Luke 10:25-28; Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-31; Matt. 19:16-19

*Matt. 22:35
26 ¹Lit., do you read?

27 *Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18

28 *Lev. 18:5; Ezek. 20:11; Matt. 19:17

29 *Luke 16:15

30 ¹Lit., laid blows upon
*Luke 18:31; 19:28

33 *Matt. 10:5; Luke 9:52

35 ¹The denarius was equivalent to one day's wage

37 ¹Or, likewise

38 ¹Lit., certain woman
*Luke 10:40f.; John 11:1, 5, 19ff.; 30, 39; 12:2

39 *Luke 10:42; John 11:1f., 19f.; 28, 31f.; 45; 12:3 *Luke 8:35; Acts 22:3

AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

28 And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; ^aDO THIS, AND YOU WILL LIVE."

29 But wishing ^ato justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Jesus replied and said, "A certain man was ^agoing down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, and they stripped him and ¹beat him, and went off leaving him half dead.

31 "And by chance a certain priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 "And likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 "But a certain ^aSamaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,

34 and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 "And on the next day he took out two ¹denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.'

36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"

37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do ¹the same."

38 ¶ Now as they were traveling along, He entered a certain village; and a ¹woman named ^aMartha welcomed Him into her home.

39 And she had a sister called ^aMary, who moreover was listening to the Lord's word, ^bseated at His feet.

40 But ^aMartha was distracted with ¹all her preparations; and she came up to Him, and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me."

41 But the Lord answered and said to her, "^aMartha, Martha, you are ^bworried and bothered about so many things;

42 ¹but only a few things are necessary, ²really only one, for ^bMary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

CHAPTER 11

AND it came about that while He was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

2 And He said to them, "^aWhen you pray, say:

¹Father, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

3 ¹Give us ^aeach day our ¹daily bread.

4 ¹And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who ^ais indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

5 ¹ And He said to them, "¹Suppose one of you shall have a friend, and shall go to him at midnight, and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

7 and from inside he shall answer and say, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children ¹and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.'

8 "I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet ^abe-

⁴⁰ ¹Lit., much service
^aLuke 10:38, 41; John 11:1, 5, 19ff., 30, 39; 12:2

⁴¹ ¹Luke 10:38, 40; John 11:1, 5, 19ff., 30, 39; 12:2 ^bMatt. 6:25

⁴² ¹Some mss. read but one thing is necessary
²Lit., or

^aPs. 27:4; John 6:27
^bLuke 10:39; John 11:1f., 19f., 28, 31f., 45; 12:3

² ¹Some mss. insert phrases from Matt. 6:9-13 to make the two passages closely similar

^aLuke 11:2-4; Matt. 6:9-13

³ ¹Or, bread for the coming day or needful bread

^aActs 17:11

⁴ ¹Luke 13:4 mg.

⁵ ¹Lit., Which one of you

⁷ ¹Lit., with me

⁸ ¹Or, shamelessness

^aLuke 18:1-5

⁹ ¹Or, keep asking ²Or, keep seeking

³Or, keep knocking

^aLuke 11:9-13; Matt. 7:7, 11

¹¹ ¹Lit., which of you, a son, shall ask the father ²Some early mss. insert loaf, he will not give him a stone, will he, or for a

¹³ ¹Lit., Father from heaven

^aMatt. 7:11; Luke 18:7f.

¹⁴ ¹Luke 11:14, 15; Matt. 12:22, 24; Matt. 9:32-34

¹⁵ ¹Here and in vv. 18 and 19 some mss. read Beelzebul

^aMatt. 9:34 ^bMatt. 10:25

cause of his ¹persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 ¹And I say to you, ¹ask, and it shall be given to you; ²seek, and you shall find; ³knock, and it shall be opened to you.

10 ¹For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.

11 ¹Now ¹suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a ²fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?

12 ¹Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?

13 ¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your ¹heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

14 ¹ And He was casting out a demon, and it was dumb; and it came about that when the demon had gone out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

15 But some of them said, "He casts out demons ^aby ¹Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."

16 And others, ¹to test Him, ^awere demanding of Him a ²sign from heaven.

17 ^aBut He knew their thoughts, and said to them, "¹Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against ²itself falls.

18 ¹And if ^aSatan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by ^bBeelzebul.

19 ¹And if I by ^aBeelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges.

¹⁶ ¹Lit., were testing ²Or, attesting miracle ^aMatt. 12:28; 16:1; Mark 8:11

¹⁷ ¹Lit., every ²Lit., a house ^aLuke 11:17-22; Matt. 12:25-29; Mark 3:23-27

¹⁸ ^aMatt. 4:10 ^bMatt. 10:25

¹⁹ ^aMatt. 10:25

20 "But if I cast out demons by the ^afinger of God, then ^bthe kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 "When ¹a strong man, fully armed, guards his own home-
stead, his possessions are ²un-
disturbed;

22 but when someone stronger than he attacks him and over-
powers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, and distributes his plunder.

23 "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.

24 "When the unclean spirit goes out of ¹a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

25 "And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order.

26 "Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first."

27 ¶ And it came about while He said these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice, and said to Him, "^aBlessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts at which You nursed."

28 But He said, "On the contrary, blessed are ^athose who hear the word of God, and observe it."

29 ¶ And as the crowds were increasing, He began to say, "^aThis generation is a wicked generation; it ^bseeks for a ¹sign, and yet no ¹sign shall be given to it but the ¹sign of Jonah.

30 "For just as ^aJonah became a ¹sign to the Ninevites, so shall the Son of Man be to this generation.

31 "The ^aQueen of the South shall rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and

20 ^aEx. 8:19
^bMatt. 3:2

21 ¹Lit., the
²Lit., in peace

23 ^aMatt.
12:30; Mark
9:40

24 ¹Lit., the
^aLuke 11:24-
26; Matt.
12:43-45

27 ^aLuke
23:29

28 ^aLuke
8:21

29 ¹Or, at-
testing mir-
acle
^aLuke 11:29-
32; Matt.
12:39-42;
Matt. 16:4;
Mark 8:12;
^bMatt. 12:38;
Luke 11:16

30 ¹Or, at-
testing mir-
acle
^aJon. 3:4

31 ^a1 Kin.
10:1-10;
2 Chr. 9:1-12

32 ^aJon. 3:5

33 ^aMatt.
5:15; Mark
4:21; Luke
8:16

34 ¹Or,
healthy
^aLuke 11:34;
35; Matt.
6:22, 23

38 ¹Lit.,
baptized ²Or,
lunch
^aMatt. 15:2;
Mark 7:3f.

39 ¹Lit.,
your inside is
full
^aLuke 7:13;
^bMatt. 23:25f.

40 ^aLuke
12:20; 1 Cor.
15:36

41 ¹Lit., be-
hold
^aLuke 12:33;
16:9 ^bMark
7:19; Titus
1:15

42 ^aMatt.
23:23 ^bLev.
27:30; Luke
18:12

condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

32 "The men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because ^athey repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

33 ¶ "No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar, nor under a peck-measure, but on the lampstand, in order that those who enter may see the light.

34 "The lamp of your body is your eye; when your eye is ¹clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness.

35 "Then watch out that the light in you may not be darkness.

36 "If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it shall be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays."

37 ¶ Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee ^aasked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined at the table.

38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ¹acceremonially washed before the ²meal.

39 But ^athe Lord said to him, "Now ^byou Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but ¹inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness.

40 "You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also?

41 "But ^agive that which is within as charity, and ¹then all things are ^bclean for you.

42 ¶ "But woe to you Phari-
sees! For you ^bpay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are

the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

43 "Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the front seats in the synagogues, and the respectful greetings in the market places.

44 "Woe to you! For you are like ¹concealed tombs, and the people who walk over them are unaware of it."

45 ¶ And one of the ¹lawyers said to Him in reply, "Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too."

46 But He said, "Woe to you lawyers as well! For ²you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear, ¹while you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 "Woe to you! For you build the ¹tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them.

48 "Consequently, you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; because it was they who killed them, and you build their tombs.

49 "For this reason also ³the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and some they will ¹persecute.

50 in order that the blood of all the prophets, shed ⁴since the foundation of the world, may be ¹charged against this generation.

51 from ⁵the blood of Abel to ⁶the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it shall be ¹charged against this generation."

52 "Woe to you ¹lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; ²you did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered."

53 ¶ And when He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects.

43 *Matt. 23:6f.; Mark 12:38f.; Luke 14:7; 20:46

44 *Or, undisturbed, unseem

*Matt. 23:27

45 *I.e., experts in the Mosaic Law

*Matt. 22:35; Luke 11:46, 52

46 *Lit., and *Matt. 22:35; Luke 11:45, 52

*Matt. 23:4

47 *Or, monuments to

*Matt. 23:29ff.

48 *Or, drive out

*1 Cor. 1:24, 30; Col. 2:3

*Matt. 23:34-36

50 *Or, required of

*Matt. 23:34

51 *Or, required of

*Gen. 4:8

*2 Chr. 24:20, 21

52 *I.e., experts in the Mosaic Law

*Matt. 22:35; Luke 11:45, 46

*Matt. 23:13

54 *Lit., something out of His mouth

*Mark 3:2; Luke 20:20; Acts 23:21

*Mark 12:13

1 *Lit., myriads

*Matt. 18:6, 11f.; Mark 8:15

2 *Luke 12:2-9; Matt. 10:26-33; Mark 4:22; Luke 8:17

3 *Lit., spoken in the ear

*Matt. 10:27; 24:17

4 *John 15:13-15

5 *Or, show

*Gr., Gehenna

*Heb. 10:31

*Matt. 5:22

6 *Gr., assaria, the smallest of copper coins

*Matt. 10:29

7 *Matt. 10:30

54 *plotting against Him, ²to catch ¹Him in something He might say.

CHAPTER 12

UNDER these circumstances, after ¹so many thousands of the multitude had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, ²"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 "But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

3 "Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have ¹whispered in the inner rooms shall be proclaimed upon ²the housetops.

4 "And I say to you, ³My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 "But I will ¹warn you whom to fear: ²fear the One who after He has killed has authority to cast into ³hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

6 "Are not ⁴five sparrows sold for two ¹cents? And yet not one of them is forgotten before God.

7 "Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.

8 "And I say to you, everyone who ⁵confesses Me before men, the Son of Man shall confess him also before the angels of God;

9 but ⁶he who denies Me before men shall be denied ⁷before the angels of God.

10 "And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him.

8 *Matt. 10:32; Luke 15:10; Rom. 10:9

9 *Matt. 10:33; Luke 9:26 *Luke 15:10

10 *Matt. 12:31, 32; Mark 3:28-30

11 "And when they bring you before ^athe synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not become ^banxious about how or what you should speak in your defense, or what you should say; 12 for ^athe Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."

13 ¶ And someone ¹in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the *family inheritance* with me."

14 But He said to him, "^aMan, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?"

15 And He said to them, "^aBeware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

16 And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man was very productive.

17 "And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

18 "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'

19 "And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, ^ayou have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'"

20 "But God said to him, '^aYou fool! This very night ^byour soul is required of you; and ^cnow who will own what you have prepared?'

21 "So is the man who ^alays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

22 ¶ And He said to His disciples, "^aFor this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your ¹life, as to what you shall eat; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on.

23 "For life is more than food, and the body than clothing.

11 *Matt. 10:17 *Matt. 6:25; 10:19; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:22; 21:14

12 *Matt. 10:20; Luke 21:15

13 ¹Lit., out of

14 *Mic. 6:8; Rom. 2:1, 3; 9:20

15 ¹Tim. 6:6-10

19 *Ecc. 11:9

20 ¹Lit., they are demanding your soul from you; Jer. 17:11; Luke 11:40; Job 27:8; Ps. 39:6

21 *Luke 12:33

22 ¹Or, soul; *Luke 12:22-31; Matt. 6:25-33

24 *Job 38:41; *Luke 12:18

25 ¹I.e., One cubit equals approx. 18 in. ²Or, height; *Ps. 39:5

27 ¹Some mss. omit they grow; ¹Kin. 10:4; 7, 2 Chr. 9:3-6

28 *Matt. 6:30

29 *Matt. 6:31

30 ¹Or, these things all the nations of the world

31 *Matt. 6:33

32 *Matt. 14:27; *John 21:15-17; Eph. 1:5, 9

33 *Matt. 19:21; Luke 11:41; 18:22; *Matt. 6:20; Luke 12:21

34 *Matt. 6:21

35 ¹Lit., Let your loins be girded; *Matt. 25:1ff.; Eph. 6:14; 1 Pet. 1:13

24 "Consider the ^aravens, for they neither sow nor reap; and they have no storeroom nor ^bbarn; and yet God feeds them how much more valuable you are than the birds!

25 "And which of you by being anxious can add a single ¹cubit to his ²life's span?

26 "If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why are you anxious about other matters?

27 "Consider the lilies, how ¹they grow; they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, even ^aSolomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

28 "But if God so arrays the grass in the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you, ^aO men of little faith!

29 "And do not seek what you shall eat, and what you shall drink, and do not ^akeep worrying.

30 "For ¹all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

31 "But seek for His kingdom, and ^athese things shall be added to you.

32 "^aDo not be afraid, ^blittle flock, for ^cyour Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

33 "^aSell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, ^ban unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys.

34 "For ^awhere your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

35 ¶ "¹Be dressed in ^breadiness, and keep your lamps alight.

36 "And be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks.

37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master shall find ^aon the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that ^bhe will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them.

38 ^aWhether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 ^aAnd ^bbe sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be ^{2b}broken into.

40 ^aYou too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not ¹expect."

41 ¶ And Peter said, "Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or ^ato everyone else as well?"

42 And ^athe Lord said, ^b"Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his ¹servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?"

43 Blessed is that ^aslave whom his ¹master finds so doing when he comes.

44 Truly I say to you, that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

45 But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master ¹will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;

46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him, and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

47 And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, shall ^areceive many lashes,

48 but the one who did not ^aknow it, and committed deeds worthy of ¹a flogging, will re-

37 ^aMatt. 24:42 ^bLuke 17:8; John 13:4

38 ^aI.e., 9 p.m. to midnight ^bI.e., midnight to 3 a.m.

^aMatt. 24:43

39 ^aLit., know ^bLit., dig through ^aLuke 12:39, 40; Matt. 24:43, 44 ^bMatt. 6:19

40 ^aLit., think, suppose ^aMark 13:33; Luke 21:36

41 ^aLuke 12:47, 48

42 ^aLit., service

^aLuke 7:13; Luke 12:42

43 ^aMatt. 24:45-51

^aMatt. 24:45; Luke 16:1ff.

44 ^aOr, lord ^aLuke 12:42

45 ^aLit., a delaying to come

47 ^aDeut. 25:2; James 4:17

48 ^aLit., blows

^aLev. 5:17; Num. 15:29f.

^aMatt. 13:12

49 ^aOr, come ^bLit., what do I wish if

50 ^aLit., be baptized with

^aMark 10:38

51 ^aLuke 12:51-53; Matt. 10:34-36

53 ^aMic. 7:8; Matt. 10:21

54 ^aMatt. 16:2f.

55 ^aMatt. 20:12

56 ^aLit., how

^aMatt. 16:3

57 ^aLuke 21:30

58 ^aLit., be released from him

^aLuke 12:58; 59; Matt. 5:25, 26

59 ^aGr., lep-

tor, i.e., 1/128 of a denarius

^aMark 12:42

ceive but few. ^bAnd from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

49 ¶ I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and ²how I wish it were already kindled!

50 But I have a ^abaptism to ¹undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!

51 ^aDo you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division;

52 for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two, and two against three.

53 They will be divided, ^afather against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54 ¶ And He was also saying to the multitudes, ^a"When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out.

55 And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a ^ahot day,' and it turns out that way.

56 You hypocrites! ^aYou know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but ¹why do you not analyze this present time?

57 And ^awhy do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right?

58 For ^awhile you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there make an effort to ¹settle with him, in order that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the constable, and the constable throw you into prison.

59 I say to you, you shall not get out of there until you have paid the very last ¹cent."

CHAPTER 13

NOW on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans, whose blood ^aPilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And He answered and said to them, **"Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered this fate?"**

3 "I tell you, no, but, unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in ^aSiloam fell and killed them, were worse ^bculprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?"

5 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

6 ¶ And He began telling this parable: **"A certain man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, and did not find any."**

7 "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, **'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'**

8 "And he answered and said to him, **'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;**

9 **and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'**"

10 ¶ And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had ^aa sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.

12 And when Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, **"Woman, you are freed from your sickness."**

1 ^bOr, shed along with ^aMatt. 27

2 ^aJohn 9:2f.

3 ^bOr, one repentant

4 ^cLat., debtors ^aNeh. 3:15; 1s. 8:6; John 9:7, 11 ^bMatt. 6:12; Luke 11:4

6 ^aMatt. 21:19

7 ^cLat., and I do not find ^aMatt. 3:10; 7:19; Luke 3:9

10 ^aMatt. 4:23

11 ^aLuke 13:16

13 ^aMark 5:23 ^bMatt. 9:8

14 ^aMark 5:22 ^bMatt. 12:2; Luke 14:3 ^cEx. 20:9; Deut. 5:13

15 ^aLuke 7:13 ^bLuke 14:5

16 ^aLuke 19:9 ^bMatt. 4:10; Luke 13:11

17 ^aLuke 18:43

18 ^aLuke 13:18, 19; Matt. 13:31, 32; Mark 4:30-32 ^bMatt. 13:24; Luke 13:20

19 ^cOr, sky ^aEzek. 17:23

20 ^aMatt. 13:24; Luke 13:18

21 ^cGr., sala ^aLuke 13:20, 21; Matt. 13:33 ^bMatt. 13:33

22 ^aLuke 9:51

13 And He ^alaid His hands upon her; and immediately she was made erect again, and began ^bglorifying God.

14 And ^athe synagogue official, indignant because Jesus ^bhad healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the multitude in response, **"There are six days in which work should be done; therefore come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day."**

15 But ^athe Lord answered him and said, **"You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead him away to water him?"**

16 "And this woman, ^aa daughter of Abraham as she is, whom ^bSatan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

17 And as He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and ^athe entire multitude was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

18 ¶ Therefore ^aHe was saying, **"What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?"**

19 **"It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree; and ^aTHE BIRDS OF THE AIR NESTED IN ITS BRANCHES."**

20 ¶ And again He said, **"To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?"**

21 **"It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in ^bthree pecks of meal, until it was all leavened."**

22 ¶ And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and ^aproceeding on His way to Jerusalem.

23 And someone said to Him, **"Lord, are there just a few who**

are being saved?" And He said to them,

24 "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

25 "Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.'

26 "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets';

27 and He will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVIL-DOERS.'

28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth there when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being cast out.

29 "And they will come from east and west, and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God.

30 "And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

31 ¶ Just at that time some Pharisees came up, saying to Him, "Go away and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."

32 And He said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach My goal.'

33 "Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her

24 Or, able.

once
*Matt. 7:13

25 Lit., and

*Matt. 25:10

*Matt. 7:22;

25:11 *Matt.

7:23; 25:12;

Luke 13:27

26 *Luke 3:8

27 *Luke

13:25 *Ps.

6:8, Matt.

25:41

28 *Matt.

8:12; 22:13;

25:30

29 *Matt.

8:11

30 *Matt.

19:30; 20:16;

Mark 10:31

31 *Matt.

14:1; Luke

3:1; 9:7; 23:7

32 Or possibly, am per-

fect

*Heb. 2:10;

5:9; 7:28

33 *John

11:9 *Matt.

21:11

34 *Luke

13:34, 35;

Matt. 23:37;

39; Luke

19:41 *Matt.

23:37

35 Later

ms. add

desolate

*Ps. 118:26;

Matt. 21:9;

Luke 19:38

1 I.e.,

members of

the Sanhe-

dryn

*Mark 3:2

2 Lit., be-

hold

3 I.e., ex-

perts in Mo-

saic Law

*Matt. 22:35

*Matt. 12:2;

Luke 13:14

5 Some

ancient ms.

read donkey

*Matt. 12:11;

Luke 13:15

6 *Matt.

22:40; Luke

20:40

7 *Matt.

23:6

8 Lit., re-

cline at

*Prov. 25:6, 7

9 Lit., be-

gin

*Luke 3:8

wings, and you would not have it!

35 "Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

CHAPTER 14

AND it came about when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching Him closely.

2 And there, in front of Him was a certain man suffering from dropsy.

3 And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?"

4 But they kept silent. And He took hold of him, and healed him, and sent him away.

5 And He said to them, "Which one of you shall have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?"

6 And they could make no reply to this.

7 ¶ And He began speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table; saying to them,

8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him,

9 and he who invited you both shall come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place.

10 "But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to

you, 'Friend, ^amove up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who ¹are at the table with you.

11^aFor everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

12 ¶ And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return, and repayment come to you.

13^aBut when you give a ¹reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

14 and you will be ²blessed, since they ²do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at ^athe resurrection of the righteous."

15 ¶ And when one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him, "Blessed is everyone who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

16 But He said to him, "A certain man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many;

17 and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.'

18^aBut they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a ¹piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; ²please consider me excused.'

19^aAnd another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; ¹please consider me excused.'

20^aAnd another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.'

21^aAnd the slave came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the

10 ¹Lit., recline at the table
^aProv. 25:6, 7

11 ^a2 Sam. 22:28; Prov. 29:23; Matt. 23:12; Luke 1:52; 18:14; James 4:10

13 ¹Or, banquet

14 ¹Or, happy ²Or, are unable to
^aJohn 5:29; Acts 24:15; Rev. 20:4, 5

15 ^aRev. 19:9

16 ^aMatt. 22:2-14; Luke 14:16-24

18 ¹Or, field ²Lit., I request you

19 ¹Lit., I request you

20 ^aDeut. 24:5; 1 Cor. 7:33

26 ¹Lit., by comparison of his love for Me
^aMatt. 10:37

27 ^aMatt. 10:38; 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23

31 ^aProv. 20:18

32 ¹Or, an embassy

33 ^aPhil. 3:7; Heb. 11:26

34 ^aMatt. 5:13; Mark 9:50

streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

22^aAnd the slave said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.'

23^aAnd the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24^aFor I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.'

25 ¶ Now great multitude were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,

26^aIf anyone comes to Me, and does not ¹hate his own father and mother and wife and childrer and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

27^aWhoever does not ^acarry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

28^aFor which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it?

29^aOtherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him,

30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.

31^aOr what king, when he set out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and take ^acounsel whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

32^aOr else, while the other is still far away, he sends ¹a delegation and asks terms of peace.

33^aSo therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who ^adoes not give up all his own possessions;

34^aTherefore, salt is good; but ^aif even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?

35 "It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. *He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

CHAPTER 15

NOW all the ^{1a}tax-gatherers and the ²sinner were coming near Him to listen to Him.

2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes began to ¹grumble, saying, "This man receives sinners and ^aeats with them."

3 ¶ And He told them this parable, saying,

4 "What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the ¹open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?

5 "And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 "And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!'

7 "I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 ¶ "Or what woman, if she has ten ¹silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

9 "And when she has found it, she calls together her ¹friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!'

10 "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy ^ain the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

11 ¶ And He said, "A certain man had two sons;

12 and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me ^athe share of the estate that

35 ¹Lit., they throw it out.

*Matt. 11:15

1 ¹I.e., Collectors of Roman taxes for profit ²I.e., irreligious or non-practicing Jews

*Luke 5:29

2 ¹Lit., grumble among themselves

*Matt. 9:11

4 ¹Lit., wilderness

*Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:4-7

8 ¹Gr., drachmas, one drachma was equivalent to a day's wages

9 ¹Lit., women friends and neighbors

10 *Matt. 10:32; Luke 15:7

12 ¹Lit., living

*Deut. 21:17; *Mark 12:44; Luke 15:30

15 ¹Lit., was joined to

16 ¹Some mss. read to be satisfied with ²Lit., belly ³I.e., of the carob tree

17 ¹Lit., himself

18 ¹Lit., before you

20 ¹Lit., his own ²Lit., fell on his neck ³Lit., kissed him again and again

*Gen. 45:14; 46:29; Acts 20:37

21 ¹Some ancient mss. add make me as one of your hired men

22 *Zech. 3:4; Rev. 6:11

*Gen. 41:42

24 *Matt. 8:22; Luke 9:60; 15:32; Rom. 11:15; Eph. 2:1, 5; 5:14; Col. 2:13; 1 Tim. 5:6

falls to me.' And he divided his ^{1b}wealth between them.

13 "And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.

14 "Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be in need.

15 "And he went and ¹attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 "And he was longing ¹to fill his ²stomach with the ³ pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.

17 "But when he came to ¹his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!

18 'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and ¹in your sight;

19 'I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.' "

20 "And he got up and came to ¹his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and ^{2a}embraced him, and ³kissed him.

21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "

22 "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out ^athe best robe and put it on him, and ^bput a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;

23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

24 for this son of mine was ^adead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' And they began to be merry.

25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 "And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things might be.

27 "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

28 "But he became angry, and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began entreating him.

29 "But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you, and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a ²kid, that I might be merry with my friends;

30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your ¹wealth with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.'

31 "And he said to him, 'My child, you ¹have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.

32 "But ¹we had to be merry and rejoice, for this brother of yours was ^adead and *has begun* to live, and was lost and has been found.' "

CHAPTER 16

NOW He was also saying to the disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and this steward was ¹reported to him as ^asquandering his possessions.

2 "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.'

3 "And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not

29 ¹Or, disobeyed ²Or, young goat

30 ¹Lit., living ^aProv. 29:3, Luke 15:12

31 ¹Lit., are always with me

32 ¹Lit., it was necessary ^aLuke 15:24

1 ¹Or, accused ^aLuke 15:13

3 ¹Or, lord

4 ¹Lit., have come to the knowledge of

5 ¹Or, lord's

6 ¹Gr., baths, one bath equals between 8 and 9 gal.

7 ¹Gr., kors, one kor equals between 10 and 12 bu.

8 ¹Or, lord ²Lit., generation ^aMatt. 12:32; Luke 20:34 ^bJohn 12:36; Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5

9 ¹Or, riches ^aMatt. 19:21; Luke 11:41; 12:33 ^bMatt. 6:24; Luke 16:11, 13 ^cLuke 16:4

10 ^aMatt. 25:21, 23

11 ¹Or, riches ^aLuke 16:9

12 ¹Some mss. read our own

13 ¹Or, house-servant ²Or, riches ^aMatt. 6:24 ^bLuke 16:9

14 ^a2 Tim. 3:2 ^bLuke 23:35

strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.

4 "I ¹know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the stewardship, they will receive me into their homes.'

5 "And he summoned each one of his ¹master's debtors, and he began saying to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

6 "And he said, 'A hundred ¹measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

7 "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred ¹measures of wheat.' He ^asaid to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

8 "And his ¹master praised the unrighteous steward because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of ^athis age are more shrewd in relation to their own ²kind than the ^bsons of light.

9 "And I say to you, ^amake friends for yourselves by means of the ¹bmammon of unrighteousness; that when it fails, ^athey may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

11 "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous ¹mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you?

12 "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is ¹your own?

13 "No ¹servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and ²bmammon."

14 ¶ Now the Pharisees, who were ^alovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they ^bwere scoffing at Him.

15 And He said to them, "You are those who ¹justify yourselves ²in the sight of men, but ³God knows your hearts; for that which is ⁴highly esteemed among men is detestable ⁵in the sight of God.

16 "The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since then ¹the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

17 "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one ¹stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

18 "Everyone who ¹divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery; and he who marries one who is ²divorced from a husband commits adultery.

19 ¶ "Now there was a certain rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor every day.

20 "And a certain poor man named Lazarus ¹was laid at his gate, covered with sores,

21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

22 "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to ¹Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

23 "And in ¹Hades ²he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and ³saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "And he cried out and said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in ¹this flame."

25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that ¹during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things;

15 ¹Lit., before men
²Lit., high
³Lit., before God

*Luke 10:29; 18:9, 14; 1 Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2; Acts 1:24; Rom. 8:27

16 *Matt. 11:12; *Matt. 4:23

17 ¹I.e., projection of a letter (serrif)

*Matt. 5:18; 18 ¹Or, sends away

*Or, sent away

*Matt. 5:32; 1 Cor. 7:10, 11

20 *Acts 3:2; 22 *John 1:18, 13:23

23 ¹Lit., having lifted up

*Matt. 11:23; 24 *Luke 3:8, 16:30; 19:9 *Matt. 25:41

25 *Luke 6:24

26 ¹Lit., in all these things

28 *Acts 2:40; 8:25; 10:42; 18:5; 20:21ff.; 23:11; 28:23; Gal. 5:3; Eph. 4:17; 1 Thess. 2:11; 4:6

29 *Luke 4:17; John 5:45-47; Acts 15:21

30 *Luke 3:8, 16:24; 19:9

1 ¹Or, temptations to sin

*Matt. 18:7; 1 Cor. 11:19; 1 Tim. 4:1

2 ¹I.e., humble

*Matt. 18:6; Mark 9:42; 1 Cor. 8:12

3 ¹Lit., Take heed to yourselves

*Matt. 18:15

4 ¹Lit., you shall forgive

*Matt. 18:21f.

5 *Mark 6:30 *Luke 7:13

6 *Luke 7:13

*Matt. 13:31; 17:20; Mark 4:31; Luke 12:19; *Luke 19:4

but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

26 "And ¹besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us."

27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house—

28 for I have five brothers—that he may ¹warn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

29 "But Abraham ¹said, 'They have ²Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

30 "But he said, 'No, ¹Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'

31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.' "

CHAPTER 17

AND He said to His disciples, "It is inevitable that ¹stumbling blocks should come, but woe to him through whom they come!

2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these ¹little ones to stumble.

3 "Be on your guard! ¹If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4 "And if he sins against you ¹seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' ²forgive him."

5 ¶ And ¹the apostles said to ²the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 And ¹the Lord said, "If you had faith like ²a mustard seed, you would say to this ³mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be

planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.

7 But which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'?

8 But will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me until I have eaten and drunk; and afterward you will eat and drink'?

9 He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?

10 So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'

11 ¶ And it came about while He was on the way to Jerusalem, that He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as He entered a certain village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;

13 and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 And when He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And it came about that as they were going, they were cleansed.

15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,

16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.

17 And Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they?"

18 Was no one found who turned back to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

19 And He said to him, "Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well."

6 Or, have obeyed

7 Lit., recline

8 Lit., gard

9 Lit., after these things

10 Luke 12:37

11 Lit., through the midst of; or, along the borders of

12 Luke 9:51

13 Luke 9:52ff.

14 John 4:3f.

15 Lev. 13:45f.

16 Luke 5:5

17 Lev. 14:1-32; Matt. 8:4; Luke 5:14

18 Matt. 9:8

19 Matt. 10:5

20 Lit., Were there not found those who

21 Matt. 9:8

22 Or, has saved you

23 Matt. 9:22; Luke 18:42

24 Lit., observation

25 Luke 19:11; Acts 1:6

26 Luke 14:1

27 Or, within you

28 Luke 17:23

29 Matt. 9:15; Mark 2:20; Luke 5:35

30 Matt. 24:23; Mark 13:21; Luke 21:8

31 Lit., under heaven

32 Matt. 24:27

33 Matt. 16:21; Luke 9:22

34 Luke 17:26, 27; Matt. 24:37

35 Gen. 6:5-8; 7

36 Lit., In the same way as

37 Gen. 19

38 Or, sulphur

39 Lit., according to the same things

40 Matt. 16:27; 1 Cor. 1:7; Col. 3:4; 2 Thess. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:7; 4:13; 1 John 2:28

41 Matt. 24:17, 18; Mark 13:15f.; Luke 21:21

20 ¶ Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed;

21 nor will they say, 'Look here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

22 ¶ And He said to the disciples, "The days shall come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

23 And they will say to you 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away, and do not run after them.

24 For just as the lightning when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.

25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

26 And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it shall be also in the days of the Son of Man:

27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;

29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

30 It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

31 On that day, let not the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house go down to take them away; and

likewise let not the one who is in the field turn back.

32 ^aRemember Lot's wife.

33 ^aWhoever seeks to keep his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.

34 "I tell you, on that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken, and the other will be left.

35 ^aThere will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken, and the other will be left.

36 [^a"Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left."]

37 And answering they ^asaid to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, ^a"Where the body is, there also will the vultures be gathered."

CHAPTER 18

NOW He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ^aought to pray and not to ^blose heart,

2 saying, "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God, and did not ^arespect man.

3 "And there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.'

4 "And for a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor ^arespect man,

5 yet ^abecause this widow bothers me, I will ^agive her legal protection, lest by continually coming she ^bwear me out.' "

6 And ^athe Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge ^asaid;

7 now shall not God ^abring about justice for His ^belect, who cry to Him day and night, ^aand will He ^adelay long over them?

8 "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, ^awill He find ^afaith on the earth?"

32 ^aGen.

19:26

33 ^aOr, soul

^aMatt. 10:39

35 ^aMatt.

24:41

36 ^aMany

mss. do not

contain

this v.

^aMatt. 24:40

37 ^aOr, eagles

1 ^aLuke

11:5-10

^a2 Cor. 4:1

2 ^aLuke

18:4, 20:13,

Heb. 12:9

3 ^aLit., Do

me justice

4 ^aLuke

18:2, 20:13;

Heb. 12:9

5 ^aLit., do

her justice

^aLit., hit me

under the eye

^aLuke 11:8

^a1 Cor. 9:27

6 ^aLuke

7:13

7 ^aOr, and

yet He is

long-suffering

over them

^aRev. 6:10

^aMatt. 24:22,

Rom. 8:33,

Col. 3:12;

2 Tim. 2:10;

Titus 1:1

^a2 Pet. 3:9

8 ^aLit., the

faith

^aLuke 17:26ff

9 ^aLuke

16:15 ^aRom.

14:3, 10

10 ^aI.e., Col-

lector of Ro-

man taxes for

profit

^a1 Kin. 10:5;

2 Kin. 20:5, 8,

Acts 3:1

11 ^aV. 10,

note 1

^aMatt. 6:5;

Mark 11:25;

Luke 22:41

12 ^aMatt.

9:14 ^aLuke

11:42

13 ^aV. 10,

note 1 ^aOr,

proptious

^aMatt. 6:5;

Mark 11:25;

Luke 22:41

^aEzra 9:6

^aLuke 23:48

14 ^aMatt.

23:12; Luke

14:11

15 ^aLuke

18:15-17;

Matt. 19:13-

15; Mark

10:13-16

17 ^aMatt.

18:3, 19:14;

Mark 10:15;

1 Cor. 14:20;

1 Pet. 2:2

9 ^a And He also told this parable to certain ones who ^atrusted in themselves that they were righteous, and ^bviewed others with contempt;

10 "Two men ^awent up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, and the other a ^atax-gatherer.

11 "The Pharisee ^astood and was praying thus to himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this ^atax-gatherer.

12 'I ^afast twice a week; I ^bpay tithes of all that I get.'

13 "But the ^atax-gatherer, ^astanding some distance away, ^bwas even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but ^awas beating his breast, saying, 'God, be ^amerciful to me, the sinner!'

14 "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; ^afor every-one who exalts himself shall be humbled, but he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

15 ^a And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He might touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them.

16 But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

17 "Truly I say to you, ^awhoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all."

18 ^a And a certain ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

19 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

20 "You know the commandments, ^aDO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT

18 ^aLuke 18:18-30; Matt. 19:16-29; Mark 10:17-30;

Luke 10:25-28

20 ^aEx. 20:12-16; Deut. 5:16-20

STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER."

21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth."

22 And when Jesus heard this, He said to him, "**One thing you still lack; ^asell all that you possess, and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have ^btreasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**"

23 But when he had heard these things, he became very sad; for he was extremely rich.

24 And Jesus looked at him and said, "**^aHow hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!**

25"**For ^ait is easier for a camel to ¹go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**"

26 And they who heard it said, "¹Then who can be saved?"

27 But He said, "**^aThe things impossible with men are possible with God.**"

28 And Peter said, "Behold, ^awe have left ¹our own homes, and followed You."

29 And He said to them, "**Truly I say to you, ^athere is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,**

30 **who shall not receive many times as much at this time and in ^athe age to come, eternal life.**"

31 ¶ ^aAnd He took the twelve aside and said to them, "**Behold, ^bwe are going up to Jerusalem, and ^call things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.**

32"**^aFor He will be ¹delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon,**

33 **and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.**"

34 And ^athey understood none

22 ^aMatt. 19:21, Luke 12:33 ^bMatt. 6:20

24 ^aMatt. 19:23, Mark 10:23f.

25 ¹Lit., enter ^aMatt. 19:24, Mark 10:25

26 ¹Lit., And

27 ^aMatt. 19:26

28 ¹Lit., our own things ^aLuke 5:11

29 ^aMatt. 6:33; 19:29, Mark 10:29f.

30 ^aMatt. 12:32

31 ^aLuke 18:31-33, Matt. 20:17, 19, Mark 10:32-34

^bLuke 9:51 ^cPs. 22; Is. 53

32 ¹Or, betrayed ^aMatt. 16:21

34 ^aMark 9:32, Luke 9:45

35 ^aLuke 18:35-43, Matt. 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52

^bMatt. 20:29, Mark 10:46, Luke 19:1

38 ^aMatt. 9:27, Luke 18:39

39 ^aLuke 18:38

40 ¹Lit., stood

42 ¹Or, Re-gain ²Or, saved you ^aMatt. 9:22

43 ^aMatt. 9:8 ^bLuke 9:43, 13:17, 19:37

1 ^aLuke 18:35

2 ¹Lit., Collector of Roman taxes for profit

4 ¹Lit., fig-mulberry ^a1 Kin. 10:27, 1 Chr. 27:28, 2 Chr. 1:15, 9:27, Ps. 78:47, Is. 9:10, Luke 17:6

of these things, and this saying was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

35 ¶ ^aAnd it came about that ^bas He was approaching Jericho a certain blind man was sitting by the road, begging.

36 Now hearing a multitude going by, he ^{began} to inquire what this might be.

37 And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

38 And he called out, saying "Jesus, ^aSon of David, have mercy on me!"

39 And those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, "^aSon of David, have mercy on me!"

40 And Jesus ¹stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he had come near, He questioned him,

41 "**What do you want Me to do for you?**" And he said, "Lord, ^awant to regain my sight!"

42 And Jesus said to him, "**¹Receive your sight; ^ayour faith has ²made you well.**"

43 And immediately he regained his sight, and ^{began} following Him, ^aglorifying God and when ^{all} the people saw it they gave praise to God.

CHAPTER 19

AND He ^aentered and was passing through Jericho.

2 And behold, there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus, and he was a chief ¹tax-gatherer and he was rich.

3 And he was trying to see who Jesus was, and he was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.

4 And he ran on ahead and climbed up into a ¹asycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

6 And he hurried and came down, and received Him gladly.

7 And when they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

8 And Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much."

9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham."

10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

11 ¶ And while they were listening to these things, He went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.

12 He said therefore, "A certain nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return."

13 "And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business with this until I come back.'

14 "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

15 "And it came about that when he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him in order that he might know what business they had done."

16 "And the first appeared, saying, 'Master, your mina has made ten minas more.'

6 Lit., rejoicing

7 Lit., grumble among themselves 40r, to find lodging

8 Lit., stood
*Luke 7:13
*Luke 3:14
*Ex. 22:1;
Lev. 6:5;
Num. 5:7;
2 Sam. 12:6

9 *Luke 3:8, 13:16;
Rom. 4:16;
Gal. 3:7

10 *Matt. 18:11

11 *Luke 9:51 *Luke 17:20

12 *Matt. 25:14-30;
Luke 19:12-27

13 A mina is equal to about 100 days' wages
Lit., while I am coming

14 Or, an embassy

16 Lit., Lord IV, 13, note 1

17 *Luke 16:10

18 IV, 13, note 1 Lit., lord

22 Lit., Out of your own mouth

23 Lit., And

26 *Matt. 13:12; Mark 4:25; Luke 8:18

27 *Luke 19:14 *Matt. 22:7; Luke 20:16

28 *Mark 10:32 *Luke 9:51

29 Or, hill 40r, Olive Grove
*Luke 19:29-38; Matt. 21:1-9; Mark 11:1-10
*Matt. 21:17
*Luke 21:37;
Acts 1:12

17 "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities.'

18 "And the second came, saying, 'Your mina, master, has made five minas.'

19 "And he said to him also, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

20 "And another came, saying, 'Master, behold your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief;

21 for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down, and reap what you did not sow.'

22 "He said to him, 'By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow?

23 "Then why did you not put the money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?"

24 "And he said to the bystanders, 'Take the mina away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.'

25 "And they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas already.'

26 "I tell you, that to everyone who has shall more be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away."

27 "But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence."

28 ¶ And after He had said these things, He was going on ahead, ascending to Jerusalem.

29 ¶ And it came about that when He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples,

30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, in which as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it, and bring it here."

31 "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' thus shall you speak, 'The Lord has need of it.'"

32 And those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them.

33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it."

35 And they brought it to Jesus, and they threw their garments on the colt, and put Jesus on it.

36 And as He was going, they were spreading their garments in the road.

37 And as He was now approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,

38 saying,

"BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

40 And He answered and said, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!"

41 ¶ And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it,

42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes."

43 "For the days shall come

33 ¹Lit.,
lords

35 ¹Luke
19:35-38;
Matt. 21:4-9;
Mark 11:7-10;
John 12:12-15

37 ¹Lit., as
they were re-
joicing ²Or,
works of
power

³Matt. 21:1;
Luke 19:29
⁴Luke 18:43

38 ¹Ps.
118:26 ²Matt.
2:2, 25:34
³Matt. 21:9;
Luke 2:14

39 ¹Lit.,
from
²Matt. 21:15f.

40 ¹Hab.
2:11

41 ¹Luke
13:34, 35

43 ¹Lit., and
²I.e., a dirt
wall or
mound for
siege pur-
poses
³Ezek. 9:14,
Is. 29:3;
37:33; Jer.
6:6; Ezek. 4:2;
26:8 ⁴Luke
21:20

44 ¹Matt.
24:2; Mark
13:2; Luke
21:6 ²1 Pet.
2:12

45 ¹Luke
19:45, 46;
Matt. 21:12;
13; Mark
11:15-17;
John 2:13-16

46 ¹Lit.,
cave
²Is. 56:7; Jer.
7:11; Matt.
21:13; Mark
11:17 ³Jer.
7:11

47 ¹Matt.
26:55; Luke
21:37 ²Luke
20:19

48 ¹Lit.,
what they
might do
²Lit., Him,
listening

1 ¹Luke
20:1-8; Matt.
21:23-27;
Mark 11:27;
33 ²Matt.
26:55 ³Luke
8:1 ⁴Acts 4:1;
6:12

3 ¹Lit.,
word

6 ¹Matt.
11:9; Luke
7:29, 30

upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side.

44 and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

45 ¶ And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling,

46 saying to them, "It is written, 'AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,' but you have made it a robbers' den."

47 ¶ And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,

48 and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging upon His words.

CHAPTER 20

AND it came about on one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted Him,

2 and they spoke, saying to Him, "Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?"

3 And He answered and said to them, "I shall also ask you a question, and you tell Me:

4 "Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"

5 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'

6 "But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet."

7 And they answered that they did not know where it came from.

8 And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

9 ¶ And He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time.

10 "And at the harvest time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order that they might give him some of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

11 "And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.

12 "And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.

13 "And the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'

14 "But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, 'This is the heir; let us kill him that the inheritance may be ours.'

15 "And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, therefore, will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

16 "He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it, they said, "May it never be!"

17 But He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written,

"THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE?"

18 "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."

8 ¹Lit., do I tell

9 ¹Or, tenant farmers, also vv. 10, 14, 16

¹Luke 20:9-19; Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12

13 ¹Lit., lord

¹Luke 18:2

15 ¹Lit., lord

16 ¹Matt.

21:41; Mark

12:9; Luke

19:27 ¹Rom.

3:4, 6, 31, 6:2,

15: 7-7, 13;

9:14; 11:1, 11.

1 Cor. 6:15;

Gal. 2:17;

3:21; 6:14

17 ¹Ps.

118:22 ¹Eph.

2:20; 1 Pet.

2:6

18 ¹Matt.

21:44

19 ¹Luke

19:47

20 ¹Lit.,

feigned them-

selves ¹Lit.,

take hold of

His word

¹Luke 20:20-

26; Matt.

22:15-22;

Mark 12:13-

17; Mark 3:2

¹Luke 11:54;

20:26 ¹Matt.

27:2

21 ¹Lit., do

not receive a

face

22 ¹Or, per-

missible

¹Matt. 17:25;

Luke 23:2

24 ¹The de-

nararius was

equivalent to

one day's

wage ¹Lit.,

image

25 ¹Matt.

22:21; Mark

12:17

26 ¹Lit.,

take hold of

His saying

¹Luke 11:54

27 ¹Luke

20:27-40;

Matt. 22:23-

33; Mark

12:18-27

¹Acts 23:8

28 ¹Deut.

25:5

31 ¹Lit., the

seven also

¹Lit., left no

children, and

died

19 ¶ And the scribes and the chief priests ¹tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.

20 ¹And they watched Him, and sent spies who ¹pretended to be righteous, in order ²that they might ²catch Him in some statement, so as to deliver Him up to the rule and the authority of ³the governor.

21 And they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You ¹are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth.

22 "Is it ¹lawful for us ²to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

23 But He detected their trickery and said to them,

24 "Show Me a ¹denarius. Whose ²likeness and inscription does it have?" And they said, "Caesar's."

25 And He said to them, "Then ¹render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

26 And they were unable to ¹catch Him in a saying in the presence of the people; and marveling at His answer, they became silent.

27 ¶ ¹Now there came to Him some of the ²Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection).

28 and they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that ¹IF A MAN'S BROTHER DIES, having a wife, AND HE IS CHILDLESS, HIS BROTHER SHOULD TAKE THE WIFE AND RAISE UP OFFSPRING TO HIS BROTHER.

29 "Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died childless;

30 and the second

31 and the third took her; and in the same way ¹all seven ²died, leaving no children.

32 "Finally the woman died also.

33 "In the resurrection therefore, which one's wife will she be? For ¹all seven had her as wife."

34 And Jesus said to them, "The sons of ^athis age marry and are given in marriage.

35 but those who are considered worthy to attain to ^athat age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage;

36 for neither can they die anymore, for they are like angels, and are ^asons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

37 "But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in ^athe passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord ^bTHE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.

38 "^aNow He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for ^ball live to Him."

39 And some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."

40 For ^athey did not have courage to question Him any longer about anything.

41 ¶ ^aAnd He said to them, "How is it that they say ¹the Christ is ^bDavid's son?

42 "For David himself says in the book of Psalms,

^a"THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

^a"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

43 ^a"UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET."

44 "David therefore calls Him 'Lord,' and how is He his son?"

45 ¶ ^aAnd while all the people were listening, He said to the disciples,

46 "Beware of the scribes, ^awho like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and chief seats in the synagogues, and places of honor at banquets,

33 ¹Lit., the

34 ^aMatt. 12:32; Luke 16:8

35 ^aMatt. 12:32; Luke 16:8

36 ^aRom. 8:16f.; 1 John 3:1, 2

37 ^aMark 12:26 ^bEx. 3:6

38 ^aMatt. 22:32; Mark 12:27 ^bRom. 14:8

40 ^aMatt. 22:46; Luke 14:6

41 ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aLuke 20:41-44; Matt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37 ^bMatt. 9:27

42 ^aPs. 110:1

43 ^aPs. 110:1

45 ^aLuke 20:45-47; Matt. 23:1-7; Mark 12:38-40

46 ^aLuke 11:43; 14:7

1 ^aLuke 21:1-4; Mark 12:41-44

2 ¹Or, therein ²Gr., lepta
^aMark 12:42

4 ¹Or, abundance
²Lit., gifts
³Lit., the living that she had
^aMark 12:44

5 ^aLuke 21:5-36; Matt. 24; Mark 13

6 ^aLuke 19:44

7 ¹Or, at-testing miracle

8 ^aJohn 8:24 ^bLuke 17:23

11 ¹Or, at-testing miracles

47 who devour widows' houses, and for appearance' sake offer long prayers; these will receive greater condemnation."

CHAPTER 21

^aAND He looked up and saw the rich putting their gift into the treasury.

2 And He saw a certain poor widow putting ¹in ^atwo ²small copper coins.

3 And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them;

4 for they all out of their ¹surplus put into the ²offering; but she out of her poverty put in all ³that she had ^ato live on."

5 ¶ ^aAnd while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said

6 "^aAs for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which ^athere will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."

7 And they questioned Him saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things be? And what will be the ¹sign when these things are about to take place?"

8 And He said, "See to it that you be not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, '¹I am He,' and, 'The time is at hand'; ^bdo not go after them.

9 "And when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately."

10 ¶ Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,

11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great ¹signs from heaven.

12 "But before all these things,

they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, ¹bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.

13 "It will lead to ¹an opportunity for your testimony.

14 "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;

15 for ¹I will give you ¹utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

16 "But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death,

17 and you will be hated by all on account of My name.

18 "Yet ¹not a hair of your head will perish.

19 "By your endurance you will gain your ¹lives.

20 "But when you see Jerusalem ¹surrounded by armies, then ¹recognize that her desolation is at hand.

21 "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of ¹the city depart, and ¹let not those who are in the country enter ¹the city;

22 because these are ¹days of vengeance, in order that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 "Woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days; for ¹there will be great distress upon the ¹land, and wrath to this people,

24 and they will fall by ¹the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and ¹Jerusalem will be ¹trampled under foot by the Gentiles until ¹the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 "And there will be ¹signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among

12 ¹Lit., being brought
*Luke 21:12-17; Matt. 10:19-22; Mark 13:11-13

13 ¹Lit., a testimony for you
*Phil. 1:12

14 *Luke 12:11

15 ¹Lit., a mouth
*Luke 12:12

16 *Matt. 10:30; Luke 12:7

17 ¹Or, soul
*Matt. 10:22; 24:13; Rom. 2:7; 5:3f.; Heb. 10:36; James 1:3; 2 Pet. 1:6

20 ¹Lit., know
*Luke 19:43

21 ¹Lit., her
*Luke 17:31

22 *Is. 63:4; Dan. 9:24-27; Hos. 9:7

23 ¹Or, earth
*Dan. 8:19; 1 Cor. 7:26

24 *Gen. 34:26; Ex. 17:13; Heb. 11:34 *Is. 63:18; Dan. 8:13 *Rev. 11:2 *Rom. 11:25

25 ¹Or, attending miracles
26 ¹Lit., inhabited earth
*Or, heaven

27 *Matt. 16:27; 24:30; 26:64; Mark 13:26 *Dan. 7:13; Rev. 1:7

28 *Luke 18:7

30 *Luke 12:57

31 ¹Lit., know
*Matt. 3:2

32 ¹Or, race
33 *Matt. 5:18; Luke 16:17

34 *Matt. 24:42-44; Mark 4:19; Luke 12:40; 45; 1 Thess. 5:2ff.

36 *Mark 13:33; Luke 12:40 *Luke 1:19; Rev. 7:9; 8:2; 11:4

37 ¹Lit., days
*Lit., nights
*Or, the hill
*Or, Olive Grove

nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves.

26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the ¹world; for the powers of ²the heavens will be shaken.

27 "And ¹then they will see ²THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.

28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because ¹your redemption is drawing near."

29 "And He told them a parable: "Behold the fig tree and all the trees;

30 as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and ¹know for yourselves that summer is now near.

31 "Even so you, too, when you see these things happening, ¹recognize that ¹the kingdom of God is near.

32 "Truly I say to you, this ¹generation will not pass away until all things take place.

33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

34 "Be on guard, that your hearts may not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day come on you suddenly like a trap;

35 for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.

36 "But ¹keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to ¹stand before the Son of Man."

37 "Now ¹during the day He was ¹teaching in the temple, but ²at evening He would go out and spend the night on ³the mount that is called ¹Olivet.

38 And all the people would

*Matt. 26:55; Luke 19:47 *Mark 11:19 *Matt. 21:1

get up ^aearly in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

CHAPTER 22

^a**N**OW the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the ^bPassover, was approaching.

2 And the chief priests and the scribes ^awere seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.

3 ¶ ^aAnd ^bSatan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, ¹belonging to the number of the twelve.

4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and ^aofficers how he might betray Him to them.

5 And they were glad, and agreed to give him money.

6 And he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them ¹apart from the multitude.

7 ¶ ^aThen came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which ^bthe Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

8 And He sent ^aPeter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

9 And they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?"

10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters.

11 "And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

12 "And he will show you a large, furnished, upper room; prepare it there."

13 And they departed and found everything just as He had

38 ^aJohn 8:2

1 ^aLuke

22:1, 2; Matt.

26:2-5; Mark

14:1, 2; Ex.

12:1-27; ^aJohn

11:55; 13:1

2 ^aMatt.

12:14

3 ¹Lit.,

being of

^aLuke 22:3-6;

Matt. 26:14-

16; Mark

14:10, 11

^bMatt. 4:10;

John 13:2, 27

4 ¹Chr

9:11; Neh.

11:11; Luke

22:52; Acts

4:1, 5:24, 26

6 ¹Or,

without a

disturbance

7 ^aLuke

22:7-13; Matt.

26:17-19;

Mark 14:12-

16; ^bMark

14:12

8 ^aActs 3:1,

11; 4:13, 19;

8:14; Gal. 2:9

14 ^aMatt.

26:20; Mark

14:17; ^bMark

6:30

16 ^aLuke

14:15, 22, 18,

30; Rev. 19:9

17 ^aLuke

22:17-20;

Matt. 26:26-

29; Mark

14:22-25, 1

Cor. 11:23-25,

1 Cor. 10:16

^bMatt. 14:19

18 ^aMatt.

26:29; Mark

14:25

19 ¹Some

ancient mss.

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19 nor any of

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^aMatt. 14:19

20 ^aMatt.

26:28; Mark

14:24; ^bEx.

24:8; Jer.

31:31; 1 Cor.

11:25; 2 Cor.

3:6; Heb. 8:8,

13; 9:15

21 ^aLuke

22:21-23;

Matt. 26:21-

24; Mark

14:18-21; Ps.

41:9; John

13:18, 21, 22,

26

22 ^aActs

2:23, 4:28;

10:42; 17:31

24 ^aMark

9:34; Luke

9:46

told them; and they prepared the Passover.

14 ¶ ^aAnd when the hour had come He reclined at the table and ^bthe apostles with Him.

15 And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it ^auntil it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17 ^aAnd when He had taken a cup and ^bgiven thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;

18 for ^aI say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes."

19 And when He had taken some bread and ^agiven thanks, He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body ¹which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is ^apoured out for you is the ^bnew covenant in My blood.

21 ^a"But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Me on the table.

22 "For indeed, the Son of Man is going ^aas it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

23 And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing.

24 ¶ And there arose also ^aa dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest.

25 ^aAnd He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.'

26 "But not so with you, ^abut let him who is the greatest among

25 ^aLuke 22:25-27; Matt. 20:25-28; Mark 10:42-45

26 ^aMatt. 23:11; Mark 9:35; Luke 9:48

you become as ^bthe youngest, and the leader as the servant.

27 "For ^awho is greater, the one who reclines at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But ^bI am among you as the one who serves.

28 "And you are those who have stood by Me in My ^atrials;

29 and just as My Father has granted Me a ^akingdom, I grant you

30 that you may ^aeat and drink at My table in My ^bkingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, ^aSatan has ^bdemanded permission to ^bsift you like wheat;

32 but I ^ahave prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, ^bstrengthen your brothers."

33 "And he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"

34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the cock will not crow to-day until you have denied three times that you know Me."

35 "And He said to them, "When I sent you out without purse and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?" And they said, "No, nothing."

36 And He said to them, "But now, let him who has a purse take it along, likewise also a bag, and let him who has no sword sell his ^brobe and buy one.

37 "For I tell you, that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, ^aAND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS"; for ^bthat which refers to Me has its fulfillment."

38 And they said, "Lord, look, here are two ^aswords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

39 "And He came out and proceeded ^aas was His custom to ^bthe Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him.

26 ^a1 Pet. 5:5

27 ^aLuke 12:37 ^bMatt. 20:28; John 13:12-15

28 ^aHeb. 2:18; 4:15

29 ^aMatt. 5:3; 2 Tim. 2:12

30 ^aLuke 22:16 ^bMatt. 5:3; 2 Tim. 2:12 ^cMatt. 19:28

31 ^aOr, obtained by asking ^bJob 1:6-12; 2:1-6; Matt. 4:10 ^cAmos 9:9

32 ^aJohn 17:9, 15 ^bJohn 21:15-17

33 ^aLuke 22:33, 34; Matt. 26:33-35; Mark 14:29-31; John 13:37, 38

35 ^aMatt. 10:9f.; Mark 6:8; Luke 9:3f., 10:4

36 ^aOr, outer garment

37 ^aIs. 53:12 ^bJohn 17:4, 19:30

38 ^aLuke 22:36, 49

39 ^aMatt. 26:30; Mark 14:26; John 18:1 ^bLuke 21:37 ^cMatt. 21:1

40 ^aLuke 22:40-46; Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42

41 ^aMatt. 26:39; Mark 14:35; Luke 18:11

42 ^aMatt. 20:22 ^bMatt. 26:39

43 ^aSome ancient mss. do not contain vv. 43 and 44

44 ^aMatt. 4:11 ^bHeb. 5:7

46 ^aLuke 22:40

47 ^aLuke 22:47-53; Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; John 18:3-11

49 ^aLuke 22:38

40 "And when He arrived at the place, He said to them, ^a"Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He ^aknelt down and began to pray,

42 saying, "Father, if Thou art willing, remove this ^acup from Me; ^byet not My will, but Thine be done."

43 "Now an ^aangel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

44 And ^abeing in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

45 And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow,

46 and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and ^apray that you may not enter into temptation."

47 "While He was still speaking, behold, a multitude came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him.

48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 And when those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the ^asword?"

50 And a certain one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

52 And Jesus said to the chief priests and ^aofficers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come

51 ^aOr, "Let Me at least do this," and He touched
52 ^aLuke 22:4

out with swords and clubs ^{bas} against a robber?

53 "While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but ¹this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

54 ¶ ^aAnd having arrested Him, they led Him away, and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but ^bPeter was following at a distance.

55 ^aAnd after they had kindled a fire in the middle of ^bthe courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them.

56 And a certain servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the fire-light, and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too."

57 But he denied *it*, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

58 And a little later, ^aanother saw him and said, "You are one of them too!" But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

59 And after about an hour had passed, another man *began* to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, ^afor he is a Galilean too."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, a cock crowed.

61 And ^athe Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "^bBefore a cock crows today, you will deny Me three times."

62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

63 ¶ ^aAnd the men who were holding ¹Jesus in custody were mocking Him, and beating Him,

64 and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "^aProphecy, who is the one who hit You?"

65 And they were saying many other things against Him, ^ablaspheming.

52 ^bLuke 22:37

53 ¹Lit., this is your hour and power of darkness

54 ^aMatt. 26:57; Mark 14:53 ^bMatt. 26:58; Mark 14:54; John 18:15

55 ^aLuke 22:55-62; Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; John 18:16-18, 25-27

^bMatt. 26:3 ³John 18:26

59 ^aMatt. 26:73; Mark 14:70

61 ^aLuke 7:13 ^bLuke 22:34

63 ¹Lit., Him

^aMatt. 26:67f.; Mark 14:65; John 18:22f.

64 ^aMatt. 26:68; Mark 14:65

65 ^aMatt. 27:39

66 ¹Or, Sanhedrin ^aMatt. 27:1f.; Mark 15:1; John 18:28

^bActs 22:5 ¹Matt. 5:22

67 ¹I.e., Messiah ^aMatt. 26:63; Mark 14:61-63; Luke 22:67-71; John 18:19-21

69 ^aMatt. 26:64; Mark 14:62; 16:19

^bPs. 110:1

70 ¹Lit., You say that I am

^aMatt. 4:3

^bMatt. 26:64; 27:11; Luke 23:3

¹Matt. 27:2; Mark 15:1; John 18:28

2 ¹I.e., Messiah

^aLuke 23:2, 3; Matt. 27:11-14; Mark 15:2-5; John 18:29-37

^bLuke 23:14

^cLuke 20:22; John 18:33ff.

19:12; Acts 17:7

3 ^aLuke 22:70

66 ¶ ^aAnd when it was day ^bthe ¹Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their ^ccouncil chamber, saying,

67 "If You are the ¹Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe;

68 and if I ask a question, you will not answer.

69 ^aBut from now on ^bTHE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE POWER OF GOD."

70 And they all said, "Are You ^athe Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "^bYes, I am."

71 And they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

CHAPTER 23

THEN the whole body of them arose and ^abrought Him before Pilate.

2 ^aAnd they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man ^bmisleading our nation and ^cforbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is ¹Christ, a King."

3 And Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "^aIt is as you say."

4 And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes, "^aI find no guilt in this man."

5 But they kept on insisting saying, "He stirs up the people teaching all over Judea, ^astarting from Galilee, even as far as this place."

6 But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean.

7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to ^aHerod, who

4 ^aMatt. 27:23; Mark 15:14; Luke 23:14, 22; John 18:38; 19:4, 6

5 ^aMatt. 4:12

7 ^aMatt. 14:1; Mark 6:14; Luke 3:1; 9:7; 13:31

himself also was in Jerusalem ¹at that time.

8 ¶ Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for ^ahe had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some ¹sign performed by Him.

9 And he questioned Him ¹at some length; but ^aHe answered him nothing.

10 And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.

11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, ^adressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate.

12 Now ^aHerod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been at enmity with each other.

13 ¶ And Pilate summoned the chief priests and the ^arulers and the people.

14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who ^aincites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I ^bhave found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him.

15 "No, nor has ^aHerod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.

16 "I will therefore ^apunish Him and release Him."

17 [¹Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner.]

18 But they cried out all together, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barab-bas!"

19 (He was one who had been thrown into prison for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder.)

20 And Pilate, wanting to re-

7 ¹Lit., in these days

8 ¹Or, attesting miracle
^aLuke 9:9

9 ¹Lit., in many words
^aMatt. 27:12, 14; Mark 15:5; John 19:9

11 ^aMatt. 27:28

12 ^aActs 4:27

13 ^aLuke 23:35; John 7:26, 48; 12:42; Acts 3:17; 4:5, 8, 13:27

14 ^aLuke 23:2 ^aLuke 23:4

15 ^aLuke 9:9

16 ^aMatt. 27:26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:22; John 19:1; Acts 16:37

17 ¹Many mss. do not contain this v.

18 ^aLuke 23:18-25; Matt. 27:15-26; Mark 15:6-13; John 18:39-19:16

22 ^aLuke 23:16

26 ^aLuke 23:26; Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21; John 19:17 ^aMatt. 27:32

27 ¹Lit., beating the breast
^aLuke 8:52

29 ^aMatt. 24:19; Luke 11:27; 21:23

30 ^aHos. 10:8; Is. 2:19, 20; Rev. 6:16

32 ^aMatt. 27:38; Mark 15:27; John 19:18

33 ¹In Lat., Calvarius; or, Calvary
^aLuke 23:33-43; Matt. 27:33-44; Mark 15:22-32; John 19:17-24

lease Jesus, addressed them again.

21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!"

22 And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt *demanding death*; I will therefore ^apunish Him and release Him."

23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices began to prevail.

24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand should be granted.

25 And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will.

26 ¶ ^aAnd when they led Him away, they laid hold of one Simon of ^bCyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.

27 ¶ And there were following Him a great multitude of the people, and of women who were ¹amourning and lamenting Him.

28 But Jesus turning to them said, "*Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.*

29 *For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.'*

30 *Then they will begin to say TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.'*

31 *For if they do these things in the green tree, what will happen in the dry?"*

32 ¶ ^aAnd two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

33 ¶ ^aAnd when they came to the place called ¹The Skull, there they crucified Him and the

criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

34 ¹But Jesus was saying, **"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."** ²And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the ^arulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; ^blet Him save Himself if this is the ¹Christ of God, His Chosen One."

36 And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, ^aoffering Him sour wine,

37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

39 ¶ ^aAnd one of the criminals who were hanged *there* was ¹hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the ²Christ? ^bSave Yourself and us!"

40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

41 "And we indeed justly, for we are receiving ¹what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come ¹in Your kingdom!"

43 And He said to him, **"Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in ^aParadise."**

44 ¶ ^aAnd it was now about ¹the sixth hour, and darkness ²fell over the whole land until ³the ninth hour,

45 the sun ¹being obscured; and ^athe veil of the temple was torn ²in two.

46 And Jesus, ^acrying out with a loud voice, said, **"Father, ^bINTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT."** And having said this, He breathed His last.

34 ¹Some mss. do not contain But Jesus was saying . . . doing

*Matt. 11:25; Luke 22:42; *Ps. 22:18; John 19:24

35 ¹i.e., Messiah

*Luke 23:13; *Matt. 27:43

36 *Matt. 27:48

37 *Matt. 27:43

38 *Matt. 27:37; Mark 15:26; John 19:19

39 ¹Or, blaspheming ²i.e., Messiah

*Matt. 27:44; Mark 15:32; Luke 23:39-43

*Luke 23:35, 37

41 ¹Lit., things worthy of what we have done

42 ¹Or, into

43 ²Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7

44 ¹i.e., 12 noon ²Or, occurred ³i.e., 3 p.m.

*Luke 23:44-49; Matt. 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; John 19:14

45 ¹Lit., failing ²Lit., in the middle

*Ex. 26:31-33; Matt. 27:51

46 *Matt. 27:50; Mark 15:37; John 19:30; *Ps. 31:5

47 ¹Lit., righteous

*Matt. 27:54; Mark 15:39

*Matt. 9:8

48 *Luke 8:52; 18:13

49 *Matt. 27:55f.; Mark 15:40f.; Luke 8:2; John 19:25

50 ¹Luke 23:50-56; Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; John 19:38-42

*Mark 15:43

51 *Mark 15:43; Luke 2:25

54 ¹Lit., dawn

*Matt. 27:62; Mark 15:42

55 *Luke 23:49

47 ^aNow when the centurion saw what had happened, he began ^bpraising God, saying, "Certainly this man was ¹innocent."

48 And all the multitudes who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, ^abeating their breasts.

49 ^aAnd all His acquaintances and ^athe women who accompanied Him from Galilee, were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

50 ¶ ^aAnd behold, a man named Joseph, who was a ^bmember of the Council, a good and righteous man

51 (he had not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was ^awaiting for the kingdom of God;

52 this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

53 And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain.

54 And it was ^athe preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to ¹begin.

55 Now ^athe women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed after, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.

56 And they returned and ^aprepared spices and perfumes.

¶ And ^bon the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

CHAPTER 24

^a**B**UT on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3 but when they entered, they

56 *Mark 16:1; Luke 24:1; *Ex. 20:10f.; Deut. 5:14
1 *Luke 24:1-10; Matt. 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; John 20:1-8

did not find the body of ^athe Lord Jesus.

4 And it happened that while they were perplexed about this, behold, ^atwo men suddenly ^bstood near them in dazzling apparel;

5 and as *the women* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, *the men* said to them, "Why do you seek the living One among the dead?"

6 "He is not here, but He ^ahas ²risen. Remember how He spoke to you ^bwhile He was still in Galilee,

7 saying that ^athe Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

8 And ^athey remembered His words,

9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 Now they were ^aMary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to ^bthe apostles.

11 And these words appeared ¹to them as nonsense, and they ^awould not believe them.

12 [But Peter arose and ^aran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he ^asaw the linen wrappings ²only; and he went away ^bto his home, marveling at that which had happened.]

13 ¶ And behold, ^atwo of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was ¹about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they were conversing with each other about all these things which had taken place.

15 And it came about that while they were conversing and discussing, Jesus Himself approached, and began traveling with them.

16 But ^atheir eyes ¹were prevented from recognizing Him.

3 ^aLuke 7:13; Acts 1:21

4 ^aJohn 20:12; ^bLuke 24:9; Acts 12:7

5 ^aSome ancient mss. do not contain He is not here, but He has risen ^bOr, been raised

^aMark 16:6

^aMatt. 17:22f.; Mark 9:30f.; Luke 9:44; 24:44

7 ^aMatt. 16:21; Luke 24:46

8 ^aJohn 2:22

10 ^aMatt. 27:56; ^bMark 6:30

11 ^aLit., in their sight ^bMark 16:11

12 ^aSome ancient mss. do not contain v. 12

^aOr, by themselves

^aJohn 20:3-6 ^bJohn 20:10

13 ^aLit., 60 stadia, one stadion was about 600 ft.

^aMark 16:12

16 ^aLit., were being prevented

^aLuke 24:31; John 20:14; 21:4

18 ^aOr, visiting Jerusalem alone

19 ^aMark 1:24; ^bMatt. 21:11

20 ^aLuke 22:13

21 ^aLuke 1:68

22 ^aLuke 24:18

25 ^aMatt. 26:24

26 ^aLit., Messiah ^bLuke 24:7; 44ff.; Heb. 2:10; 1 Pet. 1:11

27 ^aLit., from ^bGen. 3:15; 12:3; Num. 21:9; John 3:14; Deut. 18:15; John 1:45; John 5:46; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Is. 7:14; ^bMatt. 1:23; Is. 9:1f.; ^bMatt. 4:15f.; Is. 42:1; ^bMatt.

12:18ff.; Is. 53:4; ^bMatt. 8:17; Luke 22:37; Dan. 7:13; ^bMatt. 24:30; Mic. 5:2; ^bMatt. 2:6; Zech. 9:9; ^bMatt. 21:5; Acts 13:27

17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.

18 And one of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You ¹the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about ^aJesus the Nazarene, who was a ^bprophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,

20 and how the chief priests and our ^arulers delivered Him up to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.

21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to ^aredeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.

22 "But also some women among us amazed us, ^aWhen they were at the tomb early in the morning,

23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive.

24 "And some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."

25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that ^athe prophets have spoken!

26 "Was it not necessary for the ¹Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"

27 And beginning ¹with ^aMoses and ¹with all the ^bprophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

28 And they approached the

village where they were going, and ^aHe acted as though He would go farther.

29 And they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day ¹is now nearly over." And He went in to stay with them.

30 And it came about that when He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and ^ablessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them.

31 And their ^aeyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from ¹their sight.

32 And they said to one another, "¹Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He ^awas ²explaining the Scriptures to us?"

33 And they arose that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and ^afound gathered together the eleven and ^bthose who were with them,

34 saying, "^aThe Lord has really risen, and ^bhas appeared to Simon."

35 And they began to relate ¹their experiences on the road and how ^aHe was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

36 ¶ And while they were telling these things, ^aHe Himself stood in their midst.¹

37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing ^aa spirit.

38 And He said to them, "**Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your ¹hearts?**

39 **"See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; ^btouch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."**

40 [¹And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.]

28 ^aMark 6:48

29 ¹Lit., has now declined

30 ^aMatt. 14:19

31 ¹Lit., them

^aLuke 24:16

32 ¹Lit., Was not our heart ²Lit., opening

^aLuke 24:45

33 ^aMark 16:13 ^bActs 1:14

34 ^aLuke 24:6 ^b1 Cor. 15:5

35 ¹Lit., the things

^aLuke 24:30f.

36 ¹Some ancient mss. insert And He says to them, "Peace be to you."

^aMark 16:14

37 ^aMatt. 14:26; Mark 6:49

38 ¹Lit., heart

39 ^aJohn 20:20, 27

^bJohn 20:27; 1 John 1:1

40 ¹Many mss. do not contain this v.

41 ¹Lit., were disbelieving

^aLuke 24:11

^bJohn 21:5

43 ^aActs 10:41

44 ^aLuke 9:22, 44f.; 18:31-34;

22:37 ^bLuke 24:27 ^cPs.

2:7ff. [Acts 13:33]; Ps.

16:10 [Acts 2:27]; Ps.

22:1-18 [Matt. 27:34-46]; Ps.

69:1-21 [John 19:28ff.]; Ps.

72:110:1 [Matt. 22:43f.]; Ps.

118:22f. [Matt. 21:42]

45 ¹Lit., mind

^aLuke 24:32; Acts 16:14;

1 John 5:20

46 ¹i.e., Messiah

^aLuke 24:26;

44 ^bLuke 24:7

41 And while they still ^{1a}could not believe it for joy and were marveling, He said to them, **"^bHave you anything here to eat?"**

42 And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish;

43 and He took it and ^aate it before them.

44 ¶ Now He said to them, **"^aThese are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the ^bLaw of Moses and the Prophets and ^cthe Psalms must be fulfilled."**

45 Then He ^aopened their ¹minds to understand the Scriptures,

46 and He said to them, **"^aThus it is written, that the ¹Christ should suffer and ^brise again from the dead the third day;**

47 **and that ^arepentance ¹for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed ²in His name to ³all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.**

48 **"You are ^awitnesses of these things.**

49 **"And behold, ^aI am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but ^byou are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."**

50 ¶ And He led them out as far as ^aBethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

51 And it came about that while He was blessing them, He parted from them.¹

52 And they¹ returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

53 and were continually in the temple, ¹praising God.

47 ¹Some mss. read and forgiveness ²Or, on the basis of Acts 5:31; 10:43; 13:38; 26:18 ³Matt. 28:19

48 ^aActs 1:8, 22:2-32; 3:15; 4:33; 5:32; 10:39, 41; 13:31; 1 Pet. 5:1

49 ^aJohn 14:26 ^bActs 1:4

50 ^aMatt. 21:17; Acts 1:12

51 ¹Some mss. add and was carried up into heaven

52 ¹Some mss. insert worshiped Him, and

53 ¹Lit., blessing

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

The Deity of Jesus Christ

IN the beginning was ^bthe Word, and the Word was ^cwith God, and ^dthe Word was God.

2 ¹He was in the beginning with God.

3 ^aAll things came into being ¹by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

4 ^aIn Him was life, and the life was ^bthe light of men.

5 And ^athe light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ¹comprehend it.

6 ¶ There ¹came a man, sent from God, whose name was ^aJohn.

7 ¹He came ^afor a witness, that he might bear witness of the light, ^bthat all might believe through him.

8 ¹He was not the light, but came that he might bear witness of the light.

9 ¶ There was ^athe true light ¹which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

10 He was in the world, and ^athe world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11 He came to His ¹own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become ^achildren of God, even ^bto those who believe in His name.

13 ^awho were ¹born not of ²blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

1 ^aGen 1:1, Col 1:17;

1 John 1:1

^bJohn 1:14,

Rev 19:13

^cJohn 17:5;

1 John 1:2

^dPhil 2:6

2 ¹Lt.

Thus one

3 ¹Or,

through

^aJohn 1:10;

1 Cor 8:6;

Col 1:16;

Heb 1:2

4 ^aJohn

5:28, 11:25

14:6 ^aJohn

8:12, 9:5;

12:46

8 ¹Or,

overpower

^aJohn 3:19

6 ¹Or,

came into

being

^aMatt 3:1

7 ¹Lt.,

Thus one

^aJohn 1:15,

18, 32, 3:28;

5:33 ^aJohn

1:12, Acts

19:4, Gal

3:28

8 ¹Lt.,

That one

^aJohn 1:20

9 ¹Or,

which en-

lightens every

man coming

into the

world

^a1 John 2:8

10 ^a1 Cor

8:6, Col 1:16,

Heb 1:2

11 ¹Or, own

things, pos-

sessions, do-

main

12 ^aJohn

11:52, Gal

3:26 ^aJohn

1:7, 3:18,

1 John 3:23,

5:13

13 ¹Or, be-

gotten ^aLt.,

bleeds

^aJohn 3:34,

James 1:18;

1 Pet 1:23;

1 John 2:28;

3:9

14 ¹Or, tab-

ernacled ^aOr,

unique, only

one of His

kind

^aRev 19:13

14 ¶ And ^athe Word ^bbecame flesh, and ¹dwelt among us, and ^dwe beheld His glory, glory as of ²the only begotten from the Father, full of ^agrace and ¹truth.

15 John ^abore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, ^bHe who comes after me ¹has a higher rank than I, ^cfor He existed before me."

16 For of His ^afulness ¹we have all received, and ²grace upon grace.

17 For ^athe Law was given through Moses; ^bgrace and ^ctruth were realized through Jesus Christ.

18 ^aNo man has seen God at any time; ^bthe only begotten ¹God, who is ^cin the bosom of the Father, ^dHe has explained Him.

19 ¶ And this is ^athe witness of John, when ^bthe Jews sent to him priests and Levites ^cfrom Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

20 And he confessed, and did not deny, and he confessed, "I am not ¹the Christ."

21 And they asked him, "What then? Are you ^aElijah?" And he ^asaid, "I am not." "Are you ^bthe Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

^aRom. 1:3; Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2:7; 1 Tim. 3:16;

Heb. 2:14, 1 John 1:17, 4:2, 2 John 7 ^aRev. 21:3 ^aLuke

9:32; John 2:11, 17:22, 24, 2 Pet. 1:16; 1 John 1:1

^aJohn 1:17; Rom. 5:21; 6:14 ^aJohn 6:32; 14:6, 18:37

18 ¹Lt., is become before me ^aJohn 1:7 ^aMatt. 3:11,

John 1:27, 30 ^aJohn 1:30

19 ¹Lt., we all received ^aLt., grace for grace ^aEph.

1:22; 3:18; 4:13; Col. 1:19; 2:9

17 ^aJohn 7:19 ^aJohn 1:14; Rom. 5:21; 6:14 ^aJohn 6:22;

14:6, 18:37

18 ¹Some later man. read Son ^aEx. 33:20; John 6:48;

Col. 1:15, 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 John 4:12 ^aJohn 3:18, 18;

1 John 4:9 ^aLuke 16:22; John 13:23 ^aJohn 3:11

19 ^aJohn 1:7 ^aJohn 2:18, 20; 5:10, 19; 18; 6:41, 52;

7:1, 11, 13, 15, 35; 8:22, 48, 52, 57; 9:18, 22; 10:24, 31,

33 ^aMatt. 15:1

20 ¹Lt., the Messiah ^aLuke 3:15; John 3:28

21 ^aMatt. 11:14; 16:14 ^aDeut. 18:15, 18; Matt. 21:11;

John 1:25

22 They said then to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said, "I am ^aA VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.

25 And they asked him, and said to him, "Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the ¹Christ, nor Elijah, nor ^athe Prophet?"

26 John answered them saying, "^aI baptize ¹in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know.

27 "^aIt is ^aHe who comes after me, the ^bthong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie."

28 These things took place in Bethany ^abeyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

29 ¶ The next day he ^asaw Jesus coming to him, and ^asaid, "Behold, ^athe Lamb of God who ^btakes away the sin of the world!

30 "This is He on behalf of whom I said, '^aAfter me comes a Man who ¹has a higher rank than I, ^bfor He existed before me.'

31 "And I did not recognize ¹Him, but in order that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing ²in water."

32 And John ^abore witness saying, "^bI have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.

33 "And I did not recognize ¹Him, but He who sent me to baptize ²in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, ^athis is the one who baptizes ²in the Holy Spirit.'

34 "And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is ^athe Son of God."

23 ^aIs. 40:3.

Matt. 3:3;

Mark 1:3;

Luke 3:4

23 ¹I.e.,

Messiah

^aDeut. 18:15,

18, Matt.

21:11; John

1:21

26 ¹The Gr.

here can be

translated in,

with or by

^aMatt. 3:11;

Mark 1:8;

Luke 3:16;

Acts 1:5

27 ^aMatt.

3:11; John

1:30 ^bMatt.

3:11; Mark

1:7; Luke 3:16

28 ^aJohn

3:26; 10:40

29 ^aIs. 53:7;

John 1:36;

Acts 8:32;

1 Pet. 1:19;

Rev. 5:6, 8,

12f.; 6:1

^bMatt. 1:21;

1 John 3:5

30 ¹Lit., has

become be-

fore me

^aMatt. 3:11;

John 1:27

^bJohn 1:15

31 ¹I.e., as

the Messiah

²The Gr. here

can be trans-

lated in, with

or by

32 ^aJohn 1:7

^bMatt. 3:16;

Mark 1:10;

Luke 3:22

33 ¹I.e., as

the Messiah

²The Gr. here

can be trans-

lated in, with

or by

^aMatt. 3:11;

Mark 1:8;

Luke 3:16;

Acts 1:5

34 ^aMatt.

4:3; John 1:49

35 ¹Lit., and

^aJohn 1:29

36 ^aJohn

1:29

38 ^aMatt.

23:7f.; John

1:49

39 ¹Perhaps

10 a.m. (Ro-

man time)

40 ^aMatt.

4:18-22; Mark

1:16-20; Luke

5:2-11; John

1:40-42

41 ¹Gr.,

Anointed

One

^aDan. 9:25;

John 4:25

42 ¹Gr.,

Joannes ²I.e.,

Rock or

Stone

^aMatt. 16:17;

35 ¶ Again ^athe next day John was standing ¹with two of his disciples.

36 and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and ^asaid, "Behold, ^athe Lamb of God!"

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 And Jesus turned, and be-
held them following, and ^asaid to them, "**What do you seek?**" And they said to Him, "^aRabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?"

39 He ^asaid to them, "**Come, and you will see.**" They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the ¹tenth hour.

40 ^aOne of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He ^afound first his own brother Simon, and ^asaid to him, "We have found the ^aMessiah" (which translated means ¹Christ).

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "**You are Simon the son of ¹aJohn; you shall be called ^bCe-phas**" (which is translated ^{2c}Peter).

43 ¶ ^aThe next day He purposed to go forth into ^bGalilee, and He ^afound ^cPhilip. And Jesus ^asaid to him, "**Follow Me.**"

44 Now ^aPhilip was from ^bBethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 ^aPhilip ^afound ^bNathanael and ^asaid to him, "We have

John 21:15-17 ^a1 Cor. 1:12; 3:22; 9:5; 15:5; Gal. 1:18; 2:9, 11, 14 ^aMatt. 16:18

43 ^aJohn 1:29, 35 ^bMatt. 4:12; John 1:28; 2:11 ^aMatt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; 6:5, 7, 12-21f.; 14:8f. ^aMatt. 8:22

44 ^aMatt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; 6:5, 7, 12-21f.; 14:8f. ^bMatt. 11:21

45 ^aMatt. 10:3; John 1:44-48; 6:5, 7, 12-21f.; 14:8f. ^bJohn 1:46-49; 2:12

found Him of whom ^cMoses in the Law and also ^cthe Prophets wrote, Jesus of ^dNazareth, ^ethe son of Joseph."

46 And Nathanael ^asaid to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" ^bPhilip ^asaid to him, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and ^asaid of him, "Behold, an ^aIsraelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

48 Nathanael ^asaid to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before ^aPhilip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are ^bthe Son of God; You are the ^cKing of Israel."

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these."

51 And He ^asaid to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you shall see ^athe heavens opened, and ^bthe angels of God ascending and descending on ^cthe Son of Man."

CHAPTER 2

AND on ^athe third day there was a wedding in ^bCana of Galilee, and the ^cmother of Jesus was there;

2 and Jesus also was invited, and His ^adisciples, to the wedding.

3 And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus ^asaid to Him, "They have no wine."

4 And Jesus ^asaid to her, "Woman, ^bwhat do I have to do with you? ^cMy hour has not yet come."

5 His ^amother ^asaid to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there ^afor the Jew-

45 ^aLuke

24:27

^aMatt. 2:23

^aLuke 2:48;

3:23; 4:22;

John 6:42

46 ^aJohn

7:41, 52

^aMatt. 10:3;

John 1:44-48;

6:5, 7; 12:21f.;

14:8f.

47 ^aRom.

9:4

48 ^aMatt.

10:3; John

1:44-48; 6:5,

7; 12:21f.;

14:8f.

49 ^aJohn

1:38 ^aJohn

1:34 ^aMatt.

2:2; 27:42;

Mark 15:32;

John 12:13

51 ^aEzek.

1:1; Matt.

3:16; Luke

3:21; Acts

7:56; 10:11;

Rev. 19:11

^aGen. 28:12

^aMatt. 8:20

1 ^aJohn

1:29, 35, 43

^aJohn 2:11;

4:46; 21:2

^aMatt. 12:46

2 ^aJohn

1:40-49; 3:12;

17; 32; 3:22;

4:2, 8, 27; 6:8,

12, 16, 22, 24,

60f.; 66; 7:3;

8:31

4 ^aLit.,

what to Me

and to you (a

Hebrew

idiom)

^aJohn 19:26

^aMatt. 8:29

^aJohn 7:6, 8,

30; 8:20

5 ^aMatt.

12:46

6 ^aTwo or

three metro-

tal

^aMark 7:3f.;

John 3:25

8 ^aOr,

steward

9 ^aJohn

4:46

10 ^aOr, have

become

drunk

^aMatt. 24:49;

Luke 12:45;

Acts 2:15;

1 Cor. 11:21;

Eph. 5:18;

1 Thess. 5:7;

Rev. 17:2, 6

11 ^aOr, ut-

teresting man-

acles, i.e.,

one which

points to the

supernatural

power of God

in redeeming

grace

ish custom of purification, containing ¹twenty or thirty gallons each.

7 Jesus ^asaid to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

8 And He ^asaid to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the ¹headwaiter." And they took it to him.

9 And when the headwaiter tasted the water ^awhich had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter ^acalled the bridegroom,

10 and ^asaid to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when men ^ahave ¹drunk freely, then that which is poorer; you have kept the good wine until now."

11 This beginning of His ¹signs Jesus did in Cana of ^bGalilee, and manifested His ^cglory, and His disciples believed in Him.

12 [†] After this He went down to ^aCapernaum, He and His ^bmother, and His ^bbrothers, and His ^cdisciples; and there they stayed a few days.

13 [†] And ^athe Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus ^bwent up to Jerusalem.

14 ^aAnd He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers seated.

15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the moneychangers, and overturned their tables;

16 and to those who were selling ^athe doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making

^aJohn 2:23; 3:2; 4:54; 6:2, 14, 26, 30; 7:31; 9:16; 10:41; 11:47; 12:18, 37; 20:30 ^aJohn 1:43 ^aJohn 1:14

12 ^aMatt. 4:13 ^aMatt. 12:46 ^aJohn 2:2

13 ^aDeut. 16:1-6; John 5:1, 6-4; 11:55 ^aLuke 2:41; John

2:23

14 ^aJohn 2:14-16; Matt. 21:12ff.; Mark 11:15, 17; Luke

19:45f.; Mal. 3:1ff.

16 ^aMatt. 21:12

"My Father's house a house of merchandise."

17 His ^adisciples remembered that it was written, **"^bZEAL FOR THY HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."**

18 ^aThe Jews therefore answered and said to Him, **"^bWhat sign do You show to us, seeing that You do these things?"**

19 Jesus answered and said to them, **"^aDestroy this ¹temple, and in three days I will raise it up."**

20 ^aThe Jews therefore said, "It took ^bforty-six years to build this ¹temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of ^athe ¹temple of His body.

22 When therefore He was raised from the dead, His ^adisciples ^bremembered that He said this; and they believed ^cthe Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.

23 ¶ Now when He was in Jerusalem at ^athe Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, ^bbeholding His signs which He was doing.

24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for ^aHe knew all men,

25 and because He did not need anyone to bear witness concerning man ^afor He Himself knew what was in man.

CHAPTER 3

NOW there was a man of the Pharisees, named ^aNicodemus, a ^bruler of the Jews;

2 this man came to Him by night, and said to Him, **"^aRabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these ¹b signs that You do unless ^cGod is with him."**

3 Jesus answered and said to him, **"^aTruly, truly, I say to you, unless one ^ais born ¹again, he cannot see ^bthe kingdom of God."**

¹⁶ ^bLuke 2:49
¹⁷ ^aJohn 2:2
¹⁸ ^aJohn 1:19
¹⁹ ^bMatt. 12:38
²⁰ ^aOr, sanctuary
²¹ ^aMatt. 26:61; 27:40; Mark 14:58; 15:29; Acts 6:14
²² ^aOr, sanctuary
²³ ^aJohn 1:19
²⁴ ^bEzra 5:16
²⁵ ^aOr, sanctuary
²⁶ ^a1 Cor. 6:19
²⁷ ^aJohn 2:2
²⁸ ^bLuke 24:8; John 2:17; 12:16; 14:26
²⁹ ^aPs. 16:10; Luke 24:26f.; John 20:9; Acts 13:33
³⁰ ^aJohn 2:13
³¹ ^bJohn 2:11
³² ^aActs 1:24; 15:8
³³ ^aMatt. 9:4; John 1:42, 47; 6:61; 64; 13:11
³⁴ ^aJohn 7:50; 19:39
³⁵ ^bLuke 23:13; John 7:26, 48
³⁶ ^aOr, attesting miracles
³⁷ ^aMatt. 23:7; John 3:26
³⁸ ^bJohn 2:11
³⁹ ^aJohn 9:33; 10:38; 14:10f.; Acts 2:22; 10:38
⁴⁰ ^aOr, from above
⁴¹ ^a2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Pet. 1:23
⁴² ^bMatt. 19:24; 21:31; Mark 9:47; 10:14f.; John 3:3
⁴³ ^aEzek. 36:25-27; Eph. 5:26; Titus 3:5
⁴⁴ ^bMatt. 19:24; 21:31; Mark 9:47; 10:14f.; John 3:3
⁴⁵ ^aJohn 1:13; 1 Cor. 15:50
⁴⁶ ^aOr, from above
⁴⁷ ^aPs. 135:7; Eccl. 11:5; Ezek. 37:9
⁴⁸ ^bLuke 2:49; 5:17; Acts 5:34
⁴⁹ ^aJohn 1:18; 7:16f.; 8:26, 28; 12:49; 14:24
⁵⁰ ^bJohn 3:32

4 Nicodemus ^asaid to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

5 Jesus answered, **"^aTruly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of ^awater and the Spirit, he cannot enter into ^bthe kingdom of God."**

6 **"^aThat which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."**

7 **"Do not marvel that I said to you, '^aYou must be born ¹again.'**

8 **"^aThe wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."**

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, **"^aAre you ^athe teacher of Israel, and do not understand these things?"**

11 **"^aTruly, truly, I say to you, ^awe speak that which we know, and ^bbear witness of that which we have seen; and ^byou do not receive our witness."**

12 **"If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"**

13 **"And ^ano one has ascended into heaven, but ^bHe who descended from heaven, even ^cthe Son of Man."**

14 **"And as ^aMoses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must ^bthe Son of Man ^cbe lifted up;**

15 **that whoever ¹believes may ^ain Him have eternal life."**

16 ¶ **"^aFor God so ^aloved the**

13 ¹Later mss. add who is in heaven ^aDeut. 30:12; Prov. 30:4; Acts 2:34; Rom. 10:6; Eph. 4:9 ^bJohn 3:31; 6:38, 42 ^cMatt. 8:20

14 ^aNum. 21:9 ^bMatt. 8:20 ^cJohn 8:28; 12:34

15 ¹Some mss. read believes in Him may have eternal life ^aJohn 20:31; 1 John 5:11-13

16 ^aRom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4; 2 Thess. 2:16; 1 John 4:10; Rev. 1:5

world, that He ^bgave His ¹only begotten Son, that whoever ^abelieves in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

17 "For God ^adid not send the Son into the world ^bto judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.

18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of ^bthe ¹only begotten Son of God.

19 "And this is the judgment, that ^athe light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for ^btheir deeds were evil.

20 "For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

21 "But he who ^apractices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

22 ¶ After these things Jesus and His ^adisciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and ^bbaptizing.

23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was ¹much water there; and they were coming and were being baptized.

24 For ^aJohn had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 There arose therefore a discussion on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about ^apurification.

26 And they came to John and said to him, "A Rabbi, He who was with you ^bbeyond the Jordan, to whom you ^chave borne witness, behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him."

27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing, unless it ^bhas been given him from heaven.

28 "You yourselves bear me

16 ¹Or, unique, only one of His kind

^aRom. 8:32;

¹John 4:9

^aJohn 1:18;

3:18; ¹John

4:9; ^aJohn

3:36; 6:40;

11:25f.

17 ^aJohn

3:34; 5:36, 38;

6:29, 38, 57;

7:29; 8:42;

10:36; 11:42;

17:3, 8, 18,

21, 23, 25;

20:21 ^aLuke

19:10; ^aJohn

8:15; 12:47;

¹John 4:14

18 ¹Or,

unique, only one of His kind

^aMark 16:16;

^aJohn 5:24

^aJohn 1:18;

¹John 4:9

19 ^aJohn

1:4; 8:12; 9:5;

12:46 ^aJohn

7:7

20 ^aJohn

3:20, 21; Eph.

5:11, 13

21 ^a¹John

1:6

22 ^aJohn 2:2

^bJohn 4:1, 2

23 ¹Lit.,

many waters

24 ^aMatt.

4:12; 14:3;

Mark 6:17;

Luke 3:20

25 ^aJohn 2:6

26 ^aMatt.

23:7; ^aJohn 3:2

^aJohn 1:28

^aJohn 1:7

27 ^a1 Cor.

4:7; Heb. 5:4

^aJames 1:17

28 ¹L.e.,

Messiah

^aJohn 1:20,

23

29 ^aMatt.

9:15; 25:1

^aJohn 15:11;

16:24; 17:13;

Phil. 2:2;

¹John 1:4,

2 ^aJohn 12

31 ^aMatt.

28:18; ^aJohn

3:13; 8:23

^a1 Cor. 15:47;

¹John 4:5

32 ^aJohn

3:11

33 ^aJohn

6:27; Rom.

4:11; 15:28;

1 Cor. 9:2;

2 Cor. 1:22;

Eph. 1:13;

4:30; 2 Tim.

2:19; Rev.

7:3-8

witness, that I said, ^a"I am not the ¹Christ," but, "I have been sent before Him."

29 "He who has the bride is ^athe bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. And so this ^bjoy of mine has been made full.

30 "He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 ¶ "He who comes from above is above all, ^bhe who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. ^aHe who comes from heaven is above all.

32 "What He has seen and heard, of that He ^abears witness; and ^ano man receives His witness.

33 "He who has received His witness ^ahas set his seal to this, that God is true.

34 "For He whom God has ^asent speaks the words of God; ¹for He gives the Spirit without measure.

35 "The Father loves the Son, and ^bhas given all things into His hand.

36 "He who ^abelieves in the Son has eternal life; but he who ^bdoes not ¹obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

CHAPTER 4

WHEN therefore ^athe Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and ^bbaptizing more disciples than John

2 (although ^aJesus Himself was not baptizing, but His ^bdisciples were),

3 He left ^aJudea, and departed ^bagain into Galilee.

34 ¹Lit., for He does not give the Spirit by measure

^aJohn 3:17 ^aMatt. 12:18; Luke 4:18; Acts 1:2; 10:38

35 ^aMatt. 28:18; John 5:20; 17:2 ^aMatt. 11:27; Luke

10:22

36 ¹Or, believe ^aJohn 3:18 ^aActs 14:2; Heb. 3:18

¹Luke 7:13 ^aJohn 3:22, 26; 1 Cor. 1:17

2 ^aJohn 3:22, 26; 1 Cor. 1:17 ^aJohn 2:2

3 ^aJohn 3:22 ^aJohn 2:11f.

4 And He had to pass through ^aSamaria.

5 So He ^acame to a city of ^aSamaria, called Sychar, near ^bthe parcel of ground that ^cJacob gave to his son Joseph;

6 and Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about ¹the sixth hour.

7 There ^acame a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus ^asaid to her, **"Give Me a drink."**

8 For His ^adisciples had gone away into ^bthe city to buy food.

9 The ^aSamaritan woman therefore ^asaid to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For ^bJews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, **"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you ^aliving water."**

11 She ^asaid to Him, "¹Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that ^aliving water?"

12 "You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who ^agave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, **"Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again;**

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him ^ashall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to ^beternal life."

15 The woman ^asaid to Him, "¹Sir, ^agive me this water, so I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw."

16 He ^asaid to her, **"Go, call your husband, and come here."**

17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus

⁴ ^aLuke 9:52

⁵ ^aLuke 9:52 ^bGen. 33:19; Josh. 24:32 ^cGen. 48:22, John 4:12

⁶ ¹Perhaps 6 p.m. (Roman time)

⁸ ^aJohn 2:2 ^bJohn 4:5, 39

⁹ ^aLuke 9:52 ^bEzra 4:3-6, 11ff.; Matt. 10:5, John 8:48, Acts 10:28

¹⁰ ^aJer. 2:13; John 4:14, 7:37f.; Rev. 7:17; 21:6; 22:1, 17

¹¹ ¹Or, Lord ^aJer. 2:13, John 4:14, 7:37f.; Rev. 7:17; 21:6, 22:1, 17

¹² ^aJohn 4:6 ¹⁴ ^aJohn 6:35, 7:38 ^bMatt. 25:46; John 6:27

¹⁵ ¹Or, Lord ^aJohn 6:35

¹⁹ ¹Or, Lord ^aMatt. 21:11; Luke 7:16, 39; 24:19, John 6:14, 7:40; 9:17

²⁰ ^aGen. 33:20; John 4:12 ^bDeut. 11:29; Josh. 8:33 ^cLuke 9:53

²¹ ^aJohn 4:23; 5:25, 28; 16:2, 32 ^bMal. 1:11; 1 Tim. 2:8

²² ^a2 Kin. 17:28-41 ^bIs. 2:3; Rom. 3:1f.; 9:4f.

²³ ^aJohn 4:21; 5:25, 28; 16:2, 32 ^bPhil. 3:3

²⁴ ¹Or, a Spirit ^aPhil. 3:3

²⁵ ^aDan. 9:25; John 1:41 ^bMatt. 1:16; 27:17; 28: Luke 2:11

²⁶ ^aJohn 8:24, 28, 58; 9:37; 13:19

²⁷ ^aJohn 4:8

²⁹ ¹I.e., the Messiah ^aJohn 4:17f.; ^bMatt. 12:23; John 7:26, 31

^asaid to her, **"You have well said; 'I have no husband';**

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly."

19 The woman ^asaid to Him, "¹Sir, I perceive that You are ^aa prophet.

20 "Our fathers worshiped in ^bthis mountain, and you people say that ^cin Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

21 Jesus ^asaid to her, **"Woman, believe Me, ^aan hour is coming when ^bneither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father.**

22 "You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for ^bsalvation is from the Jews.

23 "But ^aan hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father ^bin spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

24 "God is ¹spirit, and those who worship Him must worship ^ain spirit and truth."

25 The woman ^asaid to Him, "I know that ^aMessiah is coming (^bHe who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

26 Jesus ^asaid to her, **"^aI who speak to you am He."**

27 ^a And at this point His ^adisciples came, and they marveled that He had been speaking with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?"

28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city, and ^asaid to the men,

29 "Come, see a man ^awho told me all the things that I have done; ^bthis is not ¹the Christ, is it?"

30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

31 In the meanwhile the disci-

ples were requesting Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

33 The disciples therefore were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?"

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work."

35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

36 Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.'

38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

39 ¶ And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done."

40 So when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41 And many more believed because of His word;

42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

43 ¶ And after the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.

44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

31 Matt. 23:2; 26:25; 49; Mark 9:5; 11:21; 14:45; John 1:38, 49; 3:2, 26; 6:25; 9:2; 11:8

33 Luke 6:13-16; John 1:40-49; 2:2

34 John 5:30; 6:38; John 5:36; 17:4; 19:28, 30

35 Matt. 9:37, 38; Luke 10:2

36 Prov. 11:18; 1 Cor. 9:17; Rom. 1:13; Matt. 19:29; John 3:36; 4:14; 5:24; Rom. 2:7; 6:23

37 Job 31:8; Mic. 6:15

39 John 4:5, 30; John 4:29

42 Matt. 1:21; Luke 2:11; John 1:29; Acts 5:31; 13:23; 1 Tim. 4:10; 1 John 4:14

43 John 4:40

44 Matt. 13:57; Mark 6:4; Luke 4:24

45 John 2:23

46 John 2:1; John 2:9

47 Luke 4:23; John 2:12

48 Or, attesting miracle

Dan. 4:2f.; 6:27; Matt. 24:24; Mark 13:22; Acts 2:19, 22, 43; 4:30, 5:12; 6:8, 7:36; 14:3; 15:12; Rom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 1:22; 2 Cor. 12:12; 2 Thess. 2:9; Heb. 2:4

49 Or, Lord

50 Matt. 8:13

51 Or, boy

52 Perhaps 7 p.m. (Roman time)

53 Acts 11:14

54 Or, attesting miracle

John 2:11; John 4:45f.

1 Many mss. read the feast; i.e., the

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

46 ¶ He came therefore again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain royal official, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him, and was requesting Him to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

48 Jesus therefore said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe."

49 The royal official said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

50 Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he started off.

51 And as he was now going down, his slaves met him, saying that his son was living.

52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. They said therefore to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

53 So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives"; and he himself believed, and his whole household.

54 This is again a second sign that Jesus performed, when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

AFTER these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Passover Deut. 16:1; John 2:13

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by ^athe sheep gate a pool, which is called ^bin ¹Hebrew ²Bethesda, having five porticoes.

3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [¹waiting for the moving of the waters;

4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]

5 And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his sickness.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He ^{*}said to him, "**Do you wish to get well?**"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when ^athe water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus ^{*}said to him, "**Arise, take up your pallet, and walk.**"

9 And immediately the man became well, and took up his pallet and *began* to walk.

¶ ^aNow it was the Sabbath on that day.

10 Therefore ^athe Jews were saying to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and ^bit is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

11 But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, '**Take up your pallet and walk.**'"

12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, '**Take up your pallet, and walk?**'"

13 But he who was healed did not know who it was; for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that place*.

14 Afterward Jesus ^{*}found

2 He.
Jewish Aramaic
Many mss. read Bethesda or Bethzatha
Neh. 3:1, 32; 12:39
John 19:13, 17, 20; 20:16; Acts 21:40; Rev. 9:11, 16, 16

3 Many mss. do not contain the remainder of v. 3, nor v. 4

7 John 5:4

8 Matt. 9:6; Mark 2:11; Luke 5:24

9 John 9:14

10 John 1:19; 5:15, 16; 18
Neh. 13:19; Jer. 17:21; Matt. 12:2; Luke 6:2; John 7:23; 9:16

14 Mark 2:5; John 8:11
Ezra 9:14

15 John 1:19; 5:16, 18

16 John 1:19; 5:10, 15, 18

18 John 1:19; 5:15, 16
John 5:16; 7:1
John 10:33; 19:7

19 Matt. 26:39; John 5:30; 6:38; 8:28; 12:49; 14:10

20 Matt. 3:17; John 3:35; 2 Pet. 1:17
John 14:12

21 Rom. 4:17; 8:11
John 11:25

22 John 5:27; 9:39; Acts 10:42; 17:31

23 Luke 10:16; 1 John 2:23

24 John 3:18; 12:44; 20:31; 1 John 5:13
John 3:18; 1 John 3:14

him in the temple, and said to him, "**Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, ^bso that nothing worse may befall you.**"

15 The man went away, and told ^athe Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 And for this reason ^athe Jews were persecuting Jesus because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

17 But He answered them, "**My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.**"

18 For this cause therefore ^athe Jews ^bwere seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath but also was calling God His own Father, ^cmaking Himself equal with God.

19 ¶ Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "**Truly, truly, I say to you, ^athe Son can do nothing of Himself unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.**"

20 "**For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things; that He Himself is doing; and ^bgreater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel.**"

21 "**For just as the Father raises the dead and ^agives them life even so ^bthe Son also gives life to whom He wishes.**"

22 "**For not even the Father judges anyone, but ^aHe has given all judgment to the Son,**"

23 **in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. ^aHe who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.**

24 "**Truly, truly, I say to you, ^awho hears My word, and ^bbelieves Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and ^bdoes not come into judgment, but has ^cpassed out of death into life.**"

25 "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aan hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live.

26 "For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He ^agave to the Son also to have life in Himself.

27 and He gave Him authority to ^aexecute judgment, because He is ¹the Son of Man.

28 "Do not marvel at this; for ^aan hour is coming, in which ^ball who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,

29 and shall come forth; ^athose who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and ^bMy judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but ^cthe will of Him who sent Me.

31 "If I alone bear witness of Myself, My testimony is not ¹true.

32 "There is ^aanother who bears witness of Me, and I know that the testimony which He bears of Me is true.

33 "You have sent to John, and he ^ahas borne witness to the truth.

34 "But ^athe witness which I receive is not from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

35 "He was ^athe lamp that was burning and was shining and you ^bwere willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

36 "But the witness which I have is greater than *that* of John; for ^athe works which the Father has given Me ^bto accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father ^chas sent Me.

37 "And the Father who sent Me, ^aHe has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His

25 *John 4:21, 23; 5:28
*Luke 15:24
*John 6:69;
8:43, 47; 9:27

26 *John 1:4, 6:57

27 *Or, a son of man
*John 9:39;
Acts 10:42;
17:31

28 *John 4:21 *John 11:24; 1 Cor. 15:52

29 *Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:46; Acts 24:15

30 *John 5:19 *John 8:16 *John 4:34; 6:38

31 *I.e., admissible as legal evidence

*John 8:14
32 *John 5:37

33 *John 1:7, 15, 19, 32; 3:26-30

34 *John 5:32; 1 John 5:9

35 *2 Sam. 21:17; 2 Pet. 1:19 *Mark 1:5

36 *Matt. 11:4; John 2:23; 10:25, 38; 14:11; 15:24 *John 4:34 *John 3:17

37 *Matt. 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22; 24:27; John 8:18; 1 John 5:9

38 *1 John 2:14 *John 3:17

39 *Or, (a command)

Search the Scriptures
*John 7:52; Rom. 2:17ff.

*Luke 24:25, 27; Acts 13:27

41 *John 5:44; 7:18; 1 Thess. 2:6

43 *Matt. 24:5

44 *Or, honor or fame
*John 5:41

*Rom. 2:29
*John 17:3; 1 Tim. 1:17

45 *John 9:28; Rom. 2:17ff.

46 *Luke 24:27

47 *Luke 16:29, 31

voice at any time, nor seen His form.

38 "And you do not have ^aHis word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He ^bsent.

39 "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is ^bthese that bear witness of Me;

40 and you are unwilling to come to Me, that you may have life.

41 "I do not receive glory from men;

42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; ^aif another shall come in his own name, you will receive him.

44 "How can you believe, when you ^areceive ¹glory from one another, and you do not seek ^bthe ¹glory that is from ^cthe one and only God?

45 "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is ^aMoses, in whom you have set your hope.

46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for ^ahe wrote of Me.

47 "But ^aif you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

CHAPTER 6

AFTER these things ^aJesus went away to the other side of ^bthe Sea of Galilee (or ^cTiberias).

2 And a great multitude was following Him, because they were seeing the ¹signs which He was performing on those who were sick.

3 And ^aJesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

1 *John 8:1-13; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17 *Matt. 4:18; Luke 5:1 *John 6:23; 21:1

2 *Or, attesting miracles *John 2:11, 23; 3:2; 6:14, 30; 11:47; 12:18, 37; 20:30

3 *Matt. 5:1; Mark 3:13; Luke 6:12; 9:28; John 6:15

4 Now ^athe Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

5 Jesus therefore lifting up His eyes, and seeing that a great multitude was coming to Him, ^asaid to ^aPhilip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?"

6 And this He was saying to ^atest him; for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.

7 ^aPhilip answered Him, "Two hundred ^ldenarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."

8 One of His ^adisciples, ^bAndrew, Simon Peter's brother, ^asaid to Him,

9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two ^afish, but what are these for so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people ^lsit down." Now there was ^amuch grass in the place. So the men ^lsat down, in number about ^bfive thousand.

11 Jesus therefore took the loaves; and ^ahaving given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the ^bfish as much as they wanted.

12 And when they were filled, He ^asaid to His ^adisciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments that nothing may be lost."

13 And so they gathered them up, and filled twelve ^abaskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten.

14 When therefore the people saw the ^lsign which He had performed, they said, "This is of a truth the ^aProphet who is to come into the world."

15 ¶ Jesus therefore perceiving that they were ^lintending to come and take Him by force, ^ato make Him king, ^bwithdrew again to ^cthe mountain by Himself alone.

16 ¶ Now when evening

⁴ ^aDeut. 16:1; John 2:13

⁵ ^aJohn 1:43

⁶ ^a2 Cor. 13:5; Rev. 2:2

⁷ ^aThe denarius was equivalent to one day's wage

^aJohn 1:43

^bMark 6:37

⁸ ^aJohn 2:2

^bJohn 1:40

⁹ ^aJohn 6:11; 21:9, 10, 13

¹⁰ ^aLit., reclined

^aMark 6:39

^bMatt. 14:21

¹¹ ^aMatt. 15:36; John 6:23

^bJohn 6:9; 21:9, 10, 13

¹² ^aJohn 2:2

¹³ ^aMatt. 14:20

¹⁴ ^aOr, at testing miracle

^aMatt. 11:3; 21:11; John 1:21

¹⁵ ^aOr, about

^aJohn 18:36f.

^bJohn 6:15-21; Matt. 14:22-33;

Mark 6:45-51

^cJohn 6:3

¹⁶ ^aJohn 2:2

¹⁷ ^aMark 6:45; John 6:24, 59

¹⁸ ^aI.e., 25 or 30 stadia

¹⁹ ^aOr, stop fearing

^aMatt. 14:27

²⁰ ^aJohn 6:2

^bJohn 6:15ff.

²¹ ^aJohn 6:1

^bLuke 7:13

^cJohn 6:11

²² ^aMatt. 14:34; Mark 6:53; John 6:17, 59

²³ ^aMatt. 23:7

²⁴ ^aJohn 6:24

^bJohn 6:2, 14, 30

²⁵ ^aIs. 55:2

^bJohn 3:15f.; 4:14; 6:40, 47, 54; 10:28; 17:2f. ^cMatt. 8:20; John 6:53, 62

^dJohn 3:33

came, His ^adisciples went down to the sea,

17 and after getting into a boat they started to cross the sea ^ato Capernaum. And it had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18 And the sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing.

19 When therefore they had rowed about ^lthree or four miles, they ^abeheld Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened.

20 But He ^asaid to them, "It is I; ^ldo not be afraid."

21 They were willing therefore to receive Him into the boat; and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

22 ¶ The next day ^athe multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus ^bhad not entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone.

23 There came other small boats from ^aTiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the ^bLord ^chad given thanks.

24 When the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and ^acame to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you ^aseek Me, not because you saw ^bsigns, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled."

27 "Do not ^awork for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to ^beternal life, which ^cthe Son of Man shall give to you, for on Him the Father, even God, ^dhas set His seal."

28 They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is ^athe work of God, that you believe in Him whom He ^bhas sent."

30 They said therefore to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?"

31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ^bHE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT."

32 Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

33 "For the bread of God is ⁱthat which ^acomes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

34 They said therefore to Him, "Lord, evermore ^agive us this bread."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me ^bshall never thirst.

36 "But ^aI said to you, that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

37 "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

38 "For ^aI have come down from heaven, ^bnot to do My own will, but ^cthe will of Him who ^dsent Me.

39 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of ^aall that He has given Me I ^blose nothing, but ^craise it up on the last day.

40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who ^abeholds the Son and ^bbelieves in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will ^craise him up on the last day."

29 ^a1 Thess. 1:3; James 2:22; 1 John 3:22; Rev. 2:26 ^bJohn 3:17

30 ^aMatt. 12:38 ^bJohn 6:2, 14, 26

31 ^aEx. 16:4, 15, 21; Num. 11:8; John 6:49, 58 ^bPs. 78:24; Ex. 16:4, 15; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 105:40

33 ^aOr, He who comes ^bJohn 6:41, 50

34 ^aJohn 4:15

35 ^aJohn 6:48, 51 ^bJohn 4:14

36 ^aJohn 6:26

37 ^aJohn 6:39, 17:2, 24

38 ^aJohn 3:13 ^bMatt. 26:39 ^cJohn 4:34, 5:30

39 ^aJohn 6:29

40 ^aJohn 6:37, 17:2, 24 ^bJohn 17:12, 18:9 ^cMatt. 10:15; John 6:40, 44, 54; 11:24

41 ^aJohn 12:45, 14:17, 19 ^bJohn 3:16

42 ^aMatt. 10:15; John 6:39, 44, 54; 11:24

43 ^aJohn 1:19; 6:52 ^bJohn 6:33, 51, 58

44 ^aLuke 4:22 ^bJohn 7:27f. ^cJohn 6:38, 62

45 ^aJer. 31:3; Hos. 11:4; John 6:65, 12:32 ^bJohn 6:39

46 ^aActs 7:42; 13:40; Heb. 8:11 ^bIs. 54:13; Jer. 31:34 ^cPhil. 3:15; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 John 2:27

47 ^aJohn 1:18

48 ^aJohn 3:36; 5:24; 6:51, 58; 11:26

49 ^aJohn 6:35, 51

50 ^aJohn 6:31, 58

51 ^aJohn 6:33 ^bJohn 3:36; 5:24; 6:47, 58; 11:26 ^cJohn 1:29; 3:14f.; Heb. 10:10; 1 John 4:10

52 ^aJohn 6:53-56

53 ^aJohn 1:19; 6:41 ^bJohn 9:16; 10:19

54 ^aMatt. 8:20; John 6:27, 62

41 ¶ "The Jews therefore were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that ^bcame down out of heaven."

42 And they were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother ^bwe know? How does He now say, ^cI have come down out of heaven?"

43 Jesus answered and said to them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.

44 "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me ^adraws him; and I will ^braise him up on the last day.

45 "It is written ^ain the prophets, ^bAND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

46 "Not that any man has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes ^ahas eternal life.

48 "I am the bread of life.

49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 "This is the bread which ^acomes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and ^bnot die.

51 "I am the living bread that ^bcame down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, ^che shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give ^dfor the life of the world is ^eMy flesh."

52 ¶ "The Jews therefore ^bbegan to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?"

53 Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of ^athe Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

51 ^aJohn 6:35, 48 ^bJohn 6:41, 58 ^cJohn 3:36, 5:24; 6:47, 58; 11:26 ^dJohn 1:29; 3:14f.; Heb. 10:10; 1 John 4:10

52 ^aJohn 6:53-56

53 ^aJohn 1:19; 6:41 ^bJohn 9:16; 10:19

54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will ^araise him up on the last day.

55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood ^aabides in Me, and I in him.

57 "As the ^aliving Father ^bsent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.

58 "This is the bread which ^acame down out of heaven; not as ^bthe fathers ate, and died, he who eats this bread ^cshall live forever."

59 These things He said ^ain the synagogue, as He taught ^bin Capernaum.

60 ¶ Many therefore of His ^adisciples, when they heard this said, "^bThis is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"

61 But Jesus, ^aconscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "^bDoes this ^ccause you to stumble?"

62 "What then if you should behold ^athe Son of Man ^bascending where He was before?"

63 "^aIt is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; ^bthe words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

64 "But there are ^asome of you who do not believe." For Jesus ^bknew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and ^cwho it was that would ^dbetray Him.

65 And He was saying, "^aFor this reason I have ^bsaid to you, that no one can come to Me, unless ^cit has been granted him from the Father."

66 ¶ As a result of this many of His ^adisciples ^bwithdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore.

67 Jesus said therefore to ^athe twelve, "^bYou do not want to go away also, do you?"

54 *John 6:39

56 *John 15:4f, 17:23; 1 John 2:24; 3:24; 4:15f.

57 *Matt. 16:16; John 5:26; *John 3:17; 6:29, 38

58 *John 6:33, 41, 51; *John 6:31, 49; *John 3:36, 5:24; 6:47, 51; 11:26

59 *Matt. 4:23; *John 6:24

60 *John 2:2; 6:66; 7:3; *John 6:52

61 *John 6:64; *Matt. 11:6

62 *Matt. 8:20; John 6:27, 53

*Mark 16:19; John 3:13

63 *2 Cor 3:6; *John 6:68

64 *Or, deliver Him up

*John 6:60; 66; *John 2:25; *Matt. 10:4; John 6:71; 13:11

65 *John 6:37, 44

*Matt. 13:11; John 3:27

66 *John 2:2; 7:3; *John 6:60, 64

67 *Matt. 10:2; John 2:2; 6:70f.; 20:24

68 *Matt. 16:16; *John 6:63; 12:49f.; 17:8

69 *Mark 1:24; 8:29; Luke 9:20

70 *John 15:16, 19; *Matt. 10:2; John 2:2; 6:71; 20:24

*John 8:44; 13:2, 27; 17:12

71 *Or, was intending to

*John 12:4; 13:2, 26

*Mark 14:10; *Matt. 10:2; John 2:2; 6:70; 20:24

1 *John 4:3; 6:1; 11:54

*John 1:19; 7:11, 13, 15, 35; *John 5:18; 7:19; 8:37, 40; 11:53

68 *Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have ^bwords of eternal life.

69 "And we have believed and have come to know that You are ^athe Holy One of God."

70 Jesus answered them "^aDid I Myself not choose you ^bthe twelve, and yet one of you ^ca devil?"

71 Now He meant Judas ^athe son of Simon Iscariot, for he ^bone of ^cthe twelve, ^dwas going to betray Him.

CHAPTER 7

AND after these things Jesus ^awas walking in Galilee for He was unwilling to walk in Judea, because ^bthe Jews ^cwere seeking to kill Him.

2 Now the feast of the Jews ^athe Feast of Booths, was at hand.

3 His ^abrothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here, and go into Judea, that Your ^bdisciples also may behold Your works which You are doing.

4 "For no one does anything in secret, ^dwhen he himself seeks to be ^cknown publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."

5 For not even His ^abrothers were believing in Him.

6 Jesus therefore ^asaid to them, "^bMy time is not yet at hand, but your time is always opportune.

7 "^aThe world cannot hate you but it hates Me because I testify of it, that ^bits deeds are evil.

8 "Go up to the feast yourselves. I do not go up ^dto this feast because ^aMy time has not yet fully come."

2 *Lev. 23:34; Deut. 16:13, 16; Zech. 14:16-19

3 *Matt. 12:46; Mark 3:21; John 7:5, 10; *John 6:60

4 *Lit, and

5 *Matt. 12:46; Mark 3:21; John 7:3, 10

6 *Matt. 26:18; John 2:4; 7:8, 30

7 *John 15:18f. *John 3:19f.

8 *Some authorities add yet *John 7:6

9 And having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

10 ¶ But when His ^abrothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as it were, in secret.

11 ^aThe Jews therefore ^bwere seeking Him at the feast, and were saying, "Where is He?"

12 And there was much grumbling among the multitudes concerning Him; ^asome were saying, "He is a good man"; others were saying, "No, on the contrary, He leads the multitude astray."

13 Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for ^afear of the Jews.

14 ¶ But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to ^ateach.

15 ^aThe Jews therefore were marveling, saying, "How has this man ^bbecome learned, having never been educated?"

16 Jesus therefore answered them, and said, "^aMy teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 "^aIf any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself.

18 "^aHe who speaks from himself ^aseeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the one who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

19 "^aDid not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you ^bseek to kill Me?"

20 The multitude answered, "^aYou ¹have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?"

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "^aI did ^aone ¹deed, and you all marvel.

22 "^aOn this account ^aMoses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from ^bthe fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man.

10 ^aMatt. 12:46; Mark 3:21; John 7:3, 5

11 ^aJohn 7:13, 15, 35; ^bJohn 11:56

12 ^aJohn 7:40-43

13 ^aJohn 9:22, 12:42; 19:38; 20:19

14 ^aMatt. 26:55; John 7:28

15 ^aJohn 1:19; 7:11, 13, 35; ^bActs 26:24

16 ^aJohn 3:11

17 ^aPs. 25:9, 14; Prov. 3:32; Dan. 12:10; John 3:21; 8:43f.

18 ^aJohn 5:41; 8:50, 54; 12:43

19 ^aJohn 1:17; ^bMark 11:18; John 7:1

20 ^aOr, are demented; ^bMatt. 11:18; John 8:48f., 52; 10:20

21 ^aOr, work

22 ^aJohn 5:2-9, 16; 7:23

23 ^aLev. 12:3; ^bGen. 17:10ff., 21:4; Acts 7:8

24 ^aMatt. 12:2; John 5:9, 10

25 ^aLi., judge the righteous judgment

26 ^aLev. 19:15, 18; 11:3; Zech. 7:9; John 8:15

27 ^aI.e., the Messiah; ^bLuke 23:13; John 3:1

28 ^aJohn 6:42; 7:41f., 9:29

29 ^aJohn 7:14; ^bJohn 6:42; 7:14f., 9:29; ^cJohn 8:42

30 ^aMatt. 11:27; John 8:55; 17:25

31 ^aJohn 6:46; ^bJohn 3:17

32 ^aMatt. 21:46; John 7:32, 44; 10:39; ^bJohn 7:6; 8:20

33 ^aI.e., the Messiah; ^bOr, attesting miracles

34 ^aJohn 2:23;

23 "^aIf a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath that the Law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath?"

24 "^aDo not ^ajudge according to appearance, but ¹judge with righteous judgment."

25 ¶ Therefore some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?"

26 "And look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. ^aThe rulers do not really know that this is ¹the Christ, do they?"

27 "However, ^awe know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from."

28 Jesus therefore cried out in the temple, ^ateaching and saying, "^bYou both know Me and know where I am from; and ^cI have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

29 "^aI know Him; because ^bI am from Him, and ^cHe sent Me."

30 They ^awere seeking therefore to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His ^bhour had not yet come.

31 But ^amany of the multitude believed in Him; and they were saying, "^bWhen ¹the Christ shall come, He will not perform more ²signs than those which this man has, will He?"

32 The Pharisees heard the multitude muttering these things about Him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent ^aofficers to ^bseize Him.

33 Jesus therefore said, "^aFor a little while longer I am with you, then ^bI go to Him who sent Me.

34 "^aYou shall seek Me, and

8:30; 10:42; 11:45; 12:11, 42; ^bJohn 7:26; ^cJohn 2:11

32 ^aMatt. 26:58; John 7:45f.; ^bMatt. 12:14

33 ^aJohn 12:35; 13:33; 14:19; 16:16-19; ^bJohn 14:12, 28; 16:5, 10, 17, 28, 20:17

34 ^aJohn 7:36; 8:21; 13:33

shall not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come."

35 "The Jews therefore said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we shall not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?"

36 "What is this statement that He said, 'You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come'?"

37 ¶ Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."

38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'"

39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 Some of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is the Prophet."

41 Others were saying, "This is the Christ." Still others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?"

42 "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"

43 So there arose a division in the multitude because of Him.

44 And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 ¶ The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?"

46 The officers answered, "Never did a man speak the way this man speaks."

47 The Pharisees therefore an-

35 *John 7:1
*John 8:22
*Ps. 147:2; Is.
11:12; 56:8;
Zeph. 3:10;
James 1:1;
1 Pet. 1:1
*John 12:20;
Acts 14:1;
17:4; 18:4;
Rom. 1:16
36 *John
7:34; 8:21;
13:33

37 ¶ i.e., let
him keep
coming to Me
and let him
keep drinking
*Lev. 23:36;
Num. 29:35;
Neh. 8:18
*John 4:10;
14:6:35

38 ¶ i.e., out
of his belly
*Is. 44:3; 55:1;
58:11 *John
4:10

39 ¶ Other
mss. read for
the Holy
Spirit was
not yet given
*Joel 2:28;
John 1:33
*John 20:22;
Acts 1:4f.;
2:4, 33; 19:2
*John 12:16;
23, 13:31f.;
16:14; 17:1

40 *Matt
21:11; John
1:21

41 ¶ i.e., the
Messiah
*John 1:46;
7:52

42 *Ps. 89:4;
Mic. 5:2;
Matt. 1:1;
2:5f.; Luke
2:4ff.

43 *John
9:16; 10:19

44 *John
7:30

45 *John
7:32

46 *John
7:32 *Matt.
7:28

47 *John
7:12

48 *John
12:42 *Luke
23:13; John
7:26

50 *John
3:1; 19:39

51 *Ex. 23:1;
Deut. 17:6;
19:15; Prov.
18:13; Acts
23:3

52 *John
1:46; 7:41

53 *John
7:53-8:11 is
not found in
most of the
old mss.

1 *Matt.
21:1

swered them, "You have not also been led astray, have you?"

48 "No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?"

49 "But this multitude which does not know the Law is accursed."

50 "Nicodemus said to them (he who came to Him before, being one of them),

51 "Our Law does not judge a man, unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"

52 They answered and said to him, "You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."

53 [And everyone went to his home.

CHAPTER 8

BUT Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them.

3 And the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the midst,

4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.

5 "Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?"

6 And they were saying this, testing Him, in order that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground.

7 But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him

2 *Matt. 26:55; John 8:20

5 *Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22f.

6 *Matt. 16:1; 19:3; 22:18, 35; Mark 8:11; 10:2; 12:15;
Luke 10:25; 11:16 *Mark 3:2

7 *John 8:10 *Matt. 7:1; Rom. 2:1

be the ^afirst to throw a stone at her."

8 And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And when they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she had been, in the midst.

10 And ^astraightening up, Jesus said to her, "**Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?**"

11 And she said, "No one, ¹Lord." And Jesus said, "**Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on ^bsin no more.**"]

12 ¶ Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**I am the light of the world; ^bhe who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.**"

13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "**You are bearing witness of Yourself; Your witness is not ¹true.**"

14 Jesus answered and said to them, "**Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true; for I know ^bwhere I came from, and where I am going; but ^cyou do not know where I come from, or where I am going.**

15 "**You people judge ¹according to the flesh; ^bI am not judging anyone.**

16 "**But even ^aif I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and ¹He who sent Me.**

17 "**Even in ^ayour law it has been written, that the testimony of ^btwo men is ¹true.**

18 "**I am He who bears witness of Myself, and ^athe Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.**"

19 And so they were saying to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "**You know neither Me, nor My Father; ^aif you knew Me, you would know My Father also.**"

7 ^aDeut. 17:7.
10 ^aJohn 8:7.
11 ¹Or, Sir.
^aJohn 3:17.
^bJohn 5:14.
12 ^aJohn 1:4; 9:5; 12:35.
^bMatt. 5:14.
13 ¹Or, valid.
^aJohn 5:31.
14 ^aJohn 18:37; Rev. 1:5; 3:14.
^bJohn 8:42; 13:3; 16:28.
^cJohn 7:28; 9:29.
15 ¹I.e., a carnal standard.
^a1 Sam. 16:7.
John 7:24.
John 3:17.
16 ¹Many ancient mss. read the Father who sent Me.
^aJohn 5:30.
17 ¹I.e., valid or admissible.
^aDeut. 17:6; 19:15 ^bMatt. 18:16.
18 ^aJohn 5:37; 1 John 5:9.
19 ^aJohn 7:28; 8:55; 14:7; 9; 16:3.
20 ^aMark 12:41; 43; Luke 21:1.
^aJohn 7:14; 8:2 ^aJohn 7:30.
21 ^aJohn 7:34 ^aJohn 8:24.
22 ^aJohn 1:19; 8:48; 52; 57 ^aJohn 7:35.
23 ^aJohn 3:31 ¹John 4:5 ^aJohn 17:14, 16.
24 ¹Most authorities associate this with Ex. 3:14, I AM WHO I AM.
^aJohn 8:21.
^bMatt. 24:5; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8; John 4:26; 8:28, 58; 13:19.
25 ¹Or, That which I have been saying to you from the beginning.
26 ^aJohn 3:33; 7:28 ^aJohn 8:40; 12:49; 15:15.

20 These words He spoke in ^athe treasury, as ^bHe taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because ^cHis hour had not yet come.

21 ¶ He said therefore again to them, "**I go away, and ^ayou shall seek Me, and ^bshall die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.**"

22 Therefore ^athe Jews were saying, "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, **^bWhere I am going, you cannot come?**"

23 And He was saying to them, "**You are from below, I am from above; ^byou are of this world, ^cI am not of this world.**

24 "**I said therefore to you, that you ^ashall die in your sins; for unless you believe that ¹I am He, ^ayou shall die in your sins.**"

25 And so they were saying to Him, "Who are You?" Jesus said to them, "**What have I been saying to you from the beginning?**

26 "**I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but ^aHe who sent Me is true; and ^bthe things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.**"

27 They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.

28 Jesus therefore said, "**When you ^alift up the Son of Man, then you will know that ¹I am He, and ^cI do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.**

29 "**And He who sent Me is with Me; ^aHe ¹has not left Me alone, for ^bI always do the things that are pleasing to Him.**"

30 As He spoke these things, ^amany came to believe in Him.

31 ¶ Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "**If you abide in My**

28 ¹Lit., I AM (v. 24 note) ^aJohn 3:14; 12:32 ^bMatt. 24:5; Mark 13:6; Luke 21:8; John 4:26; 8:24, 58; 13:19 ^cJohn 3:11; 5:19.

29 ¹Or, did not leave ^aJohn 8:16; 16:32 ^bJohn 4:34.

30 ^aJohn 7:31.

31 ^aJohn 15:7; 2 John 9.

word, then you are truly ^bdisciples of Mine;

32 and ^ayou shall know the truth, and ^bthe truth shall make you free."

33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's offspring, and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You shall become free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aeveryone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

35 "And ^athe slave does not remain in the house forever; ^bthe son does remain forever.

36 "If therefore the Son ^ashall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

37 "I know that you are ^aAbraham's offspring; yet ^byou seek to kill Me, because My word ¹has no place in you.

38 "I speak the things which I have seen ¹with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from ^ayour father."

39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is ^aour father." Jesus ^asaid to them, "^bIf you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.

40 "But as it is, ^ayou are seeking to kill Me, a man who has ^btold you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

41 "You are doing the deeds of ^ayour father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; ^bwe have one Father, even God."

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, ^ayou would love Me; ^bfor I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have ^cnot even come on My own initiative, but ^{1d}He sent Me.

43 "Why do you not understand ^{1a}what I am saying? It is because you cannot ^bhear My word.

44 "You are of ^byour father the devil, and ^cyou want to do the desires of your father. ^dHe was a

31 ^aJohn 2:2

32 ^aJohn

1:14, 17

^bJohn 8:38;

Rom. 8:2;

2 Cor. 3:17;

Gal. 5:1, 13;

James 2:12;

1 Pet. 2:16

33 ^aMatt.

3:9; Luke 3:8;

John 8:37, 39

34 ^aRom.

6:16; 2 Pet.

2:19

35 ^aGen.

21:10; Gal.

4:30 ^bLuke

15:31

36 ^aJohn

8:32

37 ¹Or,

makes no

progress

^aMatt. 3:9;

John 8:39

^bJohn 7:1.

8:40

38 ¹Or, in

the presence

of

^aJohn 8:41,

44

39 ^aMatt.

3:9; John 8:37

^bRom. 9:7;

Gal. 3:7

40 ^aJohn

7:1, 8:37

^bJohn 8:26

41 ^aJohn

8:38, 44

^bDeut. 32:6;

Is. 63:16, 64:8

42 ¹Lit., that

One

^a1 John 5:1

^bJohn 13:3;

16:28, 30;

17:8 ^cJohn

7:28 ^dJohn

3:17

43 ¹Or, My

mode of

speaking

^aJohn 8:33,

39, 41 ^bJohn

5:25

44 ¹Lit., the

lie ²Lit., it

^a1 John 3:8

^bJohn 8:38,

41 ^cJohn 7:17

^dGen. 3:4;

1 John 3:8, 15

^e1 John 2:4

^fMatt. 12:34

45 ^aJohn

18:37

46 ^aJohn

18:37

47 ^a1 John

4:6

48 ^aJohn

1:19 ^bMatt.

10:5; John 4:9

^cJohn 7:20

49 ^aJohn

7:20

50 ^aJohn

5:41; 8:54

murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because ^athere is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks ^{1a}a lie, he ¹speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of ²lies.

45 "But because ^aI speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

46 "Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If ^aI speak truth, why do you not believe Me?

47 "He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God."

48 ¹ ^aThe Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a ^bSamaritan and ^chave a demon?"

49 Jesus answered, "I do not ^ahave a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.

50 "But ^aI do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.

51 "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone ^akeeps My word he shall never ^bsee death."

52 ^aThe Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You ^bhave a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets also; and You say, 'If anyone ^ckeeps My word, he shall never ^dtaste of death.'

53 "Surely You ^aare not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

54 Jesus answered, "^aIf I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; ^bit is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God';

55 and ^ayou have not come to know Him, ^bbut I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I shall be ^aa liar like you, ^bbut I do know Him, and ^dkeep His word.

51 ^aJohn 8:55; 14:23; 15:20; 17:6 ^bMatt. 16:28; Luke 2:26; John 8:52; Heb. 2:9; 11:5

52 ^aJohn 1:19 ^bJohn 7:20 ^cJohn 8:55; 14:23; 15:20; 17:6

^dJohn 8:51

53 ^aJohn 4:12

54 ^aJohn 8:50 ^bJohn 7:39

55 ^aJohn 8:19; 15:21 ^bJohn 7:29 ^cJohn 8:44 ^dJohn 8:51;

15:10

56 **"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."**

57 **"The Jews therefore said to Him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?'"**

58 **Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.'**

59 **Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple².**

CHAPTER 9

AND as He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

2 **And His disciples asked Him, saying, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?'"**

3 **Jesus answered, 'It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was in order that the works of God might be displayed in him.'**

4 **"We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work."**

5 **"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."**

6 **When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,**

7 **and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which is translated, Sent). And so he went away and washed, and came back seeing.**

8 **The neighbors therefore, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, 'Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?'"**

9 **Others were saying, 'This is he,' still others were saying, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the one.'**

10 **Therefore they were saying to him, 'How then were your eyes opened?'"**

56 ¹Lit., in order that he might see
²John 8:37, 39
³Matt. 13:17; Heb. 11:13

57 ¹John 1:19

58 ¹Lit., came into being
²Ex. 3:14, John 1:1, 17:5, 24

59 ¹Lit., was hidden
²Some mss. add and going through the midst of them went His way and so passed by
³Matt. 12:14, John 10:31, 11:8
⁴John 12:36

2 ¹Matt. 23:7
²Luke 13:2, John 9:34, Acts 28:4
³Ex. 20:5

3 ¹John 11:4

4 ¹John 7:33, 11:9, 12:35, Gal. 6:10

5 ¹Matt. 5:14, John 1:4, 8:12, 12:46

6 ¹Mark 7:33, 8:23

7 ¹Neh. 3:15; Is. 8:6, Luke 13:4, John 9:11
²2 Kin. 5:13f.
³Is. 29:18, 35:5, 42:7, Matt. 11:5, John 11:37

8 ¹Acts 3:2, 10

11 ¹John 9:7

14 ¹John 5:9

15 ¹John 9:10

16 ¹Or, attesting miracles
²Matt. 12:2, Luke 13:14, John 5:10, 7:23
³John 2:11, John 6:52, 7:12, 43:10, 19

17 ¹John 9:15
²Deut. 18:15, Matt. 21:11

18 ¹John 1:19, 9:22

22 ¹John 7:13

11 **He answered, 'The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam, and wash'; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.'**

12 **And they said to him, 'Where is He?' He said, 'I do not know.'**

13 **They brought to the Pharisees him who was formerly blind.**

14 **Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.**

15 **Again, therefore, the Pharisees also were asking him how he received his sight. And he said to them, 'He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.'**

16 **Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, 'This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.' But others were saying, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And there was a division among them.**

17 **They said therefore to the blind man again, 'What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?' And he said, 'He is a prophet.'**

18 **The Jews therefore did not believe it of him, that he had been blind, and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight.**

19 **and questioned them, saying, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?'"**

20 **His parents answered them and said, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;**

21 **but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he shall speak for himself.'**

22 **His parents said this because they were afraid of the**

Jews; for the Jews ^bhad already agreed, that if anyone should confess Him to be ¹Christ, ^che should be put out of the synagogue.

23 For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 ¶ So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God; we know that ^bthis man is a sinner."

25 He therefore answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

26 They said therefore to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

27 He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not ^blisten; why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?"

28 And they reviled him, and said, "You are His disciple, but ^awe are disciples of Moses.

29 "We know that God has spoken to Moses; but as for this man, ^awe do not know where He is from."

30 The man answered and said to them, "Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.

31 "We know that ^aGod does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing, and does His will, He hears him.

32 "Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 "If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

34 They answered and said to him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they ^bput him out.

35 ¶ Jesus heard that they had ^aput him out; and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the ^bSon of Man?"

36 He answered and said,

22 ¹i.e., the Messiah
^aJohn 7:45-52
^cLuke 6:22;
John 12:42;
16:2

23 ^aJohn
9:21

24 ^aJosh.
7:19; Ezra
10:11; Rev.
11:13 ^bJohn
9:16

27 ^aJohn
9:15 ^bJohn
5:25

28 ^aJohn
5:45; Rom.
2:17

29 ^aJohn
8:14

31 ^aJob
27:8f.; 35:13;
Ps. 34:15f.;
66:18, 145:19;
Prov. 15:29;
28:9, 18, 1:15;
James 5:16ff.

32 ¹Lit.,
From antiquity it was
not heard

33 ^aJohn
3:2; 9:16

34 ^aJohn 9:2
^bJohn 9:22;
35; 3 John 10

35 ^aJohn
9:22, 34;
3 John 10
^bMatt. 4:3

36 ¹Or, Sir
^aRom. 10:14

37 ^aJohn
4:26

38 ^aMatt.
8:2

39 ^aJohn
3:19; 5:22, 27
^bLuke 4:18
^cMatt. 13:13;
15:14

40 ^aRom.
2:19

41 ^aJohn
15:22, 24
^bProv. 26:12

1 ^aJohn
10:8

2 ^aJohn
10:11f.

3 ^aJohn
10:4f., 16, 27
^bJohn 10:9

4 ^aJohn
10:5, 16, 27

5 ^aJohn
10:4, 16, 27

6 ^aJohn
16:25, 29;
2 Pet. 2:22

7 ^aJohn
10:1f., 9

8 ^aJer.
23:1f.; Ezek.
34:2ff.; John
10:1

9 ^aJohn
10:1f., 9

"And ^awho is He, ¹Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and ^aHe is the one who is talking with you."

38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he ^aworshiped Him.

39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that ^bthose who do not see may see; and that ^cthose who see may become blind."

40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

CHAPTER 10

“TRULY, truly, I say to you, ¹He who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is ^aa thief and a robber.

2 "But he who enters by the door is ^aa shepherd of the sheep.

3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear ^ahis voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and ^bleads them out.

4 "When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know ^ahis voice.

5 "And a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know ^athe voice of strangers."

6 This ^afigure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7 ¶ Jesus therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am ^athe door of the sheep.

8 "All who came before Me are ^athieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be

saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they ^amight have life, and might ^bhave it abundantly.

11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd ^blays down His life for the sheep.

12 "He who is a hireling, and not a ^ashepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters them.

13 "He flees because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep.

14 "I am the good shepherd; and ^bI know My own, and My own know Me,

15 even as ^athe Father knows Me and I know the Father; and ^bI lay down My life for the sheep.

16 "And I have ^aother sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become ^bone flock with ^cone shepherd.

17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I ^alay down My life that I may take it again.

18 "No one ^bhas taken it away from Me, but I ^blay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. ^cThis commandment I received from My Father."

19 ¶ ^aThere arose a division again among the Jews because of these words.

20 And many of them were saying, "He ^ahas a demon and ^bis insane. Why do you listen to Him?"

21 Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one ^ademon-possessed. ^bA demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?"

22 ¶ At that time the Feast of

10 ^aOr, have abundance
*John 5:40

11 *Is.
40:11; Ezek.
34:11-16, 23;
John 10:14;
Heb. 13:20;
1 Pet. 5:4;
Rev. 7:17

*John 10:15;
17, 18, 15:13;
1 John 3:16

12 *John
10:2

14 *John
10:11 *John
10:27

15 *Matt.
11:27; Luke
10:22 *John
10:11, 17, 18

16 *Is. 56:8
*John 11:52;
17:20f.; Eph.
2:13-18;
1 Pet. 2:25

*Ezek. 34:23;
37:24

17 *John
10:11, 15, 18

18 (Many
Gr. mss. read
takes
*Matt. 26:53;
John 2:19;
5:26 *John
10:11, 15, 17

*John 14:31;
15:10; Phil.
2:8; Heb. 5:8

19 *John
7:43; 9:16

20 *John
7:20 *Mark
3:21

21 *Matt.
4:24 *Ex.
4:11; John
9:32f.

23 *Acts
3:11; 5:12

24 (I.e., the
Messiah
*John 1:19;
10:31, 33
*Luke 22:67;
John 16:25

25 *John
8:56, 58
*John 5:36;
10:38

26 *John
8:47

27 *John
10:4, 16
*John 10:14

28 *John
17:2f.; 1 John
2:25; 5:11
*John 6:37,
39

29 (Some
early mss.
read What
My Father
has given Me
is greater
than all
30 (Lit.,
(neuter) a
unity; or, one
essence
*John 17:21ff.
31 *John
8:59

the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;

23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of ^aSolomon.

24 "The Jews therefore gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are ^bthe Christ, tell us ^bplainly."

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; ^bthe works that I do in My Father's name, these bear witness of Me.

26 "But you do not believe, because ^ayou are not of My sheep.

27 "My sheep ^ahear My voice, and ^bI know them, and they follow Me;

28 and I give ^aeternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and ^bno one shall snatch them out of My hand.

29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

30 "I and the Father are ^bone."

31 ¶ The Jews ^atook up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

33 The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for ^ablasphemy; and because You, being a man, ^bmake Yourself out to be God."

34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in ^ayour ^bLaw, ^cI SAID, YOU ARE GODS?"

35 "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36 do you say of Him, whom the Father ^asanctified and ^bsent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

33 *Lev. 24:16 *John 5:18

34 *John 8:17 *John 12:34; 15:25; Rom. 3:19; 1 Cor.

14:21 *Ps. 82:6

36 *Jer. 1:5; John 6:69 *John 3:17 *John 5:17f.; 10:30

37 **"If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;**

38 **but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe ^athe works, that you may ⁱknow and understand that ^bthe Father is in Me, and I in the Father."**

39 Therefore ^athey were seeking again to seize Him, and ^bHe eluded their grasp.

40 **¶ And He went away ^aagain beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there.**

41 And many came to Him and were saying, "While John performed no ^asign, yet ^beverything John said about this man was true."

42 And ^amany believed in Him there.

CHAPTER 11

NOW a certain man was sick, Lazarus of ^aBethany, the village of Mary and her sister ^bMartha.

2 And it was the Mary who ^aanointed ^bthe Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 The sisters therefore sent to Him, saying, "^aLord, behold, ^bhe whom You love is sick."

4 But when Jesus heard it, He said, "**This sickness is not unto death, but for ^athe glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it.**"

5 Now Jesus loved ^aMartha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When therefore He heard that he was sick, He stayed then two days *longer* in the place where He was.

7 Then after this He ^asaid to the disciples, "**Let us go to Judea again.**"

8 The disciples ^asaid to Him, "^aRabbi, the Jews were just now seeking ^bto stone You, and are You going there again?"

37 ^aJohn 10:25; 15:24

38 ⁱLit., know and continue knowing
^aJohn 10:25; 14:11 ^bJohn 14:10f., 20; 17:21, 23

39 ^aJohn 7:30 ^bLuke 4:30; John 8:59

40 ^aJohn 1:28

41 ^aJohn 2:11 ^bJohn 1:27, 30, 34; 3:27-30

42 ^aJohn 7:31

1 ^aMatt. 21:17; John 11:18 ^bLuke 10:38; John 11:5, 19ff.

2 ^aLuke 7:38; John 12:3 ^bLuke 7:13; John 11:3, 21, 32; 13:13f.

3 ^aLuke 7:13; John 11:2, 21, 32; 13:13f. ^bJohn 11:5, 11, 36

4 ^aJohn 9:3; 10:38; 11:40

5 ^aJohn 11:1

7 ^aJohn 10:40

8 ^aMatt. 23:7 ^bJohn 8:59; 10:31

9 ^aLuke 13:33; John 9:4; 12:35

11 ^aJohn 11:3 ^bMatt. 27:52; Mark 5:39; John 11:13; Acts 7:60

12 ⁱLit., be saved

13 ⁱLit., the slumber of sleep

^aMatt. 9:24; Luke 8:52

16 ⁱL.e., the Twin

^aMatt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; John 14:5; 20:26-28;

Acts 1:13

^bJohn 20:24; 21:2

17 ^aJohn 11:39

18 ⁱL.e., 15 stadia (9,090 ft.)

^aJohn 11:1

19 ^aJohn 1:19; 11:8

^bJohn 11:1

^c1 Sam. 31:13; 1 Chr.

9 Jesus answered, "**Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.**"

10 **"But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."**

11 This He said, and after that He ^asaid to them, "**Our ^afriend Lazarus ^bhas fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awaken him out of sleep."**

12 The disciples therefore said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will ⁱrecover."

13 Now ^aJesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of ⁱliteral sleep.

14 Then Jesus therefore said to them plainly, "**Lazarus is dead,**

15 **and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him."**

16 ^aThomas therefore, who is called ⁱbDidymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

17 **¶ So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb ^afour days.**

18 Now ^aBethany was near Jerusalem, about ⁱtwo miles off;

19 and many of ^athe Jews had come to ^bMartha and Mary, ^cto console them concerning *their* brother.

20 ^aMartha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him; but ^aMary still sat in the house.

21 Martha therefore said to Jesus, "^aLord, ^bif You had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 **"Even now I know that ^awhatever You ask of God, God will give You."**

23 Jesus ^asaid to her, "**Your brother shall rise again."**

10:12; Job 2:11; John 11:31

20 ^aLuke 10:38-42

21 ^aJohn 11:2 ^bJohn 11:32, 37

22 ^aJohn 9:31; 11:41f.

24 Martha ^asaid to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,**

26 **and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"**

27 She ^asaid to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are ^{1a}the Christ, the Son of God, even ^{2b}He who comes into the world."

28 And when she had said this, she ^awent away, and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, ^b"The Teacher is here, and is calling for you."

29 And when she heard it, she ^aarose quickly, and was coming to Him.

30 ^aNow Jesus had not yet come into the village, but ^awas still in the place where Martha met Him.

31 ^aThe Jews then who were with her in the house, and ^bconsoling her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to ¹weep there.

32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, ^a"Lord, ^bif You had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus therefore saw her ¹weeping, and ^athe Jews who came with her, ^{also} ¹weeping, He ^bwas deeply moved in spirit, and ^{2c}was troubled,

34 and said, **"Where have you laid him?"** They ^asaid to Him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus ^awept.

36 And so ^athe Jews were saying, "Behold how He ^{1b}loved him!"

37 But some of them said, "Could not this man, who

24 ^aDan. 12:2; John 5:28f.; Acts 24:15

25 ^aJohn 1:4; 5:26; 6:39f.; Rev. 1:18

26 ^aJohn 6:47, 50, 51; 8:51

27 ^{1a}i.e., the Messiah ^{2b}The Coming One was the Messianic title

^aMatt. 16:16; Luke 2:11

^aJohn 6:14

28 ^aJohn 11:30; ^aMatt.

26:18; ^aMark

14:14; ^aLuke

22:11; ^aJohn

13:13

30 ^aJohn

11:20

31 ¹Lit.,

^awill

^aJohn 11:19;

33 ^aJohn

11:19

32 ^aJohn

11:2; ^aJohn

11:21

33 ¹Lit.,

^aweeping ²Lit.,

^atroubled

^aHimself

^aJohn 11:19

^aJohn 11:38

^aJohn 12:27;

13:21

35 ^aLuke

19:41; ^aJohn

11:33

36 ¹Lit., was

^aloving

^aJohn 11:19

^aJohn 11:3

37 ¹Lit.,

^ahave counted

^athat this man

^aalso not die

^aJohn 9:7

38 ^aMatt.

27:60; ^aMark

15:46; ^aLuke

24:2; ^aJohn

20:1; ^aJohn

17:1; ^aActs

7:55; ^aMatt.

11:25

42 ^aJohn

12:30; 17:21

^aJohn 3:17

44 ^aJohn

19:40; ^aJohn

20:7

45 ^aJohn

7:31; ^aJohn

11:19; 12:17f.

^aJohn 2:23

46 ^aJohn

7:32, 45;

11:57

^aopened the eyes of him who was blind, ¹have kept this man also from dying?"

38 ^aJesus therefore again being deeply moved within, ^acame to the tomb. Now it was a ^acave, and a stone was lying against it.

39 Jesus ^asaid, **"Remove the stone."** Martha, the sister of the deceased, ^asaid to Him, "Lord, by this time ¹there will be a stench, for he has been dead ^afour days."

40 Jesus ^asaid to her, **"Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"**

41 And so they removed the ^astone. And Jesus ^braised His eyes, and said, ^a"Father, I thank Thee that Thou heardest Me."

42 **"And I knew that Thou hearest Me always; but ^abecause of the people standing around I said it, that they may believe that ^bThou didst send Me."**

43 And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, **"Lazarus, come forth."**

44 He who had died came forth, ^abound hand and foot with wrappings; and ^bhis face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus ^asaid to them, **"Unbind him, and let him go."**

45 ^aMany therefore of the Jews, ^bwho had come to Mary and ^cbeheld what He had done, believed in Him.

46 But some of them went away to the ^aPharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

47 ^aTherefore ^athe chief priests and the Pharisees ^bconvened a ^ccouncil, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many ^{1d}signs."

48 "If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take

47 ¹Or, attesting miracles ^aJohn 7:32, 45; 11:57
^aMatt. 26:3 ^aMatt. 5:22 ^aJohn 2:11

away both our ^aplace and our nation."

49 But a certain one of them, ^aCaia^aphas, ^bwho was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all,

50 nor do you take into account that ^ait is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish."

51 Now this he did not say ¹on his own initiative; but ^abeing high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation.

52 and not for the nation only, but that He might also ^agather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

53 So from that day on they ^aplanned together to kill Him.

54 ^aJesus therefore ^ano longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called ^bEphraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.

55 Now ^athe Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, ^bto purify themselves.

56 Therefore they ^awere seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?"

57 Now ^athe chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

CHAPTER 12

^aJESUS, therefore, six days before ^bthe Passover, came to ^cBethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

2 So they made Him a supper there, and ^aMartha was serving;

48 ^aMatt. 24:15

49 ^aMatt. 26:3 ^bJohn 11:51; 18:13

50 ^aJohn 18:14

51 ¹Lit., from himself

^aJohn 18:13

52 ^aJohn 10:16

53 ^aMatt. 26:4

54 ^aJohn 7:1 ^bChr. 13:19

mg

55 ^aMatt. 26:11; Mark 14:1; Luke 22:1; John 2:13; 12:1; 13:1 ^bNum. 9:10; 2 Chr. 30:17f.; John 18:28

56 ^aJohn 7:11

57 ^aJohn 11:47

1 ^aJohn 12:1-8; Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:37-39 ^bJohn 11:55; 12:20

^aMatt. 21:17; John 11:43f.

2 ^aLuke 10:38

3 ^aLuke 7:37f.; John 11:2 ^bMark 14:3

4 ¹Or, deliver Him up

^aJohn 6:71

5 ¹Equiv-
alent to 11
months' wages

6 ^aJohn 13:29 ^bLuke 8:3

7 ¹Lit., The custom of anointing for burial

^aJohn 19:40

8 ^aDeut. 15:11; Matt. 26:11; Mark 14:7

9 ^aMark 12:37; John 12:12 mg.

^bJohn 11:43f.; 12:1, 17f.

11 ^aJohn 11:45f.; 12:18

^bJohn 7:31; 11:42

12 ¹Or, the common people

^aJohn 12:12-15; Matt. 21:4-9; Mark 11:7-10; Luke 19:35-38

^bJohn 12:1

13 ^aPs. 118:26 ^bJohn 1:49

but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him.

3 ^aMary therefore took a pound of very costly ^bperfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But ^aJudas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to ¹betray Him, ^asaid,

5 "Why was this perfume not sold for ¹three hundred denarii, and given to poor people?"

6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he ^ahad the money box, he used to pilfer ^bwhat was put into it.

7 Jesus therefore said, "**Let her alone, in order that she may keep ¹it for ^athe day of My burial.**

8 "**For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me.**"

9 ^aThe great multitude therefore of the Jews learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, ^bwhom He raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also;

11 because ^aon account of him ^bmany of the Jews were going away, and were believing in Jesus.

12 ^aOn the next day ¹the great multitude who had come to ^bthe feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

13 took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and began to cry out, "**Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the ^bKing of Israel.**"

14 And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,

15 "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."

16 "These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus ^bwas glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

17 And so ^athe multitude who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, were bearing Him witness.

18 "For this cause also the multitude went and met Him, ^bbecause they heard that He had performed this ⁱsign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

20 ¶ Now there were certain ^aGreeks among those who were going up to worship at ^bthe feast;

21 these therefore came to ^aPhilip, who was from ^bBethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip ^acame and ^atold ^aAndrew; Andrew and Philip ^acame, and they ^atold Jesus.

23 And Jesus ^aanswered them, saying, "^aThe hour has come for the Son of Man to ^bbe glorified.

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aunless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 "^aHe who loves his ⁱlife loses it; and he who ^bhates his ⁱlife in this world shall keep it to life eternal.

26 "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and ^awhere I am, there shall My servant also be; if anyone serves Me, the Father will ^bhonor him.

27 ¶ "^aNow My soul has become troubled; and what shall I

15 ^aZech.

9:9

16 ^aMark

9:32; John

2:22; 14:26

^bJohn 7:39;

12:23

17 ^aJohn

11:42

18 ^aOr, at-

testing mir-

acle

^aLuke 19:37;

John 12:12

^bJohn 12:11

20 ^aJohn

7:35 ^bJohn

12:1

21 ^aJohn

1:44 ^bMatt.

11:21

22 ^aJohn

1:44

23 ^aMatt.

26:45; Mark

14:35, 41;

John 13:1;

17:1 ^bJohn

7:39; 12:16;

13:32

24 ^aRom.

14:9; 1 Cor.

15:36

25 ^aOr, soul

^aMatt. 10:39;

16:25; Mark

8:35; Luke

9:24; 17:33

^bLuke 14:26

26 ^aJohn

14:3, 17:24;

2 Cor. 5:8;

Phil. 1:23;

1 Thess. 4:17

^b1 Sam. 2:30;

Ps. 91:15;

Luke 12:37

27 ^aMatt.

26:38; Mark

14:34; John

11:33 ^bMatt.

11:25 ^cJohn

12:23

28 ^aMatt.

11:25 ^bMatt.

3:17; 17:5;

Mark 1:11;

9:7; Luke

3:22; 9:35

29 ^aActs

23:9

30 ^aJohn

11:42

31 ^aJohn

3:19; 9:39;

16:11 ^bJohn

14:30; 16:11;

2 Cor. 4:4;

Eph. 2:2;

6:12; 1 John

4:4; 5:19

32 ^aJohn

3:14; 8:28;

12:34 ^bJohn

6:44

33 ^aJohn

18:32; 21:19

34 ^aI.e., the

Messiah

^aJohn 10:34

^bPs. 110:4; Is.

9:7; Ezek.

37:25; Dan.

7:14 ^cMatt.

8:20 ^dJohn

3:14; 8:28;

say, ^bFather, save Me from ^cthis hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour.

28 "^aFather, glorify Thy name."

There came therefore a ^bvoice out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

29 The multitude therefore, who stood by and heard it, were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "^aAn angel has spoken to Him."

30 Jesus answered and said,

"^aThis voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes.

31 "^aNow judgment is upon this world; now ^bthe ruler of this world shall be cast out.

32 "And I, if I ^bbe lifted up from the earth, will ^bdraw all men to Myself."

33 But He was saying this ^ato indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.

34 The multitude therefore answered Hira, "We have heard out of ^athe Law that ^bthe Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ^cThe ^cSon of Man must be ^dlifted up? Who is this ^cSon of Man?"

35 Jesus therefore said to them, "^aFor a little while longer ^bthe light is among you. ^cWalk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you; he who ^dwalks in the darkness does not know where he goes.

36 "While you have the light, ^abelieve in the light, in order that you may become ^bsons of light."

¶ These things Jesus spoke, and He departed and ^chid Himself from them.

37 But though He had performed so many ⁱsigns before them, yet they were not believing in Him;

38 that the word of Isaiah the

12:32

35 ^aJohn 7:33; 9:4 ^bJohn 12:46; 1 John 2:10 ^cGal. 6:10;

Eph. 5:8 ^d1 John 1:6; 2:11

36 ^aLit., was hidden ^bJohn 12:46 ^cLuke 16:8; John 8:12

^dJohn 8:59

37 ^aOr, attesting miracles

prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "aLORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"

39 For this cause they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,

40 "aHE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES, AND HE bHARDENED THEIR HEART; LEST THEY SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND ¹BE CONVERTED, AND I HEAL THEM."

41 These things Isaiah said, because ahe saw His glory, and bhe spoke of Him.

42 Nevertheless amany even of bthe rulers believed in Him, but cbecause of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, lest they should be ¹dput out of the synagogue;

43 afor they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

44 ¶ And Jesus cried out and said, "aHe who believes in Me does not believe in Me, but in Him who sent Me.

45 "And ahe who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me.

46 "aI have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness.

47 "And if anyone hears My sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for aI did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 "aHe who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; bthe word I spoke is what will judge him at, cthe last day.

49 "aFor I did not speak ¹on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me bhas given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.

50 "And I know that aHis commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak bjust as the Father has told Me."

38 aIs. 53:1.

Rom. 10:16

40 Lit.,

should be

turned, i.e.,

turn about

aIs. 6:10.

Matt. 13:14f.

bMark 6:52

41 aIs. 6:1ff.

bLuke 24:27

42 I.e.,

excommunicated

aJohn 7:48;

12:11 bLuke

23:13 cJohn

7:13 dJohn

9:22

43 aJohn

5:41, 44

44 aMatt.

10:40, John

5:24

45 aJohn

14:9

46 aJohn

1:4; 3:19;

8:12; 9:5;

12:35f.

47 aJohn

3:17; 8:15f.

48 aLuke

10:16 bDeut.

18:18f.; John

5:45ff.; 8:47

cMatt. 10:15;

John 6:39;

Acts 17:31;

1 Pet. 1:5;

2 Pet. 3:3, 7;

Heb. 10:25

49 Lit., of

Myself

aJohn 3:11;

7:16; 8:26, 28;

38; 14:10, 24

bJohn 14:31;

17:8

50 aJohn

6:68 bJohn

5:19; 8:28

1 Lit., to

the utter-

most; or,

eternally

aJohn 2:13;

11:55 bJohn

12:23 cJohn

13:3; 16:28

2 aJohn

6:70; 13:27

bJohn 6:71

3 aJohn

3:35 bJohn

8:42

4 aLuke

12:37, 17:8

5 aGen.

18:4; 19:2.

43:24; Judg.

19:21; Luke

7:44; 1 Tim.

5:10

7 aJohn

13:12ff.

8 aPs. 51:2.

7. Ezek.

36:25; Acts

22:16; 1 Cor.

6:11; Heb.

10:22 bDeut.

12:12; 2 Sam.

20:1; 1 Kin.

12:16

CHAPTER 13

NOW before the Feast of athe Passover, Jesus knowing that bHis hour had come that He should depart out of this world cto the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them ¹to the end.

2 And during supper, athe devil having already put into the heart of bJudas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,

3 Jesus, aknowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that bHe had come forth from God, and was going back to God,

4 arose from supper, and alaid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He agirded Himself about.

5 Then He apoured water into the basin, and began to awash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

6 And so He acame to Simon Peter. He asaid to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you shall understand ahereafter."

8 Peter asaid to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "aIf I do not wash you, byou have no part with Me."

9 Simon Peter asaid to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

10 Jesus asaid to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and ayou are clean, but not all of you."

11 For aHe knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 ¶ And so when He had washed their feet, and ataken His garments, and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do

10 aJohn 15:3; Eph. 5:26

11 aJohn 6:64; 13:2

12 aJohn 13:4

you know what I have done to you?

13 "You call Me ***Teacher and *Lord**; and **you are right, for so I am.**

14 "If I then, ***the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.**

15 "For I gave you ***an example that you also should do as I did to you.**

16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, ***a slave is not greater than his master; neither is ^bone who is sent greater than the one who sent him.**

17 "If you know these things, you are ***blessed if you do them.**

18 "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have ***chosen**; but **it is ^cthat the Scripture may be fulfilled, ^dHE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.**

19 "From now on ***I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that ^eI am He.**

20 "Truly, truly, I say to you, ***he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."**

21 ¶ When Jesus had said this, He ***became troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that ^bone of you will ^bbetray Me."**

22 The disciples began looking at one another, ***at a loss to know of which one He was speaking.**

23 There was reclining on ***Jesus' breast one of His disciples, ^bwhom Jesus loved.**

24 Simon Peter therefore ***gestured to him, and *said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking."**

25 He, ***leaning back thus on Jesus' breast, *said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"**

26 Jesus therefore ***answered, "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to**

13 ^fLit., you say well

^gJohn 11:28

^hJohn 11:2;

1 Cor. 12:3;

Phil. 2:11

14 ⁱJohn

11:2; 1 Cor.

12:3; Phil.

2:11

15 ^j1 Pet.

5:3

16 ^kMatt.

10:24; Luke

6:40; John

15:20 ^l2 Cor.

8:23; Phil.

2:25

17 ^mMatt.

7:24ff.; Luke

11:28; James

1:25

18 ⁿJohn

13:10f. ^oJohn

6:70; 15:16;

19 ^pJohn

15:25; 17:12;

18:32; 19:24;

36 ^qPs. 41:9;

Matt. 26:21ff.;

Mark 14:18f.;

Luke 22:21ff.;

John 13:21.

22, 26

19 ^rJohn

14:29; 16:4

^sJohn 8:24

20 ^tMatt.

10:40; Mark

9:37; Luke

9:48; 10:16;

Gal. 4:14

21 ^uOr, de-

liver Me up

^vJohn 11:33

^wMatt.

26:21f.; Mark

14:18ff.; Luke

22:21ff.; John

13:18, 22, 26

22 ^xMatt.

26:21ff.; Mark

14:18ff.; Luke

22:21ff.; John

13:18, 21, 26

23 ^yJohn

1:18 ^zJohn

19:26; 20:2;

21:7, 20

24 ^{aa}John

21:20

25 ^{ab}John

6:71

27 ^{ac}Matt.

4:10 ^{ad}Luke

22:3; John

13:2

29 ^{ae}John

12:6 ^{af}John

13:1 ^{ag}John

12:5

30 ^{ah}Luke

22:33

31 ^{ai}Or, was

^{aj}Matt. 8:20

^{ak}John 7:39

^{al}John 14:13;

17:4; 1 Pet.

4:11

32 ^{am}Some

ancient mss.

do not contain

this phrase

John 17:1

him." So when He had dipped the morsel, He ***took and *gave it to Judas, ^athe son of Simon Iscariot.**

27 And after the morsel, ***Satan then ^bentered into him. Jesus therefore *said to him, "What you do, do quickly."**

28 Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him.

29 For some were supposing, because Judas ***had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of ^bfor the feast"; or else, that he should ^cgive something to the poor.**

30 And so after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and ***it was night.**

31 ¶ When therefore he had gone out, Jesus ***said, "Now ⁱis ⁱthe Son of Man ^jglorified, and ^kGod ^kis glorified in Him;**

32 **^lif God is glorified in Him, ^mGod will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately.**

33 ***"Little children, I am with you ^aa little while longer. ^cYou shall seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, I now say to you also, ^dWhere I am going, you cannot come."**

34 ***"A ^anew commandment I give to you, ^bthat you love one another, ^ceven as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

35 ***"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

36 ¶ Simon Peter ***said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, **"Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but ^byou shall follow later."****

33 ¹John 2:1 ²John 7:33 ³John 7:34
34 ⁴John 15:12, 17; 1 John 2:7f., 3:11, 23; 2 John 5
⁵Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:44; Gal. 5:14; 1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 4:7 ⁶Eph. 5:2; 1 John 4:10f.
35 ⁷1 John 3:14; 4:20
36 ⁸John 13:33; 14:2; 16:5 ⁹John 21:18f.; 2 Pet. 1:14

37 Peter ^asaid to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? ^aI will lay down my life for You."

38 Jesus ^aanswered, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, ^aa cock shall not crow, until you deny Me three times.

CHAPTER 14

1 ^aLet not your heart be troubled; ^bbelieve in God, believe also in Me.

2 ^aIn My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for ^aI go to prepare a place for you.

3 ^aAnd if I go and prepare a place for you, ^aI will come again, and receive you to Myself; that ^bwhere I am, there you may be also.

4 ^aAnd you know the way where I am going."

5 ^aThomas ^asaid to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

6 Jesus ^asaid to him, "I am ^athe way, and ^bthe truth, and ^cthe life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

7 ^aIf you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you ^bknow Him, and have ^cseen Him."

8 ^aPhilip ^asaid to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

9 Jesus ^asaid to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? ^aHe who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

10 ^aDo you not believe that ^aI am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? ^bThe words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

11 ^aBelieve Me that ^aI am in the Father, and the Father in Me;

37 ^aJohn 13:37, 38; Matt. 26:33-35; Mark 14:29-31; Luke 22:33-34
38 ^aMark 14:30; John 18:27

1 ^aOr, you believe in God

^aJohn 14:27; 16:22, 24

2 ^aJohn 13:33, 36

3 ^aJohn 14:18, 28

^bJohn 12:26

4 ^aMany ancient authorities read And where I go you know, and the way you know

5 ^aJohn 11:16

6 ^aJohn 10:9; Rom. 5:2; Eph. 2:18; Heb. 10:20

^bJohn 1:14; 11:25; 1 John 5:20

7 ^aJohn 8:19; ^b1 John 2:13

8 ^aJohn 6:46

9 ^aJohn 1:14; 12:45; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3

10 ^aJohn 10:38; 14:11; 20 ^bJohn 5:19; 14:24

11 ^aJohn 10:38; 14:10; 20 ^bJohn 5:36

12 ^aJohn 4:37f.; 5:20

^bJohn 7:33; 14:28

13 ^aMatt. 7:7

14 ^aJohn 15:16; 16:23f.

15 ^aJohn 14:21, 23; 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6

16 ^aGr., Paracletos, one called alongside to help; or, Intercessor

^aJohn 7:39; 14:26; 15:26; 16:7; Rom. 8:26; 1 John 2:1

17 ^aJohn 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 4:6; 5:7

^b1 Cor. 2:14

18 ^aJohn 14:3, 28

otherwise ^bbelieve on account of the works themselves.

12 ^aTruly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and ^agreater works than these shall he do; because ^bI go to the Father.

13 ^aAnd ^awhatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that ^bthe Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 ^aIf you ask Me anything ^ain My name, I will do it.

15 ^aIf you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

16 ^aAnd I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ^aHelper, that He may be with you forever;

17 ^athat is ^athe Spirit of truth, ^bwhom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.

18 ^aI will not leave you as orphans; ^aI will come to you.

19 ^aAfter a little while ^bthe world will behold Me no more; but you will behold Me; ^cbecause I live, you shall live also.

20 ^aIn that day you shall know that ^bI am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 ^aHe who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and ^bhe who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will ^cdisclose Myself to him."

22 ^aJudas (not Iscariot) ^asaid to Him, "Lord, what then has happened ^bthat You are going to disclose Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said to him, ^a"If anyone loves Me, he

19 ^aLit., Yet a little and the world ^aJohn 7:33 ^bJohn 16:16, 22 ^cJohn 6:57

20 ^aJohn 16:23, 26 ^bJohn 10:38; 14:11

21 ^aJohn 14:15, 23; 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6 ^bJohn 14:23; 16:27

^cEx. 33:18f.; Prov. 8:17

22 ^aLuke 6:16; Acts 1:13 ^bActs 10:40, 41

23 ^aJohn 14:15, 21; 15:10; 1 John 5:3; 2 John 6

will ^bkeep My word; and ^cMy Father will love him, and We ^dwill come to him, and make Our abode with him.

24 "He who does not love Me ^edoes not keep My words; and ^fthe word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

25 "These things I have spoken to you, while abiding with you.

26 "But the ^gHelper, the Holy Spirit, ^hwhom the Father will send in My name, ⁱHe will teach you all things, and ^jbring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. ^kLet not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

28 "You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and ^lI will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because ^mI go to the Father; for ⁿthe Father is greater than I.

29 "And now ^oI have told you before it comes to pass, that when it comes to pass, you may believe.

30 "I will not speak much more with you, for ^pthe ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me:

31 but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as ^qthe Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, ^rlet us go from here.

CHAPTER 15

1 "I AM the true vine, and My Father is the ^svine-dresser.

2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He ^tprunes it, that it may bear more fruit.

3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

23 *John

8:51;

1 John 2:5

*John 14:21

*2 Cor. 6:16;

Eph. 3:17;

1 John 2:24;

Rev. 3:20;

21:3

24 *John

14:23 *John

7:16; 14:10

26 *John

14:16 *Luke

24:49; John

1:33; 15:26;

16:7; Acts

2:33 *John

16:13f.

1 John 2:20;

27 *John 2:22

27 *John

16:33; 20:19;

Phil. 4:7; Col.

3:15 *John

14:1

28 *John

14:2-4 *John

14:3, 18

*John 14:12

*John 10:29;

Phil. 2:6

29 *John

13:19

30 *John

12:31

31 *John

10:18; 12:49

*John 13:1;

18:1

1 *Ps.

80:8ff., Is.

5:1ff., Ezek.

19:10ff., Matt.

21:33ff.

*Matt. 15:13;

Rom. 11:17;

1 Cor. 3:9

2 *Lit.,

cleanse

3 *John

13:10; 17:17;

Eph. 5:26

4 *John

6:56; 15:4-7;

1 John 2:6

5 *John

15:16

6 *John

15:2

7 *Matt.

7:7; John

15:16

8 *Another

reading is

that you bear

much fruit,

and become

My disciples

*Matt. 5:16

*John 8:31

9 *John

3:35; 17:23,

24, 26

10 *John

14:15 *John

8:29

11 *John

17:13 *John

3:29

12 *John

13:34; 15:17;

1 John 3:23;

2 John 5

4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he ^ubears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is ^vthrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ^wask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

8 "By this is My Father glorified, ^xthat you bear much fruit, and so ^yprove to be My disciples.

9 "Just as ^zthe Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as ^{aa}I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your ^{ab}joy may be made full.

12 "This is ^{ac}My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one ^{ad}lay down his life for his friends.

14 "You are My ^{ae}friends, if ^{af}you do what I command you.

15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for ^{ag}all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you,

13 *Rom. 5:7f. *John 10:11

14 *Luke 12:4 *Matt. 12:50

15 *John 8:26; 16:12

16 *John 6:70; 13:18; 15:19

that you should go and ^bbear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that ^cwhatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.

17 "This ^aI command you, that you love one another.

18 "If the world hates you, ⁱyou know that it has hated Me before it hated you.

19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but ^aI chose you out of the world, ^btherefore the world hates you.

20 "Remember the word that I said to you, ^a'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, ^bthey will also persecute you; if they ^ckept My word, they will keep yours also.

21 "But all these things they will do to you ^afor My name's sake, ^bbecause they do not know the One who sent Me.

22 "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have ⁱsin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

23 "He who hates Me hates My Father also.

24 "If I had not done among them ^bthe works which no one else did, they would not have ⁱsin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.

25 "But they have done this in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their ^aLaw, ^bTHEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE."

26 "When the ^{1a}Helper comes, ^bwhom I will send to you from the Father, that is ^cthe Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, ^dHe will bear witness of Me,

27 ⁱand ^ayou will bear witness also, because you have been with Me ^bfrom the beginning.

CHAPTER 16

"THESE things I have spoken to you, that you may be kept from ^bstumbling.

16 ^aJohn 15:5 ^cJohn 14:13; 15:7; 16:23
17 ^aJohn 15:12

18 ¹Or, (imperative) know that

^aJohn 7:7; 1 John 3:13

19 ^aJohn 15:16 ^bMatt. 10:22; 24:9; John 17:14

20 ^aMatt. 10:24; John 13:16 ¹1 Cor.

4:12; 2 Cor. 4:9; 2 Tim. 3:12 ^aJohn

8:51

21 ^aMatt. 10:22; 24:9; Mark 13:13;

Luke 21:12; 17; Acts 4:17;

5:41; 9:14; 26:9; 1 Pet.

4:14; Rev. 2:3

^bJohn 8:19; 55; 16:3;

17:25; Acts 3:17; 1 John

3:1

22 ¹I.e., guilt

^aJohn 9:41; 15:24

24 ¹I.e., guilt

^aJohn 9:41; 15:21 ^bJohn

5:36; 10:37

25 ^aJohn 10:34 ^bPs.

35:19; 69:4

26 ¹Gr., Paracletos, one called alongside to help; or, Intercessor

^aJohn 14:16

^bJohn 14:26

^cJohn 14:17

^d1 John 5:7

27 ¹Or, (imperative) and bear witness

^aLuke 24:48; John 19:35;

21:24; 1 John 1:2; 4:14

^bLuke 1:2

¹John 15:18-27

^bMatt. 11:5

2 ¹Or, They will make you excommunicated

^aJohn 9:22

^bJohn 4:21; 16:25 ¹Is.

66:5; Acts 26:9-11; Rev. 6:5

3 ^aJohn 8:19; 55;

15:21; 17:25;

Acts 3:17; 1 John 3:1

2 ¹"They will ^amake you outcasts from the synagogue, but ^ban hour is coming for everyone ^cwho kills you to think that he is offering service to God.

3 "And these things they will do, ^abecause they have no known the Father, or Me.

4 "But these things I have spoken to you, ^athat when their hour comes, you ⁱmay remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you ^bat the beginning, because I was with you.

5 "But now ^aI am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ^bWhere are You going?"

6 "But because I have said these things to you, ^asorrow has filled your heart.

7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away for if I do not go away, the ^{1a}Helper shall not come to you but if I go, ^bI will send Him to you.

8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;

9 concerning sin, ^abecause they do not believe in Me;

10 and concerning ^arighteousness, because ^bI go to the Father and you no longer behold Me;

11 ^aand concerning judgment because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 "But when He, ^athe Spirit of truth, comes, He will ^bguide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but

4 ¹Lit., may remember them, that I told you ^aJohn 13:19 ^bLuke 1:2

5 ^aJohn 7:33; 16:10; 17, 28 ^bJohn 13:36; 14:5

6 ^aJohn 14:1; 16:22

7 ¹Gr., Paracletos, one called alongside to help; or, Intercessor ^aJohn 14:16 ^bJohn 14:26

9 ^aJohn 15:22, 24

10 ^aActs 3:14; 7:52; 17:31; 1 Pet. 3:18 ^bJohn 16:5

11 ^aJohn 12:31

13 ^aJohn 14:17 ^bJohn 14:26

whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

14 "He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.

15 "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you.

16 "A little while, and you will no longer behold Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me."

17 Some of His disciples therefore said to one another, "What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you will not behold Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?"

18 And so they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about."

19 Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not behold Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

20 "Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy.

21 "Whenever a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she remembers the anguish no more, for joy that a child has been born into the world.

22 "Therefore you too now have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy away from you.

23 "And in that day you will ask Me no question. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you shall ask the Father for anything, He will give it to you in My name.

14 John 7:39

15 John 17:10

16 John 7:33

14:18-24;

16:16-24

John 16:22

17 John 16:16

John 16:5

19 Mark 9:32;

John 6:61

20 Mark 16:10;

Luke 23:27

John 20:20

21 Lit., human being

Is. 13:8; 21:3;

Hos. 13:13;

Mic. 4:9;

1 Thess. 5:3

22 John 16:6

John 16:16

23 Lit.,

question Me

nothing

John 14:20;

16:26

John 16:19, 30

John 15:16

24 John 14:14

John 3:29; 15:11

25 Lit.,

proverbs; or,

figures of

speech

Matt. 13:34;

John 10:6;

16:29

John 16:2

26 John 14:20;

16:23

John 16:19,

30

27 John 14:21, 23

John 2:11;

16:30

John 8:42

28 John 8:42;

16:30

John 13:1, 3;

16:5, 10, 17

29 Lit.,

proverb

Matt. 13:34;

John 10:6;

16:25

30 John 2:11;

16:27

John 8:42;

16:28

32 John 4:23;

16:2, 25

Zech. 13:7;

Matt. 26:31

John 19:27

John 8:29

33 John 14:27

John 15:18ff.

Matt. 9:2

Rom. 8:37;

2 Cor. 2:14;

4:7ff.; 6:4ff.

Rev. 3:21;

12:11

24 "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.

25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will speak no more to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father.

26 "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request the Father on your behalf;

27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father.

28 "I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again, and going to the Father."

29 His disciples said, "Lo, now You are speaking plainly, and are not using a figure of speech.

30 "Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God."

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

32 "Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

CHAPTER 17

THESE things Jesus spoke; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son, that the Son may glorify Thee,

1 John 11:41 John 7:39; 13:31f.

2 even as ^aThou gavest Him authority over all ¹mankind, that ^bto ²all whom Thou hast given Him, ^cHe may give eternal life.

3 ^aAnd this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, ^athe only true God, and Jesus Christ whom ^bThou hast sent.

4 ^aI glorified Thee on the earth, ^bhaving accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

5 ^aAnd now, ^aglorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had ^bwith Thee before the world was.

6 ^aI manifested Thy name to the men whom ^bThou gavest Me out of the world; ^cThine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have ^dkept Thy word.

7 ^aNow they have come to know that everything Thou hast given Me is from Thee;

8 for ^athe words which Thou gavest Me ^bI have given to them; and they received *them*, and truly understood that ^cI came forth from Thee, and they believed that ^dThou didst send Me.

9 ^aI ask on their behalf; ^bI do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom ^cThou hast given Me; for ^dthey are Thine;

10 and ^aall things that are Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 ^aAnd I am no more in the world; and yet ^athey themselves are in the world, and ^bI come to Thee. ^cHoly Father, keep them in Thy name, *the name* ^dwhich Thou hast given Me, that ^ethey may be one, even as We are.

12 ^aWhile I was with them, I was keeping them in Thy name ^awhich Thou hast given Me; and I guarded them, and ^bnot one of them perished but ^cthe son of perdition, that the ^dScripture might be fulfilled.

13 ^aBut now ^aI come to Thee; and ^bthese things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

2 ¹Lit., flesh ²Lit., all that which Thou hast given Him, to them He

^aJohn 3:35
^bJohn 6:37, 39; 17:6, 9, 24
^cJohn 10:28

3 ^aJohn 5:44
^bJohn 3:17; 17:8, 21, 23, 25

4 ^aJohn 13:31
^bLuke 22:37; John 4:34

5 ^aJohn 17:1
^bJohn 1:1; 8:58; 17:24; Phil. 2:6

6 ^aJohn 17:26
^bJohn 6:37, 39; 17:2, 9, 24
^cJohn 17:9
^dJohn 8:51

8 ^aJohn 6:68; 12:49
^bJohn 15:15; 17:14, 26
^cJohn 8:42; 16:27, 30
^dJohn 3:17; 17:18, 21, 23, 25

9 ^aLuke 22:32; John 14:16
^bLuke 23:34; John 17:20f.
^cJohn 6:37, 39; 17:2, 6, 24
^dJohn 17:6

10 ^aJohn 16:15

11 ^aJohn 13:1
^bJohn 7:33; 17:13
^cJohn 17:25
^dJohn 17:6; Phil. 2:9; Rev. 19:12
^eJohn 17:21f.; Rom. 12:5; Gal. 3:28

12 ^aJohn 17:6; Phil. 2:9; Rev. 19:12
^bJohn 6:39; 18:9
^cJohn 6:70
^dPs. 41:9; John 13:18

13 ^aJohn 7:33; 17:11
^bJohn 15:11
^cJohn 3:29

14 ^aJohn 15:19
^bJohn 8:23; 17:16

15 ¹Or, out of the power of ²Or, evil
^aMatt. 5:37

16 ^aJohn 17:14

17 ^aJohn 15:3

14 ^aI have given them Thy word; and ^athe world has hated them, because ^bthey are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 ^aI do not ask Thee to take them out of the world, but to keep them ¹from ^{2a}the evil one.

16 ^aThey are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 ^aSanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.

18 ^aAs ^aThou didst send Me into the world, ^bI also have sent them into the world.

19 ^aAnd for their sakes I ^asanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be ^bsanctified ^cin truth.

20 ^aI do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

21 that they may all be one; ^aeven as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; ^bthat the world may ¹believe that ^cThou didst send Me.

22 ^aAnd the ^aglory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;

23 ^aI in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected ¹in unity, that the world may ²know that ^bThou didst send Me, and didst ^clove them, even as Thou didst love Me.

24 ^aFather, ¹I desire that ^athey also, whom Thou hast given Me, ^bbe with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My ^cglory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before ^dthe foundation of the world.

18 ^aJohn 3:17; 17:3, 8, 21, 23, 25
^bMatt. 10:5; John 4:38; 20:21

19 ^aJohn 15:13
^bJohn 15:3
^c2 Cor. 7:14; Col. 1:6;
^dJohn 3:18

21 ¹Gr. tense indicates continually
^{2a}John 10:38; 17:11, 21
^bJohn 3:17; 17:3, 8, 18, 23, 25

22 ^aJohn 1:14; 17:24

23 ¹Lit., into a unit
²Gr. tense indicates continually
^aJohn 10:38; 17:11, 21
^bJohn 3:17; 17:3, 8, 18, 21, 25
^cJohn 16:27

24 ¹Some mss. read that which Thou hast given Me, I desire that where I am, they also may be with Me, that
^aJohn 17:2
^bJohn 12:26
^cJohn 1:14; 17:22
^dMatt. 25:34; John 17:5

25 "O ***righteous Father, I** although **bthe world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me;**

26 and ***I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that bthe love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them."**

CHAPTER 18

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, ***He** went forth with His disciples over **bthe** ravine of the Kidron, where there was **c**a garden, into which He Himself entered, and His disciples.

2 Now Judas also, who was **b**betraying Him, knew the place; for Jesus had **a**often met there with His disciples.

3 ***Judas** then, having received **bthe Roman** **1**cohort, and **c**officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, ***came** there with lanterns and **d**torches and weapons.

4 Jesus therefore, ***knowing** all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth, and ***said** to them, **"bWhom do you seek?"**

5 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He ***said** to them, **"I am He."** And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

6 When therefore He said to them, **"I am He,"** they drew back, and fell to the ground.

7 Again therefore He asked them, **"*Whom do you seek?"** And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene."

8 Jesus answered, **"I told you that I am He; if therefore you seek Me, let these go their way,"**

9 that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, **"*Of those whom Thou hast given Me I lost not one."**

10 Simon Peter therefore ***having** a sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's slave, and cut

25 ¹Lit., and
¹John 17:11;
¹John 1:9
²John 7:29;
15:21 ³John
3:17; 17:3, 8,
18, 21, 23
26 ⁴John
17:6 ⁵John
15:9

¹Lit.,
winter-tor-
rent
²Matt. 26:30,
36; Mark
14:26, 32;
Luke 22:39
³2 Sam.
15:23; 1 Kin.
2:37; 15:13;
2 Kin. 23:4,
6, 12; 2 Chr.
15:16; 29:16;
30:14; Jer.
31:40 ⁴Matt.
26:36; Mark
14:32; John
18:26

²Or, de-
livering Him
up
³Luke 21:37,
22:39

³Norm-
ally 600
men; a bat-
talion
⁴John 18:3-
11; Matt.
26:47-56;
Mark 14:43-
50; Luke
22:47-53
⁵John 18:12;
Acts 10:1
⁶John 7:32;
18:12, 18
⁷Matt. 25:1

⁴John
6:64; 13:1, 11
⁵John 18:7
7 ⁶John
18:4

⁹John
17:12
10 ¹¹Matt.
26:51; Mark
14:47

¹¹Matt.
20:22; 26:39;
Mark 14:36;
Luke 22:42

¹²Or, bat-
talion ¹³Lit.,
chiliarch, in
command of
a thousand
troops

¹⁴John 18:12f.;
Matt. 26:57ff.
¹⁵John 18:3
13 ¹⁶Luke
3:2; John
18:24 ¹⁷Matt.
26:3; John
11:49, 51

¹⁴John
11:50
15 ¹⁸Matt.
26:58; Mark
14:54; Luke
22:54 ¹⁹Matt.
26:3; John
18:24, 28

off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

11 Jesus therefore said to Peter, **"Put the sword into the sheath; *the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"**

12 ¶ ***So** **bthe Roman** **1**cohort and the **2**commander, and the **b**officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him.

13 and led Him to ***Annas** first; for he was father-in-law of **b**Caiaaphas, who was high priest that year.

14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that ***it** was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.

15 ¶ And ***Simon Peter** was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into **bthe** court of the high priest.

16 ***but** Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought in Peter.

17 ***The** slave-girl therefore who kept the door ***said** to Peter, **"bYou** are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He ***said**, **"I am not."**

18 Now the slaves and the ***of-** ficers were standing **there**, hav- ing made **b**a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were **c**warm- ing themselves; and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

19 ¶ ***The** high priest there- fore questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teach- ing.

20 Jesus answered him, **"I** ***have spoken openly to the**

16 ¹John 18:16-18; Matt. 26:59f.; Mark 14:66-68; Luke 22:55-57

17 ¹Acts 12:13 ²John 18:25

18 ³John 18:3 ⁴John 21:9 ⁵Mark 14:54, 67

19 ⁶John 18:19-24; Matt. 26:59-68; Mark 14:55-65;

Luke 22:63-71

20 ⁷John 7:26; 8:26

world; I always ^btaught in ¹synagogues, and ^cin the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret.

21 "Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; behold, these know what I said."

22 And when He had said this, one of the ^aofficers standing by ^bgave Jesus a blow, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"

23 ^aJesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?"

24 ^aAnnas therefore sent Him bound to ^aCaiaphas the high priest.

25 ¶ ^aNow ^bSimon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "^cYou are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it, and said, "I am not."

26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one ^awhose ear Peter cut off, ^{*}said, "Did I not see you in ^bthe garden with Him?"

27 Peter therefore denied it again; and immediately ^aa cock crowed.

28 ¶ ^aThey ^{*}led Jesus therefore from ^bCaiaphas into ^cthe ¹Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into ^cthe ¹Praetorium in order that ^dthey might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

29 ^aPilate therefore went out to them, and ^{*}said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

31 Pilate therefore said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We

20 ¹Lit., the synagogue
^bMatt.

4:23; John
6:59 ^cMatt.

26:55
22 ^aJohn
18:3 ^bJohn

19:3
23 ^aMatt.
5:39; Acts
23:2-5

24 ^aJohn
18:13

25 ^aJohn
18:25-27;
Matt. 26:71-

75; Mark
14:69-72;
Luke 22:58-62

^bJohn 18:18
^cJohn 18:17

26 ^aJohn
18:10 ^bJohn
18:1

27 ^aJohn
13:38

28 ¹i.e., gov-
ernor's official residence

^aMatt. 27:2;
Mark 15:1;
Luke 23:1

^bJohn 18:13
^cMatt. 27:27;
John 18:33;

19:9 ^dJohn
11:55; Acts
11:3

29 ^aJohn
18:29-38;
Matt. 27:11-

14; Mark
15:2-5; Luke
23:2, 3

32 ^aMatt.
20:19; 26:2;
Mark 10:33f.;

Luke 18:32f.;

John 3:14;
8:28; 12:32f.

33 ^aJohn
18:28, 29;
19:9 ^bLuke
23:3; John
19:12

34 ¹Lit.,
from yourself

36 ¹Or, is
not derived
from ²Lit.,
from here

^aMatt. 26:53;
Luke 17:21;
John 6:15

37 ^aMatt.
27:11; Mark
15:2; Luke
22:70; 23:3

^bJohn 1:14;
3:32; 8:14
^cJohn 8:47;
1 John 4:6

38 ^aJohn
18:33; 19:4
^bLuke 23:4;
John 19:4, 6

39 ¹Or, to
you
^aJohn 18:39-
19:16; Matt.
27:15-26;

Mark 15:6-15;
Luke 23:18-25

40 ^aActs
3:14

are not permitted to put anyone to death."

32 that ^athe word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

33 ¶ Pilate therefore ^aentered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus, and said to Him, "^bAre You the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this ¹on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You up to me; what have You done?"

36 Jesus answered, "^aMy kingdom ¹is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not ²of this realm."

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "^aYou say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, ^bto bear witness to the truth. ^cEveryone who is of the truth hears My voice."

38 Pilate ^{*}said to Him, "What is truth?"

¶ And when he had said this, he ^awent out again to the Jews, and ^{*}said to them, "^bI find no guilt in Him.

39 "^aBut you have a custom, that I should release someone ¹for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release ¹for you the King of the Jews?"

40 Therefore they cried out again, saying, "^aNot this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

CHAPTER 19

THEN Pilate therefore took Jesus, and ¹scourged Him.

¹ ¹Or, had Him scourged ^aMatt. 27:26

2 *And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and arrayed Him in a purple robe;

3 and they began to come up to Him, and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him blows in the face.

4 And Pilate came out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no guilt in Him."

5 Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!"

6 When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him."

7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God."

8 When Pilate therefore heard this statement, he was the more afraid;

9 and he entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Pilate therefore said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"

11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me up to you has the greater sin."

12 As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar."

2 *Matt. 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19

3 *Matt. 27:29; Mark 15:18 *John 18:22

4 *John 18:33, 38 *Luke 23:4; John 18:38; 19:6

5 *John 19:2

6 *Matt. 26:58; John 18:3 *Luke 23:4; John 18:38; 19:4

7 *Lev. 24:16; Matt. 26:63-66 *John 5:18; 10:33

9 [i.e., governor's official residence]

*John 18:33 *Matt. 26:63; 27:12, 14; John 18:34-37

11 [Lit., against]

*Rom. 13:1 *John 18:13f., 28ff.; Acts 3:13

12 [Lit., was seeking to] Or., speaks against

*Luke 23:2; John 18:33ff.

13 [Gr., The Lithostrotos] i.e., Jewish Aramaic

*Matt. 27:19 *John 5:2; 19:17, 20

14 [Perhaps 6 a.m. (Roman time)]

*Matt. 27:62; John 19:31, 42 *Matt.

27:43; Mark 15:25 *John 19:19, 21

15 *Luke 23:18

16 *Matt. 27:26; Mark 15:15; Luke 23:25

17 [Lit., bearing the cross for Himself] i.e., Jewish Aramaic

*John 19:17; 24; Matt. 27:33-44; Mark 15:22-32; Luke 23:33-43

*Matt. 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 14:27; 23:26 *Luke 23:33 *John 19:13

18 *Luke 23:32

13 When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King!"

15 They therefore cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 So he then delivered Him to them to be crucified.

17 ¶ They took Jesus therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

18 There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.

19 And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross. And it was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

20 Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and in Greek.

21 And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

23 ¶ The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and

19 *Matt. 27:37; Mark 15:26; Luke 23:38 *John 19:14, 21

20 [i.e., Jewish Aramaic] *John 19:13

21 *John 19:14, 19

22 *Gen. 43:14; Esth. 4:16

23 *Matt. 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34

made ^bfour parts, a part to every soldier and also the ¹tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven ²in one piece.

24 They said therefore to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast ¹lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; ^bthat the Scripture might be fulfilled, "THEY ^cDIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST ¹LOTS."

25 Therefore the soldiers did these things. ^aBut there were standing by the cross of Jesus ^bHis mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of ^cClopas, and ^dMary Magdalene.

26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and ^athe disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He ^{*}said to His mother, "^bWoman, behold, your son!"

27 Then He ^{*}said to the disciple, "^bBehold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into ^ahis own household.

28 ¶ After this, Jesus, ^aknowing that all things had already been accomplished, ^bin order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, ^{*}said, "^cI am thirsty."

29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so ^athey put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth.

30 When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "^aIt is finished!" And He bowed His head, and ^bgave up His spirit.

31 ¶ The Jews therefore, because it was ^athe day of preparation, so that ^bthe bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (¹for that Sabbath was a ^chigh day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was ^acrucified with Him;

33 but coming to Jesus, when

23 ¹Gr., khiton, the garment worn next to the skin ²Lit., woven from the upper part through the whole

^bActs 12:4 ²⁴ ¹Lit., a lot

^aEx. 28:32; Matt. 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34 ^bJohn 19:28, 36f. ^cPs. 22:18

²⁵ ^aMatt. 27:55f.; Mark 15:40f.; Luke 23:49 ^bMatt. 12:46 ^cLuke 24:18 ^dLuke 8:2; John 20:1, 18

²⁶ ^aJohn 13:23 ^bJohn 2:4

²⁷ ^aLuke 18:28; John 1:11, 16:32; Acts 21:6

²⁸ ^aJohn 13:1, 17:4 ^bJohn 19:24, 36f. ^cPs. 69:21

²⁹ ^aJohn 19:29, 30; Matt. 27:48, 50; Mark 15:36f.; Luke 23:36

³⁰ ^aJohn 17:4 ^bMatt. 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46

³¹ ¹Lit., for the day of that Sabbath was great ^aJohn 19:14, 42 ^bDeut. 21:23; Josh. 8:29; 10:26f. ^cEx. 12:16

³² ^aJohn 19:18 ³⁴ ^aJohn 5:6, 8

³⁵ ^aJohn 15:27, 21:24

³⁶ ¹Or, crushed or shattered ^aJohn 19:24, 28 ^bEx. 12:46; Num. 9:12; Ps. 34:20

³⁷ ^aZech. 12:10; Rev. 1:7

³⁸ ^aJohn 19:38-42; Matt. 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47;

Luke 23:50-56 ^bMark 15:43 ^cJohn 7:13

³⁹ ¹Another reading is package of

they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs;

34 but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out ^ablood and water.

35 And he who has seen has ^aborne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

36 For these things came to pass, ^athat the Scripture might be fulfilled, "^bNOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE ¹BROKEN."

37 And again another Scripture says, "^aTHEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED."

38 ¶ ^aAnd after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a ^bsecret one, for ^cfear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. He came therefore, and took away His body.

39 And ^aNicodemus came also, who had first come to Him by night; ^bbringing a ¹mixture of ^cmyrrh and aloes, about a ^dhundred ²pounds weight.

40 And so they took the body of Jesus, and ^abound it in ^blinen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a ^anew tomb, ^bin which no one had yet been laid.

42 Therefore on account of the Jewish day of ^apreparation, because the tomb was ^bnearby, they laid Jesus there.

CHAPTER 20

^a NOW on the first day of the week ^bMary Magdalene

²i.e., 100 litras (12 oz. each) ^aJohn 3:1 ^bMark 16:1

^cPs. 45:8; Prov. 7:17; Song 4:14; Matt. 2:11 ^dJohn 12:3

⁴⁰ ^aMatt. 26:12; Mark 14:8; John 11:44 ^bLuke 24:12; John 20:5, 7

⁴¹ ^aMatt. 27:60 ^bLuke 23:53

⁴² ^aJohn 19:14, 31 ^bJohn 19:20, 41

¹ ^aJohn 20:1-8; Matt. 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10

¹⁰ ^bJohn 19:25; 20:18

*came early to the tomb, while it
*was still dark, and *saw ^cthe
stone *already* taken away from
the tomb.

2 And so she *ran and *came
to Simon Peter, and to the other
*disciple whom Jesus ^lloved,
and *said to them, "bThey have
taken away the Lord out of the
tomb, and we do not know where
they have laid Him."

3 *Peter therefore went forth,
and the other disciple, and they
were going to the tomb.

4 And the two were running to-
gether; and the other disciple ran
ahead faster than Peter, and
came to the tomb first;

5 and *stooping and looking in,
he *saw the ^blinen wrappings
lying *there*; but he did not go in.

6 Simon Peter therefore also
*came, following him, and en-
tered the tomb; and he *beheld
the linen wrappings lying *there*.

7 and ^athe face-cloth, which
had been on His head, not lying
with the ^blinen wrappings, but
rolled up in a place by itself.

8 So the other disciple who
*had first come to the tomb en-
tered then also, and he saw and
believed.

9 For as yet ^athey did not un-
derstand the Scripture, ^bthat He
must rise again from the dead.

10 So the disciples went away
again ^ato their own homes.

11 ¶ ^aBut Mary was standing
outside the tomb weeping; and
so, as she wept, she ^bstooped and
looked into the tomb;

12 and she *beheld ^atwo an-
gels in white sitting, one at the
head, and one at the feet, where
the body of Jesus had been lying.

13 And they *said to her,
"aWoman, why are you weep-
ing?" She *said to them, "Be-
cause ^bthey have taken away my
Lord, and I do not know where
they have laid Him."

14 When she had said this, she
turned around, and ^a*beheld

1 ^aMatt.
27:50,
28:1;
Mark 16:7-9;
Luke 24:2,
24:12, John
11:38

2 ^aLt., was
loving
John 13:23

3 ^aJohn 20:13
3 ^aLuke
24:12, John
20:3-10

4 ^aJohn
20:11, John
19:40

5 ^aJohn
11:44, John
19:40

6 ^aJohn
20:4

7 ^aMatt.
22:29, John
2:22, Luke
24:26ff., 46

8 ^aLuke
24:12

9 ^aMark
16:5, John
20:5

10 ^aMatt.
28:21, Mark
16:5, Luke
24:4

11 ^aJohn
20:15, John
20:2

12 ^aMatt.
28:9, Mark
16:9, John
21:4

13 ^aJohn
20:13

14 ^aLt.,
Jewish Ara-
maic

15 ^aJohn 3:2
16 ^aMatt. 23:7,
Mark 10:51

17 ^aMatt.
28:10, Mark
12:26, 16:19,
John 7:33

18 ^aJohn
20:1, Mark
16:10, Luke
24:10, 23

19 ^aLt.,
Peace to you
John 7:13

20 ^aLuke 24:36,
John 14:27,
20:21, 26

21 ^aLuke
24:35, 40,
John 19:34,
John 16:20,
22

22 ^aLuke
24:36, John
14:27, 20:19,
26, John
17:18

23 ^aLt.,
have previ-
ously been
forgiven

24 ^aMatt. 16:19,
18:18

25 ^aLt., the
Twin

26 ^aJohn 11:16

27 ^aJohn 6:67

Jesus standing *there*, and ^bdid
not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus *said to her, "aWom-
an, why are you weeping?
Whom are you seeking?" Sup-
posing Him to be the gardener,
she *said to Him, "Sir, if you
have carried Him away, tell me
where you have laid Him, and I
will take Him away."

16 Jesus *said to her, "Mary!"
She *turned and *said to Him ^ain
^lHebrew, "bRabboni!" (which
means, Teacher).

17 Jesus *said to her, "Stop
clinging to Me, for I have not yet
ascended to the Father; but go to
aMy brethren, and say to them, I
bascend to My Father and your
Father, and My God and your
God."

18 *Mary Magdalene *came,
bannouncing to the disciples, "I
have seen the Lord," and *that* He
had said these things to her.

19 ¶ When therefore it was
evening, on that day, the first
day of the week, and when the
doors were shut where the disci-
ples were, for ^afear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their
midst, and *said to them,
"bPeace be with you."

20 And when He had said this,
aHe showed them both His
hands and His side. The disciples
therefore ^brejoiced when they
saw the Lord.

21 Jesus therefore said to them
again, "aPeace be with you; ^bas
the Father has sent Me, I also
send you."

22 And when He had said this,
He breathed on them, and *said
to them, "Receive the Holy
Spirit.

23 "aIf you forgive the sins of
any, their sins ^bhave been for-
given them; if you retain the sins
of any, they have been retained."

24 ¶ But *Thomas, one of ^bthe
twelve, called ^laDidymus, was
not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples there-
fore were saying to him, "We

have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I shall see in ^aHis hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, ^bI will not believe."

26 ¶ And ¹after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus ^{*}came, the doors having been ²shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "**Peace be with you.**"

27 Then He ^{*}said to Thomas, "**Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing.**"

28 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus ^{*}said to him, "**Because you have seen Me, have you believed? ^{*}Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.**"

30 ¶ ^aMany other ^{1b}signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these have been written ^athat you may believe that Jesus is ¹the Christ, ^bthe Son of God; and that ^cbelieving you may have life in His name.

CHAPTER 21

A^{1a}FTER these things Jesus ^{1a}manifested Himself ^bagain to the disciples at the ^cSea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way.

2 There were together Simon Peter, and ^aThomas called ¹Didymus, and ^bNathanael of ^cCana in Galilee, and ^dthe sons of Zebedee, and ^etwo others of His disciples.

3 Simon Peter ^{*}said to them, "I am going fishing." They ^{*}said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out, and got into the boat; and ^athat night they caught nothing.

25 ^aJohn 20:20 ^bMark 16:11

26 ¹Or, a week later
^aOr, locked
^aLuke 24:36;
John 14:27;
20:19, 21

27 ^aLuke 24:40; John 20:25

29 ^a1 Pet. 1:8

30 ¹Or, attesting miracles
^aJohn 21:25
^bJohn 2:11

31 ¹I.e., the Messiah
^aJohn 19:35
^bMatt. 4:3
^cJohn 3:15

1 ¹Or, made Himself visible
^aMark 16:12;
John 21:14
^bJohn 20:19;
26 ^cJohn 6:1

2 ¹I.e., the Twin
^aJohn 11:16
^bJohn 1:45ff.
^cJohn 2:1
^dMatt. 4:21;
Mark 1:19;
Luke 5:10

3 ^aLuke 5:5

4 ^aLuke 24:16; John 20:14

5 ¹Lit., something eaten with bread
^aLuke 24:41

6 ^aLuke 5:4ff.

7 ¹Lit., was loving
^aJohn 13:23;
21:20

8 ¹Lit., 200 cubits

9 ^aJohn 18:18 ^bJohn 6:9, 11; 21:10, 13

10 ^aJohn 6:9, 11; 21:9, 13

12 ^aJohn 21:15

13 ^aJohn 21:9 ^bJohn 6:9, 11; 21:9, 10

14 ¹Or, made Himself visible
^aJohn 20:19, 26

15 ^aJohn 21:12

4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not ^aknow that it was Jesus.

5 Jesus therefore ^{*}said to them, "**Children, ^ayou do not have ¹any fish, do you?**" They answered Him, "No."

6 And He said to them, "**Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find a catch.**" They cast therefore, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.

7 ^aThat disciple therefore whom Jesus ¹loved ^{*}said to Peter, "It is the Lord." And so when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about ¹one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

9 And so when they got out upon the land, they ^{*}saw a charcoal ^afire already laid, and ^bfish placed on it, and bread.

10 Jesus ^{*}said to them, "**Bring some of the ^afish which you have now caught.**"

11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

12 Jesus ^{*}said to them, "**Come and have ^abreakfast.**" None of the disciples ventured to question Him, "Who are You?" knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus ^{*}came and ^{*}took ^athe bread, and ^{*}gave them, and the ^bfish likewise.

14 This is now the ^athird time that Jesus ¹was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.

15 ¶ So when they had ^afinished breakfast, Jesus ^{*}said to

"Tend My Sheep."

Simon Peter, "Simon, ¹son of John, do you ²love Me more than these?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I ³love You." He *said to him, "Tend ⁴My lambs."

16 He *said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you ¹love Me?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I ²love You." He *said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."

17 He *said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you ¹love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him ²the third time, "Do you ¹love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, ³You know all things; You know that I ¹love You." Jesus *said to him, "Tend My sheep."

18 "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."

19 Now this He said, ¹signifying by ²what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He

¹⁵ Here and in vv. 16 and 17 some mss. read son of Jonas ²Gr., agapao ³Gr., phileo ⁴Matt. 26:33; Mark 14:29; John 13:37 ⁵Luke 12:32

¹⁶ ¹Gr., agapao ²Gr., phileo ³Matt. 2:6; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2; Rev. 7:17 ⁴Gr., phileo ⁵John 13:38

⁶John 16:30 ⁷John 21:15, 16 ⁸John 12:33, 18:32

⁹2 Pet. 1:14 ¹⁰Matt. 8:22; 16:24; John 21:22 ¹¹John 21:7 ¹²John 13:25

¹³2 Matt. 16:27f.; 1 Cor. 4:5; 11:26; James 5:7; Rev. 2:25 ¹⁴Matt. 8:22; 16:24; John 21:19

¹⁵Acts 1:15 ¹⁶Matt. 16:27f.; 1 Cor. 4:5; 11:26; James 5:7; Rev. 2:25

¹⁷John 15:27 ¹⁸John 20:30

had spoken this, He *said to him, "Follow Me!"

20 Peter, turning around, *saw the ¹disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had ²leaned back on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21 Peter therefore seeing him *said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

22 Jesus *said to him, "If I want him to remain ¹until I come, what is that to you? You ²follow Me!"

23 This saying therefore went out among ¹the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, "If I want him to remain ²until I come, what is that to you?"

24 ¶ This is the disciple who ¹bears witness of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his witness is true.

25 ¶ And there are also ¹many other things which Jesus did, which if they *were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself *would not contain the books which *were written.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Introduction

THE first account I ¹composed, ²Theophilus, about all that Jesus ³began to do and teach,

2 until the day when He ¹was taken up, after He ²had ³by the Holy Spirit given orders to ⁴the apostles whom He had ⁵chosen.

3 To ¹these ²He also presented Himself alive, after His suffer-

¹Lat.,

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*Luke 1:3

*Luke 3:23

²Or,

through

*Mark 16:19;

Acts 1:9, 11,

22 *Matt.

28:19f.; Mark

16:15; John

20:21f.; Acts

10:42; *Mark

6:30; *John

13:18; Acts

10:41

³Lat.,

whom

*Matt. 28:17;

Mark 16:12,

ing, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a ¹period of forty days, and speaking of ²the things concerning the kingdom of God.

4 And ¹gathering them together, He commanded them ²not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for ³what the Father had

14; Luke 24:34, 36; John 20:19, 26; 21:1, 14; 1 Cor.

15:5-7; Acts 8:12; 19:8; 28:23, 31

⁴Or, eating with; or possibly, lodging with; Lat., the

promise of the Father *Luke 24:49; *John 14:16, 26;

15:26; Acts 2:33

promised. "Which." *He said,* "you heard of from Me;

5 for ^aJohn baptized with water, but you shall be baptized ^bwith the Holy Spirit ^cnot many days from now."

6 ¶ And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, ^ais it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which ^athe Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 but you shall receive power ^awhen the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be ^bMy witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and ^cSamaria, and even to ^dthe remotest part of the earth."

9 And after He had said these things, ^aHe was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into ^bthe sky while He was departing, ^cbehold, ^atwo men in white clothing stood beside them;

11 and they also said, "^aMen of Galilee, why do you stand looking into ^bthe sky? This Jesus, who ^bhas been taken up from you into heaven, will ^ccome in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

12 ¶ Then they ^areturned to Jerusalem from the ^bmount called ^cOlivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

13 And when they had entered, they went up to ^athe upper room, where they were staying; ^bthat is, Peter and John and ^cJames and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, ^dJames the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and ^eJudas the ^fson of ^gJames.

14 These all with one mind ^awere continually devoting

8 ¹Or, in ²Lit., not long after these many days
^aMatt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 11:16
^bActs 2:1-4
^cMatt. 17:11; Mark 9:12; Luke 17:20, 19:11
^dMatt. 24:36; Mark 13:32
^eActs 2:1-4
^fLuke 24:48; John 15:27
^gActs 8:1, 5, 14
^hMatt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; Rom. 10:18; Col. 1:23
ⁱLuke 24:50, 51; Acts 1:2
^jOr, heaven
^kLit., and behold
^lLuke 24:4; John 20:12
^mOr, hill
ⁿOr, Olive Grove
^oLuke 24:52
^pMatt. 21:1
^qOr, Jacob
^rOr possibly, brother
^sMark 14:15; Luke 22:12; Acts 9:37, 39; 20:8
^tActs 1:13; Matt. 10:2-4; Mark 3:16-19; Luke 6:14-16
^uJohn 14:22
^vOr, certain women
^wActs 2:42; 8:4; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2
^xLuke 8:21
^yMatt. 12:48
^zLit., in these days
^{aa}Lit., names
^{ab}John 21:23; Acts 6:3; 9:30; 10:23; 11:1, 12, 26; 29; 12:17; 14:2; 15:1, 3; 22, 23, 32f.; 40; 18:2, 40; 17:6, 10, 14; 18:18, 27; 21:7, 17; 22:5; 28:14f.; Rom. 1:13
^{ac}Or, in ^{ad}Lit., not long after these many days
^{ae}Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 11:16
^{af}Acts 2:1-4
^{ag}Matt. 17:11; Mark 9:12; Luke 17:20, 19:11
^{ah}Matt. 24:36; Mark 13:32
^{ai}Acts 2:1-4
^{aj}Luke 24:48; John 15:27
^{ak}Acts 8:1, 5, 14
^{al}Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15; Rom. 10:18; Col. 1:23
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^{ay}John 14:22
^{az}Or, certain women
^{ba}Acts 2:42; 8:4; Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2
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^{bd}Lit., in these days
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^{bf}John 21:23; Acts 6:3; 9:30; 10:23; 11:1, 12, 26; 29; 12:17; 14:2; 15:1, 3; 22, 23, 32f.; 40; 18:2, 40; 17:6, 10, 14; 18:18, 27; 21:7, 17; 22:5; 28:14f.; Rom. 1:13

themselves to prayer, along with ^bthe women, and Mary the ^cmother of Jesus, and with His ^dbrothers.

15 ¶ And ^aat this time Peter stood up in the midst of ^athe brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty ^bpersons was there together), and said,

16 "Brethren, ^athe Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, ^bwho became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

17 "For he was ^acounted among us, and received his portion in ^bthis ministry."

18 (Now this man ^aacquired a field with ^bthe price of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in ^atheir own language that field was called ^bHakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms,

"^aLET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE,

AND LET NO MAN DWELL IN IT";

and,

"^bHIS ^cOFFICE LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE."

21 "It is therefore necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that ^athe Lord Jesus went in and out ^bamong us—

22 ^abeginning ^bwith the baptism of John, until the day that He ^bwas taken up from us—one of these should become a ^cwit-

16 ^aJohn 13:18; 17:12; Acts 1:20
^bMatt. 26:47; Mark 14:43; Luke 22:47; John 18:3
^cJohn 6:70f.
^dActs 1:25; 20:24; 21:19
^eMatt. 27:3-10
^fMatt. 26:14f.
^gSome early mss. read Hakeldamach
^hMatt. 27:8; Acts 21:40
ⁱLit., position as overseer
^jPs. 69:25
^kPs. 109:8
^lLit., to us
^mLuke 24:3
ⁿLit., from
^oMatt. 3:18; Mark 1:1-4, 9; Luke 3:21
^pMark 16:19; Acts 1:2
^qActs 1:8; 2:32

ness with us of His resurrection."

23 And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, "Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two Thou hast chosen."

25 to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

CHAPTER 2

AND when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

5 ¶ Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because they were each one hearing them speak in his own language.

7 And they were amazed and marvelled, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

8 "And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?"

9 "Parthians and Medes and

23 Acts 1:26
24 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23
25 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23
26 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23
27 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23
28 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23
29 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23
30 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23
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99 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23
100 Acts 1:26; 13:3; 14:23

Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

13 But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."

14 ¶ But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.

15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day;

16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

17 "AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS," God says, "THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT UPON ALL MANKIND;

AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY,

AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS,

AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

18 EVEN UPON MY BOND-SLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN,

I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.

15, 16, 17-19 Acts 2:1-11
12 Acts 2:1
13 Or, now wine 1 Cor. 14:23
14 Or, being put forward as spokesmen Acts 1:26
15 Acts 2:1
16 Acts 2:1
17 Acts 2:1
18 Acts 2:1

19 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE, AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BENEATH,

BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

20 'THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,

BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

21 'AND IT SHALL BE, THAT ^aEVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.'

22 ¶ 'Men of Israel, listen to these words: ^aJesus the Nazarene, ^ba man ¹attested to you by God with ²miracles and ^cwonders and ³signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

23 this Man, delivered up by the ^apredetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, ^byou nailed to a cross by the hands of ¹godless men and put Him to death.

24 ¹And ^aGod raised Him up again, putting an end to the ²agony of death, since it ^bwas impossible for Him to be held in its power.

25 'For David says of Him,

'I WAS ALWAYS BEHOLDING THE LORD IN MY PRESENCE;

FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN.

26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED;

MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL ABIDE IN HOPE;

27 BECAUSE THOU WILT NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO ^aHADES,

^bNOR ¹ALLOW THY ²HOLY ONE TO ³UNDERGO DECAY.

28 'THOU HAST MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE;

21 ^aRom. 10:13

22 ¹Or, exhibited or credited ²Or, works of power ³Or, attesting miracles

^aActs 3:6, 4:10, 10:38

^bJohn 3:2

^cJohn 4:48, Acts 2:19, 43

23 ¹Or, men without the Law; i.e., heathen

^aLuke 22:22, Acts 3:18,

4:28, 1 Pet. 1:20

^bMatt. 27:35, Mark 15:24, Luke 23:33, 24:20,

John 19:18, Acts 3:13

24 ¹Lit., Whom God raised up

²Lit., birth pangs

^aMatt. 28:5, 8, Mark 16:6,

Luke 24:5, 8, Acts 2:32,

3:15, 26; 4:10; 5:30, 10:40;

13:30, 33, 34, 37, 17:31,

Rom. 4:24; 6:4; 8:11,

10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:15,

2 Cor. 4:14; Gal. 1:1, Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 1:21

^bJohn 20:9

25 ^aPs. 16:8-11

27 ¹Lit., give

²Or, devout or pious ³Lit., see corruption

^aMatt. 11:23; Acts 2:31

^bActs 13:35

29 ¹Lit., Men brothers

²Lit., among

^aActs 7:8f.; Heb. 7:4

^bActs 13:36

^c1 Kin. 2:10

^dNeh. 3:16

30 ¹Lit., of the fruit of his loins

^aMatt. 22:43

^bPs. 132:11; 2 Sam. 7:12f.; Ps. 89:3f.

31 ¹I.e., the Messiah ²Lit., see corruption

^aMatt. 11:23; Acts 2:27

THOU WILT MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH THY PRESENCE.'

29 ¹Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the ^apatriarch David that he both ^bdied and ^cwas buried, and ^dhis tomb is ²with us to this day.

30 'And so, because he was ^aprophet, and knew that ^bGOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT ONE ¹OF HIS DESCENDANTS UPON HIS THRONE,

31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of ¹the Christ, that ^aHE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh ²SUFFER DECAY.

32 'This Jesus ^aGod raised up again, to which we are all ^bwitnesses.

33 'Therefore having been exalted ¹to the right hand of God and ^bhaving received from the Father ^cthe promise of the Holy Spirit, He has ^dpoured forth this which you both see and hear.

34 'For it was not David who ascended into ¹heaven, but he himself says:

'^aTHE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

35 UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET.' "

36 'Therefore let all the ^ahouse of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both ^bLord and ¹Christ—this Jesus ^cwhom you crucified."

37 ¶ Now when they heard this, they were ¹pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "²Brethren ^awhat shall we do?"

32 ^aActs 2:24; 3:15, 26; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30, 33, 34, 37; 17:31; Rom. 4:24; 6:4; 8:11; 10:9; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:15; 2 Cor. 4:14; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:20; Col. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:10; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 1:21

33 ¹Or, by ^aMark 16:19; Acts 5:31 ^bActs 1:4 ^cJohn 7:39; Gal. 3:14 ^dActs 2:17; 10:45

34 ¹Lit., the heavens ^aPs. 110:1; Matt. 22:44f.

35 ¹I.e., Messiah ^aEzek. 36:22, 32, 37; 45:6 ^bLuke 2:11

^cActs 2:23

37 ¹Or, smitten in conscience ²Lit., Men brothers ^aLuke 3:10, 12, 14

38 And Peter said to them, ^aRepent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 "For ^athe promise is for you and your children, and for all who are ^bfar off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

40 And with many other words he solemnly ^atestified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "¹Be saved from this ^bperverse generation!"

41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand ¹souls.

42 And they were ^acontinually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, ^bto the breaking of bread and ¹to prayer.

43 ¶ And ¹everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and ²signs were taking place through the apostles³.

44 And all those who had believed ¹were together, and ^ahad all things in common;

45 and they ^abegan selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

46 ^aAnd day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread ¹from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and ³sincerity of heart,

47 praising God, and ^ahaving favor with all the people. And the Lord ^bwas adding ¹to their number day by day ^cthose who were being saved.

CHAPTER 3

NOW ^aPeter and John were going up to the temple at the ¹ninth hour, ^bthe hour of prayer.

12 And ^aa certain man who had been lame from his mother's

38 ^aMark 1:15; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; 5:31; 20:21 ^bMark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 16; 22:16

39 ^a1st Cor. 14:3; 54:13, 57:19; Joel 2:32; Rom. 9:4; Eph. 2:12 ^bEph. 2:13, 17 ^c1st Cor. 14:3

40 ^aLuke 16:28 ^bDeut. 32:5; Matt. 17:17; Phil. 2:15

41 ^a1st Cor. 11:17 ^bActs 3:23; 7:14, 27, 37; Rom. 13:1; 1st Pet. 3:20; Rev. 16:3

42 ^a1st Lit., the prayers ^bActs 1:14 ^cLuke 24:30; Acts 2:46; 20:7, 1st Cor. 10:16

43 ^a1st Lit., fear was occurring to every soul ^bOr, ed-
lasting mur-
der ^cSome
ancient mss.
add in Jeru-
salem, and
great fear
was upon all

^aActs 2:22 ^b1st Cor. 10:16 ^cSome
ancient mss.
do not con-
tain were

^aActs 4:32; 37:52 ^bMatt. 19:21; Acts 4:34

46 ^aOr, in the various private homes ^b1st Lit., food ^cOr, simplicity ^dActs 5:42; Luke 24:30; Acts 2:42; 20:7, 1st Cor. 10:16

47 ^a1st Lit., to-
gether ^bActs 5:13; Acts 2:41; 4:4, 5:14; 8:1, 7, 9:31, 35; 42, 11:21, 24; 14:1, 21, 16:5; 17:12 ^c1st Cor. 1:18

1st Cor. 1:18 ^aLuke 22:8; Acts 3:3, 4; 11:28; 55:17; Matt. 27:45; Acts 10:30

womb was being carried along, whom they ^bused to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, ^cin order to beg ¹alms of those who were entering the temple.

3 And when he saw ^aPeter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms.

4 And Peter, along with John, ^afixed his gaze upon him and said, "Look at us!"

5 And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: ^aIn the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!"

7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

8 ^aAnd ¹with a leap, he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

9 And ^aall the people saw him walking and praising God;

10 and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to ^asit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

11 ¶ And while he was clinging to ^aPeter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called ¹portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

12 But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this,

2 ^aOr, a gift of charity ^bActs 14:8 ^cLuke 16:20 ^dJohn 9:8; Acts 3:10

3 ^aLuke 22:8; Acts 3:1, 4, 11

4 ^aActs 10:4

5 ^aActs 2:22; 3:16; 4:10

6 ^a1st Lit., leaping up ^bActs 14:10

7 ^aActs 4:16, 21

8 ^aJohn 9:8; Acts 3:2

9 ^aOr, colonnade ^bLuke 22:8; Acts 3:3, 4 ^cJohn 10:23; Acts 5:12

or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

13^a "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, ^bthe God of our fathers, has glorified His ^cservant Jesus, the one whom ^dyou delivered up, and disowned in the presence of ^ePilate, when he had ^fdecided to release Him.

14^a "But you disowned ^athe Holy and Righteous One, and ^basked for a murderer to be granted to you.

15 but put to death the ^{1a}Prince of life, the one whom ^bGod raised from the dead, a fact to which we are ^cwitnesses.

16^a "And on the basis of faith ^ain His name, it is the name of ¹Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17^a "And now, brethren, I know that you acted ^ain ignorance, just as your ^brulers did also.

18^a "But the things which ^aGod announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, ^bthat His ¹Christ should suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

19^a "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that ^btimes of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

20 and that He may send Jesus, the ¹Christ appointed for you.

21 ^awhom heaven must receive until the ¹period of ^brestoration of all things about which ^cGod spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

22^a "Moses said, ^aTHE LORD GOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET ¹LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED in everything He says to you.

23 ^aAnd it shall be that every ^bsoul that does not heed that

13 ^aOr, Child
^bMatt. 22:32
^cEx. 3:13, 15
^dActs 5:30
^e7:32, 22:14
^fActs 3:26
^{1a}4:27, 30
^bMatt. 20:19
^cJohn 19:11
^dActs 2:23
^eMatt. 27:2
^fLuke 23:4
¹14 ^aMark 1:24, Acts 4:27, 7:52, 2 Cor. 5:21
^bMatt. 27:30
^cMark 15:11
^dLuke 23:18, 25
^e15 ^aOr, Au-
^bthor
^cActs 5:31, Heb. 2:10, 12:2
^dActs 2:24
^eLuke 24:48

16 ^a11, Lit., Hu-
^bActs 3:6
^c17 ^aLuke 23:34, John 15:21, Acts 13:27, 26:9, Eph. 4:18
^bLuke 23:13
^c18 ^aOr, Anointed One, i.e., Messiah
^bActs 2:23
^cLuke 24:27, Acts 17:3, 26:23
^d19 ^aActs 2:38, 26:20
^b2 Thess. 1:7, Heb. 4:17
^c20 ^aOr, Anointed One, i.e., Messiah
^b21 ^a11, Lit., pe-
^briods, times
^cActs 1:11
^dMatt. 17:11, Rom. 8:21
^eLuke 1:70
^f22 ^aOr, as He raised up me
^bDeut. 18:15, 18, Acts 7:37
^c23 ^aDeut. 18:19
^bActs 2:41
^cLev. 23:29
^d24 ^aLuke 24:27, Acts 17:3, 26:23
^e25 ^a11, Lit., covenantal
^bActs 2:39
^cRom. 8:4
^dGen. 22:18
^e26 ^aOr, Child

^bMatt. 15:24, John 4:22, Acts 13:46, Rom. 1:16, 2:9
^cActs 2:24

prophet ^ashall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

24^a "And likewise, ^aall the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors on-ward, also announced these days.

25^a "It is you who are ^athe sons of the prophets, and of the ^bcovenant which God ¹made with you fathers, saying to Abraham ^a"AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED."

26^a "For you ^afirst, God ^braised up His ¹Servant, and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

CHAPTER 4

AND as they were speaking to the people, the priests and ^athe captain of the temple guard and ^bthe Sadducees, ^ccame upon them,

2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming ^{1a}in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them and ^aput them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.

4 But many of those who had heard the ¹message believed and ^athe number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 ¶ And it came about on the next day, that their ^arulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;

6 and ^aAnnas the high priest was there, and ^bCaiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.

7 And when they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"

1 ^aLuke 22:4 ^bMatt. 3:7 ^cLuke 20:1, Acts 6:12
^d2 ^aOr, in the case of ^bActs 3:15, 17:18
^c3 ^aActs 5:18
^d4 ^aOr, word ^bActs 2:41
^c5 ^aLuke 23:13, Acts 4:8
^d6 ^aLuke 3:2 ^bMatt. 26:3

8 Then Peter, ^{1a}filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ^{2b}"Rulers and elders of the people,

9 if we are on trial today for ^aa benefit done to a sick man, ^{1a}as to how this man has been made well,

10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that ^{1a}by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom ^bGod raised from the dead—^{1b}by ²this name this man stands here before you in good health.

11 ^{1a}"He is the ^bSTONE WHICH WAS ^cREJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone.

12 ^{1a}"And there is salvation in ^ano one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

13 ¶ Now as they observed the ^aconfidence of ^bPeter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and ^cbegan to recognize them ^{1a}as having been with Jesus.

14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

15 But when they had ordered them to go aside out of the ^{1a}Council, they ^{began} to confer with one another,

16 saying, ^{1a}"What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a ^bnoteworthy ¹miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

17 ^{1a}"But in order that it may not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to any man ^ain this name."

18 And when they had summoned them, they ^acommanded them not to speak or teach at all ^{1a}in the name of Jesus.

19 But ^aPeter and John an-

8 ¹Or, having just been filled ²Or, Rulers of the people and elders
*Acts 2:4; 13:9 *Luke 23:13; Acts 4:5

9 ¹Or, by whom
*Acts 3:7f
10 ¹Or, in ²Or, him
*Acts 2:22; 3:6 *Acts 2:24

11 ¹Lit., Thus One
*Matt. 21:42
*Ps. 118:22
*Mark 9:12
12 *Matt. 1:21; Acts 10:43; 1 Tim. 2:5

13 ¹Lit., that they had been
*Acts 4:31
*Luke 22:8; Acts 4:19
*John 7:15

14 ¹Or, Sanhedrin
*Matt. 5:22
15 ¹Or, sign
*John 11:47
*Acts 3:7-10
17 *John 15:21

18 ¹Or, on the basis of
*Acts 5:28f
19 *Acts 4:13 *Acts 5:28f

20 ¹Cur. 9:16
21 *Acts 5:28 *Matt. 9:8

22 ¹Or, sign
24 ¹Or, Minister
*Ex. 20:11; Neh. 9:6; Ps. 148:6

25 ¹Or, nations
*Acts 1:16
*Ps. 2:1
26 ¹Or, approached

²Or, Anointed One, i.e., Messiah
*Ps. 2:2 *Dan. 9:24f.; Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38; Heb. 1:9

27 ¹Or, Child ²Or, nations
*Acts 3:13; 4:30 *Matt. 14:1; Luke 23:7-11

*Matt. 27:2; Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1, 12; John 18:28; 29 *Matt. 20:19

swered and said to them, ^{1b}"Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

20 for ^awe cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."

21 And when they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which they might punish them) ^aon account of the people, because they were all ^bglorifying God for what had happened;

22 for the man was more than forty years old on whom this ¹miracle of healing had been performed.

23 ¶ And when they had been released, they went to their own companions, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

24 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, ¹"O Lord, it is Thou who ^aDIDST MAKE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

25 who ^aby the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say,

^b"WHY DID THE ¹GENTILES RAGE,

AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?"

26 ^{1a}"THE KINGS OF THE EARTH ¹TOOK THEIR STAND,

AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD, AND AGAINST HIS ^{2b}CHRIST."

27 ^{1a}"For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy ^{1a}servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both ^bHerod and ^cPontius Pilate, along with ^dthe ²Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

28 to do whatever Thy hand and ^aThy purpose predestined to occur.

28 *Acts 2:23

29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Thy bond-servants may speak Thy word with all confidence.

30 while Thou dost extend Thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Thy holy servant Jesus."

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

32 ¶ And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them.

33 And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus¹, and abundant grace was upon them all.

34 For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales,

35 and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need.

36 ¶ And Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means, Son of Encouragement),

37 and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

CHAPTER 5

BUT a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,

2 and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet.

29 ¹Or, as for the present situation
²Phil. 1:14
³Acts 4:13, 31, 14:3

30 ¹Or, attesting miracles
²Or, Child
³John 4:48
⁴Acts 3:13, 4:27

31 ¹Acts 2:1
²Acts 2:4
³Phil. 1:14
⁴Acts 4:13, 14:3

32 ¹Or, multitude
²Lit., was saying
³Acts 2:44

33 ¹Some mss. add Christ
²Acts 1:8
³Luke 24:48

34 ¹Lit., the prices of the things being sold
²Matt. 19:21
³Acts 2:45

35 ¹Acts 4:37, 5:2
²Acts 2:45, 6:1
³Or, Exhortation or Consolation
⁴Acts 11:19f.

36 ¹Acts 11:19f.
²13:4, 15:39;
³21:3, 16, 27
⁴Acts 9:27, 11:22, 30;

37 ¹Acts 2:40;
²11:23; 13:15;
³1 Cor. 14:3;
⁴1 Thess. 2:3

38 ¹Acts 4:35, 5:2
²Or, conclusion
³Acts 5:3

39 ¹Acts 4:35, 37
²3 Matt. 4:10; Luke 22:3; John 13:2, 27
³Acts 5:4, 9
⁴Acts 5:2

40 ¹Or, in your authority
²Or, placed
³Acts 5:3, 9

41 ¹Ezek. 11:13; Acts 5:10
²Acts 2:43; 5:11

42 ¹Lit., younger
²John 19:40
³8 Lit., for so much
⁴Acts 5:2

43 ¹Acts 15:10
²Acts 5:3, 4
³Ezek. 11:13; Acts 5:5

3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back some of the price of the land?

4 "While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

5 And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came upon all who heard of it.

6 And the young men arose and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

7 ¶ Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

8 And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price."

9 Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they shall carry you out as well."

10 And she fell immediately at his feet, and breathed her last; and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.

11 And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all who heard of these things.

12 ¶ And at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico.

13 But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however,

11 Acts 2:43; 5:5

12 Lit., through John 4:48 John 10:23; Acts 3:11

*the people ¹held them in high esteem.

14 And all the more *believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly ^badded to *their number*,

15 to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets, and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by, ^aat least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

16 And also the ¹people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick ²or afflicted with unclean spirits; and they were all being healed.

17 ¶ But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is ^athe sect of ^bthe Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy;

18 and they laid hands on the apostles, and ^aput them in a public jail.

19 But ^aan angel of the Lord during the night opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said,

20 "Go your way, stand and ¹speak to the people in the temple ²the whole message of this Life."

21 And upon hearing this, they entered into the temple ^aabout daybreak, and *began* to teach. Now when ^bthe high priest and his associates had come, they called ^cthe ¹Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent *orders* to the prison house for them to be brought.

22 But ^athe officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned, and reported back,

23 saying, "We found the prison house locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we had opened up, we found no one inside."

13 ¹Lat., were holding
*Acts 2:47,
4:21

14 ^a2 Cor.
6:15 *Acts
2:47, 11:24

15 *Acts
19:12

16 ¹Lat.,
multitude

17 *Acts
15:5 *Matt.
3:7, Acts 4:1

18 *Acts 4:3

19 *Matt.
1:20, 24, 2:13,
19, 28:2, Luke
1:11, 2:9,
Acts 8:26,
10:3, 12:7, 23,
27:23

20 ¹Or, con-
tinued to
speak ²Lat.,
all the words
*John 6:63,
68

21 ¹Or, San-
hedrin

*John 6:2

*Acts 4:6
*Matt. 5:22,
Acts 5:27, 34,
41

22 *Matt.
28:58, Acts
5:26

23 ¹Lat., this
would be-
come

*Acts 4:1,
5:26

24 *Acts
5:24 *Acts
5:22, 5:13

25 ¹Lat., in
*Matt. 5:22,
Acts 5:21, 34,
41

26 *Acts
4:18 *Matt.
23:35, 27:25,
Acts 2:23, 38,
3:14f., 7:52

27 *Acts
4:19

28 ¹Or, on
whom you
had laid vi-
lent hands

*Lat., wood

*Acts 3:13

*Acts 2:24

*Acts 10:39,
13:29, Gal.
3:13, 1 Pet.
2:24

31 ¹Or, by
*Or, Lender

*Acts 2:33

*Acts 3:15

*Luke 2:11

*Luke 24:47,
Acts 2:38

32 ¹Some
man, add in
him, or of
him

*Luke 24:48
*John 15:26,
Acts 15:28,
Rom. 8:18,
Heb. 2:4

24 Now when ^athe captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them as to what ¹would come of this.

25 But someone came and reported to them, "Behold, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

26 Then ^athe captain went along with ^bthe officers and *pro-ceeded* to bring them back with-
out violence (for ^cthey were afraid of the people, lest they should be stoned).

27 And when they had brought them, they stood them ¹before ^athe Council. And the high priest questioned them,

28 saying, "We gave you ^astrict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and be-
hold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and ^bintend to bring this man's blood upon us."

29 But Peter and the apostles answered and said, "^aWe must obey God rather than men.

30"^aThe God of our fathers ^braised up Jesus, ¹whom you had ^cput to death by hanging Him on a ²cross.

31"^aHe is the one whom God exalted ¹to His right hand as a ²Prince and a ^cSavior, to grant ^drepentance to Israel, and for-
giveness of sins.

32"^aAnd we are ^awitnesses¹ of these things; and ^bso is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

33 ¶ But when they heard this, they were ^acut ¹to the quick and were intending to slay them.

34 But a certain Pharisee named ^aGamaliel, a ^bteacher of the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in ^cthe Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time.

33 ¹Lat., in their hearts *Acts 2:37, 7:54
34 *Acts 22:3 *Luke 24:48, 5:17 *Acts 5:21

35 And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you propose to do with these men.

36 "For some time ago Theudas rose up, ^aclaiming to be somebody; and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. ¹And he was slain; and all who ²followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.

37 "After this man Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of ^athe census, and drew away some people after him, he too perished, and all those who ¹followed him were scattered.

38 "And so in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or ¹action should ^abe of men, it will be overthrown;

39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found ^afighting against God."

40 And they ¹took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they ^aflogged them and ordered them to ²speak no more in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them.

41 So they went on their way from the presence of the ^{1a}Council, ^brejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame ^cfor ²His name.

42 ^aAnd every day, in the temple and ¹from house to house, they ²kept right on teaching and ^{3b}preaching Jesus as the ⁴Christ.

CHAPTER 6

NOW ¹at this time while the ^adisciples were ^bincreasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the ^{2c}Hellenistic Jews against the *native* ^dHebrews, because their ^ewidows were being overlooked in ^fthe daily serving of food.

2 And the twelve summoned the ¹congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.

³⁶ ¹Lit., Who was slain ¹Lit., were obeying ^aActs 8:9; Gal. 2:6; 6:3

³⁷ ¹Lit., were obeying ^aLuke 2:2

³⁸ ¹Or, work ^aMark 11:30

³⁹ ^aProv. 21:30; Acts 11:17

⁴⁰ ¹Lit., were persuaded by him ¹Lit., not he speaking ^aMatt. 10:17

⁴¹ ¹Or, Sanhedrin ²Lit., the name (par excellence)

^aActs 5:21; ^b1 Pet. 4:14; 16 ^cJohn 15:21

⁴² ¹Or, in the various private homes ²Lit., were not ceasing to ³Or, telling the good news of ⁴i.e., Messiah

^aActs 2:48; ^bActs 8:35; 11:20; 17:18; Gal. 1:16

¹ ¹Lit., in these days ²i.e., non-Palestinian Jews who normally spoke Greek

^aActs 11:26; ^bActs 2:47; 6:7; ^cActs 9:29; 11:20

^d2 Cor. 11:22; Phil. 3:5

^eActs 9:39; 41; 1 Tim. 5:3

^fActs 4:35; 11:29

² ¹Or, multitude

³ ^aJohn 21:23; Acts 1:15 ^bActs 2:4

⁴ ¹Or, service

^aActs 1:14

⁵ ¹Lit., multitude ²Gr., Nikolaos ³i.e., a Gentile convert to Judaism

^aActs 6:8ff.; 11:19; 22:20

^bActs 6:3; 11:24 ^cActs 8:5ff.; 21:8

^dMatt. 23:15

^eActs 11:19

^fActs 1:24 ^aNumb. 8:10; 27:18; Deut. 34:9; Mark 5:23;

3 "But select from among you ^abrethren, seven men of good reputation, ^bfull of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

4 "But we will ^adevote ourselves to prayer, and to the ¹ministry of the word."

5 And the statement found approval with the whole ¹congregation; and they chose ^aStephen, a man ^bfull of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and ^cPhilip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and ²Nicolas, a ^{3d}proselyte from ^cAntioch.

6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after ^apraying, they ^blaid their hands on them.

7 ¶ And ^athe word of God kept on spreading; and ^bthe number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to ^cthe faith.

8 ¶ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great ^awonders and ¹signs among the people.

9 But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both ^aCyrenians and ^bAlexandrians, and some from ^cCilicia and ^{1d}Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen.

10 And yet they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

11 Then they secretly induced men ¹to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God."

12 And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes

Acts 8:17ff.; 9:17; 13:3; 19:6; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6; Heb. 6:2

⁷ ^aActs 12:24; 19:20 ^bActs 6:1 ^cActs 13:8; 14:22; Gal. 1:23; 6:10; Jude 3, 20

⁸ ¹Or, attesting miracles ^aJohn 4:48

⁹ ¹i.e., west coast province of Asia Minor ^aMatt. 27:32; Acts 2:10 ^bActs 18:24 ^cActs 15:23, 41; 21:39; 22:3; 23:34; 27:5; Gal. 1:21 ^dActs 18:6; 19:10; 21:27; 24:18

¹¹ ¹Lit., saying

and they ^acame upon him and ^cdragged him away, and brought him ¹before ^bthe ²Council.

13 And they put forward ^afalse witnesses who said, "This man incessantly speaks against this ^bholy place, and the Law;

14 for we have heard him say that ^athis Nazarene, Jesus, will destroy this place and alter ^bthe customs which Moses handed down to us."

15 And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the ¹Council saw his face like the face of an angel.

CHAPTER 7

AND the high priest said, "Are these things so?"

2 ¶ And he said, "Hear me, ^abrethren and fathers! ^bThe God of glory ^cappeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in ¹Haran.

3 and said to him, '^aDEPART FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.'

4 "Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and settled in ¹Haran. And ^bfrom there, after his father died, God removed him into this country in which you are now living.

5 "And He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground; and yet, even when he had no child, ^aHe promised that HE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM AS A POSSESSION, AND TO HIS OFFSPRING AFTER HIM.

6 "But ^aGod spoke to this effect, (that his OFFSPRING WOULD BE ALIENS IN A FOREIGN LAND, AND THAT THEY WOULD ¹BE ENSLAVED AND MISTREATED FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.

7 "AND WHATEVER NATION TO WHICH THEY SHALL BE IN BONDAGE I MYSELF WILL JUDGE," said God, 'AND ^aAFTER THAT THEY WILL COME OUT AND ¹SERVE ME IN THIS PLACE.'

12 ¹Lk., into
²Or, Sanhedrin
³Luke 20:1;
Acts 4:1
⁴Matt. 5:22
13 ¹Matt.
26:58-61;
Acts 7:58
²Matt. 24:15,
Acts 21:28,
25:8
14 ¹Matt.
26:61 ²Acts
15:1, 21:21,
26:3, 28:17
18 ¹Or, Sanhedrin
²Matt. 5:22
3 ¹Gr.
Kharan
²Acts 22:1
³Ps. 29:3,
1 Cor. 2:8
⁴Gen. 11:31,
15:7
5 ¹Gen.
12:1
6 ¹Gr.
Kharan
²Gen. 11:31,
15:7 ³Gen.
12:4, 5
7 ¹Gen.
12:7, 13:15,
15:18, 17:8
8 ¹Lk. on
slave them
and mistreat
them
²Gen. 15:13f
7 ¹Or, wor-
ship
²Ex. 3:12
8 ¹Or, a
²Gen. 17:10ff
³Gen. 21:2-4
⁴Gen. 25:26
⁵Gen.
29:31ff
30:5ff
35:23ff ⁶Acts
2:29
9 ¹Gen.
37:11, 28,
39:2, 21f.
45:4
10 ¹Gen.
39:21, 41:40-
46, Ps. 105:21
11 ¹Lk.
were not
finding ²Or,
fuddler
³Gen. 41:54f.
42:5
12 ¹Gen.
42:2
13 ¹Or, was
made known
²Gen. 45:1-4
³Gen. 45:16
14 ¹Gen.
45:8, 10, 17,
18 ²Gen.
48:20f., Ex.
1:5, Deut.
10:22 ³Acts
2:41
18 ¹Gen.
46:1-7, 48:33;
Ex. 1:6
18 ¹Gr., Sy-
cham ²Gr.,
Emmor

8 "And He ^agave him ¹the covenant of circumcision; and so ^bAbraham became the father of Isaac, and circumcised him on the eighth day; and ^cIsaac became the father of Jacob, and ^dJacob of the twelve ^apatriarchs.

9 "And the patriarchs ^abecame jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. And yet God was with him,

10 and rescued him from all his afflictions, and ^agranted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his household.

11 "Now ^aa famine came over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction with it; and our fathers ¹could find no ²food.

12 "But ^awhen Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers ¹there the first time.

13 "And on the second visit ^aJoseph ¹made himself known to his brothers, and ^bJoseph's family was disclosed to Pharaoh.

14 "And ^aJoseph sent word and invited Jacob his father and all his relatives to come to him, ^bseventy-five ^cpersons in all.

15 "And ^aJacob went down to Egypt and ¹there passed away, he and our fathers.

16 "And ¹from ²there they were removed to ¹Shechem, and laid in the tomb which Abraham had purchased for a sum of money from the sons of ²Hamor in ¹Shechem.

17 "But as the ^atime of the promise was approaching which God had assured to Abraham, ^bthe people increased and multiplied in Egypt.

18 UNTIL ^aTHERE AROSE ANOTHER KING OVER EGYPT WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT JOSEPH.

19 "It was he who took ^ashrewd advantage of our race, and mistreated our fathers so that they

¹Gen. 23:16, 33:19, 50:13, Josh. 24:32

17 ¹Gen. 15:13 ²Ex. 1:7.

18 ¹Ex. 1:6

19 ¹Ex. 1:10f., 10ff.

would ^{1b}expose their infants and they would not survive.

20 "And it was at this time that ^aMoses was born; and he was lovely ¹in the sight of God; and he was nurtured three months in his father's home.

21 "And after he had been ¹exposed, ^aPharaoh's daughter ²took him away, and nurtured him as her own son.

22 "And Moses was educated in all ^athe learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.

23 "But when he was approaching the age of forty, ^ait entered his ¹mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel.

24 "And when he saw one of them being treated unjustly, he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed by striking down the Egyptian.

25 "And he ¹supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting them ²deliverance ³through him; but they did not understand.

26 "And on the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting together, and he tried to reconcile them in peace, saying, 'Men, you are brethren, why do you injure one another?'

27 "But the one who was injuring his neighbor pushed him away, saying, '^aWHO MADE YOU A RULER AND JUDGE OVER US?'

28 '^aYOU DO NOT MEAN TO KILL ME AS YOU KILLED THE EGYPTIAN YESTERDAY, DO YOU?'

29 "And at this remark ^aMOSES FLED, AND BECAME AN ALIEN IN THE LAND OF ¹MIDIAN, where he ^bbecame the father of two sons.

30 "And after forty years had passed, ^aAN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF MOUNT Sinai, IN THE FLAME OF A BURNING THORN BUSH.

31 "And when Moses saw it, he began to marvel at the sight; and as he approached to look more

19 ¹Or, put out to die
20 ¹Ex. 1:22
21 ¹Lit., to God
22 ¹Ex. 2:2; Heb. 11:23
23 ¹Or, put out to die
24 ¹Or, adopted him
25 ¹Ex. 2:5f., 10
26 ¹1 Kin. 4:30; Is. 19:11
27 ¹Lit., heart
28 ¹Ex. 2:11f.; Heb. 11:24-26
29 ¹Lit., was thinking
30 ¹Or, salvation
31 ¹Lit., through his hand
32 ¹Ex. 2:13f.
33 ¹Ex. 2:14; Acts 7:35
34 ¹Ex. 2:14
35 ¹Gr., Midian
36 ¹Ex. 2:15, 22
37 ¹Ex. 18:3, 4
38 ¹Ex. 3:1f.; Is. 63:9
39 ¹Ex. 3:8; Matt. 22:32
40 ¹Ex. 3:5
41 ¹Josh. 5:15
42 ¹Lit., and now hither!
43 ¹Ex. 3:7f.
44 ¹Ex. 3:10
45 ¹Lit., has sent
46 ¹Lit., hand
47 ¹Ex. 2:14; Acts 7:27
48 ¹Or, attesting miracles
49 ¹Ex. 12:41; 33:1; Heb. 8:9
50 ¹Ex. 7:3; 14:21; John 4:48
51 ¹Ex. 16:35; Num. 14:33; Ps. 95:8-10; Acts 7:42; 13:18; Heb. 3:8f.
52 ¹Or, as He raised up me
53 ¹Deut. 18:15, 18; Acts 3:22
54 ¹Or, church, Gr., *ekklesia*
55 ¹Ex. 19:17
56 ¹Acts 7:53
57 ¹Deut. 32:47; Heb. 4:12
58 ¹Rom. 3:2; Heb. 5:12; 1 Pet. 4:11
59 ¹Num. 14:3f.
60 ¹Ex. 32:1, 23
61 ¹Lit., in those days
62 ¹Or, young bull
63 ¹Ex. 32:4, 6
64 ¹Rev. 9:20

closely, there came the voice of the Lord:

32 '^aI AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB.' And Moses shook with fear and would not venture to look.

33 '^aBUT THE LORD SAID TO HIM ^bTAKE OFF THE SANDALS FROM YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE ON WHICH YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY GROUND.

34 '^aI HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE IN EGYPT, AND HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANS, AND I HAVE COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM; ^{1b}COME NOW AND I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT.

35 "This Moses whom they ^adisowned, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?' is the one whom God ¹sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the ²help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush.

36 '^aThis man led them out, performing ^bwonders and ¹signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the ^cwilderness for forty years.

37 "This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, '^aGOD SHALL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET ¹LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN.

38 "This is the one who was in ^athe ¹congregation in the wilderness together with ^bthe angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received ^cliving ^doracles to pass on to you.

39 "And our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but ^arepudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt.

40 '^aSAYING TO AARON, 'MAKE FOR US GODS WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; FOR THIS MOSES WHO LED US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT—WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.'

41 "And ¹at that time ^athey made a ²calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in ^bthe works of their hands;

42 "But God ^aturned away and delivered them up to ¹serve the ²host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, ^b"IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES ^c"FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?"

43 ^a"YOU ALSO TOOK ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH AND THE STAR OF THE GOD ¹ROMPHA, THE IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP THEM. I ALSO WILL REMOVE YOU BEYOND BABYLON."

44 "Our fathers had ^athe tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed *him* to make it ^baccording to the pattern which he had seen.

45 "And having received it in their turn, our fathers ^abrought it in with ¹Joshua upon dispossessing the ²nations whom God drove out before our fathers, until the time of David.

46 "And ^aDavid found favor in God's sight, and ^basked that he might find a dwelling place for the ¹God of Jacob.

47 "But it was ^aSolomon who built a house for Him.

48 "However, ^athe Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says:

49 "HEAVEN IS MY THRONE, AND EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY FEET; WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME?" says the Lord;

"OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY REPOSE?"

50 ^a"WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS?"

51 ^a"You men who are ^astiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

52 ^a"Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?

42 ^aOr, worship ¹i.e., heavenly bodies
^bJosh. 24:20; Is. 63:10; Jer. 19:13; Ezek. 20:38
^cAmos 5:25
^dActs 7:38

43 ^aOther mss. spell it Rompham, or Raiphon, or Rapphan
^bAmos 5:28, 27

44 ^aEx. 25:9, 38, 21
^bEx. 25:40

45 ^aGr. Jesus
^bOr, Gentiles
^cDeut. 32:49
^dJosh. 3:14ff.
^e18:1, 23:9;
^f24:18; Ps. 44:21

46 ^aThe earliest mss. read house instead of God, the Septuagint reads God

^b2 Sam. 7:6ff.; Ps. 132:1-5; Acts 13:22
^c2 Sam. 7:11, 16; 1 Chr. 17:1-14

47 ^a1 Km. 8:1, 38, 8:20;
^b2 Chr. 3:1-17
^c48
^dLuke 1:32

49 ^aIs. 66:1; Matt. 5:34f.
^b66:1a; 66:2
^c51
^dEx. 32:9;
^e33:3, 5; Lev. 26:41; Num. 27:14; Is. 63:10; Jer. 6:10; 9:26

50 ^a2 Chr. 36:15f.; Matt. 5:12, 23:31;
^b37
^cActs 3:14;
^d22:14; 1 John 2:1
^eActs 3:14, 5:28

51 ^aOrut
^b33:2; Acts 7:38; Gal. 3:19; Heb. 2:2
^c84
^d111, in their hearts
^eActs 5:33

52 ^aActs 2:4
^bJohn 11:41
^cMark 16:19
^d88
^eJohn 1:51
^fMatt. 8:20

53 ^aLev. 24:14, 16; Luke 4:29
^bDeut. 13:9f.; 17:7; Acts 6:13
^cActs 22:20
^dActs 8:1, 22:20;
^e26:10
^f89
^gActs

And they killed those who had previously announced the coming of ^bthe Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers ^cyou have now become;

53 you who received the law as ^aordained by angels, and yet did not keep it."

54 ^a Now when they heard this, they were ^acut ¹to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him.

55 But being ^afull of the Holy Spirit, he ^bgazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing ^cat the right hand of God;

56 and he said, "Behold, I see the ^aheavens opened up and ^bthe Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears, and they rushed upon him with one impulse.

58 And when they had ^adriven him out of the city, they began stoning him, and ^bthe witnesses ^claid aside their robes at the feet of ^da young man named Saul.

59 And they went on stoning Stephen as he ^acalled upon the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

60 And ^afalling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, ^bdo not hold this sin against them!" And having said this, he ^cfell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

AND ^aSaul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death.

^a And on that day a great persecution arose against ^bthe church in Jerusalem; and they were all ^cscattered throughout the regions of Judea and ^dSamarina, except the apostles.

8:14, 21; 22:19; Rom. 10:12-14; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Tim. 2:22
^bOr, expelled
^cLuke 22:41
^dMatt. 5:44; Luke 23:34
^eDeut. 12:2; Matt. 27:52; John 11:11f.; Acts 13:30; 1 Cor. 15:6, 18, 20; 1 Thess. 4:13ff.; 2 Pet. 3:4

^f1 Acts 7:58; 22:20; 26:10
^gActs 2:31
^hActs 8:4; 11:19
ⁱActs 1:8; 8:5, 14; 9:31

2 And some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

3 But ^aSaul began ravaging the church, entering house after house; and ^bdragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

4 ¶ Therefore, those ^awho had been scattered went about ^bpreaching the word.

5 And ^aPhilip went down to the city of Samaria and *began* proclaiming ¹Christ to them.

6 And the multitudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the ¹signs which he was performing.

7 For in the case of many who had ^aunclean spirits, they were coming out of *them* shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been ^bparalyzed and lame were healed.

8 And there was ^amuch rejoicing in that city.

9 ¶ Now there was a certain man named Simon, who formerly was practicing ^amagic in the city, and astonishing the people of Samaria, ^bclaiming to be someone great;

10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "^aThis man is what is called the Great Power of God."

11 And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his ^amagic arts.

12 But when they believed Philip ^apreaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being ^bbaptized, men and women alike.

13 And even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed ^asigns and ^bgreat miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

14 ¶ Now when ^athe apostles

3 ^aActs 9:1, 13, 21, 22, 4, 19, 28; 10:1, 1 Cor 15:9; Gal. 1:13; Phil 3:6; 1 Tim 1:13; ^bJames 2:6

4 ¹Or, bringing the good tidings of

^aActs 8:1; ^bActs 8:12, 13:35

5 ¹I.e., the Messiah; ^aActs 6:5, 8:26, 30

6 ¹Or, at testing miracles

7 ^aMark 16:17; ^bMatt 4:24

8 ^aJohn 4:40-42; Acts 8:39

9 ^aActs 8:11, 13:6; ^bActs 5:36

10 ^aActs 14:11, 28:6

11 ^aActs 8:9, 13:6

12 ^aActs 1:3, 8:4; ^bActs 2:38

13 ^aActs 8:6; ^bActs 19:11

14 ^aActs 8:1; ^bLuke 22:8

15 ^aActs 2:38, 19:2

16 ¹Lit., into; ^aMatt. 28:19; Acts 19:2

^bActs 2:38, 10:48

17 ^aMark 5:23; Acts 8:6; ^bActs 2:4

20 ^a2 Kin. 5:16, 1s. 55:1; Dan. 5:17; Matt. 10:8; Acts 2:38

21 ¹Or, teaching; lit., word

^aDeut. 10:9; 12:12; Eph. 5:5; ^bPs. 78:37

22 ^aIs. 55:7

23 ¹Or, fetter

^aIs. 58:6

24 ^aGen. 20:7; Ex. 8:8; Num. 21:7; James 5:16

25 ^aLuke 16:28; ^bActs 13:12; ^cActs 8:40; ^dMatt. 10:5

26 ¹Or, This city is deserted

^aActs 5:19; 8:29; ^bActs 8:5

^cGen. 10:19

in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God; they sent them ^bPeter and John

15 who came down and prayed for them, ^athat they might receive the Holy Spirit.

16 For He had ^anot yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been ^bbaptized ¹in the name of the Lord Jesus.

17 Then they ^abegan laying their hands on them, and they were ^breceiving the Holy Spirit.

18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money

19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could ^aobtain the gift of God with money!

21 "You have ^ano part or portion in this ¹matter, for your heart is not ^bbright before God.

22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that ^aif possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

23 "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in ^athe ¹bondage of iniquity."

24 But Simon answered and said, "^aPray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

25 ¶ And so, when they had solemnly ^atestified and spoken ^bthe word of the Lord, they started back to Jerusalem, and were ^cpreaching the gospel to many villages of the ^aSamaritans.

26 ¶ But ^aan angel of the Lord spoke to ^bPhilip saying, "Arise and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to ^cGaza." (¹This is a desert road.)

27 And he arose and went; and behold, ^athere was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he ^bhad come to Jerusalem to worship.

28 And he was returning and sitting in his ¹chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah.

29 And ^athe Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot."

30 And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this:

"**HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER;
AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT,
SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH.**

33 "**IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY;
WHO SHALL ¹RELATE HIS ²GENERATION?**

FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH."

34 And the eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?"

35 And Philip ^aopened his mouth, and ^bbeginning from this Scripture he ^cpreached Jesus to him.

36 And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch ^asaid, "Look! Water! ^aWhat prevents me from being baptized?"

37 [¹And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you

27 ^aPs. 68:31; 87:4; Is. 53:3ff.
^b1 Kin. 8:41f.; John 12:20

28 ¹Or, carriage

29 ¹Or, carriage

^aActs 8:39; 10:19; 11:12; 13:2; 16:6, 7; 20:23; 21:11; 28:25; Heb. 3:7

32 ^aIs. 53:7

33 ¹Or, describe ²Or, family or origin

^aIs. 53:8

35 ^aMatt. 5:2

^bLuke 24:27; Acts 17:2; 18:28; 28:23

^cActs 5:42

36 ^aActs 10:47

37 ¹Many mss. do not contain this v.

38 ¹Or, carriage

39 ^a1 Kin. 18:12; 2 Kin. 2:16; Ezek. 3:12; 14:8-3; 11:1, 24; 43:5; 2 Cor. 12:2

40 ¹Or, was found ²O.T.: Ashdod

^aJosh. 11:22; 1 Sam. 5:1

^bActs 8:25

^cActs 9:30; 10:1, 24; 11:11; 12:19; 18:22; 21:8; 16:23-23; 33; 25:1, 4, 6, 13

¹Lit., threat

^aActs 9:1-22; 22:3-16; 26:9-18

^bActs 8:3; 9:13-21

²Acts 9:14, 21; 22:5; 26:10

^cMatt. 10:17

^dGen. 14:15; 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17

^eJohn 14:6; Acts 18:25f.; 19:9; 23; 22:4; 24:14, 22

^f1 Cor. 15:8

^gActs 22:7; 26:14

^hActs 9:16

ⁱOr, sound

^jActs 26:14

^kJohn 12:29f.; Acts 22:9

^lLit., was seeing

^mActs 9:18; 22:11

may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

38 And he ordered the ¹chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39 And when they came up out of the water, ^athe Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing.

40 But Philip ¹found himself at ^{2a}Azotus; and as he passed through he ^bkept preaching the gospel to all the cities, until he came to ^cCaesarea.

CHAPTER 9

^a**N**OW Saul, still ^bbreathing ¹threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

2 and asked for ^aletters from him to ^bthe synagogues at ^cDamascus, so that if he found any belonging to ^dthe Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 And it came about that as he journeyed, he was approaching Damascus, and ^asuddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

4 and ^ahe fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?**"

5 And he said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" And He said, "**I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.**

6 **but rise, and enter the city, and ^ait shall be told you what you must do."**

7 And the men who traveled with him ^astood speechless, ^bhearing the ¹voice, but seeing no one.

8 And Saul got up from the ground, and ^athough his eyes were open, he ¹could see nothing; and leading him by the hand,

they brought him into ^bDamascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 ¶ Now there was a certain disciple at ^aDamascus, named ^bAnanias; and the Lord said to him in ^ca vision, "**Ananias.**" And he said, "Behold, *here am I, Lord.*"

11 And the Lord said to him, "**Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from ^aTarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying.**

12 **and he has seen ¹in a vision a man named Ananias come in and ^alay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.**"

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, ^ahow much harm he did to ^bThy ¹saints at Jerusalem;

14 and here he ^ahas authority from the chief priests to bind all who ^bcall upon Thy name."

15 But the Lord said to him, "**Go, for ^ahe is a chosen ¹instrument of Mine, to bear My name before ^bthe Gentiles and ^ckings and the sons of Israel;**

16 **for ^aI will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake.**"

17 And Ananias departed and entered the house, and after ^alaying his hands on him said, "**^bBrother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight, and be ^cfilled with the Holy Spirit.**"

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he arose and was baptized; 19 and he took food and was strengthened.

¶ Now ^afor several days he was with ^bthe disciples who were at Damascus,

8 ^bGen. 14:15; 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17

10 ^aGen. 14:15; 2 Cor. 11:32; Gal. 1:17 ^bActs 22:12 ^cActs 10:3, 17, 19, 11:5, 12:9, 16:9f.; 18:9

11 ^aActs 9:30; 11:25; 21:39; 22:3

12 ¹Some mss. do not contain in a vision

^aMark 5:23, Acts 6:6, 9:17

13 ¹Or, holy ones

^aActs 8:3 ^bActs 9:32, 41, 26:10; Rom. 1:7; 15:25, 26, 31; 16:2, 15; 1 Cor. 1:2

14 ^aActs 9:2, 21 ^bActs 7:59

15 ¹Or, vessel

^aActs 13:2; Rom. 1:1; 9:23; Gal. 1:15; Eph. 3:7

^bActs 22:21, 26:17; Rom. 1:5; 11:13; 15:16; Gal. 1:16; 2:7ff.; Eph. 3:1, 8; 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 4:17

^cActs 25:22f.; 26:1, 32; 2 Tim. 4:17

16 ^aActs 20:23; 21:4, 11, 13; 2 Cor. 6:4f.; 11:23; 27:1 Thess. 3:3

17 ^aMark 5:23; Acts 6:6; 9:12 ^bActs 22:13

19 ^aActs 26:20 ^bActs 9:26, 38, 11:26

20 ¹Lit., that ^aActs 13:5, 14:14; 16:13; 17:2, 10; 18:4, 19; 19:8 ^bMatt. 4:3; Acts 9:22; 13:33

21 ^aActs 8:3; 9:13; Gal. 1:13, 23 ^bActs 9:14

22 ¹i.e., Messiah

23 ^aGal. 1:17, 18

¹1 Thess. 2:16

24 ^aActs 20:3, 19; 23:12, 30; 25:3 ^b2 Cor. 11:32f.

20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus ^ain the synagogues, ¹saying, "He is ^bthe Son of God."

21 And all those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem ^adestroyed those who ^bcalled on this name, and who had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the ¹Christ.

23 ¶ And when ^amany days had elapsed, ^bthe Jews plotted together to do away with him,

24 but ^atheir plot became known to Saul. And ^bthey were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death;

25 but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through *an opening in the wall* lowering him in a large basket

26 ¶ And ^awhen he had come to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple

27 But ^aBarnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had ^bseen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how ^cat Damascus he had ^dspoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them ¹moving about freely in Jerusalem, ^aspeaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

29 And he was talking and arguing with the ^aHellenistic Jews but they were attempting to put him to death.

26 ^aActs 22:17-20; 26:20

27 ^aActs 4:36 ^bActs 9:3-6 ^cActs 9:20, 22 ^dActs 4:13;

29; 9:29

28 ¹Lit., going in and going out ^aActs 4:13, 29; 9:29

29 ^aActs 6:1

30 But when ^athe brethren learned of it, they brought him down to ^bCaesarea and ^csent him away to ^dTarsus.

31 ^e So ^athe church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria ^benjoyed peace, being built up; and, going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

32 ^e Now it came about that as Peter was traveling through all those parts, he came down also to ^athe ^bsaints who lived at ^cLydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed.

34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise, and make your bed." And immediately he arose.

35 And all who lived at ^aLydda and ^bSharon saw him, and they ^cturned to the Lord.

36 ^e Now in ^aJoppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called ^bDorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did.

37 And it came about ^aat that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an ^bupper room.

38 And since Lydda was near ^aJoppa, ^bthe disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, entreating him, "Do not delay to come to us."

39 And Peter arose and went with them. And when he had come, they brought him into the ^aupper room; and all the ^bwidows stood beside him weeping, and showing all the ^ctunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them.

40 But Peter ^asent them all out and ^bkneled down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said,

30 ^aActs 1:15 ^bActs 8:40 ^cGal 1:21 ^dActs 9:11
31 ^eLit., was having ^aActs 5:11, 8:1, 10:5
32 ^eOr, holy ones ^aLit. ^bActs 9:13 ^c1 Chr 8:12, Ezra 2:33, Neh 7:37, 11:35
33 ^eLit., ^aLod ^b1 Chr 8:12, Ezra 2:33, Neh 7:37, 11:35 ^c1 Chr 5:16, 27:29, 1s 33:9, 35:2, 65:10 ^dActs 2:47, 9:42, 11:21
34 ^eOr, ^aGazelle ^bJosh 19:46, 2 Chr 2:16, Ezra 3:7, Jon 1:3, Acts 9:38, 427, 10:5, 8, 23, 32, 11:5, 13
35 ^eLit., in those days ^aActs 1:13, 9:39
36 ^eJosh 19:46, 2 Chr 2:16, Ezra 3:7, Jon 1:3, Acts 9:38, 427, 10:5, 8, 23, 32, 11:5, 13 ^bActs 11:26
37 ^eOr, in her garments ^aActs 1:13, 9:37 ^bActs 6:1 ^cMatt 9:25 ^dLuke 22:41, Acts 7:60 ^eMark 5:41
41 ^eOr, holy ones ^aActs 9:13, 32 ^bActs 6:1
42 ^eJosh 19:46, 2 Chr 2:16, Jon 1:3, Acts 9:38, 427, 10:5, 8, 23, 32, 11:5, 13 ^bActs 9:35
43 ^eJosh 19:46, 2 Chr 2:16, Ezra 3:7, Jon 1:3, Acts 9:38, 427, 10:5, 8, 23, 32, 11:13, 15 ^bActs 10:6
1 ^eOr, ^abedchamber ^bActs 8:40, 10:24 ^cMatt 27:27, Mark 15:16, John 18:3, 12, Acts 21:31, 27:1

"^aTabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling ^athe ^bsaints and ^cwidows, he presented her alive.

42 And it became known all over ^aJoppa, and ^bmany believed in the Lord.

43 And it came about that he stayed many days in ^aJoppa with ^ba certain tanner, Simon.

CHAPTER 10

NOW there was a certain man at ^aCaesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was ^bcalled the Italian ^ccohort,

2 a devout man, and ^aone who feared God with all his household, and ^bgave many ^calms to the Jewish people, and prayed to God continually.

3 About ^athe ^bninth hour of the day he clearly saw ^bin a vision ^can angel of God who had just come in to him, and said to him, "Cornelius!"

4 And ^afixing his gaze upon him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and ^balms ^chave ascended ^das a memorial before God.

5 "And now dispatch some men to ^aJoppa, and send for a man named Simon, who is also called Peter;

6 he ^bis staying with a certain tanner named ^aSimon, whose house is by the sea."

7 And when the angel who was speaking to him had departed, he summoned two of his ^bservants and a devout soldier of those who were in constant attendance upon him,

2 ^eOr, gifts of charity ^aActs 10:22, 30, 13:16, 26 ^bLuke 7:41
3 ^eLit., 3 p.m. ^aActs 3:1 ^bActs 8:10, 10:17, 19 ^cActs 5:19
4 ^eOr, deeds of charity ^aActs 3:4 ^bRev 8:4 ^cMatt 28:13, Phil 4:18, Heb 8:10
5 ^aActs 9:36
6 ^eOr, in lodging ^aActs 9:43
7 ^eOr, household slaves

8 and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to ^aJoppa.

9 ¶ And on the next day, as they were on their way, and approaching the city, ^aPeter went up on ^bthe housetop about ^cthe sixth hour to pray.

10 And he became hungry, and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he ^afell into a trance;

11 and he ^abeheld ^athe ¹sky opened up, and a certain ²object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground,

12 and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and ¹crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the ²air.

13 And a voice came to him, "Arise, Peter, ¹kill and eat!"

14 But Peter said, "By no means, ^aLord, for ^bI have never eaten anything ¹unholy and unclean."

15 And again a voice came to him a second time, "^aWhat God has cleansed, no longer consider ¹unholy."

16 And this happened three times; and immediately the ¹object was taken up into the ²sky.

17 ¶ Now while Peter was greatly perplexed ¹in mind as to what ^athe vision which he had seen might be, behold, ^bthe men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate;

18 and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was ¹staying there.

19 And while Peter was reflecting on ^athe vision, ^bthe Spirit said to him, "Behold, ¹three men are looking for you.

20 "But arise, go downstairs, and ^aaccompany them ¹without misgivings; for I have sent them Myself."

21 And Peter went down to the

8 ^aActs 9:36
9 ¹i.e., noon
10 ^aActs 10:9-32; 11:5-14; Jer. 19:13; 32:29; Zeph. 1:5; Matt. 24:17; Ps. 55:17; Acts 10:3
11 ^aActs 11:5; 22:17
12 ¹Or, heaven
13 ¹Or, vessel
14 ¹John 1:51
15 ¹Or, possibly, reptiles
16 ¹Or, heaven
17 ¹Or, sacrifice
18 ¹Or, profane; lit., common
19 ^aMatt. 8:2ff.; John 4:11ff.; Acts 9:5; 22:8
20 ^aLev. 11:20-25; Deut. 14:4-20; Ezek. 4:14; Dan. 1:8; Acts 10:28
21 ¹Lit., common
22 ^aMatt. 15:11; Mark 7:19; Rom. 14:14
23 ¹Cor. 10:25ff.; 1 Tim. 4:4f.; Titus 1:15
24 ¹Or, vessel
25 ¹Or, heaven
26 ¹Lit., himself
27 ^aActs 10:3
28 ^aActs 10:8
29 ¹Or, lodging
30 ¹One early mss. reads two
31 ^aActs 10:3
32 ^aActs 8:29
33 ¹Lit., doubting
34 ^aActs 15:7-9
35 ¹Lit., words
36 ^aActs 10:2
37 ^aMatt. 2:12
38 ^aMark 8:38; Luke 9:28; Rev. 14:10
39 ^aActs 11:14
40 ^aActs 10:45; 11:12
41 ^aActs 1:15
42 ^aActs 9:36
43 ^aActs 8:40; 10:1
44 ¹Or, prostrated
45 ^aMatt. 8:2
46 ^aActs 14:15; Rev. 19:10; 22:8f.
47 ¹Lit., finds
48 ^aActs 10:24

men and said, "Behold, I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for which you have come?"

22 And they said, "Cornelius, centurion, a righteous and ^aGod-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, ^bwas divinely directed by a ^choly angel to send for you to come to his house and hear ¹a message from you."

23 And so he invited them in and gave them lodging.

¶ And on the next day he arose and went away with them, and ^asome of ^bthe brethren from ^cJoppa accompanied him.

24 And on the following day he entered ^aCaesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends.

25 And when it came about that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and ¹worshiped him.

26 But Peter raised him up saying, "^aStand up; I too am just a man."

27 And as he talked with him he entered, and ¹found ^amany people assembled.

28 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how ^aunlawful it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and yet ^bGod has shown me that I should not call any man ¹unholy or unclean.

29 "That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. And so I ask for what reason you have sent for me."

30 And Cornelius said, "^aFour days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during ^bthe ninth hour; and behold, ^ca man stood before me in shining garments,

31 and he ^asaid, 'Cornelius,

28 ^aOr, profane; lit., common John 4:9; 18:28; Acts 11:3; Acts 10:14f., 35; 15:9
29 ¹i.e., 3 to 4 p.m. Acts 10:9, 22f. Acts 3:1; 10:3
Acts 10:3-4, 30-32

your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God.

32 "Send therefore to ^aJoppa and invite Simon, who is also called Peter, to come to you; he is staying at the house of Simon the tanner by the sea."

33 "And so I sent to you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

34 And ^aopening his mouth, Peter said:

35 "I most certainly understand now that ^bGod is not one to show partiality,

36 but ^ain every nation the man who ^bfears Him and ²does what is right, is welcome to Him.

37 "The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, ^apreaching ^bpeace through Jesus Christ (He is ^cLord of all)—

38 you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed.

39 "You know of ^aJesus of Nazareth, how God ^banointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, ^{2c}and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for ^dGod was with Him.

40 "And we are ^awitnesses of all the things He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And they also ^bput Him to death by hanging Him on a cross.

41 "God raised Him up on the third day, and granted that He should become visible,

42 not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, that is, to us, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

43 "And He ^aordered us to ^bpreach to the people, and solemnly to ^btestify that this is the

31 ^{Or, deeds of charity}
32 ^{Or, lodging}

^aJohn 4:9; 18:28; Acts 11:3

33 ^{Lit., done well in coming}

34 ^aMatt. 5:2 ^bDeut. 10:17, 2 Chr. 19:7, Rom. 2:11, Gal. 2:6; Eph. 6:9; Col. 3:25; 1 Pet. 1:17

35 ^{Or, reverence} ²Lit., writes right-
awareness
^aActs 10:28
^aActs 10:2

36 ^{Some read: He sent the word to} ^{Or, the gospel of peace}

^aActs 13:32
^bLuke 1:79; 2:14, Rom. 5:1, Eph. 2:17
^cMatt. 28:18; Acts 2:36; Rom. 10:12

37 ^{Or possibly, How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth} ²Lit., who went

^aActs 2:22
^aActs 4:26
^cMatt. 4:23
^dJohn 3:2

38 ^{Or, countryside} ²Lit., wood
^aLuke 24:48; Acts 10:41
^aActs 5:30

40 ^aActs 2:24
41 ^aJohn 14:19, 22; 15:27
^bLuke 24:48; Acts 10:39
^bLuke 24:43; Acts 1:4 mg.

42 ^{Or, proclaim} ^aActs 1:2
^bLuke 18:28
^cLuke 22:22
^dJohn 5:22, 27; Acts 17:31, 2 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:5

43 ^aActs 3:18
^bLuke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 4:12

44 ^{Or, word} ^aActs 11:15; 15:8

45 ^{Or, those who were from among the circumcision; i.e., Jewish}

One who has been ^aappointed by God as ^dJudge of the living and the dead.

43 "Of Him ^aall the prophets bear witness that through ^bHis name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

44 ¶ While Peter was still speaking these words, ^athe Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the ¹message.

45 And ^aall the ¹circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been ^bpoured out upon the Gentiles also.

46 For they were hearing them ^aspeaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered,

47 "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who ^bhave received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?"

48 And he ^aordered them to be baptized ^bin the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

CHAPTER 11

NOW the apostles and ^athe brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.

2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, ^{1a}those who were circumcised took issue with him,

3 saying, "^aYou ¹went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."

4 But Peter began speaking and proceeded to explain to them ^ain orderly sequence, saying,

Christians ^aActs 10:23 ^aActs 2:33, 38

46 ^aMark 16:17; Acts 2:4, 19:6

47 ^aActs 8:36 ^aActs 2:4, 10:44, 11:17; 15:8

48 ^a1 Cor. 1:14-17 ^aActs 2:38; 8:19; 19:5

1 ^aActs 1:15

2 ¹Lit., those of the circumcision, i.e., Jewish

Christians ^aActs 10:45

3 ^{Or, entered the house of} ^aMatt. 8:11; Acts 10:28;

Gal. 2:12

4 ^aLuke 1:3

5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw ^aa vision, a certain ¹object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from ²the sky; and it came right down to me.

6 and when I had fixed my gaze upon it and was observing it ¹I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the ²crawling creatures and the birds of the ³air.

7 "And I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Arise, Peter; ¹kill and eat.'

8 "But I said, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing ¹unholy or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

9 "But a voice from heaven answered a second time, '^aWhat God has cleansed, no longer ¹consider unholy.'

10 "And this happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into ¹the sky.

11 "And behold, at that moment three men appeared before the house in which we were staying, having been sent to me from ^aCaesarea.

12 "And ^athe Spirit told me to go with them ¹without misgivings. And ^cthese six brethren also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

13 "And he reported to us how he had seen the angel ¹standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa, and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;

14 and he shall speak ^awords to you by which you will be saved, you and ^aall your household.'

15 "And as I began to speak, ^athe Holy Spirit fell upon them, just ^{as} He did upon us at the beginning.

16 "And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, '^aJohn baptized with water, but you shall be baptized ¹with the Holy Spirit.'

17 "If ^aGod therefore gave to them the same gift as He gave to

5 ¹Or, vessel ²Or, heaven
^aActs 10:9-32, 11:5-14 ^bActs 9:10
¹Lit., and I saw ²Or, possibly, reptiles ³Or, heaven
⁷Or, sacrifice
⁸Or, profane; lit., common
⁹Lit., make common
^aActs 10:15
¹⁰Or, heaven
¹¹Acts 8:40
¹²Or, without making any distinction
^aActs 8:29
^bActs 15:9; Rom. 3:22
^cActs 10:23
¹³Or, after he had stood in his house and said
¹⁴Acts 10:22 ^bJohn 4:53, Acts 10:2, 16:15, 31:34, 18:8, 1 Cor. 1:16
¹⁵Acts 10:44 ^bActs 2:4
¹⁶Or, in ^aActs 1:5
¹⁷Or, prevent God
^aActs 10:45, 47 ^bActs 5:38
¹⁸Lit., became silent
^aMatt. 9:8
^b2 Cor. 7:10
¹⁹Or, tribulation
²Lit., as far as
^aActs 8:1, 4
^bActs 15:3, 21:2 ^cActs 4:36 ^dActs 6:5, 11:20, 22:27, 13:1, 14:26, 15:22f., 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11
²⁰Some mss. read Greek-speaking Jews ²Or, bringing the good news of
^aActs 4:36
^bMatt. 27:32; Acts 2:10; 6:9, 13:1
^cActs 6:5; 11:19, 22, 27; 13:1, 14:26; 15:22f., 30, 35; 18:22; Gal. 2:11
^dJohn 7:35
^eActs 5:42

us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, ^bwho was I that could ¹stand in God's way?"

18 And when they heard this they ¹quieted down, and ^aglorified God, saying, "Well then God has granted to the Gentiles also the ^brepentance that leads to life."

19 ¶ "So then those who were scattered because of the ¹persecution that arose in connection with Stephen made their way ²to Phoenicia and ^cCyprus and ^dAntioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

20 But there were some of them, men of ^aCyprus and ^bCyrene, who came to ^cAntioch and began speaking to the ¹Greeks also, ²preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And ^athe hand of the Lord was with them, and ^ba large number who believed turned to the Lord.

22 And the ¹news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent ^aBarnabas off ³to ^bAntioch.

23 Then when he had come and ¹witnessed ^athe grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with ²resolute heart to remain true to the Lord;

24 for he was a good man, and ^afull of the Holy Spirit and ^cfaith. And ^bconsiderable numbers were ²brought to the Lord.

25 And he left for ^aTarsus to look for Saul;

26 and when he had found him he brought him to ^aAntioch. And it came about that for an entire year they ¹met with the church and taught considerable ²numbers.

21 ^aLuke 1:66 ^bActs 2:47
²² ¹Lit., word ²Lit., was heard in ³Lit., as far as ^aActs 4:36 ^bActs 6:5, 11:19, 20, 27, 13:1, 18:22; Gal. 2:11
²³ ¹Lit., seen ²Lit., purpose of heart ^aActs 13:43; 14:28; 15:40; 20:24, 32
²⁴ ¹Lit., multitudes ²Lit., added ^aActs 2:4 ^bActs 2:47; 5:14; 11:21
²⁵ ^aActs 9:11
²⁶ ¹Or, were gathered together ²Lit., multitude ^aActs 6:5; 11:20, 22, 27

ters; and ^bthe disciples were first called ^cChristians in ^aAntioch.

27 ¶ Now ¹at this time ^asome prophets came down from Jerusalem to ^bAntioch.

28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate ¹by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine ²all over the ³world. And this took place in the reign of ^cClaudius.

29 And in the proportion that any of ^athe disciples had means, each of them determined to send ^acontribution for the ¹relief of the brethren living in Judea.

30 ^aAnd this they did, sending ¹in charge of ^bBarnabas and Paul to the ^celders.

CHAPTER 12

NOW about that time ¹Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church, in order to mistreat them.

2 And he ^ahad James the brother of John ^bput to death with a sword.

3 And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now ¹it was during ^bthe days of Unleavened Bread.

4 And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four ¹squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after ^bthe Passover to bring him out before the people.

5 So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

6 And on the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, ^abound with two chains; and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.

7 And behold, ^aan angel of the Lord suddenly ^bappeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he

28 ^aActs 6:5.

11:20, 22, 27

^aJohn 2:2.

Acts 1:15

^aActs 20:28.

1 Pet. 4:16

27 ¹Lit., in these days

^aLuke 11:49.

Acts 2:17.

13:1, 1 Cor

12:10, 28.

^aActs 6:5.

11:20, 22, 26.

13:1, 14:28.

15:22, 30.

35, 18:22.

Gal. 2:11

28 ¹Or,

through ¹Lit.

inhabited

earth

^aActs 21:10

^aMatt. 24:14

^aActs 18:2

29 ¹Lit., nor

vice

^aJohn 2:2.

Acts 1:15.

6:17, 9:19, 25.

26, 38, 11:26.

13:52, 14:20.

22, 28 ^aActs

11:1

30 ¹Lit.,

through the

hand of

^aActs 12:25

^aActs 4:36

^aActs 14:23.

15:2, 4, 6.

22:1, 16:4.

20:17, 21:18.

1 Tim. 5:17.

19, Titus 1:5.

James 5:14.

1 Pet. 5:1.

2 John 1.

3 John 1.

1 ¹Lit., Herod

Agrippa 1

2 ^aMatt.

4:21, 20:23

^aMark 10:39

3 ¹Lit.,

they were the

days

^aActs 24:27.

25:9 ^aEx.

12:15, 23:15.

Acts 20:6

4 ¹Lit.,

quaternions,

one quarter-

noon is com-

posed of four

soldiers

^aJohn 19:23

^aEx. 12:1-27.

Mark 14:1.

Acts 12:3

6 ^aActs

21:33

7 ^aActs

5:19 ^aLuke

2:8, 24:4

^aActs 16:26

8 ¹Lit.,

bound

9 ^aActs

9:10

10 ^aActs

5:19, 16:26

struck Peter's side and roused him, saying, "Get up quickly." And ^chis chains fell off his hands.

8 And the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and ¹put on your sandals." And he did so. And he ^asaid to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me."

9 And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing ^aa vision.

10 And when they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which ^aopened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street; and immediately the angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter ^acame to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that ^bthe Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all ¹that the Jewish people were expecting."

12 And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of ^aJohn who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and ^bwere praying.

13 And when he knocked at the door of the gate, ^aa servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer.

14 And when she recognized Peter's voice, ^abecause of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate.

15 And they said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept insisting that it was so. And they kept saying, "It is ^ahis angel."

16 But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened

11 ¹Lit., the expectation of the people of the Jews

^aLuke 15:17 ^aGen. 3:22, 6:22

12 ^aActs 12:25, 13:5, 13, 15:37, 38; Col. 4:10; 2 Tim.

4:11; Philem. 24; 1 Pet. 5:13 ^aActs 12:5

13 ^aJohn 18:16f.

14 ^aLuke 24:41

15 ^aMatt. 18:10

the door, they saw him and were amazed.

17 But ^amotioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, "Report these things to ^bJames and ^cthe brethren." And he departed and went to another place.

18 ¶ Now when day came, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers as to ¹what could have become of Peter.

19 And when Herod had searched for him and had not found him, he examined the guards and ordered that they ^abe led away to execution. And he went down from Judea to ^bCaesarea and was spending time there.

20 ¶ Now he was very angry with the people of ^aTyre and ^aSidon; and with one accord they came to him, and having won over Blastus the king's chamberlain, they were asking for peace, because ^btheir country was fed by the king's country.

21 And on an appointed day Herod, having put on his royal apparel, took his seat on the ¹rostrum and ^abegan delivering an address to them.

22 And the people kept crying out, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

23 And immediately ^aan angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and ¹died.

24 ¶ But ^athe word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

25 ¶ And ^aBarnabas and ^aSaul returned ¹from Jerusalem ^bwhen they had fulfilled their ²mission, taking along with them ^cJohn, who was also called Mark.

CHAPTER 13

NOW there were at ^aAntioch, in the ^bchurch that was

17 ¹Or, Jacob
^aActs 13:16;
 19:33; 21:40
^bMark 6:3;
 Acts 15:13;
 21:18; 1 Cor
 15:7; Gal
 1:19; 2:9, 12
^cActs 1:15
 18 ¹Lit.,
 what there-
 fore had he
 come
 19 ^aActs
 16:27; 27:42
^bActs 8:40
 20 ^aMatt
 11:21 ^b1 Kin
 5:11; Ezra
 3:7; Ezek
 27:17
 21 ¹Or,
 judgment
 seat
 22 ¹Lit.,
 breathed his
 last
 23 ^aSam
 24:18; 2 Kin
 19:35; Acts
 5:19
 24 ^aActs 6:7;
 19:20
 25 ¹Some
 ancient mss
 read to Jeru-
 salem ²Lit.,
 ministry
^aActs 4:36;
 13:17; ^bActs
 11:30; ^cActs
 12:12
 1 ^aActs
 11:19; ^bActs
 11:28; ^cActs
 11:27; 15:32;
 19:6; 21:8;
 1 Cor 11:4f.;
 13:2; ^bf.;
 14:29; 32, 37;
^dRom 12:8f.;
 1 Cor 12:28f.;
 Eph 4:11;
 James 3:1
^aActs 4:36
^bMatt 27:32;
 Acts 11:20
^cMatt 14:1
 2 ^aActs
 8:29; 13:4
^bActs 4:36
^cActs 9:15
 3 ^aActs
 1:24; ^bActs 6:8
^cActs 13:4;
 14:26
 4 ^aActs
 13:2f.; ^bActs
 4:36
 5 ^aActs
 9:20; 13:14
^bActs 12:12
 6 ^aActs 6:9
^bMatt 7:15
 7 ^aActs
 13:8, 12;
 18:12; 19:38
 8 ^aActs 8:9
^bActs 13:7;
 12; 18:12;
 19:38; ^cActs
 6:7

there, ^cprophets and ^dteachers
^cBarnabas, and Simeon who was
 called Niger, and Lucius of ^cC
 rene, and Manaen who had been
 brought up with ^aHerod the u
 trarch, and Saul.

2 And while they were min
 istering to the Lord and fastin
^athe Holy Spirit said, "Set apart
 for Me ^bBarnabas and Saul f
^cthe work to which I have call
 ed them."

3 Then, when they had fasted
 and ^aprayed and ^blaid the
 hands on them, ^cthey sent the
 away.

4 ¶ So, being ^asent out by the
 Holy Spirit, they went down to
 Seleucia and from there they
 sailed to ^bCyprus.

5 And when they reached Sa
 amis, they ^abegan to proclaim the
 word of God in ^athe synagogue
 of the Jews; and they also had
^bJohn as their helper.

6 And when they had gone
 through the whole island as far
 as Paphos, they found a certain
^amagician, a Jewish ^bfals
 prophet whose name was Bar
 Jesus,

7 who was with the ^aprocor
 sul, Sergius Paulus, a man of in
 telligence. This man summoned
 Barnabas and Saul and sought to
 hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the ^amagician
 (for thus his name is translated)
 was opposing them, seeking to
 turn the ^bproconsul away from
^cthe faith.

9 But Saul, who was also
 known as Paul, ¹filled with the
 Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze upon
 him,

10 and said, "You who are full
 of all deceit and fraud, you ^aso
 of the devil, you enemy of all
 righteousness, will you not cease
 to make crooked ^bthe straight
 ways of the Lord?"

11 "And now, behold, ^athe hand

9 ¹Or, having just been filled ^aActs 2:4; 4:8
 10 ^aMatt 13:38; John 8:44; ^bHos 14:9; 2 Pet 2:15
 11 ^aEx 9:3; 1 Sam 5:6f.; Job 19:21; Ps 32:4; Heb
 10:31

of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time." And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.

12 Then the ^aproconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at ^bthe teaching of the Lord.

13 ¶ Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from ^aPaphos and came to ^bPerga in Pamphylia; and ^dJohn left them and returned to Jerusalem.

14 But going on from Perga, they arrived at ^aPisidian ^bAntioch, and on ^cthe Sabbath day they went into ^dthe synagogue and sat down.

15 And after ^athe reading of the Law and ^bthe Prophets ^cthe synagogue officials sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it."

16 And Paul stood up, and ^amotioning with his hand, he said,

¶ "Men of Israel, and ^byou who fear God, listen:

17 "The God of this people Israel ^achose our fathers, and ^bmade the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm ^cHe led them out from it.

18 "And for ^aa period of about forty years ^bHe ^cput up with them in the wilderness.

19 "And ^awhen He had destroyed ^bseven nations in the land of Canaan, He ^cdistributed their land as an inheritance—all of which took ^dabout four hundred and fifty years.

20 "And after these things He ^agave them judges until ^bSamuel the prophet.

21 "And then they ^aasked for a king, and God gave them ^bSaul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

22 "And after He had ^aremoved

12 ^aActs 13:7, 8; 18:12; 19:38 ^bActs 8:25; 13:40; 15:36; 19:10; 20

13 ^aActs 13:6 ^bActs 14:25 ^cActs 2:10; 14:24; 15:38; 27:5 ^dActs 12:12; 14 ^aActs 14:24 ^bActs 14:19, 21; 2 Tim 3:11 ^cActs 13:42; 44; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4 ^dActs 9:20; 13:5

14 ^aActs 15:21; 2 Cor 3:14 ^bActs 13:27 ^cMark 5:22

15 ^aActs 12:17 ^bActs 10:2; 13:26; 17 ^cOr, exalted

16 ^aEx 6:1, 8; 13:14, 16; Deut 7:6-8; Acts 7:17 ^bEx 1:7 ^cEx 12:51

17 ^aSome ancient mss read bore them up in His arms as a nurse in the wilderness

18 ^aNumb 14:34; Acts 7:38 ^bDeut 1:31

19 ^aActs 7:45 ^bDeut 7:1; Josh 14:1; 19:51; Ps 78:55 ^cJudg 11:28; 1 Sam 6:1

20 ^aJudg 2:16 ^b1 Sam 3:20; Acts 3:24

21 ^a1 Sam 8:5 ^b1 Sam 9:17; 10:1; 21:22 ^cLat. wills

22 ^a1 Sam 15:23, 28; 28:16, 13

23 ^a1 Sam 13:14; Ps 80:20; Acts 7:48

24 ^aMatt 1:1 ^bActs 13:32 ^cLuke 2:11; John 4:42

25 ^aLat. the face of His anointing ^bMark 1:1-4; Acts 1:22; 10:4 ^cLuke 3:3

26 ^aActs 20:24 ^bMatt 3:11; Mark 1:7; Luke

him. He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, ^b"I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My ^cwill."

23 "From the offspring of this man, ^baccording to promise, God has brought to Israel ^ca Savior, Jesus.

24 after ^aJohn had proclaimed before ^bHis coming a ^cbaptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

25 "And while John ^awas completing his course, ^bhe kept saying, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not *He*. But behold, one is coming after me the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.'

26 "Brethren, sons of Abraham's family, and those among you who fear God, to us the word of ^athis salvation is sent out.

27 "For those who live in Jerusalem, and their ^arulers, ^brecognizing neither Him nor the ^cutterances of ^dthe prophets which are ^eread every Sabbath, fulfilled *these* by condemning Him.

28 "And though they found no ground for putting Him to death, they ^aasked Pilate that He be ^bexecuted.

29 "And when they had ^acarried out all that was written concerning Him, ^bthey took Him down from ^cthe ^dcross and ^elaid Him in a tomb.

30 "But God ^araised Him from the dead;

31 and for many days ^aHe appeared to those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, the very ones who are now ^bHis witnesses to the people.

31 ^aLat. John 1:20, 27

32 ^aJohn 8:48; Acts 4:12; 5:20; 13:40; 28:28

33 ^aLat. voices ^bLuke 23:13 ^cActs 3:17 ^dLuke 24:27

34 ^aActs 13:15

35 ^aLat. destroyed ^bMatt 27:22, 23; Mark 15:13, 14

36 ^aLat. wood ^bActs 28:22 ^cLuke 23:33 ^dActs 5:30

37 ^aMatt 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:39-50; John 19:38-42

38 ^aActs 2:24; 13:33, 34, 37

39 ^aActs 1:3 ^bLuke 24:48

32 "And we ^apreach to you the good news of ^bthe promise made to the fathers,

33 that God has fulfilled this promise ¹to our children in that He ^araised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, ^b"THOU ART MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE."

34 "And as for the fact that He ^araised Him up from the dead, no more to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: ^b"I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY and SURE blessings OF DAVID."

35 "Therefore He also says in another Psalm, ^a"THOU WILT NOT ¹ALLOW THY ²HOLY ONE TO ³UNDERGO DECAY."

36 "For ^aDavid, after he had ¹served ^bthe purpose of God in his own generation, ^cfell asleep, and was laid among his fathers, and ²underwent decay;

37 but He whom God ^araised did not ¹undergo decay.

38 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that ^athrough ¹Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

39 and through Him ^aeveryone who believes is ¹freed² from all things, from which you could not be ¹freed through the Law of Moses.

40 "Take heed therefore, so that the thing spoken of ^ain the Prophets may not come upon you:

41 ^a"BEHOLD, YOU SCOFFERS, AND MARVEL, AND ¹PERISH;
FOR I AM ACCOMPLISHING A WORK IN YOUR DAYS,
A WORK WHICH YOU WILL NEVER BELIEVE, THOUGH SOMEONE SHOULD DESCRIBE IT TO YOU."

42 ¶ And as ¹Paul and Barnabas were going out, ²the people kept begging that these ³things might be spoken to them the next ^aSabbath.

43 Now when the meeting of the synagogue had broken up,

32 ^aActs 5:42; 14:15
^bActs 13:23; 26:6; Rom. 1:2; 4:13; 9:4

33 ¹Some mss. read to us their children

^aActs 2:24; 13:30, 34, 37
^bPs. 2:7

34 ^aActs 2:24; 13:30, 33, 37
^bIs. 55:3

35 ¹Lit., give
²Or, Devout or Pious
³Lit., see corruption

^aPs. 16:10; Acts 2:27

36 ¹Or, served his own generation by the purpose of God
²Lit., saw corruption

^aActs 2:29
^bActs 13:22; 20:27
^c1 Kin. 2:10; Acts 8:1

37 ¹Lit., see corruption

^aActs 2:24; 13:30, 33, 34

38 ¹Lit., this One
^aLuke 24:47; Acts 2:38

39 ¹Lit., justified
²In the Gr. text the remainder of this v. is part of v. 38

^aActs 10:43; Rom. 3:28; 10:4

40 ^aLuke 24:44; John 8:45; Acts 7:42

41 ¹Lit., disappear
^aHab. 1:5

42 ¹Lit., they were
²Lit., they
³Lit., words

^aActs 13:14
^bLit., Gentile converts to Judaism

^aActs 13:50; 16:14; 17:4; 17:18; 7

^bMatt. 23:15
^cActs 11:23

44 ¹Some ancient mss. read the Lord

^aActs 13:14
^bOr, reviling

^aActs 13:50; 14:2, 4, 5, 19; 1 Thess. 2:16
^bActs 3:26; 9:20; 13:5, 14
^cActs 18:6; 19:9

many of the Jews and of the ^aGod-fearing ¹proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who speaking to them, were urging them to continue in ^cthe grace of God.

44 ¶ And the next ^aSabbath nearly the whole city assembled to hear the word of ¹God.

45 But when ^athe Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul and were ¹blaspheming.

46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you ^afirst; since you repudiate it, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, ^bwe are turning to the Gentiles.

47 "For thus the Lord has commanded us,

^a"I HAVE PLACED YOU AS
^bLIGHT FOR THE GENTILES,

THAT YOU SHOULD ¹BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH."

48 And when the Gentile heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying ^athe word of ¹the Lord; and as many as ^bhad been appointed to eternal life believed.

49 And ^athe word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

50 But ^athe Jews aroused the ¹devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their ²district.

51 But ^athey shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to ^bIconium.

22:21; 26:20; 28:28

47 ¹Lit., be for salvation
^aIs. 42:6; 49:6
^bLuke 2:32

48 ¹Some ancient mss. read God
^aActs 13:12
^bRom. 8:28ff.; Eph. 1:4ff., 11

49 ^aActs 13:12

50 ¹Or, worshipping
²Lit., boundaries
^aActs 13:45; 14:4, 5, 19; 1 Thess. 2:14ff.
^bActs 13:43; 16:14; 17:4, 17

51 ^aMark 15:43

^b1 Matt. 10:14; Mark 6:11; Luke 9:5; 10:11; Acts 18:1
^cActs 14:1, 19, 21; 16:2; 2 Tim. 3:11

52 And the disciples were continually ^afilled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 14

AND it came about that in ^aIconium ^bthey entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner ^cthat a great multitude believed, both of Jews and of ^dGreeks.

2 But ^athe Jews who ^bdisbelieved stirred up the ²minds of the Gentiles, and embittered them against ^cthe brethren.

3 Therefore they spent a long time ^athere ^aspeaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting that ^bsigns and wonders be done by their hands.

4 ^aBut the multitude of the city was divided; and some ^bsided with ^bthe Jews, and some with ^cthe apostles.

5 And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and ^athe Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and to ^bstone them,

6 they became aware of it and fled to the cities of ^aLycaonia, ^bLystra and ^cDerbe, and the surrounding region;

7 and there they continued to ^apreach the gospel.

8 ^aAnd at ^aLystra there was sitting ^ba certain man, without strength in his feet, lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

9 This man was listening to Paul as he spoke, who, ^awhen he had fixed his gaze upon him, and had seen that he had ^bfaith to be ^cmade well,

10 said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." ^aAnd he leaped up and began to walk.

11 And when the multitudes saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the ^aLycaonian language, "The

82 ^aActs 2:4

1 ^aActs

13:51; 14:19.

21; 18:2.

2 Tim. 3:11

^aActs 13:5

^aActs 2:47

^aJohn 7:39.

Acts 18:4

2 ^aOr, dis-

obeyed ^aLat.,

would

^aActs 13:45.

50; 14:4, 5.

19; 1 Thess.

2:14ff. ^aJohn

3:36 ^aActs

1:15

3 ^aOr, at-

tempting mar-

riage

^aActs 4:29f.

20:32; Heb

2:4 ^aJohn

4:48

4 ^aLat.,

were

^aActs 17:48.

19:9; 28:24

^aActs 13:45.

50; 14:2, 5.

19; 1 Thess.

2:14ff. ^aActs

14:14

8 ^aActs

13:45, 50.

14:2, 4, 19.

1 Thess.

2:14ff. ^aActs

14:19

6 ^aActs

14:11 ^aActs

14:8, 21.

16:1f., 2 Tim.

3:11 ^aActs

14:20; 16:1.

20:4

7 ^aActs

14:15, 21.

16:10

8 ^aActs

14:6, 21.

16:1f., 2 Tim.

3:11 ^aActs 3:2

9 ^aLat.,

moved

^aActs 3:4.

10:4 ^aMatth

9:28

10 ^aActs 3:8

11 ^aActs

14:6 ^aActs

8:10; 28:6

12 ^aLat., Ju-

lianus ^aLat.,

Mercurius

^aLat., the

leader of the

speaking

13 ^aLat., in

front of

^aDeut. 2:45

14 ^aOr,

outer gar-

ments

^aActs 14:4

^aNum. 14:6

Matth. 28:65.

Mark 14:63

15 ^aLe.,

idols

^aActs 10:28

James 5:17

^aActs 13:32

gods have become like men and have come down to us."

12 And they began calling Barnabas, ¹Zeus, and Paul, ²Hermes, because he was ³the chief speaker.

13 And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was ¹just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and ^awanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

14 But when ^athe apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they ^bstole their ¹robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out

15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also ^amen of the same nature as you, and ^bpreach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these ¹vain things to a ^dliving God, ^aWHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

16 ^aAnd in the generations gone by He ^apermitted all the ²nations to ^bgo their own ways;

17 and yet ^aHe did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and ^bgave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, ¹satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

18 And even saying these things, they with difficulty restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

19 ^aBut ^aJews came from ^bAntioch and ^cIconium, and having won over the multitudes, they ^dstoned Paul and ¹dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead.

20 But while ^athe disciples stood around him, he arose and

14:7, 21 ^aDeut. 32:21; 1 Sam. 12:21; Jer. 8:19; 14:22; 1 Cor. 8:4 ^aDeut. 18:16 ^aEx. 20:11; Ps. 148:8 Acts 4:24; 17:24; Rev. 14:7

16 ^aLat., Who in the generations gone by permitted

^aOr, Geminus ^aActs 17:39 ^aPs. 81:12; Mic. 4:5

17 ^aLat., filling ^aActs 17:28; Rom. 1:18; ^aDeut. 11:14;

Job 5:10; Ps. 65:10f.; Ezek. 34:26f.; Joel 2:23

19 ^aLat., were dragging ^aActs 13:45, 50; 14:2, 4, 5

1 Thess. 2:14ff. ^aActs 13:14; 14:21, 28 ^aActs 13:51; 14:1,

21 ^aActs 14:3; 2 Cor. 11:23; 2 Tim. 3:11

20 ^aActs 11:28; 14:22, 28

entered the city. And the next day he went away with Barnabas to ^bDerbe.

21 And after they had ^apreached the gospel to that city and had ^bmade many disciples, they returned to ^cLystra and to ^dIconium and to ^eAntioch,

22 strengthening the souls of ^athe disciples, encouraging them to continue in ^bthe faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

23 And when ^athey had appointed ^belders for them in every church, having ^cprayed with fasting, they ^dcommended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And they passed through ^aPisidia and came into ^bPamphylia.

25 And when they had spoken the word in ^aPerga, they went down to Attalia;

26 and from there they sailed to ^aAntioch, from ^bwhich they had been ^ccommended to the grace of God for the work that they had ^daccomplished.

27 And when they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to ^areport all things that God had done with them and ^bhow He had opened a ^cdoor of faith to the Gentiles.

28 And they spent ^aa long time with ^athe disciples.

CHAPTER 15

AND ^asome men came down from Judea and began teaching ^bthe brethren, "Unless you are ^ccircumcised according to ^dthe custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

2 And when Paul and Barnabas had ^bgreat dissension and ^adebate with them, ^bthe brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the ^capostles and elders concerning this issue.

20 ^aActs 14:6
21 ^aActs 14:7
24 ^aActs 14:6
13:51; 14:19
13:14; 14:19
22 ^aActs 11:26; 14:28
Acts 6:7
Mark 10:30
John 15:18
20:18, 33
Acts 9:18
1 Thess. 3:3
2 Tim. 3:12
1 Pet. 2:21
Rev. 1:9
23 ^a2 Cor. 8:19; Titus 1:5
Acts 11:30
124, 133
Acts 20:32
24 ^aActs 13:14
13:13
25 ^aActs 13:13
26 ^aLit., fulfilled
Acts 11:19
Acts 13:3
Acts 11:23
15:40
27 ^aLit., that
Acts 15:3, 4
12:21; 19
1 Cor. 10:9
2 Cor. 2:12
Col. 4:3; Rev. 3:8
28 ^aLit., not a little
Acts 11:26
14:22
1 ^aActs 15:24
15:15; 15:3, 22
32 ^aLev. 12:3
Acts 15:5
1 Cor. 7:18
Gal. 2:11, 14
5:2f. Acts 6:14
2 ^aLit., not a little
Or, it was determined
Acts 15:7
Gal. 2:2
Acts 11:30
15:4, 6, 22
23:16, 4
3 ^aActs 20:38; 21:5
Rom. 15:24
1 Cor. 16:6
11, 2 Cor. 1:16; Titus 3:13; 3 John 6
Acts 11:19
Acts 14:27
15:4, 12
Acts 1:15; 15:22
32
4 ^aActs 11:30; 15:6, 22, 23; 16:4
Acts 14:27
15:12

3 Therefore, being ^asent on their way by the church, they were passing through both ^bPhoenicia and Samaria, ^cdescribing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all ^dthe brethren.

4 And when they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and ^athe apostles and the elders, and they ^breported all that God had done with them.

5 But certain ones of ^athe sect of the ^bPharisees who had believed, stood up, saying, "It is necessary to ^ccircumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses."

6 ¶ And ^athe apostles and the elders came together to ^blook into this ^cmatter.

7 And after there had been much ^adebate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brethren, you know that ^bin the early days ^cGod made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of ^dthe gospel and believe.

8 "And God, ^awho knows the heart, bore witness to them, ^bgiving them the Holy Spirit, just as He also did to us;

9 and ^aHe made no distinction between us and them, ^bcleansing their hearts by faith.

10 "Now therefore why do you ^aput God to the test by placing upon the neck of the disciples a yoke which ^bneither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

11 "But we believe that we are saved through ^athe grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they also are."

12 ¶ And all the multitude kept silent, and they were listening to Barnabas and Paul as they

8 ^aActs 5:17; 24:5, 14; 28:5; 28:22
Matt. 3:7; Acts 28:5
1 Cor. 7:18; Gal. 2:11, 14; 5:2f.

6 ^aLit., see about
Lit., word
Acts 11:30; 15:4, 22, 23; 16:4

7 ^aLit., from days of old
Acts 15:2
Acts 10:19
Acts 20:24

8 ^aActs 1:24
Acts 2:4; 10:44, 47

9 ^aActs 10:28, 34; 11:12
Acts 10:43

10 ^aActs 5:9
Matt. 23:4; Gal. 5:1

11 ^aRom. 3:24; 5:13; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 2:5-8

were ^arelating what ^bsigns and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

13 And after they had stopped speaking, ^{1a}James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me.

14" ^aSimeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.

15" And with this the words of ^athe Prophets agree, just as it is written,

16 ^aAFTER THESE THINGS ^bI will return,

AND I WILL REBUILD THE
¹TABERNACLE OF DAVID
WHICH HAS FALLEN,

AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RU-
INS,

AND I WILL RESTORE IT.

17 ^aIN ORDER THAT THE REST
OF ¹MANKIND MAY SEEK
THE LORD,

AND ALL THE GENTILES
^{2b}WHO ARE CALLED BY MY
NAME.'

18 ^aSAYS THE LORD, WHO
^{1b}MAKES THESE THINGS
KNOWN FROM OF OLD.

19" Therefore it is ^amy judg-
ment that we do not trouble
those who are turning to God
from among the Gentiles,

20 but that we write to them
that they abstain from ^{1a}things
contaminated by idols and from
^bfornication and from ^cwhat is
strangled and from blood.

21" For ^aMoses from ancient
generations has in every city
those who preach him, since he
is read in the synagogues every
Sabbath."

22 ¶ Then it seemed good to
^athe apostles and the elders, with
the whole church, to choose men
from among them to send to
^bAntioch with Paul and Barna-
bas—Judas called Barsabbas,
and ^cSilas, leading men among
^dthe brethren,

23 and they ¹sent this letter by
them,

12 ^aActs
14:27, 15:3, 4
^bJohn 4:48
13 ¹Or, Ja-
cob

^aActs 12:17
14 ^aActs
15:7, 2 Pet.
1:1

15 ^aActs
13:40

16 ¹Or, Lord

^aAmos 9:11

^bJer 12:15

17 ¹Lat.,

men ¹Lat.,

upon whom

My name is

called

^aAmos 9:12

^bDeut 28:10,

Is 62:19, Jer

14:9, Dan

9:19, James

2:7

18 ¹Or, down

these things

which were

known

^aAmos 9:12

^bIs 45:21

19 ^aActs

15:28, 21:25

20 ¹Lat., the

pullulations of

^aEx 34:15-17,

Dan 1:8,

Acts 15:29,

1 Cor 8:7, 13,

10:7, 14-20,

Rev 2:14, 20

^aLev 18:6-23

^aGen 9:4,

Lev 3:17,

7:26, 17:10,

14:19-26,

Deut 12:16,

23, 15:23,

1 Sam 14:33

21 ^aActs

13:15, 2 Cor

3:14

22 ^aActs

15:2 ^aActs

11:20 ^aActs

15:27, 32, 40;

16:19, 25, 28;

17:4, 10, 14f.

18:5, 2 Cor

1:19, 1 Thess

1:1, 2 Thess

1:1, 1 Pet

5:12 ^aActs

15:1

23 ¹Lat.,

wrote by

their hand

^aActs 15:2

^aActs 15:1

^aActs 11:20

^aGalat 4:24,

Acts 15:41,

Gal 1:21

^aActs 6:9

^aActs 23:28;

James 1:1,

2 John 10f.

24 ¹Lat.,

from us

^aActs 15:1

^aGal 1:7,

5:10

25 ¹Or, met

together

^aActs 15:28

"^aThe apostles and the
brethren who are elders,
to ^bthe brethren in ^cAnti-
och and ^dSyria and ^eCili-
cia who are from the
Gentiles, ^fgreetings.

24 "Since we have heard
that ^asome ¹of our num-
ber to whom we gave no
instruction have ^bdis-
turbed you with *their*
words, unsettling your
souls,

25 ^ait seemed good to us,
having ¹become of one
mind, to select men to
send to you with our be-
loved Barnabas and
Paul,

26 men who have ^{1a}risked
their lives for the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 "Therefore we have sent
^aJudas and ^bSilas, who
themselves will also re-
port the same things by
word of mouth.

28 "For ^ait seemed good to
^bthe Holy Spirit and to
^cus to lay upon you no
greater burden than
these essentials:

29 that you abstain from
^athings sacrificed to
idols and from ^ablood
and from ^athings stran-
gled and from ^afornica-
tion; ¹if you keep your-
selves free from such
things, you will do well.
Farewell."

30 ¶ So, when they were sent
away, ^athey went down to Anti-
och; and having gathered the
¹congregation together, they de-
livered the letter.

31 And when they had read it,
they rejoiced because of its ¹en-
couragement.

26 ¹Lat., given over ^aActs 9:23f.; 14:19

27 ^aActs 15:22, 32 ^aActs 15:22

28 ^aActs 15:25 ^aActs 3:32; 15:6 ^aActs 15:19, 25

29 ¹Lat., from which keeping yourselves free ^aActs

15:20

29 ¹Or, multitude ^aActs 15:22f.

31 ¹Or, exhortation

32 And ^aJudas and ^bSilas, also being ^cprophets themselves, ¹encouraged and strengthened ^dthe brethren with a lengthy message.

33 And after they had spent time *there*, they were sent away from the brethren ^ain peace to those who had ^bsent them out.

34 [¹But it seemed good to Silas to remain there.]

35 But ^aPaul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and ^bpreaching, with many others also, ^cthe word of the Lord.

36 ¶ And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in ^aevery city in which we proclaimed ^bthe word of the Lord, and see how they are."

37 And Barnabas was desirous of taking ^aJohn, called Mark, along with them also.

38 But Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had ^adeserted them ¹in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work.

39 And there arose such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took ^aMark with him and sailed away to ^bCyprus.

40 But Paul chose ^aSilas and departed, being ^bcommitted by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

41 And he was traveling through ^aSyria and ^bCilicia, strengthening the churches.

CHAPTER 16

AND he came also to ^aDerbe and to ^aLystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named ^bTimothy, the son of a ^cJewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek,

2 and he was well spoken of by ^athe brethren who were in ^bLys- tra and ^cIconium.

3 Paul wanted this man to ¹go with him; and he ^atook him and

³² ¹Or, ex-
horted
^aActs 15:22;
27 ^bActs
15:22 ^cActs
13:1 ^dActs
15:1

³³ ^aMark
5:34; Acts
16:38; 1 Cor.
16:11; Heb.
11:31 ^bActs
15:22

³⁴ ¹Many
mas. do not
contain
this v

³⁵ ^aActs
12:25 ^bActs
8:4 ^cActs
13:12

³⁶ ^aActs
13:4, 13, 14,
51; 14:6, 24f
^bActs 13:12
³⁷ ^aActs
12:12

³⁸ ¹Lit.,
from

^aActs 13:13
³⁹ ^aActs
12:12, 15:37;
Col. 4:10

^bActs 4:36
⁴⁰ ^aActs
15:22 ^bActs
11:23; 14:26

⁴¹ ^aMatt.
4:24; Acts
15:23 ^bActs
6:9

¹ ^aActs
14:6 ^bActs
17:14f; 18:5;
19:22; 20:4;
Rom. 16:21;
1 Cor. 4:17;
16:10; 2 Cor.
1:1, 19; Phil.
1:1, 2:19;

Col. 1:1;
1 Thess. 1:1;
3:2, 6;

2 Thess. 1:1;
1 Tim. 1:2;
18:6; 20:2

Tim. 1:2; Phil-
lem. 1; Heb.
13:23 ^c2 Tim.
1:5; 3:15

² ^aActs
16:40 ^bActs
14:6 ^cActs
13:51

³ ¹Lit., go
out

^aGal. 2:3
⁴ ^aActs

15:28f. ^bActs
15:2 ^cActs
11:30

⁵ ¹Or, in
faith

^aActs 9:31
^bActs 2:47

⁶ ¹Or,
Phrygia and
the Galatian
region ²i.e.,
west coast
province of
Asia Minor

^aActs 2:10;
18:23 ^bActs

circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

4 Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering ^athe decrees, which had been decided upon by ^bthe apostles and ^celders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe.

5 So ^athe churches were being strengthened ¹in the faith, and were ^bincreasing in number daily.

6 ¶ And they passed through the ^{1a}Phrygian and ^bGalatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in ^{2c}Asia;

7 and when they had come to ^aMysia, they were trying to go into ^bBithynia, and the ^cSpirit of Jesus did not permit them;

8 and passing ¹by ^aMysia, they came down to ^bTroas.

9 And ^aa vision appeared to Paul in the night: ^{1a}a certain man of ^bMacedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10 And when he had seen ^athe vision, immediately ^bwe sought to ¹go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to ^cpreach the gospel to them.

11 ¶ ¹Therefore putting out to sea from ^aTroas, we ran ^{ba}a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis;

12 and from there to ^aPhilippi, which is a leading city of the district of ^bMacedonia, ^{ca}a Roman

18:23; 1 Cor. 16:1; Gal. 1:2; 3:1; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 Pet. 1:1

^cActs 2:9

⁷ ^aActs 16:8 ^b1 Pet. 1:1 ^cLuke 24:48; Acts 8:29; Rom. 8:9; Gal. 4:6; Phil. 1:19; 1 Pet. 1:11

⁸ ¹Or, through ^aActs 16:7 ^bActs 16:11; 20:5f.; 2 Cor. 2:12; 2 Tim. 4:13

⁹ ¹Or, A man ^aActs 9:10 ^bActs 16:10, 12; 18:5; 19:21f.; 29; 20:1, 3; 27:2; Rom. 15:28

¹⁰ ¹Lit., go out ^aActs 9:10 ^b[we] Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-15; 21:1-18; 27:1-28:16 ^cActs 14:7

¹¹ ¹Some ancient mas. read ^aActs 16:8; 20:5f.; 2 Cor. 2:12; 2 Tim. 4:13 ^bActs 21:1

¹² ^aActs 20:6; Phil. 1:1; 1 Thess. 2:2 ^bActs 16:9, 10; 18:5; 19:21f.; 29; 20:1, 3; 27:2; Rom. 15:28 ^cActs 16:21

colony; and we were staying in this city for some days.

13 And on ^athe Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of ^aThyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, ^ba worshiper of God, was listening; ^cand the Lord ^copened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and ^aher household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

16 ¶ And it happened that as we were going to ^athe place of prayer, a certain slave-girl having ^ba spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortunetelling.

17 Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of ^athe Most High God, who are proclaiming to you ^bthe way of salvation."

18 And she continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you ^ain the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very ^bmoment.

19 ¶ But when her masters saw that their hope of ^aprofit was ^bgone, they seized ^bPaul and Silas and ^cdragged them into the market place before the authorities.

20 and when they had brought them to the chief magistrates, they said, "These men are throwing our city into confusion, being Jews,

21 and ^aare proclaiming customs which it is not lawful for us

13 ^aActs 13:14

14 ^cLe., whose heart the Lord opened

^aRev 1:11, 2:18, 24 ^bActs 13:43, 18:7 ^cLuke 24:45

15 ^aActs 11:14

16 ^aActs 16:13 ^bLev 19:31, 20:6, 27, Deut 18:11, 1 Sam 28:3, 7, 2 Kin 21:6, 1 Chr 10:13, Is. 8:19

17 ^cLe., a way ^aMark 5:7

18 ^cLe., hour ^aMark 16:17

19 ^cLe., gone out ^aActs 16:16, 19:25 ^bActs 15:22, 40, 16:25, 29 ^cActs 8:3, 17:6, 21:30, James 2:6

21 ^aLe., 3:6 ^bActs 16:12

22 ^cOr., outer garments ^cLe., to beat with rods ^a2 Cor 11:25, 1 Thess 2:2

23 ^aActs 16:27, 36

24 ^cLe., who, having received ^aJob 13:27, 33:11, Jer 20:21, 29:26

25 ^aActs 16:19 ^bEph 5:19

26 ^aActs 4:31 ^bActs 12:10 ^cActs 12:7

27 ^aActs 16:23, 36 ^bActs 12:19

28 ^aActs 16:19

29 ^aActs 2:37, 22:10

31 ^aMark 16:16 ^bActs 11:14, 16:13

32 ^cSome ancient mss. read God

33 ^aActs 16:25

to accept or to observe, being ^bRomans."

22 And the crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them, and proceeded to order ^athem to be ^bbeaten with rods.

23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, commanding ^athe jailer to guard them securely;

24 ^aand he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison, and fastened their feet in ^athe stocks.

25 But about midnight ^aPaul and Silas were praying and ^bsinging hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

26 and suddenly ^athere came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately ^ball the doors were opened, and everyone's ^cchains were unfastened.

27 And when ^athe jailer had been roused out of sleep and had seen the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about ^bto kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!"

29 And he called for lights and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before ^aPaul and Silas,

30 and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, ^awhat must I do to be saved?"

31 And they said, "^aBelieve in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and ^byour household."

32 And they spoke the word of ^bthe Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

33 And he took them ^athat very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately

he was baptized, he and all his household.

34 And he brought them into his house and set ¹food before them, and rejoiced ²greatly, having believed in God with ^ahis whole household.

35 ¶ Now when day came, the chief magistrates sent their policemen, saying, "Release those men."

36 And ^athe jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The chief magistrates have sent to release you. Now therefore, come out and go ^bin peace."

37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us in public without trial, ^amen who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out."

38 And the policemen reported these words to the chief magistrates. And ^athey were afraid when they heard that they were Romans.

39 and they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them ^ato leave the city.

40 And they went out of the prison and entered *the house of* ^aLydia, and when they saw ^bthe brethren, they ¹encouraged them and departed.

CHAPTER 17

NOW when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to ^aThessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

2 And ^aaccording to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three ^bSabbaths reasoned with them from ^cthe Scriptures.

3 ¹explaining and ²giving evidence that the ³Christ ^ahad to suffer and ^brise again from the dead, and saying, "^cThis Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the ³Christ."

34 ¹Lit., a table ²Or, greatly with his whole household, having believed in God ^aActs 11:14, 16:15

36 ^aActs 16:27 ^bActs 15:33

37 ^aActs 22:25-29

38 ^aActs 22:29

39 ^aMatt. 8:34

40 ¹Or, exhorted

^aActs 16:14 ^bActs 1:15, 16:2

¹Acts 17:11, 13, 20:4, 27:2; Phil. 4:16,

1 Thess. 1:1, 2 Thess. 1:1,

2 Tim. 4:10

²Acts 9:20, 17:10,

17 ^bActs 13:14 ^cActs 8:35

³Lit., opening ²Lit., placing before ¹Lit., Messiah

^aActs 3:18 ^bJohn 20:9

^cActs 9:22; 18:5, 28

⁴Lit., and a great ²Lit., not a few

^aActs 14:4 ^bActs 15:22,

40; 17:10, 14f

^cActs 13:43; 17:17 ^dJohn 7:35 ^aActs 13:50

⁵Acts 17:13;

1 Thess. 2:14ff ^bActs 17:6, 7, 9;

Rom. 16:21

⁶Lit., the inhabited earth

^aActs 18:19f; ^bMatt. 24:14; Acts 17:31

⁷Lit., whom Jason has welcomed

^aLuke 10:38; James 2:25

^bLuke 23:2

⁸Or, bond

^aActs 17:5

¹⁰Lit., who when arrived went

^aActs 1:15; 17:6, 14f;

^bActs 17:13; ^cActs 17:13;

20:4 ^dActs 17:1f.

4 ^aAnd some of them were persuaded and joined ^bPaul and Silas, ¹along with a great multitude of the ^cGod-fearing ^dGreeks and ²a number of the ^eleading women.

5 But ^athe Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and coming upon the house of ^bJason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they did not find them, they began ^adragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have upset ^bthe world have come here also;

7 ¹and Jason ^ahas welcomed them, and they all act ^bcontrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

8 And they stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things.

9 And when they had received a ¹pledge from ^aJason and the others, they released them.

10 ¶ And ^athe brethren immediately sent ^bPaul and Silas away by night to ^cBerea; ¹and when they arrived, they went into ^dthe synagogue of the Jews.

11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in ^aThessalonica, ¹for they received the word with ²great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, *to see whether these things were so.*

12 ^aMany of them therefore believed, ¹along with a number of ^bprominent Greek ^cwomen and men.

13 But when the Jews of ^aThessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in ^bBerea also, they came

11 ¹Lit., who received ²Lit., all ^aActs 17:1

12 ¹Lit., and not a few ^aActs 2:47 ^bMark 15:43 ^cActs 13:50

13 ^aActs 17:1 ^bActs 17:10; 20:4

there likewise, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

14 And then immediately ^athe brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and ^bSilas and ^cTimothy remained there.

15 Now ^athose who conducted Paul brought him as far as ^bAthens; and receiving a command for ^cSilas and Timothy to ^dcome to him as soon as possible, they departed.

16 ^aNow while Paul was waiting for them at ^aAthens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was beholding the city full of idols.

17 So he was reasoning ^ain the synagogue with the Jews and ^bthe God-fearing Gentiles, and in the market place every day with those who happened to be present.

18 And also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were ¹conversing with him. And some were saying, "What would ^athis ²idle babbler wish to say?" Others, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange ³delties,"—because he was preaching ^bJesus and the resurrection.

19 And they ^atook him and brought him ¹to the ^{2b}Areopagus, saying, "May we know what ^athis new teaching is ³which you are proclaiming?"

20 "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears; we want to know therefore what these things mean."

21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers ^avisiting there used to spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new.)

22 And Paul stood in the midst of the ¹Areopagus and said, "Men of ^aAthens, I observe that you are very ^breligious in all respects.

23 "For while I was passing through and examining the ^aobjects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscrip-

14 ^aActs 1:15, 17, 18, 19
^bActs 15:22
17:4, 10 ^aActs 18:1

18 ^aActs 15:3 ^bActs 17:16, 21f.
18:1, 1 Thess. 3:1 ^aActs 17:14 ^bActs 18:5

16 ^aActs 17:15, 21f.
18:1, 1 Thess. 3:1

17 ^aActs 9:20, 17:2
^bActs 17:4

18 ^aOr, disputing ^bHe, one who makes his living by picking up scraps

18:1, demons
1 Cor. 1:20, 4:10 ^bActs 4:2, 17:31f.

19 ^aOr, before ^bOr, Hall of Ares, god of war
18:1, which is being spoken by you

^aActs 23:19
^bActs 17:22
^cMark 1:27
21 ^aActs 2:10

22 ^aOr possibly, the Council of the Areopagus
^bActs 17:15
^cActs 23:19

23 ^a2 Thess. 2:4 ^bJohn 4:22
24 ^aIs. 42:5, Acts 14:15
^bDeut. 10:14, Ps. 115:16, Matt. 11:25

1 Kin. 8:27, Acts 7:48
25 ^aJob 22:2, Ps. 50:10-12

26 ^aSome later manuscripts read one blood
^bMal. 2:10
^cDeut. 32:8, Job 12:23

27 ^aDeut. 4:7, Jer. 23:23f., Acts 14:17
28 ^a11:1, ore
^bJob 12:10, Dan. 5:23

29 ^aIs. 40:18ff., Rom. 1:23
30 ^aActs 14:16, Rom. 3:25 ^bActs 17:23 ^cLuke 24:47, Acts 28:28, Thess. 2:11f.

tion, ^aTO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' What therefore ^byou worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is ^bLord of heaven and earth, does not ^cdwell in temples made with hands;

25 neither is He served by human hands, ^aas though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all life and breath and all things;

26 and ^aHe made from ¹one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having ^bdetermined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation,

27 that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, ^athough He is not far from each one of us;

28 for ^ain Him we live and move and ¹exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His offspring.'

29 "Being then the offspring of God, we ^aought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.

30 "Therefore having ^aoverlooked ^bthe times of ignorance, God is ^cnow declaring to men that all everywhere should repent,

31 because He has fixed ^aa day in which ^bHe will judge ¹the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has ^dappointed, having furnished proof to all men ²by ^araising Him from the dead."

32 ^aNow when they heard of ^athe resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you ¹again concerning this."

33 So Paul went out of their midst.

31 ^a1st, the unhabited earth ^bOr, when He reared
^cMatt. 10:15 ^dPs. 8:8, 96:13, 98:9, John 3:22, 27, Acts 10:42 ^eMatt. 24:14, Acts 17:6 ^fLuke 22:22 ^gActs 2:24
32 ^a1st, also again ^bActs 17:18, 31

34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the ^aAreopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

CHAPTER 18

AFTER these things he left ^aAthens and went to ^bCorinth.

2 And he found a certain Jew named ^aAquila, a native of ^bPontus, having recently come from ^cItaly with his wife ^aPriscilla, because ^dClaudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them,

3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and ^athey were working; for by trade they were tent-makers.

4 And he was reasoning ^ain the synagogue every ^bSabbath and trying to persuade ^cJews and Greeks.

5 ¶ But when ^aSilas and Timothy ^bcame down from ^cMacedonia, Paul *began* devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly ^dtestifying to the Jews that ^eJesus was the ¹Christ.

6 And when they resisted and blasphemed, he ^ashook out his garments and said to them, "Your ^bblood be upon your own heads! I am clean. From now on I shall go ^cto the Gentiles."

7 And he departed from there and went to the house of a certain man named ¹Titius Justus, ^aa worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

8 And ^aCrispus, ^bthe leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord ^cwith all his household, and many of the ^dCorinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.

9 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by ^aa vision, "**Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent;**

10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to

34 *Acts 17:19, 22
1 *Acts 17:15 *Acts 18:8, 19:1;
1 Cor. 1:2;
2 Cor. 1:1, 23;
6:11; 2 Tim. 4:20
2 *Acts 18:18, 26;
Rom. 16:3;
1 Cor. 16:19;
2 Tim. 4:19
*Acts 2:9
*Acts 27:1, 6;
Heb. 13:24
*Acts 11:28
3 *Acts 20:34; 1 Cor. 4:12; 9:14f.;
2 Cor. 11:7;
12:13;
1 Thess. 2:9;
4:11; 2 Thess. 3:8
4 *Acts 9:20; 18:19
*Acts 13:14
*Acts 14:1
5 ¹I.e., Messiah
*Acts 15:22;
16:1, 17:14
*Acts 17:15
*Acts 16:9
*Luke 16:28;
Acts 20:21
*Acts 17:3;
18:28
6 *Neh. 5:13; Acts 13:51 *2 Sam. 1:16; 1 Kin. 2:33; Ezek. 18:13; 33:4, 6;
8; Matt. 27:25; Acts 20:26 *Acts 13:46
7 ¹Some ancient mss. read Titus, others omit it altogether
*Acts 13:43;
16:14
8 *1 Cor. 1:14 *Mark 5:22 *Acts 11:14 *Acts 18:1, 19:1;
1 Cor. 1:2;
2 Cor. 1:1;
23; 6:11;
2 Tim. 4:20
9 *Acts 9:10
12 *Acts 13:7 *Acts 18:27; 19:21;
Rom. 15:26;
1 Cor. 16:15;
2 Cor. 1:1;
9:2, 11:10;
1 Thess. 1:7f.
*1 Thess. 2:14f. *Matt. 27:19
13 *John 19:7; Acts 18:15
14 *Matt. 5:2
15 *Acts 23:29; 25:19

harm you, for I have many people in this city."

11 And he settled there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 ¶ But while Gallio was ^aproconsul of ^bAchaia, ^cthe Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before ^dthe judgment seat,

13 saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to ^athe law."

14 But when Paul was about to ^aopen his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you;

15 but if there are ^aquestions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters."

16 And he drove them away from ^athe judgment seat.

17 And they all took hold of ^aSosthenes, ^bthe leader of the synagogue, and *began* beating him in front of ^cthe judgment seat. And Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.

18 ¶ And Paul, having remained many days longer, ^atook leave of ^bthe brethren and put out to sea for ^cSyria, and with him were ^dPriscilla and ^dAquila. In ^cCenchrea ¹he ¹had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.

19 And they came to ^aEphesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered ^bthe synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20 And when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent.

21 but ^ataking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you

16 *Matt. 27:19

17 *1 Cor. 1:1 *Acts 18:8 *Matt. 27:19

18 ¹I.e., having his hair cut *Mark 6:46 *Acts 1:15;

18:27 *Matt. 4:24 *Acts 18:2, 26 *Rom. 16:1 *Num. 6:2,

5, 9, 18; Acts 21:24

19 *Acts 18:21, 24; 19:1, 17, 26, 28, 34f.; 20:16f.; 21:29;

1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:18;

4:12; Rev. 1:11; 2:1 *Acts 18:4

21 *Mark 6:46

again ^bif God wills," he set sail from ^cEphesus.

22 ¶ And when he had landed at ^aCaesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to ^bAntioch.

23 And having spent some time *there*, he departed and passed successively through the ^aGalatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

24 ¶ Now a certain Jew named ^aApollos, an ^bAlexandrian by birth, ¹an eloquent man, came to ^cEphesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

25 This man had been instructed in ^athe way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with ^bthe baptism of John;

26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when ^aPriscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him ^bthe way of God more accurately.

27 And when he wanted to go across to ^aAchaia, ^bthe brethren encouraged him and wrote to ^cthe disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he ¹helped greatly those who had believed through grace;

28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating ^aby the Scriptures that ^bJesus was the ¹Christ.

CHAPTER 19

AND it came about that while ^aApollos was at ^bCorinth, Paul having passed through the ^cupper country came to ^dEphesus, and found some disciples,

2 and he said to them, "^aDid you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, ^bwe have not even heard whether ¹there is a Holy Spirit."

3 And he said, "Into what then

21 ^aHeb. 1:10; 15:32; 1 Cor. 4:10; 16:7; Heb. 6:3; James 4:13; 1 Pet. 2:17; Acts 18:19, 24; 19:1, 17, 26; 28:30f.; 20:10f.; 21:28; 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1, 1 Tim. 1:3, 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:12; Rev. 1:11, 2:1
22 ^aActs 8:40; Acts 11:19
23 ^aActs 16:6
24 ^aOr, a learned man
^aActs 19:1; 1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5, 6; 22:4, 6; 16:12; Titus 3:13; Acts 8:9
^aActs 18:19
25 ^aActs 8:2; 18:26; Luke 7:28; Acts 19:3
26 ^aActs 18:2, 18; Acts 18:25
27 ^aOr, helped greatly through grace those who had believed
^aActs 18:12; 19:1; Acts 18:18; Acts 11:26
28 ^aHeb. 1:10; 15:32; 1 Cor. 4:10; 16:7; Heb. 6:3; James 4:13; 1 Pet. 2:17; Acts 18:19, 24; 19:1, 17, 26; 28:30f.; 20:10f.; 21:28; 1 Cor. 15:32; 16:8; Eph. 1:1, 1 Tim. 1:3, 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:12; Rev. 1:11, 2:1
2 ^aOr, the Holy Spirit has been given
^aActs 8:15f.; 11:10f.; John 7:39
3 ^aLuke 7:28; Acts 18:25
4 ^aHeb. 3:11; Mark 1:4, 7, 8; Luke 3:16; John 1:26, 27; Acts 13:24; John 1:7

were you baptized?" And they said, "^aInto John's baptism."

4 And Paul said, "^aJohn baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people ^bto believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

5 And when they heard this, they were ^abaptized ¹in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had ^alaid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began ^bspeaking with tongues and ^cprophesying.

7 And there were in all about twelve men.

8 ¶ And he entered ^athe synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and ¹persuading them ^babout the kingdom of God.

9 But when ^asome were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of ^bthe Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and took away ^cthe disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10 And this took place for ^atwo years, so that all who lived in ^bAsia heard ^cthe word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God was performing ^aextraordinary ¹miracles by the hands of Paul.

12 ^aso that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and ^bthe evil spirits went out.

13 But also some of the Jewish ^aexorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying,

8 ^aLuke, into Acts 8:12, 16; 16:46
9 ^aActs 8:6; 8:17; Mark 16:17; Acts 2:4, 10-46; Acts 13:1
10 ^aSome ancient mss. read *performing as to the things about* Acts 8:20; 18:28; Acts 1:3
11 ^aActs 14:4; Acts 8:2; 18:23; Acts 11:28; 18:30
12 ^aLuke, west coast province of Asia Minor Acts 19:2; 20:31; Acts 18:2; 19:23, 26, 27; Acts 13:12; 18:28
13 ^aOr, words of power Acts 8:13
14 ^aActs 2:15; Mark 16:17
15 ^aHeb. 12:27; Luke 11:19

"I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches."

14 And seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?"

16 And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in ^aEphesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of all; and they counted up the price of them and found it ¹fifty thousand ^apieces of silver.

20 So ^{1a}the word of the Lord ^bwas growing mightily and prevailing.

21 ¶ Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the ¹spirit to ^ago to Jerusalem ^bafter he had passed through ^cMacedonia and ^dAchaia, saying, "After I have been there, ^eI must also see Rome."

22 And having sent into ^aMacedonia two of ^bthose who ministered to him, ^cTimothy and ^dErastus, he himself stayed in ^{1e}Asia for a while.

23 ¶ And about that time there arose no small disturbance concerning ^athe Way.

24 For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of ¹Artemis, ^awas bringing no little ²business to the craftsmen;

17 ^aActs 18:19

19 ¹Or probably, fifty thousand Greek drachmas. A drachma approximated a day's wage. ^aLuke 15:8

20 ¹Or, according to the power of the Lord the word was growing. ^aActs 19:10 ^bActs 6:7, 12-24

21 ¹Or, Spirit. ^aActs 20:16, 22, 21:15, Rom. 15:25, 2 Cor. 1:18 ^bActs 20:1, 1 Cor. 16:5 ^cActs 18:9, 19:22, 29; Rom. 15:26, 1 Thess. 1:7 ^dActs 18:12 ^eActs 23:11, Rom. 15:24, 28

22 ¹i.e., west coast province of Asia Minor. ^aActs 16:9, 19:21, 29 ^bActs 13:5, 19:29; 20:34, 2 Cor. 8:19 ^cActs 18:1 ^dRom. 16:23; 2 Tim. 4:20 ^eActs 19:10

23 ^aActs 19:9 ^bLat., Diana ^cOr, profit. ^dActs 18:16, 19:1

25 ¹Lit., us from

26 ¹V. 22, note 1 ²Lit., those. ^aActs 18:19 ^bActs 19:10 ^cDeut. 4:28; Ps. 115:4; Is. 44:10-20; Jer. 10:3ff.; Acts 17:29; 1 Cor. 8:4, 10:19; Rev. 9:20

27 ¹Lat., Diana ²V. 22, note 1 ³Lit., the inhabited earth

^aActs 19:10 ^bMatt. 24:14 ^cLat., Diana

^aActs 18:19 ^b1 Lit., having dragged. ^cActs 20:4 ^dActs 20:4; 27:2; Col.

25 these he gathered together with the workmen of similar trades, and said, "Men, you know that our prosperity depends upon this business.

26" And you see and hear that not only in ^aEphesus, but in almost all of ^{1b}Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a considerable number of people saying that ^{2c}gods made with hands are no gods at all.

27" And not only is there danger that this trade of ours fall into disrepute, but also that the temple of the great goddess ¹Artemis be regarded as worthless and that she whom all of ^{2a}Asia and ^bthe ³world worship should even be dethroned from her magnificence."

28 And when they heard this and were filled with rage, they began crying out, saying, "Great is ¹Artemis of the ^aEphesians!"

29 And the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed with one accord into the theater, ¹dragging along ^aGaius and ^bAristarchus, Paul's traveling ^ccompanions from ^dMacedonia.

30 And when Paul wanted to go into the ¹assembly, ^athe disciples would not let him.

31 And also some of the ¹Asiarchs who were friends of his sent to him and repeatedly urged him not to ²venture into the theater.

32 ^aSo then, some were shouting one thing and some another, for the ¹assembly was in confusion, and the majority did not know ²for what cause they had come together.

33 And some of the crowd ¹concluded it was Alexander, since the Jews had put him forward; and having ^amotioned with his hand, Alexander was in-

4:10; Philem. 24 ^aActs 13:5, 19:22; 20:34; 2 Cor. 8:19 ^bActs 18:9; 19:22 ^c1 Lit., people ^dActs 19:9 ^e1 i.e., political or religious officials of the province of Asia ²Lit., give himself ³2 Gr., ekklēsia ⁴Or, on whose account ^aActs 21:34 ^b3 Or, instructed Alexander ^aActs 12:17

on board; for thus he had arranged it, intending himself to go ¹by land.

14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

15 And sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos; and ¹the day following we came to *Miletus.

16 For Paul had decided to sail past *Ephesus in order that he might not have to spend time in ¹Asia; for he was hurrying ^cto be in Jerusalem, if possible, ^don the day of Pentecost.

17 ¶ And from Miletus he sent to *Ephesus and called to him ^bthe elders of the church.

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them,

¶ "You yourselves know, ^afrom the first day that I set foot in ¹Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through ^athe plots of the Jews;

20 how I ^adid not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and ¹from house to house,

21 solemnly ^atestifying to both Jews and Greeks of ^brepentance toward God and ^cfaith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

22 "And now, behold, bound in ¹spirit, ^aI am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there,

23 except that ^athe Holy Spirit solemnly ^btestifies to me in every city, saying that ^cbonds and afflictions await me.

24 "But ^aI do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may ^bfinish my course, and ^cthe ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to ^dtestify solemnly of the gospel of ^ethe grace of God.

13 ¹Or, on foot
13 ¹Later mss. add after staying at Trogyllium, the day following
*Acts 20:17, 2 Tim 4:20
16 ¹Or, west coast province of Asia Minor
*Acts 18:19
*Acts 18:6
20 4, 18 *Acts 19:21, 20:6, 22, 1 Cor 16:8
*Acts 2:17
17 *Acts 18:19
*Acts 11:30
18 ¹Or, 16, note 1
*Acts 18:19, 19:1, 10; 20:4, 16
19 *Acts 20:3
20 ¹Or, in the various private homes
*Acts 20:27
21 ¹Or, Luke 16:28, Acts 18:5, 20:23, 24
*Acts 2:38, 11:18, 28:20
*Acts 24:24, 26:18, Eph. 1:15, Col. 2:5, Philem. 5
22 ¹Or, the Spirit
*Acts 17:16, 20:18
23 *Acts 8:29
*Luke 16:28, Acts 18:5, 20:21, 24
*Acts 9:16, 21:33
24 *Acts 21:13
*Acts 13:25, 2 Tim 4:7
*Acts 1:17
*Luke 16:28, Acts 18:5, 20:21
*Acts 11:23, 20:32
25 *Matt. 4:23, Acts 28:31
26 ¹Or, call you to witness
2 ¹Lit., pure from
*Acts 18:6
27 *Acts 20:20
*Acts 13:36
28 ¹Or, bushes
*Some ancient mss. read the Lord
3 ¹Lit., acquired
*Luke 12:32, John 21:15-17, Acts 20:29; 1 Pet

25 "And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about ^apreaching the kingdom, will see my face no more.

26 "Therefore I ¹testify to you this day, that ^aI am ²innocent of the blood of all men.

27 "For I ^adid not shrink from declaring to you the whole ^bpurpose of God.

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all ^athe flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you ¹overseers, to shepherd ^bthe church of ²God which ^cHe ³purchased with His own blood.

29 "I know that after my departure ^asavage wolves will come in among you, not sparing ^bthe flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away ^athe disciples after them.

31 "Therefore be on the alert remembering that night and day for a period of ^athree years I did not cease to admonish each one ^bwith tears.

32 "And now I ^acommend you to ¹God and to ^bthe word of His grace, which is able to ^cbuild you up and to give you ^dthe inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

33 "^aI have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes.

34 "You yourselves know that ^athese hands ministered to my own needs and to the ^bmen who were with me.

35 "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said

5:2f. *Matt. 16:18; Rom. 18:16; 1 Cor. 10:32 *Eph. 1:7, 14; Titus 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:19; 2:9; Rev. 5:9

29 *Ezek. 22:27; Matt. 7:15 *Luke 12:32; John 21:15-17; Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2f

30 *Acts 11:26

31 *Acts 19:8, 10; 24:17 *Acts 20:19

32 ¹One ancient mss. reads the Lord *Acts 14:23

*Acts 14:3; 20:24 *Acts 9:31 *Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:14, 5:5; Col. 1:12; 3:24; Heb. 9:15; 1 Pet. 1:4

33 ^a1 Cor. 9:4-18; 2 Cor. 11:7-12; 12:14-18; 1 Thess. 2:5f.

34 *Acts 18:3 *Acts 19:22

It is more blessed to give than to receive. "

36 ¶ And when he had said these things, he ^aknelt down and prayed with them all.

37 And ¹they began to weep aloud and ^{2a}embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him,

38 ¹grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they were ^baccompanying him to the ship.

CHAPTER 21

AND when it came about that ^awe had parted from them and had set sail, we ran ^{ba} a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara;

2 and having found a ship crossing over to ^aPhoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

3 And when we had come in sight of ^aCyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to ^bSyria and landed at ^cTyre; for ^dthere the ship was to unload its cargo.

4 And after looking up ^athe disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul ^{1b}through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem.

5 And when it came about that ¹four days there were ended, we departed and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, ^aescorted us until we were out of the city. And after ^bkneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another.

6 Then we went on board the ship, and they returned ^ahome again.

7 ¶ And when we had finished the voyage from ^aTyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and after greeting ^bthe brethren, we stayed with them for a day.

8 And on the next day we departed and came to ^aCaesarea; and entering the house of ^bPhilip the ^cevangelist, who was ^bone of

36 *Acts 9:40; 21:5; Luke 22:41

37 ¹Lit., a considerable weeping of all occurred

²Lit., fell on Paul's neck

*Luke 15:20

38 ¹Lit., suffering pain

*Acts 20:25

*Acts 15:3

1 ^a(we) Acts 16:10; 21:1-18 *Acts 16:11

2 *Acts 11:19; 21:3

3 *Acts 4:36; 21:16

*Matt. 4:24

*Acts 12:20; 21:7 *Acts 21:2

4 ¹Lit., because of impressions made by the Spirit

*Acts 11:26; 21:16 *Acts 20:23; 21:11

5 ¹Lit., we had completed the days

*Acts 15:3

*Luke 22:41; Acts 9:40; 20:36

6 *John 19:27

7 *Acts 12:20; 21:3

*Acts 1:15; 21:17

8 *Acts 8:40; 21:16

*Acts 6:5; 8:5

*Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5

9 *Luke 2:36; Acts 13:1; 1 Cor. 11:5

10 *Acts 11:28

11 ^a1 Kin. 22:11; Is. 20:2; Jer. 13:1-11; 19:1

11; John 18

*Acts 8:29

*Acts 9:16; 21:33 *Matt. 20:19

12 *Acts 21:15

13 *Acts 20:24 *Acts 5:41; 9:16

14 *Luke 22:42

15 *Acts 21:12

16 *Acts 21:4 *Acts 8:40 *Acts 4:36; 21:3

*Acts 15:7

17 *Acts 1:15; 21:7

the seven, we stayed with him.

9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who were ^aprophetesses.

10 And as we were staying there for some days, a certain prophet named ^aAgabus came down from Judea.

11 And coming to us, he ^atook Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, "This ^bis what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will ^cbind the man who owns this belt and ^ddeliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

12 And when we had heard this, we as well as the local residents ^{began} begging him ^anot to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For ^aI am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for ^bthe name of the Lord Jesus."

14 And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, "^aThe will of the Lord be done!"

15 ¶ And after these days we got ready and ^astarted on our way up to Jerusalem.

16 And ^{some} of ^athe disciples from ^bCaesarea also came with us, taking us to Mnason of ^cCyprus, a ^ddisciple of long standing with whom we were to lodge.

17 ¶ And when we had come to Jerusalem, ^athe brethren received us gladly.

18 And now the following day Paul went in with us to ^{1a}James, and all ^bthe elders were present.

19 And after he had greeted them, he ^abegan to relate one by one the things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ^bministry.

20 And when they heard it they ^{began} glorifying God; and they said to him, "You see, brother,

18 ¹Or, Jacob *Acts 12:17 *Acts 11:30

19 *Acts 14:27 *Acts 1:17

20 *Matt. 9:8 *Acts 15:1; 22:3

how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law;

21 and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs

22 "What, then, is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.

23 "Therefore do this that we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow,

24 take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses in order that they may shave their heads, and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law.

25 "But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we wrote, having decided that they should abstain from meat sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication."

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day, purifying himself along with them, went into the temple, giving notice of the completion of the days of purification, until the sacrifice was offered for each one of them.

27 " And when the seven days were almost over, the Jews from Asia, upon seeing him in the temple, began to stir up all the multitude and laid hands on him,

28 crying out, "Men of Israel, come to our aid! This is the man who preaches to all men everywhere against our people, and the Law, and this place; and besides he has even brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."

29 For they had previously

20 ^{lit. ten thousands} Acts 15:1 22:3 Rom 10:2 Gal 1:14

21 Acts 21:28 Acts 19:190 1 Cor 7:18 Acts 6:14

23 ^{lit. have a vow on them} Num 6:13 21 Acts 18:18

24 ^{lit. spend on them} ^{lit. head} John 11:30 Acts 21:26 24:18 1 Cor 15:18

25 ^{lit. the city} Acts 15:190 21

26 ^{on each the men the next day and purify themselves} John 11:35 Acts 21:21 24:18 Num 6:13 Acts 24:18

27 ^{the west coast province of Asia Minor} Num 6:9 13:20 Acts 20:19 24:18 Acts 16:6

28 Acts 6:13 Matt 24:15 Acts 6:13f 24:6

29 Acts 20:42 Acts 15:19

30 ^{lit. a running together of the people} ^{lit. carried} 22 Kim 21:15 Acts 16:19 26:21

31 ^{the child with in command of one thousand troops} ^{lit. battalions} Acts 19:1

32 ^{note} Acts 23:27 33 32:31

33 ^{note} Acts 20:23 21:11 22:29 26:29 28:20 1 Ph 6:20 2 Tim 1:19 29 Acts 12:6

34 ^{lit. defiled} Acts 19:32 Acts 21:37 22:24 23:10 15:32

seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with him, and the supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple

30 And all the city was aroused, and the people rushed together, and taking hold of Paul, they dragged him out of the temple, and immediately the doors were shut

31 And while they were seeking to kill him, a report came to the commander of the Roman cohort that all Jerusalem was in confusion

32 And at once he took along some soldiers and centurions and ran down to them, and when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul

33 Then the commander came up and took hold of him, and ordered him to be bound with two chains, and he began asking who he was and what he had done

34 But among the crowd some were shouting one thing and some another, and when he could not find out the facts or account of the uproar, he ordered him to be brought into the barracks

35 And when he got to the stairs, it so happened that he was carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob

36 for the multitude of the people kept following behind, crying out, "Away with him!"

37 " And as Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I say something to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek?"

38 "Then you are not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?"

35 ^{lit. multitude} Acts 21:40

36 ^{lit. Luke 23:18 John 19:15 Acts 22:22}

37 ^{lit. 31, note 1} Acts 21:34 22:24 23:19 26:32

38 ^{lit. Jews} Acts 5:36 Matt 24:26

39 But Paul said, "I am a Jew of Tarsus in ^bCilicia, a citizen of no insignificant city; and I beg you, allow me to speak to the people."

40 And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on ^athe stairs, ^bmotioned to the people with his hand; and when there ¹was a great hush, he spoke to them in the ^{2c}Hebrew dialect, saying,

CHAPTER 22

66 **B**RETHREN and fathers, hear my defense which I now offer to you."

2 ^a And when they heard that he was addressing them in the ^{1a}Hebrew dialect, they became even more quiet; and he ^asaid,

3 ^a "I am ^aa Jew, born in ^cTarsus of ^dCilicia, but brought up in this city, educated ¹under ^aGamaliel, ²strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, just as ^ayou all are today.

4 ^a And ^aI persecuted this ^bWay to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons,

5 as also ^athe high priest and all ^bthe Council of the elders ¹can testify. From them I also ^creceived letters to ^dthe brethren, and started off for ^cDamascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem ^{2a}as prisoners to be punished.

6 ^a And it came about that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,

7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'

8 ^a And I answered, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am ^aJesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'

9 ^a And those who were with me

39 ^aActs

9:11; 22:3

^aActs 6:9

40 ¹Lit., oc-

curred 71.e.,

Jewish Ara-

maic

^aActs 21:35

^aActs 12:17

^aJohn 5:2

^aActs 1:19;

22:2; 26:14

¹ ^aActs 7:2

² 71.e.

Jewish Ara-

maic

^aActs 21:40

³ 71.e., of

the feet of

71.e., accord-

ing to the

strictness of

the ancestral

law

^aActs 9:1-22;

22:3-16; 26:9-

18 ^aActs

21:39 ^aActs

9:11 ^aActs 6:9

^aActs 5:34

^aActs 23:6;

26:5; Phil. 3:6

^aActs 21:20

⁴ ^aActs 8:3;

22:19f.; 26:9-

11 ^aActs 9:2

⁵ 71.e., tes-

tifies for me

71.e., having

been bound

^aActs 9:1

^aLuke 22:66;

Acts 5:21;

1 Tim. 4:14

^aActs 9:2

^aActs 2:29;

3:17; 13:26;

23:1; 28:17;

21 Rom. 9:3

^aActs 9:2

⁶ ^aActs

22:6-11; Acts

9:3-8; 26:12-

18

⁸ ^aActs

26:9

⁹ ^aOr, hear

(with com-

prehension)

^aActs 26:13

^aActs 9:7

¹⁰ ^aActs

16:30

¹¹ ^aOr, glo-

ry

^aActs 9:8

¹² ^aActs

9:10 ^aActs

6:3; 10:22

¹³ ^aOr, in-

stantly; lit.,

at that very

hour

^aActs 9:17

^aActs 9:18

¹⁴ ^aOr, mes-

sage; lit.,

voice

^aActs 3:13

^aActs 9:15;

26:16 ^aActs

9:17; 26:16;

1 Cor. 9:1;

15:8 ^aActs

7:52

^abeheld the light, to be sure, but ^bdid not ¹understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.

10 ^a And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, '**Arise and go on into Damascus; and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.**'

11 ^a But since I ^acould not see because of the ¹brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

12 ^a And a certain ^aAnanias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and ^bwell spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,

13 came to me, and standing near said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And ^{1b}at that very time I looked up at him.

14 ^a And he said, 'The God of our fathers has ^bappointed you to know His will, and to ^csee the ^dRighteous One, and to hear an ¹utterance from His mouth.

15 ^a For you will be ^aa witness for Him to all men of ^bwhat you have seen and heard.

16 ^a And now why do you delay? ^aArise, and be baptized, and ^bwash away your sins, ^ccalling on His name.'

17 ^a And it came about when I ^areturned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I ^bfell into a trance,

18 and I saw Him saying to me, '**Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about Me.**'

19 ^a And I said, 'Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another ^aI used to imprison and ^bbeat those who believed in Thee,

15 ^aActs 23:11; 26:16 ^aActs 22:14

16 ^aActs 9:18 ^aActs 2:38; 1 Cor. 8:11; Eph. 5:26; Heb.

10:22 ^aActs 7:59

17 ^aActs 9:26; 26:20 ^aActs 10:10

18 ^aActs 9:29

19 ^aActs 8:3; 22:4 ^aMatt. 10:17; Acts 26:11

20 'And ^awhen the blood of Thy witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the cloaks of those who were slaying him.'

21 "And He said to me, 'Go! For I will send you far away ^ato the Gentiles.' "

22 ¶ And they listened to him up to this statement, and *then* they raised their voices and said, "Away with such a fellow from the earth, for ^bhe should not be allowed to live!"

23 And as they were crying out and ^athrowing off their cloaks and ^btossing dust into the air,

24 the ¹commander ordered him to be brought into ^athe barracks, stating that he should be ^bexamined by scourging so that he might find out the reason why they were shouting against him that way.

25 And when they stretched him out ¹with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, "Is it lawful for you to scourge ^aa man who is a Roman and uncondemned?"

26 And when the centurion heard *this*, he went to the ¹commander and told him, saying, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman."

27 And the ¹commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" And he said, "Yes."

28 And the ¹commander answered, "I acquired this citizenship with a large sum of money." And Paul said, "But I was actually born a citizen."

29 Therefore those who were about to ^aexamine him immediately ¹let go of him; and the ²commander also ^bwas afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had ^{3c}put him in chains.

30 ¶ But on the next day, ^awishing to know for certain why he had been accused by the Jews, he ^breleased him and or-

20 ^aActs 7:58f, 8:1; 26:10
21 ^aActs 9:15
22 ^aActs 21:36; 1 Thess. 2:16
^bActs 25:24
23 ^aActs 7:58 b2 Sam. 16:13

24 ¹i.e., chiliarch, in command of one thousand troops
^aActs 21:34
^bActs 22:29
25 ¹i.e., for the thongs
^aActs 16:37
26 ¹V. 24, note 1
27 ¹V. 24, note 1
28 ¹V. 24, note 1
29 ¹Or, withdrew from ²V. 24, note 1 ³i.e., bound him
^aActs 22:24
^bActs 16:38
^cActs 21:33
30 ¹Or, Sanhedrin
^aActs 23:28
^bActs 21:33
^cMatt. 5:22
1 ¹Or, Sanhedrin ²Or, conducted myself as a citizen
^aActs 22:30; 23:6, 15, 20, 28
^bActs 22:5
^cActs 24:16; 2 Cor. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:3
2 ^aActs 24:1 ^bJohn 18:22
3 ^aMatt. 23:27 ^bLev. 19:15; Deut. 25:2; John 7:51
5 ^aEx. 22:28
6 ¹Or, Sanhedrin
^aMatt. 3:7; 22:23 ^bActs 22:30; 23:1, 15, 20, 28
^cActs 22:5
^dActs 26:5; Phil. 3:5
^eActs 24:15; 21:26-8
8 ^aMatt. 22:23; Mark 12:18; Luke 20:27
9 ^aMark 2:16; Luke 5:30 ^bActs 23:29 ^cJohn 12:29; Acts 22:26f.

dered the chief priests and ^athe ¹Council to assemble, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

CHAPTER 23

AND Paul, looking intently ^aat the ¹Council, said "Brethren, ¹I have ²lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day."

2 And the high priest ^aAnania commanded those standing beside him ^bto strike him on the mouth.

3 Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, ^ayou whitewashed wall! And do you ^bsit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law order me to be struck?"

4 But the bystanders said, "Do you revile God's high priest?"

5 And Paul said, "I was not aware, brethren, that he was high priest; for it is written 'YOU SHALL NOT SPEAK EVIL OF A RULER OF YOUR PEOPLE.' "

6 But perceiving that one party were ^aSadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul *began* crying out in ^bthe ¹Council, "Brethren, ¹I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for ^athe hope and resurrection of the dead!"

7 And as he said this, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the assembly was divided.

8 For ^athe Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit; but the Pharisees acknowledge them all.

9 And there arose a great uproar; and some of ^athe scribes of the Pharisaic party stood up and *began* to argue heatedly, saying, "We find nothing wrong with this man; ^csuppose a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?"

10 And as a great dissension was developing, the ¹commander was afraid Paul would

10 ¹i.e., chiliarch, in command of one thousand troops

be torn to pieces by them and ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force, and bring him into ^athe barracks.

11 ¶ But on ^athe night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, **"Take courage; for ^aas you have ^asolemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also."**

12 ¶ And when it was day, ^athe Jews formed a ¹conspiracy and ^bbound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul.

13 And there were more than forty who formed this plot.

14 And they came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, "We have ^abound ourselves under a solemn oath to taste nothing until we have killed Paul.

15 "Now, therefore, you ¹and ^athe ²Council notify the ³commander to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case by a more thorough investigation; and we for our part are ready to slay him before he comes near *the place*."

16 But the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, ¹and he came and entered ^athe barracks and told Paul.

17 And Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Lead this young man to the ¹commander, for he has something to report to him."

18 So he took him and led him to the ¹commander and ^asaid, "Paul ^athe prisoner called me to him and asked me to lead this young man to you since he has something to tell you."

19 And the ¹commander took him by the hand and stepping aside, began to inquire of him privately, "What is it that you have to report to me?"

20 And he said, **"The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring**

10 ^aActs

21:34.

23:16, 32

11 ^aActs

18:9 ^aMatt.

9:2 ^aActs

19:21 ^aLuke

16:28; Acts

28:23

12 ¹Or, mob

^aActs 9:23;

23:30;

1 Thess. 2:16

^aActs 23:14,

21

14 ^aActs

23:12, 21

15 ¹Lit.,

with ¹Or,

^aSanhedrin

IV. 10, note 1

^aActs 22:30;

23:1, 6, 20, 28

16 ¹Or, hav-

ing been present

with them, and he

entered

^aActs 21:34;

23:10, 32

17 ¹IV. 10,

note 1

18 ¹IV. 10,

note 1

^aEph. 3:1

19 ¹IV. 10,

note 1

20 ¹Or, San-

hedrin

^aActs 23:14f.

^aActs 22:30;

23:1, 6, 15, 28

21 ¹Lit., be

persuaded by

them

^aLuke 11:54

^aActs 23:12,

14

22 ¹IV. 10,

note 1

23 ¹L.e., 9

p.m. ¹Lit.,

and ¹Or,

slingers or

bowmen

^aActs 8:40;

23:33

24 ^aActs

23:26, 33;

24:1, 3, 10;

25:14

26 ^aLuke

1:3; Acts

24:3; 26:25

^aActs 15:23

27 ^aActs

21:32f. ^aActs

22:25-29

28 ¹Or, San-

hedrin

^aActs 22:30

^aActs 23:10

^aActs 23:1

29 ¹Lit.,

having ¹Lit.,

bonds

^aActs 18:15;

25:19 ^aActs

23:9; 25:25;

26:31; 28:18

30 ^aActs 23:

20f. ^aActs 9:24;

23:12

Paul down tomorrow to ^bthe ¹Council, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more thoroughly about him.

21 "So do not ¹listen to them, for more than forty of them are ^alying in wait for him who have ^bbound themselves under a curse not to eat or drink until they slay him; and now they are ready and waiting for the promise from you."

22 Therefore the ¹commander let the young man go, instructing him, "Tell no one that you have notified me of these things."

23 And he called to him two of the centurions, and said, "Get two hundred soldiers ready by ¹the third hour of the night to proceed to ^aCaesarea, ²with seventy horsemen and two hundred ³spearmen."

24 They were also to provide mounts to put Paul on and bring him safely to ^aFelix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter having this form:

26 ¶ "Claudius Lysias, to the ^amost excellent governor Felix, ^bgreetings.

27 "When this man was arrested by the Jews and was about to be slain by them, ^aI came upon them with the troops and rescued him, ^bhaving learned that he was a Roman.

28 "And ^awanting to ascertain the charge for which they were accusing him, I ^bbrought him down to their ¹Council; and I found him to be accused over ^aquestions about their Law, but ¹under ^bno accusation deserving death or ²imprisonment.

30 "And when I was ^ainformed that there would be ^ba plot against the man, I sent him to you at

once, also instructing
his accusers to bring
charges against him be-
fore you.²

31 ¶ So the soldiers, in ac-
cordance with their orders, took
Paul and brought him by night to
Antipatris.

32 But the next day, leaving
the horsemen to go on with him,
they returned to the barracks.

33 And when these had come
to Caesarea and delivered the
letter to the governor, they also
presented Paul to him.

34 And when he had read it, he
asked from what province he
was; and when he learned that
he was from Cilicia,

35 he said, "I will give you a
hearing after your accusers ar-
rive also," giving orders for him
to be kept in Herod's Praeto-
rium.

CHAPTER 24

AND after five days the high
priest Ananias came
down with some elders, with a
certain attorney named Tertul-
lus; and they brought charges to
the governor against Paul.

2 And after Paul had been
summoned, Tertullus began to
accuse him, saying to the gover-
nor,

¶ "Since we have through you
attained much peace, and since
by your providence reforms are
being carried out for this nation,

3 we acknowledge this in ev-
ery way and everywhere, most
excellent Felix, with all thank-
fulness.

4 "But, that I may not weary you
any further, I beg you to grant
us, by your kindness, a brief
hearing.

5 "For we have found this man a
real pest and a fellow who stirs
up dissension among all the
Jews throughout the world, and
a ringleader of the sect of the
Nazarenes.

30 ¹Lit.,
speak against
him ²Some
mss. add
Farrwell
Acts 23:35;
24:19, 25:16

32 ¹Acts
23:23 ²Acts
23:10

33 ¹Acts
8:40, 23:23
²Acts 23:24,
26:24 ³1, 3,
10, 25:14

34 ¹Acts
25:1 ²Acts
6:9, 21:39

35 ¹i.e., gov-
ernor's offi-
cial residence
²Acts 23:30,
24:19, 25:16
³Acts 24:27

1 ¹Lit., and
²Lit., orator
30r, pre-
sented their
evidence or
case

¹Acts 24:11
²Acts 23:2
³Acts 23:24

3 ¹Acts
23:26, 26:25

4 ¹Lit., to
hear
briefly

5 ¹Lit., the
inhabited
earth
²Acts 15:5;
24:14

6 ¹Lit., also
²Many mss.
do not con-
tain the re-
mainder of v.
6, v. 7, nor
the first part
of v. 8

¹Acts 21:28
9 ¹1 Thess
2:16

10 ¹Acts
23:24

11 ¹Acts
21:18, 27;
24:1

12 ¹Lit., an
attack of a
mob
²Acts 25:8
³Acts 24:18

13 ¹Acts
25:7

14 ¹Lit., the
ancestral god
²Acts 9:2;
24:22 ³Acts
15:5, 24:5

⁴Acts 3:13
⁵Acts 25:8;
26:4ff., 22f.;
28:23

15 ¹Dan.
12:2; John
5:28f.; 11:24;
Acts 23:8

16 ¹Lit.,
practice my-
self
²Acts 23:1
17 ¹Acts
20:31

6 "And he even tried to desec-
rate the temple; and then we
arrested him. [2 And we wanted
to judge him according to our
own Law.

7 "But Lysias the commander
came along, and with much vio-
lence took him out of our hands,

8 ordering his accusers to
come before you.] And by exam-
ining him yourself concerning all
these matters, you will be able to
ascertain the things of which we
accuse him."

9 And the Jews also joined in
the attack, asserting that these
things were so.

10 ¶ And when the governor
had nodded for him to speak,
Paul responded:

¶ "Knowing that for many
years you have been a judge to
this nation, I cheerfully make my
defense,

11 since you can take note of
the fact that no more than
twelve days ago I went up to Je-
rusalem to worship.

12 "And neither in the temple,
nor in the synagogues, nor in the
city itself did they find me carry-
ing on a discussion with anyone
or causing a riot.

13 "Nor can they prove to you
the charges of which they now
accuse me.

14 "But this I admit to you, that
according to the Way which
they call a sect I do serve the
God of our fathers, believing
everything that is in accordance
with the Law, and that is written
in the Prophets;

15 having a hope in God, which
these men cherish themselves,
that there shall certainly be a
resurrection of both the right-
eous and the wicked.

16 "In view of this, I also do
my best to maintain always a
blameless conscience both be-
fore God and before men.

17 "Now after several years I

CHAPTER 25

became to bring ¹alms to my nation and to present offerings;

18 in which they found me occupied in the temple, having been ^apurified, without any ^bcrowd or uproar. But *there were* certain ^cJews from ¹Asia—

19 who ought to have been present before you, and to ^amake accusation, if they should have anything against me.

20 ¹Or else let these men themselves tell what misdeed they found when I stood before ^athe ¹Council,

21 other than for this one statement which ^aI shouted out while standing among them, ¹For the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you today."

22 [¶] But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about ^athe Way, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the ¹commander comes down, I will decide your case."

23 And he gave orders to the centurion for him to be ^akept in custody and yet ^bhave some freedom, and not to prevent any of ^chis friends from ministering to him.

24 [¶] But some days later, Felix arrived with Drusilla, his ¹wife who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him speak about ^afaith in Christ Jesus.

25 And as he was discussing ^arighteousness, ^bself-control and ^cthe judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, "Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you."

26 At the same time too, he was hoping that ^amoney would be given him by Paul; therefore he also used to send for him quite often and converse with him.

27 But after two years had passed, Felix ¹was succeeded by Porcius ^aFestus; and ^bwishing to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul ^cimprisoned.

17 ¹Or, gifts to charity

^aActs 11:29f.

Rom. 15:25-

28, 1 Cor

16:1-4; 2 Cor

8:1-4, 9:1, 2,

12, Gal 2:10

18 ¹i.e.,

west coast

province of

Asia Minor

^aActs 21:28

^aActs 24:12

^aActs 21:27

19 ^aActs

23:30

20 ¹Or, San

hedrin

^aMatt. 5:22

21 ^aActs

23:6, 24:15

22 ¹i.e., church,

in command of one

thousand

troops

^aActs 24:14

23 ^aActs

23:35 ^aActs

28:16 ^aActs

23:16, 27:3

24 ¹Lit.,

own wife

^aActs 20:21

28 ^aTitus

2:12 ^aGal

5:23, Titus

1:8, 2 Pet. 1:6

^aActs 10:42

26 ^aActs

24:17

27 ¹Lit., re-

ceived a suc-

cessor, Porcius

us Festus

^aActs 25:1, 4,

9:12, 26:24f.,

32 ^aActs 12:3,

25:9 ^aActs

23:35, 25:14

1 ^aActs

23:34 ^aActs

8:40; 25:4, 6,

13

2 ^aActs

24:1, 25:15

3 ¹Or, for-

ward ¹Lit., him

¹Lit., send for

him to Jeru-

salem

^aActs 9:24

4 ^aActs

25:16 ^aActs

24:23 ^aActs

8:40; 25:1, 6,

13

5 ¹Lit., go

down ¹Lit., in

¹Or, accuse

6 ^aActs

8:40; 25:1, 4,

13 ^aMatt.

27:19; Acts

25:10, 17

7 ^aActs

24:5f. ^aActs

24:13

8 ^aActs

6:13; 24:12,

28:17

FESTUS therefore, having arrived in ^athe province, three days later went up to Jerusalem from ^bCaesarea.

2 And the chief priests and the leading men of the Jews ^abrought charges against Paul; and they were urging him,

3 requesting a ¹concession against ²Paul, that he might ³have him brought to Jerusalem (at the same time, ^asetting an ambush to kill him on the way).

4 Festus then ^aanswered that Paul ^bwas being kept in custody at ^cCaesarea and that he himself was about to leave shortly.

5 "Therefore," he ^asaid, "let the influential men among you ¹go there with me, and if there is anything wrong ²about the man, let them ³prosecute him."

6 [¶] And after he had spent not more than eight or ten days among them, he went down to ^aCaesarea; and on the next day he took his seat on ^bthe tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought.

7 And after he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing ^amany and serious charges against him ^bwhich they could not prove;

8 while Paul said in his own defense, "I have committed no offense either against the Law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar."

9 But Festus, ^awishing to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and ¹stand trial before me on these charges?"

10 But Paul said, "I am standing before Caesar's ^atribunal, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews, as you also very well know.

11 "If then I am a wrongdoer, and have committed anything

9 ¹Lit., be judged ^aActs 12:3; 24:27 ^aActs 25:20
10 ^aMatt. 27:19; Acts 25:6, 17

worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none of those things is true of which these men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them. I ^aappeal to Caesar."

12 Then when Festus had conferred with his council, he answered, "You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go."

13 ¶ Now when several days had elapsed, King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at ^aCaesarea, and paid their respects to Festus.

14 And while they were spending many days there, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, "There is a certain man ^aleft a prisoner by Felix;

15 and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews ^abrought charges against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation upon him.

16 "And I ^aanswered them that it is not the custom of the Romans to hand over any man before ^bthe accused meets his accusers face to face, and has an opportunity to make his defense against the charges.

17 "And so after they had assembled here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on ^athe tribunal, and ordered the man to be brought.

18 "And when the accusers stood up, they *began* bringing charges against him not of such crimes as I was expecting;

19 but they *simply* had some ^apoints of disagreement with him about their own ^breligion and about a certain dead man, Jesus, whom Paul asserted to be alive.

20 "And ^abeing at a loss how to investigate ^bsuch matters, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there stand trial on these matters.

21 "But when Paul ^aappealed to be held in custody for ^bthe Em-

11 ^aActs 25:21, 25; 26:32, 28:19

12 ^aA different body from that mentioned in Acts 4:15 and 24:20

13 ^aLit., greeting Festus ^bActs 8:40; 25:1, 4, 6

14 ^aActs 24:27

15 ^aActs 24:1, 25:2

16 ^aActs 25:4f; ^bActs 23:30

17 ^aMatt. 27:19; Acts 25:6, 10

18 ^aOr, supplication ^bActs 18:15; 23:29 ^cActs 17:22

20 ^aLit., these ^bActs 25:9

21 ^aLit., the Augustus (in this case Nero) ^bActs 25:11f.

22 ^aActs 9:15

23 ^aLit., and Bernice ^bLit., and with ^ci.e., chiliarcha, in command of one thousand troops ^dActs 25:13; 26:30

24 ^aActs 25:2, 7 ^bActs 22:22

25 ^aIV, 21, note 1 ^bLuke 23:4; Acts 23:29 ^cActs 25:11f.

26 ^aLit., About whom I have nothing definite

1 ^aActs 9:15

peror's decision, I ordered him to be kept in custody until I send him to Caesar."

22 And ^aAgrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," he ^asaid, "you shall hear him."

23 ¶ And so, on the next day when ^aAgrippa had come together with ^aBernice, amid great pomp, and had entered the auditorium ^aaccompanied by the ^bcommanders and the prominent men of the city, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.

24 And Festus ^asaid, "King Agrippa, and all you gentlemen here present with us, you behold this man about whom ^aall the people of the Jews appealed to me, both at Jerusalem and here, loudly declaring that ^bhe ought not to live any longer.

25 "But I found that he had committed ^anothing worthy of death; and since he himself ^bappealed to ^cthe Emperor, I decided to send him.

26 "Yet I have nothing definite about him to write to my lord. Therefore I have brought him before you *all* and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the investigation has taken place, I may have something to write.

27 "For it seems absurd to me in sending a prisoner, not to indicate also the charges against him."

CHAPTER 26

AND ^aAgrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and *proceeded* to make his defense:

2 ¶ "In regard to all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, I consider myself fortunate, King Agrippa, that I am about to make my defense before you today;

3 ¹especially because you are an expert in all ^acustoms and ²questions among the Jews; therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

4 "So then, all Jews know ^amy manner of life from my youth up, which from the beginning was spent among my own nation and at Jerusalem;

5 since they have known about me for a long time previously, if they are willing to testify, that I lived as a ^aPharisee ^baccording to the strictest ^csect of our religion.

6 "And now I am ¹standing trial ^afor the hope of ^bthe promise made by God to our fathers;

7 the promise ^ato which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve God night and day. And for this ^bhope, O King, I am being ^caccused by Jews.

8 "Why is it considered incredible among you people ^aif God does raise the dead?

9 "So then, ^aI thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to ^bthe name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 "And this is ¹just what I ^adid in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the ²saints in prisons, having ^breceived authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I ^ccast my vote against them.

11 "And ^aas I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being ^bfuriously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them ^ceven to ¹foreign cities.

12 "While thus engaged ^aas I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests,

13 at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, ¹brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me.

14 "And when we had ^aall fallen

3 ¹Or, because you are especially expert ²Or, controversial issues

^aActs 8:14; 25:19; 26:7

^bGal 1:13; Phil 3:5

^cActs 23:6; Phil 3:5

^aActs 22:3

^bActs 15:5

^cLit., being tried ^aActs 24:15; 28:20 ^bActs 13:32

¹James 1:1 ^aActs 24:15; 28:20

^aActs 26:2

^bActs 23:6

^cJohn 16:2; 1 Tim 1:13 ^aJohn 15:21

¹Lit., also

²Or, holy ones

^aActs 8:2

^bActs 9:11 ^cActs 22:20

¹Or, out lying

^aMatt 10:17; Acts 22:19

^bActs 9:1

^cActs 22:5

¹Lit., in which things

^aActs 26:12; 18:9-11; 22:6-11

²Lit., above the brightness of

^aLit., Jewish Aramaic

^bActs 9:7

^cActs 21:40

¹Some early mss. read seen Me

^aEzek 2:1; Dan 10:11

^bActs 22:14

^cLuke 1:2

^aActs 22:15

¹Jer 1:8; 19:11 ^cChr 16:35; Acts 9:15

²4a. 35:5; 42:7; 16; Eph 5:8; Col 1:13

¹1 Pet 2:9

^aJohn 1:5; Eph 5:8; Col 1:12

^b1 Thess 5:5; 1 Pet 2:9

^cMatt 24:40; Luke 24:47

^aActs 2:38; Acts 20:32

^bActs 20:21

to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the ^{1b}Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

15 "And I said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'

16 "But arise, and ^astand on your feet, for this purpose I have appeared to you, to ^bappoint you a ^cminister and ^da witness not only to the things which you have ¹seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you;

17 ^adelivering you ^bfrom the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,

18 to ^aopen their eyes so that they may turn from ^bdarkness to light and from the dominion of 'Satan to God, in order that they may receive ^dforgiveness of sins and an ^einheritance among those who have been sanctified by ^ffaith in Me.'

19 "Consequently, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 but ¹kept declaring both ^ato those of Damascus first, and also ^bat Jerusalem and ^cthen throughout all the region of Judea, and even ^dto the Gentiles, that they should ^erepent and turn to God, performing deeds ^aappropriate to repentance.

21 "For this reason some Jews ^aseized me in the temple and tried ^bto put me to death.

22 "And so, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day ^atestifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what ^bthe Prophets and Moses said was going to take place;

23 ¹that ²the Christ was ³to suffer, and ¹that ^bby reason of His resurrection from the dead

20 ^aActs 9:10ff; ^bActs 9:26-29; 22:17-20 ^cActs 9:15; 13:46 ^dActs 3:19 ^eMatt. 3:8; Luke 3:8

21 ^aActs 21:27, 30 ^bActs 21:31

22 ^aLuke 16:28 ^bActs 10:43; 24:14

23 ¹Lit., whether ²Lit., the Messiah ³Lit., subject to suffering ^aMatt. 26:24; Acts 3:18 ^b1 Cor 15:20, 23; Col 1:18; Rev. 1:5

He should be the first to proclaim slight both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

24 "And while Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you mad."

25 But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I utter words of sober truth."

26 "For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner."

27 "King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do."

28 And Agrippa replied to Paul, "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian."

29 And Paul said, "I would to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains."

30 "And the king arose and the governor and Bernice, and those who were sitting with them,"

31 and when they had drawn aside, they began talking to one another, saying, "This man is not doing anything worthy of death or imprisonment."

32 And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

CHAPTER 27

AND when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they proceeded to deliver Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan cohort named Julius.

2 And embarking in an Adramyttian ship, which was about

23 ¹lit., The many letters
24 ¹lit., turning you to madness
25 ¹lit., of truth and rationality
26 ¹lit., un-derstands
27 ¹lit., he-believe
28 ¹lit., With a little
29 ¹lit., I would pray to
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to sail to the regions along the coast of Asia, we put out to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica.

3 And the next day we put in at Sidon; and Julius treated Paul with consideration and allowed him to go to his friends and receive care.

4 And from there we put out to sea and sailed under the shelter of Cyprus because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed through the sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we landed at Myra in Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy, and he put us aboard it.

7 And when we had sailed slowly for a good many days, and with difficulty had arrived off Cnidus, since the wind did not permit us to go farther, we sailed under the shelter of Crete, off Salmone;

8 and with difficulty sailing past it we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.

9 And when considerable time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, since even the fast was already over, Paul began to admonish them,

10 and said to them, "Men, I perceive that the voyage will certainly be attended with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives."

11 But the centurion was more persuaded by the pilot and the captain of the ship, than by what was being said by Paul.

12 And because the harbor was not suitable for wintering, the majority reached a decision to put out to sea from there, if somehow they could reach

11 ¹Or, owner ²Rev. 18:17
12 ¹Or, owner ²Rev. 18:17
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Phoenix, a harbor of ^aCrete, facing ¹southwest and northwest, and spend the winter *there*.

13 And ¹when a moderate south wind came up, supposing that they had gained their purpose, they weighed anchor and began ^asailing along ^bCrete, close *inshore*.

14 But before very long there ^arushed down from ¹the land a violent wind, called ²Euraquilo;

15 and when the ship was caught *in it*, and could not face the wind, we gave way *to it*, and let ourselves be driven along.

16 And running under the shelter of a small island called ¹Clauda, we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control.

17 And after they had hoisted it up, they used ¹supporting cables in undergirding the ship; and fearing that they might ^arun aground on the shallows of Syrtis, they let down the ²sea anchor, and so let themselves be driven along.

18 The next day as we were being violently storm-tossed, ¹they began to ^ajettison the cargo;

19 and on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands.

20 And since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned.

21 And ¹when they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, "Men, you ought to have ²followed my advice and not to have set sail from ^bCrete, and ³incurred this ^adamage and loss.

22 "And yet now I urge you to ^akeep up your courage, for there shall be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

23 "For this very night ^aan angel

12 ¹Or possibly, north-east and south-east.
^aActs 2:11.
27:13, 21. Titus 1:5, 12.

13 ¹Lit., a south wind having gently blown.
^aActs 27:8.
27:12f., 21.
Titus 1:5, 12.

14 ¹Lit., it is, a north-easter.
^aMark 4:17.

16 ¹Some ancient mss read *Caudu*.

17 ¹Lit., helps. ²Or possibly, sail.
^aActs 27:26, 29.

18 ¹Lit., they were doing a throwing out.
^aJohn 1:5.
Acts 27:38.

21 ¹Lit., there being much about them from food. ²Lit., observed me.
³Lit., gained.
^aActs 27:10.

22 ^aActs 27:25, 36.

23 ^aActs 5:19. ^bRom 1:9. ^cActs 18:9, 23:11, 2 Tim 4:17.

24 ^aActs 23:11. ^bActs 27:31, 42, 44.

25 ¹Lit., it will be.
^aActs 27:22, 36.

26 ^aActs 27:17, 29.
^bActs 28:1.

27 ¹Lit., some land was approaching them.

28 ¹Lit., rough places. ²Lit., they were praying for it to become day.
^aActs 27:17, 28.

30 ^aActs 27:16.

32 ^aJohn 2:15.

34 ^aMatt 10:30.

of the God to whom I belong and ^bwhom I serve ^cstood before me.

24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; ^ayou must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you ^ball those who are sailing with you.'

25 "Therefore, ^akeep up your courage, men, for I believe God, that ¹it will turn out exactly as I have been told.

26 "But we must ^arun aground on a certain ^bisland."

27 ^a But when the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors began to surmise that ¹they were approaching some land.

28 And they took soundings, and found *it to be* twenty fathoms; and a little farther on they took another sounding and found *it to be* fifteen fathoms.

29 And fearing that we might ^arun aground somewhere on the ¹rocks, they cast four anchors from the stern and ²wished for daybreak.

30 And as the sailors were trying to escape from the ship, and had let down ^athe ship's boat into the sea, on the pretense of intending to lay out anchors from the bow,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless these men remain in the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved."

32 Then the soldiers cut away the ^aropes of the ship's boat, and let it fall away.

33 And until the day was about to dawn, Paul was encouraging them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been constantly watching and going without eating, having taken nothing.

34 "Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your preservation; for ^anot a hair from the head of any of you shall perish."

35 And having said this, he took bread and ^agave thanks to God in the presence of all; and he broke it and began to eat.

36 And all ^aof them ¹were encouraged, and they themselves also took food.

37 And all of us in the ship were two hundred and seventy-six ^{1a}persons.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they *began* to lighten the ship by ^athrowing out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when day came, ^athey ¹could not recognize the land; but they ²did observe a certain bay with a beach, and they ³resolved to ⁴drive the ship onto it if they could.

40 And casting off ^athe anchors, they ¹left them in the sea while at the same time they were loosening the ropes of the rudders, and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they were heading for the beach.

41 But striking a ¹reef where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern *began* to be broken up by the force of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' plan was to ^akill the prisoners, that none of them should swim away and escape;

43 but the centurion, ^awanting to bring Paul safely through, kept them from their intention, and commanded that those who could swim should ¹jump overboard first and get to land,

44 and the rest *should follow*, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And thus it happened that ^athey all were brought safely to land.

CHAPTER 28

AND when ^athey had been brought safely through, ^bthen we found out that ^cthe island was called ¹Malta.

38 ^aMatt 14:19

38 ¹Lit., he came cheerful
^aActs 27:22, 25

37 ¹Lit., skulls
^aActs 2:41

38 ¹John 1:5, Acts 27:18

39 ¹Or, were not recognizing
²Or, were observing
³Or, were resolving
^aSome ancient mss read bring the ship safely ashore
^aActs 28:1

40 ¹Or, were leaving
^aActs 27:29

41 ¹Lit., place

42 ^aActs 12:19

43 ¹Lit., cast themselves
^aActs 27:3

44 ^aActs 27:22, 31

1 ¹Or, Melita. Some mss. read Melitene
^a(we) Acts 16:10; 27:1

^bActs 27:39
^cActs 27:28

2 ¹Lit., barbarians
^aActs 28:4; Rom. 1:14; 1 Cor. 14:11; Col. 3:11
^bRom. 14:1

3 ¹Or, from the heat

4 ¹Lit., barbarians
²Lit., personification of a goddess
^aActs 28:2
^bLuke 13:2, 4

5 ^aMark 16:18

6 ^aActs 14:11

8 ^aActs 9:40; James 5:14f. ^bMatt 9:18; Mark 5:23; 6:5

10 ¹Lit., honors
²Or, put on board
³Lit., the things pertaining to the needs

11 ^aActs 27:6

2 And ^athe ¹natives showed us extraordinary kindness; for because of the rain that had set in and because of the cold, they kindled a fire and ^breceived us all.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out ¹because of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when ^athe ¹natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they *began* saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, ²justice has not allowed him to live."

5 However ^ahe shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.

6 But they were expecting that he was about to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had waited a long time and had seen nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and ^abegan to say that he was a god.

7 ¶ Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us courteously three days.

8 And it came about that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had ^aprayed, he ^blaid his hands on him and healed him.

9 And after this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured.

10 And they also honored us with many ¹marks of respect; and when we were setting sail, they ²supplied us with ³all we needed.

11 ¶ And at the end of three months we set sail on ^aan Alexandrian ship which had wintered

at the island, and which had ¹the Twin Brothers for its figurehead.

12 And after we put in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days.

13 And from there we ¹sailed around and arrived at Rhegium, and a day later a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli.

14 ¹There we found some ^abrethren, and were invited to stay with them for seven days; and thus we came to Rome.

15 And the ^abrethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the ¹Market of Appius and ²Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

16 [†] And when we entered Rome, Paul was ^aallowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

17 [†] And it happened that after three days he called together those who were ^athe leading men of the Jews, and when they had come together, he began saying to them, "^bBrethren, ^cthough I had done nothing against our people, or ^dthe customs of our ¹fathers, yet I was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 "And when they had ^aexamined me, they ^bwere willing to release me because there was ^cno ground ¹for putting me to death.

19 "But when the Jews ¹objected, I was forced to ^aappeal to Caesar; not that I had any accusation against my nation.

20 "For this reason therefore, I ¹requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing ^athis chain for ^bthe sake of the hope of Israel."

21 And they said to him, "We have neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of ^athe brethren come

¹¹ ¹Gr. the Dioscuri; i.e., Castor and Pollux, twin sons of Zeus

¹³ ¹Some early mss. read weighed anchor

¹⁴ ¹Lit., where John 21:23, Acts 1:15, 6:3, 9:30, Rom. 1:13, 28:15

¹⁵ ¹Lit., Appii Forum, a station about 43 miles from Rome ²Lit., Trae Tabernae, a station about 33 miles from Rome

¹⁶ ¹Acts 1:15, 10:23; 11:1, 12:29; 12:17 ¹⁸ ^aActs 24:23

¹⁷ ¹Or, forefathers ^aActs 13:50; 25:2 ^aActs 22:5 ^aActs 25:8 ^aActs 6:14

¹⁸ ¹Lit., of death in me ^aActs 22:24 ^aActs 26:32 ^aActs 23:29; 25:25; 26:31

¹⁹ ¹Lit., spoke against it ^aActs 25:11, 21, 23, 26:32

²⁰ ¹Or, invited you to see me and speak with me

^aActs 21:33 ^aActs 26:6 ²¹ ^aActs 3:17, 22:5; 28:14, Rom. 9:3

²² ¹Lit., you think ^aActs 24:14 [†]1 Pet. 2:12; 3:16; 4:14, 16 ²³ ^aPhilem.

²² ^aLuke 16:28; Acts 13:23-11 ^aActs 8:35 ²⁴ ^aActs 14:4

²⁶ ¹Lit., with a hearing ²Lit., and ³Lit., seeing you will see

²⁷ ^aIs. 6:9 ^aIsa. 13:14 ²⁸ ^aIs. 6:10 ²⁹ ^aPs. 98:3; Luke 2:30; Acts 13:26

here and reported or spoken anything bad about you.

22 "But we desire to hear from you what ¹your views are; for concerning this ^asect, it is known to us that ^bit is spoken against everywhere."

23 [†] And when they had set a day for him, they came to him at ^ahis lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly ^btestifying about the kingdom of God, and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, ^cfrom both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

24 And ^asome were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe.

25 And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers,

26 saying,

^aGO TO THIS PEOPLE AND SAY,

^bYOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, ²BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND;

AND ³YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;

27 ^aFOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL,

AND WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES;

LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES,

AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS,

AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN,

AND I SHOULD HEAL THEM."

28 "Let it be known to you therefore, that ^athis salvation of

God has been sent ^bto the Gentiles; they will also listen."

29 [And when he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.]

30 ¶ And he stayed two full years ¹in his own rented quar-

²⁸ ^bActs 9:15; 13:46

²⁹ ¹Many mss. do not contain this v

³⁰ ¹Or, at his own expense

ters, and was welcoming all who came to him.

31 ^{1a}preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ ^bwith all openness, unhindered.

³¹ ¹Or, proclaiming *Matt. 4:23; Acts 20:25, 28:23
² Tim. 2:9

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

The Gospel Exalted

PAUL, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, ^{1a}called as an apostle, ^bset apart for ^cthe gospel of God,

2 which He ^apromised beforehand through His ^bprophets in the holy Scriptures,

3 concerning His Son, who was born ^aof a ¹descendant of David ^baccording to the flesh,

4 who was declared ^athe Son of God with power ¹by the resurrection from the dead, according to the ²spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

5 through whom we have received grace and ^aapostleship ¹to bring about the ^bobedience of faith among ^call the Gentiles, for His name's sake,

6 among whom you also are the ^acalled of Jesus Christ;

7 to all who are ^abeloved of God in Rome, called as ^{1b}saints: ^cGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 ¶ First, ^aI thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because ^byour faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

9 For ^aGod, whom I ^bserve in my spirit in the *preaching of the gospel of His Son*, is my witness

¹ ¹Lit., a called apostle
^a1 Cor. 1:1; 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:1
^bActs 9:15; 13:2; Gal. 1:15
^cMark 1:14; Rom. 15:16

² ^aTitus 1:2
^bLuke 1:70; Rom. 3:21; 16:26

³ ¹Lit., seed
^aMatt. 1:1
^bJohn 1:14; Rom. 4:1; 9:3; 5:1
^c1 Cor. 10:18

⁴ ¹Or, as a result of
^aOr, spirit
^bMatt. 4:3

⁵ ¹Lit., for obedience
^aActs 1:25; Gal. 1:16
^bActs 6:7; Rom. 16:26
^cActs 9:15

⁶ ^aJude 1; Rev. 17:14

⁷ ¹Or, holy ones
^aRom. 5:5ff.; 8:39
^bActs 9:13; Rom. 8:28ff.; 1 Cor. 1:2; 24
^cNum. 6:25f.; 1 Cor. 1:3; 2 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 1:3; Eph. 1:2; Phil. 1:2; Col. 1:2; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:2

⁸ ^a1 Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:15f.; Phil. 1:3f.; Col. 1:3f.; 1 Thess. 1:2; 2:13
^bActs 28:22; Rom. 16:19

as to how unceasingly ^aI make mention of you,

10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by ^athe will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

11 For ^aI long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

13 And ^aI do not want you to be unaware, ^bbrethren, that often I ^chave planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some ^dfruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

14 ^aI am ¹under obligation both to Greeks and to ^bbarbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15 Thus, for my part, I am eager to ^apreach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

⁹ ^aRom. 9:1
^bActs 24:14; 2 Tim. 1:3
^cEph. 1:16; Phil. 1:3f.

¹⁰ ^aActs 18:21; Rom. 15:32

¹¹ ^aActs 19:21; Rom. 15:23

¹² ^aRom. 11:25; 1 Cor. 10:1; 12:1; 2 Cor. 1:8; 1 Thess. 4:13

¹³ ^aActs 1:15; Rom. 7:1; 1 Cor. 1:10; 14:20, 26; Gal. 3:15

¹⁴ ^aActs 19:21; Rom. 15:22f.
^bJohn 4:38; 15:16; Phil. 1:22; Col. 1:6

¹⁵ ¹Lit., debtor
^a1 Cor. 9:16
^bActs 28:2

¹⁶ ^aRom. 15:20

16 ¶ For I am not ^aashamed of the gospel, for ^bit is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the ^cJew first and also to ^dthe Greek.

17 For in it ^athe righteousness of God is revealed ¹from faith to faith; as it is written, "^{2b}**BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.**"

18 ¶ For ^athe wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who ^bsuppress the truth ¹in unrighteousness,

19 because ^athat which is known about God is evident ¹within them; for God made it evident to them.

20 For ^asince the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, ^bbeing understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

21 For even though they knew God, they did not ¹honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became ^afutile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 ^aProfessing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and ^aexchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and ¹crawling creatures.

24 ¶ Therefore ^aGod gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be ^bdishonored among them.

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for ^{1a} ^alie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, ^bwho is blessed ²forever. Amen.

26 ¶ For this reason ^aGod gave them over to ^bdegrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is ¹unnatural,

16 ^aMark 8:38; 2 Tim. 1:8, 12; 16; ^b1 Cor. 1:18; 24 ^aActs 3:28; Rom. 2:9; ^cJohn 7:35

17 ^aOr, by ^bOr, But he who is right ^cand by ^dfaith shall live; ^eRom. 3:21; 9:30; Phil. 3:9; ^fHab. 2:4; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38

18 ^aOr, by ^bRom. 5:9; Eph. 5:8; Col. 3:8 ^c2 Thess. 2:8; ^d19 ^aOr, among

^eActs 14:17; 17:24; ^f20 ^aMark 10:6; Job 12:7-9; Ps. 19:1-6; Jer. 5:21f

21 ^aLit., glorify; ^b2 Kin. 17:15; Jer. 2:5; Eph. 4:17f

22 ^aJer. 10:14; 1 Cor. 1:20

23 ^aOr possibly, reptiles; ^bDeut. 4:16-18; Ps. 106:20; Jer. 2:11; Acts 17:29

24 ^aRom. 1:26, 28; Eph. 4:19 ^bEph. 2:3

25 ^aLit., the lie ^bLit., unto the ages; ^cIs. 44:20; Jer. 10:14; 13:25; 16:19

^dRom. 9:5; 2 Cor. 11:31

26 ^aLit., against nature; ^bRom. 1:24; ^c1 Thess. 4:5

27 ^aLit., the shameful deed ^bLit., themselves; ^cLev. 18:22; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9

28 ^aLit., to have God in knowledge; ^bRom. 1:24

29 ^a2 Cor. 12:20

30 ^aOr, hateful to God; ^bPs. 5:5

31 ^a2 Tim. 3:2; 3:3

32 ^aRom. 6:21; Luke 11:48; Acts 8:1, 22:20

27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, ^amen with men committing ¹indecent acts and receiving in ²their own persons the due penalty of their error.

28 ¶ And just as they did not see fit ¹to acknowledge God any longer, ^aGod gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are ^agossips,

30 slanderers, ^{1a}haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, ^bdisobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, untrustworthy, ^aunloving, unmerciful;

32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of ^adeath, they not only do the same, but also ^bgive hearty approval to those who practice them.

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE you are ^awithout excuse, ^bevery man of you who passes judgment, for in that ^cyou judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

2 And we know that the judgment of God ¹rightly falls upon those who practice such things.

3 And do you suppose this, ^aO man, ¹when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?

4 Or do you think lightly of ^athe

1 ^aRom. 1:20; ^bLuke 12:14; Rom. 2:3; 9:20; ^c2 Sam. 12:5-7; Matt. 7:1; Luke 6:37; Rom. 14:22

2 ^aLit., is according to truth against

3 ^aLit., who pass judgment; ^bLuke 12:14; Rom. 2:1; 9:20

4 ^aRom. 9:23; 11:33; 2 Cor. 8:2; Eph. 1:7, 18; 2:7; Phil. 4:18; Col. 1:27; 2:2; Titus 3:6

riches of His ^bkindness and ^cforbearance and ^dpatience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But ¹because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart ^ayou are storing up wrath for yourself ^bin the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6 ^awho will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 to those who by ^aperseverance in doing good seek for ^bglory and honor and ^cimmortality, ^deternal life;

8 but to those who are ^aselfishly ambitious and ^bdo not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

9 There will be ^atribulation and distress ¹for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew ^bfirst and also of the Greek,

10 but ^aglory and honor and peace to every man who does good, to the Jew ^bfirst and also to the Greek.

11 For ^athere is no partiality with God.

12 For all who have sinned ¹without the Law will also perish ¹without the Law; and all who have sinned ²under the Law will be judged ³by the Law;

13 for ^anot the hearers ¹of the Law are ²just before God, but the doers ¹of the Law will be justified.

14 For when Gentiles who do not have ¹the Law do ²instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having ¹the Law, are a law to themselves,

15 in that they show ^athe work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them.

16 on the day when, ^aaccording to my gospel, ^bGod will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

17 ¶ But if you bear the name

4 ^aRom. 11:22
^cRom. 3:25
^dEx. 34:6
 Rom. 9:22;
 1 Tim. 1:16;
 1 Pet. 3:20;
 2 Pet. 3:9, 15
 8 ¹Or, in accordance with
^aDeut. 32:34f.; Prov. 1:18 ^bPs. 110:5, 2 Cor. 5:10, 2 Thess. 1:5, Jude 6
 6 ^aPs. 62:12, Prov. 24:12, Matt. 16:27
 7 ^aLuke 8:15, Heb. 10:36 ^bRom. 2:10, Heb. 2:7, 1 Pet. 1:7
^c1 Cor. 15:42, 50, 53f., Eph. 6:24, 2 Tim. 1:10 ^dMatt. 25:46
 8 ^a2 Cor. 12:20, Gal. 5:20; Phil. 1:17, 2:3, James 3:14, 16 ^b2 Thess. 2:12
 9 ¹Lit., upon
^aRom. 8:35
^bActs 3:26; Rom. 1:16, 1 Pet. 4:17
 10 ^aRom. 2:7; Heb. 2:7; 1 Pet. 1:7
^bRom. 2:9
 11 ^aDeut. 10:17; Acts 10:34
 12 ¹Or, without law
²Or, under law
³Or, by law
^aActs 2:23; 1 Cor. 9:21
 13 ¹Or, of law
²Or, righteous
^aMatt. 7:21, 24ff.; John 13:17; James 1:22f., 25
 14 ¹Or, law
²Lit., by nature
^aActs 10:35, Rom. 1:19, 2:15
 15 ^aRom. 2:14, 27
 16 ^aRom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 15:1; Gal. 1:11; 1 Tim. 1:11; 2 Tim. 2:8 ^bActs 10:42; 17:31; Rom. 3:8; 14:10

"Jew," and ^arely ¹upon the Law and boast in God.

18 and know His will, and ^aprove the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,

19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind a light to those who are in darkness,

20 a ¹corrector of the foolish, teacher of ²the immature, having in the Law ^athe embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,

21 you, therefore, ^awho teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who ¹preach that one should not steal, do you steal?

22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you ^arob temples?

23 You who ^aboast ¹in the Law through your breaking the Law do you dishonor God?

24 For ^a"THE NAME OF GOD IS: BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES ^bBECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.

25 For indeed circumcision is of value, if you ^apractice ¹the Law; but if you are a transgressor ²of the Law, ^byour circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26 ^aIf therefore ^bthe ¹uncircumcised man ^ckeeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

27 And will not ^ahe who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not ^bjudge

17 ¹Or, upon law ^aMic. 3:11, John 5:45; Rom. 2:23, 9:18
 18 ¹Or, distinguish between the things which differ
^aPhil. 1:10
 20 ¹Or, instructor ²Lit., infants ^aRom. 3:31, 2 Tim. 1:13
 21 ¹Or, proclaim ^aMatt. 23:3ff.
 22 ^aActs 19:37
 23 ¹Or, in law ^aMic. 3:11, John 5:45; Rom. 2:17, 9:4
 24 ^aIsa. 52:5; Ezek. 36:20ff. ^b2 Pet. 2:2
 25 ¹Or, law ²Or, of law ^aRom. 2:13f., 27 ^bJer. 4:4, 9:25f.
 26 ¹Lit., uncircumcision ^a1 Cor. 7:19 ^bRom. 3:30; Eph. 2:11 ^cRom. 2:25, 27; 8:4
 27 ^aRom. 3:30; Eph. 2:11 ^bMatt. 12:41

you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

CHAPTER 3

THEN what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

3 What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

4 May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, as it is written,

"THAT THOU MIGHTEST BE JUSTIFIED IN THY WORDS, AND MIGHTEST PREVAIL WHEN THOU ART JUDGED."

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.)

6 May it never be! For otherwise how will God judge the world?

7 But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner?

8 And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say), "Let us do evil that good may come"? Their condemnation is just.

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both

27 ¹Lat., through the letter ²Or, of law
28 ¹John 8:39; Rom 2:17, 9:8; Gal 6:15
29 ¹Phil 3:3; Col 2:11
²Deut. 30:6
³Rom 2:27, 7:6, 2 Cor 3:6
⁴John 5:44, 12:43, 1 Cor 4:5, 2 Cor 10:18
⁵Lat., as the advantage of the Jew
2 ¹Deut 4:8, Ps 147:19; Rom 9:4
²Acts 7:38
3 ¹Or, were unfaithful
²Or, unfaithfulness
³Rom 10:16, Heb 4:2
4 ¹Or, do not enter into judgment
²Luke 20:16, Rom 3:6, 31
³Ps 118:11, Rom 3:7
⁴Ps 51:4
5 ¹Or, commands
²Rom 5:8, 2 Cor 6:4, 7:11
³Rom 4:1, 7:7, 8:31, 9:14, 30
⁴Rom 6:19, 1 Cor 9:8, 15:32, Gal 3:15
6 ¹Luke 20:16, Rom 3:4, 31
²Rom 2:16
7 ¹Rom 3:4
²Rom 9:19
8 ¹Lat., Whose
²Rom 6:1
9 ¹Or possibly, Are we worse
²Rom 3:1
³Rom 2:1-29
⁴Rom 1:18-32
⁵Rom 3:19, 23, 11:32, Gal 3:22
10 ¹Ps 14:1, 3:53, 13
11 ¹Ps 5:9
²Ps 140:3
12 ¹Ps 10:7
13 ¹Ps 58:7
14 ¹Ps 38:1
15 ¹Lat., in
²John 10:34
³Rom 2:12
⁴Rom 3:9
20 ¹Or, of law
²Or, through law
³Ps 143:2, Acts 13:38
Gal 2:16

b Jews and c Greeks are d all under sin;

10 as it is written,

"THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;

11 THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS,

THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD;

12 ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS;

THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD,

THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

13 "THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE,

WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING,"

"THE POISON OF ASPS IS UNDER THEIR LIPS";

14 "WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS";

15 "THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,

16 DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS,

17 AND THE PATH OF PEACE HAVE THEY NOT KNOWN."

18 "THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES."

19 ¶ Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God;

20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 ¶ But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

¹Rom. 4:13, 5:13, 20:7, 7

21 ¹Or, from law ²Rom. 1:17, 9:30 ³Acts 10:43; Rom. 1:2

22 ¹Rom. 1:17, 9:30 ²Rom. 4:5 ³Acts 3:18; Gal. 2:16, 20:3, 22; Eph. 3:12 ⁴Rom. 4:11, 10:10 ⁵Rom. 10:12; Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:11

23 for ¹all ^ahave sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

24 being justified as a gift ^aby His grace through ^bthe redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

25 whom God displayed publicly as ^aa ¹propitiation ²in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, ³because in the ^cforbearance of God He ^dpassed over the sins previously committed;

26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who ¹has faith in Jesus.

27 Where then is ^aboasting? It is excluded. By ^bwhat kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

28 ¹For ^awe maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works ²of the Law.

29 Or ^ais God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also.

30 since indeed ^aGod ^bwho will justify the ¹circumcised ²by faith and the ³uncircumcised through faith ^cis one.

31 ^cDo we then nullify ¹the Law through faith? ^aMay it never be! On the contrary, we ^bestablish the Law.

CHAPTER 4

WHAT then shall we say that Abraham, ¹our forefather ^aaccording to the flesh, has found?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but ^anot ¹before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? **"AND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."**

4 Now to the one who ^aworks, his wage is not reckoned as a favor, but as what is due.

5 But to the one who does not work, but ^abelieves in Him who

23 ¹Or, all sinned

^aRom. 3:9

24 ^aRom.

4:4f., 16; Eph.

2:8 ^b1 Cor.

1:30; Eph.

1:7; Col. 1:14.

Heb. 9:15

25 ¹Or, a propitiatory sacrifice

²Or, by ³lit., because of the passing over of the sins previously committed in the forbearance of God

^a1 John 2:2.

4:10 ^b1 Cor.

5:7; Heb.

9:14, 28.

1 Pet. 1:19.

Rev. 1:5

^aRom. 2:4

^aActs 14:16.

17:30

26 ¹Lit., is of the faith of Jesus

27 ^aRom.

2:17, 23; 4:2.

1 Cor. 1:29ff

^aRom. 9:31

28 ¹Some ancient mss read Therefore

²Or, of law

^aActs 13:39;

Rom. 3:20.

21; Eph. 2:9;

James 2:20.

24, 26

29 ^aActs

10:34f., Rom.

9:24; 10:12;

15:9; Gal.

3:28

30 ¹Lit., cir-

cumcision

²Lit., out of

³Lit., uncir-

cumcision

^aRom. 10:12.

Gal. 3:20

^bRom. 3:22.

4:11f., 16;

Gal. 3:8

^cDeut. 6:4

31 ¹Or, law

^aLuke 20:16;

Rom. 3:4

^bMatt. 5:17;

Rom. 3:4, 6;

8:4

¹Or, our forefather, has found ac-

ording to the flesh

^aRom. 1:3

2 ¹Lit.,

toward

^a1 Cor. 1:31

3 ^aGen.

15:6; Rom.

4:9, 22; Gal.

3:8; James

2:23

4 ^aRom.

11:6

justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

6 just as David also speaks of the blessing upon the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works:

7 **"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEED HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED."**

8 **"BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT ¹TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."**

9 Is this blessing then upon ¹the circumcised, or upon ²the uncircumcised also? For ^bwe say, **"FAITH WAS RECKONED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."**

10 How then was it reckoned while he was ¹circumcised, or ²uncircumcised? Not while ¹circumcised, but while ²uncircumcised;

11 and he ^areceived the sign of circumcision, ^ba seal of the righteousness of the faith which ¹he had while uncircumcised, that he might be ^cthe father of ^dall who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be reckoned to them.

12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

13 For ^athe promise to Abraham or to his ¹descendants ^bthat he would be heir of the world was not ²through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For ^aif those who are ¹of the

5 ^aJohn 6:29; Rom. 3:22

7 ^aPs. 32:1

8 ¹Or, reckon ^aPs. 32:2 ²2 Cor. 5:19

9 ¹Lit., circumcision ²Lit., uncircumcision ^aRom.

3:30 ^aRom. 4:3 ^aGen. 15:6

10 ¹Lit., in circumcision ²Lit., in uncircumcision

11 ¹Lit., was in uncircumcision ^aGen. 17:10f. ^bJohn

3:33 ^aLuke 19:9; Rom. 4:16f. ^aRom. 3:22; 4:16

12 ¹Lit., seed ²Or, through law ^aRom. 9:8; Gal. 3:16.

29 ^aGen. 17:4-6; 22:17f.

14 ¹Or, of law ^aGal. 3:18

CHAPTER 5

Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified;

15 for ^athe Law brings about wrath, but ^bwhere there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it is ¹by faith, that it might be in accordance with ^agrace, in order that the promise may be certain to ^ball the ²descendants, not only to ³those who are of the Law, but also to ³those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is ^dthe father of us all.

17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, ^bwho gives life to the dead and ¹calls into being ^dthat which does not exist.

18 In hope against hope he believed, in order that he might become ^aa father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR ¹DESCENDANTS BE."

19 And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now ^aas good as dead since ^bhe was about a hundred years old, and ^cthe deadness of Sarah's womb;

20 yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, ^agiving glory to God,

21 and ^abeing fully assured that ^bwhat He had promised, He was able also to perform.

22 Therefore also ^aIT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

23 Now ^anot for his sake only was it written, that it was reckoned to him,

24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those ^awho believe in Him who ^braised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 He who was ^adelivered up because of our transgressions, and was ^braised because of our justification.

18 ^aRom. 7, 10-25; 1 Cor. 15:36; Gal. 3:10; ^bRom. 3:20

16 ¹Or, of ²Lit., seed ³Lit., that which is

^aRom. 3:24; ^bRom. 4:11, 9:8, 15:8; ^cGal. 3:7; ^dLuke 19:9; Rom. 4:11

17 ¹Lit., calls the things which do not exist as existing

^aGen. 17:5; ^bJohn 5:21; ^cIs. 48:13, 51:2; ^d1 Cor. 1:28

18 ¹Lit., seed ^aRom. 4:17; ^bGen. 15:5

19 ^aHeb. 11:12; ^bGen. 17:17; ^cGen. 18:11

20 ^aMatt. 9:8; ^bRom. 14:5; ^cGen. 18:14; ^dHeb. 11:19

22 ^aGen. 15:6; ^bRom. 4:3

23 ^aRom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 9:9; 10:11; 2 Tim. 3:10

24 ^aRom. 10:9; 1 Pet. 1:21; ^bActs 2:24

25 ^aIs. 53:4, 5; ^bRom. 5:6, 8; 8:32; ^cGal. 2:20; ^dEph. 5:2; ^eRom. 5:18, 1 Cor. 15:17, 2 Cor. 5:15

1 ^aSome ancient mss read let us have

^aRom. 3:28; ^bRom. 5:11

2 ^aOr, let us exult ^bEph. 2:18, 3:12; ^cHeb. 10:19; 1 Pet. 3:18; ^d1 Cor. 15:1

3 ^aOr, let us also exult ^bRom. 5:11, 8:23; 9:10; 2 Cor. 8:19; ^cMatt. 5:12; ^dJames 1:27; ^eLuke 21:19

4 ^aLuke 21:19; ^bPhil. 2:22; ^cJames 1:12

^aTHEREFORE having been justified by faith, ¹we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have ^aobtained our introduction by faith into this grace ^bin which we stand; and ¹we exult in hope of the glory of God.

3 ^aAnd not only this, but ¹we also ^bexult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about ^cperseverance;

4 and ^aperseverance, ^bproven character; and proven character, hope;

5 and hope ^adoes not disappoint, because the love of God has been ^bpoured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were still ^ahelpless, ^bat the right time ^cChrist died for the ungodly.

7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

8 But God ^ademonstrates ^bHis own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, ^cChrist died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified ¹by His blood, we shall be saved ^bfrom the wrath of God through Him.

10 For if while we were ^aenemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved ¹by His life.

11 ^aAnd not only this, ¹but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through

3 ^aPs. 119:116; ^bRom. 8:33; ^cHeb. 6:18; ^dActs 2:33, 10:45; ^eGal. 4:6; ^fTitus 3:6

6 ^aRom. 5:8, 10; ^bGal. 4:4; ^cRom. 4:25; 5:8; 8:32; ^dGal. 2:20; ^eEph. 5:2

8 ^aRom. 3:5; ^bJohn 3:16; 15:13; ^cRom. 8:30; ^dRom. 4:25; 5:8, 8:32; ^eGal. 2:20; ^fEph. 5:2

9 ^aOr, in ^bRom. 3:25; ^cRom. 1:18; 1 Thess. 1:10

10 ^aOr, in ^bRom. 11:28; 2 Cor. 5:18; ^cEph. 2:3; ^dCol. 1:21; ^eRom. 8:34; ^fHeb. 7:25; 1 John 2:1

11 ¹Lit., but also exulting ^aRom. 5:3, 8:23; 9:10; 2 Cor. 8:19

whom we have now received ^bthe reconciliation.

12 ¶ Therefore, just as through ^aone man sin entered into the world, and ^bdeath through sin, and ^cso death spread to all men, because all sinned—

13 for ¹until the Law sin was in the world; but ^asin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned ^ain the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a ¹btype of Him who was to come.

15 But ¹the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of ^athe one ^bthe many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by ^cthe grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand ^athe judgment arose from one transgression ¹resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions ²resulting in justification.

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned ^athrough the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will ^breign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

18 So then as through ^aone transgression ¹there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one ^bact of righteousness ²there resulted ^cjustification of life to all men.

19 For as through the one man's disobedience ^athe many ^bwere made sinners, even so through ^cthe obedience of the One ^athe many will be made righteous.

20 And ^{1a}the Law came in that the transgression might increase; but where sin increased,

11 ^aRom. 5:10; 11:15; 2 Cor. 5:18f
12 ^aGen. 2:17; 3:6, 19; Rom. 5:15-17; 1 Cor. 15:21f
^bRom. 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:56; James 1:15
^cRom. 5:14; 19:21; 1 Cor. 15:22

13 ¹Or, until law
^aRom. 4:15
14 ¹Or, fore-shadowing
^aHos. 6:7
^b1 Cor. 15:45
15 ¹Lit., not as the transgression, so also is the free gift
^aRom. 5:12; 18, 19
^bRom. 5:19
^cActs 15:11

16 ¹Lit., to condemnation
²Lit., to an act of righteousness
^a1 Cor. 11:32
17 ^aGen. 2:17; 3:6, 19; Rom. 5:12; 15:16; 1 Cor. 15:21f
^b2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 22:5

18 ¹Lit., to condemnation
²Lit., to justification
^aRom. 5:12; 15
^bRom. 3:25
^cRom. 4:25
19 ^aRom. 5:15, 18
^bRom. 5:12; 11:32
^cPhil. 2:8

20 ¹Or, law
^aRom. 3:20; 7:7f.; Gal. 3:19
^bRom. 6:1; 1 Tim. 1:14

21 ^aRom. 5:12, 14
^bJohn 1:17; Rom. 6:23
1 ^aRom. 3:5
^bRom. 3:8; 6:15

2 ^aLuke 20:16; Rom. 6:15
^bRom. 6:11; 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:3; 1 Pet. 2:24
3 ^aMatt. 28:19
^bActs 2:38; 8:18; 19:5; Gal. 3:27

4 ^aCol. 2:12
^bActs 2:24; Rom. 6:9
^cJohn 11:40; 2 Cor. 13:4

^bgrace abounded all the more,

21 that, as ^asin reigned in death, even so ^bgrace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHAPTER 6

^aWHAT shall we say then? Are we to ^bcontinue in sin that grace might increase?

2 ^aMay it never be! How shall we who ^bdied to sin still live in it?

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been ^abaptized into ^bChrist Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we have been ^aburied with Him through baptism into death, in order that ^aChrist was ^braised from the dead through the ^cglory of the Father so we too might walk in ^dnewness of life.

5 For ^aif we have become ¹united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also ²in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our ^aold self was ^bcrucified with Him that our ^cbody of sin might be ²done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

7 for ^ahe who has died is ¹freed from sin.

8 Now ^aif we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

9 knowing that Christ, having been ^araised from the dead, is never to die again; ^bdeath no longer is master over Him.

10 For the death that He died He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

^aRom. 7:6; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Eph. 4:23f.; Col. 3:10

8 ¹Or, united with the likeness ²Or, with ²Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10f.; Col. 2:12; 3:1

6 ¹Lit., man ²Or, made powerless ^aEph. 4:22; Col. 3:1; Gal. 2:20; 5:24; 6:14
^cRom. 7:24

7 ¹Or, acquitted ^a1 Pet. 4:1
8 ^aRom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 4:10; 2 Tim. 2:11
9 ^aActs 2:24; Rom. 6:4
^bRev. 1:18

11 Even so consider yourselves to be ^adead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 ¶ Therefore do not let sin ^areign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts,

13 and do not go on ^apresenting ¹the members of your body to sin as ²instruments of unrighteousness; but ^bpresent yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as ²instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For ^asin shall not ^bbe master over you, for ^cyou are not under law, but ^dunder grace.

15 ¶ What then? ^aShall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? ^bMay it never be!

16 Do you not ^aknow that when you present yourselves to someone as ^bslaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of ^csin ¹resulting in death, or of obedience ²resulting in righteousness?

17 But ^athanks be to God that ¹though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that ^bform of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been ^afreed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

19 ^aI am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just ^bas you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, ¹resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, ²resulting in sanctification.

20 For ^awhen you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 Therefore what ¹benefit were you then ²deriving ³from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is ^bdeath.

11 ^aRom. 6:2; 7:4, 6; Gal. 2:19; Col. 2:20; 3:2; 1 Pet. 2:24

12 ^aRom. 6:14

13 ¹Lt., your members to sin

²Or, weapons

^aRom. 6:16; 19; 7:5; Col. 3:5

^bRom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 5:14f.; 1 Pet. 2:24

14 ^aRom. 6:2, 12

^bRom. 6:12

^cRom. 5:18; 7:4, 6; Gal. 4:21

^dRom. 5:17; 18

^eLuke 20:16; Rom. 6:2

15 ¹Lt., to death

²Lt., to righteousness

^aRom. 11:2; 1 Cor. 3:16; 5:6, 6:2, 3, 9; 15, 16, 19; 9:13, 24

^bJohn 8:34; 2 Pet. 2:19

^cRom. 6:21; 23

17 ¹Lt., you were slaves but you became

^aRom. 1:8; 2 Cor. 2:14

^b2 Tim. 1:13

18 ^aJohn 8:32; Rom. 6:22, 8:2

19 ¹Lt., to lawlessness

²Lt., to sanctification

^aRom. 3:5

^bRom. 6:13

^cMatt. 6:24; Rom. 6:16

21 ¹Lt., fruit

²Lt., having

^aJer. 12:13; Ezek. 16:63; Rom. 7:5

^bRom. 1:32; 5:12; 6:16, 23; 8:6, 13; Gal. 6:8

22 ¹Lt., have

²Lt., fruit

^aJohn 8:32; Rom. 8:18; 8:21; 1 Cor. 7:22; 1 Pet. 2:16

^bRom. 7:4; 1 Pet. 1:9

23 ^aRom. 1:32; 5:12; 6:16, 21; 8:6, 13; Gal. 6:8

^bMatt. 25:46; Rom. 5:21; 8:38, 39

22 But now having been ^afreed from sin and ^benslaved to God, you ¹derive your ²benefit, ³resulting in sanctification, and ⁴the outcome, eternal life.

23 For the wages of ^asin is death, but the free gift of God is ^beternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 7

OR do you not know, ^abrethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?

2 For ^athe married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband.

3 So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man.

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were ^amade to die ^bto the Law ^cthrough the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God.

5 For while we were ^ain the flesh, the sinful passions, which were ^baroused by the Law, were at work ^cin ¹the members of our body to bear fruit for death.

6 But now we have been ^areleased from the Law, having ^bdied to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in ^cnewness of ^dthe ¹Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

7 ¶ ^aWhat shall we say then? Is the Law sin? ^bMay it never be!

1 ^aRom. 1:13

2 ^a1 Cor. 7:39

3 ^aRom. 6:2; 7:6

4 ^aLt., our members to bear

^bRom. 8:13, 21, 23

5 ^aOr, spirit

^bRom. 7:2

^cRom. 6:2

^dRom. 6:4

On the contrary, ^cI would not have come to know sin except ¹through the Law; for I would not have known about ²coveting if the Law had not said, "^dYOU SHALL NOT ³COVET."

8 But sin, ^ataking opportunity ^bthrough the commandment, produced in me ¹coveting of every kind; for ^capart ²from the Law sin is dead.

9 And I was once alive apart ¹from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died;

10 and this commandment, which was ¹to result in life, proved ²to result in death for me;

11 for sin, ^ataking opportunity ^bthrough the commandment, ^cdeceived me, and through it killed me.

12 ^aSo then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

13 Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? ^aMay it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

14 For we know that the Law is ^aspiritual; but I am ^aof flesh, ^bsold ¹into bondage to sin.

15 For that which I am doing, ^aI do not understand; for I am not practicing ^bwhat I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

16 But if I do the very thing I do not wish to do, I agree with ^athe Law, confessing that it is good.

17 So now, ^ano longer am I the one doing it, but sin which indwells me.

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my ^aflesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

19 For ^athe good that I wish, I

7 ¹Or, through law
²Or, lust ³Or, lust
^cRom. 3:20;
4:15; 5:20
^dEx. 20:17;
Deut. 5:21

8 ¹Or, lust
²Or, from law
³Rom. 7:11
^bRom. 3:20;
7:11 ^c1 Cor. 15:56

9 ¹Or, from law

10 ¹Lit., to life ²Lit., to death
^aLev. 18:5;
Luke 10:28;
Rom. 10:5;
Gal. 3:12

11 ^aRom. 7:8
^bRom. 3:20; 7:8
^cGen. 3:13
12 ^aRom. 7:16; 1 Tim. 1:8

13 ^aLuke 20:16

14 ¹Lit., under sin
^a1 Cor. 3:1
^b1 Kin. 21:20;
25; 2 Kin. 17:17; Rom. 6:6; Gal. 4:3
^cRom. 3:9

15 ^aJohn 15:15 ^bRom. 7:19; Gal. 5:17

16 ^aRom. 7:12; 1 Tim. 1:8

17 ^aRom. 7:20

18 ^aJohn 3:6; Rom. 7:25; 8:3

19 ^aRom. 7:15

20 ^aRom. 7:17

21 ¹Lit., law
^aRom. 7:23;
25; 8:2

22 ¹Or, concerning
^a2 Cor. 4:16;
Eph. 3:16;
1 Pet. 3:4

23 ¹Lit., my members
²Lit., in
^aRom. 6:19;
Gal. 5:17;
James 4:1;
1 Pet. 2:11
^bRom. 7:25
^cRom. 7:21;
25; 8:2

24 ¹Or, this body of death
^aRom. 6:6;
Col. 2:11
^bRom. 8:2

25 ^a1 Cor. 15:57 ^bRom. 7:21; 23; 8:2

do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish.

20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not wish, ^aI am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

21 I find then ^athe ¹principle that evil is present in me, the one who wishes to do good.

22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God ¹in ^athe inner man,

23 but I see ^aa different law in ¹the members of my body, waging war against the ^blaw of my mind, and making me a prisoner ²of ^cthe law of sin which is in my members.

24 Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from ¹the body of this ^bdeath?

25 ^aThanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh ^bthe law of sin.

CHAPTER 8

THERE is therefore now no ^acondemnation for those who are ^bin ^cChrist Jesus.

2 For ^athe law of the Spirit of life ¹in ^bChrist Jesus ^chas set ²you free from the law of sin and of death.

3 For ^awhat the Law could not do, ^bweak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in ^cthe likeness of ²sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

4 in order that the ^arequirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who ^bdo not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on

1 ^aRom. 5:16; 8:34 ^bRom. 8:9f. ^cRom. 8:2, 11, 39; 16:3

2 ¹Or, has set you free in Christ Jesus ²Some ancient mss. read me ³1 Cor. 15:45 ^bRom. 8:1, 11, 39; 16:3

^cJohn 8:32, 36; Rom. 6:14, 18, 7:4

3 ¹Lit., wherein it was weak ²Lit., flesh of sin ³Acts 13:39; Heb. 10:1ff. ^bRom. 7:18f.; Heb. 7:18 ^cPhil. 2:7;

Heb. 2:14, 17; 4:15

4 ^aLuke 1:6; Rom. 2:26 ^bGal. 5:16, 25

*the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, ^bthe things of the Spirit.

6 *For the mind set on the flesh is ^bdeath, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

7 because the mind set on the flesh is ^ahostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;

8 and those who are ^ain the flesh cannot please God.

9 However, you are not ^ain the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God ^bdwells in you. But ^aif anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

10 And ^aif Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is ^balive because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who ^araised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, ^bHe who raised ^cChrist Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies ^bthrough His Spirit who indwells you.

12 * So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

13 for ^aif you are living according to the flesh, you ^bmust die; but if by the Spirit you are ^bputting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are ^abeing led by the Spirit of God, these are ^bsons of God.

15 For you ^ahave not received a spirit of slavery ^bleading to fear again, but you ^bhave received ^aa spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit Himself ^abears witness with our spirit that we are ^bchildren of God.

17 and if children, ^aheirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, ^bif indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

8 Gal 5:19-21; Gal 5:22-23
9 Gal 6:8
10 Rom 8:21
11 James 4:4
12 Rom 7:5
13 John 14:23; Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; 2 Cor 6:16; Gal 4:6; Phil 1:19; 2 Tim 1:14; 1 John 4:13; John 14:17
14 1st John 17:23; Gal 2:20; Eph 3:17; Col 1:27
15 Some ancient mss read because of
16 Acts 2:24; Rom 8:4; John 5:21
17 Rom 8:1, 2; 39:16, 3
18 1st Cor, are about to
19 Rom 8:6
20 Col 3:5
21 Gal 5:19; 1 Thess 5:19; Matt 5:9; John 1:12; Rom 8:14, 19; 9:8; 26; 2 Cor 6:18; Gal 3:26; 1 John 3:1, Rev 21:7
22 1st John 1:7; Heb 2:15
23 Rom 8:23; Gal 4:5
24 Mark 14:38; Gal 4:6
25 Acts 5:32; 1 Thess 5:19; Matt 5:9; John 1:12; Rom 8:14, 19; 9:8; 26; 2 Cor 6:18; Gal 3:26; 1 John 3:1, Rev 21:7
26 Acts 20:32; Gal 3:26; 4:7; Eph 3:6; Titus 3:7; Heb 1:14; Rev 21:7; 2 Cor 1:5; 7; Phil 3:10; Col 1:24; 2 Tim 2:12; 1 Pet 4:13
27 1st Cor 4:17; 1 Pet 4:13; Col 3:4; Titus 2:13; 1 Pet 1:5; 5:1

18 ¶ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time ^aare not worthy to be compared with the ^bglory that is to be revealed to us.

19 For the ^aanxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for ^bthe revealing of the ^csons of God.

20 For the creation ^awas subjected to ^bfutility, not of its own will, but ^cbecause of Him who subjected it, ^bin hope

21 that ^athe creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation ^agroans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23 ^aAnd not only this, but also we ourselves, having ^bthe first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves ^cgroan within ourselves, ^dwaiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, ^athe redemption of our body.

24 For ^ain hope we have been saved, but ^bhope that is seen is not hope; for ^bwhy does one also hope for what he sees?

25 But ^aif we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

26 ¶ And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for ^awe do not know how to pray as we should, but ^bthe Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

19 Phil 1:20; Rom 8:18; 1 Cor 1:7; Col 3:4; 1 Pet 1:7, 13; 1 John 3:2; 1 Thess 5:19; Matt 5:9; John 1:12; Rom 8:14, 19; 9:8; 26; 2 Cor 6:18; Gal 3:26; 1 John 3:1, Rev 21:7

20 Some ancient mss read in hope, because the creation Gen. 3:17-19; Ps. 38:22; Eccl. 1:2; Gen. 3:17; 5:29

21 Acts 3:21; 2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1

22 1st John 12:4, 11

23 Rom 8:23; 1 Thess 5:19; Matt 5:9; John 1:12; Rom 8:14, 19; 25; Gal 5:5; Rom 7:24

24 Some ancient mss read who hope for what he sees Rom. 8:26; 1 Thess. 5:8; Titus 2:7; Rom. 4:18; 2 Cor 5:7; Heb. 11:1

25 1st Thess. 1:3

26 Matt. 26:22; 2 Cor. 12:8; John 14:18; Rom. 8:26; Eph. 6:18

27 and ^aHe who searches the hearts knows what ^bthe mind of the Spirit is, because He ^cintercedes for the ^dsaints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that ¹God causes ^aall things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are ^bcalled according to His purpose.

29 For whom He ^aforeknew, He also ^bpredestined to become ^cconformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the ^dfirst-born among many brethren;

30 and whom He ^apredestined, these He also ^bcalled; and whom He called, these He also ^cjustified; and whom He justified, these He also ^dglorified.

31 ^aWhat then shall we say to these things? ^bIf God is for us, who is against us?

32 He who ^adid not spare His own Son, but ^bdelivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring a charge against ^aGod's elect? ^bGod is the one who justifies;

34 who is the one who ^acondemns? Christ Jesus is He who ^bdied, yes, rather who was ^craised, who is ^dat the right hand of God, who also ^eintercedes for us.

35 Who shall separate us from ^athe love of ¹Christ? Shall ^btribulation, or distress, or ^cpersecution, or ^dfamine, or ^enakedness, or ^fperil, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,

**"FOR THY SAKE WE ARE
BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL
DAY LONG;
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS
SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."**

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly ^aconquer through ^bHim who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither ^adeath, nor life, nor ^bangels,

27 ¹Or, holy ones
^aPs. 139:1f.;
Luke 16:15;
Acts 1:24;
Rev. 2:23
^bRom. 8:6
^cRom. 8:34

28 ¹Some ancient mss. read all things work together for good
^aRom. 8:32
^bRom. 8:30;
9:24, 11:29;
1 Cor. 1:9;
Gal. 1:6, 15;
5:8, Eph. 1:11, 3:11;
2 Thess. 2:14;
Heb. 9:15;
1 Pet. 2:9, 3:9

29 ^aRom. 11:2, 1 Cor. 8:3, 2 Tim. 1:9, 1 Pet. 1:2, 20 ^bRom. 9:23, 1 Cor. 2:7, Eph. 1:5, 11 ^c1 Cor. 15:49, Phil. 3:21 ^dCol. 1:18, Heb. 1:6

30 ^aRom. 9:23, 11:29;
1 Cor. 2:7;
Eph. 1:5, 11
^bRom. 8:28;
9:24, 1 Cor. 1:9, Gal. 1:6, 15, 5:8, Eph. 1:11, 3:11;
2 Thess. 2:14;
Heb. 9:15;
1 Pet. 2:9, 3:9
^c1 Cor. 6:11
^dJohn 17:22;
Rom. 8:21, 9:23

31 ^aRom. 3:5, 4:1 ^bPs. 118:6, Matt. 1:23

32 ^aJohn 3:16; Rom. 5:8 ^bRom. 4:25

33 ^aLev. 18:7 ^bIs. 50:8f.

34 ¹Some ancient mss. read raised from the dead
^aRom. 8:1
^bRom. 5:6f.
^cActs 2:24
^dMark 16:19
^eRom. 8:27;
Heb. 7:25

35 ¹Some ancient mss. read God
^aRom. 8:37f.
^bRom. 2:9;
2 Cor. 4:8
^c1 Cor. 4:11;
2 Cor. 11:28f.

nor principalities, nor ^athings present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from ^athe love of God, which is ^bin Christ Jesus our Lord.

CHAPTER 9

^a I AM telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

3 For ^aI could ^bwish that I myself were ^caccursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen ^daccording to the flesh,

4 who are ^aIsraelites, to whom belongs ^bthe adoption as sons and ^cthe glory and ^dthe covenants and ^ethe giving of the Law and ^fthe temple service and ^gthe promises,

5 whose are ^athe fathers, and ^bfrom whom is ^cthe Christ according to the flesh, ^dwho is over all, ^eGod ^fblessed ^gforever. Amen.

6 ¶ But it is not as though ^athe word of God has failed. ^bFor they are not all Israel who are ^cdescended from Israel;

7 neither are they all children ^abecause they are Abraham's ^bdescendants, but: **"^bTHROUGH ISAAC YOUR ^bDESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."**

36 ^aPs. 44:22; Acts 20:24; 1 Cor. 4:9; 15:30f.; 2 Cor. 1:9; 4:10f.; 6:9; 11:23

37 ^aJohn 16:33; 1 Cor. 15:57 ^bGal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2; Rev. 1:5

38 ^a1 Cor. 3:22 ^b1 Cor. 15:24; Eph. 1:21; 1 Pet. 3:22
^c1 Cor. 3:22

39 ^aRom. 5:8 ^bRom. 8:1
1 ^a2 Cor. 11:10; Gal. 1:20; 1 Tim. 2:7
3 ^aLit., pray ^bEx. 32:32 ^c1 Cor. 12:3; 16:22; Gal. 1:8f.

^dRom. 1:3; 11:14; Eph. 6:5
4 ^aDeut. 7:6; 14:1f.; Rom. 9:6 ^bEx. 4:22; Rom. 8:15
^cEx. 40:34; 1 Kin. 8:11; Ezek. 1:28; Heb. 9:5 ^dGen. 17:2;
Deut. 29:14; Luke 1:72; Acts 3:25; Eph. 2:12 ^eDeut. 4:13f.; Ps. 147:19 ^fHeb. 9:1, 6 ^gActs 2:39; 13:32; Eph. 2:12

8 ¹i.e., the Messiah ²Lit., unto the ages ^aActs 3:13;
Rom. 11:28 ^bMatt. 1:1-16; Rom. 1:3 ^cCol. 1:16-19 ^dJohn 1:1 ^eRom. 1:25

6 ^aNum. 23:19 ^bJohn 1:47; Rom. 2:28f.; Gal. 6:16
7 ^aLit., seed ^bJohn 8:33, 39; Gal. 4:23 ^cGen. 21:12;
Heb. 11:18

8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are ^achildren of God, but the ^bchildren of the promise are regarded as ¹descendants.

9 For this is a word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

10 ^aAnd not only this, but there was ^bRebekah also, when she had conceived ^ctwins by one man, our father Isaac;

11 for though ^dthe twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that ^eGod's purpose according to His choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls,

12 it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

13 Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

14 ¶ ^aWhat shall we say then? ^bThere is no injustice with God, is there? ^cMay it never be!

15 For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."

16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who ^aruns, but on ^bGod who has mercy.

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED ¹THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."

18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He ^ahardens whom He desires.

19 ¶ ^aYou will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For ^cwho resists His will?"

20 On the contrary, who are you, ^aO man, who ^banswers back to God? ^cThe thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?

21 Or does not the potter have

8 ¹Lit., seed
^aRom. 8:14
^bRom. 4:13,
16; Gal. 3:29;
4:28; Heb.
11:11
9 ^aGen.
18:10
10 ^aRom.
5:3 ^aGen.
25:21
11 ^aRom.
4:17, 8:28
12 ^aGen.
25:23
13 ^aMal.
1:21
14 ^aRom.
3:5 ^aChr.
19:7, Rom.
2:11 ^aLuke
20:16
15 ^aEx.
33:19
16 ^aGal. 2:2
^aEph. 2:8
17 ¹Lit., in
^aEx. 9:16
18 ^aEx. 4:21.
7:3, 9:12,
10:20, 27,
11:10, 14,4,
17, Deut.
2:30, Josh.
11:20, John
12:40, Rom.
11:7, 25
19 ^aRom.
11:19, 1 Cor.
15:35, James
2:18 ^aRom.
3:7 ^aChr.
20:6, Job
9:12, Dan.
4:35
21 ^aRom.
2:1 ^aJob
33:13 ^aIs.
29:16, 45:9,
64:8, Jer.
18:6, Rom.
9:22f., 2 Tim.
2:20
21 ¹Lit., for
honor ²Lit.,
for dishonor
22 ^aRom.
2:4 ^aProv.
16:4, 1 Pet.
2:8
23 ^aRom.
2:4, Eph. 3:16
^aActs 9:15
^aRom. 8:29f.
24 ^aRom.
8:28 ^aRom.
3:29
25 ^aHos.
2:23, 1 Pet.
2:10
26 ^aHos.
1:10 ^aMat.
16:16
27 ^aIs. 10:22
^aGen. 22:17,
Hos. 1:10
^aRom. 11:5
28 ¹Lit., An-
swering it ²Lit.,
cutting it
short
^aIs. 10:23

a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel ¹for honorable use, and another ²for common use?

22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much ^apatience vessels of wrath ^bprepared for destruction?

23 And He did so in order that He might make known ^athe riches of His glory upon ^bvessels of mercy, which He ^cprepared beforehand for glory.

24 even us, whom He also ^acalled, ^bnot from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

25 As He says also in Hosea, "I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,'

AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.' "

26 "AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,'

THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF ^bTHE LIVING GOD."

27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE ^bAS THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS ^cTHE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;

28 "FOR THE LORD WILL EXECUTE HIS WORD UPON THE EARTH, ¹THOROUGHLY AND ²QUICKLY."

29 And just as Isaiah foretold, "EXCEPT ^bTHE LORD OF ¹SABAOOTH HAD LEFT TO US A ²POSTERITY,

"WE WOULD HAVE BECOME AS SODOM, AND WOULD HAVE ³RESEMBLED GOMORRAH."

29 ¹Lit., Hosts ²Lit., seed ³Lit., been made like ^aIs. 1:9
James 3:4 ^aDeut. 29:23, Is. 13:19, Jer. 48:18, 50:42;
Amos 4:11

30 "What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained righteousness, even ^bthe righteousness which is ¹by faith;

31 but Israel, ^apursuing a law of righteousness, did not ^barrive at that law.

32 Why? Because they did not pursue it ¹by faith, but as though it were ¹by works. They stumbled over ^athe stumbling stone.

33 just as it is written,

"^aBEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION ^aA STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE,

^cAND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM ^dWILL NOT BE ¹DISAPPOINTED."

CHAPTER 10

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

2 For I bear them witness that they have ^aa zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

3 For not knowing about ^aGod's righteousness, and ^bseeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

4 For ^aChrist is the ¹end of the law for righteousness to ^bevery one who believes.

5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is ¹based on law ^ashall live ²by that righteousness.

6 But ^athe righteousness ¹based on faith speaks thus, "^bDO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down),

7 or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ^aABYSS?' (that is, to ^bbring Christ up from the dead)."

8 But what does it say? "^aTHE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

9 ¹that ^aif you confess with

³⁰ ¹Lit., out of
^aRom. 9:14
^bRom. 1:17;
3:21f.; 10:6;
Gal. 2:16;
3:24, Phil.
3:9; Heb. 11:7

³¹ ^aIs. 51:1;
Rom. 9:30;
10:2f., 20;
11:7 ^bGal. 5:4

³² ¹Lit., out of
^aIs. 8:14;
1 Pet. 2:6, 8

³³ ¹Lit., put to shame
^aIs. 28:16 ^bIs. 8:14 ^cRom. 10:11 ^dRom. 5:5

² ^aActs 21:20

³ ^aRom. 1:17 ^bIs. 51:1; Rom. 10:2f., 20, 11:7

⁴ ¹Or, goal
^aRom. 7:1-4;
Gal. 3:24; 4:5
^bRom. 3:22

⁵ ¹Lit., out of, from ²Lit., by it

^aLev. 18:5;
Neh. 9:29;
Ezek. 20:11, 13, 21; Rom. 7:10

⁶ ¹Lit., out of, from
^aRom. 9:30
^bDeut. 30:12

⁷ ^aLuke 8:31 ^bHeb. 13:20

⁸ ^aDeut. 30:14
⁹ ¹Or, because

^aMatt. 10:32;
Luke 12:8;
Rom. 14:9;

1 Cor. 12:3;
Phil. 2:11
^bActs 16:31;
Rom. 4:24

^cActs 2:24
¹⁰ ¹Lit., to righteousness
²Lit., to salvation

¹¹ ¹Lit., put to shame
^aIs. 28:16;
Rom. 9:33

¹² ^aRom. 3:22, 29 ^bActs 10:36 ^cRom. 3:29

¹³ ^aJoel 2:32; Acts 2:21

¹⁴ ^aEph. 2:17; 4:21
^bActs 8:31;
Titus 1:3

¹⁵ ¹Or, preach the gospel
^aIs. 52:7
^bRom. 1:15;

15:20

your mouth Jesus as Lord, and ^bbelieve in your heart that ^aGod raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;

10 for with the heart man believes, ¹resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, ²resulting in salvation.

11 For the Scripture says ^a"WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE ¹DISAPPOINTED."

12 For ^athere is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is ^bLord of ^call abounding in riches for all who call upon Him;

13 for ^a"WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

14 How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him ^awhom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without ^aa preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, ^a"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO ^bBRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"

16 ¶ However, they ^adid not all heed the ¹glad tidings; for Isaiah says, ^b"LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

17 So faith comes from ^ahearing, and hearing by ^bthe word ¹of Christ.

18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have;

^a"THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE ¹WORLD."

19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? At the first Moses says,

^a"I WILL ^bMAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION,

¹⁰ ¹Lit., gospel ^aRom. 3:3 ^bIs. 53:1; John 12:38

¹⁷ ¹Or, concerning Christ ^aGal. 3:2, 5 ^bCol. 3:16

¹⁸ ¹Or, inhabited earth ^aPs. 19:4; Rom. 1:8; Col. 1:6;

23; 1 Thess. 1:8

¹⁹ ^aDeut. 32:21 ^bRom. 11:11, 14

BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."

20 And Isaiah is very bold and says,

"I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT ME NOT, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME."

21 But as for Israel He says,

"ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE."

CHAPTER 11

I SAY then, God has not ^arejected His people, has He? ^bMay it never be! For ^cI too am an Israelite, ^da descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God ^ahas not rejected His people whom He ^bforeknew. ^cOr do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

3 "Lord, ^aTHEY HAVE KILLED THY PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN THINE ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE."

4 But what ^ais the divine response to him? ^b"I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL."

5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time ^aa remnant according to God's ^bgracious choice.

6 But ^aif it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

7 What then? That which ^aIsrael is seeking for, it has not obtained, but ^bthose who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were ^cpharadened;

8 just as it is written,

"GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,

28 ^aIs. 65:1.

Rom. 9:30

21 ^aIs. 65:2

1 ^aIs. of the seed of Abraham

1 Sam.

12 22. Jer.

31 37, 33 24

26 ^aLuke

20 16 ^a2 Cor

11 22. Phil.

35

2 ^aPs

94 14 ^aRom.

8 29 ^aRom

6 16

3 ^a1 Kin.

19 10, 14

4 ^aIs.

11 ^aIs.

1 ^a1 Kin. 19 18

8 ^aIs.

choice of

grace

2 ^a1 Kin. 19 4.

Rom. 9 27

6 ^aRom

4 4

7 ^aIs. the

election

^aRom. 9 31

^aMark 8 32.

Rom. 9 18.

11 25; 2 Cor

3 14

8 ^aDeut

29 4, 1a

29 10; Matt

13 13f

9 ^aPs

69 22

10 ^aPs

69 23

11 ^aRom.

11 1 ^aLuke

20 16 ^aActs

28 28 ^aRom

11 14

12 ^aOr. ful-

ness

^aRom. 11 25

13 ^aActs

9 15

14 ^aIs.

Amos

^aRom. 11 11

^aJer. 29 14.

1 Sam.

19 12f. Rom.

9 3 ^a1 Cor

12 1, 7 16.

9 22; 1 Tim.

1 15, 2 4, 2

Tim. 1 9; Ti-

tus 3 5

15 ^aRom.

5 11 ^aLuke

15 24, 32

16 ^aNum.

15 18f. Neh.

10 37; Ezek.

44 30

17 ^aIs. root

of the fatness

^aJer. 11 16;

John 15 2

^aEph. 2 11f.

18 ^aJohn

4 22

19 ^aRom.

9 19

EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."

9 And David says,

"LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP, AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.

10 "LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT, AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."

11 ^aI say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? ^bMay it never be! But by their transgression ^csalvation has come to the Gentiles, to ^dmake them jealous.

12 Now if their transgression be riches for the world and their failure be riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their ^afulfillment be!

13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as ^aI am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry.

14 if somehow I might ^amove to jealousy ^bmy ^cfellow countrymen and ^dsave some of them.

15 For if their rejection be the ^areconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but ^blife from the dead?

16 And if the ^afirst piece of dough be holy, the lump is also; and if the root be holy, the branches are too.

17 But if some of the ^abranches were broken off, and ^byou, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the ^crich root of the olive tree,

18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that ^ait is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.

19 ^aYou will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you ^astand by your faith. ^bDo not be conceited, but fear;

21 for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you.

22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's ^akindness, ^bif you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also ^cwill be cut off.

23 And they also, ^aif they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 ^a For ^aI do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this ^bmystery, lest you be ^cwise in your own estimation, that a partial ^dhardening has happened to Israel until the ^efulness of the Gentiles has come in;

26 and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

"^aTHE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLI-
NESS FROM JACOB."

27 "^aAND THIS IS ¹MY COVENANT WITH THEM,

^bWHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

28 ¹From the standpoint of the gospel they are ^aenemies for your sake, but ²from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for ^bthe sake of the fathers;

29 for the gifts and the ^acalling of God ^bare irrevocable.

30 For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,

31 so these also now have been disobedient, in order that be-

20 ^aRom. 5:2; 1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Cor. 1:24 ^bRom. 12:16; 1 Tim. 6:17; 1 Pet. 1:17

22 ^aRom. 2:4 ^b1 Cor. 15:2; Heb. 3:6, 14 ^cJohn 15:2

23 ^a2 Cor. 3:16

25 ^aRom. 1:13 ^bMatt. 13:11; Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 2:7-10; Eph. 3:3-5, 9 ^cRom. 12:16 ^dRom. 11:7 ^eLuke 21:24; John 10:16; Rom. 11:12

26 ^aIs. 59:20

27 ¹Lit., the covenant from Me ^aIs. 59:21; Jer. 31:33, 34; Heb. 8:10 ^bIs. 27:9; Heb. 8:12

28 ¹Lit., According to the gospel ²Lit., according to the election ^aRom. 5:10 ^bDeut. 7:8; 10:15; Rom. 9:5

29 ^aRom. 8:28; 1 Cor. 1:26; Eph. 1:18; 4:1, 4; Phil. 3:14; 2 Thess. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Heb. 3:1; 2 Pet. 1:10 ^bHeb. 7:21

32 ^aRom. 3:9; Gal. 3:22f.

33 ¹Or, and the wisdom ^aRom. 2:4; Eph. 3:8 ^bEph. 3:10; Col. 2:3 ^cJob 5:9; 11:7; 15:8

34 ^aIs. 40:13f.; 1 Cor. 2:16

35 ¹Lit., and it will be paid back ^aJob 35:7; 41:11

36 ¹Lit., to the ages ^a1 Cor. 8:6; 11:12; Col. 1:16; Heb.

cause of the mercy shown to you they also may now be show mercy.

32 For ^aGod has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.

33 ¶ Oh, the depth of ^athe riches ^bboth of the ^bwisdom and knowledge of God! ^cHow unsearchable are His judgment and unfathomable His ways!

34 For ^aWHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?

35 Or ^aWHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM ¹THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

36 For ^afrom Him and through Him and to Him are all things; ^bTo Him be the glory ¹forever Amen.

CHAPTER 12

^a I URGE you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to ^bpresent your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, ¹acceptable to God, which is your ²spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not ^abe conformed to ^bthis ¹world, but be transformed by the ^crenewing of your mind that you may ^dprove what the will of God is, that which is good and ²acceptable and perfect.

3 ¶ For through ^athe grace given to me I say to every man among you ^bnot to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to ^ceach a measure of faith.

4 For ^ajust as we have many members in one body and all the

2:10 ^bRom. 16:27; Eph. 3:21; Phil. 4:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; 2 Tim. 4:18; 1 Pet. 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet. 3:18; Jude 25; Rev. 1:6; 5:13; 7:12

1 ¹Or, well-pleasing ²Or, rational ^a1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 10:1-4; Eph. 4:1; 1 Pet. 2:11 ^bRom. 6:13, 16, 19; 1 Cor. 6:20; Heb. 13:15; 1 Pet. 2:5

2 ¹Or, age ²Or, well-pleasing ^a1 Pet. 1:14 ^bMatt. 13:22; Gal. 1:4; 1 John 2:15 ^cEph. 4:23; Titus 3:5 ^dEph. 5:10, 17; Col. 1:9

3 ^aRom. 1:5; 15:15; 1 Cor. 3:10; 15:10; Gal. 2:9; Eph. 3:7f. ^bRom. 11:20; 12:16 ^c1 Cor. 7:17; 2 Cor. 10:13; Eph. 4:7; 1 Pet. 4:11

4 ^a1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 4:4, 16

members do not have the same function,

5 so we, ^awho are many, are ^bone body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

6 And since we have gifts that ^adiffer according to the grace given to us, *let each exercise them accordingly*: if ^bprophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;

7 if ^aservice, in his serving; or he who ^bteaches, in his teaching;

8 or he who ^aexhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with ^bliberality; ^che who ²leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with ^dcheerfulness.

9 ¶ Let ^alove be without hypocrisy. ^bAbhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

10 Be ^adevoted to one another in brotherly love; ¹give preference to one another ^bin honor;

11 not lagging behind in diligence, ^afervent in spirit, ^bserving the Lord;

12 ^arejoicing in hope, ^bpersevering in tribulation, ^cdevoted to prayer,

13 ^acontributing to the needs of the ¹saints, ^{2b}practicing hospitality.

14 ^aBless those who persecute you; bless and curse not.

15 ^aRejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

16 ^aBe of the same mind toward one another; ^bdo not be haughty in mind, but ¹associate with the lowly. ^cDo not be wise in your own estimation.

17 ^aNever pay back evil for evil to anyone. ^bRespect what is right in the sight of all men.

18 If possible, ^aso far as it depends on you, ^bbe at peace with all men.

19 ^aNever take your own revenge, beloved, but ¹leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "^bVENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

20 ^a"BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUN-

8-1 Cor.
10:17, 33
9-1 Cor. 12:20,
27; Eph. 4:12,
25

6-Rom.
12:3; 1 Cor
7:7, 12, 4,
1 Pet. 4:10
7-Acts 13:1,
1 Cor. 12:10

7-Or, of
the service
8-Acts 6:1,
1 Cor. 12:5,
28; Acts 13:1,
1 Cor. 12:28,
14:26

8-Or, sim-
plicity 4-Or,
given and
9-Acts 4:36,
11:23, 13:15
12 Cor. 8:2,
9:11, 13
1 Cor. 12:28,
1 Tim. 5:17
12 Cor. 9:7

9-2 Cor.
6:6, 1 Tim.
15:1; Thess.
5:21

10-Or,
outrage one
another in
showing honor

11-John 13:34,
1 Thess. 4:9;
Heb. 13:1,
2 Pet. 1:7
12-Rom. 13:7,
Phil. 2:3,
1 Pet. 2:17

11-Acts
18:25; Acts
20:19

12-Rom.
5:2; Heb.
10:32, 36
13-Acts 1:14

13-Or, holy
ones 14-
pursuing
15-Rom. 15:25,
1 Cor. 16:15,
2 Cor. 9:1,
Heb. 6:10

16-Matt. 23:35,
1 Tim. 3:2

14-Some
ancient mss.
do not con-
tain you
15-Matt. 5:44;
Luke 6:28;
1 Cor. 4:12

15-Job
30:25; Heb.
13:3

16-Or, ac-
commodate
yourself to
lowly things
17-Rom. 15:5,
2 Cor. 13:11,
Phil. 2:2; 4:2
1 Pet. 3:8
18-Rom. 11:20;
12:3; Prov.
3:7; Rom.
11:25

GRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS UPON HIS HEAD."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

CHAPTER 13

LET every ^{1a}person be in ^bsubjection to the governing authorities. For ^cthere is no authority except ²from God, and those which exist are established by God.

2 Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

3 For ^arulers are not a cause of fear for ¹good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an ^aavenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

5 Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also ^afor conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

7 ^aRender to all what is due them: ^btax to whom tax is due; ^ccustom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

17 1-Lit., Take thought for -Prov. 20:22; 24:29; Rom.

12:19; 2 Cor. 8:21

18-Rom. 1:15; Mark 9:50; Rom. 14:19

19 1-Lit., give a place -Prov. 20:22; 24:29; Rom. 12:17

20-Deut. 32:35; Ps. 94:1; 1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 10:30

21-2 Kin. 6:22; Prov. 25:21f., Matt. 5:44, Luke 6:27

1-Or, soul 2-Lit., by -Acts 2:41; Titus 3:1; 1 Pet.

2:13f.; Dan. 2:21; 4:17; John 18:11

3 1-Lit., good work -1 Pet. 2:14

4-1 Thess. 4:6

5-Ecc. 8:1; 1 Pet. 2:13, 19

7-Matt. 22:21; Mark 12:17; Luke 20:25; Luke 20:22;

23:2; Matt. 17:25

8 ¶ Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for ^ahe who loves ¹his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

9 For this, "^aYOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "^bYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

10 Love ¹does no wrong to a neighbor; ^alove therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

11 ¶ And this do, knowing the time, that it is ^aalready the hour for you to ^bawaken from sleep; for now ¹salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

12 ^aThe night is almost gone, and ^bthe day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside ^cthe deeds of darkness and put on ^dthe armor of light.

13 Let us ¹behave properly as in the day, ^bnot in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

14 But ^aput on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh ^bin regard to its lusts.

CHAPTER 14

NOW ^aaccept the one who is ^bweak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.

2 ^aOne man has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is ^bweak eats vegetables only.

3 Let not him who eats ^aregard with contempt him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat ^bjudge him who eats, for God has ^caccepted him.

4 ^aWho are you to judge the ¹servant of another? To his own ²master he stands or falls; and stand he will, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 ^aOne man ¹regards one day above another, another regards

8 ¹Lit., the other
^aMatt. 7:12;
 22:39f.; John
 13:34; Rom.
 13:10; Gal.
 5:14; James
 2:8

9 ^aEx.
 20:13ff.; Deut.
 5:17ff.; Lev.
 19:18; Matt.
 19:19

10 ¹Lit.,
 works no evil
^aMatt. 7:12;
 22:39f.; John
 13:34; Rom.
 13:8; Gal.
 5:14; James
 2:8

11 ¹Or, our
 salvation is
 nearer than
 when

^a1 Cor. 7:29f.;
 10:11; James
 5:8; 1 Pet.
 4:7; 2 Pet.
 3:9, 11;

1 John 2:18;
 Rev. 1:3;
 22:10 ^bMark
 13:37; 1 Cor.
 15:34; Eph.
 5:14; 1 Thess.
 5:6

12 ^a1 Cor.
 7:29f.; 10:11;
 James 5:8;
 1 Pet. 4:7;
 2 Pet. 3:9, 11;

1 John 2:18;
 Rev. 1:3;
 22:10 ^bHeb.
 10:25; 1 John
 2:8; Rev. 1:3;
 22:10 ^cEph.
 5:11 ^d2 Cor.
 6:7; 10:4;
 Eph. 6:11, 13;
 1 Thess. 5:8

13 ¹Lit.,
 walk

^a1 Thess. 4:12;
^bLuke 21:34;
 Gal. 5:21;
 Eph. 5:18;
 1 Pet. 4:3

14 ^aJob
 29:14; Gal.
 3:27; Eph.
 4:24; Col.
 3:10, 12 ^bGal.
 5:16; 1 Pet.
 2:11

1 ^aActs
 28:2; Rom.
 11:15; 14:3;
 15:7 ^bRom.
 14:2; 15:1;
 1 Cor. 8:9ff.;
 9:22

2 ^aRom.
 14:14 ^bRom.
 14:1; 15:1;
 1 Cor. 8:9ff.;
 9:22

3 ^aLuke
 18:9; Rom.
 14:10 ^bRom.
 14:10, 13;
 Col. 2:16;
^cActs 28:2;
 Rom. 11:15;
 14:1; 15:7

every day alike. Let each man be ^bfully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes it for the Lord, and he who eats, ¹does so for the Lord, for he ^agives thanks to God; and he who eats not, for the Lord he does not eat, and gives thanks to God.

7 For not one of us ^alives for himself, and not one dies for himself;

8 for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore ^awhether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end ^aChrist died and lived again, that He might be ^bLord both of the dead and of the living.

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you ^aregard your brother with contempt? For ^bwe shall all stand before the judgment seat of God.

11 For it is written,

"^aAS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD,
^bEVERY KNEE SHALL BOW
 TO ME,

AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL
¹GIVE PRAISE TO GOD."

12 So then ^aeach one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 ¶ Therefore let us not ^ajudge one another anymore, but rather determine this—^bnot to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that ^anothing is unclean in itself; but to him who ^bthinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

4 ¹Or, house-servant ²Lit., lord ^aRom. 9:20; James
 4:12

5 ¹Lit., judges ^aGal. 4:10 ^bLuke 1:1; Rom. 4:21; 14:23

6 ¹Lit., eats ^aMatt. 14:19; 15:38; 1 Cor. 10:30; 1 Tim.
 4:3f.

7 ^aRom. 8:38f.; 2 Cor. 5:15; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20f.

8 ^aLuke 20:38; Phil. 1:20; 1 Thess. 5:10; Rev. 14:13

9 ^aRev. 1:18; 2:8 ^bMatt. 28:18; John 12:24; Phil. 2:11;

1 Thess. 5:10

10 ^aLuke 18:9; Rom. 14:3 ^bRom. 2:16; 2 Cor. 5:10

11 ¹Or, confess ^aIs. 45:23 ^bPhil. 2:10f.

12 ^aMatt. 12:38; 16:27; 1 Pet. 4:5

13 ^aMatt. 7:1; Rom. 14:3 ^b1 Cor. 8:13

14 ^aActs 10:15; Rom. 14:2, 20 ^b1 Cor. 8:7

15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. ^bDo not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.

16 Therefore ^ado not let what is for you a good thing be ¹spoken of as evil;

17 for the kingdom of God ^ais not eating and drinking, but righteousness and ^bpeace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For he who in this way serves Christ is ^bacceptable to God and approved by men.

19 So then ¹let us ^apursue the things which make for peace and the ^bbuilding up of one another.

20 ^aDo not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. ^bAll things indeed are clean, but ^cthey are evil for the man who eats ¹and gives offense.

21 ^aIt is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother stumbles.

22 The faith which you have, have ¹as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who ^adoes not condemn himself in what he approves.

23 But ^ahe who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; and whatever is not from faith is sin.

CHAPTER 15

NOW we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of ^athose without strength and not just please ourselves.

2 Let each of us ^aplease his neighbor ¹for his good, to his ^bedification.

3 For even ^aChrist did not please Himself; but as it is written, ^b"THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED THEE FELL UPON ME."

4 For ^awhatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement

18 ^aEph. 5:2
^bRom. 14:20;
1 Cor. 8:11
16 ¹Lt.,
blasphemed
^a1 Cor. 10:30;
Thus 2:5
17 ^a1 Cor.
8:8 ^bRom.
15:13, Gal.
5:22
18 ^aRom.
16:18 ^b2 Cor.
8:21, Phil.
4:8, 1 Pet.
2:12
19 ¹Many
ancient mss.
read we pur-
sue
^aPs. 34:14,
Rom. 12:18,
1 Cor. 7:15,
2 Tim. 2:22,
Heb. 12:14
^bRom. 15:2,
1 Cor. 10:23,
14:31, 26;
2 Cor. 12:19;
Eph. 4:12, 29
20 ¹Lt.,
with offense
^aRom. 14:15
^bActs 10:15,
Rom. 14:2, 14
^c1 Cor. 8:9-12
21 ^a1 Cor.
8:13
22 ¹Lt., ac-
cording to
yourself
^a1 John 3:21
23 ^aRom.
14:5
1 ^aRom.
14:1, Gal. 6:2,
1 Thess. 5:14
2 ¹Lt., for
what is good
to edification
^a1 Cor. 9:22,
10:24, 33;
2 Cor. 13:9
^bRom. 14:19;
1 Cor. 10:23,
14:31, 26;
2 Cor. 12:19;
Eph. 4:12, 29
3 ^a2 Cor.
8:9 ^bPs. 69:9
4 ^aRom.
4:23f., 2 Tim.
3:16
5 ¹Lt., of
perseverance
^a2 Cor. 1:3
^bRom. 12:16
6 ¹Lt.,
mouth
^aRev. 1:6
7 ¹Some
mss. read you
^aRom. 14:1
8 ^aMatt.
15:24; Acts
3:26 ^bRom.
4:16; 2 Cor.
1:20
9 ^aOr, con-
fess
^aRom. 3:29;
11:30f. ^bMatt.
9:8 ^c2 Sam.
22:50; Ps.
18:49
10 ^aDeut. 32:43
11 ^aPs. 117:1
12 ^aLt. 11:10 ^bRev. 5:5; 22:16 ^cNum. 12:21
13 ^aRom. 14:17 ^bRom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:5
14 ^aEph. 3:9; 2 Thess. 1:11 ^b1 Cor. 1:5, 6:1, 7, 10; 12:8,
13:2

of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 Now may the ^aGod ¹who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you ^bto be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;

6 that with one accord you may with one ¹voice glorify ^athe God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 ¹ Wherefore, ^aaccept one another, just as Christ also accepted ¹us to the glory of God.

8 For I say that Christ has become a servant to ^athe circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm ^bthe promises given to the fathers.

9 and for ^athe Gentiles to ^bglorify God for His mercy; as it is written,

"^cTHEREFORE I WILL ¹GIVE PRAISE TO THEE AMONG THE GENTILES, AND I WILL SING TO THY NAME."

10 And again he says,

"^aREJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE."

11 And again,

"^aPRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES, AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM."

12 And again Isaiah says,

"^aTHERE SHALL COME ^bTHE ROOT OF JESSE, AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES, ^cIN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE."

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all ^ajoy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope ^bby the power of the Holy Spirit.

14 ¹ And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of ^agoodness, filled with ^ball

knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.

15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points, so as to remind you again, because of ^athe grace that was given me ¹from God.

16 to be ^aa minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the ^bgospel of God, that my ^coffering of the Gentiles might become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found ^areason for boasting in ^bthings pertaining to God.

18 For I will not presume to speak of anything ¹except what ^aChrist has accomplished through me, ²resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed.

19 in the power of ¹signs and wonders, ^bin the power of the Spirit; so that ^cfrom Jerusalem and round about as ^dfar as Illyricum I have ²fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 And thus I aspired to ^apreach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, ^bthat I might not build upon another man's foundation;

21 but as it is written,

"THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE,
AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."

22 ¶ For this reason ^aI have often been hindered from coming to you;

23 but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I ^ahave had for many years a longing to come to you

24 whenever I ^ago to Spain—for I hope to see you in passing, and to be ^bhelped on my way there by you, when I have first ^cenjoyed your company ¹for a while—

25 but now, ^aI am going to Jerusalem ^bserving the ¹saints.

26 For ^aMacedonia and ^bAcha-

18 ¹Some mss. read by God

^aRom. 12:3

18 ^aActs

9:13; Rom.

11:13; ^bRom.

1:1, 15:19, 20

^aRom. 12:1;

Eph. 5:2; Phil

2:17

17 ^aPhil. 3:3

^bHeb. 2:17;

5:1

18 ¹Or,

which Christ

has not ac-

complished

²Lit., to the

obedience

^aActs 15:12,

21:19; Rom.

15:2 Cor. 3:5

19 ¹Or, at

testing mir-

acles ²Lit.,

fulfilled

^aJohn 4:48

^bRom. 15:13,

1 Cor. 2:4;

1 Thess. 1:5

^aActs 22:17

21 ^aActs

20:17

20 ^aRom.

1:15, 10:15,

15:16 ^b1 Cor.

3:10; 2 Cor.

10:15f

21 ^aIs. 52:15

22 ^aRom.

1:13; 1 Thess.

2:18

23 ^aActs

19:21; Rom.

1:10f.; 15:29,

32

24 ¹Lit., in

part

^aRom. 15:28

^bActs 15:3

^cRom. 1:12

25 ¹Or, holy

ones

^aActs 19:21

^bActs 24:17

26 ¹V. 25,

note 1

^aActs 16:9;

1 Cor. 16:5;

2 Cor. 1:16;

2:13; 7:5; 8:1;

9:2, 4; 11:9;

Phil. 4:15;

1 Thess. 1:7f.;

4:10; 1 Tim.

1:3 ^bActs

18:12; 19:21

27 ^a1 Cor.

9:11

28 ¹Lit.,

sealed to

them thus

fruit

^aJohn 3:33

^bRom. 15:24

29 ^aActs

19:21; Rom.

1:10f.; 15:23,

32

30 ^aGal.

5:22; Col. 1:8

31 ^a2 Cor. 1:11;

Col. 4:12

ia have been pleased to make contribution for the poor among the ¹saints in Jerusalem.

27 Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For ^aif the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.

28 Therefore, when I have finished this, and ^ahave ¹put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will ^bgo on by way of you to Spain.

29 And I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

30 ¶ Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by ^athe love of the Spirit, to ^bstrive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

31 that I may be ^adelivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my ^bservice for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the ¹saints;

32 so that ^aI may come to you in joy by ^bthe will of God and find ^crefreshing rest in your company.

33 Now ^athe God of peace ^bbe with you all. Amen.

CHAPTER 16

I ^aCOMMEND to you our sister Phoebe, who is a ¹servant of the church which is at ^bCenchrea;

2 that you ^areceive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the ¹saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, ²and of myself as well.

3 ¶ Greet ^aPrisca and Aquila my fellow workers ^bin ^cChrist Jesus,

31 ¹V. 25, note 1 ^a2 Cor. 1:10; 2 Thess. 3:2; 2 Tim. 3:11; 4:17 ^bRom. 15:25f.; 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1 ^cActs 9:13, 15

32 ^aRom. 15:23 ^bActs 18:21; Rom. 1:10

33 ^aRom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 4:9; 1 Thess. 5:23;

2 Thess. 3:16; Heb. 13:20

1 ¹Or, deaconess ²2 Cor. 3:1 ^bActs 18:18

2 ¹Or, holy ones ²Lit., and of me, myself ^aPhil. 2:29

^bActs 9:13, 15

3 ^aActs 18:2 ^bRom. 8:11f.; 16:7, 9, 10; 2 Cor. 5:17;

12:2; Gal. 1:22 ^cRom. 8:1

4 who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;

5 also greet ^athe church that is in their house. Greet Epænetus, my beloved, who is the ^bfirst convert to Christ from ^cAsia.

6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.

7 Greet Andronicus and ^dJunias, my ^ekinsmen, and my ^ffellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were ^gin Christ before me.

8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker ^hin Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

10 Greet Apelles, the approved ⁱin Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.

11 Greet Herodion, my ^jkinsman. Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord.

13 Greet ^kRufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.

14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them.

15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympus, and all ^lthe ^msaints who are with them.

16 ⁿGreet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

17 ^oNow I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and ^phindrances ^qcontrary to the teaching which you learned, and ^rturn away from them.

18 For such men are ^sslaves, not of our Lord Christ but of

8 ^tU.S., most exact province of Asia Minor
9 ^u1 Cor 16:12
Col 4:25
Philem 2

10 ^v1 Cor 16:15
Acts 16:6
7 ^w1 Cor, Jude (Rom. 9:3)
16:11, 21
Col 4:10
Philem 23
Rom 9:11f.

11 ^x16:3, 9, 10
2 Cor 5:17
12:2 Gal 1:22

12 ^y9 ^zRom. 8:11f., 16:3
7 ^{aa}16:2 Cor 5:17, 12:2
Gal 1:22

13 ^{ab}10 ^{ac}Rom. 8:11f., 16:3
7 ^{ad}2 Cor 5:17, 12:2
Gal 1:22

14 ^{ae}11 ^{af}Rom. 9:3, 16:7, 21
13 ^{ag}Mark 15:21
18 ^{ah}1 V 2
note 1
Rom. 16:2

15 ^{ai}16 ^{aj}1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12
1 ^{ak}Thom. 5:20
1 ^{al}Phil. 5:14
17 ^{am}U.S., occurrence of standing

16 ^{an}1 ^{ao}Tim. 1:3
6:3 ^{ap}Rom. 7:15, Gal. 1:10, 2 Thim. 3:6, 14, Titus 3:10, 2 John 10

17 ^{aq}18 ^{ar}U.S., but by
Rom. 14:18
Phil. 3:19
Col 2:6
2 Pet. 2:3

18 ^{as}19 ^{at}Rom. 16:4, 22
16:16
1 Cor 14:20
20 ^{au}Rom. 15:33
4:10, 1 Cor 16:23, 2 Cor 13:14, Gal. 6:18, Phil. 4:23, 1 Thim. 5:20, 2 Thim. 3:18, Rev. 22:21

21 ^{av}21 ^{aw}Acts 16:1
13:1 ^{ax}Acts 17:5
20:4 ^{ay}Acts 20:4

22 ^{az}Rom. 9:2
16:7, 11
23 ^{ba}1 Cor 16:21
Gal 6:11
4:10, 2 Thim. 3:17
Philem 19

^btheir own ^cappetites; and by their ^dsmooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

19 For the report of your obedience ^ehas reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but ^fI want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil.

20 And ^gthe God of peace will soon crush ^hSatan under your feet.

1 ⁱThe grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

21 ^jI ^kTimothy my fellow worker greets you, and so do ^lLucius and ^mJason and ⁿSosipater, my ^okinsmen.

22 I, Tertius, who ^pwrite this letter, greet you in the Lord.

23 ^qGaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you. ^rE-rastus, the city treasurer greets you, and Quartus, the brother.

24 [^sThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.]

25 ^tNow to Him who is able to establish you ^uaccording to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of ^vthe mystery which has been kept secret for ^wlong ages past,

26 but now is manifested, and by ^xthe Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to ^yobedience of faith;

27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, ^zbe the glory forever. Amen.

28 ^{aa}Acts 19:28, 20:4 [?]; 1 Cor 1:14 Acts 19:22, 2 Tim. 4:20

29 ^{ab}Many men do not contain this v
20 ^{ac}1 Thim. 3:20, Jude 24 ^{ad}Rom. 2:16 ^{ae}1 Thim. 12:20, Rom. 11:25, 1 Cor 2:1, 7:4, 1; Eph. 1:2, 3:3, 6:8; Col 1:28, 2:2, 6:2; 1 Tim. 3:16, 4:2 Tim. 1:2; Titus 1:3
20 ^{af}Rom. 1:3 ^{ag}Rom. 1:5
27 ^{ah}Rom. 11:36

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Appeal to Unity

PAUL, ^acalled as an apostle of Jesus Christ ^bby ^cthe will of God, and ^dSosthenes our ^ebrother,

2 to ^athe church of God which is at ^bCorinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, ^csaints ^dby calling, with all who in every place ^ecall upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

3 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 ^aI thank ^bmy God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in everything you were ^aenriched in Him, in all ^bspeech and ^call knowledge,

6 even as ^athe testimony concerning Christ was confirmed ^bin you,

7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, ^aawaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 ^awho shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in ^bthe day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 ^aGod is faithful, through whom you were ^bcalled into ^cfellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 ¶ Now ^aI exhort you, ^bbrethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all ^cagree, and there be no ^ddivisions among you, but you be ^emade complete in ^fthe same mind and in the same judgment.

11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by

1 ¹Lit., through
^aRom. 1:1
^bRom. 1:10;
^c2 Tim. 1:1
^dActs 18:17
^eActs 1:15
^fOr, holy ones
¹1 Cor. 10:32
^bActs 18:1
^cRom. 1:7;
^d8:28 ^eActs 7:59
³Or, 17
⁴Some ancient mss. do not contain my
^aRom. 1:8
^b2 Cor. 9:11 ^cRom. 15:14; 2 Cor. 8:7
⁶Or, among
^a2 Thess. 1:10; 1 Tim. 2:6; 2 Tim. 1:8; Rev. 1:2
⁷Luke 17:30; Rom. 8:19, 23; Phil. 3:20; 2 Pet. 3:12
⁸Rom. 8:19; Phil. 1:6; Col. 2:7;
¹Thess. 3:13;
⁵23 ^bLuke 17:24, 30;
^c1 Cor. 5:5;
^d2 Cor. 1:14;
^ePhil. 1:6, 10;
^f2:16; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Thess. 2:2
⁹Deut. 7:9; Is. 49:7;
¹Cor. 10:13;
²Cor. 1:18;
¹Thess. 5:24;
²Thess. 3:3
^bRom. 8:28
^c1 John 1:3
¹⁰Lit., speak the same thing
²Lit., schisms
³Or, united
^aRom. 12:1
^bRom. 1:13
^c1 Cor. 11:18
^dRom. 12:16;
^ePhil. 1:27
¹²Matt. 23:8-10;
¹Cor. 3:4
^bActs 18:24;
^c1 Cor. 3:22
^dJohn 1:42;
^e1 Cor. 3:22;
^f9:5; 15:5

Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you.

12 Now I mean this, that ^aeach one of you is saying, "I am ^bof Paul," and "I of ^cApollos," and "I of ^dCephas," and "I of Christ."

13 ^aHas Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you ^bbaptized ^cin the name of Paul?

14 ^aI thank God that I ^bbaptized none of you except ^cCrispus and ^dGaius,

15 that no man should say you were baptized ^bin my name.

16 Now I did baptize also ^athe household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 ^aFor Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, ^bnot in ^ccleverness of speech, that the cross of Christ should not be made void.

18 ¶ For the word of the cross is to ^athose who ^bare perishing ^cfoolishness, but to us who ^dare being saved it is ^ethe power of God.

19 For it is written,

"^aI WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE,

AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE."

20 ^aWhere is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is

13 ¹Or, Christ has been divided! or, Christ is divided!
²Lit., into ^aMatt. 28:19; Acts 2:38
¹⁴Some ancient mss. read I give thanks that ^aActs 18:8 ^bRom. 16:23
¹⁵Lit., into
¹⁶1 Cor. 16:15, 17
¹⁷Lit., wisdom ^aJohn 4:2; Acts 10:48 ^b1 Cor. 2:1, 4;
¹³; 2 Cor. 10:10; 11:6
¹⁸Or, perish ^aOr, are saved ^aActs 2:47; 2 Cor. 2:15;
⁴; 3; 2 Thess. 2:10 ^b1 Cor. 1:21, 23, 25; 2:14; 4:10 ^cRom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:24
¹⁹Is. 29:14
²⁰Job 12:17; Is. 19:11f.; 33:18

the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God ^athe world through its wisdom did not come to know God, ^bGod was well-pleased through the ^cfoolishness of the ¹message preached to ^dsave those who believe.

22 For indeed "Jews ask for signs, and Greeks search for wisdom;

23 but we preach ^{1a}Christ crucified, ^bto Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles ^cfoolishness.

24 but to those who are ^athe called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ ^bthe power of God and ^cthe wisdom of God.

25 Because the ^afoolishness of God is wiser than men, and ^bthe weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 ¶ For ¹consider your ²calling, brethren, that there were ³not many wise according to ⁴the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;

27 but God has chosen the foolish things of ^bthe world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of ^bthe world to shame the things which are strong.

28 and the base things of ^athe world and the despised, God has chosen, ^bthe things that are not, that He might ^cnullify the things that are.

29 that no man should boast
before God.

30 But ¹by His doing you are in ^aChrist Jesus, who became to us ^bwisdom from God, ²and ^crighteousness and ^dsanctification, and ^eredemption.

31 that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

CHAPTER 2

AND when I came to you,
brethren, I **did** not come

20 *Hagg.
13:22;
1 Cor 2:8, 9;
3:18, 19
*Rom. 1:20ff.
*John 12:31;
1 Cor 1:27ff;
6:2, 11:32;
James 4:4
21 *Luk.
preaching
*John 12:31;
1 Cor 1:27f.
6:2, 11:32;
James 4:4
*Luk 12:32;
Gal 1:15;
Col 1:19, 21;
Cor 1:18, 23;
25, 2:14, 4:10
*Rom. 11:14;
James 5:20
22 *Ov. at-
tending sur-
*Matt 12:38
23 *E.
*Micah
*1 Cor 2:2;
Gal 3:1, 5:11
*Luk 2:34;
1 Pet. 2:8-11
1 Cor 1:18, 21;
25, 2:14, 4:10
24 *Rom.
8:28 *Rom.
1:16; 1 Cor
1:18 *Luk
11:48; 1 Cor
1:30
25 *1 Cor
1:18, 21, 23;
2:14, 4:10
*2 Cor 13:4
26 *Lit., now
*Rt., human
standards
*Rom. 11:29
*Matt. 11:25;
1 Cor 1:20;
2:8
27 *James
2:5-1 Cor
1:20
28 *1 Cor
1:20 *Rom.
4:17 *Job
34:18; 1 Cor
2:4, 2 Thess.
2:8, Heb. 2:14
29 *Lit.
Rush
*Eph. 2:9
30 *Lit. of
Hos *Luk.
both
*Rom. 8:1;
1 Cor 4:15
1 Cor 1:24
*Jer 23:24;
33:18; 2 Cor
5:21, Phil. 3:9
4:1 Cor 1:2;
6:11; 1 Thess.
5:23 *Rom.
3:24; Eph.
1:7, 14; Col.
1:14
31 *Job
9:23ff.; 2 Cor
10:17
32 *Some
ancient man.
read mystery
1 Cor 1:17;
2:4, 13

with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you ^bthe testimony of God.

2 For I determined to know nothing among you except *Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

3 And I was with you in ^aweak-
ness and in ^bfear and in much
trembling.

4 And my ¹message and my preaching were ^anot in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of ^bthe Spirit and of power.

5 that your faith should not
rest on the wisdom of men, but
on ^athe power of God.

6 ¶ Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are ^amature; a wisdom, however, not of ^bthis age, nor of the rulers of ^bthis age, who are ^cpassing away;

7 but we speak God's wisdom in a ^amystery, the hidden wisdom, which God ^bpredestined before the ^cages to our glory;

8 the wisdom ^awhich none of
the rulers of ^bthis age has under-
stood; for if they had understood
it, they would not have crucified
^cthe Lord of glory:

9 but just as it is written.

**"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS
NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS
NOT HEARD.**

AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

10 ^{1a}For to us God revealed them ^bthrough the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the ^cdepths of God.

01 Cor. 2:7
 2 *1 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 6:14
 3 *1 Cor. 4:10; 2 Cor. 11:30; 12:5; 87.; 13:9 vba. 18:16;
 2 Cor. 7:15; Eph. 6:5
 4 *Lat., word = 1 Cor. 1:17; 2:1, 13 *Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor.
 4:20
 5 *Lat., be = 2 Cor. 4:7, 6:7; 12:9
 6 *Eph. 4:13; Phil. 3:15; Heb. 5:14; 6:1 *Matt. 13:22;
 1 Cor. 1:20 *1 Cor. 1:20
 7 *Rom. 11:25; 10:25f.; 1 Cor. 2:1 *Rom. 8:20f. *Heb.
 12:11f.
 8 *1 Cor. 1:20; 2:9 *Matt. 13:22; 1 Cor. 1:20 *Acts 7:2
 James 2:1
 9 vba. 64-6; 65:17
 10 *Some ancient mss. use *that* *Matt. 11:25; 13:11;
 10:17; Gal. 1:12; Eph. 3:3, 5 *John 14:26 *Rom. 11:25f.

11 For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the *spirit* of the man, which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we *have* received, not the spirit of *the* world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God.

13 which things we also speak, *not* in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, *combining* spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual words.

14 But *a* *natural* man *does* not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are *foolishness* to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually *appraised*.

15 But he who is *spiritual* appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no man.

16 For *WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE SHOULD INSTRUCT HIM? But we* have the mind of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

AND I, brethren, could not speak to you as to *spiritual* men, but as to *men* of flesh, as to *babes* in Christ.

2 I gave you *milk* to drink, not solid food; for you *were* not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able.

3 for you are still *fleshly*. For since there is *jealousy* and *strife* among you, are you not *fleshly*, and are you not walking *like* mere men?

4 For when *one* says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men?

5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? *Servants* through whom you believed, even *as* the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.

11 *Prov.* 20:27
12 *Rom.* 8:15
13 *1 Cor.* 1:27

13 *Or, interpreting spiritual things to spiritual men*
14 *1 Cor.* 1:17, 2:1, 4

14 *Or, an unspecialized*
15 *Or, examined*

15 *1 Cor.* 15:44, 46; James 3:15, Jude 19
16 *John* 14:17
17 *1 Cor.* 1:18

18 *1 Cor.* 3:1, 14:37, Gal. 6:1

18 *1a*
40 *13, Rom.* 11:34
19 *John* 15:15

1 *1 Cor.* 2:15, 14:37, Gal. 6:1

1 *Rom.* 7:14
1 *1 Cor.* 2:14

1 *1 Cor.* 2:8; Eph. 4:14; Heb. 5:13

2 *Heb.* 5:12f.; 1 *Pet.* 2:2
2 *John* 16:12

3 *Lit., according to man*

1 *Rom.* 13:13; 1 *Cor.* 1:10f.; 11:18
1 *1 Cor.* 3:4

4 *1 Cor.* 1:12
1 *1 Cor.* 3:3

8 *Rom.* 15:16; 2 *Cor.* 3:3, 6:4, 11

5:18; 6:4; Eph. 3:7; Col. 1:25; 1 *Tim.* 1:12

1 *12 Rom.* 12:6; 1 *Cor.* 3:10

8 *1 Cor.* 4:15; 9:1; 15:1; 2 *Cor.* 10:14f.

18:24-27; 1 *Cor.* 1:12

1 *1 Cor.* 15:10

8 *Or, wages*
1 *1 Cor.* 3:14; 4:5; 9:17; Gal. 6:4

9 *Or, cultivated land*
1 *Mark* 16:20; 2 *Cor.* 6:1

15:13; Matt. 13:18; Eph. 2:20-22; Col. 2:7; 1 *Pet.* 2:5

10 *Rom.* 12:3; 1 *Cor.* 15:10

15:10; *Rom.* 15:20; 1 *Cor.* 3:11f.

6 *1* planted, *2* Apollos watered; but *3* God was causing the growth.

7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters, anything, but God who causes the growth.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will *receive* his own *reward* according to his own labor.

9 For we are God's *fellow* workers; you are God's *field* God's *building*.

10 ¶ According to *the* grace of God which was given to me, *a* wise master builder *1* I laid foundation, and *2* another *1* building upon it. But let each man be careful how he build upon it.

11 For no man can lay a *foundation* other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, *precious* stones, wood, hay straw,

13 *each* man's work will be come evident; for *the* day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire it self will test *the* quality of each man's work.

14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall *receive* a reward.

15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet *as* through fire.

16 ¶ *Do* you not know that *you* are a *temple* of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If any man destroys the *temple* of God, God will destroy

1 *1 Thess.* 3:2

11 *1a*, 28:16; Eph. 2:20; 1 *Pet.* 2:4ff.

12 *Or, costly*

13 *Lit., of what sort each man's work is* 1 *1 Cor.* 4:5
1 *Matt.* 10:15; 1 *Cor.* 1:8; 2 *Thess.* 1:7-10; 2 *Tim.* 1:12, 18

4:8

14 *1 Cor.* 3:8; 4:5; 9:17; Gal. 6:4

15 *Job* 23:10; Ps. 66:10, 12; Jude 23

16 *Or, sanctuary* 1 *Rom.* 6:16; *Rom.* 8:9; 1 *Cor.* 6:19; 2 *Cor.* 6:16; Eph. 2:21f.

17 *Or, sanctuary*

him, for the ¹temple of God is holy, and ²that is what you are.

18 ^aLet no man deceive himself. ^bIf any man among you thinks that he is wise in ^cthis age, let him become foolish that he may become wise.

19 For ^athe wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, "^bHe is ^bTHE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS";

20 and again, "^aTHE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS."

21 So then ^alet no one boast in men. For ^ball things belong to you.

22 ^awhether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or ^blife or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you.

23 and ^ayou belong to Christ; and ^bChrist belongs to God.

CHAPTER 4

LET a man regard us in this manner, as ^aservants of Christ, and ^bstewards of ^cthe mysteries of God.

2 In this case, moreover, it is required ¹of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

3 But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by any human ¹court; in fact, I do not even examine myself.

4 I ^aam conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this ^bacquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.

5 Therefore ^ado not go on ¹passing judgment before ²the time, but wait ^buntil the Lord comes who will both ^cbring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's ^dpraise will come to him from God.

6 ^aNow these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn

17 ¹Or, sanctuary
²Lit., which you are
18 ^aIsa. 5:21
^b1 Cor. 8:2, Gal. 6:3
^c1 Cor. 1:20
^d19 ¹1 Cor. 1:20
^eJob 5:13
^f20 ¹Ps. 94:11
²21 ¹1 Cor. 4:6
³Rom. 8:32
⁴22 ¹1 Cor. 1:12, 3:5, 6
²Rom. 8:38
³23 ¹1 Cor. 15:23, 2 Cor. 10:7, Gal. 3:29
²1 Cor. 11:3, 15:28
³1 Luke 1:2
⁴1 Cor. 9:17
⁵True 1:7
⁶1 Pet. 4:10
⁷Rom. 11:25, 16:25
⁸2 ¹Lit., in
²3 ¹Lit., day
³4 ¹Acts 23:1, 2 Cor. 1:12
²Ps. 143:2, Rom. 2:13
³5 ¹Lit., judging anything
²the appointed time of judgment
³6 ¹Matt. 7:1, Rom. 2:1
²John 21:22, Rom. 2:16
³7 ¹1 Cor. 3:13, Rom. 2:29
²1 Cor. 3:8, 2 Cor. 10:18
³8 ¹Lit., puffed up
²9 ¹1 Cor. 1:19, 31, 3:18
³10 ¹1 Cor. 4:18
²8:1, 13:4
³11 ¹Cor. 1:12, 3:4
²7 ¹John 3:27, Rom. 12:3, 6, 1 Pet. 4:10
³8 ¹Rev. 3:17
²9 ¹Or, and to angels and to men
³10 ¹Rom. 8:38, 1 Cor. 15:31, 2 Cor. 11:23
²11 ¹Heb. 10:33
³12 ¹Acts 17:18, 28:24, 1 Cor. 1:18
²13 ¹1 Cor. 1:18
³14 ¹2 Cor. 11:19
²1 Cor. 2:3, 2 Cor. 13:9
³15 ¹Rom. 8:35, 2 Cor. 11:23-27
²16 ¹Acts 18:3
³17 ¹1 Pet. 3:9
²John

not to exceed ^awhat is written, in order that no one of you might ^bbecome ^carrogant ^din behalf of one against the other.

7 For who regards you as superior? And ^awhat do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

8 You are ^aalready filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and I would indeed that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you.

9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men ^acondemned to death; because we ^bhave become a spectacle to the world, ¹both to angels and to men.

10 We are ^afools for Christ's sake, but ^byou are prudent in Christ; ^cwe are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

11 To this present hour we are both ^ahungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless;

12 and we toil, ^aworking with our own hands; when we are ^breviled, we bless; when we are ^cpersecuted, we endure;

13 when we are slandered, we try to ¹conciliate; we have ^abecome as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.

14 ^aI do not write these things to ^ashame you, but to admonish you as my beloved ^bchildren.

15 For if you were to have countless ^atutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers; for in ^bChrist Jesus I ^cbecame your father through the ^dgospel.

15:20, Rom. 8:35
13 ¹Or, console ²Lam. 3:45
14 ¹1 Cor. 8:5, 15:34 ²2 Cor. 6:13, 12:14, 1 Thess. 2:11, 1 John 2:1, 3 John 4
15 ¹Gal. 3:24 ²1 Cor. 1:30, ³Num. 11:12, 1 Cor. 3:8, Gal. 4:19, Philom. 10 ⁴1 Cor. 8:12, 14, 18, 23, 15:1

16 I exhort you therefore, be imitators of me.

17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.

19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant, but their power.

20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power.

21 What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

CHAPTER 5

IT is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife.

2 And you have become arrogant, and have not mourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be removed from your midst.

3 For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present.

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

7 Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as

16 ¹ 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17; 4:9; 1 Thess. 1:6; 2 Thess. 3:9

17 ¹ 1 Cor. 16:10; Acts 16:1; 1 Cor. 4:14; 1 Tim. 1:2, 18; 2 Tim. 1:2; 4:1 Cor. 7:17; 14:33; 16:1; Titus 1:5

18 ¹ Lit., puffed up; 1 Cor. 4:6; 1 Cor. 4:21

19 ¹ Lit., word; Acts 19:21; 20:2; 1 Cor. 11:34; 16:5f.; 16:7-9; 2 Cor. 1:15f.; Acts 18:21; 1 Cor. 4:6

20 ¹ Lit., word; 1 Cor. 2:4; 21 ² 2 Cor. 1:23; 2:1, 3; 12:20; 13:2, 10

1 ¹ Lev. 18:8; Deut. 22:30; 27:20

2 ¹ Or, have you...? ² Lit., puffed up; 1 Cor. 4:6; 2 Cor. 7:7-10; 1 Cor. 5:13

3 ¹ Col. 2:5; 1 Thess. 2:17

4 ¹ Lit., my spirit, with the power; 2 Thess. 3:6; John 20:23; 2 Cor. 2:10; 13:3, 10

5 ¹ Some ancient mss. do not contain Jesus; Prov. 23:14; Luke 22:31; 1 Tim. 1:20; Matt. 4:10; 1 Cor. 1:8

6 ¹ 1 Cor. 5:2; James 4:16; Rom. 6:16; Hos. 7:4; Matt. 16:6, 12; Gal. 5:9

7 ¹ Mark 14:12; 1 Pet. 1:19

8 ¹ Ex. 12:19; 13:7; Deut. 16:3

9 ² 2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:6

10 ¹ 1 Cor. 10:27

you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

8 Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people;

10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world.

11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?

13 But those who are outside, God judges. REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.

CHAPTER 6

DOES any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts?

3 Do you not know that we

11 ¹ Or, now I write ² Lit., together if any man called a brother should be; Acts 1:15; 2 Thess. 3:6; 1 Cor. 10:7, 14, 20f.

12 ¹ Mark 4:11; 1 Cor. 5:3-5; 6:1-4

13 ¹ Or, will judge; Deut. 13:5; 17:7, 12; 21:21; 22:21; 1 Cor. 5:2

1 ¹ Lit., matter; 2 Or, holy ones; Matt. 18:17

2 ¹ V. 1, note 2 ² Or, try the trivial cases?; Rom. 6:16; Dan. 7:18, 22, 27; Matt. 19:28; 1 Cor. 1:20

3 ¹ Rom. 6:16

shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?

4 If then you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church?

5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise man who will be able to decide between his brethren,

6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?

7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

8 On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud, and that your brethren.

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals,

10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

13 Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food; but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord; and the Lord is for the body.

14 Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away

4 Or, appoint them church.
8-1 Cor.
4:14, 15:34
Acts 1:15,
9:13, 1 Cor
6:1

8-2 Cor
6:14f., 1 Tim.
5:8

7 Matt
5:38f

8-1 Thess
4:6

9 i.e., of
effeminate by
perversion

Rom 6:16

Acts 20:32,
1 Cor 15:50,
Gal 5:21,
Eph 5:5

Luke 21:8,
1 Cor 15:33,
Gal 6:7,
James 1:16,
1 John 3:7

Rom 13:13,
1 Cor 5:11,
Gal 5:19-21,
Eph 5:5,
1 Tim 1:10,
Rev 21:8,
22:15

10 Acts
20:32, 1 Cor
15:50, Gal
5:21, Eph 5:5

11-1 Cor
12:2, Eph
2:21, Col 3:5-7

Titus 3:3-7

Acts 22:16,
Eph 5:26

1 Cor 1:2,
30 Rom
8:30

12-1 Cor
10:23

13-1st, but
by 1st, if
and them

Matt 15:17

Col 2:22

1 Cor 6:13,
19 Gal 5:24,
Eph 5:23

14 Acts
2:24, John
6:38f., 1 Cor
15:23

15-1 Cor
6:3, Rom
12:5, 1 Cor
6:13, 12:27,
Eph 5:30

Luke 20:16
16-1 Cor
6:3, Gen
2:24, Matt
19:5, Mark
10:8, Eph
5:31

17 John
17:21-23,
Rom 8:9-11,
1 Cor 6:15,
Gal 2:20

18 Or, one
who practices
immorality

1 Cor 6:9,
2 Cor 12:21,
Eph 5:3, Col
3:5, Heb 13:4

the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? May it never be!

16 Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a harlot is one body with her? For He says, "THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH."

17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

18 Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

20 For you have been bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

CHAPTER 7

NOW concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

3 Let the husband fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again lest Satan tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

19 Or, sanctuary Or, God? And you own-1 Cor
6:3 John 2:21, 1 Cor 3:16, 2 Cor 6:16 Rom 14:7f.

20 Acts 20:28, 1 Cor 7:23, 1 Pet 1:18f., 2 Pet 2:1,
Rev 5:9 Rom 12:1, Phil 1:20

1-1 Cor 7:8, 28

3-1st, remainder

8-1st, be-Ex 19:15, 1 Sam 21:5 Matt 4:10

6 But this I say by way of concession, ^anot of command.

7 ¹Yet I wish that all men were ^aeven as I myself am. However, ^beach man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that.

8 ^c But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is ^agood for them if they remain ^beven as I.

9 But if they do not have self-control, ^alet them marry; for it is better to marry than to ¹burn.

10 But to the married I give instructions, ^anot I, but the Lord, that the wife should not ¹leave her husband

11 (but if she does leave, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not ¹send his wife away.

12 But to the rest ^aI say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, let him not ¹send her away.

13 And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not ¹send her husband away.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through ¹her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are ^aholy.

15 Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called ¹us ^{2a}to peace.

16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will ^asave your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

17 ^c Only, ^aas the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And ^bthus I direct in ^call the churches.

18 Was any man called ^aalready circumcised? Let him not

6 ^a2 Cor. 8:8
7 ¹Some ancient mss. read For ^a1 Cor. 7:8; 9:5 ^bMatt. 19:11f.; Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:4, 11
8 ^c1 Cor. 7:1, 26 ^b1 Cor. 7:7, 9-5
9 ¹i.e., hum with passion ^a1 Tim. 5:14
10 ¹Lit., depart from ^aMal. 2:16; Matt. 5:32; 19:3-9; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Cor. 7:6
11 ¹Or, leave his wife
12 ¹Or, leave her ^a1 Cor. 7:6; 2 Cor. 11:17
13 ¹Or, leave her husband
14 ¹Lit., the brother ^aEzra 9:2; Mal. 2:15
15 ¹Some ancient mss. read you ²Lit., in ^aRom. 14:19
16 ^aRom. 11:14; 1 Pet. 3:1
17 ^aRom. 12:3 ^b1 Cor. 4:17 ^c1 Cor. 11:16; 14:33; 2 Cor. 8:18; 11:28; Gal. 1:22; 1 Thess. 2:14; 2 Thess. 1:4
18 ^aActs 15:1ff.
19 ^aRom. 2:27; 29; Gal. 3:28; 5:6; 6:15; Col. 3:11 ^bRom. 2:25
20 ¹Lit., calling ^a1 Cor. 7:24
21 ¹Lit., Let it not be a care to you ²Lit., use
22 ^aJohn 8:32, 36; Phil. 1:6; Eph. 6:6; Col. 3:24; 1 Pet. 2:16
23 ^a1 Cor. 6:20
24 ^a1 Cor. 7:20
25 ¹Lit., has had mercy shown on him by the Lord to be

become uncircumcised. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? ^aLet him not be circumcised.

19 ^aCircumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing but what matters is ^bthe keeping of the commandments of God.

20 ^aLet each man remain in that ¹condition in which he was called.

21 Were you called while a slave? ¹Do not worry about it, but if you are able also to become free, rather ²do that.

22 For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is ^athe Lord's freedman; likewise he who was called while free, is ^bChrist's slave.

23 ^aYou were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

24 Brethren, ^alet each man remain with God in that ¹condition in which he was called.

25 ^c Now concerning virgins I have ^ano command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who ^bby the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.

26 I think then that this is good in view of the ¹present ^adistress, that ^bit is good for a man ²to remain as he is.

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

28 But if you should marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin should marry, she has not sinned. Yet such will have ¹trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

29 But this I say, brethren, ^athe time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none;

trustworthy ^a1 Cor. 7:6 ^b2 Cor. 4:1; 1 Tim. 1:13, 16
26 ¹Or, impending ²Lit., so to be ^aLuke 21:23; 2 Thess. 2:2 ^b1 Cor. 7:1, 8
28 ¹Lit., tribulation in the flesh
29 ^aRom. 13:11f.; 1 Cor. 7:31

30 and those who weep, as though they did not weep; and those who rejoice, as though they did not rejoice; and those who buy, as though they did not possess;

31 and those who use the world, as though they did not make full use of it; for the form of this world is passing away.

32 But I want you to be free from concern. One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;

33 but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,

34 and his interests are divided. And the woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit; but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 And this I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is seemly, and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.

36 * But if any man thinks that he is acting unbecomingly toward his virgin daughter, if she should be of full age, and if it must be so, let him do what he wishes, he does not sin; let her marry.

37 But he who stands firm in his heart, being under no constraint, but has authority over his own will, and has decided this in his own heart, to keep his own virgin daughter, he will do well.

38 So then both he who gives his own virgin daughter in marriage does well, and he who does not give her in marriage will do better.

39 * A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her

31 * 1 Cor 9:18 * 1 Cor 7:29; 1 John 2:17
32 * 1 Tim 5:5
33 * Some read wife. And there is a difference also between the wife and the virgin. One who is unmarried is concerned

36 * 1 Lt., for what is seemly
36 * 1 Lt., them
37 * 1 Lt., having no necessity * 1 Lt., pertaining to
38 * 1 Lt., has fallen asleep
* Rom 7:2
* 2 Cor 6:14
40 * 1 Cor 7:6, 25
1 * 1 Lt., picks up
* Acts 15:20; 1 Cor 8:4, 7, 10
* Rom 15:14
1 Cor 8:7, 10
10:15 * 1 Cor 4:6 * Rom 14:19
3 * 1 Cor 3:18 * 1 Cor 13:6-12
1 Tim 6:4
3 * Ps 1:6
Jer 1:5
Amos 3:2
Rom 8:29
11:2; Gal 4:9
4 * 1 Lt., has no real existence
* Acts 15:20; 1 Cor 8:1, 7
10 * Acts 14:15; 1 Cor 10:19; Gal 4:8 * Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4
1 Cor 8:6
6 * 2 Thess 2:4
6 * Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4
Is. 46:9; Jer 10:6, 7; 1 Cor 8:4 * Mal. 2:10; Eph. 4:6
* Rom 11:36
4 John 13:13
1 Cor 1:2
Eph. 4:5
1 Tim. 2:5
* John 1:3
Col. 1:16
7 * 1 Cor. 8:4ff. * Rom. 14:14, 22f.
8 * Or, present * 1 Lt., lacking * 1 Lt., abounding
* Rom. 14:17

husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

40 But *in my opinion she is happier if she remains as she is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

CHAPTER 8

NOW concerning *things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

2 *If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know;

3 but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

4 Therefore concerning the eating of *things sacrificed to idols, we know that there is no such thing as an idol in the world, and that there is no God but one.

5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords,

6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.

7 ¶ However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But *food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.

9 But *take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

10 For if someone sees you, who have knowledge, dining in an idol's temple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be

8 * 1 Lt., right * Rom. 14:13, 21; 1 Cor. 10:28; Gal. 2:13
* Rom. 14:1; 1 Cor. 8:10f.
10 * 1 Cor. 8:4ff.

strengthened to eat ^bthings sacrificed to idols?

11 For through ^ayour knowledge he who is weak ^bis ruined, the brother for whose sake Christ died.

12 ^aAnd thus, by sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin ^bagainst Christ.

13 Therefore, ^aif food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, that I might not cause my brother to stumble.

CHAPTER 9

AM I not ^afree? Am I not an ^aapostle? Have I not ^cseen Jesus our Lord? Are you not ^dmy work in the Lord?

2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the ^aseal of my ^bapostleship in the Lord.

3 ^aMy defense to those who examine me is this:

4 ^aDo we not have a right to eat and drink?

5 ^aDo we not have a right to take along a ²believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the ^bbrothers of the Lord, and ^cCephas?

6 Or do only ^{1a}Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

7 Who at any time serves ^aas a soldier at his own expense? Who ^bplants a vineyard, and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not ¹use the milk of the flock?

8 I am not speaking these things ^aaccording to ¹human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?

9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, ^a"YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING." God is not concerned about ^boxen, is He?

10 Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, ^afor our

¹⁰ ^bActs 15:20; 1 Cor. 8:1, 4, 7.
¹¹ ^a1 Cor. 8:4ff. ^bRom. 14:15, 20.
¹² ^aMatt. 18:6; Rom. 14:20 ^bMatt. 25:45.
¹³ ^aRom. 14:21, 1 Cor. 10:32, 2 Cor. 6:3, 11:29.
¹⁴ ^a1 Cor. 9:19, 10:29.
¹⁵ ^aActs 14:14, Rom. 1:1, 2 Cor. 12:12, 1 Thess. 2:6, 1 Tim. 2:7, 2 Tim. 1:11.
¹⁶ ^aActs 9:3, 17, 18:9, 22:14, 18, 23:11, 1 Cor. 15:8.
¹⁷ ^a1 Cor. 3:6, 4:15.
¹⁸ ^aJohn 3:33, 2 Cor. 3:2f. ^bActs 1:25.
¹⁹ ^aLat. It is not that we have no right to eat and drink, is it?
²⁰ ^a1 Cor. 9:14; 1 Thess. 2:6, 9; 2 Thess. 3:8f.
²¹ ^aLat. It is not that we have no right to take along Cephas, is it?
²² ^aLat. sister, as wife.
²³ ^a1 Cor. 7:7f. ^bMatt. 12:46.
²⁴ ^aMatt. 8:14, John 1:42.
²⁵ ^aLat. I and Barnabas.
²⁶ ^aActs 4:36.
²⁷ ^aLat. eat of
²⁸ ^a2 Cor. 10:4, 1 Tim. 1:18, 2 Tim. 2:3f. ^bDeut. 20:6; Prov. 27:18; 1 Cor. 3:6, 8.
²⁹ ^aLat. man.
³⁰ ^aRom. 3:5.
³¹ ^aDeut. 25:4, 1 Tim. 5:18 ^bDeut. 22:1-4; Prov. 12:10.
³² ^aRom. 4:23f. ^b2 Tim. 2:6.
³³ ^aRom. 15:27; 1 Cor. 9:14.
³⁴ ^aActs 18:3; 20:33; 1 Cor. 9:15, 18.
³⁵ ^a2 Cor. 6:3; 11:12 ^b1 Cor. 4:15; 9:14, 16, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12.
³⁶ ^aJohn 4:38; 1 Cor. 3:8; 9:18 ^b1 Cor. 4:1; Gal. 2:7, Eph. 3:2; Phil. 1:16; Col. 1:25.
³⁷ ^aJohn 4:36; 1 Cor. 3:8; 9:17 ^bActs 18:3; 2 Cor. 11:7; 12:13 ^c1 Cor. 7:31; 9:12.
³⁸ ^a1 Cor. 9:1.

sake it was written, because ^bthe plowman ought to plow in hope and the thresher ^cto thresh in hope of sharing the crops.

11 ^aIf we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we should reap material things from you?

12 If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we ^adid not use this right, but we endure all things ^bthat we may cause no hindrance to the ^cgospel of Christ.

13 ^aDo you not know that those who ^bperform sacred services eat the food of the temple and those who attend regularly to the altar have their share with the altar?

14 So also ^athe Lord directed those who proclaim the ^bgospel to ^cget their living from the gospel.

15 But I have ^aused none of these things. And I am not writing these things that it may be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make ^bmy boast an empty one.

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for ^aI am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach ^bthe gospel!

17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a ^areward; but if against my will, I have a ^bstewardship entrusted to me.

18 What then is my ^areward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel ^bwithout charge, so as ^cnot to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 ^aFor though I am ^afree from all men, I have made myself

¹³ ^aRom. 6:16 ^bLev. 6:16, 26; 7:6, 31ff., Num. 5:9f., 18:8-20, 31; Deut. 18:1.
¹⁴ ^aMatt. 10:10; Luke 10:7; 1 Tim. 5:18 ^b1 Cor. 4:15, 9:12, 16, 18, 23; 2 Cor. 2:12 ^cLuke 10:8; 1 Cor. 9:4.
¹⁵ ^aActs 18:3; 20:33; 1 Cor. 9:12, 18 ^b2 Cor. 11:10.
¹⁶ ^aActs 9:15; Rom. 1:14 ^b1 Cor. 4:15; 9:12, 14, 18, 23, 2 Cor. 2:12.
¹⁷ ^aJohn 4:38; 1 Cor. 3:8; 9:18 ^b1 Cor. 4:1; Gal. 2:7, Eph. 3:2; Phil. 1:16; Col. 1:25.
¹⁸ ^aJohn 4:36; 1 Cor. 3:8; 9:17 ^bActs 18:3; 2 Cor. 11:7; 12:13 ^c1 Cor. 7:31; 9:12.
¹⁹ ^a1 Cor. 9:1.

a slave to all, that I might win the more.

20 And ^ato the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under ¹the Law, as under ¹the Law, though ^bnot being myself under ¹the Law, that I might win those who are under ¹the Law;

21 to those who are ^awithout law, ^bas without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those who are without law.

22 To the ^aweak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become ^ball things to all men, ^cthat I may by all means save some.

23 And I do all things for the sake of the gospel, that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

24 ^aDo you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives ^bthe prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

25 And everyone who ^acompetes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable ^bwreath, but we an imperishable.

26 Therefore I ^arun in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not ^bbeating the air;

27 but I ¹buffet ^amy body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

CHAPTER 10

FOR ^aI do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all ^bunder the cloud, and all ^cpassed through the sea;

2 and all ¹were ^abaptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

3 and all ^aate the same spiritual food;

10 ^a2 Cor. 4:5, Gal. 5:13, ^aMatt. 18:15, 1 Pet. 3:1, 20 ^aOr, low

^aActs 16:3, 21:23-26, Rom. 11:14, ^aGal. 2:19, 21 ^aRom.

2:12, 14 ^aGal. 2:3, 2, 1 Cor. 7:22, Gal. 6:2

22 ^aRom. 14:1, 15:1, 2 Cor. 11:29, 1 Cor. 10:13, ^aRom. 11:14

24 ^a1 Cor. 9:13 ^aPhil. 3:14, Col. 2:18 ^aGal. 2:2, 2 Tim. 4:7, Heb. 12:1

28 ^aEph. 6:12, 1 Tim. 6:12, 2 Tim. 2:5, 4:7, 12 Tim. 4:8, James 1:12, 1 Pet. 5:4, Rev. 2:10, 3:11

26 ^aGal. 2:2, 2 Tim. 4:7, Heb. 12:1, 1 Cor. 14:9, 27 ^aLat.

bruce ^aRom. 8:13, 1 ^aRom. 1:13 ^aEx. 13:21, Ps. 105:39 ^aEx. 14:22, 29, Neh. 9:11, Ps. 68:6

2 ^aSome ancient mss. read received baptism ^aRom. 6:3, 1 Cor. 1:13, Gal. 3:27

3 ^aEx. 16:4, 35, Deut. 8:3, Neh. 9:15, 20, Ps. 78:24, John 6:31

4 ^aLe. the Merneah ^aEx. 17:6, Num. 20:11, Ps. 78:15

8 ^aNum. 14:20, 37, 26:65, Heb. 3:17, Jude 5

6 ^a1 Cor. 10:11 ^aNum. 11:4, 34, Ps. 106:14

7 ^aEx. 32:4, 1 Cor. 5:11, 10:14 ^aEx. 32:6 ^aEx. 32:10

8 ^aLat. acted immorally ^aNum. 25:18, 25:9

9 ^aLat. made trial ^aNum. 21:30

4 and all ^adrank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was ¹Christ.

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for ^athey were laid low in the wilderness.

6 Now these things happened as ^aexamples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as ^bthey also craved.

7 And do not be ^aidolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "^bTHE PEOPLE SAT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK, AND STOOD UP TO ^cPLAY."

8 Nor let us act immorally, as ^asome of them ¹did, and ^btwenty-three thousand fell in one day.

9 Nor let us try the Lord, as ^asome of them ¹did, and were destroyed by the serpents.

10 Nor ^agrumble, as some of them ¹did, and ^bwere ²destroyed by the ^cdestroyer.

11 Now these things happened to them as an ^aexample, and ^bthey were written for our instruction, upon whom ^cthe ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let him who ^athinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and ^aGod is faithful, who will not allow you to be ^btempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

14 ^aTherefore, my ^abeloved, flee from ^bidolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; you judge what I say.

16 Is not the ^acup of blessing

10 ^aLat. grumbled ^aLat. being destroyed ^aNum. 16:41, 17:5, 10 ^aNum. 16:40 ^aEx. 12:23, 2 Sam. 24:16, 1 Chr. 21:15, Heb. 11:20

11 ^a1 Cor. 10:6 ^aRom. 4:23 ^aRom. 13:11, 12 ^aRom. 11:20, 2 Pet. 3:17, 13 ^a1 Cor. 1:9 ^a2 Pet. 2:9, 14 ^aHeb. 6:9 ^a1 Cor. 10:7, 10:1, 1 John 5:21, 16 ^aHeb. 26:27, Mark 14:23, Luke 22:20, 1 Cor. 11:25

which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the ^{1b}bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

17 Since there is one ^{1b}bread, we ^awho are many are one body; for we all partake of the one ^{1b}bread.

18 Look at ¹the nation ^aIsrael; are not those who ^beat the sacrifices sharers in the altar?

19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or ^athat an idol is anything?

20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they ^asacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.

21 ^aYou cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and ^bthe table of demons.

22 Or do we ^aprovoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not ^bstronger than He, are we?

23 ¶ ^aAll things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things ^bedify.

24 Let no one ^aseek his own good, but that of his ¹neighbor.

25 ^aEat anything that is sold in the meat market, without asking questions for conscience' sake;

26 ^aFOR THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND ¹ALL IT CONTAINS.

27 If ^aone of the unbelievers invites you, and you wish to go, ^beat anything that is set before you, without asking questions for conscience' sake.

28 But ^aif anyone should say to you, "This is meat sacrificed to idols," do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for conscience' sake;

29 I mean not your own conscience, but the other *man's*; for ^awhy is my freedom judged by another's conscience?

30 If I partake with thankfulness, ^awhy am I slandered con-

16 ¹Lit., loaf
^bMatt. 26:26;
Luke 22:19;
Acts 2:42;
1 Cor. 11:23f

17 ¹Lit., loaf
^aRom. 12:5;
1 Cor. 12:12f

27, Eph. 4:4,
16, Col. 3:15
18 ¹Lit., Is-
rael accord-
ing to the
flesh

^aRom. 1:3
^bLev. 7:6,
14f., Deut.
12:17f
19 ^a1 Cor.
8:4

20 ^aDeut.
32:17, Ps.
106:37, Gal.
4:8, Rev. 9:20
21 ^a2 Cor.
6:16 ^bIsa.
65:11

22 ^aDeut.
32:21 ^bEcc.
6:10; Is. 45:9
23 ^a1 Cor.
6:12 ^bRom.
14:19

24 ¹Or, the
other
^aRom. 15:2;
1 Cor. 10:33;
13:5; 2 Cor.
12:14, Phil.
2:21

25 ^aActs
10:15; 1 Cor.
8:7

26 ¹Lit., its
fulness
^aPs. 24:1;
50:12, 1 Tim.
4:4

27 ^a1 Cor.
5:10 ^bLuke
10:8

28 ^a1 Cor.
8:7, 10:12
29 ^aRom.
14:16; 1 Cor.
9:19

30 ^a1 Cor.
9:1 ^bRom.
14:6

31 ^aCol.
3:17; 1 Pet.
4:11

32 ^aActs
24:16; 1 Cor.
8:13 ^bActs
20:28; 1 Cor.
1:2; 7:17;
11:22; 15:9;
2 Cor. 1:1;
Gal. 1:13;
Phil. 3:8;
1 Tim. 3:5, 15

33 ^aRom.
15:2; 1 Cor.
9:22; Gal.
1:10 ^bRom.
15:2; 1 Cor.
13:5; 2 Cor.
12:14; Phil.
2:21 ^bRom.
11:14;
1 Thess. 2:16

1 ^a1 Cor.
4:18; Phil.
3:17

cerning that for which I ^bgive thanks?

31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or ^awhatever you do, do it to the glory of God.

32 ^aGive no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to ^bthe church of God;

33 just as I also ^aplease all men in all things, ^bnot seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of the many, ^cthat they may be saved

CHAPTER 11

ⁿ **B**E imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

2 ¶ Now ^aI praise you because you ^bremember me in every thing, and ^chold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

3 But I want you to understand that ¹Christ is the ^ahead of every man, and ^bthe man is the head of a woman, and God is the ^chead of ¹Christ.

4 Every man who has some *thing* on his head while praying, or ^aprophesying, disgraces his head.

5 But every ^awoman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying, disgraces her head; for she is one and the same with her ¹whose head is ^bshaved.

6 For if a woman does not cover ¹her head, let her also ²have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to ²have her hair cut off or ¹her head shaved, let her cover ¹her head.

7 For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the ^aimage and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

8 For ^aman ¹does not originate

2 ^a1 Cor. 11:17, 22 ^b1 Cor. 4:17; 15:2; 1 Thess. 1:6;

3:6 ^c2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6

3 ¹I.e., the Messiah ^aEph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; Col. 1:18;

2:19 ^bGen. 3:16; Eph. 5:23 ^c1 Cor. 3:23

4 ^aActs 13:1; 1 Thess. 5:20

5 ¹Lit., who is shaved ^aLuke 2:36; Acts 21:9; 1 Cor.

14:34 ^bDeut. 21:12

6 ¹Lit., herself ²Lit., shear herself

7 ^aGen. 1:28; 5:1; 9:6; James 3:9

8 ¹Lit., is not from ^aGen. 2:21-23; 1 Tim. 2:13

from woman, but woman from man;

9 for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but ^awoman for the man's sake.

10 Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

11 However, in the Lord, neither is woman ¹independent of man, nor is man ¹independent of woman.

12 For as the woman ¹originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and ^aall things ²originate ^bfrom God.

13 ^aJudge ¹for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with head uncovered?

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him,

15 but if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

16 But if one is inclined to be contentious, ^awe have no ¹other practice, nor have ^bthe churches of God.

17 ¹ But in giving this instruction, ^aI do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse.

18 For, in the first place, when you come together ¹as a church, I hear that ²divisions exist among you; and in part, I believe it.

19 For there ^amust also be factions among you, ^bin order that those who are approved may have become ¹evident among you.

20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

21 for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and ^aanother is drunk.

22 What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink?

9 ^aGen. 2:18.

11 ¹Lat. without

12 ¹Lat. as ²Lat. are

^a2 Cor. 5:18

^aRom. 11:36

13 ¹Lat. in ^aLat. 12:57

16 ¹Lat. such

^a1 Cor. 4:5.

9:1-3, 6

^a1 Cor. 7:17

17 ^a1 Cor. 11:2, 22

18 ¹Lat. in church ²Lat. schism

^a1 Cor. 1:10, 13

19 ^aCor. manifest

^aMark. 16:7.

Luke 17:1.

1 Tim. 4:1.

2 Pet. 2:1

^aDavid. 13:3.

1 John 2:19

21 ^aJude 12

22 ^a1 Cor. 10:32 ^aJames

2:6 ^a1 Cor. 11:2, 17

23 ^a1 Cor. 15:3, Gal. 1:12, Col. 3:24 ^a1 Cor. 11:23-25

Mark. 26:26-28, Mark. 14:22-24, Luke 22:17

20:1 Cor. 10:16

24 ¹Some ancient mss. read as broken

25 ^a1 Cor. 10:16 ^aEx. 24:6-8, Luke 22:20, 2 Cor. 1:6

26 ^aJohn. 21:22, 1 Cor. 4:5

27 ^aHeb. 10:29

28 ^aHeb. 28:22, 2 Cor. 13:5, Gal. 6:4

29 ^aActs 7:60

32 ^a2 Sam. 7:14, Ps. 94:12, Heb. 12:7-10, Rev. 3:19 ^a1 Cor. 1:20

34 ^a1 Cor. 11:21 ^a1 Cor. 11:29 ^a1 Cor. 4:17, 7:17, 10:1 ^a1 Cor. 4:19

Or do you despise the ^achurch of God, and ^bshame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall ^aI praise you? In this I will not praise you.

23 For ^aI received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that ^bthe Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which ¹is for you, do this in remembrance of Me."

25 In the same way He took ^athe cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the ^bnew covenant in My blood, do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death ^auntil He comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be ^aguilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man ^aexamine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number ^asleep.

31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are ^adisciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with ^bthe world.

33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

34 If anyone is ^ahungry, let him eat ^bat home, so that you may not come together for judgment. And the remaining matters I shall ^aarrange ^bwhen I come.

CHAPTER 12

NOW concerning ^aspiritual gifts, brethren, ^bI do not want you to be unaware.

2 ^aYou know that when you were pagans, you were ^bled astray to the ^cdumb idols, however you were led.

3 Therefore I make known to you, that no one speaking ¹by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is ²accursed"; and no one can say, "Jesus is ^cLord," except ¹by the Holy Spirit.

4 ^c Now there are ^avarieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same ^aGod who works all things in all persons.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit ^afor the common good.

8 For to one is given the word of ^awisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of ^bknowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another ^afaith ¹by the same Spirit, and to another ^bgifts of ²healing ¹by the one Spirit,

10 and to another the ¹effecting of ²miracles, and to another ^bprophecy, and to another the ³distinguishing of spirits, to another various ^dkinds of tongues, and to another the ^cinterpretation of tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, ^adistributing to each one individually just as He wills.

12 ^c For even ^aas the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, ^bso also is Christ.

13 For ¹by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether ^bJews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to ^cdrink of one Spirit.

1 ^a1 Cor 12:4, 14:1
^bRom. 1:13
2 ^a1 Cor. 6:11, Eph. 2:11f., 1 Pet. 4:3 ^b1 Thess. 1:9 ^cPs. 115:5, Is. 46:7, Jer. 10:5, Hab. 2:18f.

3 ¹Or, in ²Gr., another ^cmind
^aMatt. 22:43, 1 John 4:2f., Rev. 1:10
^bRom. 9:3
^cJohn 13:13, Rom. 10:9
4 ^aRom. 12:6f., 1 Cor. 12:11, Eph. 4:4ff., 11, Heb. 2:4

6 ^a1 Cor. 15:28, Eph. 1:23, 4:6
7 ^a1 Cor. 12:12-30, 14:26, Eph. 4:12

8 ^a1 Cor. 2:6, 2 Cor. 1:12 ^bRom. 15:14, 1 Cor. 2:11, 16, 2 Cor. 2:14, 4:6, 8:7, 11:6
9 ¹Or, in ²Lit., healings
^a1 Cor. 13:2, 2 Cor. 4:13 ^b1 Cor. 12:28, 30

10 ¹Lit., effects ²Or, works of power ³Lit., distinguishing-ings
^a1 Cor. 12:28f., Gal. 3:5 ^b1 Cor. 11:4, 13:2, 8
^c1 Cor. 14:29, 1 John 4:1
^dMark 16:17, 1 Cor. 12:28, 30, 13:1, 14:2ff. ^a1 Cor. 12:30, 14:26
11 ^a1 Cor. 12:4

12 ^aRom. 12:4f., 1 Cor. 10:17 ^b1 Cor. 12:27

13 ¹Or, in ^aEph. 2:18
^bRom. 3:22, Gal. 3:28, Eph. 2:13-18, Col. 3:11
^cJohn 7:37-39
14 ^a1 Cor. 12:20

15 ¹Lit., not a part
16 ¹Lit., not a part
18 ^a1 Cor. 12:28 ^bRom. 12:6, 1 Cor. 12:11

14 For ^athe body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not ¹part of the body," it is not for this reason ¹any the less a ¹part of the body.

16 And if the ear should say "Because I am not an eye, I am not a ¹part of the body," it is not for this reason ¹any the less a ¹part of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But now God has ^aplaced the members, each one of them in the body, ^bjust as He desired.

19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

20 But now ^athere are many members, but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 On the contrary, ¹it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

23 and those *members* of the body, which we ¹deem less honorable, ²on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly *members* come to have more abundant seemliness,

24 whereas our seemly *members* have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked,

25 that there should be no ¹division in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if

20 ^a1 Cor. 12:12, 14
22 ¹Lit., to a much greater degree the members
23 ¹Or, think to be ²Or, these we clothe with
25 ¹Lit., schism

one member is ¹honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now you are ^aChrist's body, and ^bindividually members of it.

28 And God has ^{1a}appointed in ^bthe church, first ^capostles, second ^dprophets, third ^eteachers, then ^{2f}miracles, then ^ggifts of healings, helps, ^hadministrations, various ⁱkinds of tongues.

29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not *workers of* ¹miracles, are they?

30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not ^ainterpret, do they?

31 But ^aearnestly desire the greater gifts.

† And I show you a still more excellent way.

CHAPTER 13

IF I speak with the ^atongues of men and of ^bangels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a ^cclanging cymbal.

2 And if I have *the gift of* ^aprophecy, and know all ^bmysteries and all ^cknowledge; and if I have ^dall faith, so as to ^eremove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And if I ^agive all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I ^bdeliver my body ¹to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love ^ais patient, love is kind, and ^bis not jealous; love does not brag and is not ^carrogant,

5 does not act unbecomingly; it ^adoes not seek its own, is not provoked, ^bdoes not take into account a wrong suffered,

6 ^adoes not rejoice in unrighteousness, but ^brejoices with the truth;

7 ^{1a}bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails; but if *there*

28 ¹Lat., glorified

27 ^a1 Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 1:23; 4:12; Col. 1:18, 24; 2:19; ^bRom. 12:5; Eph. 5:30

28 ¹Lat., set some in ²Or., works of power

^a1 Cor. 12:18; ^b1 Cor. 10:32

^cEph. 4:11

^dActs 13:1

Eph. 2:20; 3:5

^eActs 13:1

^f1 Cor. 12:10,

29; ^g1 Cor. 12:9, 30

^hRom. 12:8

ⁱ1 Cor. 12:10

29 ¹Or., works of power

30 ^a1 Cor. 12:10

31 ^a1 Cor. 14:1, 39

¹1 Cor. 12:10

²4, Rev. 14:2; ³Pa.

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²Matt.

7:22, Acts

13:1, 1 Cor.

11:4, 13:8,

14:1, 39

^a1 Cor. 14:2,

15:51; ^bRom.

15:14; ^c1 Cor.

12:9; ^dMatt.

17:20; 21:21,

Mark 11:23

³Some ancient mss.

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^aMatt. 8:2

^bDan. 3:28

^cProv.

10:12, 17:9,

1 Thess. 5:14,

1 Pet. 4:8

^dActs 7:9

^e1 Cor. 4:6

^f1 Cor.

10:24; ^gPhil.

2:21; ^h2 Cor.

5:19

⁸2 Thess.

2:12; ⁹John

4:3; ¹⁰John 3f

⁷Or., cov-

ers

^a1 Cor. 9:12

^bLat.,

prophecies

^c1 Cor. 13:2

^d1 Cor. 13:1

^e1 Cor.

8:2, 13:12

12 ¹Lat., in a

riddle

²Cor. 5:7;

Phil. 3:12;

James 1:23

³Gen. 32:30;

Num. 12:6;

1 John 3:2

⁴1 Cor. 8:3

are gifts of ^{1a}prophecy, they will be done away; if *there are* ^btongues, they will cease; if *there is* knowledge, it will be done away.

9 For we ^aknow in part, and we prophesy in part;

10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

12 For now we ^asee in a mirror ¹dimly, but then ^bface to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also ^chave been fully known.

13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the ¹greatest of these is ^alove.

CHAPTER 14

PURSU^a love, yet ^bdesire earnestly ^cspiritual gifts, but especially that you may ^dprophecy.

2 For one who ^aspeaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one ¹understands, but ²in his spirit he speaks ^bmysteries.

3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for ^aedification and ^bexhortation and consolation.

4 One who ^aspeaks in a tongue ^bedifies himself; but one who ^cprophesies ^bedifies the church.

5 Now I wish that you all ^aspoke in tongues, but ^beven more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who ^aspeaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive ^cedifying.

13 ¹Lat., greater; ²Gal. 5:6

¹a 1 Cor. 14:14; ^b1 Cor. 12:31; 14:39; ^c1 Cor. 12:1

^d1 Cor. 13:2

²Lat., hears; ³Or., by the Spirit; ⁴Mark 16:17; 1 Cor.

12:10, 28, 30; 13:1; 14:18ff.; ⁵1 Cor. 13:2

³Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 14:5, 12, 17, 26; ⁶Acts 4:36

⁴Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1, 14:18ff., 28ff.

⁵Rom. 14:18; 1 Cor. 14:5, 12, 17, 26; ⁶1 Cor. 13:2

⁸Mark 16:17; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 13:1, 14:18ff., 28ff.

⁹Num. 11:29; ¹⁰Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 14:4, 12, 17, 26

6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of ^arevelation or of ^bknowledge or of ^cprophecy or of ^dteaching?

7 Yet even lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp?

8 For if ^athe ^bbugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare himself for battle?

9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be ^aspeaking into the air.

10 There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of ¹languages in the world, and no kind is without meaning.

11 If then I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be to the one who speaks a ¹barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a ¹barbarian ²to me.

12 So also you, since you are zealous of ¹spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the ^aedification of the church.

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

15 ^aWhat is the outcome then? I shall pray with the spirit and I shall pray with the mind also; I shall ^bsing with the spirit and I shall sing with the mind also.

16 Otherwise if you bless ¹in the spirit only, how will the one who fills the place of the ²ungifted say ^athe "Amen" at your ^bgiving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not ^aedified.

⁶ ^a1 Cor. 14:26, Eph. 1:17 ^b1 Cor. 12:8 ^c1 Cor. 13:2 ^dActs 2:42; Rom. 6:17; 1 Cor. 14:26

⁸ ¹Lit., trumpet ^aNum. 10:9, Jer. 4:19, Ezek. 33:3-6, Joel 2:1

⁹ ^a1 Cor. 9:26

¹⁰ ¹Lit., voices

¹¹ ¹Or, for singer ²Or, in my estimation

^aActs 28:2

¹² ¹Lit., spirits

^aRom. 14:19, 1 Cor. 14:4, 5, 17, 28

¹³ ^aActs 21:22, 1 Cor. 14:26 ^bEph. 5:19, Col. 3:16

¹⁰ ¹Or, with the ²Lit., unversed in spiritual gifts

^aDeut. 27:15, 26; 1 Chr. 16:38; Neh. 5:13, 8:8; Ps. 108:48; Jer. 11:5, 28:6; Rev. 5:14; 7:12 ^bMatt. 15:36

¹⁷ ^aRom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 14:4, 5, 12, 26

²⁰ ^aRom. 1:13 ^bEph. 4:14; Heb. 5:12; ^cPs. 131:2; Matt. 18:3; Rom. 16:19; 1 Pet. 2:2

²¹ ^aJohn 10:34, 1 Cor. 14:34 ^bIs. 28:11

²² ^a1 Cor. 14:1

²³ ¹IV, 18, note 2

^aActs 2:13

²⁴ ¹IV, 18, note 2

^a1 Cor. 14:1

^bJohn 16:8

²⁵ ^aJohn 4:19 ^bLuke 17:16 ^cIs. 45:14; Dan. 2:47; Zech. 8:23; Acts 4:13

²⁶ ^a1 Cor. 14:15 ^bRom. 1:13 ^c1 Cor. 12:8-10 ^dEph. 5:19 ^e1 Cor. 14:6 ^f1 Cor. 14:2 ^g1 Cor. 12:10; 14:5, 13, 27f.

18 I thank God, I speak in tongues more than you all;

19 however, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind, that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 ¶ ^aBrethren, ^bdo not be children in your thinking; yet in evil ^cbe babes, but in your thinking be mature.

21 In ^athe Law it is written ^b"BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME," says the Lord.

22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to unbelievers; but ^aprophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers, but to those who believe.

23 If therefore the whole church should assemble together and all speak in tongues, and ¹ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that ^ayou are mad?

24 But if all ^aprophecy, and an unbeliever or an ¹ungifted man enters, he is ^bconvicted by all, he is called to account by all;

25 ^athe secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will ^bfall on his face and worship God, ^cdeclaring that God is certainly among you.

26 ¶ ^aWhat is the outcome then, ^bbrethren? When you assemble, ^ceach one has a ^dpsalm, has a ^eteaching, has a ^frevelation, has a ^gtongue, has an ^hinterpretation. Let ^hall things be done for edification.

27 If anyone speaks in a ^atongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and let one ^binterpret;

28 but if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the church; and let him speak to himself and to God.

^aRom. 14:19

²⁷ ^a1 Cor. 14:2 ^b1 Cor. 12:10; 14:5, 13, 26ff.

29 And let two or three ^aprophets speak, and let the others ^bpass judgment.

30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, let the first keep silent.

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted;

32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;

33 for God is not a God of ^aconfusion but of ¹peace, as in ^ball the churches of the ^csaints.

34 ¶ Let the women ^akeep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but ^blet them subject themselves, just as ^cthe Law also says.

35 And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is ¹improper for a woman to speak in church.

36 ¹Was it from you that the word of God ^{first} went forth? Or has it come to you only?

37 ¶ ^aIf anyone thinks he is a prophet or ^bspiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you ^care the Lord's commandment.

38 But if anyone ¹does not recognize ^{this}, he is not recognized.

39 ¶ Therefore, my brethren, ^adesire earnestly to ^bprophecy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.

40 But ^alet all things be done properly and in an orderly manner.

CHAPTER 15

NOW ^aI make known to you, brethren, the ^bgospel which I preached to you, which also you received, ^cin which also you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, ^aif you hold fast ¹the word which I preached to you, ^bunless you believed in vain.

3 For ^aI delivered to you ¹as of first importance what I also re-

29 ^a1 Cor. 13:2; 14:32, 37 ^b1 Cor. 12:10
30 ^aOr, peace. As in all saints, let
31 1 Cor. 14:40
32 1 Cor. 14:17, 7:17 ^aActs 9:13
33 ^a1 Cor. 11:5, 13
34 ^a1 Tim. 2:11f., 1 Pet. 3:1 ^a1 Cor. 14:21
35 ^aOr, dis- graceful
36 ^aLat., Or was
37 ^a2 Cor. 10:7 ^a1 Cor. 2:15 ^a1 John 4:6
38 ^aSome ancient mss. read to ignorant, let him be ignorant
39 ^a1 Cor. 12:31 ^a1 Cor. 13:2, 14:1
40 ^a1 Cor. 14:33
1 ^aRom. 2:16; Gal. 1:11 ^aRom. 2:16; 1 Cor. 3:6, 4:15
2 ^aRom. 5:2, 11:20; 2 Cor. 1:24
3 ^aLat., to what word I
4 ^aRom. 11:22
5 ^aGal. 3:4
6 ^aLat., among the first
7 ^a1 Cor. 11:23
8 ^aJohn 1:29
9 ^aGal. 1:4, Heb. 5:1, 3, 1 Pet. 2:24 ^aIs. 53:5
10 ^aMatt. 26:24, Luke 24:25-27
11 ^aActs 8:32f.
12 ^a17:2f., 26:22
13 ^aMatt. 16:21, John 2:20f., Acts 2:24 ^aPs. 16:8f., Acts 2:31, 26:22f.
14 ^aLuke 24:34 ^a1 Cor. 1:12 ^aMark 16:14, Luke 24:36, John 20:19
15 ^aActs 7:60; 1 Cor. 15:18, 20
16 ^aOr, Jacob
17 ^aActs 12:17
18 ^aLuke 24:33, 38f., Acts 1:3f.
19 ^aLat., to an untimely birth
20 ^aActs 9:3-6; 22:6-11;
21 ^aceived, that Christ died ^bfor our sins ^caccording to the Scriptures,
22 and that He was buried, and that He was ^araised on the third day ^baccording to the Scriptures,
23 and that ^aHe appeared to ^bCephas, then ^cto the twelve.
24 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some ^ahave fallen asleep;
25 then He appeared to ^{1a}James, then to ^ball the apostles;
26 and last of all, as it were ¹to one untimely born, ^aHe appeared to me also.
27 For I am ^athe least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I ^bpersecuted the church of God.
28 But by ^athe grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I ^blabored even more than all of them, yet ^cnot I, but the grace of God with me.
29 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.
30 ¶ Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there ^ais no resurrection of the dead?
31 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;
32 and ^aif Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.
33 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we witnessed ¹against God that He ^araised ²Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised.

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26 12-18; 1 Cor. 9:1
27 9 ^a2 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 3:8; 1 Tim. 1:15 ^aActs 8:3
28 10 ^aRom. 12:3 ^a2 Cor. 11:23; Col. 1:26; 1 Tim. 4:10
29 1 ^aCor. 3:8; 2 Cor. 3:5; Phil. 2:13
30 12 ^aActs 17:32; 23:8; 2 Tim. 2:18
31 14 ^a1 Thim. 4:14
32 15 ^aOr, concerning R.e., the Messiah ^aActs 2:24

16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; ^ayou are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who ^ahave fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are ^aof all men most to be pitied.

20 ^a But now Christ ^ahas been raised from the dead, the ^bfirst fruits of those who ^care asleep.

21 For since ^aby a man ^ccame death, by a man also ^ccame the resurrection of the dead.

22 For ^aas in Adam all die, so also in ¹Christ all shall be made alive.

23 But each in his own order: Christ ^athe first fruits, after that ^bthose who are Christ's at ^cHis coming.

24 then comes the end, when He delivers up ^athe kingdom to the ^bGod and Father, when He has abolished ^call rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign ^auntil He has put all His enemies under His feet.

26 The last enemy that will be ^aabolished is death.

27 For ^aHE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, "^bAll things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.

28 And when ^aall things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that ^bGod may be all in all.

29 ^a Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

30 Why are we also ^ain danger every hour?

17 ^aRom. 4:25
18 ^a1 Cor. 15:6; 1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 14:13
19 ^a1 Cor. 4:9; 2 Tim. 3:12
20 ^aActs 2:24, 1 Pet. 1:3
21 ^bActs 26:23, 1 Cor. 15:23; Rev. 1:5
22 ^a1 Cor. 15:6, 1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 14:13
23 ^aRom. 5:12
24 ^a1 Cor. 15:20; Rev. 1:5
25 ^a1 Cor. 6:14, 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:18
26 ^a1 Thess. 2:19
27 ^a1 Cor. 2:44, 7:14, 27; 2 Pet. 1:11
28 ^aEph. 5:20
29 ^aRom. 8:38
30 ^aPs. 110:1; Matt. 22:44
31 ^a2 Tim. 1:10; Rev. 20:14; 21:4
32 ^aPs. 8:6
33 ^aMatt. 11:27
34 ^a1 Cor. 1:22; Heb. 2:14
35 ^aPhil. 3:21
36 ^a1 Cor. 3:23, 12:6
37 ^a2 Cor. 11:26
38 ^aRom. 8:38
39 ^aLit., according to man
40 ^a2 Cor. 1:8
41 ^aActs 18:19; 1 Cor. 10:8
42 ^a1 Cor. 15:22, 13; 56
43 ^aLuke 12:19
44 ^a1 Cor. 6:9
45 ^aLit., righteously
46 ^aRom. 13:11
47 ^aMatt. 22:29
48 ^aActs 28:8
49 ^a1 Cor. 6:5
50 ^aRom. 9:19
51 ^aEzek. 37:3
52 ^aLuke 11:40
53 ^aJohn 12:24
54 ^aLit., some of the rest
55 ^aGen. 1:11
56 ^aLit., in corruption
57 ^aLit., in in-corruption
58 ^aDan. 12:3

31 I protest, brethren, by the boasting in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, ^aI die daily.

32 If ¹from human motives ^aI fought with wild beasts at ^bEphesus, what does it profit me? the dead are not raised, ^aLET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

33 ^aDo not be deceived: "^aBad company corrupts good morals."

34 ^aBecome sober-minded ^aas you ought, and stop sinning; for some have ^bno knowledge of God. ^aI speak ^{this} to your shame!

35 ^a But ^asomeone will say: "^aHow are ^bthe dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?"

36 ^aYou fool! That which you ^bsow does not come to life unless it dies;

37 and that which you sow you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of ¹something else.

38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and ^ato each of the seeds a body of its own.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is ^{one} flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the ^{glory} of the earthly is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 ^aSo also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown ¹in a perishable body, it is raised ²in an imperishable body;

43 it is sown in dishonor, it is

Matt. 13:43 ^aRom. 8:21, 1 Cor. 15:50; Gal. 6:8
^aRom. 2:7

raised in ^aglory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ¹⁴ it is sown a ^anatural body, it raised a ^bspiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is so a spiritual body.

¹⁵ So also it is written, "The first ^aMAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The ^blast Adam became a ^clife-giving spirit.

¹⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

¹⁷ The first man is ^afrom the earth, ^bearthy; the second man ^cfrom heaven.

¹⁸ As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, ^aso also are those who are heavenly.

¹⁹ And just as we have ^aborne the image of the earthy, ^bwe shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

²⁰ ¶ Now I say this, brethren, that ^aflesh and blood cannot ^binherit the kingdom of God; nor does ^cthe perishable inherit ^dthe imperishable.

²¹ Behold, I tell you a ^amystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be ^bchanged,

²² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for ^athe trumpet will sound, and ^bthe dead will be raised ^cimperishable, and ^dwe shall be changed.

²³ For this ^aperishable must put on ^bthe imperishable, and this ^cmortal must put on immortality.

²⁴ But when this ^aperishable will have put on ^bthe imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "^aDEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.

²⁵ "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

²⁶ The sting of ^adeath is sin, and ^bthe power of sin is the law;

⁴³ Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:4
⁴⁴ 1 Cor. 2:14
^{15:50}

⁴⁸ Gen. 2:7
¹ Rom. 8:14
¹ John 5:21; 6:57; Rom. 6:2

⁴⁷ 1 Lit., made of dust
¹ John 3:31
¹ Gen. 2:7; 3:19

⁴⁸ Phil. 3:20

⁴⁹ Some ancient mss. read let us also

¹ Gen. 5:3
¹ Rom. 8:29

⁵⁰ 1 Lit., corruption
¹ Matt. 16:17; John 3:31

¹ Cor. 6:9
¹ Rom. 2:7
¹ 1 Cor. 13:2
² Cor. 5:2, 4

⁵² 1 Lit., incorruptible
¹ Matt. 24:31
¹ John 5:28

¹ Thess. 4:15, 17

⁵³ 1 Lit., corruptible
¹ 2 Cor. 5:4
¹ 1 Cor. 15:53, note 2

¹ 1 Cor. 15:53, note 2
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⁵⁷ but ^athanks be to God, who gives us the ^bvictory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ ^aTherefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in ^bthe work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

CHAPTER 16

NOW concerning ^athe collection for ^bthe saints, as ^cI directed the churches of ^dGalatia, so do you also.

² On ^athe first day of every week let each one of you ^bput aside and save, as he may prosper, that ^cno collections be made when I come.

³ And when I arrive, ^awhom ever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

⁴ and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

⁵ But I ^ashall come to you after I go through ^bMacedonia, for I ^cam going through Macedonia;

⁶ and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, that you may ^asend me on my way wherever I may go.

⁷ For I do not wish to see you now ^ajust in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, ^bif the Lord permits.

⁸ But I shall remain in ^aEphe- sus until ^bPentecost;

⁹ for a ^awide door ^bfor effective service has opened to me, and ^cthere are many adversaries.

¹⁰ ¶ Now if ^aTimothy comes, see that he is with you without ^bcause to be afraid; for he is doing ^cthe Lord's work, as I also am.

¹¹ ^aLet no one therefore despise him. But ^bsend him on his way ^cin peace, so that he may

⁸ Acts 18:19
⁹ 1 Lit., and Acts 14:27
¹⁰ 1 Lit., fear; for Acts 18:1; 1 Cor. 4:17; 2 Cor. 1:1
¹¹ 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:15
¹ Acts 15:33

come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

12 But concerning ^aApollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not at all his desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

13 ^cBe on the alert, ^bstand firm in the faith, ^cact like men, ^dbe strong.

14 Let all that you do be done ^ein love.

15 ^fNow I urge you, brethren (you know the ^ahousehold of Stephanas, that ^bthey were the ^bfirst fruits of ^cAchaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ^dministry to ^ethe saints).

16 that ^ayou also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors.

17 And I rejoice over the ^acoming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; because

12 ^aActs 18:24; 1 Cor. 1:12; 3:5f.

13 ^aMatt. 24:42 b) 1 Cor. 15:1; Gal. 5:1; Phil. 1:27; 4:1; 1 Thess. 3:8; 2 Thess. 2:15 c) 1 Sam. 4:9; 2 Sam. 10:12 d) Ps. 31:24; Eph. 3:16; 6:10; Col. 1:11

14 ^a1 Cor. 14:1

15 ^aLat., it was

^a1 Cor. 1:16

^bRom. 16:5

^cActs 18:12

^dRom. 15:31

^e1 Cor. 16:1

16 ^a1 Thess. 5:12; Heb. 13:17

17 ^aOr, presence ^bOr, made up for your absence

^c2 Cor. 7:6f

^d2 Cor. 11:9; Phil. 2:30

18 ^a2 Cor. 7:13; Philem. 7, 20 b) Phil. 2:29; 1 Thess. 5:12

they have ^asupplied ^bwhat was lacking on your part.

18 For they ^ahave refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore ^backnowledge such men.

19 ^aThe churches of ^aAsia greet you. ^bAquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord with ^cthe church that is in the house.

20 All the brethren greet you. ^aGreet one another with a holy kiss.

21 ^aThe greeting is in ^amy own hand—^bPaul.

22 If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be ^aaccursed. ^bMaranatha.

23 ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

19 ^aActs 16:6 b) Acts 18:2 c) Rom. 16:5

20 ^aRom. 16:16

21 ^aLat., Paul's ^bRom. 10:22; Gal. 6:11; Col. 4:18;

2 Thess. 3:17; Philem. 19

22 ^aGr., anathema ^bi.e., () [our] Lord come! ^cRom. 9:1; Phil. 4:5; Rev. 22:20

23 ^aRom. 16:20

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Introduction

PAUL, ^aan apostle of ^bChrist Jesus ^cby the will of God, and ^dTimothy our brother, to ^ethe church of God which is at ^fCorinth with all the ^gsaints who are throughout ^aAchaia:

2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ^aBlessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and ^bGod of all comfort;

4 who ^acomforts us in all our

1 ^aOr, holy ones

^aRom. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:1;

2 Tim. 1:1;

Titus 1:1;

^bGal. 3:26

^c1 Cor. 1:1

^dActs 18:1;

1 Cor. 16:10;

2 Cor. 1:19

^e1 Cor. 10:32

^fActs 18:1

^gActs 18:12

2 ^aRom. 1:7

3 ^aEph. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3

^bRom. 15:5

4 ^aIsa. 51:12; 66:13;

2 Cor. 7:6; 7, 13

affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For just ^aas the sufferings of Christ are ^bours in abundance, so also our comfort is abundant through Christ.

6 But if we are afflicted, it is ^afor your comfort and salvation or if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer;

5 ^aLat., to us ^b2 Cor. 4:10; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24

6 ^a2 Cor. 4:15; 12:15; Eph. 3:1, 13; 2 Tim. 2:10

7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that ^aas you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

8 For ^awe do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our ^baffliction which came to us in ^{1c}Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

9 ¹indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

10 who ^adelivered us from so great a ^bperil of death, and will deliver us, ¹He ^bon whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

11 you also joining in ^ahelping us through your prayers, that thanks may be given by ^bmany persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through the prayers of many.

12 ^aFor our ¹proud confidence is this, the testimony of ^aour conscience, that in holiness and ^bgodly sincerity, ^cnot in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

13 For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand ^auntil the end;

14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in ^athe day of our Lord Jesus.

15 ¹And in this confidence I intended at first to ^acome to you, that you might ¹twice receive a ^{2b}blessing;

16 ¹that is, to ^apass ²your way into ^bMacedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be ^chelped on my journey to Judea.

17 Therefore, I was not vacillating when I intended to do this,

7 ^aRom. 8:17
8 ¹La., west coast province of Asia Minor
^aRom. 1:13
^bActs 19:23
¹Cor. 15:32
^cActs 16:6
9 ¹La., but we ourselves
10 ¹Or, on whom we have set our hope that He will also
^aRom. 15:31
¹1 Tim. 4:10
11 ^aRom. 15:30; Phil. 1:19; Philem. 22
^b2 Cor. 4:15, 9:11
12 ¹La., boasting
^aActs 23:1
¹Thess. 2:10
Heb. 13:18
^b2 Cor. 2:17
¹1 Cor. 1:17
James 3:15
13 ¹1 Cor. 1:8
14 ¹1 Cor. 1:8
15 ¹La., have a second grace
²Some ancient mss. read joy
¹1 Cor. 4:19
^aRom. 1:11, 15:20
16 ¹La., and
²La., through you into
^aActs 19:21, 1 Cor. 16:5-7
^bActs 19:21
Rom. 15:28
^cActs 15:3, 1 Cor. 16:6, 11
17 ¹2 Cor. 10:21, 11:18
18 ¹1 Cor. 19:2 Cor. 2:17
19 ^aHeb. 4:3, 16:16
20 ^bActs 15:22
21 ¹Thess. 1:1
22 ¹Thess. 1:1
1 Pet. 5:12
^cActs 18:5
23 ¹1 Cor. 11
4:16, 13:8
24 ^aRom. 15:8
15:8
13:8
14:16, Rev. 3:14
21 ¹1 Cor. 1:8
1:8
1:1 John 2:28, 27
22 ¹Or, down payment
^aJohn 3:33
^bRom. 8:16
2 Cor. 5:5
Eph. 1:14

was I? Or that which I purpose, do I purpose ^aaccording to the flesh, that with me there should be yes, yes and no, no at the same time?

18 But as ^aGod is faithful, ^bour word to you is not yes and no.

19 For ^athe Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and ^bSilvanus and ^cTimothy—was not yes and no, but is yes ^din Him.

20 For ^aas many as may be the promises of God, ^bin Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is ^cour Amen to the glory of God through us.

21 Now He who ^aestablishes us with you in Christ and ^banoints us is God,

22 who also ^asealed us and ^bgave us the Spirit in our hearts as a ¹pledge.

23 ¹But ¹I call God as witness ¹to my soul, that ²to spare you I came no more to ^cCorinth.

24 Not that we ^alord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are ^bstanding firm.

CHAPTER 2

BUT I determined this ¹for my own sake, that I ^awould not come to you in sorrow again.

2 For if I ^acause you sorrow, who then makes me glad but the one whom I made sorrowful?

3 And this is the very thing I ^awrote you, lest, ^bwhen I came, I should have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; having ^cconfidence in you all, that my joy would be the joy of you all.

4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I ^awrote to

25 ¹La., upon ^aRom. 1:28 Gal. 1:20
¹1 Cor. 4:21, 2 Cor. 2:1, 3:12
26 ¹2 Cor. 4:5; 11:20; 1 Pet. 5:3
^aRom. 11:20; 1 Cor. 15:1
1 ¹Or, as far as I am concerned
¹1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 12:21
2 ¹2 Cor. 7:8
3 ¹2 Cor. 2:8; 7:8, 12:1
¹1 Cor. 4:21, 2 Cor. 12:21
Gal. 5:10; 2 Thess. 3:4; Philem. 21
4 ¹2 Cor. 2:8; 7:8, 12

you with many tears; not that you should be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

5 ¶ But if any has caused sorrow, he has caused sorrow not to me, but in some degree—in order not to say too much—to all of you.

6 Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the majority,

7 so that on the contrary you should rather forgive and comfort him, lest somehow such a one be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

8 Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm your love for him.

9 For to this end also I wrote that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.

10 But whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ.

11 in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

12 ¶ Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ and when a door was opened for me in the Lord,

13 I had no rest for my spirit, not finding Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I went on to Macedonia.

14 ¶ But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;

16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?

5 ¹Lit., that I be not burdensome
1 Cor. 5:1f.
6 1 Cor. 5:4f.; 2 Cor. 7:11

7 Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:32

9 ¹Lit., know the proof of you
2 Cor. 2:3f.
12 Cor. 8:2; Phil. 2:22
2 Cor. 7:15; 10:6

10 1 Cor. 5:4; 2 Cor. 4:6

11 Matt. 4:10; Luke 22:31; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Pet. 5:8

12 Acts 16:8; Rom. 1:1; 2 Cor. 4:3, 4; 8:18; 9:13; 10:14; 11:4, 7;

1 Thessa. 3:2
Acts 14:27

13 2 Cor. 7:5; 2 Cor. 7:6, 13f.; 8:6, 16, 23; 12:18;

Gal. 2:1, 3; 2 Tim. 4:10; Titus 1:4

Mark 6:48
Rom. 15:26

14 Rom. 1:8, 6:17; 1 Cor. 15:57;

2 Cor. 8:16; 9:15; Col. 2:15

15 Song 1:3; Ezek. 20:41; Eph. 5:2; Phil. 4:18

1 Cor. 12:8

16 Song 1:3; Ezek. 20:41; Eph. 5:2; Phil. 4:18

1 Cor. 1:18

17 Luke 2:34; John 9:39; 1 Pet. 2:7f.; 2 Cor. 3:5f.

17 1 Cor. corrupting

2 Cor. 4:2; Gal. 1:6-9

1 Cor. 5:8; 2 Cor. 1:12;

1 Thessa. 2:4; 1 Pet. 4:11

2 Cor. 12:19

1 2 Cor. 5:12; 10:12; 18; 12:11

Acts 18:27; 1 Cor. 16:3

2 1 Cor. 9:2

3 ¹Lit., served

2 ¹Lit., hearts of flesh

2 Cor. 3:8

Matt. 16:16

17 For we are not like many peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

CHAPTER 3

ARE we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, letters of commendation to you or from you?

2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men;

3 being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts.

4 And such confidence we have through Christ toward God.

5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

6 who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was,

8 how shall the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory.

Ex. 24:12; 31:18; 32:15f.; 2 Cor. 3:7; Prov. 3:3; 7:3; Jer. 17:1; Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 11:19; 36:26

4 Eph. 3:12

5 1 Cor. 15:10

6 1 Cor. 3:5; Jer. 31:31; Luke 22:20; Rom. 2:29

John 6:63; Rom. 7:6

7 Or, in glory; Rom. 4:15; 5:20; 7:5f.; 2 Cor. 3:9; Gal. 3:10, 21f.; Ex. 24:12; 31:18; 32:15f.; 2 Cor. 3:3; Ex. 34:29-35; 2 Cor. 3:13

8 Deut. 27:28; 2 Cor. 3:7; Heb. 12:18-21; Rom. 1:17; 3:21f.

10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory on account of the glory that surpasses it.

11 For if that which fades away was ¹with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

12 ¶ ^aHaving therefore such a hope, ^bwe use great boldness in our speech,

13 and are not as Moses, ^awho used to put a veil over his face that the sons of Israel might not look intently at the end of what was fading away.

14 But their minds were ^ahardened; for until this very day at the ^breading of ^cthe old covenant the same veil ¹remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ.

15 But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;

16 ^abut whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where ^athe Spirit of the Lord is, ^bthere is liberty.

18 But we all, with unveiled face ^abeholding as in a mirror the ^bglory of the Lord, are being ^ctransformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from ^dthe Lord, the Spirit.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, since we have this ^aministry, as we ^breceived mercy, we ^cdo not lose heart,

2 but we have renounced the ^athings hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or ^badulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth ^ccommending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 And even if our ^agospel is ^bveiled, it is veiled ¹to ^cthose who are perishing,

11 ¹Lit., through
12 ²2 Cor.
7:4 ³Acts
4:13, 29;
2 Cor. 7:4;
Eph. 6:19;
1 Thess. 2:2
13 ⁴Ex.
34:33-35;
2 Cor. 3:7

14 ⁵Or, remains, it not being revealed that it is done away in Christ
15 ⁶Rom. 11:7;
2 Cor. 4:4
16 ⁷Acts 13:15
17 ⁸2 Cor. 3:6
18 ⁹Ex.
34:34, Rom.
11:23
19 ¹⁰Is.
61:11; Gal.
4:6 ¹¹John
8:32; Gal. 5:1
13

18 ¹²1 Cor.
13:12 ¹³John
17:22, 24;
2 Cor. 4:4, 6
19 ¹⁴Rom. 8:29
20 ¹⁵2 Cor. 3:17
21 ¹⁶1 Cor.
3:5 ¹⁷1 Cor.
7:25 ¹⁸Luke
18:1, 2 Cor.
4:16; Gal. 6:9;
Eph. 3:13;
2 Thess. 3:13
22 ¹⁹Rom.
6:21, 1 Cor.
4:5 ²⁰2 Cor.
2:17 ²¹2 Cor.
5:11f

23 ²²Lit., in
24 ²³2 Cor. 2:12
25 ²⁴1 Cor. 2:6ff.
26 ²⁵2 Cor. 3:14
27 ²⁶1 Cor. 1:18;
28 ²⁷2 Cor. 2:15

29 ²⁸1 Lit., age
30 ²⁹Or, that the light
image of
God, should
not dawn
upon them
31 ³⁰John 12:31
32 ³¹Matt. 13:22
33 ³²2 Cor. 3:14
34 ³³Acts 28:18;
35 ³⁴2 Cor. 4:6
36 ³⁵2 Cor. 3:18;
37 ³⁶John
1:18; Phil.
2:6; Col. 1:15;
Heb. 1:3
38 ³⁷Or,

39 ³⁸through Jesus
40 ³⁹1 Cor. 4:15f.
41 ⁴⁰1 Thess. 2:6f.
42 ⁴¹6 Gen. 1:3
43 ⁴²2 Pet. 1:19
44 ⁴³Acts 28:18;
45 ⁴⁴2 Cor. 4:4
46 ⁴⁵7 Job
4:18; 10:9;
33:6; Lam.
4:2; 2 Cor.
5:1, 2 Tim.
2:20 ⁴⁶Judg.
7:2, 1 Cor. 2:5

4 in whose case ^athe god of ^bthis ¹world has ^cblinded the minds of the unbelieving, ²that they might not see the ^dlight of the gospel of the ^eglory of Christ, who is the ^fimage of God.

5 For we ^ado not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants ¹for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who said, "^aLight shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has ^bshone in our hearts to give the ^clight of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

7 ¶ But we have this treasure in ^aearthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of ^bthe power may be of God and not from ourselves;

8 we are ^aafflicted in every way, but not ^bcrushed; ^cperplexed, but not despairing;

9 ^apersecuted, but not ^bforsaken; ^cstruck down, but not destroyed;

10 ^aalways carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that ^bthe life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So death works in us, but life in you.

13 But having the same ^aspirit of faith, according to what is written, "^bI BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore also we speak;

14 knowing that He who ^araised the Lord Jesus ^bwill raise us also with Jesus and will ^cpresent us with you.

8 ¹2 Cor. 1:8; 7:5 ²2 Cor. 6:12 ³Gal. 4:20
9 ⁴John 15:20; Rom. 8:35f. ⁵Ps. 129:2; Heb. 13:5 ⁶Ps.
37:24; Prov. 24:16; Mic. 7:8
10 ⁷Rom. 6:5; 8:36; Gal. 6:17 ⁸Rom. 6:8
11 ⁹1 Cor. 12:9 ¹⁰Ps. 116:10
12 ¹¹Acts 2:24 ¹²1 Thess. 4:14 ¹³Luke 21:36; Eph. 5:27;
Col. 1:22; Jude 24

15 For all things are ^afor your sakes, that the grace which is ^bspreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

16 ¶ Therefore we ^ado not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our ^binner man is ^cbeing renewed day by day.

17 For momentary, ^alight affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

18 while we ^alook not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

CHAPTER 5

FOR we know that if ¹the ^aearthly ^btent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house ^cnot made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For indeed in this house we ^agroan, longing to be ^bclothed with our dwelling from heaven;

3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, shall not be found naked.

4 For indeed while we are in this tent, we ^agroan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be ^bclothed, in order that what is ^cmortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who ^agave to us the Spirit as a ^bpledge.

6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that ^awhile we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

7 for ^awe walk by faith, not by ^bsight—

8 we are of good courage, I say, and ^aprefer rather to be absent

15 ¹Lit., being multiplied through the many.
^aRom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 1:6; ^b1 Cor. 9:18; 2 Cor. 1:11; 18 ^a2 Cor. 4:1; ^bRom. 7:22; ^cIs. 40:29, 31; Col. 3:10; 17 ^aRom. 8:18; 18 ^aRom. 8:24; 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:1, 13; 1 ¹Lit., our earthly house of the tent;
^aJoh. 4:19; 1 Cor. 15:47; 2 Cor. 4:7; ^b2 Pet. 1:13f.; ^cMark 14:58; Acts 7:48; Heb. 9:11, 24; 2 ^aRom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 5:4; ^b1 Cor. 15:53f.; 2 Cor. 5:4; 4 ^a2 Cor. 5:2; ^b1 Cor. 15:53f.; 2 Cor. 5:2; ^c1 Cor. 15:54; 8 ¹Or, down payment;
^aRom. 8:23; 2 Cor. 1:22; 6 ^aHeb. 11:13f.; 7 ¹Or, appearance;
^a1 Cor. 13:12; 2 Cor. 4:18; 8 ^aPhil. 1:23; ^bJohn 12:26; Phil. 1:23; 9 ^aRom. 14:18; Col. 1:10; 1 ^aThess. 4:1; 10 ¹Lit., the things through the body;
^aMatt. 16:27; Acts 10:42; Rom. 2:16; 14:10, 12; Eph. 6:8; 11 ^aHeb. 10:31; 12:29; Jude 23; ^b2 Cor. 4:2; 12 ^a2 Cor. 3:1; ^b2 Cor. 1:14; Phil. 1:26; 13 ¹Lit., were;
^aMark 3:21; 2 Cor. 11:1; 16ff.; 12:11; 14 ^aActs 18:5; ^bRom. 5:15; ^c6:6f.; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3

from the body and ^bto be at home with the Lord.

9 Therefore also ^awe have a our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be ^apleasing to Him.

10 For we must all appear before ^athe judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for ^bhis deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

11 ¶ Therefore knowing the ^afear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are ^bmade manifest also in your consciences.

12 We are not ^aagain commending ourselves to you but are giving you an ^boccasion to be proud of us, that you may have an answer for those who take pride in appearance, and not in heart.

13 For if we ^aare ^abeside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

14 For the love of Christ ^acontrols us, having concluded this that ^bone died for all, therefore all died;

15 and He died for all, that they who live should no longer ^alive for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no man ^aaccording to the flesh; even though we have known Christ ^aaccording to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

17 Therefore if any man is ^ain Christ, ^bhe is ^aa new creature; ^cthe old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

18 Now ^aall these things are from God, ^bwho reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and

13 ^aRom. 14:7-9

16 ¹i.e., by what he is in the flesh ^aJohn 8:15; 2 Cor. 11:18; Phil. 3:4

17 ¹Or, there is a new creation ^aRom. 16:7; ^bJohn 3:3; Rom. 6:4; Gal. 6:15; ^cIs. 43:18f.; 65:17; Eph. 4:24; Rev. 21:4f.

18 ^a1 Cor. 11:12; ^bRom. 5:10; Col. 1:20

gave us the ^cministry of reconciliation,

19 namely, that ^aGod was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, ^bnot counting their trespasses against them, and ¹He has ²committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 ¶ Therefore, we are ^aambassadors for Christ, ^bas though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be ^creconciled to God.

21 He made Him who ^aknew no sin to be ^bsin on our behalf, that we might become the ^crighteousness of God in Him.

CHAPTER 6

AND ^aworking together with Him, ^bwe also urge you not to receive ^cthe grace of God in vain—

2 for He says,

"^aAT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU,

AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU";

behold, now is "^aTHE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "^aTHE DAY OF SALVATION"—

3 ^agiving no cause for offense in anything, in order that the ministry be not discredited,

4 but in everything ^acommending ourselves as ^bservants of God, ^cin much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

5 in ^abeatings, in imprisonments, in ^btumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in ^chunger,

6 in purity, in ^aknowledge, in ^bpatience, in kindness, in the ^cHoly Spirit, in ^dgenuine love,

7 in ^athe word of truth, in ^bthe power of God; by ^cthe weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,

8 by glory and ^adishonor, by ^bevil report and good report; regarded as ^cdeceivers and yet ^dtrue;

9 as unknown yet well-known,

18 ^a1 Cor. 3:5
19 ^a1 Lt., having ^a1 Lt. placed in us
^aCol. 2:9
^aRom. 4:8
1 Cor. 13:5
20 ^aMal. 2:7
Eph. 6:20
21 ^aCor. 6:1
^aRom. 5:10
Col. 1:20
21 ^aActs 3:14; Heb. 4:15; 7:28
1 Pet. 2:22
1 John 3:5
^aRom. 3:25
4:25; 8:3; Gal. 3:13
^aRom. 1:17; 3:21f.
1 Cor. 1:30
1 ^a1 Cor. 3:9
2 ^aCor. 5:20
^aActs 11:23
2 ^a1a. 49:8
3 ^a1 Cor. 8:9; 13; 9:12
4 ^aOr, man
users
^aRom. 3:5
1 ^a1 Cor. 3:5
2 Tim. 2:24f.
^aActs 9:18
2 Cor. 4:8-11
6:4ff.; 11:23-27; 12:10
3 ^aActs 18:23
^aActs 19:23f.
1 ^a1 Cor. 4:11
2 ^a1 Cor. 12:8; 2 Cor. 11:6
2 ^aCor. 12:3; 7:10; 13:10
1 ^a1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:5
^aRom. 12:9
7 ^a2 Cor. 2:17; 4:2
1 ^a1 Cor. 2:5
^aRom. 13:12
2 ^aCor. 10:4
Eph. 6:11f.
3 ^a1 Cor. 4:10
^aRom. 3:8; 1 Cor. 4:13; 2 Cor. 12:18
^a1a. 27:63
2 ^aCor. 11:18; 4:2
1 ^aThess. 2:3f.
9 ^aOr, disciplined
^aRom. 8:36
2 ^aCor. 1:8; 10:4, 11
10 ^aJohn 16:22; 2 Cor. 7:4; Phil. 2:17; 4:4; Col. 1:24; 1 Thess. 1:6
1 ^a1 Cor. 15:2
2 ^aCor. 5:9
^aActs 3:6
^aRom. 8:32
1 ^aCor. 3:21
11 ^a1 Lt., is open to you
^a1a. 33:22; Eph. 6:19
1a. 60:3; 2 Cor. 7:3

as ^adying yet behold, ^bwe live; as ^cpunished yet not put to death.

10 as ^asorrowful yet always ^brejoicing, as ^cpoor yet making many rich, as ^dhaving nothing yet possessing ^eall things.

11 ¶ ^aOur mouth ^bhas spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our ^cheart is opened wide.

12 You are not restrained ^bby us, but ^ayou are restrained in your own ^caffections.

13 Now in a like ^aexchange—I speak as to ^bchildren—open wide to us also.

14 ¶ ^aDo not be ^bbound together with ^cunbelievers; for what ^dpartnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

15 Or what ^aharmony has Christ with ^bBelial, or ^cwhat has a ^dbeliever in common with an ^eunbeliever?

16 Or ^awhat agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are ^bthe temple of ^cthe living God; just as God said,

"^aI WILL ^bDWELL IN THEM AND ^cWALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

17 "^aTherefore, ^bCOME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord.

"AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN;

And I will welcome you.

18 "^aAnd I will be a father to you,

And you shall be ^bsons and daughters to Me,"

Says the Lord Almighty.

12 ^aOr, in us ^a1 Lt., inward parts
2 ^aCor. 7:2

13 ^aGal. 4:12
1 ^a1 Cor. 4:14

14 ^a1 Lt., unequally yoked
1 ^a1 Cor. 3:21

1 ^a1 Cor. 6:6
Eph. 5:7; 11; 1 John 1:8

15 ^aOr, Belial
1 Lt., what part has a believer with an unbeliever
1 ^a1 Cor. 10:21
Acts 3:14; 1 Pet. 1:21
1 ^a1 Cor. 6:6

16 ^a1 Cor. 10:21
1 ^a1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19
1 ^a1a. 16:16
2 ^aEx. 28:45; Lev. 28:12; Jer. 31:1; Ezek. 37:27
2 ^aEx. 25:2; John 14:23
1 ^aRev. 2:1

17 ^a1a. 52:11
1 ^aRev. 18:4

18 ^a2 Sam. 7:14; 1 Chr. 17:13; 1a. 43:2; Hos. 1:10

1 ^aRom. 8:14

CHAPTER 7

THEREFORE, having these promises, ^abeloved, ^blet us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 ^aMake room for us in your hearts; we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we took advantage of no one.

3 I do not speak to condemn you; for I have said ^abefore that you are ^bin our hearts to die together and to live together.

4 Great is my ^aconfidence in you, great is my ^bboasting on your behalf; I am filled with ^ccomfort. I am overflowing with ^djoy in all our affliction.

5 ^cFor even when we came into ^aMacedonia our flesh had no rest, but we were ^bafflicted on every side: ^cconflicts without, fears within.

6 But ^aGod, who comforts the ^bdepressed, ^ccomforted us by the coming of ^dTitus;

7 and not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more.

8 For though I ^acaused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a ^arepentance ^bwithout regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For behold what earnestness this very thing, this ^bgodly

1 ^aHeb. 6:9

b1 Pet. 1:13f

2 ^a2 Cor.

6:12f., 12:15

3 ^a2 Cor.

6:11f. bPhil.

1:7

4 ^aLit., to

2 Cor. 3:12

b2 Cor. 7:14,

8:24, 9:2f.,

10:8, Phil.

1:26, 2 Thessa

1:4 c2 Cor.

1:4 d2 Cor.

6:10

5 ^aRom.

15:26, 2 Cor.

2:13 b2 Cor.

4:8 cDeut.

32:25

6 ^aOr,

humble

b2 Cor. 1:3f.

b2 Cor. 7:13

c2 Cor. 2:13,

7:13f.

8 ^a2 Cor.

2:2

10 ^aOr, lead-

ing to a sal-

vation with-

out regret

aActs 11:18

11 ^aLit., sor-

row accord-

ing to God

b2 Cor. 7:7

b2 Cor. 2:6

cRom. 3:5

12 ^a2 Cor.

2:3, 9:7, 8

b1 Cor. 5:1f

13 ^a2 Cor.

7:6 b2 Cor.

2:13; 7:6, 14

c1 Cor. 16:18

14 ^a2 Cor.

7:4; 8:24,

9:2f.; 10:8;

Phil. 1:26;

2 Thessa. 1:4

b2 Cor. 2:13;

7:6, 13

15 ^aLit., in-

ward parts

b2 Cor. 2:9

b1 Cor. 2:3;

Phil. 2:12

16 ^a2 Cor.

2:3

1 ^a2 Cor.

8:5 bActs 16:9

2 ^aRom.

2:4

3 ^a1 Cor.

16:2; 2 Cor.

8:11

4 ^aLit., ser-

vice to the

saints bOr,

holy ones

aActs 24:17;

Rom. 15:25f.

bRom. 15:31;

2 Cor. 8:19f.;

9:1, 12f.

sorrow, has produced in you what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what ^alonging, what zeal, what ^bavenging of wrong! I, everything you ^cdemonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

12 So although ^aI wrote to you it was not for the sake of ^bthe offender, nor for the sake of the one offended, but that your earnestness on our behalf might be made known to you in the sight of God.

13 For this reason we have been ^acomforted.

¶ And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of ^bTitus, because his ^cspirit has been refreshed by you all.

14 For if in anything I have ^aboasted to him about you, I was not put to shame; but as we spoke all things to you in truth so also our boasting before ^bTitus proved to be the truth.

15 And his ^aaffection abounds all the more toward you, as he remembers the ^bobedience of you all, how you received him with ^bfear and trembling.

16 I rejoice that in everything ^aI have confidence in you.

CHAPTER 8

NOW, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been ^agiven in the churches of ^bMacedonia,

2 that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the ^awealth of their liberality.

3 For I testify that ^aaccording to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord,

4 begging us with much entreaty for the ^afavor of participation in the ^bsupport of the ^csaints,

5 and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

6 Consequently we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, so he would also complete in you this gracious work as well.

7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also.

8 I am not speaking this as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

10 And I give my opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do this, but also to desire to do it.

11 But now finish doing it also; that just as there was the readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability.

12 For if the readiness is present, it is acceptable according to what a man has, not according to what he does not have.

13 For this is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality—

14 at this present time your abundance being a supply for their want, that their abundance also may become a supply for your want, that there may be equality;

15 as it is written, "HE WHO GATHERED MUCH DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH, AND HE WHO GATHERED LITTLE HAD NO LACK."

16 But thanks be to God, who puts the same earnestness

8 ¹ *Lit.*, hoped
² *Cor.* 8:1
³ *1 Cor.* 1:1
⁴ *2 Cor.* 8:17, 12:18
⁵ *2 Cor.* 2:13, 8:16, 23
⁶ *2 Cor.* 8:10
⁷ *Acts* 24:17, *Rom.* 15:25f
⁸ *1 Lit.*, love from us in you, some ancient mss. read your love for us
⁹ *2 Cor.* 9:8
¹⁰ *Rom.* 15:14, *1 Cor.* 1:5, 12:8
¹¹ *1 Cor.* 7:6
¹² *2 Cor.* 13:14 *Matt.* 20:28, *2 Cor.* 6:10, *Phil.* 2:6f
¹³ *1 Cor.* 7:25, 40
¹⁴ *1 Cor.* 16:2f, *2 Cor.* 9:2
¹⁵ *1 Lit.*, the doing
¹⁶ *2 Cor.* 8:12, 19:9, 2
¹⁷ *Mark* 12:43f, *Luke* 21:3, 4, *2 Cor.* 9:7
¹⁸ *Acts* 4:34, *2 Cor.* 9:12
¹⁹ *Ex.* 16:18
²⁰ *2 Cor.* 2:14 *Rev.* 17:17 *2 Cor.* 2:13, 8:8, 23
²¹ *2 Cor.* 8:6, 12:18
²² *1 Cor.* 16:3, *2 Cor.* 12:18 *2 Cor.* 2:12 *1 Cor.* 4:17, 7:17
²³ *Rom.* 5:3 *Acts* 14:23, *1 Cor.* 16:3f, *2 Cor.* 8:4, 6 *2 Cor.* 8:11, 12, 9:2
²⁴ *1 Lit.*, availing this
²⁵ *Rom.* 12:17 *Prov.* 3:4, *Rom.* 14:18
²⁶ *1 Lit.*, for you *1 Lit.*, apostles
²⁷ *2 Cor.* 8:6
²⁸ *Philem.* 17
²⁹ *2 Cor.* 8:18, 22 *John* 13:16, *Phil.* 2:25 *1 Cor.* 11:7
³⁰ *1 Lit.*, in the face of the churches
³¹ *Or.*, show the

on your behalf in the heart of Titus.

17 For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord.

18 And we have sent along with him the brother whose fame in the things of the gospel has spread through all the churches;

19 and not only this, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us in this gracious work, which is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and to show our readiness.

20 Taking precaution that no one should discredit us in our administration of this generous gift;

21 for we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have often tested and found diligent in many things, but now even more diligent, because of his great confidence in you.

23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brethren, they are messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ.

24 Therefore openly before the churches show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

CHAPTER 9

FOR it is superfluous for me to write to you about this ministry to the saints;

2 for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the Macedonians, namely, that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

proof... for boasting to them about you *2 Cor.* 7:4
¹ *Or.*, holy ones *1 Thess.* 4:9 *2 Cor.* 8:4
² *2 Cor.* 7:4 *Rom.* 15:26 *Acts* 18:12 *2 Cor.* 8:10

3 But I have sent the brethren, that our ^aboasting about you may not be made empty in this case, that, ^bas I was saying, you may be prepared;

4 lest if any ^aMacedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to speak of you) should be put to shame by this confidence.

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the ^abrethren that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised ^bbountiful gift, that the same might be ready as a ^cbountiful gift, and not ^daffected by covetousness.

6 ¶ Now this I say, ^ahe who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows ^bbountifully shall also reap ^bbountifully.

7 Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not ^agrudgingly or under compulsion; for ^bGod loves a cheerful giver.

8 And ^aGod is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

9 as it is written,

"HE SCATTERED ABROAD,
HE GAVE TO THE POOR,
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS
ABIDES FOREVER."

10 Now He who supplies ^aseed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and ^bincrease the harvest of your righteousness;

11 you will be ^aenriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing ^bthanksgiving to God.

12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying ^athe needs of the ¹saints, but is also overflowing ^bthrough many thanksgivings to God.

13 Because of the proof given by this ^aministry they will ^bglori-

3 ^a2 Cor. 7:4 ^b1 Cor. 16:2
4 ^aRom. 15:26
5 ¹Lit., blessing ²Lit., as covetousness
6 ^a2 Cor. 9:3
7 ^aGen. 33:11; Judg. 1:15; 2 Cor. 9:6
8 ^aPhil. 4:17
9 ^a2 Cor. 12:177
10 ¹Lit., with blessings
11 ^aProv. 11:24f., 22:9; Gal. 6:7, 9
12 ^aDeut. 15:10; 1 Chr. 29:17; Rom. 12:8, 2 Cor. 8:12 ^bEx. 25:2
13 ^aEph. 3:20
14 ^aPs. 112:9
15 ^aIsa. 55:10
16 ^aHos. 10:12
17 ^a1 Cor. 13:5 ^b2 Cor. 1:11
18 ¹Or, holy ones
19 ^a2 Cor. 8:14
20 ^a2 Cor. 1:11
21 ¹Or, sharing with them
22 ^aRom. 15:31; 2 Cor. 8:4
23 ^aMatt. 9:8
24 ^a1 Tim. 8:12f.; Heb. 3:1, 4:14; 10:23
25 ^a2 Cor. 2:12
26 ^a18 ^b2 Cor. 2:14 ^bRom. 5:15f.
27 ¹Lit., lowly
28 ^aGal. 5:2; Eph. 3:1; Col. 1:23 ^bRom. 12:1 ^cMatt. 11:29; 1 Cor. 4:21; Phil. 4:5
29 ^a1 Cor. 2:3f.; 2 Cor. 10:10
30 ^a2 ^b1 Cor. 4:21; 2 Cor. 13:2, 10
31 ^a1 Cor. 4:18f.; ^cRom. 8:4; 2 Cor. 1:17
32 ^aRom. 8:4; 2 Cor. 1:17
33 ¹Or, mighty before God
34 ^a1 Cor. 9:7; 2 Cor. 6:7; 1 Tim. 1:18
35 ^aJer. 1:10; 2 Cor. 10:2; 13:10
36 ^aIsa. 2:11f.
37 ^a2 Cor. 9:13
38 ^a2 Cor. 2:9

fy God for your obedience to your ^aconfession of the ^agospel of Christ, and for the ^bliberality of your ^ccontribution to them and to all,

14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

15 ^aThanks be to God for His indescribable ^bgift!

CHAPTER 10

NOW ^aI, Paul, myself ^burge you by the ^cmeekness and gentleness of Christ—I who ^dam ^emeek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!

2 I ask that ^awhen I am present I may not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against ^bsome, who regard us as if we walked ^caccording to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war ^aaccording to the flesh,

4 for the ^aweapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but ^bdivinely powerful ^cfor the destruction of fortresses.

5 We are destroying speculations and every ^alofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the ^bobedience of Christ,

6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever ^ayour obedience is complete.

7 ^aYou are looking at ^bthings as they are outwardly. ^cIf anyone is confident in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again within himself, that just as he is Christ's, ^cso also are we.

8 For even if ^aI should boast somewhat ^bfurther about our ^cauthority, which the Lord gave

7 ¹Or, Look at . . . or Do you look at . . . ? ²Lit., what is before your face ^aJohn 7:24; 2 Cor. 5:12 ^b1 Cor. 1:12; 14:37 ^c1 Cor. 9:1; 2 Cor. 11:23; Gal. 1:12
8 ¹Or, more abundantly ^a2 Cor. 7:4 ^b2 Cor. 13:10

for building you up and not for destroying you, I shall not be put to shame.

9 ¹for I do not wish to seem as if I would terrify you by my letters.

10 For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his ¹personal presence is ^aunimpressive, and ^bhis speech contemptible."

11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons we are also in deed when present.

12 For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with ¹some of those who ^acommend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding.

13 But we will not boast ^abeyond our measure, but ^bwithin the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you.

14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not reach to you, for ^awe were the first to come even as far as you in the ^bgospel of Christ;

15 not boasting ^abeyond our measure, that is, in ^bother men's labors, but with the hope that as ^cyour faith grows, we shall be, ^dwithin our sphere, ^eenlarged even more by you.

16 so as to ^apreach the gospel even to ^bthe regions beyond you, and not to boast ^cin what has been accomplished in the sphere of another.

17 But ^aHE WHO BOASTS, LET HIM BOAST IN THE LORD.

18 For not he who ^acommends himself is approved, but ^bwhom the Lord commends.

CHAPTER 11

I WISH that you would ^abear with me in a little ^bfoolish-

9 ¹Lat., that I may not seem.

10 ¹Lat., bodily presence is weak.

^a1 Cor. 2:3;

2 Cor. 12:7;

Gal. 4:13f

^a1 Cor. 1:17;

2 Cor. 11:6

12 ¹Or, any

^a2 Cor. 3:1,

10:18

13 ¹Lat., according to the measure

^a2 Cor. 10:15

^aRom. 12:3;

2 Cor. 10:15f

14 ^a1 Cor.

3:6 ^a2 Cor.

2:12

15 ¹Lat., according to our sphere

^a2 Cor. 10:13

^aRom. 15:20

^a2 Thess. 1:3

^aActs 5:13

16 ¹Lat., to the things prepared in the

^a2 Cor. 11:7

^aActs 19:21

^aRom. 15:20

17 ^aJer.

9:24, 1 Cor.

1:31

18 ^a2 Cor.

10:12 ^aRom.

2:29; 1 Cor.

4:5

1 ¹Or, do indeed bear with me

^aMatt. 17:17;

2 Cor. 11:4,

16, 19f

^a2 Cor. 5:13,

11:17, 21

2 ^aPlus.

2 ^a19f. Eph.

5:20f ^a2 Cor.

4:14

3 ^aGen.

3:4, 13, John

8:44, 1 Thess.

3:5, 1 Tim.

2:14, Rev.

12:9, 15

4 ^a1 Cor.

3:11 ^aRom.

8:15 ^aGal. 1:6

^a2 Cor. 11:1

^aMark 7:9

5 ¹Or, super-apostles

^a2 Cor. 12:11,

Gal. 2:6

6 ^a1 Cor.

1:17 ^a1 Cor.

12:8; Eph. 3:4

^a2 Cor. 4:2

7 ^a2 Cor.

12:13 ^aRom.

1:1, 2 Cor.

2:12 ^aActs

18:3; 1 Cor.

9:18

8 ^a1 Cor.

4:12; 8:1f

Phil. 4:15, 18

ness; but ¹indeed you are bearing with me.

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I ^abetrothed you to one husband, that to Christ I might ^bpresent you as a pure virgin.

3 But I am afraid, lest as the ^aserpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

4 For if one comes and preaches ^aanother Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a ^bdifferent spirit which you have not received, or a ^cdifferent gospel which you have not accepted, you ^dbear this ^ebeautifully.

5 For I consider myself ^anot in the least inferior to the ¹most eminent apostles.

6 But even if I am ^aunskilled in speech, yet I am not so in ^bknowledge; in fact, in every way we have ^cmade this evident to you in all things.

7 Or ^adid I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the ^bgospel of God to you ^cwithout charge?

8 I robbed other churches, ^ataking wages from them to serve you;

9 and when I was present with you and was in need, I was ^anot a burden to anyone; for when ^bthe brethren came from ^cMacedonia, they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from ^abeing a burden to you, ¹and will continue to do so.

10 ^aAs the truth of Christ is in me, ^bthis boasting of mine will not be stopped in the regions of ^cAchaia.

11 Why? ^aBecause I do not love you? ^bGod knows I do!

9 ¹Lat., and I will keep ^a2 Cor. 12:13f, 16 ^aActs 18:5

^aRom. 15:28; Phil. 4:15-18

10 ^aRom. 1:12; 9:1; 2 Cor. 1:23; Gal. 2:20 ^a1 Cor. 9:15

^aActs 18:12

11 ^a2 Cor. 12:15 ^aRom. 1:8; 2 Cor. 2:17; 11:31; 12:2f.

12 But what I am doing, I will continue to do, ^athat I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be ¹regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting.

13 For such men are ^afalse apostles, ^bdeceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder, for even ^aSatan disguises himself as an ^bangel of light.

15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; ^awhose end shall be according to their deeds.

16 ¶ ^aAgain I say, let no one think me foolish; but if you do, receive me even as foolish, that I also may boast a little.

17 That which I am speaking, I am not speaking ^{1a}as the Lord would, but as ^bin foolishness, in this confidence of boasting.

18 Since ^amany boast ^baccording to the flesh, I will boast also.

19 For you, ^abeing so wise, bear with the foolish gladly.

20 For you bear with anyone if he ^aenslaves you, if he ^bdevours you, if he ^ctakes advantage of you, if he ^dexalts himself, if he ^ehits you in the face.

21 To my ^ashame I must say that we have been ^bweak by comparison. But in whatever respect anyone ^celse ^cis bold (I ^dspeak in foolishness), I am just as bold myself.

22 Are they ^aHebrews? ^bSo am I. Are they ^cIsraelites? ^cSo am I. Are they ^{1d}descendants of Abraham? ^cSo am I.

23 Are they ^aservants of Christ? (I speak as if insane) I more so; in ^{1b}far more labors, in ^{1c}far more imprisonments, ^{2d}beaten times without number, often in ^cdanger of death.

24 Five times I received from the Jews ^athirty-nine lashes.

12 ¹Lit., found
 13 ^aActs 20:30; Gal. 1:7; 2:4; Phil. 1:15; Titus 1:10f.; 2 Pet. 2:1; Rev. 2:2
 14 ^aMatt. 4:10; Eph. 6:12; Col. 1:13
 15 ^aRom. 2:6, 3:8
 16 ^a2 Cor. 11:1
 17 ¹Lit., in accordance with the Lord
 18 ^aPhil. 3:3f. ^b2 Cor. 5:16
 19 ^a1 Cor. 4:10
 20 ^a2 Cor. 1:24; Gal. 2:4; 4:3, 9; 5:1
 21 ^aMark 12:40
 22 ^a2 Cor. 11:3; 12:16 ^b2 Cor. 10:5 ^c1 Cor. 4:11
 23 ^a2 Cor. 6:8 ^b2 Cor. 10:10 ^c2 Cor. 10:2 ^d2 Cor. 11:17
 24 ¹Lit., seed
 25 ^aActs 6:1
 26 ^aPhil. 3:5
 27 ^aRom. 9:4
 28 ^aGal. 3:16
 29 ^aRom. 11:1
 30 ¹Lit., more abundant
 31 ²Lit., exceedingly in stripes
 32 ^a1 Cor. 3:5; 2 Cor. 3:6; 10:7
 33 ^a1 Cor. 15:10
 34 ^a2 Cor. 6:5
 35 ^aActs 16:23; 2 Cor. 6:5
 36 ^aRom. 8:36
 37 ^aDeut. 25:3
 38 ^aActs 16:22
 39 ^aActs 14:19
 40 ^aActs 9:23; 13:45; 50; 14:5; 17:5; 13; 18:12; 20:3, 19; 21:27; 23:10; 12; 25:3; 1 Thess. 2:15
 41 ^aActs 14:5; 19; 19:23ff.; 27:42
 42 ^aActs 21:31
 43 ^aGal. 2:4
 44 ¹Lit., often in wakefulness
 45 ²Lit., nakedness; i.e., lack of

25 Three times I was ^abeaten with rods, once I was ^bstoned, three times I was shipwrecked, ^cnight and a day I have spent in the deep.

26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my ^acountrymen, dangers from the ^bGentiles, dangers in the ^ccity, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among ^dfalse brethren;

27 I have been in ^alabor and hardship, ¹through many sleepless nights, in ^bhunger and thirst, often ^cwithout food, in cold and ^{2d}exposure.

28 Apart from such ¹external things, there is the daily pressure upon me of concern for ^aall the churches.

29 Who is ^aweak without my being weak? Who is ¹led into sin ²without my intense concern?

30 If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my ^aweakness.

31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, ^aHe who is blessed forever, ^bknows that I am not lying.

32 In ^aDamascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was ^bguarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me,

33 and I was let down in a basket ^athrough a window ¹in the wall, and so escaped his hands.

CHAPTER 12

^a **B**OASTING is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and ^brevelations ¹of the Lord.

2 I know a man ^ain Christ who

clothing ^a1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8 ^b1 Cor. 4:11;

Phil. 4:12 ^c2 Cor. 6:5 ^d1 Cor. 4:11

28 ¹Or, the things unmentioned ^a1 Cor. 7:17

29 ¹Lit., made to stumble ²Lit., and I do not burn

^a1 Cor. 8:9; 13; 9:22

30 ^a1 Cor. 2:3

31 ^aRom. 1:25 ^b2 Cor. 11:11

32 ^aActs 9:2 ^bActs 9:24

33 ¹Lit., through ^aActs 9:25

¹Or possibly, from ^a2 Cor. 11:18, 18, 30; 12:5, 9

^b1 Cor. 14:6; 2 Cor. 12:7; Gal. 1:12; 2:2; Eph. 3:3

²Rom. 16:7

fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, ^bGod knows—such a man was caught up to the ^dthird heaven.

3 And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, ^aGod knows—

4 was ^acaught up into ^bParadise, and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

5 ^aOn behalf of such a man will I boast; but on my own behalf I will not boast, except in regard to my ^bweaknesses.

6 For if I do wish to boast I shall not be ^afoolish, ^bfor I shall be speaking the truth; but I refrain from this, so that no one may credit me with more than he sees in me or hears from me.

7 And because of the surpassing greatness of the ^arevelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a ^bthorn in the flesh, a ^cmessenger of Satan to buffet me—to keep me from exalting myself!

8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord ^athree times that it might depart from me.

9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for ^bpower is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather ^bboast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore ^aI am well content with weaknesses, with ^binsults, with ^bdistresses, with ^cpersecutions, with ^bdifficulties, ^dfor Christ's sake; for ^awhen I am weak, then I am strong.

11 ^aI have become ^afoolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for ^bin no respect was I inferior to the ^bmost eminent apostles, even though ^aI am a nobody.

12 The ^asigns ²of a true apos-

2¹² Cor.
11:11 ^aEnk.
8:3, Acts
8:30; 2 Cor
12:4; 1 Thes.
4:17; Rev
12:5 ^aOr.
10:14, Ps.
148:4; Eph.
4:10; Heb.
4:14

3¹² Cor
11:11
4^aEnk.
8:3, Acts
8:30; 2 Cor
12:2; 1 Thes.
4:17; Rev
12:5 ^aLike
23:43

5¹² Cor
12:1 ^a1 Cor
2:3, 2 Cor
12:8
6¹² Cor
5:13, 11:10f.
12:11 ^a2 Cor
7:14

7¹² Cor
12:1 ^aNum.
32:55; Enk.
28:24; Hos.
2:6 ^aJob 2:6;
Matt. 4:10;
1 Cor 5:5
8^aEnk.
26:44

9¹ Later
man. read my
power
1^a Cor 2:5;
Eph. 3:16;
Phil. 4:13
1^a Cor 2:3;
2 Cor 12:5

10¹ Or. man-
treatment
1^a Rom. 5:3;
8:35 ^a2 Thes.
6:4 ^a2 Thes.
1:4, 2 Tim.
3:11 ^a2 Cor
5:15, 20

11¹ Or. su-
per-apostles
2^a Cor 5:13;
11:10f.; 12:6
1^a Cor 15:10;
2 Cor 11:5
1^a Cor 3:7;
13:2, 15:9

12¹ Or. at-
testing mar-
tires ^aLat. of
the apostles
1^a Or. works of
power
John 4:48;
Rom. 15:19;
1 Cor 9:1

13¹ 1 Cor
9:12, 18;
2 Cor 11:9;
12:14 ^a2 Cor
11:7

14^a 2 Cor
1:15; 13:1, 2
1^a Cor 9:12;
18; 2 Cor
11:9; 12:13
1^a Cor 10:24;
33 ^a1 Cor
9:19 ^a1 Cor
4:14f.; Gal.

tle were performed among you with all perseverance, by ¹signs and wonders and ²miracles.

13 For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that ^aI myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me ^bthis wrong!

14 ^aHere ^afor this third time I am ready to come to you, and I ^bwill not be a burden to you; for I ^cdo not seek what is yours, but ^dyou; for ^achildren are not responsible to save up for their parents, but ^bparents for their children.

15 And I will ^amost gladly spend and be expended for your souls. If ^bI love you the more, am I to be loved the less?

16 But be that as it may, I ^adid not burden you myself; nevertheless, crafty fellow that I am, I ^btook you in by deceit.

17 ^aCertainly I have not taken advantage of you through any of those whom I have sent to you, have I?

18 I ^aurged ^bTitus to go, and sent ^cthe brother with him. Titus did not take any advantage of you, did he? Did we not ^bconduct ourselves ²in the same ^dspirit and walk ^ain the same steps?

19 ^aAll this time ^byou have been thinking that we are defending ourselves to you. Actually, ^ait is in the sight of God that we have been speaking in Christ; and ^ball for your upbuilding, ^cbeloved.

20 For I am afraid that perhaps ^awhen I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps there may be

4:19 ^aProv. 18:14; Enk. 34:2
15^a Rom. 8:3; 2 Cor 1:8; Phil. 2:17; Col. 1:34; 1 Thes.
2:8; 2 Tim. 2:10 ^a2 Cor 11:11
16^a 2 Cor 11:9 ^a2 Cor 11:20
17^a 2 Cor 9:5
18^a Lat., with ^aOr. by the same Spirit ^a2 Cor. 8:6
19^a 2 Cor 2:13 ^a2 Cor 8:18 ^a1 Cor. 4:21 ^aRom. 4:12
20^a Or. have you been thinking . . . ? ^aRom. 9:1; 2 Cor
2:17 ^aRom. 14:18; 2 Cor 10:8; 1 Thes. 5:11 ^aHeb. 6:9
20^a 1 Cor 4:21; 2 Cor 2:1-4

^bstrife, jealousy, ^cangry tempers, ^ddisputes, ^eslanders, ^fgossip, ^garrogance, ^hdisturbances;

21 I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have ^asinned in the past and not repented of the ^bimpurity, ^cimmorality and sensuality which they have practiced.

CHAPTER 13

^aTHIS is the third time I am coming to you. ^bEVERY ¹FACT ²IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE ³TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

2 I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have ^asinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that ^bif I come again, I will not ^cspare anyone.

3 since you are ^aseeking for proof of the ^bChrist who speaks in me, and who is not weak toward you, but ^cmighty in you.

4 For indeed He was ^acrucified because of weakness, yet He lives ^bbecause of the power of God. For we also are ^cweak ^din Him, yet ^ewe shall live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you.

5 ^aTest yourselves to see if you are in the faith; ^bexamine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you ¹fail the test?

²⁰ ^b1 Cor. 1:11; 3:3 ^cGal. 5:20 ^dRom. 2:8, 1 Cor. 11:19 ^eRom. 1:30; James 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:11 ^fRom. 1:29 ^g1 Cor. 4:6, 18; 5:2 ^h1 Cor. 14:33 ⁱ11 e. sexual immorality ^j2 Cor. 13:2 ^k1 Cor. 6:9, 18; Gal. 5:19; Col. 3:5

¹ ¹Lit., word ²Lit., will be ³Lit., mouth ⁴2 Cor. 12:14 ⁵Deut. 17:6, 19:15; Matt. 18:16

² ²2 Cor. 12:21 ³1 Cor. 4:21, 2 Cor. 13:10 ⁴2 Cor. 1:23; 10:11

³ ³2 Cor. 10:1, 10 ⁴Matt. 10:20; 1 Cor. 5:4; 7:40 ⁵2 Cor. 9:8, 10:4

⁴ ¹Some early mss read with Him ²Phil. 2:7f; 1 Pet. 3:18 ³Rom. 1:4; 6:4; 1 Cor. 6:14 ⁴1 Cor. 2:3, 2 Cor. 13:9 ⁵Rom. 6:8

⁵ ¹Lit., are unapproved ²John 6:6 ³1 Cor. 11:28 ⁴1 Cor. 9:27

⁶ ¹Lit., are not unapproved

⁷ ¹Lit., be as

⁸ ¹Lit., your completion ²2 Cor. 12:10; 13:4 ³1 Cor.

6 But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves ¹do not fail the test.

7 Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we should ¹appear unapproved.

8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but *only* for the truth.

9 For we rejoice when we ourselves are ^aweak but you are strong; this we also pray for, ¹that you be ^bmade complete.

10 For this reason I am writing these things while absent, in order that when present ^aI may not use ^bseverity, in accordance with the ^cauthority which the Lord gave me, for building up and not for tearing down.

11 ¶ ^aFinally, brethren, ¹rejoice, ²be made complete, be comforted, ^cbe like-minded ^dlive in peace; and ^ethe God of love and peace shall be with you.

12 ^aGreet one another with a holy kiss.

13 ^aAll the ^bsaints greet you.

14 ¶ ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the ^blove of God, and the ^cfellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:12; 1 Thess. 3:10

10 ²2 Cor. 2:3 ³Titus 1:13 ⁴1 Cor. 5:4; 2 Cor. 10:8

11 ¹Or possibly, farewell ²Or, put yourselves in order

³1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 3:1 ⁴1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:9; Eph. 4:12; 1 Thess. 3:10 ⁵Rom. 12:16 ⁶Mark 9:50 ⁷Rom. 15:33; Eph. 6:23

12 ¹Rom. 16:16

13 ¹Or, holy ones ²Phil. 4:22

14 ¹Rom. 16:20; 2 Cor. 8:9 ²Rom. 5:5; Jude 21 ³Phil. 2:1

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

Introduction

PAUL, ^aan apostle (^bnot sent from men, nor through the agency of man, but ^cthrough Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who ^draised Him from the dead).

2 and all ^athe brethren who are with me, to ^bthe churches of Galatia:

3 ^aGrace to you and peace from ¹God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who ^agave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us out of ^bthis present evil ¹age, according to the will of ^cour God and Father,

5 ^ato whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

6 [†] I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting ^aHim who called you ¹by the grace of Christ, for a ^bdifferent gospel;

7 which is really not another; only there are some who are ^adisturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

8 But even though we, or ^aan angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel ¹contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be ^{2b}accursed.

9 As we ^ahave said before, so I say again now, ^bif any man is preaching to you a gospel ¹contrary to that which you received, let him be ^{2c}accursed.

10 For am I now ^aseeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a ^bbond-servant of Christ.

11 [†] For ^aI would have you know, brethren, that the gospel

1 ^a2 Cor
1 ^aGal
11 ^aActs
9:15, Gal
1:15 ^aActs
2:24

2 ^aPhil
4:21 ^aActs
16:6, 1 Cor
16:1

3 ^aSome early mss read God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ
^aRom 1:7

4 ^aOr, world

^aGal 2:20

^aMatt 13:22, Rom 12:2

2 Cor 4:4

^aPhil 4:20

5 ^aRom 11:36

6 ^aLit., in

^aRom 8:28, Gal 1:15, 5:8

2 Cor 11:4, Gal 1:7, 11, 22, 7, 5:14, 1 Tim 1:3

7 ^aActs 15:24, Gal 5:10

8 ^aOr, oth or than, more than

^aGr., anathema

2 Cor 11:14

^aRom 9:3

9 ^aOr, oth or than, more than

^aGr., anathema

^aActs 18:23

^aRom 16:17

^aRom 9:3

10 ^a1 Cor 10:33, 1 Thess. 2:4

^aRom 1:1, Phil 1:1

11 ^aRom 2:16, 1 Cor 15:1

1 Cor 3:4, 9:8

12 ^a1 Cor 11:23, Gal 1:1

1 ^a1 Cor 2:10, 2 Cor 12:1, Gal 1:16, 2:2

13 ^aActs 26:4

^aActs 8:3, 22:4, 5

1 ^a1 Cor 10:32

^aActs 8:21

14 ^aLit., race

^aActs 22:3

^aNor 8:14, Matt. 15:2

which was preached by me is ^bnot according to man.

12 For ^aI neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but ^cI received it through a ^brevelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of ^amy former manner of life in Judaism, how I ^bused to persecute ^cthe church of God beyond measure, and ^dtried to destroy it;

14 and I ^awas advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my ¹countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ^bancestral traditions.

15 But when He who had set me apart, even from my mother's womb, and ^acalled me through His grace, was pleased

16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might ^apreach Him among the Gentiles, ^bI did not immediately consult with ^{1c}flesh and blood.

17 ^anor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to ^bDamascus.

18 [†] Then ^athree years later I went up ^bto Jerusalem to ^{1b}become acquainted with ^cCephas, and stayed with him fifteen days.

19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except ^{1a}James, the Lord's brother.

20 (Now in what I am writing to you, ¹¹I assure you ^abefore God that I am not lying.)

Mark 7:3, Col. 2:8

18 ^aIsa. 49:1, 5; Jer 1:5, Acts 9:15; Rom. 1:1, Gal. 1:6

16 ^aLit., human beings ^aActs 9:15, Gal. 2:9 ^aActs 9:20

^aMatt. 16:17

17 ^aActs 9:19-22 ^aActs 9:2

18 ^aOr, went Cephas ^aActs 9:22, ^aActs 9:26 ^aJohn

1:42, Gal. 2:9, 11, 14

19 ^aOr, Jacob ^aMatt. 12:46; Acts 12:17

20 ^aLit., behold before God ^aRom. 8:1, 2 Cor. 1:23

11:31

21 Then ^aI went into the regions of ^bSyria and ^cCilicia.

22 And I was *still* unknown by ¹sight to ^athe churches of Judea which were ^bin Christ;

23 but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching ^athe faith which he once ^btried to destroy."

24 And they ^awere glorifying God ^bbecause of me.

CHAPTER 2

THEN after an interval of fourteen years I ^awent up again to Jerusalem with ^bBarnabas, taking ^cTitus along also.

2 And ¹it was because of a ^arevelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the ^bgospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I *did* so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be ^crunning, or had run, in vain.

3 But not even ^aTitus who was with me, though he was a Greek, was ^bcompelled to be circumcised.

4 But *it* was because of the ^afalse brethren who ^bhad sneaked in to spy out our ^cliberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to ^dbring us into bondage.

5 But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that ^athe truth of the gospel might remain with you.

6 But from those who ¹were of high ^areputation (what they were makes no difference to me; ^bGod ²shows no partiality)—well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me.

7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been ^aentrusted with the ^bgospel ¹to the uncircumcised, just as ^cPeter had been ²to the circumcised

8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter in his ^aapostleship ¹to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles),

²¹ ^aActs 9:30 ^bActs 15:23, 41 ^cActs 6:9 ²² ¹Lit., *face* ^a1 Cor. 7:17, 1 Thess. 2:14 ^bRom. 16:7 ²³ ^aActs 6:7, Gal. 6:10 ^bActs 9:21 ²⁴ ¹Lit., *in me* ^aMatt. 9:8 ¹ ^aActs 15:2 ^bActs 4:36, Gal. 2:9, 13 ^c2 Cor. 2:13, Gal. 2:3 ² ¹Lit., *according to revelation I went up* ^aActs 15:2, Gal. 1:12 ^bGal. 1:8 ^cRom. 9:16, 1 Cor. 9:24ff., Gal. 5:7, Phil. 2:16; 2 Tim. 4:7, Heb. 12:1 ³ ^a2 Cor. 2:13; Gal. 2:1 ^bActs 16:3; 1 Cor. 9:21 ⁴ ^aActs 15:1, 24; 2 Cor. 11:13, 26, Gal. 1:7 ^b2 Pet. 2:1; Jude 4 ^cGal. 5:1, 13, James 1:25 ^dRom. 8:15; 2 Cor. 11:20 ⁵ ^aGal. 1:8; 2:14, Col. 1:5 ⁶ ¹Lit., *seemed to be something* ²Lit., *does not receive a face* ^a2 Cor. 11:5, 12:11; Gal. 2:9; 6:3 ^bActs 10:34 ⁷ ¹Lit., *of the uncircumcision* ²Lit., *of the circumcision* ^a1 Cor. 9:17; 1 Thess. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:11 ^bActs 9:13; Gal. 1:16 ^cGal. 1:18; 2:9, 11, 14 ⁸ ¹Lit., *of the circumcision* ^aActs 1:25 ⁹ ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Lit., *hands* ^aRom. 12:3 ^bActs 12:17; Gal. 2:12 ^cLuke 22:8; Gal. 1:18; 2:7, 11, 14 ^d2 Cor. 11:5; 12:11; 260

9 and recognizing ^athe grace that had been given to me ¹by James and ^cCephas and John who were ^dreputed to be ^epillars gave to me and ^fBarnabas the ^aright ²hand of fellowship, that we might ^bgo to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.

10 They only asked us to remember the poor—^athe very thing I also was eager to do.

11 ¹ But when ^aCephas came to ^bAntioch, I opposed him to his face, because he ¹stood condemned.

12 For prior to the coming of certain men from ¹a James, he used to ^beat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and hold himself aloof, ^cfearing ²the party of the circumcision.

13 And the rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even ^aBarnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

14 But when I saw that they ^awere not ¹straightforward about ^bthe truth of the gospel, said to ^cCephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, ^dlive like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how *is it* that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

15 "We are ^aJews by nature and not ^bsinners from among the Gentiles;

16 nevertheless knowing that ^aa man is not justified by the works of ¹the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus

Gal. 2:2, 6; 6:3 ¹1 Tim. 3:15; Rev. 3:12 ^aActs 4:36; Gal. 2:1, 13 ²Kin. 10:15 ^bGal. 1:16 ¹⁰ ^aActs 24:17 ¹¹ ¹Or, *was to be condemned; lit., was one who was condemned, or, was self-condemned* ^aGal. 1:18; 2:7, 9, 14 ^bActs 11:19; 15:1 ¹² ¹Or, *Jacob* ²Or, *converts from the circumcision; lit., those from the circumcision* ^aActs 12:17; Gal. 2:9 ^bActs 11:3 ¹³ ^aActs 4:36; Gal. 2:1, 9 ¹⁴ ¹Or, *progressing toward; lit., walking straightly* ²Some close the direct quotation here, others extend it through v. 21 ^aHeb. 12:13 ^bGal. 1:8; 2:5; Col. 1:5 ^cGal. 1:18; 2:7, 9, 11 ^dActs 10:28; Gal. 2:12 ¹⁵ ^aPhil. 3:4f. ^b1 Sam. 15:18; Luke 24:7 ¹⁶ ¹Or, *law* ^aActs 13:39; Gal. 3:11

that we may be justified by ^bfaith in Christ, and not by the works of ¹the Law; since ^cby the works of ¹the Law shall no ²flesh be justified.

17 "But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found ^asinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? ^bMay it never be!

18 "For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I ^aprove myself to be a transgressor.

19 "For through ¹the Law I ^adied to ¹the Law, that I might live to God.

20 "I have been ^acrucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but ^bChrist lives in me; and ¹the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in ^cthe Son of God, who ^dloved me, and ^edelivered Himself up for me.

21 "I do not nullify the grace of God; for ^aif righteousness comes through ¹the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

CHAPTER 3

¹YOU foolish ^aGalatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ ^bwas publicly portrayed as crucified?

2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of ¹the Law, or by ^{2a}hearing with faith?

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun ¹by the Spirit, are you now ^{2b}being perfected by the flesh?

4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

5 Does He then, who ^aprovides you with the Spirit and ^bworks ¹miracles among you, do it by the works of ²the Law, or by ^{3c}hearing with faith?

6 ¹Even so ^aAbraham ^bBELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, ¹be sure that ^ait is those who are of faith who are ^bsons of Abraham.

16 ¹Or, law
²Or, mortal man
^aRom. 3:22;
9:30 ^aPs.
143:2; Rom.
3:20

17 ^aGal.
2:15 ^aLuke
20:16; Gal.
3:21

18 ^aRom.
3:5

19 ¹Or, law
^aRom. 6:2,
7:4, 1 Cor.
9:20

20 ¹Or, inas-
far as I
^aRom. 6:6;
Gal. 5:24;
8:14 ^aRom.
8:10 ^aMatt.
4:3 ^aRom.
8:37 ^aGal. 1:4

21 ¹Or, law
^aGal. 3:21

1 ¹Lit., O
^aGal. 1:2
^a1 Cor. 1:23,
Gal. 5:11

2 ¹Or, law
¹Lit., the
hearing of
faith
^aRom. 10:17

3 ¹Or, with
^aOr, ending
with

4 ^a1 Cor.
15:2

5 ¹Or,
works of
power ^aOr,
law ¹Lit., the
hearing of
faith

^a2 Cor. 9:10;
Phil. 1:19
^a1 Cor. 12:10
^aRom. 10:17

6 ¹Lit., Just
as
^aRom. 4:3
^aGen. 15:6

7 ¹Lit.,
know
^aRom. 4:16;
Gal. 3:9
^aLuke 19:9;
Gal. 6:16

8 ¹Lit., just-
ification
^aGen. 12:3

9 ¹Lit., the
believing
Abraham
^aGal. 3:7

10 ¹Or, law
^aDeut. 27:26

11 ¹Or, in
^aOr, law ^aOr,
But he who is
righteous by
faith shall
live.

^aGal. 2:16
^aPhil. 2:4;
Rom. 1:17;
Heb. 10:38

8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God ¹would justify the ²Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "^aALL THE NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

9 So then ^athose who are of faith are blessed with ¹Abraham, the believer.

10 For as many as are of the works of ¹the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "^aCURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM."

11 Now that ^ano one is justified ¹by ²the Law before God is evident; for, "^bTHE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

12 ¹However, the Law is not ²of faith; on the contrary, "^aHE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE ³BY THEM."

13 Christ ^aredeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "^bCURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON ^aA ¹TREE"—

14 in order that ^ain Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might ¹come to the Gentiles, so that we ^bmight receive ^cthe promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 ¹ Brethren, ^bI speak ¹in terms of human relations: ^ceven though it is only a man's ²covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds ³conditions to it.

16 Now the promises were spoken ^ato Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "^bAnd to your seed," that is, Christ.

12 ¹Or, And ^aOr, based on ^aOr, in ^aLev. 18:5; Rom. 10:5

13 ¹Or, cross; lit., wood ^aGal. 4:5 ^aDeut. 21:23 ^aActs 5:30

14 ¹Or, occur ^aRom. 4:9, 16; Gal. 3:28 ^aGal. 3:2 ^aActs 2:33; Eph. 1:13

15 ¹Lit., according to man ^aOr, will or testament ^aOr, a codicil ^aActs 1:15; Rom. 1:13; Gal. 6:16 ^aRom. 3:5

^aHeb. 6:16

16 ^aLuke 1:35; Rom. 4:13, 16; 9:4 ^aActs 3:25

17 What I am saying is this: the Law, which came ^afour hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

18 For ^aif the inheritance is ¹based on law, it is no longer ¹based on a promise; but ^bGod has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

19 ^aWhy the Law then? It was added ¹because of transgressions, having been ^bordained through angels ^cby the ²agency of a mediator, until ^dthe seed should come to whom the promise had been made.

20 Now ^aa mediator is not ¹for one party only; whereas God is only one.

21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? ^aMay it never be! For ^bif a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness ¹would indeed have been ²based on law.

22 But the Scripture has ^ashut up all ¹men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 ¶ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, ^abeing shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

24 Therefore the Law has become our ¹tutor to lead us to Christ, that ^bwe may be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a ¹tutor.

26 For you are all ^asons of God through faith in ^bChrist Jesus.

27 For all of you who were ^abaptized into Christ have ^bclothed yourselves with Christ.

28 ^aThere is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is ¹neither male nor female; for ^byou are all one in ^cChrist Jesus.

29 And if ^ayou ¹belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's

²offspring, heirs according to ^bpromise.

CHAPTER 4

NOW I say, as long as the heir is a ¹child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is ²owner of everything.

2 but he is under guardians and ¹managers until the date set by the father.

3 So also we, while we were children, were held ^ain bondage under the ¹elemental things of the world.

4 But when ^athe fulness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, ^bborn of a woman, born ^cunder ¹the Law.

5 in order that He might redeem those who were under ¹the Law, that we might receive the adoption as ^asons.

6 And because you are sons, ^aGod has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!"

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and ^aif a son then an heir ¹through God.

8 ¶ However at that time ^awhen you did not know God you were ^bslaves to ^cthose which by nature are no gods.

9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be ^aknown by God, ^bhow is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless ¹elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?

10 You ^aobserve days and months and seasons and years.

2 ¹Or, stewards

3 ¹Or, rudimentary teachings or principles ^aGal 2:4; 4:8f., 24f. ^bGal 4:9; Col 2:8, 20; Heb 5:12

4 ¹Or, law ^aMark 1:15 ^bJohn 1:14, Rom. 1:3; 8:3, Phil 2:7 ^cLuke 2:21f., 27

5 ¹Or, law ^aRom. 8:14; Gal 3:28

6 ^aActs 16:7; Rom. 5:5, 8:9, 16, 2 Cor. 3:17 ^bMark 14:36; Rom. 8:15

7 ¹i.e., through the gracious act of ^aRom. 8:17

8 ¹1 Cor. 1:21; Eph. 2:12; 1 Thess. 4:5; 2 Thess. 1:8 ^aGal 4:3 ^c2 Chr. 13:9; Isa. 37:19; Jer. 2:11; 1 Cor. 8:4f., 10:20

9 ¹Or, rudimentary teachings or principles ^a1 Cor 6:3 ^bCol 2:20 ^cGal 4:3

10 ^aRom. 14:5; Col. 2:16

17 ^aGen. 15:13f.; Ex. 12:40; Acts 7:6

18 ¹Lit., out of, from ^aRom. 4:14 ^bHeb. 6:14

19 ¹Or, for the sake of defining ²Lit., hand ^aRom. 5:20 ^bActs 7:53 ^cEx. 20:18; Deut. 5:5 ^dGal 3:16

20 ¹Lit., of one ^a1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6, 9:15, 12:24 ^b1 Cor. would indeed be ²Lit., out of, from

^aLuke 20:16; Gal 2:17 ^bGal 2:21 ^c22 ¹Lit., things ^aRom. 11:32 ^bRom. 11:32

24 ¹Lit., child conductor ^a1 Cor. 4:15 ^bGal 2:16 ^c28 ¹Lit., child-conductor

^a1 Cor. 4:15 ^bRom. 8:14; Gal. 4:5 ^cRom. 8:1; Gal. 3:28; 4:14; 5:6, 24; Eph. 1:1; Phil 1:1; Col. 1:4; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:4

27 ^aMatt. 28:19; Rom. 6:3, 1 Cor. 10:2 ^bRom. 13:14 ^c28 ¹Lit., not male and female

^aRom. 3:22; 1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 3:11 ^bJohn 17:11; Eph. 2:15 ^cRom. 8:1; Gal. 3:28; 4:14; 5:6, 24; Eph. 1:1; Phil 1:1; Col. 1:4; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:1; Titus 1:4

29 ¹Lit., are Christ's ²Lit., seed ^aRom. 4:13; 1 Cor. 3:23 ^bRom. 9:8; Gal. 3:18; 4:28

1 ¹Or, nur- nor ²Lit., lord

11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored ¹over you in vain.

12 ¶ I beg of you, ^abrethren, ^bbecome as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong;

13 but you know that it was because of a ¹bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the ²first time;

14 and that which was a ¹trial to you in my ²bodily condition you did not despise or ³loathe, but ^ayou received me as an angel of God, as ^bChrist Jesus Himself.

15 Where then is ¹that sense of blessing you had? For I bear you witness, that if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me.

16 Have I therefore become your enemy ^aby ¹telling you the truth?

17 They eagerly seek you, not commendably, but they wish to shut you out, in order that you may seek them.

18 But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and ^anot only when I am present with you.

19 ^aMy children, with whom ^bI am again in labor until ^cChrist is formed in you—

20 but I could wish to be present with you now and to change my tone, for ^aI am perplexed about you.

21 ¶ Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not ^alisten to the law?

22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, ^aone by the bondwoman and ^bone by the free woman.

23 But ^athe son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and ^bthe son by the free woman through the promise.

24 ¹This is allegorically speaking: for these women are two covenants, one proceeding from ^bMount Sinai bearing children ²who are to be ^cslaves; ³she is Hagar.

11 ^aOr, for
12 ^aGal.
6:18 ^a2 Cor.
6:11, 13
13 ^aLat.,
weakness of
the flesh ^aOr,
former

14 ^aOr,
temptation
Lat., flesh
Lat., and out
of
Matt. 10:40;
1 Thess. 2:13
Gal. 3:26

15 ^aLat., the
congratulation
of your
selves

16 ^aOr,
dancing truth
fully with
you
Acts 5:10

18 ^aGal.
4:13
19 ^a1 John
2:1 ^a1 Cor.
4:15 ^aEph.
4:13

20 ^a2 Cor.
4:8
21 ^aLat.
16:20

22 ^aGen.
16:15 ^aGen.
21:2

23 ^aGen.
9:7 Gal. 4:29
Gen.
17:10ff.

18:10ff. 21:1.
Gal. 4:20.
Heb. 11:11

24 ^aLat.,
Which ^aLat.,
into slavery
Lat., which

1 Cor. 10:11
Deut. 33:2
Gal. 4:3

26 ^aLat.,
which
Heb. 12:22.
Rev. 3:12.

21:2, 10
27 ^aLa. 34:1
28 ^aGal.
4:23 ^aRom.
9:7ff. Gal.
3:29

29 ^aGal.
4:23 ^aGen.
21:9 ^aGal.
5:11

20 ^aGen.
21:10, 12
John 8:35

31 ^aV. 5:1.
note 1
1 ^aSome
authorities
prefer to join
with 4:31 and
render but
with the free-
dom of the
free woman
Christ out us
free

John 8:32.
30, Rom.
8:15; 2 Cor.
3:17; Gal. 2:4

25 Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

26 But ^athe Jerusalem above is free; ¹she is our mother.

27 For it is written,

“^aREJOICE, BARREN WOMAN
WHO DOES NOT BEAR;
BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT,
YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LA-
BOR;

FOR MORE ARE THE CHIL-
DREN OF THE DESOLATE
THAN OF THE ONE WHO HAS
A HUSBAND.”

28 And you brethren, ^alike Isaac, are ^bchildren of promise.

29 But as at that time ^ahe who was born according to the flesh ^bpersecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, ^cso it is now also.

30 But what does the Scripture say?

“^aCAST OUT THE BONDWOM-
AN AND HER SON,
FOR ^bTHE SON OF THE BOND-
WOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN
HEIR WITH THE SON OF
THE FREE WOMAN.”

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of a bondwoman, ¹but of the free woman.

CHAPTER 5

1 ^aIt was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore ^bkeep standing firm and do not be subject again to a ^cyoke of slavery.

2 ¶ Behold I, ^aPaul, say to you that if you receive ^bcircumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

3 And I ^atestify again to every man who receives ^bcircumcision, that he is under obligation to ^ckeep the whole Law.

4 You have been severed from Christ, you who ¹are seeking to

5:13 ^a1 Cor. 10:13 ^aActs 15:10 Gal. 2:6

3 ^a2 Cor. 10:1 ^aActs 15:1, Gal. 3:3, 6, 11

3 ^aLat. 10:20 ^aActs 15:1; Gal. 5:2, 6, 11 ^aRom. 2:25

4 ^aOr, would be

be justified by law; you have ^afallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are ^awaiting for the hope of righteousness.

6 For in ^aChrist Jesus ^bneither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but ^cfaith working through love.

7 You were ^arunning well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?

8 This persuasion *did not come* from ^aHim who calls you.

9 ^aA little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

10 ^aI have confidence ^lin you in the Lord, that you ^bwill adopt no other view; but the one who is ^cdisturbing you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still ^apersecuted? Then ^bthe stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.

12 Would that ^athose who are troubling you would even ^lhumiliate themselves.

13 ¶ For you were called to ^afreedom, brethren; ^bonly do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love ^cserve one another.

14 For ^athe whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "^bYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

15 But if you ^abite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another.

16 ¶ But I say, ^awalk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out ^bthe desire of the flesh.

17 For ^athe flesh ^lsets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, ^bso that you may not do the things that you ²please.

18 But if you are ^aled by the Spirit, ^byou are not under the Law.

4 ^aHeb. 12:15;
2 Pet. 3:17
3 ^aRom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 1:7
6 ^aGal. 3:28; 1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 6:15; Col. 1:4f.; 1 Thess. 1:3; James 2:18, 20, 22
7 ^aGal. 2:2
8 ^aRom. 8:28; Gal. 1:6
9 ^a1 Cor. 5:6
10 ^aLit., toward
2 Cor. 2:3
Gal. 5:7
Phil. 3:15
Gal. 1:7, 5:12
11 ^aGal. 4:29; 6:12
Rom. 9:33; 1 Cor. 1:23
12 ^aOr, cut themselves off
Gal. 2:4; 5:10
Deut. 23:1
13 ^aGal. 5:1
1 Cor. 8:9; 1 Pet. 2:16
1 Cor. 9:19; Eph. 5:21
14 ^aMatt. 7:12; 22:40; Rom. 13:8; 10; Gal. 6:2
Lev. 19:18; Matt. 19:19; John 13:34
15 ^aGal. 5:20; Phil. 3:2
16 ^aRom. 8:4; 13:14; Gal. 5:24f.; Rom. 13:14; Eph. 2:3
17 ^aLit., lusts against
2 Lit., wish
Rom. 7:18, 23; 8:5ff.
Rom. 7:15ff.
18 ^aRom. 8:14; 7:4; 1 Tim. 1:9
19 ^aI.e., sexual immorality
1 Cor. 6:9; 18; 2 Cor. 12:21
20 ^aOr, heresies
Rev. 21:8
2 Cor. 12:20
Rom. 2:8; James 3:14ff.
1 Cor. 11:19
21 ^aRom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 6:9
22 ^aMatt. 7:16ff.; Eph. 5:9; Rom. 5:1-5; 1 Cor. 13:4; Col. 3:12-15

19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: ^aimmorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, ^asorcery, enmities, ^bstrife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, ^cdisputes, dissensions, ^dfactious,

21 envying, ^adrunkenness, ^ccausing, and things like these, ^owhich I forewarn you just as have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not ^binherit the kingdom of God.

22 But ^athe fruit of the Spirit is ^blove, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, ^aself-control against such things ^bthere is no law.

24 Now those who ^lbelong to ^aChrist Jesus have ^bcrucified the flesh with its passions and ^cdesires.

25 ¶ If we live by the Spirit, let us also ^lwalk ^aby the Spirit.

26 Let us not become ^aboastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

CHAPTER 6

^a**B**RETHREN, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are ^bspiritual, ^crestore such a one ^din a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted.

2 ^aBear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill ^bthe law of Christ.

3 For ^aif anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But let each one ^aexamine his own work, and then he will have *reason for* ^bboasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another.

23 ^aActs 24:25; Gal. 5:18
24 ^aLit., are of Christ Jesus; Gal. 3:28; Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20; 6:14; Gal. 5:18f.
25 ^aOr, follow the Spirit; Gal. 5:18
26 ^aPhil. 2:3
1 ^aGal. 6:18; 1 Thess. 4:1; 1 Cor. 2:15; 2 Cor. 2:7; 2 Thess. 3:15; Heb. 12:13; James 5:19f.; 1 Cor. 4:21
2 ^aRom. 13:1; Rom. 8:2; 1 Cor. 9:21; James 1:25; 2:12; 2 Pet. 3:2
3 ^aActs 5:36; 1 Cor. 3:18; 2 Cor. 12:11
4 ^a1 Cor. 11:28; Phil. 1:26

5 For ^aeach one shall bear his own load.

6 ¶ And ^alet the one who is taught ^bthe word share all good things with him who teaches.

7 ^aDo not be deceived, ^bGod is not mocked; for ^cwhatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

8 ^aFor the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap ^bcorruption, but ^cthe one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

9 And ^alet us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we ^bdo not grow weary.

10 So then, ^awhile we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the ^bhousehold of ^cthe faith.

11 ¶ See with what large letters I ^aam writing to you ^awith my own hand.

12 Those who desire ^ato make a good showing in the flesh try to ^bcompel you to be circumcised, simply that they ^cmay not be persecuted ^dfor the cross of Christ.

13 For those who ^aare circum-

8 ^aProv. 9:12; Rom. 14:12; 1 Cor. 3:8

6 ^a1 Cor. 9:11, 14
2 Tim. 4:2

7 ^a1 Cor. 6:9
Job 13:9
2 Cor. 9:6

8 ^aJob 4:8.
Hos. 8:7.
Rom. 6:21

9 ^a1 Cor. 15:42
Rom. 8:11.
James 3:18

10 ^a1 Cor. 15:58, 2 Cor. 4:1
Matt. 10:22, Heb. 12:3, 5.

James 5:7
10 ^aOr, as

^aProv. 3:27.
John 12:35
Eph. 2:19.

Heb. 3:6.
1 Pet. 2:5.
4:17

^aActs 6:7, Gal. 1:23
11 ^aOr, have written

^a1 Cor. 16:21
12 ^aOr, because of

^aMatt. 23:27
Acts 15:1
Gal. 5:11

13 ^aSome ancient mss. read have been

^aOr, low
Rom. 2:25
Phil. 3:3

14 ^aOr, whom
Luke 20:16.
Gal. 2:17.

3:21
1 Cor. 2:2
Gal. 2:20.

cised do not even ^akeep ^bthe Law themselves, but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may ^bboast in your flesh.

14 But ^amay it never be that I should boast, ^bexcept in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^cthrough ^dwhich the world has been crucified to me, and ^dI to the world.

15 For ^aneither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a ^bnew ^ccreation.

16 And those who will ^awalk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the ^aIsrael of God.

17 ¶ From now on let no one cause trouble for me, for I bear on my body the ^abrand-marks of Jesus.

18 ¶ ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be ^bwith your spirit, ^cbrethren. Amen.

^aGal. 2:20; Col. 2:20
Rom. 6:2, 6; Gal. 2:19f.; 5:24

18 ^aOr, creature
Rom. 2:28, 28; 1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 5:6

2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10, 15; 4:24; Col. 3:10

16 ^aOr, follow this rule
Rom. 9:6; Gal. 3:7, 28; Phil. 3:3

17 ^aIs. 44:5; Ezek. 9:4; 2 Cor. 4:10; 11:23; Rev. 13:16

18 ^aRom. 16:20
2 Tim. 4:22
Acts 1:15; Rom. 1:13; Gal. 3:15; 4:12, 28, 31

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

The Blessings of Redemption

PAUL, ^aan apostle of ^bChrist Jesus ^bby the will of God, to the ^dsaints who are ³at ^aEphesus, and ^fwho are faithful in ^bChrist Jesus:

2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ ^aBlessed be the God and

1 ^aLa. through

^aOr, holy ones
Some an-
cient mss. do
not contain
of Ephesus

2 Cor. 1:1
Rom. 8:1
1 Cor. 1:1

Acts 9:13
Acts 18:19
Col. 1:2

3 ^aRom. 1:7
2 Cor. 1:3
Eph. 1:2

2:2
3:10; 6:12

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in ^bthe heavenly places in Christ.

4 just as ^aHe chose us in Him before ^bthe foundation of the world, that we should be ^choly and blameless before ^dHim. ^dIn love

4 ^aOr, Him, in love. Eph. 2:10; 2 Thess. 2:13f. Matt. 25:34
Eph. 5:27; Col. 1:22
Eph. 4:2, 15, 16; 5:2

5 ¹He ^apredestined us to ^badoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, ^caccording to the ²kind intention of His will.

6 ^ato the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in ^bthe Beloved.

7 ^aIn ¹Him we have ^bredemption ^cthrough His blood, the ^dforgiveness of our trespasses, according to ^ethe riches of His grace.

8 which He ¹lavished upon ²us. In all wisdom and insight

9 He ¹made known to us the mystery of His will, ^baccording to His ²kind intention which He ^cpurposed in Him

10 with a view to an administration ¹suitable to ^athe fulness of the times, *that is*, ^bthe summing up of all things in Christ, things ²in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him

11 ¹also we ²have obtained an inheritance, having been ^bpredestined ^caccording to His purpose who works all things ^dafter the counsel of His will,

12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in ¹Christ should be ^ato the praise of His glory.

13 In ¹Him, you also, after listening to ^athe message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also ²believed, you were ^bsealed in ¹Him with ^cthe Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is ¹given as a pledge of ^bour inheritance, with a view to the ^credemption of ^dGod's own possession, ^eto the praise of His glory.

15 ¶ For this reason I too, ^ahaving heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you, and ¹your love for ^ball the ²saints,

16 ^ado not cease giving thanks for you, ^bwhile making mention of you in my prayers;

17 that the ^aGod of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^bthe Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of

5 ¹Lit., having predestined ²Lit., good pleasure
^aActs 13:48; Rom. 8:29f.
^bRom. 8:14ff.
^cPhil. 2:13; Col. 1:19
^dEph. 1:12, 14
^eMatt. 3:17
¹Lit., whom
^aCol. 1:14
^bRom. 3:24; 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:14
^cActs 20:28; Rom. 3:25
^dActs 2:38
^eRom. 2:4; Eph. 1:18; 2, 7, 3, 8, 16
¹Lit., made abundant toward
²Or, us, in all wisdom and insight
³Lit., making known
⁴Lit., good pleasure
^aRom. 11:25; Eph. 3:3
^b1 Cor. 1:21; Gal. 1:15
^cRom. 8:28; Eph. 1:11
^dLit., of
^eLit., upon
^aMark 1:15
^bEph. 3:15; Phil. 2:9f.; Col. 1:10, 20
^cLit., in whom also
^dOr, were made a heritage
^aDeut. 4:20; Eph. 1:14; Titus 2:14
^bEph. 1:5
^cRom. 8:28f.; Eph. 3:11
^dRom. 9:11; Heb. 6:17
^eLit., the Messiah
^aEph. 1:6, 14
^bLit., whom
^cOr, believed in Him, you were sealed
^dEph. 4:21; Col. 1:5
^eEph. 4:30
^aActs 2:33
^bOr, a down payment
^c2 Cor. 1:22
^dActs 20:32
^eEph. 1:7
^aEph. 1:11
^bEph. 1:8, 12
^cLit., Many ancient mss. do not contain your love
^d2V, 1, note 2

^cwisdom and of ^drevelation in the ¹knowledge of Him.

18 I pray that ^athe eyes of your heart ¹may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the ^bhope of His ^ccalling, what are ^dthe riches of the glory of ^eHis inheritance in ^fthe ²saints.

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. ^aThese are in accordance with the working of the ^bstrength of His might

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He ^araised Him from the dead, and ^bseated Him at His right hand in ^cthe heavenly places.

21 far above ^aall rule and authority and power and dominion, and every ^bname that is named, not only in ^cthis age, but also in the one to come.

22 And He ^aput all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as ^bhead over all things to the church.

23 which is His ^abody, the ^bfulness of Him who ^cfills ^dall in all.

CHAPTER 2

AND you ¹were ^adead ²in your trespasses and sins,

2 in which you ^aformerly walked according to the ¹course of ^bthis world, according to ^cthe prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in ^dthe sons of disobedience.

3 Among them we too all ^aformerly lived in ^bthe lusts of our

^aCol. 1:4; Phil. 3:5
^bEph. 1:1; 3:18
^cRom. 1:8f.; Col. 1:9
^dRom. 1:9
^eJohn 20:17; Rom. 15:8
^fActs 7:2; 1 Cor. 2:8
^gCol. 1:9
^h1 Cor. 14:6
ⁱLit., being
^jOr, holy ones
^kActs 28:18; 2 Cor. 4:8; Heb. 6:4
^lEph. 4:4
^mRom. 11:29
ⁿEph. 1:7
^oEph. 1:11
^pCol. 1:12
^qEph. 3:7; Col. 1:29
^rEph. 6:10
^sActs 2:24
^tMark 16:19
^uEph. 1:3
^vMatt. 28:18; Col. 1:18
^wPhil. 2:9; Rev. 19:12
^xMatt. 12:32
^yPs. 8:6; 1 Cor. 15:27
^z1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 4:15; Col. 1:18
^{aa}1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 4:12; Col. 1:18, 24
^{ab}John 1:18; Eph. 3:19
^{ac}Eph. 4:10
^{ad}Col. 3:11
^{ae}Lit., being
^{af}Or, by reason of
^{ag}Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13
^{ah}Lit., age
^{ai}1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 2:3
^{aj}Eph. 1:21
^{ak}John 12:31; Eph. 6:12
^{al}Eph. 5:8
^{am}Eph. 2:2
^{an}Gal. 5:10f.

flesh, ¹indulging the desires of the flesh and of the ²mind, and were ^cby nature ^dchildren of wrath, ^eeven as the rest.

4 But God, being ^arich in mercy, because of ^bHis great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were ^adead ¹in our transgressions, made us alive together ²with Christ (^bby grace you have been saved).

6 and ^araised us up with Him, and ^bseated us with Him in ^cthe heavenly places, in ^dChrist Jesus,

7 in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing ^ariches of His grace in ^bkindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For ^aby grace you have been saved ^bthrough faith; and ¹that not of yourselves, it is ^cthe gift of God;

9 ^anot as a result of works, that ^bno one should boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, ^acreated in ^bChrist Jesus for ^cgood works, which God ^dprepared beforehand, that we should ^ewalk in them.

11 ¶ Therefore remember, that ^aformerly ^byou, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called ^c"Uncircumcision" by the so-called ^d"Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands—

12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, ¹excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to ^bthe covenants of promise, having ^cno hope and ^dwithout God in the world.

13 But now in ^aChrist Jesus you who ^bformerly were ^cfar off ¹have ^cbeen brought near ²by the blood of Christ.

14 For He Himself is ^aour peace, ^bwho made both groups into one, and broke down the ¹barrier of the dividing wall,

15 ¹by ^aabolishing in His flesh

3 ¹Lat., doing ²Lat., thoughts
^aRom. 2:14; Gal. 2:15
^bRom. 5:9; Col. 1:21
^c2 Pet. 2:14
^dRom. 5:12
^e4 Eph. 1:7
^fJohn 3:16
^gOr, by reason of
^hSome ancient mss. read in Christ
ⁱEph. 2:1
^jActs 15:11
^kCol. 2:12
^lEph. 1:20
^mEph. 1:3
ⁿEph. 1:1, 2:10, 13
^oRom. 2:4, Eph. 1:7
^pTitus 3:4
^qI.e., that salvation
^rActs 15:11, Eph. 2:5
^s1 Pet. 1:5
^tJohn 4:10
^uRom. 3:28, 2 Tim. 1:9
^v1 Cor. 1:29
^wEph. 2:15, 4:24, Col. 3:10
^xEph. 1:1, 2:6, 13
^yTitus 2:14
^zEph. 1:4
^{aa}Eph. 4:1
^{ab}Eph. 2:2
^{ac}1 Cor. 12:2
^{ad}Eph. 5:6
^{ae}Rom. 2:28f., Col. 2:11
^{af}Or, alienated
^{ag}Rom. 8:4, Col. 1:21
^{ah}Gal. 3:17, Heb. 8:6
^{ai}1 Thess. 4:13
^{aj}Gal. 4:8
^{ak}1 Thess. 4:5
^{al}1 Lat., became, or, were made
^{am}Or, in
^{an}Eph. 1:1, 2:6
^{ao}Eph. 2:2
^{ap}1a, 57:18; Acts 2:39; Eph. 2:17
^{aq}Rom. 3:25, Col. 1:20
^{ar}1 Lat., the dividing wall of the barrier
^{as}1a, 9:8; Eph. 2:15, Col. 3:15
^{at}1 Cor. 12:13, Gal. 3:28, Col. 3:11
^{au}Or, the enmity, by abolishing in His flesh the Law
^{av}1 Lat., create

the enmity, which is ^bthe Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might ^cmake the two into ^done new man, thus establishing ^epeace,

16 and might ^areconcile them both in ^bone body to God through the cross, ¹by it having ^cput to death the enmity.

17 AND ^aHE CAME AND PREACHED ^bPEACE TO YOU WHO WERE ^cFAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE ^cNEAR;

18 for through Him we both have ^aour access in ^bone Spirit to ^cthe Father.

19 So then you are no longer ^astrangers and aliens, but you are ^bfellow citizens with the ¹saints, and are of ^cGod's household,

20 having been ^abuilt upon ^bthe foundation of ^cthe apostles and prophets, ^dChrist Jesus Himself being the ^ecorner stone,

21 ^ain whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into ^ba holy ¹temple in the Lord;

22 in whom you also are being ^abuilt together into a ^bdwelling of God in the Spirit.

CHAPTER 3

FOR this reason I, Paul, ^athe prisoner of ^bChrist Jesus ^cfor the sake of you ^dGentiles—

2 if indeed you have heard of the ^astewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

^aEph. 2:10; Col. 1:21f. ^bCol. 2:14, 20 ^cGal. 3:28; Eph. 2:10; Col. 3:10f. ^d1a, 9:8; Eph. 2:14, Col. 3:15

10 ^aOr, in Himself ^b2 Cor. 5:18; Col. 1:20, 22 ^c1 Cor. 10:17; Eph. 4:4 ^dEph. 2:15

17 ^a1a, 57:18; Rom. 10:14 ^bActs 10:38; Eph. 2:14 ^cEph. 2:13

18 ^aRom. 5:2; Eph. 3:12 ^b1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:4 ^cCol. 1:12

19 ^aOr, holy ones ^bEph. 2:12; Heb. 11:13; 1 Pet. 2:11 ^cPhil. 3:20; Heb. 12:22f. ^dGal. 6:10

20 ^a1 Cor. 3:9 ^b1a, 14:18; 1 Cor. 3:10; Rev. 21:14 ^c1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 3:5 ^d1 Cor. 3:11 ^ePh. 1:18; 22; Luke 20:17

21 ^aOr, sanctuary ^bEph. 4:15f.; Col. 2:19 ^c1 Cor. 3:10f. ^d1 Cor. 3:9, 14; 2 Cor. 6:16 ^eEph. 3:17

1 ^aActs 23:18; Eph. 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:8; Philem. 1, 8, 23 ^bGal. 5:24 ^c2 Cor. 1:8; Eph. 3:13 ^dEph. 3:8

2 ^aEph. 1:10; 3:8; Col. 1:23; 1 Tim. 1:4

3 ^athat ^bby revelation there was ^cmade known to me ^dthe mystery, ^eas I wrote before in brief.

4 ¹And by referring to this, when you read you can understand ^amy insight ²into the ^bmystery of Christ.

5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy ^aapostles and prophets ¹in the Spirit;

6 *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are ^afellow heirs and ^bfellow members of the body, and ^cfellow partakers of the promise in ^dChrist Jesus through the gospel.

7 ^aof which I was made a ^bminister, according to the gift of ^cGod's grace which was given to me ^daccording to the working of His power.

8 To me, ^athe very least of all ¹saints, this grace was given, to ^bpreach to the Gentiles the unfathomable ^criches of Christ.

9 and to ¹bring to light what is the administration of the ^amystery which for ages has been ^bhidden in God, ^cwho created all things;

10 in order that the manifold ^awisdom of God might now be ^bmade known through the church to the ^crulers and the authorities in ^dthe heavenly places.

11 *This was in* ^aaccordance with the ¹eternal purpose which He ²carried out in ^bChrist Jesus our Lord.

12 in whom we have boldness and ¹a confident ^baccess through faith ²in Him.

13 Therefore I ask ¹you not ^ato lose heart at my tribulations ^bon your behalf, ²for they are your glory.

14 ¶ For this reason, I ^abow my knees before the Father,

15 from whom ¹every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

3 ^aActs 22:17, 21; 26:16ff. ^bGal 1:12 ^cEph. 1:9; 3:4, 6, 9 ^dRom. 11:25; 16:25; Eph. 3:4, 9; 6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 4:3 ^eEph. 1:9f.; Heb. 13:22; 1 Pet. 5:12

4 ¹Lit., To which, when you read

²Lit., in ^a2 Cor. 11:6 ^bRom. 11:25; 16:25; Eph. 3:3, 9; 6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 4:3

5 ¹Or, by ^a1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 2:20

6 ^aGal. 3:29 ^bEph. 2:16 ^cEph. 5:7 ^dGal. 5:24

7 ^aCol. 1:23, 25

^b1 Cor. 3:5 ^cActs 9:15; Rom. 12:3; Eph. 3:2 ^dEph. 1:19; 3:20

8 ¹Or, holy ones

^a1 Cor. 15:9 ^bActs 9:15; Eph. 3:1f. ^cRom. 2:4; Eph. 1:7; 3:18

9 ¹Some ancient mss. read *make all know* ^aRom. 11:25; 16:25; Eph. 3:3, 4; 6:19; Col. 1:26f.; 4:3

^bCol. 3:3

^cRev. 4:11

10 ^aRom. 11:33; 1 Cor. 2:7 ^bEph. 1:23; 1 Pet. 1:12 ^cEph. 1:21; 6:12; Col. 2:10, 15

^dEph. 1:3 ¹Lit., purpose of the ages ²Or, formed

^aEph. 1:11 ^bGal. 5:24; Eph. 3:1

12 ¹Lit., access in confidence ²Lit., of Him

^a2 Cor. 3:4; Heb. 4:16; 10:19, 35; 1 John 2:28; 3:21 ^bEph. 2:18

13 ¹Or, that I may not lose ²Lit., which are ^a2 Cor. 4:1 ^bEph. 3:1

16 that He would grant you, according to ^athe riches of His glory, to be ^bstrengthened with power through His Spirit in ^cthe inner man;

17 so that ^aChrist may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being ^brooted and ^cgrounded in love.

18 may be able to comprehend with ^aall the ¹saints what is ^bthe breadth and length and height and depth.

19 and to know ^athe love of Christ which ^bsurpasses knowledge, that you may be ^cfilled up to all the ^dfulness of God.

20 ¶ ^aNow to Him who is ^bable to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, ^caccording to the power that works within us.

21 ^ato Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations ¹forever and ever. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

I THEREFORE, ^athe prisoner of the Lord, ^bentreat you to ^cwalk in a manner worthy of the ^dcalling with which you have been ^ecalled.

2 with all ^ahumility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another ^bin love.

3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the ^abond of peace.

4 *There is* ^aone body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one ^bhope of your calling;

14 ^aPhil. 2:10

15 ¹Or, the whole

16 ^aEph. 1:18; 3:8 ^b1 Cor. 16:13; Phil. 4:13; Col. 1:11

^cRom. 7:22

17 ^aJohn 14:23; Rom. 8:9f.; 2 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 2:22

^b1 Cor. 3:8; Col. 2:7 ^cCol. 1:23

18 ¹V. 8, note 1 ^aEph. 1:15 ^bJob 11:8f.

19 ^aRom. 8:35, 39 ^bPhil. 4:7 ^cCol. 2:10 ^dEph. 1:23

20 ^aRom. 16:25 ^b2 Cor. 9:8 ^cEph. 3:7

21 ¹Lit., of the age of the ages ^aRom. 11:36

1 ^aEph. 3:1 ^bRom. 12:1 ^cEph. 2:10; Col. 1:10; 2:6;

1 ^aThess. 2:12 ^bRom. 11:29 ^cRom. 8:28f.

2 ^aCol. 3:12f. ^bEph. 1:4

3 ^aCol. 3:14f.

4 ^a1 Cor. 12:4ff.; Eph. 2:18, 18 ^bEph. 1:18

5 ^aone Lord, one faith, one baptism.

6 one God and Father of all ^awho is over all and through all and in all.

7 But ^ato each one of us ^bgrace was given ^caccording to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore ¹it says,

"^aWHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,
HE ^bLED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."

9 (Now this expression, "He ^aascended," what ¹does it mean except that He also ²had descended into ^bthe lower parts of the earth?

10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended ^afar above all the heavens, that He might ^bfill all things.)

11 And He ^agave ^bsome as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as ^cevangelists, and some as pastors and ^dteachers,

12 ^afor the equipping of the ¹saints for the work of service, to the building up of ^bthe body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to ^athe unity of the faith, and of the ^bknowledge of the Son of God, to a ^cmature man, to the measure of the stature ²which belongs to the ^dfulness of Christ.

14 ¹As a result, we are ^ano longer to be children, ^btossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by ^ccraftiness ²in ^ddeceitful scheming;

15 but ¹speaking the truth ^ain love, we ²are to ^bgrow up in all aspects into Him, who is the ^chead, even Christ,

16 from whom ^athe whole body, being fitted and held together ¹by that which every joint supplies, according to the ²proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the

8 ¹Cor. 8:6

6 ^aRom. 11:36

7 ¹Cor. 12:7, 11 ^bEph. 3:2 ^cRom. 12:3

8 ¹Or, He

^aPs. 68:18

^cCol. 2:15

9 ¹Lit., is it

except ^aSome

ancient men

read had first

descended

^aJohn 3:13

^bIsa. 44:23

10 ^aEph. 1:20f., Heb. 4:14, 7:26

^bEph. 1:23

11 ^aEph. 4:8

^bActs 13:1,

1 ^cCor. 12:28

^dActs 21:8

^eActs 13:1

12 ¹Or, holy ones

²Cor. 13:9

³1 ^cCor. 12:27,

Eph. 1:23

13 ¹Or, true

knowledge

²Lit., of the

fulfillment

^aEph. 4:3, 5

^bJohn 6:69

Eph. 1:17,

Phil. 3:10

¹1 ^cCor. 14:20,

Col. 1:28,

Heb. 5:14

^aJohn 1:16,

Eph. 1:23

14 ¹Lit., that

we may no

longer be

²Lit., with re-

spect to the

scheming of

deceit

¹1 ^cCor. 14:20

^aJames 1:6,

Jude 12 ¹1

^cCor. 3:12, 2

^cCor. 4:2, 11:3

^dEph. 6:11

15 ¹Or,

holding to or

walking in

²Lit., may

grow up

^aEph. 1:4

^bEph. 2:21

^cEph. 1:22

16 ¹Lit.,

through every

joint of the

supply ²Lit.,

working in

measure

^aRom. 12:4f.,

Col. 2:19

^bEph. 1:4

17 ^cCol. 2:4

^aEph. 2:2,

4:22 ^bRom. 1:21, Col. 2:18, 1 ^cPet. 1:18, 2 ^cPet. 2:18

body for the building up of itself ^bin love.

17 ¹Therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, ^bthat you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the ^cfrivolity of their mind,

18 being ^adarkened in their understanding, ^bexcluded from the life of God, because of the ^cignorance that is in them, because of the ^dhardness of their heart;

19 and they, having ^abecome callous, ^bhave given themselves over to ^csensuality, ¹for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

20 But you did not ^alearn ¹Christ in this way,

21 if indeed you ^ahave heard Him and have ^bbeen taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you ^alay aside the ^bold ¹self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the ^clusts of deceit,

23 and that you be ^arenewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and ^aput on the ^bnew ¹self, which ²in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

25 ¹Therefore, ^alaying aside falsehood, ^bSPEAK TRUTH, EACH ONE OF YOU, WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are ^cmembers of one another.

26 ^aBE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

27 and do not ^agive the devil ¹an opportunity.

18 ¹Or, alienated ^aRom. 1:21 ^bEph. 2:1, 12 ^cActs 3:17, 17:30; 1 ^cCor. 2:8; Heb. 5:2; 9:7, 1 ^cPet. 1:14 ^dMark 3:5, Rom. 11:7, 25, 2 ^cCor. 3:14

19 ¹Or, greedy for the practice of every kind of impurity ^a1 ^cTim. 4:2 ^bRom. 1:24 ^cCol. 3:5

20 ¹Lit., the Messianic ^aMatt. 11:29

21 ^aRom. 10:14; Eph. 1:13; 2:17; Col. 1:5 ^bCol. 2:7

22 ¹Lit., men ^aEph. 4:25, 31; Col. 3:8; Heb. 12:1; James 1:21; 1 ^cPet. 2:1 ^bRom. 6:6 ^c2 ^cCor. 11:3; Heb. 3:13

23 ^aRom. 12:2

24 ¹Lit., men ^aLit., according to God ^aRom. 13:14

^bRom. 6:4, 7:6, 12:2; 2 ^cCor. 5:17; Col. 3:10 ^cEph. 2:10

25 ^aEph. 4:22, 31; Col. 3:8; Heb. 12:1; James 1:21,

1 ^cPet. 2:1 ^bZech. 8:16; Eph. 4:15; Col. 3:9 ^cRom. 12:5

26 ^aPs. 4:4

27 ¹Lit., a place ^aRom. 12:18; James 4:7

28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather ^alet him labor, ^bperforming with his own hands what is good, ^cin order that he may have something to share with him who has need.

29 Let no ¹unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for ^bedification ²according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear.

30 And ^ado not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, ^bby whom you were ^bsealed for the day of redemption.

31 ^aLet all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be ^bput away from you, along with all ^cmalice.

32 And ^abe kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, ^bjust as God in Christ also has forgiven ^byou.

CHAPTER 5

^a**T**HEREFORE be imitators of God, as beloved children;

2 and ^awalk in love, just as Christ also ^bloved ^byou, and ^cgave Himself up for us, an ^doffering and a sacrifice to God ²as a ^cfragrant aroma.

3 ^aBut do not let ^aimmorality ¹or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among ²saints;

4 and ^athere must be no ^afilthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which ^bare not fitting, but rather ^cgiving of thanks.

5 For this you know with certainty, that ^ano ¹immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom ^bof Christ and God.

6 ^aLet no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things ^bthe wrath of God comes upon ^cthe sons of disobedience.

7 Therefore do not be ^apartakers with them;

8 for ^ayou were formerly

28 ^aActs 20:35; 1 Cor 4:12; Gal 6:10; 1 Thess 4:11; 2 Thess 3:8, 11f.; Titus 3:8, 14; Luke 3:11; 1 Thess 4:12
29 ^aLit., not from the need
30 ^aMatt 12:34; Eph 5:4; Col 3:8; Eccl 10:12; Rom 14:19; Col 4:6
31 ^aLit., in
32 ^aIs 63:10; 1 Thess 5:19; John 3:33; Eph 1:13
33 ^aRom 3:14; Col 3:8; 19; Eph 4:22
34 ^a1 Pet 2:1
35 ^aSome ancient mss read us
36 ^a1 Cor 13:4; Col 3:12f.; 1 Pet 3:8
37 ^aMatt 6:14f.; 2 Cor 2:10
38 ^aMatt 5:48; Luke 6:36; Eph 4:32
39 ^aSome ancient mss read us
40 ^aLit., for an odor of fragrance
41 ^aRom 14:15; Col 3:14
42 ^aJohn 13:34; Rom 8:37
43 ^aJohn 6:51; Rom 4:25; Gal 2:20; Eph 5:25
44 ^aHeb 7:27; 9:14; 10:10; 12; Ex 29:18; 25; 2 Cor 2:14
45 ^aLit., and all
46 ^aOr, holy ones
47 ^aCol 3:5
48 ^aMatt 12:34; Eph 4:29; Col 3:8
49 ^aRom 1:28
50 ^aEph 5:20
51 ^aI.e., one who commits sexual immorality
52 ^a1 Cor 6:9; Col 3:5; Col 1:13
53 ^aCol 2:8
54 ^aRom 1:18; Col 3:6; Eph 2:2
55 ^aEph 3:6
56 ^aEph 2:2
57 ^aActs 28:18; Col 1:12f.; John 12:36; Rom 13:12
58 ^aGal 5:22; Rom 13:14

^bdarkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as ^cchildren of light

9 (for ^athe fruit of the light consists in all ^bgoodness and righteousness and truth),

10 ^atrying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

11 And ^ado not participate in the unfruitful ^bdeeds of ^cdarkness, but instead even ^dexpose them;

12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

13 But all things become visible ^awhen they are ^bexposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

14 For this reason ^bit says,

^a"Awake, sleeper,
And arise from ^bthe dead,
And Christ ^cwill shine on you."

15 ^aTherefore ^bbe careful how you ^awalk, not ^bas unwise men, but as wise,

16 ^amaking the most of your time, because ^bthe days are evil.

17 So then do not be foolish, but ^aunderstand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And ^ado not get drunk with wine, ¹for that is ^bdissipation, but be ^cfilled with the Spirit,

19 ^aspeaking to ^bone another in ^bpsalms and ^chymns and spiritual ^dsongs, ^esinging and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

20 ^aalways giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to ^bGod, even the Father;

10 ^aLit., proving what

11 ^aOr, reprove

12 ^aActs 28:18; Col 1:12f.; 1 Tim 5:20

13 ^aOr, reprove

14 ^aOr, He

15 ^aEph 2:1; Luke 1:78f

16 ^aLit., look carefully

17 ^aEph 5:2; Col 4:5

18 ^aLit., redeeming the time

19 ^aGal 1:4; Eph 6:13

20 ^aRom 12:2; Col 1:9; 1 Thess 4:3

21 ^aLit., in which is

22 ^aProv 20:1; 23:31f.; Rom 13:13; 1 Cor 5:11; 1 Thess 5:7

23 ^aTitus 1:6; 1 Pet 4:4; Luke 1:15

24 ^aOr, yourselves

25 ^aCol 3:16; 1 Cor 14:26; Acts 16:25

26 ^aRev 5:9; 1 Cor 14:15

27 ^aLit., the God and Father

28 ^aRom 1:8; Eph 5:4; Col 3:17; 1 Cor 15:24

21 ^{1a}and be subject to one another in the ^{2b}fear of Christ.

22 ¶ ^{1a}Wives, ^bbe subject to your own husbands, ^cas to the Lord.

23 For ^athe husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the ^bhead of the church, He Himself ^cbeing the Savior of the body.

24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 ^aHusbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and ^bgave Himself up for her;

26 ^athat He might sanctify her, having ^bcleansed her by the ^cwashing of water with ^dthe word.

27 that He might ^apresent to Himself the church ^bin all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be ^bholy and blameless.

28 So husbands ought also to ^alove their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,

30 because we are ^amembers of His ^bbody.

31 ^aFOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let each individual among you also ^alove his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she ^brespect her husband.

CHAPTER 6

CHILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

21 ^{1a}...
being subject
20r, rever-
ence
Gal. 5:13;
Phil. 2:3;
1 Pet. 5:5
2 Cor. 5:11

22 ^{1a}...
5:22-49 Col
3:18-41
1 Cor
14:34f. Titus
2:5, 1 Pet. 3:1
Eph. 6:5
23 ^{1a}...
11:3 Eph
1:22 1 Cor
6:13

24 ^{1a}...
5:28, 33, Col
3:19, 1 Pet
3:7 Eph. 5:2
28 ^{1a}...
2:14, Heb
10:10, 14, 29;
13:12 2 Pet
1:9 Acts
22:16, 1 Cor
6:11, Titus
3:5 4 John
15:3, 17:17,
Rom. 10:10f.
Eph. 6:17

27 ^{1a}...
11 ^{1a}...
2 Cor. 4:14,
11:2, Col
1:22 Eph. 1:4
28 ^{1a}...
5:25, 33,
1 Pet. 3:7

28 ^{1a}...
6:15, 12:27
Eph. 1:23
31 ^{1a}...
2:24, Matt
19:5, Mark
10:7

32 ^{1a}...
Eph. 5:25,
28, 1 Pet. 3:7
11 ^{1a}...
32

1 ^{1a}...
6:20, 23:22,
Col. 3:20
2 ^{1a}...
20:12, Deut
5:16

4 ^{1a}...
Col. 3:21
Gen. 18:19,
Deut. 6:7,
11:19, Ps.
78:4, Prov
22:6, 2 Tim.
3:15

8 ^{1a}...
earthly mas-
ters, with
fear
Col. 3:22,
1 Tim. 6:1,
Titus 2:9
1 Cor. 2:3
Eph. 5:22

8 ^{1a}...
according to
1a, soul
Gal. 3:22
Col. 1:10
1 Cor. 7:23
4 Mark 3:35
7 ^{1a}...
during
Col. 3:23

2 ^aHONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise).

3 THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

4 And, ^afathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but ^bbring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

5 ¶ ^aSlaves, be obedient to those who are your ^bmasters according to the flesh, with ^bfear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, ^cas to Christ;

6 ^anot ^bby way of eyeservice, as ^bmen-pleasers, but as ^cslaves of Christ, ^ddoing the will of God from the ²heart.

7 With good will ^brender service, ^aas to the Lord, and not to men.

8 ^aknowing that ^bwhatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, ^cwhether slave or free.

9 And, masters, do the same things to them, and ^agive up threatening, knowing that ^bboth their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is ^cno partiality with Him.

10 ¶ Finally, ^abe strong in the Lord, and in ^bthe strength of His might.

11 ^aPut on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the ^bschemes of the devil.

12 For our ^astruggle is not against ^bflesh and blood, but ^cagainst the rulers, against the powers, against the ^dworld forces of this ^edarkness, against the ^fspiritual forces of wickedness in ^{the}heavenly places.

13 Therefore, take up ^athe full armor of God, that you may be

8 ^{1a}...
Col. 3:24 Matt. 18:27, 2 Cor. 5:10; Col. 3:28f.
1 Cor. 12:13; Col. 3:11
9 ^{1a}...
Lev. 20:43 Job 31:13ff.; John 13:13; Col. 4:1
Deut. 10:17; Acts 10:24; Col. 3:25
10 ^{1a}...
1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1 Eph. 1:19
11 ^{1a}...
Rom. 12:12; Eph. 6:13 Eph. 6:14
12 ^{1a}...
1a, blood and flesh 1 Cor. 8:25 Matt. 18:17
Eph. 1:21; 2:2; 3:10 John 12:31 Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13
Eph. 3:10 Eph. 1:3
13 ^{1a}...
Eph. 6:11

able to ^bresist in ^cthe evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand firm therefore, ^aHAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING ^bPUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

15 and having ^ashod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;

16 ¹in addition to all, taking up the ^ashield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the ^bflaming missiles of ^cthe evil one.

17 And take ^aTHE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the ^bsword of the Spirit, which is ^cthe word of God.

18 With all ^aprayer and petition ^{1b}pray at all times ^cin the Spirit, and with this in view, ^{2d}be on the alert with all ^aperseverance and ^fpetition for all the saints,

19 and ^apray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me ^bin the opening of my mouth, to

13 ^bJames 4:7 ^cEph. 5:16
14 ^aIs. 11:5; Luke 12:35;
1 Pet. 1:13
^bIs. 59:17;
Rom. 13:12;
Eph. 6:13;
1 Thess. 5:8
18 ^aIs. 52:7;
Rom. 10:15
16 ¹Lit., in all
^a1 Thess. 5:8
^bPs. 7:13;
120:4 ^cMatt. 5:37
17 ^aIs. 59:17
^bIs. 49:2; Hos. 6:5; Heb. 4:12
^cEph. 5:26;
Heb. 8:5
18 ¹Lit., praying ²Lit., being
^aPhil. 4:6
^bLuke 18:1;
Col. 1:3; 4:2;
1 Thess. 5:17
^cRom. 8:26f.
^dMark 13:33
^aActs 1:14
¹1 Tim. 2:1
19 ^aCol. 4:3;
1 Thess. 5:25
^b2 Cor. 6:11
^c2 Cor. 3:12
^dEph. 3:3
20 ¹Lit., a chain ²Some ancient mss. read I may speak it boldly
^a2 Cor. 5:20;
Philem. 9 mg.

make known with ^cboldness ^dthe mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ^aambassador ^bin ^cchains; that ²in proclaiming it I may speak ^cboldly ^das I ought to speak.

21 ¶ But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, ^bTychicus, ^cthe beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you.

22 ¹And ^aI have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know ²about us, and that he may ^bcomfort your hearts.

23 ¶ ^aPeace be to the brethren, and ^blove with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ ¹with a love incorruptible.

^bActs 21:33; 28:20;
Eph. 3:1; Phil. 1:7; Col. 4:3 ²2 Cor. 3:12 ^dCol. 4:4
21 ^aEph. 6:21; 22; Col. 4:7-9 ^bActs 20:4; 2 Tim. 4:12
^cCol. 4:7
22 ¹Lit., Whom I have sent to you ²Lit., the things about us ^aCol. 4:8 ^bCol. 2:2; 4:8
23 ^aRom. 15:33; Gal. 6:16; 2 Thess. 3:16; 1 Pet. 5:14
^bGal. 5:6; 1 Thess. 5:8
24 ¹Lit., in incorruption

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Thanksgiving

^aPAUL and ^bTimothy, ^cbondservants of ^dChrist Jesus, to ^eall the ^fsaints in Christ Jesus who are in ^aPhilippi, including the ^boverseers and ^cdeacons:

2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ ^aI thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

4 always offering prayer with

1 ¹Or, holy ones
^a2 Cor. 1:1
^bActs 16:1
^cRom. 1:1;
Gal. 1:10
^dGal. 3:28
^e2 Cor. 1:1;
Col. 1:2 ^fActs 9:13 ^aActs 16:12 ^bActs 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:1f.; Titus 1:7
¹1 Tim. 3:8ff.
2 ^aRom. 1:7
3 ^aRom. 1:8
4 ^aRom. 1:9

joy in ^amy every prayer for you all,

5 in view of your ^{1a}participation in the ^bgospel ^cfrom the first day until now.

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until ^athe day of Christ Jesus.

7 ¹For ^ait is only right for me to

5 ¹Or, sharing in the preaching of the gospel ^aActs 2:42; Phil. 4:15 ^bPhil. 1:7; 2:22; 4:3; 15 ^cActs 16:12-40; Phil. 2:12; 4:15
6 ^a1 Cor. 1:8; Phil. 1:10; 2:16
7 ¹Lit., Just as it is right ²2 Pet. 1:13

feel this way about you all, because I ^bhave you in my heart, since both in my ^{2c}imprisonment and in the ^adefense and confirmation of the ^agospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

8 For ^aGod is my witness, how I long for you all with the ¹affection of ^bChrist Jesus.

9 And this I pray, that ^ayour love may abound still more and more in ^breal knowledge and all discernment,

10 so that you may ^{1a}approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless ²until ^bthe day of Christ;

11 having been filled with the ^afruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12 ¶ Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances ^ahave turned out for the greater progress of the ^bgospel,

13 so that my ^{1a}imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole ²praetorian guard and to ^beveryone else,

14 and that most of the ¹brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my ^{2a}imprisonment, have ^bfar more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

15 ^aSome, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

16 ¹the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the ^agospel;

17 the former proclaim Christ ^aout of selfish ambition, ¹rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my ^{2b}imprisonment.

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn out for my ¹deliverance ^athrough your ²prayers and the

7 ^aLat., bonds
2 Cor. 7:3
Acts 21:33;
Eph. 6:20;
Phil. 1:13f.
17 ^aPhil. 1:18
Phil. 1:5, 12,
16, 27; 2:22;
4:3, 15
8 ^aLat., in-
ward parts
Rom. 1:9
Gal. 3:26
9 ^a1 Thess.
3:12 ^aCol. 1:9
10 ^aOr, dis-
tinguish be-
tween the
things which
differ ^aLat.,
for
Rom. 2:18
1 ^aCor. 1:8,
Phil. 1:6, 2:18
11 ^aJames
3:18
12 ^aLuke
21:13 ^aPhil.
1:5, 7, 16, 27,
2:22; 4:3, 15
13 ^aLat.,
bonds ^aOr,
governor's
palace
Phil. 1:7,
2 Tim. 2:9
Acts 28:30
14 ^aOr,
brethren in
the Lord,
trusting be-
cause of my
bonds ^aLat.,
bonds
Phil. 1:7,
2 Tim. 2:9
Acts 4:31,
2 Cor. 3:12,
7:4, Phil. 1:20
15 ^a2 Cor.
11:13
16 ^aSome
later mss. re-
verse the or-
der of vv. 16
and 17
Phil. 1:5, 7,
12, 27; 2:22,
4:3, 15
17 ^aLat., not
sincerely
^aLat., bonds
Rom. 2:8,
Phil. 2:3
Phil. 1:7,
2 Tim. 2:9
18 ^aOr, sal-
vation ^aLat.,
supplication
2 Cor. 1:11
Acts 16:7
20 ^aRom.
8:19 ^aRom.
5:5, 1 Pet.
4:16 ^aActs
4:31; 2 Cor.
3:12; 7:4,
Phil. 1:14
1 ^aCor. 6:20
Rom. 14:8
21 ^aGal.
2:20

provision of ^bthe Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 according to my ^aearnest expectation and ^bhope, that I shall not be put to shame in any-thing, but *that* with ^call boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be ^dexalted in my body, ^awhether by life or by death.

21 For to me, ^ato live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 ¹But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean ^afruitful labor for me; and I do not know ²which to choose.

23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the ^ade-sire to depart and ^bbe with Christ, for *that* is very much bet-ter;

24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

25 And ^aconvinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith,

26 so that your ^aproud confi-dence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

27 ¶ Only conduct yourselves in a manner ^aworthy of the ^bgos-pel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain ab-sent, I may hear of you that you are ^cstanding firm in ^done spirit, with one ¹mind ^astriving to-gether for the faith of the gospel;

28 in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a ^asign of destruction for them, but of sal-vation for you, and that too, from God.

29 For to you ^ait has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to ^bsuffer for His sake,

22 ^aOr, But if to live in the flesh, this will be fruitful labor for me, then ^aLat., what I shall choose ^aRom. 1:13

23 ^a2 Cor. 5:8; 2 Tim. 4:6 ^aJohn 12:28

26 ^aPhil. 2:24

28 ^a2 Cor. 5:12; 7:4; Phil. 2:16

27 ^aLat., soul ^aEph. 4:1 ^aPhil. 1:5 ^a1 Cor. 16:13; Phil. 4:1 ^aActs 4:32 ^aJohn 3

28 ^a3 Thess. 1:5

29 ^aMatt. 5:11, 12 ^aActs 14:22

30 experiencing the same
*conflict which ^byou saw in me,
and now hear to be in me.

CHAPTER 2

IF therefore there is any en-
couragement in Christ, if
there is any consolation of love,
if there is any ^afellowship of the
Spirit, if any ^baffection and
compassion,

2 ^amake my joy complete ^bby
^bbeing of the same mind, main-
taining the same love, united in
spirit, intent on one purpose.

3 Do nothing from ^aselfish-
ness or ^bempty conceit, but with
humility of mind let ^ceach of you
regard one another as more im-
portant than himself;

4 ^ado not *merely* look out for
your own personal interests, but
also for the interests of others.

5 ^aHave this attitude ^bin your-
selves which was also in ^bChrist
Jesus,

6 who, although He ^aexisted in
the ^bform of God, ^cdid not regard
equality with God a thing to be
grasped,

7 but ^aemptied Himself, tak-
ing the form of a ^bbond-servant,
and ^cbeing made in the likeness
of men.

8 And being found in appear-
ance as a man, ^aHe humbled
Himself by becoming ^bobedient
to the point of death, even ^cdeath
^bon a cross.

9 ^aTherefore also God ^bhighly
exalted Him, and bestowed on
Him ^cthe name which is above
every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus
^aEVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of
^bthose who are in heaven, and on
earth, and under the earth,

11 and that every tongue
should confess that Jesus Christ
is ^aLord, to the glory of God the
Father.

12 ¶ So then, my beloved,
^ajust as you have always obeyed,
not as in my presence only, but

30 ^aCol.
1:28; 2:1;
1 Thess. 2:2;
1 Tim. 6:12;
2 Tim. 4:7;
Heb. 10:32;
12:1 ^bActs
16:19-40;
Phil. 1:13

1 ^aLit., in-
ward parts
2 ^aCor. 13:14
^bCol. 3:12

2 ^aLit., that
you be
^aJohn 3:29
^bRom. 12:16
Phil. 4:2

3 ^aOr, con-
tinuousness
^aRom. 2:8,
Phil. 1:17
^bGal. 5:26
^cRom. 12:10;
Eph. 5:21

4 ^aRom.
15:17

5 ^aOr,
among
^aMatt. 11:29;
Rom. 15:3
^bPhil. 1:1

6 ^aJohn 1:1
2 ^aCor. 4:4
^bJohn 5:18,
10:33, 14:28

7 ^aI.e., laid
aside His
privileges
2 ^aCor. 8:9
^bMatt. 20:28
^cJohn 1:14;
Rom. 8:3;
Gal. 4:4; Heb.
2:17

8 ^aLit., of
2 ^aCor. 8:9
^bMatt. 26:39;
John 10:18;
Rom. 5:19;
Heb. 5:8
^cHeb. 12:2

9 ^aHeb. 1:9
^bMatt. 28:18;
Acts 2:33;
Heb. 2:9
^cEph. 1:21

10 ^aIs.
45:23; Rom.
14:11 ^bEph.
1:10

11 ^aJohn
13:13; Rom.
10:9, 14:9

12 ^aPhil. 1:5,
6, 4:15 ^bHeb.
5:9-2 ^cCor.
7:15

13 ^aRom.
12:3; 1 ^cCor.
12:6; 15:10;
Heb. 13:21
^bEph. 1:5

14 ^a1 ^cCor.
10:10; 1 ^cPet.
4:9

15 ^aOr, be-
come ^aOr,
shine ^aOr, lu-
minaries,
stars

now much more in my absence
work out your ^bsalvation with
^cfear and trembling;

13 for it is ^aGod who is at work
in you, both to will and to work
^bfor His good pleasure.

14 Do all things without
^agrumbling or disputing;

15 that you may ^bprove your
selves to be ^ablameless and innoc-
ent, ^bchildren of God above re-
proach in the midst of a ^ccrooked
and perverse generation, among
whom you ^{2d}appear as ³lights in
the world,

16 holding ^bfast the word of
life, so that in ^athe day of Christ
I may have cause to glory be-
cause I did not ^brun in vain nor
^ctoil in vain.

17 But even if I am being
^apoured out as a drink offering
upon ^bthe sacrifice and service of
your faith, I rejoice and share my
joy with you all.

18 And you too, *I urge you*, re-
joice in the same way and share
your joy with me.

19 ¶ But I hope ^bin the Lord
Jesus to ^asend ^bTimothy to you
shortly, so that I also may be en-
couraged when I learn of your
condition.

20 For I have no one *else* ^aof
kindred spirit who will genu-
inely be concerned for your wel-
fare.

21 For they all ^aseek after their
own interests, not those of
Christ Jesus.

22 But you know ^aof his prover-
b worth that ^bhe served with me in
the furtherance of the gospel
^clike a child serving his father.

23 ^aTherefore I hope to send
him immediately, as soon as I see
how things go with me;

^aLuke 1:6; Phil. 3:6 ^bMatt. 5:45; Eph. 5:1 ^cDeut. 32:5,
Acts 2:40 ^aMatt. 5:14-16

16 ^aOr, forth ^aPhil. 1:6 ^bGal. 2:2 ^cIs. 49:4; Gal. 4:11,
1 Thess. 3:5

17 2 ^aCor. 12:15; 2 Tim. 4:6 ^bNum. 28:6, 7; Rom. 15:16
19 ^aOr, trusting in ^aPhil. 2:23 ^bPhil. 1:1

20 1 ^aCor. 16:10; 2 Tim. 3:10

21 1 ^aCor. 10:24; 13:5; Phil. 2:4

22 ^aRom. 5:4; Acts 16:2 ^bActs 16:3; 1 ^cCor. 16:10;
2 Tim. 3:10 ^c1 ^cCor. 4:17

23 ^aPhil. 2:19

24 and ^aI trust in the Lord that I myself also shall be coming shortly.

25 But I thought it necessary to send to you ^aEpaphroditus, my brother and ^bfellow worker and ^cfellow soldier, who is also your ^dmessenger and ^eminister to my need;

26 because he was longing ^ffor you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly in order that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you.

29 Therefore ^areceive him in the Lord with all joy, and ^bhold men like him in high regard;

30 because he came close to death ^afor the work of Christ, risking his life to ^bcomplete ^cwhat was deficient in your service to me.

CHAPTER 3

FINALLY, my brethren, ^arejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

2 Beware of the ^adogs, beware of the ^bevil workers, beware of the ^cfalse circumcision;

3 for ^awe are the true ^bcircumcision, who ^cworship in the Spirit of God and ^dglory in ^eChrist Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.

4 although ^aI myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

5 ^acircumcised the eighth day, of the ^bnation of Israel, of the ^ctribe of Benjamin, a ^dHebrew of

24 ^aPhil.

1:25

28 ^bLit.

apostle

^cPhil. 4:18

^dRom. 16:3

9, 21; Phil.

4:3; Philem.

1:24 ^ePhilem.

2 ^fJohn

13:16; 2 Cor.

8:23 ^aPhil.

4:18

28 ^bSome

ancient mss

read to see

you all

29 ^cRom

16:2 ^d1 Cor.

16:18

30 ^eLit.

your defi-

ciency of ser-

vise

^fActs 20:24

^g1 Cor. 16:17.

Phil. 4:10

1 ^aPhil.

2:18, 4:4

2 ^bLit.

mutilation,

Gr. katatome

^cPs. 22:16, 20.

Gal. 5:15.

Rev. 22:15

^d2 Cor. 11:13

3 ^eGr.

perverse

^fRom. 2:29.

9:6, Gal. 6:15

^gLit. 5:25

^hRom. 15:17.

Gal. 6:14

ⁱRom. 8:30.

Phil. 1:1, 3:12

4 ^j2 Cor.

5:18, 11:18

5 ^kLuke

1:50 ^lRom.

11:1, 2 Cor.

11:22 ^mRom.

11:1 ⁿActs

22:3, 23:6,

26:5

6 ^oActs 8:3.

22:4, 5, 26:9-

11 ^pPhil. 3:9

^qPhil. 2:15

7 ^rLuke

14:33

8 ^sLit., the

knowledge of

^tJer. 9:23f.

John 17:3.

Eph. 4:13.

Phil. 3:10;

2 Pet. 1:3

^uRom. 8:30;

Phil. 1:1, 3:12

9 ^vRom.

10:5, Phil. 3:6

^wRom. 9:30;

1 Cor. 1:30

10 ^xOr, par-

ticipation in

^yJer. 9:23f.

John 17:3.

Eph. 4:13.

Phil. 3:8.

2 Pet. 1:13

^zRom. 6:5

^{aa}Rom. 8:17

^{ab}Rom. 6:5.

8:30; Gal.

6:17

Hebrews; as to the Law, ^aa Phari-

see;
6 as to zeal, ^aa persecutor of the church; as to the ^brighteousness which is in the Law, found ^cblameless.

7 But ^awhatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of ^aknowing ^bChrist Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ.

9 and may be found in Him, not having ^aa righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, ^bthe righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

10 that I may ^aknow Him, and ^bthe power of His resurrection and ^cthe fellowship of His sufferings, being ^dconformed to His death;

11 ^ain order that I may ^battain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already ^aobtained it, or have already ^bbecome perfect, but I press on ^cin order that I may ^dlay hold of that ^efor which also I ^fwas laid hold of by ^gChrist Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: ^aforgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

14 I ^apress on toward the goal for the prize of the ^bupward call of God in ^cChrist Jesus.

11 ^aLit., if somehow ^bActs 26:7; 1 Cor. 15:23; Rev. 20:5f.

12 ^aLit., if I may even ^bOr, because also ^c1 Cor. 9:24f., 1 Tim. 6:12, 19 ^d1 Cor. 13:10 ^e1 Tim. 6:12, 19 ^fActs 9:3f.

^gRom. 8:30; Phil. 1:1, 3:3, 8

13 ^aLuke 9:63

14 ^a1 Cor. 9:24; Heb. 9:1 ^bRom. 8:28; 11:29; 2 Tim. 1:9

^cPhil. 3:9

15 Let us therefore, as many as are ¹perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a ^bdifferent attitude, ^cGod will reveal that also to you;

16 however, let us keep ¹living by that same standard to which we have attained.

17 ^c Brethren, ^ajoin in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the ^bpattern you have in us.

18 For ^amany walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even ^bweeping, that they are enemies of ^cthe cross of Christ,

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their ¹appetite, and whose ^bglory is in their shame, who ^cset their minds on earthly things.

20 For ^aour ¹citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly ^bwait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

21 who will ^atransform ¹the body of our humble state into ^bconformity with ²the ^cbody of His glory, ^dby the exertion of the power that He has even to ^csubject all things to Himself.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, my beloved brethren ¹whom I ^along to see, my joy and crown, so ^bstand firm in the Lord, my beloved.

2 ^c I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to ¹live in harmony in the Lord.

3 Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in *the cause of the gospel*, together with Clement also, and the rest of my ^afellow workers, whose ^bnames are in the book of life.

4 ^c Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. ^aThe Lord is ¹near.

6 ^aBe anxious for nothing, but in everything by ^bprayer and supplication with thanksgiving

15 ¹Or, maturity
^aMatt. 5:48;
1 Cor. 2:6
^bGal. 5:10
^cJohn 6:45;
Eph. 1:17;
1 Thess. 4:9

16 ¹Lit., following in line
^aGal. 6:16
17 ^a1 Cor.
4:16; 11:1;
Phil. 4:9
^b1 Pet. 5:3
18 ^a2 Cor.
11:13 ^bActs
20:31 ^cGal.
6:14

19 ¹Lit., bel-
ly
^aRom. 16:18,
Titus 1:12
^bRom. 6:21,
Jude 13
^cRom. 8:5f.
Col. 3:2

20 ¹Lit., common-
wealth
^aEph. 2:19,
Phil. 1:27,
Col. 3:1; Heb.
12:22 ^b1 Cor.
1:7

21 ¹Or, our lowly body
²Or, His glorious body
^a1 Cor. 15:43-53 ^bRom.
8:29; Col. 3:4
^c1 Cor. 15:43,
49 ^dEph. 1:19
^e1 Cor. 15:28

1 ¹Lit., and longed for
^aPhil. 1:8
^b1 Cor. 16:13,
Phil. 1:27
2 ¹Or, be of the same mind
^aPhil. 2:2
3 ^aPhil.
2:25 ^bLuke
10:20

4 ^aPhil. 3:1
5 ¹Or, at hand
^a1 Cor. 16:22
mg., Heb.
10:37, James
5:8f.
6 ^aMatt.
6:25 ^bEph.
6:18; 1 Tim.
2:1; 5:5
7 ¹Lit., mind
^aIs. 26:3;
John 14:27;
Phil. 4:9; Col.
3:15 ^b1 Pet.
1:5 ^c2 Cor.
10:5 ^dPhil.
1:1; 4:19, 21

8 ¹Or, lovable and gracious
²Or, attractive
³Lit., ponder these things
^aRom. 14:18,
1 Pet. 2:12

9 ^aPhil. 3:17 ^bRom. 15:33
10 ^a2 Cor. 11:9; Phil. 2:30
11 ¹Lit., according to
²Or, self-sufficient
^a2 Cor. 9:8;
1 Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5
12 ^a1 Cor. 4:11 ^b2 Cor. 11:9
13 ¹Lit., in
²2 Cor. 12:9; Eph. 3:16; Col. 1:11
14 ^aHeb. 10:33; Rev. 1:9
15 ¹Lit., beginning of
^aPhil. 1:5 ^bRom. 15:26 ^c2 Cor.
11:9

let your requests be made known to God.

7 And ^athe peace of God which surpasses all ¹comprehension, shall ^bguard your hearts and your ^cminds ^dChrist Jesus.

8 ^c Finally, brethren, ^awhatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is ¹lovely, whatever is ²of good repute, there is any excellence and anything worthy of praise, ^blet your mind dwell on these things.

9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen ^ain me, practice these things; and ^bthe God of peace shall be with you.

10 ^c But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last ^ayou have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned *before*, but you lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak ¹from want; for I have learned to be ²acontent in whatever circumstances I am.

12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity in any and every circumstance have learned the secret of being filled and going ^ahungry, both ^bhaving abundance and ^bsuffering need.

13 I can do all things ¹through Him who ^astrengthens me.

14 Nevertheless, you have done well to ^ashare with me in my affliction.

15 And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the ¹first preaching of the gospel after I departed from ^bMacedonia, no church ^cshared with me

9 ^aPhil. 3:17 ^bRom. 15:33

10 ^a2 Cor. 11:9; Phil. 2:30

11 ¹Lit., according to
²Or, self-sufficient
^a2 Cor. 9:8;
1 Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5

12 ^a1 Cor. 4:11 ^b2 Cor. 11:9

13 ¹Lit., in
²2 Cor. 12:9; Eph. 3:16; Col. 1:11

14 ^aHeb. 10:33; Rev. 1:9

15 ¹Lit., beginning of
^aPhil. 1:5 ^bRom. 15:26 ^c2 Cor.
11:9

in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;

16 for even in ^aThessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

17 ^aNot that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the ¹profit which increases to your account.

18 But I have received everything in full, and have an abundance; I am ¹amply supplied, having received from ^aEpaphroditus ²what you have sent, ³ba fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

19 And ^amy God shall supply

16 ^aActs 17:1; 1 Thess. 2:9
17 ¹Lit., fruit
^a1 Cor. 9:11f.; 2 Cor. 9:5
18 ¹Lit., made full
²Lit., the things from you
³Lit., an odor of fragrance
^aPhil. 2:25
^bEx. 29:18; 2 Cor. 2:14; Eph. 5:2
19 ¹Or, every need of yours
²2 Cor. 9:8
^aRom. 7:4
20 ¹Lit., to the eyes of the eyes

all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 Now to ^aour God and Father ^bbe the glory ¹forever and ever. Amen.

21 ^aGreet every ¹saint in Christ Jesus. ^aThe brethren who are with me greet you.

22 ^aAll the ¹bsaints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus Christ ^bbe with your spirit.

^aGal. 1:4 ^aRom. 11:36
21 ¹Or, holy ones ^aGal. 1:2
22 ¹V. 21, note 1 ²2 Cor. 13:13 ^aActs 9:13
23 ^aRom. 16:20 ^a2 Tim. 4:22

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

Thankfulness for Spiritual Attainments

^aPAUL, ^{an}apostle of Jesus Christ ¹by the will of God, and ^aTimothy ²our brother,

2 to the ¹bsaints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae; ^bGrace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 ^aWe give thanks to God, ^bthe Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 ^asince we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the ^blove which you have ¹for ^aall the ²saints;

5 because of the ^ahope ^blaid up for you in ¹heaven, of which you previously ^cheard in the word of truth, ²the gospel,

6 which has come to you, just as ¹in all the world also it is constantly bearing ^bfruit and ²increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day

1 ¹Lit., through
²Lit., the
^aPhil. 1:1
²2 Cor. 1:1
¹1 Cor. 1:1
²2 Cor. 1:1
1 Thess. 3:2
3 ¹Or, holy ones
^aActs 9:13
^aRom. 1:7
5 ^aRom. 1:8
^aRom. 15:6; 2 Cor. 1:3
4 ¹Or, toward
²Or, holy ones
^aEph. 1:15
^aGal. 5:6
^aEph. 6:18
8 ¹Lit., the heavens
²Or, of the gospel
^aActs 23:6
^a2 Tim. 4:8
^aEph. 1:13
6 ¹Or, it is in the world
²Or, spreading abroad
³Or, come really to know
^aRom. 10:18
^aRom. 1:13
^aEph. 4:21

you ^cheard of it and ³understood the grace of God in truth;

7 just as you learned it from ^aEpaphras, our ^bbeloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on ¹our behalf.

8 and he also informed us of your ^alove in the Spirit.

9 ^aFor this reason also, ^asince the day we heard of it, ^bwe have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the ¹knowledge of His will in all spiritual ^awisdom and understanding.

10 so that you may ^awalk in a manner worthy of the Lord, ^bto please Him in all respects, ^cbearing fruit in every good work and ²increasing in the ³knowledge of God;

7 ¹Some later mss. read your ^aCol. 4:12 ^aCol. 4:7
8 ^aRom. 15:30
9 ¹Or, real knowledge ^aCol. 1:4 ^aEph. 1:16 ^aPhil. 1:9
^aEph. 1:17
10 ¹Lit., unto all pleasing
²Or, growing by the knowledge
³Or, real knowledge ^aEph. 4:1 ^aEph. 5:10
^aRom. 1:13

11 ^astrengthened with all power, according to ¹His glorious might, ²for the attaining of all steadfastness and ³patience; ^bjoyously

12 giving thanks to ^athe Father, who has qualified us ¹to share in ^bthe inheritance of the ²saints in ^clight.

13 For He delivered us from the ¹domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of ²His beloved Son,

14 ^ain whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 And He is the ^aimage of the ^binvisible God, the ^cfirst-born of all creation.

16 For ¹by Him all things were created, ^aboth in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether ^bthrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—^call things have been created ²by Him and for Him.

17 And He ¹is before all things, and in Him all things ²hold together.

18 He is also ^ahead of ^bthe body, the church; and He is ^cthe beginning, ^dthe first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

19 For ¹it was ^athe Father's good pleasure for all ^bthe ²fulness to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him to ^areconcile all things to Himself, having made ^bpeace through ^cthe blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, ^dwhether things on earth or things in ¹heaven.

21 And although you were ^aformerly alienated and hostile in mind, ^bengaged in evil deeds,

22 yet He has now ^areconciled you in His fleshly ^bbody through death, in order to ^cpresent you before Him ^dholy and blameless and beyond reproach—

23 if indeed you continue in ¹the faith firmly ^aestablished and steadfast, and not moved away from the ^bhope of the gospel that

¹¹ ¹Lit., the might of His glory ²Lit., unto all ³Or, patience with joy

¹1 Cor. 16:13 ²Eph. 4:2

¹² ¹Lit., unto the portion of ²Or, holy ones ³Eph. 2:18

¹³ ¹Acts 20:32 ²Acts 26:18

¹⁴ ¹Lit., authority ²Lit., the Son of His love

¹⁵ ¹Eph. 6:12 ²Eph. 1:6

¹⁶ ¹Or, 3:24

¹⁷ ¹2 Cor. 4:4 ²John 1:18, ³Rom. 8:29

¹⁸ ¹Or, in ²Or, through

¹⁹ ¹Eph. 1:10 ²Eph. 1:20f. ³Col. 2:15

²⁰ ¹John 1:3, ²Rom. 11:36, ³1 Cor. 8:6

²¹ ¹Or, has existed prior to ²Or, endure

²² ¹John 1:1, ²8:58

²³ ¹Eph. 1:22 ²Eph. 1:23; ³Col. 1:24; ⁴2:19

²⁴ ¹Rev. 3:14 ²Acts 26:23

²⁵ ¹Or, all the fullness was pleased to dwell ²Lit., fullness of deity

²⁶ ¹Eph. 1:5 ²John 1:16

²⁷ ¹Lit., the heavens

²⁸ ¹2 Cor. 5:18; ²Eph. 2:16

²⁹ ¹Rom. 5:1; ²Eph. 2:14

³⁰ ¹Eph. 2:13 ²Col. 1:18

³¹ ¹Rom. 5:10; ²Eph. 2:3, 12

³² ¹2 Cor. 5:18; ²Eph. 2:16

³³ ¹7:4 ²Eph. 5:27; ³Col. 1:28

³⁴ ¹Eph. 1:4

³⁵ ¹Or omit, the ²Lit., became ³Or, servant

³⁶ ¹Eph. 3:17; ²Col. 2:7 ³Col. 1:5

³⁷ ¹Mark 16:15; ²Acts 2:5; ³Col. 1:6

³⁸ ¹Eph. 3:7; ²Col. 1:25

³⁹ ¹1 Cor. 3:5

you have heard, which was proclaimed ^ain all creation under heaven, ^dand of which I, Paul, ²was made a ³minister.

24 ¶ ^aNow I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in ^bmy flesh ¹I do my share on behalf of ^cHis body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking ²in Christ's afflictions.

25 ^aOf this church I ¹was made a minister according to the ^bstewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit that I might ²fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,

26 *that is*, ^athe mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His ¹saints,

27 to whom ^aGod willed to make known what is ^bthe riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is ^cChrist in you, the ^dhope of glory

28 And we proclaim Him, ^aadmonishing every man and teaching every man ¹with all ^bwisdom that we may ^cpresent every man ²complete in Christ.

29 And for this purpose also I ^alabor, ^bstriving ^caccording to His ¹power, which ²mightily works within me.

CHAPTER 2

FOR I want you to know how great a ^astruggle I have on your behalf, and for those who are at ^bLaodicea, and for all those who have not ¹personally seen my face,

²⁴ ¹Or, representatively . . . fill up ²Lit., of ³Rom. 8:17; ⁴2 Cor. 1:5; ⁵12:15; ⁶Phil. 2:17 ⁷2 Tim. 1:8; ⁸2:10 ⁹Col. 1:18

²⁵ ¹Lit., became ²Lit., make full the word of God ³Col. 1:23 ⁴Eph. 3:2

²⁶ ¹Or, holy ones ²Rom. 16:25f. ³Eph. 3:3f. ⁴Col. 2:2, 4:3

²⁷ ¹Matt. 13:11 ²Eph. 1:7, 18; ³16 ⁴Rom. 8:10 ⁵1 Tim. 1:1

²⁸ ¹Lit., in ²Or, perfect ³Acts 20:31; ⁴Col. 3:16 ⁵1 Cor. 2:6f. ⁶Col. 2:3 ⁷Col. 1:22 ⁸Matt. 5:48; ⁹Eph. 4:13

²⁹ ¹Lit., working ²Lit., in power ³1 Cor. 15:10 ⁴Col. 2:1; ⁵4:12 ⁶Eph. 1:19; ⁷Col. 2:12

¹ ¹Lit., in the flesh ²Col. 1:29; ³4:12 ⁴Col. 4:13, 15f. ⁵Rev. 1:11

2 that their ^ahearts may be encouraged, having been ^bknit together in love, and attaining to all ^cthe wealth ¹that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a ^dtrue knowledge of ^eGod's mystery, that is, Christ Himself,

3 in whom are hidden all ^athe treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 ^aI say this in order that no one may delude you with ^bpersuasive argument.

5 For even though I am ^aabsent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing ¹to see ²your ^bgood discipline and the ^cstability of your faith in Christ.

6 ^aAs you therefore have received ^aChrist Jesus the Lord, so ^bwalk in Him,

7 having been firmly ^arooted and now being ^bbuilt up in Him and ^cestablished ¹in your faith, just as you ^dwere instructed, and overflowing ²with gratitude.

8 ^aSee to it that no one takes you captive through ^bphilosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the ^celementary principles of the world, ¹rather than according to Christ.

9 For in Him all the ^afulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

10 and in Him you have been ^amade ¹complete, and ^bHe is the head ²over all ^crule and authority;

11 and in Him ^ayou were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of ^bthe body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

12 having been ^aburied with Him in baptism, in which you were also ^braised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who ^craised Him from the dead.

13 And when you were ^adead ¹in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He ^bmade you alive together with

² ¹Lat. of the full assurance
¹ ¹Cor. 14:31; Eph. 6:22; Col. 4:8; Col. 2:19; Eph. 1:7, 18; 3:16
² ¹Lat. 13:11
³ ¹Lat. 16:25; Eph. 3:37; Col. 1:28, 4:3
⁴ ¹Lat. 11:2; Rom. 11:33
⁵ ¹Lat. 4:17; Rom. 16:18
⁶ ¹Lat. and seeing ²Or, your ordered array
⁷ ¹Lat. 5:3
⁸ ¹Lat. 14:40
⁹ ¹Lat. 5:9
¹⁰ ¹Lat. lead your life
¹¹ ¹Lat. 3:28
¹² ¹Lat. 1:10
¹³ ¹Lat. by ²Some men read in it with
¹⁴ ¹Lat. 3:17; ¹Lat. 3:9; Eph. 2:20; ¹Lat. 4:21
¹⁵ ¹Lat. and not
¹⁶ ¹Lat. 8:9; 10:12; Gal. 5:15; Heb. 3:12; Eph. 5:6; Col. 2:23; 1 Tim. 6:20
¹⁷ ¹Lat. 4:3; Col. 2:20
¹⁸ ¹Lat. 2 Cor. 5:19; Col. 1:18
¹⁹ ¹Lat. of ²Or, full
²⁰ ¹Lat. 3:19
²¹ ¹Lat. 1:21f
²² ¹Lat. 15:24; Eph. 3:10; Col. 2:15
²³ ¹Lat. 2:29; Eph. 2:11; Rom. 6:6, 7:24; Gal. 5:24; Col. 3:5
²⁴ ¹Lat. 6:4f; Rom. 6:5; Eph. 2:6; Col. 2:13, 3:1
²⁵ ¹Lat. 2:24
²⁶ ¹Lat. by reason of
²⁷ ¹Lat. 2:1
²⁸ ¹Lat. 2:5; Col. 2:12
²⁹ ¹Lat. 2:15; Col. 2:20; ¹Lat. 2:24
³⁰ ¹Lat. 2:24
³¹ ¹Lat. 2:24
³² ¹Lat. 2:24
³³ ¹Lat. 2:24
³⁴ ¹Lat. 2:24
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⁹⁸ ¹Lat. 2:24
⁹⁹ ¹Lat. 2:24
¹⁰⁰ ¹Lat. 2:24

Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

14 having canceled out ^athe certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and ^bHe has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 When He had ^adisarmed the ^brulers and authorities, He ^cmade a public display of them, having ^dtriumphed over them through ²Him.

16 ^aTherefore let no one ¹act as your judge in regard to ^bfood or ^bdrink or in respect to a ^cfestival or a ^dnew moon or a ^eSabbath ²day—

17 things which are ^aa mere shadow of what is to come; but the ¹substance ²belongs to Christ.

18 Let no one keep ^adefrauding you of your prize by ^bdelighting in ²self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, ^cinflated without cause by his ^dfleshly mind.

19 and not holding fast to ^athe head, from whom ^bthe entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ¹ligaments, grows with a growth ²which is from God.

20 ^aIf you have died with Christ ¹to the ^belementary principles of the world, ^cwhy, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to ^ddecrees, such as,

21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"

22 (which all refer ^ato things destined to perish ¹with the using)—in accordance with the

¹ ¹Lat. 4:8; ² ¹Lat. 2:14

² ¹Lat. 14:17; Heb. 9:10; ¹Lat. 23:2; Rom. 14:5; ¹Lat. 23:31; 2 Chr. 31:3; Neh. 10:33; ¹Lat. 2:77; Gal. 4:10

³ ¹Lat. body ²Lat. of Christ ¹Lat. 8:5; 10:1

⁴ ¹Lat. Or, giving judgment against you ²Or, humbly

⁵ ¹Lat. 8:24; Phil. 3:14; ¹Lat. 2:23; ¹Lat. 4:6; ¹Lat. 8:7

⁶ ¹Lat. bonds ²Lat. of God ¹Lat. 1:22; ¹Lat. 1:23

⁷ ¹Lat. 4:16

⁸ ¹Lat. from ¹Lat. 8:2; ¹Lat. 2:6; ¹Lat. 4:9; ¹Lat. 2:14

⁹ ¹Lat. 16

¹⁰ ¹Lat. Or, by being consumed ¹Lat. 8:13

commandments and teachings of men?

23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in ¹self-made religion and self-abasement and ^bsevere treatment of the body, but are of no value against ^cfleshly indulgence.

CHAPTER 3

IF then you have been ^araised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, ^bseated at the right hand of God.

2 ¹Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

3 For you have ^adied and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, ^awho is our life, is revealed, ^bthen you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

5 ^aTherefore ¹consider ^bthe members of your earthly body as dead to ²immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which ³amounts to idolatry.

6 For it is on account of these things that ^athe wrath of God will come¹.

7 and ^ain them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

8 But now you also, ^aput them all aside: ^banger, wrath, malice, slander, and ^cabusive speech from your mouth.

9 ¹Do not lie to one another, since you ^blaid aside the old ²self with its evil practices,

10 and have ^aput on the new ¹self who is being ²renewed to a true knowledge ^caccording to the image of the One who ^dcreated him

11 —a renewal in which ^athere is no distinction between Greek and Jew, ^bcircumcised and uncircumcised, ^cbarbarian, Scythian, ^dslave and freeman, but ^eChrist is all, and in all.

12 ¶ And so, as those who

have been ^achosen of God, ^band beloved, ^bput on a ^cheart of compassion, kindness, ^dhumility, gentleness and ^epatience;

13 ^abearing with one another and ^bforgiving each other, ^cwhoever has a complaint against anyone; ^bjust as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

14 And beyond all these things ^aput on love, which is ¹the perfect bond of ^bunity.

15 And let ^athe peace of Christ ¹rule in your hearts, to which ²you indeed you were called in ^bbody; and ³be thankful.

16 Let ^athe word of ¹Christ richly dwell within you, ²with all wisdom ^bteaching and admonishing one another ^cwith psalms and hymns and spiritual songs ^dsinging ³with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

17 And ^awhatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, ^bgiving thanks through Him to God the Father

18 ¶ ^aWives, ^bbe subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 ^aHusbands, love you wives, and do not be embittered against them.

20 ^aChildren, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing ¹to the Lord.

21 ^aFathers, do not ¹exasperate your children, that they may not lose heart.

22 ^aSlaves, in all things obey those who are your masters ¹on earth, ^bnot with ²external ser-

22 ¹Ms. 29:13; Matt. 15:9; Titus 1:14
23 ¹Or, delight in religiousness
^aCol. 2:18
^b1 Tim. 4:3
^cRom. 13:14; 1 Tim. 4:8
1 ^aCol. 2:12
^bPs. 110:1; Mark 16:19
2 ¹Or, Be intent on
^aMatt. 16:23; Phil. 3:19, 20
3 ^aRom. 6:2, 2 Cor. 5:14; Col. 2:20
4 ^aJohn 11:25; Gal. 2:20
^b1 Cor. 1:7; Phil. 3:21; 1 Pet. 1:13; 1 John 2:28; 3:2
5 ¹Lit., put to death the members which are upon the earth
²Lit., fornication
³Lit., u
^aRom. 8:13
^bCol. 2:11
^cMark 7:21f.; 1 Cor. 6:9f.; 18; 2 Cor. 12:21; Gal. 5:19f.; Eph. 4:19; 5:3, 5
6 ¹Some early mss. add upon the sons of disobedience
^aRom. 1:18; Eph. 5:6
7 ^aEph. 2:2
8 ^aEph. 4:22
^bEph. 4:31
^cEph. 4:29
9 ¹Or, Stop lying
²Lit., man
^aEph. 4:25
^bEph. 4:22
10 ¹Lit., man
²Lit., renovated
^aEph. 4:24
^bRom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:16
^cEph. 4:23
^dGen. 1:26; Rom. 8:29
^eEph. 2:10
11 ^aRom. 10:12; 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28
^b1 Cor. 7:19; Gal. 5:6
^cActs 28:2
^dEph. 6:8
^eEph. 1:23

12 ¹I.e., forbearance toward others
^aLuke 18:7
^bEph. 4:24
^cLuke 1:78; Gal. 5:22f.; Phil. 2:1
^dEph. 4:2; Phil. 2:5
^e1 Cor. 13:4; 2 Cor. 6:6
13 ^aEph. 4:2
^bRom. 15:7; Eph. 4:32
14 ¹Lit., the uniting bond of perfectness
^aEph. 4:3
^bJohn 17:23; Heb. 6:1
15 ¹Or, act as arbiter
²Lit., also
³Or, show yourselves thankful
^aJohn 14:27
^bEph. 2:18
16 ¹Some mss. read the Lord; others read God
²Or, by, lit., in His grace
^aRom. 10:17; Eph. 5:28; 1 Thess. 1:8
^bCol. 1:28
^cEph. 5:19
^d1 Cor. 14:15
17 ^a1 Cor. 10:31
^bEph. 5:20; Col. 3:15
18 ^aCol. 3:18-4:1
^bEph. 5:22-6:9
^cEph. 5:22
19 ^aEph. 5:25; 1 Pet. 3:7
20 ¹Lit., in
^aEph. 6:1
21 ¹Some early mss. read provoke to anger
^aEph. 6:4
22 ¹Lit., according to the flesh
²Lit., eyeservice
^aEph. 6:5
^bEph. 6:6

vice, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

23 Whatever you do, do your work ¹heartily, ²as for the Lord ³rather than for men;

24 ¹knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward ²of ³the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you ⁴serve.

25 For ¹he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and ²that without partiality.

CHAPTER 4

MASTERS, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, ¹knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

2 ¹Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;

3 praying at the same time ¹for us as well, that God may open up to us a ²door for ³the word, so that we may speak forth ⁴the mystery of Christ, for which I have also ⁵been imprisoned;

4 in order that I may make it clear ¹in the way I ought to speak.

5 ¹Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward ²outsiders, ³making the most of the opportunity.

6 ¹Let your speech always be ²with grace, seasoned, as it were, with ³salt, so that you may know how you should ⁴respond to each person.

7 ¹As to all my affairs, ²Tychicus, our ³beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information.

8 ¹For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know about our circumstances and that he may ²encourage your hearts;

9 ¹and with him ²Onesimus, our faithful and ³beloved brother, ⁴who is one of your

number. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

10 ¹Aristarchus, my ²fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and also ³Barnabas' cousin Mark (about whom you received ⁴instructions: ⁵if he comes to you, welcome him);

11 and also Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only ¹fellow workers for the kingdom of God ²who are from the circumcision; and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.

12 ¹Epaphras, ²who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always ³laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may ⁴stand ⁵perfect and ⁶fully assured in all the will of God.

13 For I bear him witness that he has ¹a deep concern for you and for those who are in ²Laodicea and Hierapolis.

14 ¹Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and also ²Demas.

15 Greet the brethren who are in ¹Laodicea and also ²Nympha and ³the church that is in ⁴her house.

16 And ¹when ²this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part ³read ⁴my letter that is coming from ⁵Laodicea.

17 And say to ¹Archippus, "Take heed to the ²ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may ³fulfill it."

18 ¹I, Paul, ²write this greeting with my own hand. ³Remember my ⁴imprisonment. ⁵Grace be with you.

23 ¹Lt. from the soul
²Lt. and not
³Eph. 6:7
24 ¹Lt. com-
munion of
²Eph. 6:8
³Acts 20:22
1 Pet. 1:4
⁴1 Cor. 7:22
25 ¹Lt.
there is no
partiality
²Eph. 6:8
³Deut. 10:17
Acts 10:34
Eph. 6:9
1 ²Eph. 6:9
2 ³Acts
114, Eph.
6:10
3 ⁴Eph.
6:19 ⁵Acts
14:27 ⁶2 Tim.
4:2 ⁷Eph. 3:1
4 ⁸6:19 ⁹Eph.
6:20
4 ¹⁰Eph.
6:20
5 ¹¹Lt.
With ¹²Lt.
redeeming
the time
¹³Eph. 5:15
¹⁴Mark 4:11
¹⁵Eph. 5:16
6 ¹⁶Or. pre-
cious
¹⁷Eph. 4:20
¹⁸Mark 9:50
1 ¹⁹1 Pet. 3:15
7 ²⁰Col. 4:7
8 ²¹Eph. 6:21
22 ²²Acts 20:4
2 Tim. 4:12
²³Eph. 6:21
Col. 1:7
8 ²⁴Eph.
6:22 ²⁵Col. 2:2
9 ²⁶Lt.
along with
Onesimus
²⁷Philem. 10
²⁸Col. 1:7
²⁹Col. 4:12
10 ³⁰Or. or-
ders
³¹Acts 19:28
27:2, Philem.
24 ³²Rom.
16:7 ³³Acts
4:36, 12:12,
25, 15:37, 30
³⁴2 Tim. 4:11
11 ³⁵Rom.
16:3 ³⁶Acts
11:2
12 ³⁷Or.
send from
³⁸Or. complete
or, make
complete
³⁹Col. 1:7, Phi-
lem. 23 ⁴⁰Col.
4:3 ⁴¹Rom.
15:30 ⁴²Col.
1:26
13 ⁴³Or.
much toil or
great pain
⁴⁴Col. 2:1
4:12

14 ⁴⁵2 Tim. 4:11; Philem. 24 ⁴⁶2 Tim. 4:10; Philem. 24
15 ⁴⁷Or. Nymphas (unc.) ⁴⁸Some ancient mss. read
that ⁴⁹Col. 2:1; 4:13, 16 ⁵⁰Rom. 16:5
16 ⁵¹Lt. the ⁵²1 Thess. 5:27; 2 Thess. 3:14 ⁵³Col. 2:1,
4:13, 15
17 ⁵⁴Or. continuously fulfill ⁵⁵Philem. 2:10 ⁵⁶2 Tim. 4:5
18 ⁵⁷Lt. The greeting by my hand of Paul ⁵⁸Lt. bonds
⁵⁹1 Cor. 16:21 ⁶⁰Philem. 13:5 ⁶¹Rom. 1:7; Col. 4:3 ⁶²1 Tim.
6:21, 2 Tim. 4:22; 2 Thess. 3:12; Heb. 13:25

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Thanksgiving for These Believers

^aPAUL and ^bSilvanus and ^cTimothy to the ^dchurch of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ^eGrace to you and peace.

2 ^f We give thanks to God always for all of you, ^gmaking mention of you in our prayers;

3 constantly bearing in mind your ^hwork of faith and labor of ⁱlove and ^jsteadfastness of hope ^kin our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of ^lour God and Father.

4 knowing, ^mbrethren beloved by God, ⁿHis choice of you;

5 for our ^ogospel did not come to you in word only, but also ^pin power and in the Holy Spirit and with ^qfull conviction; just as you know ^rwhat kind of men we ^sproved to be among you for your sake.

6 You also became ^timitators of us and of the Lord, ^uhaving received ^vthe word in much tribulation with the ^wjoy of the Holy Spirit.

7 so that you became an example to all the believers in ^xMacedonia and in ^yAchaia.

8 For ^zthe word of the Lord has ^{aa}sounded forth from you, not only in ^{ab}Macedonia and ^{ac}Achaia, but also ^{ad}in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a ^{ae}reception we had ^{af}with you, and how you ^{ag}turned to God ^{ah}from ^{ai}idols to serve ^{aj}a living and true God,

10 and to ^{ak}await for His Son

1 ^{al}2 Thess.
1:1 ^{am}2 Cor.
1:19 ^{an}Acts
16:1 ^{ao}Acts
17:1 ^{ap}Rom.
1:7

2 ^{aq}Rom.
1:8; 2 Thess.
1:3 ^{ar}Rom. 1:9

3 ^{as}1 Or, perseverance
^{at}Lit., of
^{au}John 8:29
^{av}1 Cor. 13:13
^{aw}Rom. 8:25;
15:4 ^{ax}Gal. 1:4
4 ^{ay}Rom.
1:7; 2 Thess.
2:13 ^{az}2 Pet.
1:10

5 ^{ba}Lit., he came
^{bb}1 Cor. 9:14
^{bc}Rom. 15:19
^{bd}Luke 1:1;
Col. 2:2
^{be}1 Thess. 2:10

6 ^{bf}1 Cor.
4:18; 11:17.
^{bg}Acts 17:5-10
^{bh}2 Tim. 4:2
^{bi}Acts 13:52;
2 Cor. 6:10;
Gal. 5:22

7 ^{bj}Rom.
15:28 ^{bk}Acts
18:12

8 ^{bl}Col.
3:16; 2 Thess.
3:1 ^{bm}Rom.
10:18 ^{bn}Rom.
15:26 ^{bo}Acts
18:12 ^{bp}Rom.
1:8; 16:19;
2 Cor. 2:14

9 ^{bq}Lit., entrance
^{br}Lit., to
^{bs}Or, the idols
^{bt}Or, the
^{bu}1 Thess. 2:1
^{bv}Acts 14:15
^{bw}1 Cor. 12:2
^{bx}Matt. 18:18

10 ^{by}Lit., the heavens
^{bz}Matt.
18:27f.; 1 Cor.
1:7 ^{ca}Acts 2:24
^{cb}Rom. 5:9
^{cc}Matt. 3:7;
1 Thess. 2:16;
5:9

11 ^{cd}Lit., entrance
^{ce}1 Thess. 1:9
^{cf}2 Thess. 1:10

2 ^{cg}Or, struggle, conflict
^{ch}Acts 14:5;
16:19-24;
Phil. 1:30

from ^{ci}heaven, whom He ^{ck}braised from the dead, ^{cl}that is Jesus, who ^{cm}delivers us from ^{cn}the wrath to come.

CHAPTER 2

FOR you yourselves know ^{co}brethren, that our ^{cp}coming to you ^{cq}was not in vain,

2 but after we had already suffered and been ^{cr}mistreated in ^{cs}Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God ^{ct}to speak to you the ^{cu}gospel of God amid much ^{cv}opposition.

3 For our ^{cw}exhortation does not come from ^{cx}terror or ^{cy}impurity or ^{cz}by way of ^{da}deceit;

4 ^{db}but just as we have been approved by God to be ^{dc}entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, ^{dd}not as pleasing men but God, who ^{de}examines our hearts.

5 For we never came ^{df}with flattering speech, as you know, nor with ^{dg}a pretext for greed—^{dh}God is witness—

6 nor did we ^{di}seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as ^{dj}apostles of Christ we might have ^{dk}asserted our authority.

7 But we ^{dl}proved to be ^{dm}gentle ^{dn}among you, ^{do}as a nursing mother ^{dp}tenderly cares for her own children.

8 Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to

^{dq}Acts 18:22-24 ^{dr}Acts 17:1-9 ^{ds}Rom. 1:1 ^{dt}Phil. 1:30

3 ^{du}Lit., in deceit ^{dv}Acts 13:15 ^{dw}2 Thess. 2:11 ^{dx}1 Thess. 4:7 ^{dy}2 Cor. 4:2

4 ^{dz}Or, approves ^{ea}2 Cor. 2:17 ^{eb}Gal. 2:7 ^{ec}Gal. 1:10
^{ed}Rom. 8:27

5 ^{ef}Lit., in a word of flattery ^{eg}Acts 20:33; 2 Pet. 2:3
^{eh}Rom. 1:9; 1 Thess. 2:10

6 ^{ei}Or, been burdensome ^{ej}John 5:41, 44; 2 Cor. 4:3
^{ek}1 Cor. 9:1f.

7 ^{el}Lit., became gentle ^{em}Some ancient mss. read babes ^{en}Lit., in the midst of you ^{eo}Or, cherishes ^{ep}2 Tim. 2:24 ^{eq}Gal. 4:19; 1 Thess. 2:11

^aimpart to you not only the ^bgospel of God but also our own ¹lives, because you had become ²very dear to us.

9 For you recall, brethren, our ^alabor and hardship, how ^bworking night and day so as not to be a ^cburden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the ^dgospel of God.

10 You are witnesses, and so is ^aGod, ^bhow devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we ¹behaved toward you ²believers;

11 just as you know how we ^{were} ^aexhorting and encouraging and ^bimploring each one of you as ^aa father would his own children.

12 so that you may ^awalk in a manner worthy of the God who ^bcalls you into His own kingdom and ^cglory.

13 ¶ And for this reason we also constantly ^athank God that when you received from us the ^bword of God's message, you accepted it ^cnot as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, ^dwhich also performs its work in you who believe.

14 For you, brethren, became ^aimitators of ^bthe churches of God in Christ Jesus that are ^cin Judea, for ^dyou also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, ^eeven as they did from the Jews.

15 ^awho both killed the Lord Jesus and ^bthe prophets, and ¹drove us out. ²They are not pleasing to God, ³but hostile to all men.

16 ^ahindering us from speaking to the Gentiles ^bthat they might be saved; with the result that they always ^cfill up the measure of their sins. But ^dwrath has come upon them ¹to the utmost.

17 ¶ But we, brethren, having been bereft of you for a ¹short while—^ain ²person, not in ³spirit—were all the more eager with great desire ^bto see your face.

8 ¹Or, souls ²Lit., beloved
²Cor. 12:15;
¹John 3:16
³Rom. 1:1
⁹Phil.
4:16; 2 Thess.
3:8 ³Acts 18:3
¹Cor. 9:41;
2 Cor. 11:9
⁴Rom. 1:1
¹⁰1 Lit., became
²Or, who believe
¹Thess. 2:5
²Cor. 1:12;
1 Thess. 1:5
¹¹1 Or, testifying
¹Thess. 5:14
²Luke 16:28;
1 Thess. 4:6
¹Cor. 4:14;
1 Thess. 2:7
¹²1 Eph. 4:1
³Rom. 8:28;
1 Thess. 5:24;
2 Thess. 2:14
²Cor. 4:6;
1 Pet. 5:10
¹³1 Rom.
18; 1 Thess.
1:2 ²Rom.
10:17; Heb.
4:2 ³Matt.
10:20; Gal.
4:14 ⁴Heb.
4:12
¹⁴1 1 Thess.
1:6 ²1 Cor.
7:17; 10:32
³Gal. 1:23
⁴Acts 17:5;
1 Thess. 3:4;
2 Thess. 1:41
⁵Heb. 10:33f
¹⁸1 Or, persecuted us
²1 Lit., and
³1 Lit., and
⁴Luke 24:20;
Acts 2:23
⁵Matt. 5:12;
Acts 7:52
¹⁶1 Or, forever or altogether
²Acts 9:23;
13:45; 50;
14:2; 5:19;
17:5; 13;
18:12; 21:21f;
27:25, 2; 7
³1 Cor. 10:33
⁴Gen. 15:16;
Dnn. 8:23;
Matt. 23:32
⁴1 Thess. 1:10
¹⁷1 Lit., occasion of an hour
²1 Lit., face
³1 Lit., heart
¹1 Cor. 5:3
²1 Thess. 3:10
¹⁸1 Or, Because
²1 Lit., both once and twice
³Rom. 15:22
⁴Phil. 4:16
⁵Matt. 4:10
⁶Rom. 1:13;
15:22

18 ¹For ^awe wanted to come to you—I, Paul, ²more than once—and yet ^cSatan ^dthwarted us.

19 For who is our hope or ^ajoy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His ¹coming?

20 For you are ^aour glory and joy.

CHAPTER 3

THEREFORE ^awhen we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at ^bAthens alone;

2 and we sent ^aTimothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith.

3 so that no man may be ¹disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that ^awe have been destined for this.

4 For indeed when we were with you, we *kept* telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; ¹and so it came to pass, ²as you know.

5 For this reason, ^awhen I could endure it no longer, I also ^bsent to ¹find out about your faith, for fear that ^cthe tempter might have tempted you, and ^dour labor should be in vain.

6 But now that ^aTimothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of ^byour faith and love, and that you always ^cthink kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you.

7 for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith;

19 ¹Or, presence ²Phil. 4:1 ³Matt. 16:27; Mark 8:38;
John 21:22; 1 Thess. 3:13; 4:15; 5:23

20 ¹Or, 1 Cor. 1:14

1 ¹1 Thess. 3:5 ²Acts 17:15f.

2 ¹Or, 1 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1

3 ¹Or, deceived ²Acts 2:16; 14:22

4 ¹Lit., just as ²Lit., and ³1 Thess. 2:14

5 ¹Or, to know, to ascertain ²Phil. 2:19; 1 Thess. 3:1

6 ¹Thess. 3:2 ²Matt. 4:3 ³Or, 1 Cor. 8:1; Phil. 2:16

7 ¹Acts 18:5 ²1 Thess. 1:3 ³1 Cor. 11:2

8 for now we *really* live, if you *stand firm* in the Lord.

9 For *what* thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account.

10 as we *night* and day keep praying most earnestly that we may *see* your face, and may *complete* what is lacking in your faith?

11 ¶ *Now* may *our* God and Father *Himself* and Jesus our Lord *direct* our way to you;

12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and *abound* in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also do for you;

13 so that He may *establish* your hearts *unblamable* in holiness before *our* God and Father at the *coming* of our Lord Jesus *with* all His *saints*.

CHAPTER 4

FINALLY then, *brethren*, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to *walk* and *please* God (just as you actually do *walk*), that you may *excel* still more.

2 For you know what *commandments* we gave you *by the authority* of the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you *abstain* from *sexual immorality*;

4 that *each* of you know how to *possess* his own *vessel* in sanctification and *honor*,

5 not in *lustful* passion, like the Gentiles who *do not* know God;

6 and that no man transgress and *defraud* his brother *in* the matter because *the Lord* is *the avenger* in all these things, just as we also *told* you before and solemnly warned you.

7 For *God* has not called us for

8 ^a 1 Cor. 6:13
9 ^a 1 Thess. 1:2
10 ^a 2 Tim. 1:3 ^b 1 Thess. 2:17 ^c 2 Cor. 13:9
11 ^a 2 Thess. 2:16 ^b Gal. 1:4; 1 Thess. 3:13 ^c 1 Thess. 4:16; 5:23;
2 Thess. 2:16; 3:18; Rev. 21:3
12 ^a 2 Thess. 3:5
13 ^a Phil. 1:9; 1 Thess. 4:1; 10; 2 Thess. 1:3
13 ^a Or, presence ^b Or, holy ones
1 ^a 1 Cor. 1:8; 1 Thess. 3:2
2 ^a Luke 1:6
3 ^a Gal. 1:4;
1 Thess. 3:11
4 ^a 1 Thess. 2:19
5 ^a Matt. 25:31; Mark 8:38;
1 Thess. 4:17;
2 Thess. 1:7
1 ^a Or, conduct your-
selves
2 ^a 2 Cor. 13:11;
2 Thess. 3:1
3 ^a Gal. 6:1;
1 Thess. 5:12;
2 Thess. 1:3;
2:1; 3:1, 13
4 ^a Eph. 4:1 ^b 2 Cor. 5:9 ^c Phil. 1:9; 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:10;
2 Thess. 1:3
2 ^a Lit., through the Lord
3 ^a Or, fornication
4 ^a 1 Cor. 6:18
4 ^a Or, acquire ^b i.e., body; or possibly, wife
5 ^a 1 Cor. 7:2, 9
6 ^a 2 Cor. 4:7;
1 Pet. 3:7
7 ^a Rom. 1:24
5 ^a Lit., passion of lust
6 ^a Rom. 1:28
7 ^a Gal. 4:8
8 ^a 1 Cor. 6:8 ^b 2 Cor. 7:11 ^c Rom. 12:19; 13:4;
Heb. 13:4
9 ^a Luke 18:28;
1 Thess. 2:11;
Heb. 2:6
7 ^a i.e., in the state or sphere of
8 ^a 1 Pet. 1:15
9 ^a 1 Thess. 2:3
8 ^a Rom. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:22; Gal. 4:6;
1 John 3:24

the purpose of impurity, but *in* sanctification.

8 Consequently, he who *rejects* this is not rejecting man but the God who *gives* His Holy Spirit to you.

9 ¶ Now as to the *love* of the brethren, you *have* no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are *taught* by God to love one another;

10 for indeed *you* do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to *excel* still more,

11 and to make it your ambition *to lead* a quiet life and *at- tend* to your own business and *work* with your hands, just as we commanded you;

12 so that you may *behave* properly toward *outsiders* and *not* be in any need.

13 ¶ But *we* do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who *are* asleep, that you may not grieve, as do *the rest* who have *no* hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, *even* so God will bring with Him *those* who have fallen asleep *in* Jesus.

15 For this we say to you *by* the word of the Lord, that *we* who are alive, *and* remain until *the coming* of the Lord, shall not precede *those* who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord *Himself* *will* descend from heaven with a *shout*, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with the *trum-*

9 ^a John 13:34; Rom. 12:10 ^b 2 Cor. 9:1; 1 Thess. 5:1
Jer. 31:33f.; John 6:45; 1 John 2:27
10 ^a 1 Thess. 1:7 ^b 1 Thess. 3:12
11 ^a 2 Thess. 3:12 ^b 1 Pet. 4:15 ^c Acts 18:3; Eph. 4:28;
2 Thess. 3:10-12
12 ^a Lit., walk ^b Lit., have need of nothing ^c Rom. 13:13;
Col. 4:5 ^d Mark 4:11 ^e Eph. 4:28
13 ^a Rom. 1:13 ^b Acts 7:60 ^c Eph. 2:3; 1 Thess. 5:6 ^d Eph. 2:12
14 ^a Lit., through ^b Rom. 14:9; 2 Cor. 4:14 ^c 1 Cor. 15:18;
1 Thess. 4:13
15 ^a Lit., who ^b 1 Kin. 13:17f.; 20:35; 2 Cor. 12:1; Gal. 1:12 ^c 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 5:10 ^d 1 Thess. 2:19 ^e 1 Cor. 15:18; 1 Thess. 4:13
16 ^a Or, cry of command ^b 1 Thess. 3:11 ^c 1 Thess. 1:10;
2 Thess. 1:7 ^d Joel 2:11 ^e Jude 9 ^f Matt. 24:31

pet of God; and 'the dead in Christ shall rise first.

17 Then ^awe who are alive ¹and remain shall be ^bcaught up together with them ^cin the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always ^dbe with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

CHAPTER 5

NOW as to the ^atimes and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

2 For you yourselves know full well that ^athe day of the Lord will come ^bjust like a thief in the night.

3 While they are saying, ^a"Peace and safety!" then ^bdestruction ²will come upon them suddenly like ^cbirth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you ^blike a thief;

5 for you are all ^asons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of ^bdarkness;

6 so then let us not ^asleep as ^bothers do, but let us be alert and ²sober.

7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get ^adrunk at night.

8 But since ^awe are of the day, let us ^bbe ¹sober, having put on the ^cbreastplate of ^dfaith and love, and as a ^ehelmet, the ^fhope of salvation.

9 For God has not destined us for ^awrath, but for ^bobtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

10 ^awho died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

11 Therefore ¹encourage one another, and ^abuild up one another, just as you also are doing.

16 ¹Cor. 15:23; 2 Thess. 2:1; Rev. 14:13
17 ¹Lat. who
¹Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 5:10
²Cor. 12:2
¹Dan. 7:13
Acts 1:9; Rev. 11:12
⁴John 12:28
1 ¹Acts 1:7
1 ¹Thess. 4:9
2 ¹Lat. is coming
1 ¹Cor. 1:8
1 ¹Luke 21:34
1 ¹Thess. 5:4
2 ¹Pet. 3:10
Rev. 3:3
16:15
3 ¹Or, sudden destruction
2 ¹Lat. is at hand
Jer. 6:14
8:11
Ezek. 13:10
2 ¹Thess. 1:9
John 16:21
4 ¹Some early mss read like thieves
Acts 28:18
1 John 2:8
1 ¹Luke 21:34
1 ¹Thess. 5:2
2 ¹Pet. 3:10
Rev. 3:3
16:15
5 ¹Luke 16:8
Acts 26:18; 1 John 2:8
6 ¹Lat. the remaining ones
2 ¹Or, self-controlled
Rom. 13:11
1 ¹Thess. 5:10
Eph. 2:3
1 ¹Thess. 4:13
1 ¹Pet. 1:13
7 ¹Acts 2:15; 2 ¹Pet. 2:13
8 ¹Or, self-controlled
1 ¹Thess. 5:5
1 ¹Pet. 1:13
1 ¹Is. 59:17
Eph. 6:14
Eph. 6:23
Eph. 6:17
Rom. 8:24
9 ¹1 ¹Thess. 1:10
2 ¹Thess. 2:13
10 ¹Rom. 14:9
11 ¹Or, comfort
Eph. 4:29
12 ¹Lat. know
2 ¹Or, admonition
1 ¹Cor. 16:18
1 ¹Tim. 5:17
Rom. 16:6
12:1 ¹Cor. 15:10; 16:16

12 ¹ But we request of you, brethren, that you ¹appreciate those ^bwho diligently labor among you, and ^chave charge over you in the Lord and give you ²instruction.

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. ^aLive in peace with one another.

14 And we urge you, brethren, admonish ^athe ¹unruly, encourage ^bthe fainthearted, help ^cthe weak, be ^dpatient with all men.

15 See that ^ano one repays another with evil for evil, but always ^bseek after that which is good for one another and for all men.

16 ^aRejoice always;

17 ^apray without ceasing;

18 in everything ^agive thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 ^aDo not quench the Spirit;

20 do not despise ^aprophetic utterances.

21 But ^aexamine everything carefully; ^bhold fast to that which is good;

22 abstain from every ¹form of evil.

23 ¹ Now ^amay the God of peace ^bHimself sanctify you entirely; and may your ^cspirit and soul and body be preserved complete, ^dwithout blame at ^ethe coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 ^aFaithful is He who ^bcalls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

1 ¹Heb. 13:17
13 ¹Mark 9:50
14 ¹Or, undisciplined
2 ¹Thess. 3:6; 7:11
1 ¹Ms. 35:4
Rom. 14:17; 1 ¹Cor. 6:7; Rom. 15:1
1 ¹Cor. 13:4
15 ¹Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:17; 1 ¹Pet. 3:9
Rom. 12:2; Gal. 6:10; 1 ¹Thess. 5:21
16 ¹Phil. 4:4
17 ¹Eph. 6:18
18 ¹Eph. 5:29
19 ¹Eph. 4:30
20 ¹Or, gifts
Acts 13:1; 1 ¹Cor. 14:31
21 ¹1 ¹Cor. 14:28; 1 ¹John 4:1
Rom. 12:2; Gal. 6:10; 1 ¹Thess. 5:15
22 ¹Or, appearance
23 ¹Rom. 15:33
1 ¹Thess. 3:11
1 ¹Luke 1:40; Heb. 4:12
James 1:4; 2 ¹Pet. 3:14
1 ¹Thess. 2:19
24 ¹1 ¹Cor. 1:9; 2 ¹Thess. 3:3
1 ¹Thess. 2:12

25 ¶ Brethren, ^apray for us¹.

26 ¶ ^aGreet all the brethren with a holy kiss.

27 I adjure you by the Lord to ^ahave this letter read to all the ^bbrethren.

25 ¹Some mss. add also
^aEph. 6:19;
2 Thess. 3:1;
Heb. 13:18

28 ¶ ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

26 ^aRom. 16:16

27 ^aCol. 4:16 ^bActs 1:15

28 ^aRom. 16:20; 2 Thess. 3:18

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

*Thanksgiving for Faith
and Perseverance*

^aPAUL and ^bSilvanus and ^cTimothy to the ^dchurch of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
2 ^aGrace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 ¶ We ought always ^ato give thanks to God for you, ^bbrethren, as is ^{only} fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the ^clove of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;
4 therefore, we ourselves ^aspeak proudly of you among ^bthe churches of God for your ¹perseverance and faith ^bin the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

5 This is a ^aplain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be ^bconsidered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.

6 ¹For after all ^ait is ^{only} just ²for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted ¹and to us as well ²when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed ^bfrom heaven ^cwith ³His mighty angels ^din flaming fire,

1 ^a1 Thess. 1:1
2 ^b2 Cor. 1:19
3 ^cActs 16:1
4 ^dActs 17:1; 1 Thess. 1:1

2 ^aRom. 1:7

3 ^aRom. 1:8; Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 1:2; 2 Thess. 2:13
4 ^b1 Thess. 4:1; 2 Thess. 2:1
5 ^c1 Thess. 3:12

4 ^a1 Or, steadfastness
2 ^b2 Cor. 7:4; 1 Thess. 2:19
3 ^c1 Cor. 7:17; 1 Thess. 2:14

5 ^aPhil. 1:28
2 ^bLuke 20:35; 2 Thess. 1:11

6 ^a1 Lit., If indeed
2 ^bOr, in the sight of
3 ^cEx. 23:22; Col. 3:25; Heb. 6:10

7 ^a1 Lit., along with us
2 ^b1 Lit., at the revelation of the Lord Jesus
3 ^c1 Lit., the angels of His power

4 ^aLuke 17:30
5 ^b1 Thess. 4:16
6 ^cJude 14
7 ^dEx. 3:2; 19:18; Is. 66:15; Ezek. 1:13; Dan. 7:9; Matt. 25:41; 1 Cor. 3:13; Heb. 10:27; 12:29; 2 Pet. 3:7; Jude 7; Rev. 14:10

8 ^aGal. 4:8
9 ^bRom. 2:8

8 dealing out retribution to those who ^ado not know God and to those who ^bdo not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 And these will pay the penalty of ^aeternal destruction ^baway from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 when He comes to be ^aglorified ¹in His ²saints on that ^bday and to be marveled at among ^athose who have believed—for our ^ctestimony to you was believed.

11 To this end also we ^apray for you always that our God may ^bcount you worthy of your ^ccalling, and fulfill every desire for ^dgoodness and the ^ework of faith with power;

12 in order that the ^aname of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and ^bthe Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 2

NOW we request you, ^abrethren, with regard to the ^bcoming of our Lord Jesus:

9 ^aPhil. 3:19; 1 Thess. 5:3
10 ^bIs. 2:10, 19, 21; 2 Thess. 2:8

11 ^aOr, in the persons of
2 ^bOr, holy ones
3 ^cIs. 49:3; John 17:10; 1 Thess. 2:12
4 ^dIs. 2:11ff.; 1 Cor. 3:13
5 ^e1 Cor. 1:6; 1 Thess. 2:1

12 ^aOr, make
2 ^bCol. 1:9
3 ^c2 Thess. 1:5
4 ^dRom. 11:29
5 ^eRom. 15:14
6 ^f1 Thess. 1:3

13 ^aOr omit, the
2 ^bIs. 24:15; 66:5; Mal. 1:11; Phil. 2:9ff.
3 ^c1 Or, presence
4 ^d2 Thess. 1:3
5 ^e1 Thess. 2:19

Christ, and our ^cgathering together to Him.

2 that you may not be quickly shaken from your ^lcomposure or be disturbed either by a ^aspirit or a ^{2b}message or a ^cletter as if from us, to the effect that ^dthe day of the Lord ^ehas come.

3 ^aLet no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the ^{1b}apostasy comes first, and the ^cman of ²lawlessness is revealed, the ^dson of destruction,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above ^{1a}every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, ^bdisplaying himself as being God.

5 Do you not remember that ^awhile I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

6 And you know ^awhat restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed.

7 For ^athe mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only ^bhe who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

8 And then that lawless one ^awill be revealed whom the Lord will slay ^bwith the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the ^cappearance of His ¹coming;

9 that is, the one whose ¹coming is in accord with the activity of ^aSatan, with all power and ^{2b}signs and false wonders,

10 and with ¹all the deception of wickedness for ^athose who perish, because they did not receive the love of ^bthe truth so as to be saved.

11 And for this reason ^aGod ¹will send upon them ^{2a}a ^bdeluding influence so that they might believe ³what is false.

12 in order that they all may be ¹judged who ^adid not believe the truth, but ^{2b}took pleasure in wickedness.

13 ¹But we should always give thanks to God for you,

1 ^aOr, 13:27, 1 Thess. 4:15-17.
2 ¹Lt., read ²Lt., word.
1 Cor. 14:32.
1 John 4:1.
1 Thess. 5:2.
2 Thess. 2:15.
2 Thess. 3:17.
1 Cor. 1:8.
1 Cor. 7:28.
3 ¹Or, falling away from the faith.
4 Some early mss. read an.
Eph. 5:6.
1 Tim. 4:1.
Dan. 7:25.
8:25; 11:36.
2 Thess. 2:8.
Rev. 13:5ff.
John 17:12.
4 ¹Or, all that is called God.
1 Cor. 8:5.
14:14.
Ezek. 28:2.
5 1 Thess. 3:4.
6 2 Thess. 2:7.
7 ¹Or, 17:5, 7.
2 Thess. 2:6.
8 ¹Or, presence.
Dan. 7:25.
8:25; 11:36.
2 Thess. 2:3.
Rev. 13:5ff.
14:14.
Rev. 2:10; 19:15.
1 Tim. 6:14.
2 Tim. 1:10.
4:1; 8: Thess. 2:13.
9 ¹Or, presence.
10 ¹Or, of limiting ourselves.
Matt. 4:10.
Matt. 24:24.
John 4:48.
11 ¹Or, every deception.
1 Cor. 1:18.
2 Thess. 2:12, 13.
12 ¹Lt., read ²Lt., an activity of error.
13 ¹Or, the.
14 ¹Min. 22:22.
Rom. 1:28.
1 Thess. 2:3.
2 Tim. 4:4.
12 ¹Or, command.
13 ¹Or, approved.
14 ¹Or, 2:8.
1 Cor. 13:6.
13 ¹Some ancient mss. read first fruits.
14 ¹Lt., of.
2 Thess. 1:3.
1 Thess. 1:4.
Eph. 1:4ff.
1 Cor. 1:21.

^bbrethren beloved by the Lord, because ^cGod has chosen you ¹from the beginning ^dfor salvation ^{2a}through sanctification ³by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

14 And it was for this He ^acalled you through ^bour gospel, ¹that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brethren, ^astand firm and ^bhold to the traditions which you were taught, whether ^cby word of mouth or ^cby letter ¹from us.

16 ¹Now may our Lord Jesus Christ ^bHimself and God our Father, who has ^cloved us and given us eternal comfort and ^dgood hope by grace.

17 ^acomfort and ^bstrengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

CHAPTER 3

^aFINALLY, brethren, ^bpray for us that ^cthe word of the Lord may ¹spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you;

2 and that we may be ^adelivered from ¹perverse and evil men; for not all have ²faith.

3 But ^athe Lord is faithful, and ¹He will strengthen and protect you ²from ^bthe evil one.

4 And we have ^aconfidence in the Lord concerning you, that you ^bare doing and will continue to do what we command.

5 And may the Lord ^adirect your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

6 ¹Now we command you, brethren, ^ain the name of our

1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Cor. 1:3; 1 Thess. 4:7; 1 Pet. 1:2.
14 ¹Lt., to the glory of; 1 Thess. 2:12; 1 Thess. 1:8.
18 ¹Lt., of; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 2:8.
2 Thess. 2:3.
16 1 Thess. 3:11; 1 Thess. 3:11; John 3:16; 1 Thess. 3:7.
1 Pet. 1:3.
17 1 Thess. 3:2, 13; 2 Thess. 2:3.
1 ¹Lt., run; 1 Thess. 4:1; 1 Thess. 3:25; 1 Thess. 1:8.
2 ¹Lt., improve; 1 Cor. 15:31; 1 Thess. 1:3.
3 ¹Lt., well; 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Thess. 3:24.
Matt. 3:37.
4 1 Cor. 2:3; 1 Thess. 4:10.
8 1 Thess. 3:11.
6 1 Cor. 5:4.

Lord Jesus Christ, that you ^{1b}keep aloof from every brother who ²leads an ^{3c}unruly life and not according to ^{4d}the tradition which ⁴you received from us.

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to ^{1a}follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you.

8 nor did we ^aeat ¹anyone's bread ²without paying for it, but with ^blabor and hardship we ^{kept} ^cworking night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you;

9 not because we do not have ^athe right to this, but in order to offer ourselves ^bas a model for you, that you might ¹follow our example.

10 For even ^awhen we were with you, we used to give you this order: ^bif anyone will not work, neither let him eat.

11 For we hear that some among you are ^aleading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like ^bbusybodies.

12 Now such persons we com-

6 ¹Or, avoid ²Lit., walks disorderly ³Or, undisciplined ⁴Many ancient mss. read they ¹Rom. 16:17; ¹Cor. 5:11; ²Thess. 3:14; ³1 Thess. 5:14; ²Thess. 3:7, 11; ⁴1 Cor. 11:2; ²Thess. 2:15; ⁷1 Lit., imitate us ¹Thess. 1:6; ²Thess. 3:9; ⁸1 Lit., from anyone ²Lit., freely ¹Cor. 9:4; ³1 Thess. 2:9; ⁴Acts 18:3; Eph. 4:28; ⁹1 Lit., imitate us ¹Cor. 9:4ff; ²Thess. 3:7; ¹⁰1 Thess. 3:4; ¹¹1 Thess. 4:11; ¹²1 Thess. 3:6; ¹Tim. 5:13; ¹Pet. 4:15; ¹³1 Thess. 4:11; ¹⁴1 Lit., word ²Lit., through ³Lit., not to associate

mand and ^aexhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to ^bwork in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.

13 But as for you, ^abrethren, do not grow weary of doing good.

14 And if anyone does not obey our ¹instruction ^{2a}in this letter, take special note of that man ^{3b}and do not associate with him, so that he may be ^cput to shame.

15 And yet ^ado not regard him as an enemy, but ^{1b}admonish him as a ^cbrother.

16 ¶ Now ^amay the Lord of peace ^bHimself continually grant you peace in every ¹circumstance. ^cThe Lord be with you all!

17 ¶ I, Paul, write this greeting ^awith my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.

18 ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

¹Col. 4:16; ²Thess. 3:6; ¹Cor. 4:14; ¹⁵1 Or, keep admonishing ^aGal. 6:1; ¹Thess. 5:14; ²Thess. 3:6, 13; ¹⁶1 Lit., way ^aRom. 15:33; ¹Thess. 3:11; ¹Ruth 2:4; ¹⁷1 Lit., The greeting by my hand of Paul ^a1 Cor. 16:21; ¹⁸1 Rom. 16:20; ¹Thess. 5:28

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Misleadings in Doctrine and Living

PAUL, ^aan apostle of ^bChrist Jesus ^caccording to the commandment of ^dGod our Savior, and of ^bChrist Jesus, who is our ^chope;

2 to ^aTimothy, ^bmy true child in the faith: ^cGrace, mercy and peace from God the Father and ^dChrist Jesus our Lord.

3 ¶ As I urged you ¹upon my departure for ^aMacedonia, ²re-

1 ²Cor. 1:1; ¹Tim. 1:12; ²Titus 1:3; ³Col. 1:27; ²2 Tim. 1:2; ²Tim. 1:2; ²Rom. 1:7; ²Tim. 1:2; ²Titus 1:4; ⁴1 Tim. 1:12; ³1 Lit., while departing ²Lit., to remain ^aRom. 15:28; ^bActs 18:19; ^cRom. 16:17; ²Cor. 11:4; ^dGal. 1:8; ¹Tim. 6:3

main on at ^bEphesus, in order that you may instruct certain men not to ^cteach strange doctrines,

4 nor to ¹pay attention to ^amyths and endless ^bgenealogies, which give rise to mere ^cspeculation rather than ^dfurthuring ²the administration of God which is by faith.

4 ¹Or, occupy themselves with ²Lit., God's provision ^a1 Tim. 4:7; ²Tim. 4:4; ^bTitus 1:14; ²Pet. 1:16; ^cTitus 3:9; ²Tim. 2:23; ^dEph. 3:2

5 But the goal of our ¹instruction is love ²from a pure heart and a ³good conscience and a sincere ⁴faith.

6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to ¹fruitless discussion,

7 ¹wanting to be ²teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

8 But we know that ¹the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully,

9 realizing the fact that ¹law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and ²rebellious, for the ³ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and ⁴profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers

10 ¹and ²immoral men ¹and ²homosexuals ¹and ²kidnappers ¹and ²liars ¹and ²perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to ¹sound teaching,

11 according to ¹the glorious gospel of ²the blessed God, with which I have been ³entrusted.

12 ¹I thank ²Christ Jesus our Lord, who has ³strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, ⁴putting me into service;

13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a ¹persecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was ²shown mercy, because ³I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

14 and the ¹grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the ²faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

15 ¹It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that ²Christ Jesus came into the world to ³save sinners, among whom ⁴I am foremost of all.

16 And yet for this reason I ¹found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might ²demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for

8 ¹La., commend-
ment
+1 Tim. 1:18
+2 Tim. 2:22
+1 Tim. 1:19;
2:9; 2 Tim.
1:3; 1 Pet.
3:16, 21
+2 Tim. 1:5
+1 Tim.
1:10
+7 James
3:1; Luke
2:46
+Rom.
7:12, 16
+Gal.
5:23
+1 Tim. 1:6, 10; 1 Pet.
4:18; Jude 13
+1 Tim. 4:7;
6:20; Heb.
12:16
+10 ¹La., for
Chr. fornicators
+1 Cor. 6:9
+Eph. 5:3
+Rev. 21:8;
27:22, 25
+Matt. 5:33
+1 Tim. 4:6;
6:3; 2 Tim.
4:3; Titus 1:9;
13:2, 12
+11 +2 Cor.
4:4; 1 Tim.
6:15
+Gal. 2:7
+12 +Gal.
3:28
+Acts
9:22; Phil.
4:13; 2 Tim.
4:17
+Acts
9:15
+13 +Acts 8:3
+1 Cor. 7:25
+Acts 26:9
+14 +Rom.
5:20; 1 Cor.
3:10; 2 Cor.
4:15; Gal.
1:13-16
+15 Titus 1:3;
1 Tim. 2:15;
4:12; 6:11;
2 Tim. 1:13;
2:22; Titus
2:2
+16 +1 Tim.
3:1, 4:9;
2 Tim. 2:11;
Titus 3:8
+Mark 2:17;
Luke 15:28;
19:10
+Rom.
11:14; 1 Cor.
15:9; Eph. 3:8
+16 ¹Or, de-
signed to
+1 Cor. 7:25;
1 Tim. 1:13
+Eph. 2:7
+17 ¹La., of
the eyes
+Rom. 15:3
+1 Tim. 6:16
+Col. 1:13
+John 5:44;
1 Tim. 6:15;
Jude 25

those ¹who would believe in Him for eternal life.

17 Now to the ¹King ²eternal, ³immortal, ⁴invisible, the ⁵only God, ⁶be honor and glory ⁷for-
ever and ever. Amen.

18 ¹I This ²command I entrust to you, Timothy, ³my ⁴son, in ac-
cordance with the ⁵prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may ⁶fight the good fight,

19 keeping ¹faith and a good conscience, which some have re-
jected and suffered shipwreck in regard to ²their faith.

20 ¹Among these are ²Hyme-
naeus and ³Alexander, whom I have ⁴delivered over to Satan, so that they may be ⁵taught not to blaspheme.

CHAPTER 2

FIRST of all, then, I urge that ¹entreaties and prayers, pe-
titions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

2 ¹for kings and all who are in ²authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and ³dignity.

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of ¹God our Savior,

4 ¹who desires all men to be ²saved and to ³come to the ⁴knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is ¹one God, and ²one mediator also between God and men, ³the ⁴man Christ Jesus,

6 ¹who ²gave Himself as a ran-
som for all, the ³testimony ⁴borne at ⁵the proper time.

+Rom. 2:7, 10; 11:36; Heb. 2:7
+18 ¹La., child +1 Tim. 1:5 +1 Tim. 1:2 +1 Tim. 4:14
+2 Cor. 10:4; 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:22; 4:7
+19 ¹La., the +1 Tim. 1:5 +1 Tim. 6:12, 21; 2 Tim. 2:10
+20 ¹La., Of +2 Tim. 2:17 +2 Tim. 4:14 +1 Cor. 3:5
+1 Cor. 11:32; Heb. 12:58
+1 +Eph. 6:10
+2 ¹Or, a high position +Or, seriousness +Eph. 6:10; Rom. 12:1
+3 +Luke 1:47; 1 Tim. 1:1; 4:10
+4 ¹Or, recognition +Ezek. 18:23, 32; John 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:10; Titus 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:9 +Rom. 11:14 +2 Tim. 2:25;
3:7; Titus 1:1; Heb. 10:20
+5 +Rom. 3:24; 10:12; 1 Cor. 6:4 +1 Cor. 8:6; Gal. 2:20
+Heb. 1:1; Rom. 1:3
+6 ¹Or, to be borne +La., by own stress +Heb. 20:28; Gal. 1:4 +1 Cor. 1:6 +Heb. 1:13; Gal. 4:4; 1 Tim. 6:15; Titus 1:3

7 ^aAnd for this I was appointed a ¹preacher and ^ban apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of ^cthe Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 ¶ Therefore ^aI want the men ^bin every place to pray, ^clifting up ^dholy hands, without wrath and dissension.

9 Likewise, I want ^awomen to adorn themselves with proper clothing, ¹modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments;

10 but rather by means of good works, as befits women making a claim to godliness.

11 ^aLet a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

12 ^aBut I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

13 ^aFor it was Adam who was first ¹created, and then Eve.

14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but ^athe woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression.

15 But women shall be ¹preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in ^afaith and love and sanctity with ²self-restraint.

CHAPTER 3

^aIt is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the ^boffice of ¹overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.

2 ^{1a}An overseer, then, must be above reproach, ^bthe husband of one wife, ^ctemperate, prudent, respectable, ^dhospitable, ^eable to teach,

3 ^anot addicted to wine ¹or pugnacious, but gentle, uncontentious, ^bfree from the love of money.

4 He must be one who ^amanages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity

7 ¹Or, her-

old

^aEph. 3:8;

1 Tim. 1:11;

2 Tim. 1:11

^b1 Cor. 9:1

^cRom. 9:1

^dActs 9:15

^ePhil.

1:12; 1 Tim.

5:14; Titus

3:8 ^bJohn

4:21; 1 Cor.

12; 2 Cor.

2:14; 1 Thes.

1:8 ^aPs. 63:4;

Luke 24:50

^dPs. 24:4;

James 4:8

⁹ ¹Lit.,

with modesty

^a1 Pet. 3:3

11 ^a1 Cor.

14:34; Titus

2:5

12 ^a1 Cor.

14:34; Titus

2:5

13 ¹Or,

formed

^aGen. 2:7, 22;

3:16; 1 Cor.

11:6ff.

14 ^aGen.

3:6, 13; 2 Cor.

11:3

15 ¹Lit.,

saved ²Or,

discretion

^a1 Tim. 1:14

1 ¹Or,

bishop

^a1 Tim. 1:15

^bActs 20:28;

Phil. 1:1

2 ¹Lit., The

^a1 Tim. 3:2-4;

Titus 1:6-8

^bLuke 2:36ff.;

1 Tim. 5:9;

Titus 1:6

^c1 Tim. 3:8;

11; Titus 2:2

^dRom. 12:13;

Titus 1:8;

Heb. 13:2;

1 Pet. 4:9

² Tim. 2:24

3 ¹Lit., not

^aTitus 1:7

^b1 Tim. 3:8;

6:10; Titus

1:7; Heb. 13:5

4 ^a1 Tim.

3:12

5 ^a1 Cor.

10:32; 1 Tim.

3:15

6 ¹Lit., of

the devil

^a1 Tim. 6:4;

2 Tim. 3:4

^b1 Tim. 3:7

7 ² Cor.

8:21 ^aMark

4:11 ^c1 Tim.

6:9; 2 Tim.

2:26

8 ¹Or,

given to dou-

ble-talk ²Lit.,

not

^aPhil. 1:1;

5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of ^athe church of God?);

6 and not a new convert, lest he become ^aconceited and fall into the ^bcondemnation ¹incurred by the devil.

7 And he must ^ahave a good reputation with ^bthose outside the church, so that he may not fall into reproach and ^cthe snare of the devil.

8 ^aDeacons likewise must be men of dignity, not ¹double-tongued, ^{2b}or addicted to much wine ^{2c}or fond of sordid gain,

9 ^abut holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

10 And ^alet these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

11 ¹Women must likewise be dignified, ^anot malicious gossips, but ^btemperate, faithful in all things.

12 Let ^adeacons be ^bhusbands of only one wife, and ^{1c}good managers of their children and their own households.

13 For those who have served well as deacons ^aobtain for themselves a ¹high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

14 ¶ I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;

15 but ¹in case I am delayed, I write so that you may know how ²one ought to conduct himself in ^athe household of God, which is the ^bchurch of ^cthe living God, the ^dpillar and support of the truth.

1 Tim. 3:12 ^b1 Tim. 5:23; Titus 2:3 ^c1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7;

1 Pet. 5:2

9 ^a1 Tim. 1:5, 19

10 ^a1 Tim. 5:22

11 ¹i.e., either deacons' wives or deaconesses ²2 Tim.

3:3; Titus 2:3 ^b1 Tim. 3:2

12 ¹Lit., managing well ^aPhil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:8 ^b1 Tim.

3:2 ^c1 Tim. 3:4

13 ¹Lit., good ^aMatt. 25:21

15 ¹Lit., if I delay ²Or, you ought to conduct yourself

^a1 Cor. 3:16; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:21f.; 1 Pet. 2:5; 4:17 ^b1

Tim. 3:5 ^cMatt. 16:16; 1 Tim. 4:10 ^dGal. 2:9; 2 Tim. 2:19

16 And by common confession great is ^athe mystery of godliness:

¹He who was ^brevealed in the flesh,
Was ²c vindicated ³in the Spirit,
⁴Beheld by angels,
⁵Proclaimed among the nations,
⁶Believed on in the world,
⁷Taken up in glory.

CHAPTER 4

BUT ^athe Spirit explicitly says that ^bin later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to ^cdeceitful spirits and ^ddoctrines of demons,

² by means of the hypocrisy of liars ^aseared in their own conscience as with a branding iron.

³ men who ^aforbid marriage and advocate ^babstaining from foods, which ^cGod has created to be ^dgratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

⁴ For ^aeverything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it is ^breceived with gratitude;

⁵ for it is sanctified by means of ^athe word of God and prayer.

⁶ ¶ In pointing out these things to ^athe brethren, you will be a good ^bservant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the ^csound doctrine which you ^dhave been following.

⁷ But have nothing to do with ^aworldly ^bfables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of ^cgodliness;

⁸ for ^abodily discipline is only of little profit, but ^bgodliness is profitable for all things, since it ^cholds promise for the ^dpresent life and also for the life to come.

⁹ ¶ It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.

¹⁰ For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed ^aour hope on ^bthe living God,

16 ¹Some later men read God ²Or justified ³Or by
Rom. 16:25
John 1:14;
1 Pet. 1:20;
1 John 3:5, 8
Rom. 3:4
Luke 2:13;
24:4, 1 Pet.
1:12
Rom. 16:28, 2 Cor.
1:19; Col.
1:23
2 Thess.
1:10
Mark 16:19; Acts
1:9
1 John
16:13; Acts
20:23, 21:11;
1 Cor. 2:10f
2 Thess.
2:3ff, 2 Tim.
3:1, 2 Pet.
3:3, Jude 16
1 John 4:6
James 3:15
2 Eph.
4:19
3 Heb.
13:4
Col.
2:16, 23
Gen.
1:29; 9:3
Rom. 14:6,
1 Cor. 10:30f
1 Tim. 4:4
4 1 Cor.
10:28
Rom.
14:6, 1 Cor.
10:30f
1 Tim. 4:3
5 Gen.
1:23, 31; Heb.
11:3
6 Lat.,
good
Acts 1:15
2 Cor. 11:23
1 Tim. 1:10
Luke 1:3,
Phil. 2:20, 22;
2 Tim. 3:10
7 1 Tim.
1:9
1 Tim.
1:4
1 Tim.
4:8, 6:3, 5f.
2 Tim. 3:5
8 Col. 2:23
1 Tim. 4:7;
6:3, 5f.
2 Tim. 3:5
Ps. 37:9, 11;
Prov. 19:23;
22:4; Matt.
6:33
Matt.
6:33, 12:32;
Mark 10:30
9 1 Tim.
1:15
10 2 Cor.
1:10, 1 Tim.
6:17
1 Tim.
3:15
John
4:42; 1 Tim.
2:4
11 Or.
Keep commanding and teaching
1 Tim. 5:7;
6:2

who is ^athe Savior of all men, especially of believers.

¹¹ ¶ Prescribe and teach these things.

¹² ¶ Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, ^blove, faith and purity, show yourself ^can example ^dof those who believe.

¹³ ¶ Until I come, give attention to the *public* ^breading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.

¹⁴ Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through ^aprophetic utterance with ^bthe laying on of hands by the ^cpresbytery.

¹⁵ Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

¹⁶ ¶ Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will ^binsure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

CHAPTER 5

DO not sharply rebuke an ^aolder man, but *rather* appeal to him as a father, to ^cthe younger men as brothers,

² the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

³ Honor widows who are ^awidows indeed;

⁴ but if any widow has children or grandchildren, ^alet them first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family, and to ^bmake some return to their parents; for this is ^cacceptable in the sight of God.

12 Or, to 1 Cor. 16:11, Titus 2:15 1 Tim. 1:14 Titus 2:7, 1 Pet. 3:3

13 1 Tim. 3:14 2 Tim. 3:10f

14 Or, board of elders 1 Tim. 1:18 Acts 6:6, 1 Tim. 5:22, 2 Tim. 1:6 Acts 11:30

16 Lat., save both yourself and those Acts 20:28 1 Cor. 1:21

1 Lev. 19:32 Titus 2:2 Titus 2:6 3 Acts 6:1, 9:39, 41; 1 Tim. 5:5, 16

4 Lat., give back recompense Eph. 6:2 1 Tim. 2:3

5 Now she who is a ^awidow indeed, and who has been left alone ^bhas fixed her hope on God, and continues in ^centreaties and prayers night and day.

6 But she who ^agives herself to wanton pleasure is ^bdead even while she lives.

7 ¹Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach.

8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has ^adenied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

9 Let a widow be ^aput on the list only if she is not less than sixty years old, *having been* ^bthe wife of one man,

10 *having a reputation for* ^agood works; *and* if she has brought up children, if she has ^bshown hospitality to strangers, if she ^chas washed the ^d'saints' feet, if she has ^eassisted those in distress, *and* if she has devoted herself to every good work.

11 But *refuse to put* younger widows *on the list*, for when they feel ^asensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married,

12 *thus incurring* condemnation, because they have set aside their previous ¹pledge.

13 And at the same time they also learn *to be* idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also ^agossips and ^bbusybodies, talking about ^cthings not proper *to mention*.

14 Therefore, I want younger widows to get ^amarried, bear children, ^bkeep house, and ^cgive the enemy no occasion for reproach;

15 for some ^ahave already turned aside to follow ^bSatan.

16 If any woman who is a believer ^ahas dependent widows, let her ^bassist them, and let not the church be burdened, so that

⁸ Acts 6:1, 9:39, 41, 1 Tim 5:3, 18:1 Cor 7:34, 1 Pet 3:5 Luke 2:37, 1 Tim 2:1, 2 Tim 1:3

⁶ James 5:5 Luke 15:24, 2 Tim 3:6, Rev 3:17 Or, Keep commanding ¹ 1 Tim 4:11

⁸ 2 Tim 2:12, Titus 1:16, 2 Pet 2:1, Jude 4 ⁹ 1 Tim 5:16 ¹ 1 Tim 3:2

¹⁰ Or, holy ones

^a Acts 9:36, 1 Tim 6:18, Titus 2:7, 3:8, 1 Pet 2:12

¹ 1 Tim 3:2, Luke 7:44, John 13:14 ¹ 1 Tim 5:16

¹¹ Rev 18:7

¹² Lit., in faith

¹³ 43 John 10:22 Thess 3:11 Titus 1:11

¹⁴ 1 Cor 7:9, 1 Tim 4:3 Titus 2:5

¹ 1 Tim 6:1

¹⁸ 1 Tim 1:20 Matt. 4:10

¹⁰ 1 Tim 5:4 ¹ 1 Tim 5:10 ¹ 1 Tim 5:3

¹⁷ Lit., in word

^a Acts 11:30, 1 Tim 4:14, 5:19 Rom. 12:8 ¹ Thess 5:12

¹⁸ Deut. 25:4, 1 Cor 9:9 Lev. 19:13, Deut. 24:15, Matt. 10:10, Luke 10:7, 1 Cor 9:14

¹⁹ Acts 11:30, 1 Tim 4:14, 5:17

^b Deut. 17:6, 19:15, Matt. 18:16

²⁰ Gal. 2:14, Eph. 5:11, 2 Tim. 4:2 ² 2 Cor. 7:11

²¹ Luke 9:28, 1 Tim. 6:13, 2 Tim. 2:14, 4:1

it may assist those who are ^awidows indeed.

17 ¹ Let ^athe elders who ^brule well be considered worthy ^cdouble honor, especially those who ^cwork hard ¹at preaching and teaching.

18 For the Scripture says: ^a"YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and ^b"The laborer is worthy of his wages."

19 Do not receive an accusation against an ^aelder except on the basis of ^btwo or three witnesses.

20 Those who continue in sin ^arebuke in the presence of all, ^bso that the rest also may be fearful of sinning.

21 ^aI solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.

22 ^aDo not lay hands upon any one too hastily and ^bthus share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself ²free from sin.

23 No longer drink water exclusively, but ^ause a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

24 The sins of some men are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their sins ^afollow after.

25 Likewise also, deeds that are good are quite evident, and ^athose which are otherwise cannot be concealed.

CHAPTER 6

^a **L**ET all who are under the yoke as slaves regard their own masters as worthy of all honors ^bthat the name of God and our doctrine may not be spoken against.

²² ¹ Lit., do not share ² Lit., pure ¹ 1 Tim. 3:10; 4:14 Eph. 5:11; 1 Tim. 3:2-7

²³ ¹ 1 Tim. 3:8

²⁴ ^a Rev. 14:13

²⁵ ^a Prov. 10:9

¹ Eph. 6:5; Titus 2:9; 1 Pet. 2:18 ^a Titus 2:5

2 And let those who have believers as their masters not be disrespectful to them because they are ^abrethren, but let them serve them all the more, because those who ¹partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. Teach and ²preach these principles.

3 ¶ If anyone ^aadvocates a different doctrine, and does not agree with ^bsound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine ^cconforming to godliness,

4 he is ^aconceited and understands nothing; but he ¹has a morbid interest in ^bcontroversial questions and ^cdisputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,

5 and constant friction between ^amen of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that ¹godliness is a means of gain.

6 ^aBut godliness actually is a means of ^bgreat gain, when accompanied by ^ccontentment.

7 For ^awe have brought nothing into the world, ¹so we cannot take anything out of it either.

8 And if we ^ahave food and covering, with these we shall be content.

9 ^aBut those who want to get rich fall into temptation and ^bare made and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge them into ruin and destruction.

10 For ^athe love of money is a root of all ¹sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have ^bwandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

11 ¶ But ^aflee from these things, you ^bman of God; and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, ^clove, ¹perseverance and gentleness.

12 ^aFight the good fight of faith; ^ctake hold of the eternal life ¹to which you were called, and you made the good ^cconfes-

2 ^{Or}, benefit by their service
²Lat., exhort, urge

^aActs 1:15; Gal. 3:28; Philem. 16
¹1 Tim. 4:11
²1 Lat.,

come to; or, come with
¹1 Tim. 1:3
¹1 Tim. 1:10
¹Titim. 1:1

⁴1 Lat., as such about
¹1 Tim. 3:6
¹1 Tim. 1:4
^aActs 18:15;
2 Tim. 2:14

⁸ ^{Or}, robe
²1 Tim. 3:8;
Titim. 1:15

^aTitim. 1:11;
2 Pet. 2:3
⁶ ^{Lat}, Luke 12:15-21;
1 Tim. 6:6-10

¹1 Tim. 4:8
^aPhil. 4:11;
Heb. 13:5

⁷ ^{Lat}, Later men. read it as clear that
^aJob 1:21;
Eccl. 5:15

⁸ ^{Prov}, 30:8
⁹ ^{Prov}, 15:27; 23:4;
20:20; Luke 12:21; 1 Tim. 6:17; 1 Tim. 3:7

¹⁰ 1 Lat., the evils
^aCol. 3:5; 1 Tim. 3:3; 6:9
^aJames 5:19

¹¹ ^{Or}, stand fast men
²2 Tim. 2:22
²2 Tim. 3:17
¹1 Tim. 1:14
²2 Tim. 3:10

¹² ¹1 Cor. 9:25; Phil. 1:30; 1 Tim. 1:18; 1 Tim. 1:19; Phil. 2:12; 1 Tim. 6:19; Col. 3:15; 2 Cor. 9:13; 1 Tim. 6:13; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 2:2

¹³ ^{Or}, pro- serve alive
¹1 Tim. 5:21
^aGal. 3:28;
1 Tim. 1:12;
15:25

²2 Cor. 9:13;
1 Tim. 6:12
^aHeb. 27:2;
John 10:27

¹⁴ ¹1 Tim. 2:8
¹⁵ 1 Lat., show
^aLat., those who rage on high
1 Lat., those

sion in the presence of ^amany witnesses.

13 ¶ I charge you in the presence of God, who ¹gives life to all things, and of ^bChrist Jesus, who testified the ^cgood confession ^dbefore Pontius Pilate.

14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the ^aappearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 which He will ¹bring about at ^athe proper time—He who is ^bthe blessed and ^conly Sovereign, ^dthe King of ²kings and ^eLord of ³lords;

16 ^awho alone possesses immortality and ^bdwells in unapproachable light; ^cwhom no man has seen or can see. ^dTo Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

17 ¶ Instruct those who are rich in ^athis present world ^bnot to be conceited or to ^cfix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, ^dwho richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in ^agood ¹works, ²to be generous and ready to share.

19 ^astoring up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may ^btake hold of that which is life indeed.

20 ¶ O ^aTimothy, guard ^bwhat has been entrusted to you, avoiding ^cworldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called "^aknowledge"—

21 which some have professed and thus ^agone astray ¹from ^bthe faith.

¶ ^aGrace be with you.

who rule as lords 1 Tim. 2:6 1 Tim. 1:11 1 Tim. 1:17 ^aQuint. 10:17; Rev. 17:14; 19:16 ^aPs. 136:3

10 1 Tim. 1:17 ^aPs. 104:2; James 1:17; 1 John 1:5
^aJohn 1:18 1 Tim. 1:17

17 ^aHeb. 12:32; 2 Tim. 4:10; Titim. 2:12 ^aPs. 62:10;
Luke 12:20; Rom. 11:20; 1 Tim. 6:9 1 Tim. 4:10 ^aActs 14:17

18 ^{Or}, dwell 1 Tim. 5:10 ^aRom. 12:8; Eph. 4:28

19 ^aHeb. 6:20 1 Tim. 6:12

20 1 Tim. 1:2 ^aHeb. Titim. 1:12; 14 1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 2:16

21 1 Lat., concerning 2 Tim. 2:18 1 Tim. 1:19 ^aCol. 4:18

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Timothy Charged to Guard His Trust

PAUL, ^aan apostle of ^bChrist Jesus ^{1c}by the will of God, according to the promise of ^dlife in Christ Jesus,

2 to ^aTimothy, my beloved ^{1b}son: ^cGrace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 ^c ^aI thank God, whom I ^bserve with a ^cclear conscience ¹the way my forefathers did, ^das I constantly remember you in my ²prayers night and day.

4 ^alonging to see you, ^beven as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.

5 ¹For I am mindful of the ^asincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and ^byour mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it* is in you as well.

6 And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh ^athe gift of God which is in you through ^athe laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a ^aspirit of timidity, but of power and love and ¹discipline.

8 Therefore ^ado not be ashamed of the ^btestimony of our Lord, or of me ^cHis prisoner; but join with *me* in ^dsuffering for the ^egospel according to the power of God,

9 who has ^asaved us, and ^bcalled us with a holy ^ccalling, ^dnot according to our works, but according to His own ^bpurpose and grace which was granted us in ^cChrist Jesus from ^fall eternity,

10 but ^anow has been revealed by the ^bappearing of our Savior

¹ ¹Lit., through
² ²Cor. 1:1
³ ³Gal. 3:26
⁴ ⁴1 Cor. 1:1
⁵ ⁵1 Tim. 6:19
⁶ ⁶1 Lit.,

⁷ ⁷child
⁸ ⁸Acts 16:1;
⁹ ⁹1 Tim. 1:2
¹⁰ ¹⁰1 Tim. 1:2;
¹¹ ¹¹2 Tim. 2:1;
¹² ¹²Titus 1:4
¹³ ¹³Rom. 1:7
¹⁴ ¹⁴3 ¹⁴Lit.,

¹⁵ ¹⁵from my forefathers
¹⁶ ¹⁶Or, petitions
¹⁷ ¹⁷Rom. 1:8
¹⁸ ¹⁸Acts 24:14
¹⁹ ¹⁹Acts 23:1;
²⁰ ²⁰24:16; 1 Tim. 1:5
²¹ ²¹Rom. 1:9
²² ²²4 ²²2 Tim.

²³ ²³4:9, 21 ²³Acts 20:37
²⁴ ²⁴5 ²⁴Lit., Re-

²⁵ ²⁵ceiving remembrance of
²⁶ ²⁶1 Tim. 1:5
²⁷ ²⁷Acts 16:1;
²⁸ ²⁸2 Tim. 3:15
²⁹ ²⁹6 ²⁹1 Tim.

³⁰ ³⁰4:14
³¹ ³¹7 ³¹Or, sound judgment
³² ³²John 14:27;
³³ ³³Rom. 8:15
³⁴ ³⁴8 ³⁴Mark

³⁵ ³⁵8:38; Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 1:12; 16
³⁶ ³⁶1 Cor. 1:8
³⁷ ³⁷c Eph. 3:1; 2 Tim. 1:16
³⁸ ³⁸2 Tim. 2:3; 9; 4:5
³⁹ ³⁹2 Tim. 1:10; 2:8
⁴⁰ ⁴⁰9 ⁴⁰Rom.

⁴¹ ⁴¹11:14 ⁴¹Rom. 8:28ff. ⁴¹Rom. 11:29
⁴² ⁴²c Eph. 2:9
⁴³ ⁴³2 Tim. 1:1
⁴⁴ ⁴⁴16:25; Eph. 1:4; Titus 1:2
⁴⁵ ⁴⁵10 ⁴⁵Rom. 16:26
⁴⁶ ⁴⁶2 Thess. 2:8;
⁴⁷ ⁴⁷2 Tim. 4:1; 8; Titus 2:11
⁴⁸ ⁴⁸2 Tim. 1:1
⁴⁹ ⁴⁹1 Cor. 13:26;
⁵⁰ ⁵⁰Heb. 2:14f.

⁵¹ ⁵¹11 ⁵¹1 Tim. 2:7
⁵² ⁵²12 ⁵²Or, for
⁵³ ⁵³2 Tim. 1:8;
⁵⁴ ⁵⁴16 ⁵⁴Titus 3:8
⁵⁵ ⁵⁵1 Tim. 6:20;
⁵⁶ ⁵⁶2 Tim. 1:14
⁵⁷ ⁵⁷41 Cor. 1:8;
⁵⁸ ⁵⁸3:13; 2 Tim. 1:18; 4:8

⁵⁹ ⁵⁹13 ⁵⁹Or, Hold the example
⁶⁰ ⁶⁰2 Tim. 3:14; Titus 1:9
⁶¹ ⁶¹Rom. 2:20; 8:17
⁶² ⁶²1 Tim. 1:10
⁶³ ⁶³2 Tim. 2:2
⁶⁴ ⁶⁴1 Tim. 1:1
⁶⁵ ⁶⁵2 Lit., good deposit
⁶⁶ ⁶⁶Rom. 8:9
⁶⁷ ⁶⁷1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:12
⁶⁸ ⁶⁸15 ⁶⁸I.e., the province of Asia
⁶⁹ ⁶⁹Acts 2:9
⁷⁰ ⁷⁰2 Tim. 4:10;
⁷¹ ⁷¹11, 16
⁷² ⁷²16 ⁷²Lit., chain
⁷³ ⁷³2 Tim. 4:19
⁷⁴ ⁷⁴2 Tim. 1:8
⁷⁵ ⁷⁵c Eph. 6:20
⁷⁶ ⁷⁶18 ⁷⁶1 Cor. 1:8; 3:13; 2 Tim. 1:12; 4:6
⁷⁷ ⁷⁷Acts 16:19;
⁷⁸ ⁷⁸1 Tim. 1:3

^cChrist Jesus, who ^dabolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

11 ^afor which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but ^aI am not ashamed; for I know ^bwhom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to ^cguard what I have entrusted to Him ¹until ^dthat day.

13 ^{1a}Retain the ^bstandard of ^csound words ^dwhich you have heard from me, in the ^efaith and love which are in ^fChrist Jesus.

14 Guard, through the Holy Spirit who ^adwells in us, the ^{1b}treasure which has been entrusted to you.

15 ¶ You are aware of the fact that all who are in ^{1a}Asia ^bturned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord grant mercy to ^athe house of Onesiphorus for he often refreshed me, and ^bwas not ashamed of my ^{1c}chains;

17 but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me, and found me—

18 the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on ^athat day—and you know very well what services he rendered at ^bEphesus.

13 ¹³Or, Hold the example
¹⁴ ¹⁴2 Tim. 3:14; Titus 1:9
¹⁵ ¹⁵Rom. 2:20; 8:17
¹⁶ ¹⁶1 Tim. 1:10
¹⁷ ¹⁷2 Tim. 2:2
¹⁸ ¹⁸1 Tim. 1:1
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²⁹ ²⁹c Eph. 6:20
³⁰ ³⁰18 ³⁰1 Cor. 1:8; 3:13; 2 Tim. 1:12; 4:6
³¹ ³¹Acts 16:19;
³² ³²1 Tim. 1:3

24 And ^athe Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, ^bable to teach, patient when wronged.

25 ^awith gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, ^bif perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to ^cthe knowledge of the truth.

26 and they may come to their senses and escape from ^athe snare of the devil, having been ^bheld captive ¹by him to do his will.

CHAPTER 3

BUT realize this, that ^ain the last days difficult times will come.

2 For men will be ^alovers of self, ^blovers of money, ^cboastful, ^darrogant, ^erevilers, ^fdisobedient to parents, ^gungrateful, ^hunholy.

3 ^aunloving, irreconcilable, ^bmalicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, ^chaters of good.

4 ^atreacherous, ^bbreckless, ^cconceited, ^dlovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

5 holding to a form of ¹godliness, although they have ^bdenied its power; and ^cavoid such men as these.

6 For among them are those who ¹enter into households and captivate ^bweak women weighed down with sins, led on by ^cvarious impulses.

7 always learning and never able to ^acome to the ¹knowledge of the truth.

8 And just as ^aJannes and Jambres ^bopposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, ^cmen of depraved mind, rejected as regards the faith.

9 But they will not make further progress; for their ^afolly will be obvious to all, ^bas also that of those *two* came to be.

10 But you ^afollowed my teaching, conduct, purpose,

24 ^a1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7
^b1 Tim. 3:2
^c25 ^aGal. 6:1; Titus 3:2;
^b1 Pet. 3:15
^cActs 8:22
^d1 Tim. 2:4
^e26 ^aOr possibly, by him, to do his will
^b1 Tim. 3:7
^c1 Luke 5:10
^d1 ^a1 Tim. 4:1
^b2 ^aPhil. 2:21
^b1 Luke 16:14; 1 Tim. 3:3, 6, 10
^cRom. 1:30
^d2 Pet. 2:10
^e12 ^aLuke 6:35
^b1 Tim. 1:9
^c3 ^a1 ^a1 Tim. 1:9
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^{rc}1 ^a1 Tim. 1:9
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ate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; 4 and ^awill turn away their ears from the truth, and ^bwill turn side to myths.

5 But you, ^abe sober in all things, ^bendure hardship, do the work of an ^cevangelist, fulfill our ^dministry.

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of ^bmy departure is at hand.

7 ^aI have fought the good fight, I have finished ^bthe course, I have kept ^cthe faith;

8 in the future there ^ais laid up for me ^bthe crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to ^dall who have loved His appearing.

9 ^aMake every effort to come to me soon;

10 for ^aDemas, having loved this present ^bworld, has deserted me and gone to ^cThessalonica; Crescens has gone to ^dGalatia, ^eTitus to Dalmatia.

11 ^aOnly ^bLuke is with me. Pick up ^cMark and bring him with you, ^dfor he is useful to me for service.

12 But ^aTychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

13 When you come bring the cloak which I left at ^aTroas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

14 ^aAlexander the copper-

4 ^a2 Thess. 2:11; Titus 1:14 ^b1 Tim. 1:4
5 ^a1 Pet. 1:12 ^b2 Tim. 1:8 ^cActs 21:8 ^dEph. 4:12 ^eCol. 4:17
6 ^aPhil. 2:17 ^bPhil. 1:23 ^c2 Pet. 1:14
7 ^a1 Cor. 9:24 ^bPhil. 1:30 ^c1 Tim. 1:18 ^d6:12 ^eActs 20:24 ^f1 Cor. 9:24 ^g2 Tim. 1:10 ^hCol. 1:5
8 ^a1 Pet. 1:4 ^b1 Cor. 9:25 ^c2 Tim. 2:5 ^dJames 1:12 ^e2 Tim. 1:12 ^fPhil. 3:11 ^g2 Tim. 4:1 ^h9:2 Tim. 1:4 ⁱ4:21 ^jTitus 3:12 ^k10 ^lOr, age ^mSome an- cients read Gaul ⁿCol. 4:14 ^o1 Tim. 6:17 ^pActs 17:1 ^qActs 16:6 ^r2 Cor. 2:13 ^s8:23 ^tGal. 2:3 ^uTitus 1:4 ^v11 ^w2 Tim. 1:15 ^xCol. 4:14 ^yPhilem. 24 ^zActs 12:12, 25 ^{aa}15:37 ^{ab}38 ^{ac}Col. 4:10 ^{ad}2 Tim. 2:21 ^{ae}12 ^{af}Acts 20:4 ^{ag}Eph. 6:21 ^{ah}22 ^{ai}Col. 4:7 ^{aj}Acts 18:19 ^{ak}13 ^{al}Acts 18:8 ^{am}14 ^{an}Acts 19:33 ^{ao}1 Tim. 1:20 ^{ap}Ph. 6:12 ^{aq}Rom. 2:6 ^{ar}12:19 ^{as}18 ^{at}Lat. words

smith did me much harm; ^bthe Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

15 Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously oppose ^aour ^bteaching.

16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; ^amay it not be counted against them.

17 But the Lord stood with me, and ^astrengthened me, in order that through me ^bthe proclamation might ^cbe ^dfully accomplished, and that all ^ethe Gentiles might hear; and I was ^fdelivered out of ^gthe lion's mouth.

18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will ^abring me safely to His ^bheavenly kingdom; ^cto ^dHim be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

19 ^aGreet Prisca and ^bAquila, and ^cthe household of Onesiphorus.

20 ^aErastus remained at ^bCorinth, but ^cTrophimus I left sick at ^dMiletus.

21 ^aMake every effort to come before ^bwinter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

22 ^aThe Lord be with your spirit. ^bGrace be with you.

16 ^aActs 7:60; 1 Cor. 13:5
17 ^aOr, be fulfilled ^b1 Tim. 1:12 ^c2 Tim. 2:1 ^dTitus 1:3 ^e2 Tim. 4:5 ^fActs 9:15; Phil. 1:12ff. ^gRom. 15:31 ^h2 Tim. 3:11 ⁱ1 Sam. 17:37; Ps. 22:21
18 ^aOr, save me for ^bLat., Whom ^c1 Cor. 1:21 ^d1 Cor. 15:50; 2 Tim. 4:1 ^eHeb. 11:14; 12:22 ^fRom. 11:36; 2 Pet. 3:18
19 ^aActs 18:2 ^b2 Tim. 1:16
20 ^aActs 18:22; Rom. 16:23 ^bActs 18:1 ^cActs 20:4
21 ^a29 ^bActs 20:15
22 ^a2 Tim. 4:9 ^bTitus 3:12
23 ^aGal. 6:14; Phil. 4:23; Philem. 25 ^bCol. 4:18

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS

Salutation

PAUL, ^aa bond-servant of God, and an ^bapostle of Jesus Christ, ¹for the faith of those ^cchosen of God and ^dthe knowledge of the truth which is ^eaccording to godliness,

2 in ^athe hope of eternal life, which God, ^bwho cannot lie, ^cpromised ^dlong ages ago,

3 but ^aat the proper time manifested, even His word, in ^bthe proclamation ^cwith which I was entrusted ^daccording to the commandment of ^eGod our Savior;

4 to ^aTitus, ^bmy true child ¹in a ^ccommon faith: ^dGrace and peace from God the Father and ^eChrist Jesus our Savior.

5 ¶ For this reason I left you in ^aCrete, that you might set in order what remains, and ^bappoint ^celders in every city as I directed you,

6 namely, ^aif any man be above reproach, the ^bhusband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of ^cdissipation or ^drebellion.

7 For the ^aoverseer must be above reproach as ^bGod's steward, not ^cself-willed, not quick-tempered, not ^daddicted to wine, not pugnacious, ^enot fond of sordid gain,

8 but ^ahospitable, ^bloving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,

9 ^aholding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in ^bsound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

10 ¶ For there are many ^brebellious men, ^cempty talkers and

1 Or, according to
Rom. 1:1;
James 1:1;
Rev. 1:1
2 Cor. 1:1
Luke 18:7
1 Tim. 2:4
1 Tim. 6:3
2 Lit., before times
eternal

2 Tim. 1:1;
Titus 3:7
2 Tim. 2:13;
Heb. 6:18
Rom. 1:2
2 Tim. 1:9
3 1 Tim.
2:6 Rom.
16:25; 2 Tim.
4:17 1 Tim.
1:11 1 Tim.
1:1 Luke
1:47; 1 Tim.
1:1; Titus
2:10; 3:4

4 Lit., according to
2 Cor. 2:13;
8:23; Gal. 2:3;
2 Tim. 4:10
2 Tim. 1:2
2 Pet. 1:7
Rom. 1:7
1 Tim. 1:12;
2 Tim. 1:1
5 Acts
27:7; Titus
1:12 Acts
14:23 Acts
11:30
6 1 Tim.
3:2-4; Titus
1:6-8 1 Tim.
3:2 Eph. 5:18
Titus 1:10

7 Or,
bishop
1 Tim. 3:2
1 Cor. 4:1
2 Pet. 2:10
1 Tim. 3:3
1 Tim. 3:3, 8
8 1 Tim.
3:2 2 Tim.
3:3

9 2 Thess.
2:15; 1 Tim.
1:19; 2 Tim.
1:13 1 Tim.
1:10; Titus
2:1

10 2 Cor.
11:13 Titus
1:6 1 Tim.
1:6 Acts 11:2
11 1 Tim.
5:4; 2 Tim.
3:6 1 Tim.
5:13 1 Tim.
6:5

12 Acts
2:11; 27:7

deceivers, especially ^athose of the circumcision,

11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting ^awhole families, teaching ^bthings they should not teach, ^cfor the sake of sordid gain.

12 One of themselves, prophet of their own, said, "^aCretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

13 This testimony is true. For this cause ^areprove them ^bseverely that they may be ^csound in the faith,

14 not paying attention to Jewish ^amyths and ^bcommandment of men who ^cturn away from the truth.

15 ^aTo the pure, all things are pure; but ^bto those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their ^cmind and their conscience are defiled.

16 ^aThey profess to know God but by ^btheir deeds they ^cdeny Him, being ^ddetestable and ^edisobedient, and ^fworthless ¹for any good deed.

CHAPTER 2

BUT as for you, speak the things which are fitting for ^asound doctrine.

2 ^aOlder men are to be ^btemperate, dignified, sensible ^csound ^din faith, in love, in ^eperseverance.

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior

13 1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 2:15 2 Cor. 13:10
Titus 2:2

14 1 Tim. 1:4 Col. 2:22 2 Tim. 4:4

15 Luke 11:41; Rom. 14:20 Rom. 14:14, 23 1 Tim. 6:5

16 1 John 2:4 1 Tim. 5:8 Rev. 21:8 Titus 3:3

2 Tim. 3:8 2 Tim. 3:17; Titus 3:1

1 Titus 1:9

2 Or, steadfastness Philem. 9 1 Tim. 3:2 Titus 1:13 1 Tim. 1:2, 14

not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,

8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

9 Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

10 not pilfering, but showing good faith that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

CHAPTER 3

REMIND them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to

3:1 Tim. 3:11-14 Tim. 3:8
4:1 Or, from 5:1 Tim. 3:14 Eph. 5:22-1 Tim. 6:1
6:1 Or, sensible in all things, showing 1 Tim. 5:1 7:1 Or, soundness, i.e., correctness 1 Tim. 4:12 8:2 Thim. 3:14, 1 Pet. 2:12
9:1 La., contradicting Eph. 6:5 1 Tim. 6:1 10:1 Thim. 1:3 11:1 Or, to all men, bringing 12 Tim. 1:10 Thim. 2:4 1 Tim. 2:4 12:1 Or, discerning 1 Tim. 6:6 Thim. 3:3 13 Tim. 3:12 1 Tim. 6:17 13:1 Or, the great God and our Savior 14 Thim. 2:8 1 Tim. 1:1 2 Tim. 1:2 Thim. 1:4 2 Pet. 1:1 14:1 Tim. 2:6 Eph. 1:10 130:1 Pet. 1:10 1 Cor. 1:17 1 John 1:7 14:1 Ex. 19:3 1 Cor. 4:20 16:1 16:2 Eph. 1:11 1 Pet. 2:9 Eph. 2:10 Thim. 2:8 1 Pet. 2:13 15:1 La., command 1 Tim. 4:12 16:1 2 Tim. 2:10 17:1 Tim. 4:12 1 Tim. 2:14 1 Tim. 13:1 1 Tim. 2:21 2:4 Tim. 3:1 1 Pet. 2:10 1 Tim. 2:10 2:10 3:10 11:20 Col. 2:7 Eph. 1:10 1 Tim. 2:10 2:13 Eph. 6:12 1 Tim. 2:10 2 Tim. 2:12 1 Tim. 1:20

be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

2 to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,

5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 that being justified by His grace we might be made theirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God may be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men.

9 But shun foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law; for they are unprofitable and worthless.

10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning.

11 knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

4:1 Thim. 2:4 Eph. 2:7 1 Pet. 2:3 1 Tim. 2:10 1 Tim. 2:11
5:1 Thim. 11:14 2 Tim. 1:9 Eph. 2:9 Eph. 2:4 1 Pet. 1:3 1 John 3:5 Eph. 3:20 1 Pet. 3:21 Eph. 1:22
6:1 Thim. 2:5 Eph. 2:4 1 Tim. 6:17
7:1 Or, of eternal life according to hope Eph. 2:20 Mark 10:17 Rom. 8:17 24 Thim. 1:3
8:1 Tim. 1:15 1 Tim. 2:6 1 Tim. 1:12 1 Tim. 2:7 1 Tim. 2:14
9:1 Tim. 2:10 1 Tim. 1:4 2 Tim. 2:25 1 Tim. 1:4 Eph. 6:1 1 Tim. 2:14
10:1 John 10:10 Eph. 10:17 Eph. 10:12
11:1 Thim. 1:14

12 ¶ When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

13 Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them.

14 And let our people also

12 *Acts 20:4; Eph. 6:21f.; Col. 4:7f.; 2 Tim. 4:12 *2 Tim. 4:9 *2 Tim. 4:21

13 *Matt. 22:35 *Acts 18:24; 1 Cor. 16:12

14 Or, occupations *Titus 2:8 *Titus 3:8 *Rom.

learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

15 ¶ All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

¶ Grace be with you all.

12-13, Phil. 4 16 *Matt. 7:19; Phil. 1:11; Col. 1:10 18 *Acts 20:34 *1 Tim. 1:2 *Col. 4:18

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON

Salutation

^aPAUL, ^ba prisoner of Christ Jesus, and ^dTimothy ¹our brother, to Philemon our beloved brother and ^efellow worker,

2 and to Apphia ¹our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 ¶ I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers,

5 because I hear of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints;

6 and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake.

7 For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

8 ¶ Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to

1 ¹Lit., the *Phil. 1:1 *Eph. 3:1 *Gal. 3:28 *2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1 *Phil. 2:25; Philem. 24

2 ¹Lit., the *Rom. 16:1 *Col. 4:17 *Phil. 2:25; 2 Tim. 2:3 *Rom. 16:5

3 *Rom.

1:7

4 *Rom.

1:8f.

5 Or, holy ones *Eph. 1:15; Col. 1:4; 1 Thess. 3:6

6 Or, in Some ancient mss. read us ¹Lit., toward Christ *Phil. 1:9; Col. 1:9; 3:10

7 ¹Lit., inward parts Or, holy ones

*2 Cor. 7:4; 13 *1 Cor. 16:18; Philem. 20

8 ¹Lit., much *2 Cor. 3:12; 1 Thess. 2:8 *Eph. 5:4

9 Or, an ambassador *Rom. 12:1 *Titus 2:2 *Philem. 1 *Gal. 3:28; 1 Tim. 1:12; Philem. 23

order you to do that which is proper,

9 yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you—since I am such a person as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—

10 I appeal to you for my child, whom I have begotten in my imprisonment, Onesimus

11 who formerly was useless to you, but now is useful both to you and to me.

12 And I have sent him back to you in person, that is, sending my very heart,

13 whom I wished to keep with me, that in your behalf he might minister to me in my imprisonment for the gospel;

14 but without your consent I did not want to do anything, that your goodness should not be as if it were by compulsion, but of your own free will.

15 For perhaps he was for the reason parted from you for a while, that you should have him back forever,

16 no longer as a slave, but

10 ¹Lit., bonds ²i.e., useful *Rom. 12:1 *1 Cor. 4:14f. *Col. 4:9

13 ¹Lit., bonds *Phil. 1:7; Philem. 10

14 *2 Cor. 9:7; 1 Pet. 5:2

15 *Gen. 45:5, 8

16 *1 Cor. 7:22

more than a slave, ^{ba}a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both ^{cin}in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 If then you regard me a partner, accept him as you would me.

18 But if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account;

19 ^aI, Paul, am writing this with my own hand, I will repay it lest I should ^lmention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).

20 Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; ^arefresh my heart in Christ.

21 ^aHaving confidence in

16 ^a1 Cor. 23:8; 1 Tim. 6:2 ^aEph. 6:5. Col. 3:22. 17 ^a2 Cor. 8:23. 18 ^a1 Lit., say. ^a1 Cor. 18:21. 2 Cor. 10:1. Gal. 5:2. 19 ^a2 Cor. 9:4. 20 ^aPhi- lem. 7. 21 ^a2 Cor. 2:3. 22 ^aActs 28:23 ^aPhil. 1:25; 2:24. 23 ^a2 Cor. 1:11. 24 ^aActs 27:24. Heb. 13:19. 25 ^aCol. 1:7. 4:12 ^aRom. 16:7. Phi- lem. 1. 26 ^aActs 12:12, 25. 15:37-39. Col. 4:10 ^aActs 19:29. 27:2.

your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say.

22 And at the same time also prepare me a ^alodging; for ^{bl}I hope that through ^cyour prayers ^dI shall be given to you.

23 ^aEpaphras, my ^bfellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you.

24 as do ^aMark, ^bAristarchus, ^cDemas, ^cLuke, my ^dfellow workers.

25 ^aThe grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be ^bwith your spirit.¹

27:2. Col. 4:10 ^aCol. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:10f ^aPhilom. 1. 28 ^aSome ancient mss. add Amen ^aGal. 6:18 ^a2 Tim. 4:22.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

God's Final Word in His Son

GOD, after He ^aspoke long ago to the fathers in ^bthe prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 ^lin these last days ^bhas spoken to us in ^cHis Son, whom He appointed ^dheir of all things, through whom also He made ^ethe ²world.

3 ^lAnd He is the radiance of His glory and the exact ^arepresentation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made ^cpurification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent ^aname than they.

5 For to which of the angels did he ever say,

1 ^aJohn 9:29; 16:13. Heb. 2:2f. 3:5; 4:8; 5:5. 11:18; 12:25. ^aActs 2:30. 3:21 ^aNum. 12:6; 8. Joel 2:28. 2 ^aOr, at the end of these days. ^aLit., again. ^aMatt. 13:39. 1 Pet. 1:20. ^aJohn 9:29. ^aJohn 5:26. 27. Heb. 3:6. 5:6; 7:28 ^aPs. 2:8; Matt. 28:18; Mark 12:7; Rom. 8:17; Heb. 2:8. ^aJohn 1:3; 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16 ^a1 Cor. 2:7; Heb. 11:3. 3 ^aLit., Who being ^aLit., uphold- ing. ^a2 Cor. 4:4. ^aCol. 1:17. ^aTitus 2:14. Heb. 9:14. ^aMark 16:18. Heb. 8:1; 10:12; 12:2. ^a2 Pet. 1:17.

"**THOU ART MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN THEE**"?

And again,

"**I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM, AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME**"?

6 And ^lwhen He again ^abrings the first-born into ^{2b}the world, He says,

"**AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.**"

7 And of the angels He says,

"**WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE.**"

8 But of the Son He says,

"**THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER,**

4 ^aEph. 1:21. 5 ^aPs. 2:7; Acts 13:33; Heb. 5:5 ^a2 Sam. 7:14. 6 ^aOr, again when He brings ^aLit., the inhabited earth ^aHeb. 10:5 ^aMatt. 24:14 ^aPs. 97:7. 7 ^aPs. 104:4. 8 ^aSome mss. read Thy ^aPs. 45:6.

AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

9 "THOU HAST LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS;

THEREFORE GOD, THY GOD, HATH ANOINTED THEE

WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE THY COMPANIONS."

10 And,

"THOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING DIDST LAY THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH,

AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF THY HANDS;

11 "THEY WILL PERISH, BUT THOU REMAINEST;

AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD AS A GARMENT,

12 "AND AS A MANTLE THOU WILT ROLL THEM UP;

AS A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE CHANGED.

BUT THOU ART THE SAME, AND THY YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN END."

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I MAKE THINE ENEMIES

A FOOTSTOOL FOR THY FEET?"

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

CHAPTER 2

FOR this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense,

3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken

8 Some mss. read Thy

9 Ps. 45:7

John 10:17;

Phil. 2:9;

Heb. 2:9

Is. 61:1, 3

10 Ps.

102:25

11 Ps.

102:26 bIs.

51:6; Heb.

8:13

12 Ps.

102:26, 27

Heb. 13:8

13 Ps.

110:1; Matt.

22:44; Heb.

1:3 bJosh.

10:24; Heb.

10:13

14 Ps.

103:20f.; Dan.

7:10; Matt.

25:34; Mark

10:17; Titus

3:7; Heb. 6:12

Rom. 11:14;

1 Cor. 1:21;

Heb. 2:3, 5:9;

9:28

1 Lit., the

things that

have been

heard

Prov. 3:21

2 Or,

steadfast

Heb. 1:1

bActs 7:53

cHeb. 10:28

dHeb. 10:35,

11:28

3 Lit.,

Which was

cHeb. 10:29;

12:25 bRom.

11:14; 1 Cor.

1:21; Heb.

1:14; 5:9; 9:28

cHeb. 1:1

dMark 16:20;

Luke 1:2;

1 John 1:1

4 Or,

works of

power 2Lit.,

distributions

aJohn 4:48

bMark 6:14

c1 Cor. 12:4,

11; Eph. 4:7

dEph. 1:5

5 Lit., the

inhabited

earth

aMatt. 24:14;

Heb. 6:5

6 Heb. 4:4

bPs. 8:4

7 Or, a little lower

2Some ancient mss. do not contain

And ... hands

aPs. 8:5, 6

bPs. 8:6;

1 Cor. 15:27

b1 Cor. 15:25

through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who hear

4 God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

5 ¶ For He did not subject angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking

6 But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU REMEMBEREST HIM?

OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT THOU ART CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

7 "THOU HAST MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE

LOWER THAN THE ANGELS.

THOU HAST CROWNED HIM

WITH GLORY AND HONOR

2AND HAST APPOINTED HIM

OVER THE WORKS OF THY

HANDS;

8 "THOU HAST PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION

UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we cannot yet see all things subjected to him.

9 But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified

9 Or, a little lower aHeb. 2:7 bPhil. 2:9; Heb. 1:9 cActs 2:33; 3:13; 1 Pet. 1:21 dJohn 3:16 eMatt. 16:28; John 8:32 fHeb. 7:25

10 Or, leader aLuke 24:26 bRom. 11:36 cHeb. 5:9; 7:1

dActs 3:15; 5:31

11 Or, being sanctified aHeb. 13:12 bHeb. 10:10

re all ^cfrom one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them ^dbrethren,

12 saying,

"^aI WILL PROCLAIM THY NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE ¹CONGREGATION I WILL SING THY PRAISE."

13 And again,

"^aI WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM."

And again,

"^bBEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME."

14 Since then the children share in ¹flesh and blood, ^bHe Himself likewise also partook of the same, that ^cthrough death He might render powerless ^dhim who had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 and might deliver those who through ^afear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the ²descendant of Abraham.

17 Therefore, He ¹had ^ato be made like His brethren in all things, that He might ^bbecome a merciful and faithful ^chigh priest in ^dthings pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

CHAPTER 3

THEREFORE, ^aholy brethren, partakers of a ^bheavenly calling, consider Jesus, ^cthe Apostle and ^dHigh Priest of our confession.

2 ¹He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as ^aMoses also was in all His house.

3 ^aFor He has been counted worthy of more glory than

11 ^aActs 17:28
^bMatt. 25:40; Mark 3:34f.; John 20:17
 12 ¹Lat., church
^cPs. 22:22
 13 ^aIsa. 8:17
^bIsa. 8:18
 14 ¹Lat., blood and flesh
^aMatt. 16:17
^bJohn 1:14-15
^cCor. 15:54-57
 2 Tim. 1:10
^dJohn 12:31
 1 John 3:8
 18 ^aRom. 8:15
 16 ¹Lat., take hold of angels, but He takes hold of ²Lat., seed
 17 ¹Lat., was obligated to be
^aPhil. 2:7
 Heb. 2:14
^bHeb. 4:15f.
 5:2 ^aHeb. 3:1
 4:14f., 5:5, 10; 6:20, 7:28, 28; 8:1, 3, 9:11.
 10:21 ^aRom. 15:17; Heb. 5:1 ^aQam.
 9:24, 1 John 2:2, 4:10
 18 ^aHeb. 4:15
 1 ^aActs 1:15; Heb. 2:11, 3:12, 10:19, 13:22
^bPhil. 3:14
^cJohn 17:3
^dHeb. 2:17
 4:14f., 5:5, 10; 6:20, 7:28, 28; 8:1, 3, 9:11.
 10:21 ^a2 Cor. 9:13; Heb. 4:14, 10:23
 2 ¹Lat., being faithful
^aHe made
^bEx. 40:16; Num. 12:7; Heb. 3:5
 3 ^a2 Cor. 3:7-11
 8 ^aEx. 40:16; Num. 12:7; Heb. 3:2
^bEx. 14:31; Num. 12:7
^cDeut. 18:18f.
^dHeb. 1:1
 6 ^aHeb. 1:2
^b1 Cor. 3:16
 1 Tim. 3:15
^cRom. 11:22
 Heb. 3:14
 4:14 ^aEph. 3:12; Heb. 4:16; 10:19
 35 ^aHeb. 6:11
 7:19; 10:23
 11:1, 1 Pet. 1:3

Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.

4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

5 Now ^aMoses was faithful in all His house as ^ba servant, ^cfor a testimony of those things ^dwhich were to be spoken later.

6 but Christ was faithful as ^aa Son over His house ^bwhose house we are, ^cif we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

7 Therefore, just as ^athe Holy Spirit says,

"^bTODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

8 ^aDO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS ¹WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,

AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

9 ^aWHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me, AND SAW MY WORKS FOR ^bFORTY YEARS.

10 "^aTHEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART; AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS';

11 ^aAS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.' "

12 ^aTake care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from ^bthe living God.

13 But ^aencourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the ^bdeceitfulness of sin.

7 ^aActs 28:25; Heb. 8:8; 10:15 ^aPs. 95:7; Heb. 3:15; 4:7

8 ¹Lat., in the provocation ^aPs. 95:8

9 ^aPs. 95:9-11 ^aActs 7:38

10 ^aPs. 95:10

11 ^aPs. 95:11; Heb. 4:3, 5

12 ^aCol. 2:8; Heb. 12:25 ^aMatt. 16:16; Heb. 8:14; 10:31; 12:22

13 ^aHeb. 10:24f. ^aEph. 4:22

14 For we have become partakers of Christ, ^aif we hold fast the beginning of our ^bassurance firm until the end;

15 while it is said,

"^aTODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS ¹WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

16 For who ^aprovoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, ^bdid not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses?

17 And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, ^awhose bodies fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear ^athat they should not enter His rest, but to those who were ^bdisobedient?

19 And so we see that they were not able to enter because of ^aunbelief.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have ^acome short of it.

2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but ^athe word ¹they heard did not profit them, because ²it was not united by faith in those who heard.

3 ¹For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said,

"^aAS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,"

although His works were finished ^bfrom the foundation of the world.

4 For He has thus said ^asome-where concerning the seventh day, "^bAND GOD ^cRESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";

5 and again in this passage, "^aTHEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

14 ^aHeb. 3:6

^bHeb. 11:1

15 ¹Lit., in the provocation

^aPs. 95:7f.

Heb. 3:7; 4:7

16 ^aJer.

32:29; 44:3, 8

^bNum. 14:2

11, 30; Deut.

1:35, 36, 38

17 ^aNum.

14:29; 1 Cor.

10:5

18 ^aNum.

14:23; Deut.

1:34f.; Heb.

4:2 ^bRom.

11:30-32;

Heb. 4:6, 11

19 ^aJohn

3:18, 36;

Rom. 11:23;

Heb. 3:12

1 ^a2 Cor.

6:1; Gal. 5:4;

Heb. 12:15

2 ¹Lit., of

hearing ²Or,

they were

faith with

those who

heard

^aRom. 10:17;

Gal. 3:2;

1 Thess. 2:13

3 ¹Some

ancient mas.

read There-

fore

^aPs. 95:11;

Heb. 3:11

^bMatt. 23:34

4 ^aHeb. 2:6

^bGen. 2:2

^cEx. 20:11;

31:17

5 ^aPs.

95:11; Heb.

3:11

6 ^aHeb.

3:18; 4:11

7 ¹Or, in

^aHeb. 3:7f.

^bPs. 95:7f.

8 ¹Gr.,

Jesus

^aJosh. 22:4

10 ^aRev.

14:13 ^bGen.

2:2; Heb. 4:4

11 ^a2 Pet.

2:6 ^bHeb.

3:18; 4:6

12 ^aJer.

23:29; Eph.

5:26; Heb.

6:5; 1 Pet.

1:23 ^bActs

7:38 ^c1 Thess.

2:13 ^bEph.

6:17 ^a1 Thess.

5:23 ^bJohn

12:48; 1 Cor.

14:24f.

13 ^a2 Chr.

16:9; Ps.

33:13-15 ^bJob

26:6

14 ^aHeb.

2:17 ^bEph.

4:10; Heb.

6:20; 8:1; 9:24

^cMatt. 4:3;

6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of ^adisobedience.

7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying ¹through David after so long a time just ^aas had been said before.

"^bTODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

8 For ^aif ¹Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that.

9 There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also ^arested from his works, as ^bGod did from His.

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same ^aexample of ^bdisobedience.

12 For ^athe word of God is ^bliving and ^cactive and sharper than any two-edged ^dsword, and piercing as far as the division of ^esoul and ^fspirit, of both joints and marrow, and ^gable to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And ^athere is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are ^bopen and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

14 ¶ Since then we have a great ^ahigh priest who has ^bpassed through the heavens, Jesus ^cthe Son of God, let us hold fast our ^dconfession.

15 For we do not have ^aa high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been ^btempted in all things as we are, yet ^cwithout sin.

Heb. 1:2; 6:6; 7:3; 10:29 ^aHeb. 3:1

18 ^aHeb. 2:17 ^bHeb. 2:18 ^c2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26

16 Let us therefore ^adraw near with ^bconfidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

CHAPTER 5

FOR every high priest ^ataken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to ^coffer both gifts and sacrifices ^dfor sins;

2 ¹he can deal gently with the ignorant and ^cmisguided, since he himself also is ^{2d}beset with weakness;

3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices ^afor sins, as for the people, so also for himself.

4 And ^ano one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even ^{as} Aaron was.

5 So also Christ ^adid not glorify himself so as to become a ^bhigh priest, but He who ^csaid to Him,

"THOU ART MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN
THEE";

6 just as He says also in another passage,

"THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO ^bTHE ORDER
OF MELCHIZEDEK."

7 In the days of His flesh, ¹He offered up both prayers and supplications with ^bloud crying and tears to the One ^cable to save Him ²from death, and He ³was heard because of His ^dpiety.

8 Although He was ^aa Son, He learned ^bobedience from the things which He suffered.

9 And having been made ^aperfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

10 being designated by God as a high priest according to ^bthe order of Melchizedek.

11 ^aConcerning ¹him we have much to say, and it is hard

16 ^aHeb. 7:19 ^bHeb. 3:6
1 ^aEx. 28:1 ^bHeb. 2:17 ^cHeb. 7:27; 8:31; 9:9; 10:11 ^d1 Cor. 15:3; Heb. 7:27; 10:12
2 ¹Lit., being able to ²Or, subject to weakness ^aHeb. 2:18; 4:15 ^bEph. 4:18; Heb. 9:7 ^cmg. ^dJames 5:19; 1 Pet. 2:25 ^eHeb. 7:28
3 ^a1 Cor. 15:3; Heb. 7:27; 10:12 ^bLav. 9:7; 16:6; Heb. 7:27; 9:7
4 ^aNum. 16:40; 18:7; 2 Chr. 26:18 ^bEx. 28:1; 1 Chr. 23:13
5 ^aJohn 6:54 ^bHeb. 2:17; 5:10 ^cHeb. 1:1; 5:4 ^dPs. 2:7
6 ^aPs. 110:4; Heb. 7:17 ^bHeb. 5:10; 6:20; 7:11; 17
7 ¹Lit., who having offered up ²Or, out of ³Lit., having been heard ^aMatt. 26:38; 42; 44; Mark 14:38; 39; Luke 22:41; 44 ^bMatt. 27:46; 50; Mark 15:34; 37; Luke 23:46 ^cMark 14:38 ^dHeb. 11:7; 12:28
8 ^aHeb. 12 ^bPhil. 2:8 ^cHeb. 2:10
9 ^aHeb. 2:17; 3:5 ^bHeb. 5:6
10 ^aOr, Him or this
11 ¹Lit., because of the time ²Lit., elements of the beginning ^aGal. 4:3 ^bHeb. 6:1 ^cActs 7:38 ^d1 Cor. 3:2; 1 Pet. 2:2
12 ^a1 Cor. 3:1; 14:20; 1 Pet. 2:2
13 ^a1 Cor. 2:8; Eph. 4:13; Heb. 6:1 ^b1 Tim. 4:7 ^cRom. 14:18

to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

12 For though ¹by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you ^athe ^{2b}elementary principles of the ^coracles of God, and you have come to need ^dmilk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a ^ababe.

14 But solid food is for ^athe mature, who because of practice have their senses ^btrained to ^cdiscern good and evil.

CHAPTER 6

THEREFORE ^aleaving ^bthe ¹elementary teaching about the ²Christ, let us press on to ^{3c}maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from ^ddead works and of faith toward God.

2 of ^ainstruction about washings, and ^blaying on of hands, and the ^cresurrection of the dead, and ^eeternal judgment.

3 And this we shall do, ^aif God permits.

4 For in the case of those who have once been ^aenlightened and have tasted of ^bthe heavenly gift and have been made ^cpartakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 and ^ahave tasted the good ^bword of God and the powers of ^cthe age to come,

6 and then have fallen away, it is ^aimpossible to renew them again to repentance, ^{1b}since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.

7 For ground that drinks the

1 ¹Lit., word of the beginning ²L.e., Messianic ³Or, perfection ^aPhil. 3:13f. ^bHeb. 5:13 ^cHeb. 5:14 ^dHeb. 9:14
2 ^aJohn 3:25; Acts 19:3f. ^bActs 6:6 ^cActs 17:31f.
3 ^aActs 18:21
4 ^a2 Cor. 4:4; 6; Heb. 10:32 ^bJohn 4:10; Eph. 2:8 ^cGal. 3:2; Heb. 2:4
5 ^a1 Pet. 2:3 ^bEph. 6:17 ^cHeb. 2:5
6 ^aOr, while ^bMatt. 19:28; Heb. 10:28f.; 2 Pet. 2:21; 1 John 5:16 ^cHeb. 10:29

rain which often ¹falls upon it and brings forth vegetation useful to those ^afor whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God;

8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and ^aclose ¹to being cursed, and ²it ends up being burned.

9 ¶ But, ^abeloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that ¹accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way.

10 For ^aGod is not unjust so as to forget ^byour work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ^cministered and in still ministering to the ¹saints.

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence ¹so as to realize the ^afull assurance of ^bhope until the end,

12 that you may not be sluggish, but ^aimitators of those who through ^bfaith and patience ^cinherit the promises.

13 ¶ For ^awhen God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He ^bswore by Himself,

14 saying, "^aI WILL SURELY BLESS YOU, AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."

15 And thus, ^ahaving patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

16 ^aFor men swear by one greater *than themselves*, and with them ^ban oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute.

17 ¹In the same way God, desiring even more to show to ^athe heirs of the promise ^bthe unchangeableness of His purpose, ²interposed with an oath,

18 in order that by two unchangeable things, in which ^ait is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of ^bthe hope set before us.

7 ¹Lit., comes
²Tim. 2:6
³Lit., to a curse
⁴Lit., its end is for burning
⁵Gen. 3:17f.; Deut. 28:22ff.
⁶Or, belong to
⁷1 Cor. 10:14; 2 Cor. 7:1; 12:19; 1 Pet. 2:11; 2 Pet. 3:1; 1 John 2:7; Jude 3
⁸Or, holy ones
⁹Prov. 19:17; Matt. 10:42; 25:40; Acts 10:4
¹⁰1 Thess. 1:3
¹¹Rom. 15:25; Heb. 10:32-34
¹²Lit., to the full
¹³Heb. 10:22
¹⁴Heb. 3:6
¹⁵Heb. 13:7
¹⁶2 Thess. 1:4; James 1:3; Rev. 13:10
¹⁷Heb. 1:14
¹⁸Gal. 3:15
¹⁹18 Gen. 22:16; Luke 1:73
²⁰Gen. 22:17
²¹Gen. 12:4; 21:5
²²Gal. 3:15
²³Ex. 22:11
²⁴Or, Therefore God
²⁵Or, guaranteed
²⁶Heb. 11:9
²⁷Psa. 110:4; Prov. 19:21; Heb. 6:18
²⁸Num. 23:19; Titus 1:2
²⁹Heb. 3:6; 7:19
³⁰Lit., Which we have
³¹Or, inside
³²Psa. 39:7; 62:5; Acts 23:6; Rom. 4:18; 5:4, 5; 1 Cor. 13:13; Col. 1:27; 1 Pet. 1:3
³³Lev. 18:2; 15;
³⁴Heb. 9:3, 7
³⁵John 14:2; Heb. 4:14
³⁶Psa. 110:4; Heb. 2:17; 5:6
³⁷1 Gen. 14:18-20; Heb. 7:6
³⁸Mark 5:7
³⁹Heb. 7:6
⁴⁰Matt. 4:3; Heb. 7:1, 28

19 ¹This ^ahope we have as ^aan anchor of the soul, a ^bhope both sure and steadfast and ^con which ^benters ²within the veil,

20 ^awhere Jesus has entered ^aand a forerunner for us, having become a ^bhigh priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

CHAPTER 7

FOR this ^aMelchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the ^bMost High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all ^{the}spoils, was first of all, by the translation of ^{his}name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

3 Without father, without mother, ^awithout genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like ^bthe Son of God, he abides a priest perpetually.

4 ¶ Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the ^apatriarch, ^bgave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

5 And those indeed of ^athe sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment ¹in the Law to collect ²a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these ³are descended from Abraham.

6 But the one ^awhose genealogy is not traced from them ^bcollected ¹a tenth from Abraham, and ^bblessed the one who ^chad the promises.

7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.

8 And in this case mortal men receive tithes, but in that case

4 ^aActs 2:29; 7:8f. ^bGen. 14:20
⁵ ¹Lit., according to ²Or, tithes ³Lit., have come out of the loins of ^aNum. 18:21, 28; 2 Chr. 31:4f.
⁶ ¹Or, tithes ^aHeb. 7:3 ^bHeb. 7:1f. ^cRom. 4:13

he receives them, ^aof whom it is witnessed that he lives on.

9 And, so to speak, through Abraham even Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes.

10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

11 ¶ ^aNow if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it ^bthe people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise (according to the order of Melchizedek, and not he designated according to the order of Aaron)?

12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

13 For ^athe one concerning whom ^bthese things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord ¹was ^adescended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

15 And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

16 who has become such not on the basis of a law of ^aphysical requirement, but according to the power of ^ban indestructible life.

17 For it is witnessed of Him, "THOU ART A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment ^abecause of its weakness and uselessness

19 (for ^athe Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we ^cdraw near to God.

20 And inasmuch as it was not without an oath

8 Heb 5:6; 6:20
11 Heb 7:10; 8:7
9 Heb 9:8; 10:1
10 Heb 5:6; 7:17
13 Heb 7:14
14 1. Lit., rose from
11 Num. 24:17; Is. 11:1; Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:6; Rev. 5:5
16 Heb 9:10
17 Ps. 110:4
18 Heb 5:6; 6:20; 7:21
19 Rom. 8:3; Gal. 3:21
20 Heb 7:11
21 Acts 13:36; Rom. 3:20; 7:7
22 Gal. 2:16
23 Heb 9:9; 10:1
24 Heb 3:6
25 Lam. 3:57
26 Heb 4:16
27 7:23; 10:1; 22; James 4:8
28 Ps. 110:4
29 Heb 5:6; 7:17
30 Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Rom. 11:29
31 Heb 7:23
32 23
33 Ps. 110:122; Is. 38:14
34 Heb. 8:6
35 24 1. Is. 9:7; John 12:34; Rom. 9:5
36 Heb 7:23
37 28
38 1. Or, completely
39 1 Cor. 1:21
40 Heb. 7:19
41 Rom. 8:34
42 Heb. 9:24
43 26 Heb 2:17; 2 Cor. 5:21
44 Heb 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22
45 Heb. 4:14
46 27 Heb. 5:1
47 Lev. 9:7
48 Heb. 5:3
49 Heb. 9:12
50 28, 10:10
51 Eph. 5:2
52 Heb. 9:14; 28, 10:10, 12
53 28 Heb. 5:2
54 Heb. 1:2
55 Heb. 2:10
56 1 Cor. 3:1
57 Heb. 2:17; 3:1
58 Ps. 110:1
59 Heb. 1:3
60 2 Or, of
61 Or, sacred
62 Heb. 10:11
63 Heb. 9:11
64 Ex. 33:7

21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,

"THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,

"THOU ART A PRIEST 'FOREVER'");

22 so much the more also Jesus has become the ^aguarantee of ^ba better covenant.

23 And the former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers, because they were prevented by death from continuing.

24 but He, on the other hand, because He abides ^aforever, holds His priesthood permanently.

25 Hence, also, He is able to ^asave ¹forever those who ^bdraw near to God through Him, since He always lives to ^cmake intercession for them.

26 ¶ For it was fitting that we should have such a ^ahigh priest, ^bholy, ^cinnocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and ^dexalted above the heavens;

27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to ^aoffer up sacrifices, ^bfirst for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did ^conce for all when He ^doffered up Himself.

28 For the Law appoints men as high priests ^awho are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints ^ba Son, ^cmade perfect forever.

CHAPTER 8

NOW the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a ^ahigh priest, who has taken His seat at ^bthe right hand of the throne of the ^cMajesty in the heavens.

2 a ^aminister ¹in the sanctuary, and ¹in the ^btrue ²tabernacle, which the Lord ^cpitched, not man.

3 For every ^ahigh priest is appointed ^bto offer both gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer.

4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who ^aoffer the gifts according to the Law;

5 who serve ^aa copy and ^bshadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses ¹was ^cwarned by God when he was about to erect the ²tabernacle; for, ^d"SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the ^amediator of ^ba better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

7 For ^aif that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

8 For finding fault with them, He says,

"^aBEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,

¹WHEN I WILL EFFECT ^bA NEW COVENANT

WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;

9 ^aNOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS

ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND

TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT;

FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT,

AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

10 ^a"FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:

I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,

³ ^aHeb. 2:17 ^bRom. 4:25, 5:6, 8; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 5:1, 8, 4

⁴ ^aHeb. 5:1, 7:27; 8:3, 9:9, 10:11

⁵ ^aLat., is ^bOr, sacred tent

^aHeb. 9:23 ^bCol. 2:17; Heb. 10:1

^cMatt. 2:12; Heb. 11:7; 12:25 ^dEx. 25:40

⁶ ^a1 Tim. 2:5 ^bLuke 22:20; Heb. 7:22, 8:8, 9:15, 12:24

⁷ ^aHeb. 7:11

⁸ ^aLat., And

^aJer. 31:31 ^bLuke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 7:22, 8:6, 13, 9:15, 12:24

⁹ ^aEx. 19:5, 24:6-8; Deut. 5:2, 3; Jer. 31:32

¹⁰ ^aJer. 31:33; Rom. 11:27; Heb. 10:16 ^b2 Cor. 3:3

¹¹ ^aJer. 31:34 ^bIs. 54:13; John 6:45; 1 John 2:27

¹² ^aIs. 43:25; Jer. 31:34; 50:20; Mic. 7:18, 19

^bHeb. 10:17 ¹³ ^aOr, in His saying

^bOr, near ^aLuke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 7:22, 8:6, 8, 9:15, 12:24 ^b2 Cor. 5:17; Heb. 1:11

¹ ^aHeb. 9:10 ^bEx. 25:8; Heb. 8:2, 9:11, 24

² ^aOr, sacred tent ^bLat., first

^cLat., loaves of presentation

^aEx. 25:8, 9; 26:1-30 ^bEx. 25:31-39 ^cEx. 25:23-29 ^dEx. 25:30; Lev. 24:5ff.; Matt. 12:4

³ ^aOr, sacer-
dotal tent

^aEx. 26:31-33; 40:3 ^bEx. 26:33

AND I WILL WRITE THEM
UPON THEIR HEARTS.

AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD
AND THEY SHALL BE MY

PEOPLE.

11 ^aAND THEY SHALL NOT
TEACH EVERYONE HIS FE-

LOW CITIZEN,

AND EVERYONE HIS
BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW

THE LORD,'

FOR ^bALL SHALL KNOW ME
FROM THE LEAST TO THE

GREATEST OF THEM.

12 ^aFOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL
TO THEIR INIQUITIES,

^bAND I WILL REMEMBER
THEIR SINS NO MORE."

13 ¹When He said, ^a"A new
covenant," He has made the first
obsolete. ^bBut whatever is be-
coming obsolete and growin-
old is ²ready to disappear.

CHAPTER 9

NOW even the first covenant
had ^aregulations of divine
worship and ^bthe earthly sanctu-
ary.

2 For there was ^aa ¹tabernacle
prepared, the ²outer one, in
which were ^bthe lampstand and
^cthe table and ^dthe ³sacred
bread; this is called the holy
place.

3 And behind ^athe second veil
there was a ¹tabernacle which is
called the ^bHoly of Holies,

4 having a golden ¹altar of in-
cense and ^bthe ark of the cov-
enant covered on all sides with
gold, in which was ^ca golden jar
holding the manna, and ^dAaron's
rod which budded, and ^ethe ta-
bles of the covenant.

5 And above it were the ^acher-
ubim of glory ^bovershadowing
the mercy seat; but of these
things we cannot now speak in
detail.

6 Now when these things have

¹ ^aOr, census ^aEx. 30:1-5; 37:25f. ^bEx. 25:10ff.; 37:18f
^cEx. 16:32f. ^dNumb. 17:10 ^eEx. 25:16; 31:18; 32:15; Deut.
9:9, 11, 15; 10:3-5

² ^aEx. 25:18ff. ^bEx. 25:17, 20; Lev. 16:2; 1 Kin. 8:7

been thus prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer ²tabernacle, performing the divine worship.

7 but into ^athe second only ^bthe high priest enters, ^conce a year, not without taking blood, which he ^doffers for himself and for the ^esins of the people committed in ignorance.

8 ^aThe Holy Spirit is signifying this, ^bthat the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed, while the ^couter tabernacle is still standing,

9 which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly ^aboth gifts and sacrifices are offered which ^bcannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,

10 since they ^arelate only to food and ^bdrink and various washings, ^cregulations for the body imposed until ^aa time of reformation.

11 ^aBut when Christ appeared as a ^bhigh priest of the good things ^cto come, He entered through ^dthe greater and more perfect ^etabernacle, ^fnot made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

12 and not through ^athe blood of goats and calves, but ^bthrough His own blood, He entered the holy place ^conce for all, ^dhaving obtained ^eeternal redemption.

13 For if ^athe blood of goats and bulls and ^bthe ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

14 how much more will ^athe blood of Christ, who through ^bthe eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse ^cyour conscience from dead works to serve ^dthe living God?

15 And for this reason ^aHe is the ^bmediator of a ^cnew covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first

6 ^aLat. *first*
^bOr, *secret*
^ctem
^dNumb. 18:2-6, 28:3

7 ^aLat. *ignorance of the people*
^bHeb. 9:3
^cLev. 16:12ff
^dEx. 30:10
^eLev. 16:34, Heb. 10:3
^fLev. 16:11, 14
^gHeb. 5:3
^hNumb. 15:25, Heb. 5:2

8 ^aLat. *first*
^bHeb. 3:7
^cJohn 14:6
^dHeb. 10:20

9 ^aHeb. 5:1
^bHeb. 7:19

10 ^aLat. *fresh*
^bLev. 11:22ff
^cCol. 2:16
^dNumb. 6:3
^eLev. 11:25
^fNumb. 19:13
^gMark 7:4
^hHeb. 7:16
ⁱHeb. 7:12

11 ^aSome ancient mss. read *that have come*
^bOr, *secret*
^ctem
^dHeb. 2:17
^eHeb. 10:1
^fHeb. 8:2
^g24
^hHeb. 14:38, 2 Cor. 5:1
ⁱ2 Cor. 4:18, Heb. 12:27, 13:14

12 ^aOr, *oblation*
^bLev. 4:3, 16:6, 15, Heb. 9:19
^cHeb. 9:14, 13:12
^dHeb. 9:24
^eHeb. 7:27
^fHeb. 5:2
^g9:15

13 ^aLat. *purity*
^bLev. 16:15, Heb. 9:19
^c10:4
^dNumb. 19:9, 177

14 ^aOr, *this eternal spirit*
^bSome ancient mss. read *our*
^cHeb. 9:12
^d13:12
^e1 Cor. 15:45, 1 Pet. 3:18
^fEph. 5:2, Heb. 7:27, 10:10, 12:4
^gActs 15:2
^hTitus 2:14
ⁱHeb. 1:3, 10:2, 22
^jHeb. 6:1
^kHeb. 16:14, Heb. 3:12

covenant, those who have been ^acalled may ^breceive the promise of ^cthe eternal inheritance.

16 For where a ^acovenant is, there must of necessity ^bbe the death of the one who made it.

17 For a ^acovenant is valid only when ^bmen are dead, ^cfor it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

18 Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.

19 For when every commandment had been ^aspoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, ^bhe took the ^cblood of the calves and the goats, with ^dwater and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both ^ethe book itself and all the people,

20 saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU."

21 And in the same way he ^asprinkled both the ^btabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.

22 And according to the ^aLaw, one may ^balmost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and ^cwithout shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

23 ^aTherefore it was necessary for the ^bcopies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but ^cthe heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ ^adid not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of ^bthe true one, but into ^cheaven itself, now ^dto

15 ^aNumb. 1:24
^b1 Tim. 2:5
^cHeb. 8:6
^dHeb. 8:8
^eHeb. 22:36
^fHeb. 3:1
^gHeb. 6:15
^h10:20
ⁱ11:30
^jActs 20:32
^kOr, *testament*
^lLat. *be brought*
^m17
ⁿ15
^o16
^pnote 1
^qLat. *over the dead*
^rSome ancient mss. read *for as it them*
^sHeb. 1:1
^tHeb. 24:6ff
^uHeb. 9:12
^vLev. 14:4, 7
^wNumb. 19:4, 18
^xEx. 24:7
^y20
^zEx. 24:8
^{aa}Heb. 20:28
^{ab}Or, *secret*
^{ac}Ex. 24:6
^{ad}Heb. 9:13, 12
^{ae}16:14-16
^{af}Or, *Law*
^{ag}almost all things
^{ah}Lev. 5:11
^{ai}Lev. 17:11
^{aj}Heb. 8:5
^{ak}Heb. 4:14
^{al}12
^{am}Heb. 8:2
^{an}Heb. 9:12
^{ao}Heb. 12:10
^{ap}Heb. 7:25

appear in the presence of God for us;

25 nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as ^athe high priest enters ^bthe holy place ^ayear by year with blood not his own.

26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since ^athe foundation of the world; but now ^bonce at ^cthe consummation of the ages He has been ^dmanifested to put away sin ^eby the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And inasmuch as ^ait is ^bappointed for men to die once and after this ^ccomes judgment,

28 so Christ also, having been ^aoffered once to ^bbear the sins of many, shall appear ^ca second time for ^dsalvation ^ewithout reference to sin, to those who ^feagerly await Him.

CHAPTER 10

FOR the Law, since it has ^aonly ^ba shadow of ^cthe good things to come and not the very ^dform of things, ^ecan ^fnever by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, ^gmake perfect those who draw near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had ^aconsciousness of sins?

3 But ^ain ^bthose sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year.

4 For it is ^aimpossible for the ^bblood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, ^awhen He comes into the world, He says,

^b"SACRIFICE AND OFFERING THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, BUT ^cA BODY THOU HAST PREPARED FOR ME;

6 ^aIN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN THOU HAST TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

25 ^aHeb. 9:7
^bHeb. 9:2;
10:19
26 ^aOr, by
His sacrifice
^bMatt. 25:34;
Heb. 4:3
^cHeb. 7:27;
9:12 ^dMatt.
13:39; Heb.
12:41 John
3:5, 8 ^eHeb.
9:12, 14
27 ^aLit., laid
up
^bGen. 3:19
^c2 Cor. 5:10;
1 John 4:17
28 ^aHeb.
7:27 ^bLit.
53:12, 1 Pet.
2:24 ^cActs
1:11 ^dHeb.
5:9 ^eHeb. 4:15
^f1 Cor. 1:7;
Titus 2:13
3 ^aLit.,
image ^bSome
ancient mss.
read they can
^cHeb. 8:5
^dHeb. 9:11
^eRom. 8:3;
Heb. 9:9;
10:4, 11
^fHeb. 7:19
2 ^a1 Pet.
2:19
3 ^aLit.,
them there is
^bHeb. 9:7
4 ^aHeb.
10:1, 11
^bHeb. 9:12f.
5 ^aHeb. 1:6
^bPs. 40:6
^cHeb. 2:14;
5:7; 1 Pet.
2:24
6 ^aPs. 40:6
7 ^aPs. 40:7;
8 ^bEzra 6:2;
Jer. 38:2;
Ezek. 2:9;
3:1f.
6 ^aPs. 40:6;
Heb. 10:5f.
^bMark 12:33
^cRom. 8:3
9 ^aPs. 40:7;
8; Heb. 10:7
10 ^aLit.,
which
^bJohn 17:19;
Eph. 5:26;
Heb. 2:11;
10:14, 29;
13:12 ^cJohn
6:51; Eph.
5:2; Heb.
7:27; 9:14, 28;
10:12 ^dHeb.
2:14; 5:7;
1 Pet. 2:24
^eHeb. 7:27
11 ^aHeb. 5:1
^bMic. 6:8-8;
Heb. 10:1, 4
12 ^aOr, sins,
forever sat
down
^bHeb. 5:1
^cHeb. 10:14
^dPs. 110:1;
Heb. 1:3

7 ^a"THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, HAVE COME (IN ^bTHE ROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO THY WILL, O GOD.'

8 After saying above, ^a"SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND ^bWHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices ^cFOR SIN THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, NOR HAST THOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them* (which are offered according to the Law).

9 then He said, ^a"BEHOLD, HAVE COME TO DO THY WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

10 By ^bthis will we have been ^asanctified through ^bthe offering of ^cthe body of Jesus Christ ^donce for all.

11 And every priest stands daily ministering and ^aoffering time after time the same sacrifices which ^bcan never take away sins

12 but He, having offered one sacrifice ^afor ^bsins ^cfor all time ^dSAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

13 waiting from that time onward ^aUNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET

14 For by one offering He has ^aperfected ^bfor all time those who are ^csanctified.

15 And ^athe Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 ^a"THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAY: THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND UPON THEIR MIND WILL WRITE THEM,"

He then says,

17 ^a"AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS

13 ^aPs. 110:1; Heb. 1:13
14 ^aOr, being sanctified ^bHeb. 10:1 ^cHeb. 10:12
15 ^aHeb. 3:7
16 ^aJer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10
17 ^aJer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12

I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 ¶ Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

26 ¶ For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

19 Heb 3:6, 10:35
20 Heb 9:25
21 Heb 9:8
22 Heb 10:19
23 Heb 10:21
24 Heb 10:22
25 Heb 10:23
26 Heb 10:24
27 Heb 10:25
28 Heb 10:26
29 Heb 10:27
30 Heb 10:28
31 Heb 10:29
32 Heb 10:30
33 Heb 10:31
34 Heb 10:32
35 Heb 10:33
36 Heb 10:34
37 Heb 10:35
38 Heb 10:36
39 Heb 10:37
40 Heb 10:38
41 Heb 10:39
42 Heb 10:40
43 Heb 10:41
44 Heb 10:42
45 Heb 10:43
46 Heb 10:44
47 Heb 10:45
48 Heb 10:46
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89 Heb 10:87
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93 Heb 10:91
94 Heb 10:92
95 Heb 10:93
96 Heb 10:94
97 Heb 10:95
98 Heb 10:96
99 Heb 10:97
100 Heb 10:98
101 Heb 10:99
102 Heb 10:100

30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL RE-PAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 ¶ But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

33 partly, by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners, and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one.

35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,

HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.

38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.

39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

CHAPTER 11

NOW faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

30 Heb 1:1, the promise Heb 2:1; Heb 12:1; Mark 3:35; Heb 9:15
37 Heb 2:3; Heb 10:25; Rev 22:20; Matt 11:3
38 Heb 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal 3:11
39 Heb 1:1, we are not of shrinking back, but of faith
40 Heb 1:1, Or, substance 40 Or, evidence Heb 3:14; Heb 3:6
41 Rom. 8:24; 2 Cor 4:18; 5:7; Heb 11:7, 27
42 Heb 1:1, obtained a testimony Heb 1:1; Heb 11:4, 39

3 By faith we understand that the ¹worlds were prepared ^bby the word of God, so that what is seen ^cwas not made out of things which are visible.

4 By faith ^aAbel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he ^bobtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying ¹about his ^cgifts, and through ²faith, though ^dhe is dead, he still speaks.

5 By faith ^aEnoch was taken up so that he should not ^bsee death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who ^acomes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

7 By faith ^aNoah, being ^bwarned by God about ^cthings not yet seen, ¹din reverence ^cprepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of ^fthe righteousness which is according to faith.

8 By faith ^aAbraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to ^breceive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he lived as an alien in ^athe land of promise, as in a foreign land, ^bdwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, ^cfellow heirs of the same promise;

10 for he was looking for ^athe city which has ^bfoundations, ^cwhose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith even ^aSarah herself received ¹ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him ^bfaithful who had promised;

12 therefore, also, there was born of one man, and ^ahim as good as dead ¹at that, as many

3 ¹Lit., ages
^aJohn 1:3;
 Heb. 1:2
^bGen. ch. 1;
 Ps. 33:6, 9;
 Heb. 6:5;
 2 Pet. 3:5
^cRom. 4:17
 4 ¹i.e., by receiving his gifts
²Lit., if
^aGen. 4:4;
 Matt. 23:35;
 1 John 3:12
^bHeb. 11:2
^cHeb. 5:1
^dGen. 4:8-10;
 Heb. 12:24
 5 ^aGen. 5:21-24
^bLuke 2:26; John 8:51; Heb. 2:9
^cHeb. 7:19
 6 ¹Lit., having become reverent
^aGen. 6:13-22
^bHeb. 8:5
^cHeb. 11:1
^dHeb. 5:7
^e1 Pet. 3:20
^fGen. 6:9;
 Ezek. 14:14, 20; Rom. 4:13; 9:30
 7 ^aGen. 12:1-4; Acts 7:2-4
^bGen. 12:7
^cActs 7:5
^dGen. 12:8; 13:3, 18; 18:1, 9
^eHeb. 6:17
^fHeb. 12:22; 13:14
^gRev. 21:14ff
^hHeb. 11:16
 8 ¹Lit., power for the laying down of seed
^aGen. 17:18; 18:11-14; 21:2
^bHeb. 10:23
 9 ¹Lit., in these things
^aRom. 4:18
^bGen. 15:5; 22:17; 32:12
 10 ^aMatt. 13:17
^bHeb. 11:39
^cJohn 8:58; Heb. 11:27
^dGen. 23:4; 47:9;
 1 Chr. 29:15;
 Ps. 39:12;
 Eph. 2:19; 1 Pet. 1:1; 2:11
 11 ¹Or, remembering
^aGen. 24:6-8
 12 ¹Lit., ashamed of them, to be
²Tim. 4:18
^aMark 8:38;
 Heb. 2:11
^bGen. 28:24;
 28:13; Ex. 3:8, 15; 4:5
^cHeb. 11:10; Rev. 21:2

descendants ^bAS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

13 ¹All these died in faith, ^bwithout receiving the promises, but ^chaving seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and ^dhaving confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.

15 And indeed if they had been ¹thinking of that country from which they went out, ^athey would have had opportunity to return.

16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is a ^aheavenly one. Therefore ^bGod is not ¹ashamed to be ^ccalled their God; for ^dHe has prepared a city for them.

17 ¹By faith ^aAbraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; and he who had ^breceived the promises was offering up his only begotten son;

18 it was he to whom it was said, ^a"IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED."

19 ¹He considered that ^aGod is able to raise men even from the dead; from which he also received him back ²as a ^btype.

20 By faith ^aIsaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.

21 By faith ^aJacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and ^bworshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

22 By faith ^aJoseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

17 ^aGen. 22:1-10; James 2:21
^bHeb. 11:13
 18 ¹Lit., seed
^aGen. 21:12; Rom. 9:7
 19 ¹Lit., Considering
²Or, figuratively speaking, lit., in a parable
^aRom. 4:21
^bHeb. 9:9
 20 ^aGen. 27:27-29, 38f.
 21 ^aGen. 48:1, 5, 16, 20
^bGen. 47:31; 1 Kin. 1:47
 22 ^aGen. 50:24f.; Ex. 13:19

23 By faith ^aMoses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the ^bking's edict.

24 By faith Moses, ^awhen he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 choosing rather to ^aendure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin;

26 ^aconsidering the reproach of ¹Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the ^breward.

27 By faith he ^aleft Egypt, not ^bfearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as ^cseeing Him who is unseen.

28 By faith he ^akept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that ^bhe who destroyed the first-born might not touch them.

29 By faith they ^apassed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were ^bdrowned.

30 By faith ^athe walls of Jericho fell down, ^bafter they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith ^aRahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies ¹in peace.

32 ¶ And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of ^aGideon, ^bBarak, ^cSamson, ^dJephthah, of ^eDavid and ^fSamuel and the prophets,

33 who by faith ^aconquered kingdoms, ^bperformed acts of righteousness, ^cobtained promises, ^dshut the mouths of lions,

34 ^aquenched the power of fire, ^bescaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made

23 ^aEx. 2:2
^aEx. 1:16, 22
24 ^aEx. 2:10.
117
25 ^aHeb.
11:37
26 ^aLt., the
Messiah
^aLuke 14:33.
Phil. 3:7
27 ^aEx. 2:15.
12:50.
13:17
28 ^aEx.
12:21
29 ^aEx.
12:23
1 Cor. 10:10
30 ^aLt.,
swallowed up
^aEx. 14:22, 29
31 ^aJosh.
6:20
32 ^aLt.,
with
^aJosh. 2:9ff.
6:23, James
2:25
33 ^aJudg.
ch. 6-8
34 ^aJudg. ch. 13-16
35 ^aJudg. ch. 11, 12
36 ^aSam. 1:20
37 ^aJudg. ch. 4, 7, 11, 14, 2
38 ^aSam. 5:17, 20; 8:11, 10:12
39 ^aSam. 12:4, 2
40 ^aSam. 8:15
41 ^aJudg. 7:11, 14, 6, 1
42 ^aSam. 17:34ff., Dan. 6:22
43 ^aDan. 3:23ff.
44 ^aEx. 18:4, 1
45 ^aSam. 18:11, 19:10
46 ^a1 Kin. ch. 19
47 ^a2 Kin. ch. 6
48 ^aPs. 144:10
49 ^aJudg. 7:21, 15:8, 15:1
50 ^aSam. 17:51f.
51 ^a2 Sam. 8:1-4, 10:15ff.
52 ^aLt., re-
demption
53 ^a1 Kin. 17:23, 2 Kin. 4:38ff.
54 ^aLt., re-
ceived the
trial of
55 ^aGen. 39:20;
1 Kin. 22:27;
2 Chr. 18:28;
Jer. 20:2;
37:15
56 ^aSome
men do not
contain them
they were
tempted
57 ^a1 Kin. 21:13;
2 Chr. 24:21
58 ^aSam.
12:31; 1 Chr.
20:3; 1 Kin.

strong, ^abecame mighty in war, ^bput foreign armies to flight.

35 ^aWomen received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their ¹release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection;

36 and others ¹experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also ^achains and imprisonment.

37 They were ^astoned, they were ^bsawn in two, ¹they were tempted, they were ^cput to death with the sword; they went about ^din sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ^eill-treated

38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), ^awandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes ¹in the ground.

39 And all these, having ¹gained approval through their faith, ^bdid not receive ²what was promised,

40 because God had ¹provided ^asomething better for us, so that ^bapart from us they should not be made perfect.

CHAPTER 12

THEREFORE, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also ^alay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us ^brun with ^cendurance the race that is set before us,

2 ¹fixing our eyes on Jesus, the ^{2a}author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him ^bendured the cross, ^cdespising the shame, and has ^dsat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

19:10; Jer. 28:23
Zech. 13:4
33 ^aLt., of
34 ^aLt., obtained a testimony
35 ^aLt., the promise
36 ^aRev. 8:11
37 ^a1 Cor. 13:12; Eph. 4:22
38 ^aLt., looking to
39 ^a1 Cor. 1:18, 23; Heb. 12:13

3 For ^aconsider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary ^band lose heart.

4 ^aYou have not yet resisted ^bto the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,

"MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD,

NOR ^bFAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

6 ^aFOR THOSE ^bWHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES,

AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

7 It is for discipline that you endure; ^aGod deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

8 But if you are without discipline, ^aof which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we had ^aearthly fathers to discipline us, and we ^arespected them; shall we not much rather be subject to ^bthe Father of ²spirits, and ^clive?

10 For they ¹disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He ^adisciplines us for our good, ^athat we may share His holiness.

11 All discipline ^afor the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the ^bpeaceful fruit of righteousness.

12 Therefore, ¹strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,

13 and ^amake straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather ^bbe healed.

14 ¶ ^aPursue peace with all men, and the ^bsanctification

3 ¹Lit., fainting in your souls
^aRev. 2:3
^bGal. 6:9; Heb. 12:5

4 ¹Lit., as far as blood
^aHeb. 10:32ff.; 13:13
^bPhil. 2:8

5 ^aJob 5:17; Prov. 3:11
^bHeb. 12:3

6 ^aProv. 3:12
^bPs. 119:75; Rev. 3:19

7 ^aDeut. 8:5, 2 Sam. 7:14; Prov. 13:24, 19:18; 23:13f.

8 ^a1 Pet. 5:9

9 ¹Lit., fathers of our flesh
²Or, our spirits

^aLuke 18:2
^bNum. 16:22; 27:16; Rev. 22:6
^cIs. 38:16

10 ¹Lit., were disciplining
^a2 Pet. 1:4

11 ^a1 Pet. 1:6
^bIs. 32:17; 2 Tim. 4:8; James 3:17f.

12 ¹Lit., make straight
^aIs. 35:3

13 ^aProv. 4:26; Gal. 2:14
^bGal. 6:1; James 5:16

14 ^aRom. 14:19
^bRom. 6:22; Heb. 12:10
^cMatt. 5:8; Heb. 9:28

15 ^a2 Cor. 6:1; Gal. 5:4; Heb. 4:1

^bDeut. 29:18
^cTitus 1:15

16 ^aHeb. 13:4
^b1 Tim. 1:9
^cGen. 25:33f.

17 ^aGen. 27:30-40

18 ^a2 Cor. 3:7-13; Heb. 12:18ff.
^bEx. 19:12, 18ff.; 20:18; Deut. 4:11, 5:22

19 ^aEx. 19:16, 19; 20:18; Matt. 24:31
^bEx. 19:19; Deut. 4:12
^cEx. 20:19; Deut. 5:25, 18:16

20 ^aEx. 19:12f.

21 ^aDeut. 9:19

without which no one will ^csee the Lord.

15 See to it that no one ^acomes short of the grace of God; that no ^broot of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be ^cdefiled;

16 that *there be* no ^aimmoral or ^bgodless person like Esau, ^cwho sold his own birthright for a single meal.

17 For you know that even afterwards, ^awhen he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

18 ¶ ^aFor you have not come to ^ba mountain that may be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind,

19 and to the ^ablast of a trumpet and the ^bsound of words which sound *was such that* those who heard ^cbegged that no further word should be spoken to them.

20 For they could not bear the command, **"IF EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT WILL BE STONED."**

21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, **"I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."**

22 But ^ayou have come to Mount Zion and to ^bthe city of ^cthe living God, ^dthe heavenly Jerusalem, and to ^emyriads of ^fangels,

23 to the general assembly and ^achurch of the first-born who ^bare enrolled in heaven, and to God, ^cthe Judge of all, and to the ^dspirits of righteous men made perfect,

24 and to Jesus, the ^amediator of a new covenant, and to the ^bsprinkled blood, which speaks better than ^cthe blood of Abel.

22 ¹Or, angels in festal assembly, and to the church
^aRev. 14:1
^bEph. 2:19; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 11:10; Rev. 21:2
^cHeb. 3:12
^dGal. 4:26; Heb. 11:16
^eRev. 5:11

23 ^aEx. 4:22; Heb. 2:12
^bLuke 10:20
^cGen. 18:25; Ps. 50:6; 94:2
^dHeb. 11:40; Rev. 6:9, 11

24 ^a1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15
^bHeb. 9:19; 10:22; 1 Pet. 1:2
^cGen. 4:10; Heb. 11:4

25 *See to it that you do not refuse Him who is ^bspeaking. For if those ¹did not escape when they ^arefused him who ^awarned them on earth, much ²less shall we escape who turn away from Him who ^awarns from heaven.

26 And ^aHis voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "^bYET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."

27 And this expression, "Yet once more," denotes ^athe removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

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5 Let your character be ^afree from the love of money, ^bbeing content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU."

6 so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?"

25 ^aSee to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.
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10 We have an altar, ^afrom which those ^bwho serve the ¹tabernacle have no right to eat.

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12 Therefore Jesus also, ^athat He might sanctify the people ^bthrough His own blood, suffered ^coutside the gate.

13 Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, ^abearing His reproach.

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18 ¶ ^aPray for us, for we are sure that we have a ^bgood conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

19 And I urge you all the more to do this, ^athat I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 ¶ Now ^athe God of peace, who ^bbrought up from the dead the ^cgreat Shepherd of the sheep ^dthrough ^ethe blood of the ^feternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord,

21 ^aequip you in every good thing to do His will, ^bworking in us that ^cwhich is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, ^dto

18 ^a1 Thess. 5:25 ^bActs 24:16; 1 Tim. 1:5
19 ^aPhilem. 22

20 ^aOr, in ^bRom. 15:33 ^cActs 2:24; Rom. 10:7
^dIs. 63:11; John 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:25

^eZech. 9:11; Heb. 10:29
^fIs. 55:3; Jer. 32:40; Ezek. 37:26

21 ^a1 Pet. 5:10 ^bPhil. 2:13 ^cHeb. 12:28; 1 John 3:22 ^dRom. 11:36

22 ^aOr, listen to ^bLit., the ^cActs 13:15; Heb. 3:13;

whom ^bbe the glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 ¶ But ^aI urge you, ^bbrethren, ^cbear with ^dthis ^eword of exhortation, for ^fI have written to you briefly.

23 Take notice that ^aour brother Timothy has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I shall see you.

24 Greet ^aall of your leaders and all the ^bsaints. Those from ^cItaly greet you.

25 ¶ ^aGrace ^bbe with you all.

10:25; 12:5; 13:19 ^bHeb. 3:1 ^c1 Pet. 5:12

23 ^aActs 16:1; Col. 1:1

24 ^aOr, holy ones ^b1 Cor. 16:16; Heb. 13:7; 17 ^bActs 9:13 ^cActs 18:2

25 ^aCol. 4:18

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES

Testing Your Faith

1a **J**AMES, a ^bbond-servant of God and ^cof the Lord Jesus Christ, to ^dthe twelve tribes who are ^edispersed abroad, ^fgreetings.

2 ¶ ^aConsider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter ^bvarious ^ctrials,

3 knowing that ^athe testing of your ^bfaith produces ^cendurance.

4 And let ^aendurance have its perfect ^bresult, that you may be ^cperfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 ¶ But if any of you ^alacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and ^bwithout reproach, and ^cit will be given to him.

6 But let him ^aask in faith ^bwithout any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of

1 ^aOr, Jacob ^bLit., in the Dispersion

^cActs 12:17
^dTitus 1:1

^eRom. 1:1
^fLuke 22:30

^aJohn 7:35
^bActs 15:23

2 ^aOr, temptations

^bMatt. 5:12; James 1:12;

5:11 ^b1 Pet. 1:6

3 ^aOr, steadfastness

^b1 Pet. 1:7

^cHeb. 6:12

^dLuke 21:19

4 ^aIV. 3, note 1 ^bLit., work

^cOr, mature

^dLuke 21:19

^eMatt. 5:48; Col. 4:12

5 ^aLit., does not reproach

^b1 Kin. 3:9ff; James 3:17

^cMatt. 7:7

6 ^aMatt. 21:21 ^bMark 11:23; Acts 10:20

^cMatt. 14:28-31; Eph. 4:14

the sea ^cdriven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

8 ^abeing a ^bdouble-minded man, ^cunstable in all his ways.

9 ¶ ^aBut let the ^bbrother of humble circumstances glory in his high position;

10 and let the rich man glory in his humiliation, because ^alike ^bflowering grass he will pass away.

11 For the sun rises with ^ascorching wind, and ^bwithers the grass; and its flower falls off, and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

12 ¶ ^aBlessed is a man who

8 ^aOr, doubting, hesitating ^bJames 4:8 ^c2 Pet. 2:14

9 ^ai.e., church member ^bLuke 14:11

10 ^aLit., the flower of the grass ^b1 Cor. 7:31; 1 Pet. 1:24

11 ^aLit., the ^bMatt. 20:12 ^cPs. 102:4, 11; Is. 40:7f.

12 ^aLuke 6:22; James 5:11; 1 Pet. 3:14; 4:14

perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.

19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;

20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

12 Or, passed the last
 11 Cor. 9:25
 Ex. 20:6
 James 2:5
 1 Cor. 2:9, 13
 13 Lat., from Lat. of evil things
 Gen. 22:1
 15 Job 15:35; Ps. 7:14; Is. 59:4
 Rom. 5:12, 6:23
 16 1 Cor. 6:9
 Acts 1:15; James 1:2, 19; 2:1, 5, 14, 31, 10, 4:11, 5:12, 19
 17 Lat., shadow of turning
 John 3:3
 James 3:15
 17 Ps. 139:7, 1 John 1:5
 Mal. 3:6
 18 Lat., a certain first fruits
 Lat., of John 1:13
 James 1:15, 1 Pet. 1:3, 23
 2 Cor. 6:7, Eph. 1:13, 2 Tim. 2:15
 4 Jas. 2:3, Rev. 14:4
 19 Or, Know this
 1 John 2:21
 Acts 1:15; James 1:2, 16; 2:1, 5, 14, 31, 10, 4:11, 5:12, 19
 Prov. 10:19, 17:27
 Prov. 16:32, Eccl. 7:9
 20 Matt. 5:22; Eph. 4:26
 21 Lat., abundance of malice
 Or, gentleness
 Eph. 4:22, 1 Pet. 2:1
 Eph. 1:13, 1 Pet. 1:22
 22 Matt. 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-48; Rom. 2:13; James 1:22-25; 2:14-26
 23 Lat., the face of his birth, or, nature
 1 Cor. 13:12
 24 Lat., and he
 25 Lat., a door of a word
 Lat., he doing
 John 8:32

25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.

26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

27 This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

CHAPTER 2

MY brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism.

2 For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,

3 and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,"

4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

5 Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom

Rom. 8:2; Gal. 2:4, 6:2; James 2:12, 1 Pet. 2:16
 John 13:17
 26 Ps. 137:1, 141:3; James 3:2-12
 27 Lat., from Rom. 2:13; Gal. 3:11
 Matt. 23:35
 1 Dom. 14:28; Job 31:16, 17, 21; Ps. 148:8; Is. 1:17, 23
 Matt. 12:32; Eph. 2:2; Titus 2:12; James 4:4; 2 Pet. 1:4, 2:20; 1 John 2:15-17
 1 James 1:16
 122 Acts 7:2; 1 Cor. 2:9
 Acts 10:34; James 2:9
 2 Or, synagogue
 Or, bright
 Luke 23:11; James 2:3
 Zach. 3:3
 3 Lat., look upon
 Luke 23:11
 4 Lat., surroundings
 Luke 18:8; John 7:24
 5 Lat., to the James 1:16
 Job 34:18; 1 Cor. 1:27
 Luke 12:21; Rev. 2:9
 Matt. 5:3; 25:24

which He ^apromised to those who love Him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you and ¹personally ^adrag you into ²court?

7 ^aDo they not blaspheme the fair name ¹by which you have been called?

8 If, however, you ^aare fulfilling the ¹royal law, according to the Scripture, "^bYOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well.

9 But if you ^ashow partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the ¹law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole ¹law and yet ^astumbles in one point, he has become ^bguilty of all.

11 For He who said, "^aDO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "^bDO NOT COMMIT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the ¹law.

12 So speak and so act, as those who are to be judged by ^athe law of liberty.

13 For ^ajudgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy ¹triumphs over judgment.

14 ^aWhat use is it, ^bmy brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can ¹that faith save him?

15 ^aIf a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,

16 and one of you says to them, "^aGo in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for *their* body, what use is that?

17 Even so ^afaith, if it has no works, is dead, *being* by itself.

18 ^aBut someone ¹may well say, "You have faith, and I have works; show me your ^bfaith without the works, and I will

3 ^aJames 1:12

6 ^aLit., they themselves ²Lit., courts ^aActs 8:3, 16:19

7 ^aLit., which has been called upon you ^aActs 11:26, 1 Pet. 4:16

8 ^aOr, law of our King ^aMatt. 7:12 ^bLev. 19:18

9 ^aOr, Law ^aActs 10:34, James 2:1

10 ^aOr, Law ^aJames 3:2, 2 Pet. 1:10, Jude 24 ^bMatt. 5:19, Gal. 3:3

11 ^aOr, Law ^aEx. 20:14, Deut. 5:18 ^bEx. 20:13, Deut. 5:17

12 ^aJames 1:25

13 ^aLit., boasts against ^aProv. 21:13, Matt. 5:7, 18:32-35; Luke 8:37f.

14 ^aLit., the ^aJames 1:22ff ^bJames 1:16

15 ^aMatt. 25:35f.; Luke 3:11

16 ^aJohn 3:17f.

17 ^aGal. 5:6, James 2:20, 26

18 ^aLit., will ^aRom. 9:19 ^bRom. 3:28, 4:6; Heb. 11:33 ^aJames 3:13 ^aMatt. 7:16f.; Gal. 5:6

19 ^aOr, there is one God

^aDeut. 6:4; Mark 12:29 ^bJames 2:8 ^aMatt. 8:29; Mark 1:24; 5:7; Luke 4:34; Acts 19:15

20 ^aRom. 9:20, 1 Cor. 15:36 ^bGal. 5:6; James 2:17, 26

21 ^aGen. 22:9, 10, 12, 16-18

22 ^aOr, by the deeds ^aOr, completed

^aJohn 6:29; Heb. 11:17 ^b1 Thess. 1:3

^ashow you my faith ^aby my works."

19 You believe that ¹a God is one, ^bYou do well; ^athe demon also believe, and shudder.

20 But are you willing to recognize, ^ayou foolish fellow, that ^bfaith without works is useless?

21 ^aWas not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

22 You see that ^afaith was working with his works, and ¹as a result of the ^bworks, faith was ²perfected;

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "^aAND ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS," and he was called ^bthe friend of God.

24 You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone.

25 And in the same way was not ^aRahab the harlot also justified by works, ^bwhen she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?

26 For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also ^afaith without works is dead.

CHAPTER 3

^aLET not many of you become teachers, ^bmy brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a ¹stricter judgment.

2 For we all ^astumble in many ways. ^bIf anyone does not stumble in ¹what he says, he is a ^cperfect man, able to ^dbridle the whole body as well.

3 Now ^aif we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they may obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

23 ^aGen. 15:6; Rom. 4:3 ^b2 Chr. 20:7; Is. 41:8

25 ^aHeb. 11:31 ^bJosh. 2:4, 6, 15

26 ^aGal. 5:6; James 2:17, 20

1 ^aOr, greater condemnation ^aMatt. 23:8; Rom. 2:20f.; 1 Tim. 1:7 ^bJames 1:16; 3:10

2 ^aLit., word ^aJames 2:10 ^bMatt. 12:34-37; James 3:2-

12 ^aJames 1:4 ^aJames 1:26

3 ^aPs. 32:9

4 Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder, wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

6 And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

7 For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed, and has been tamed by the human race.

8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

9 With it we bless our Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

10 from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Neither can salt water produce fresh.

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

8 Ps. 123: 73-80.
Prov. 28:20.
6 Or, excitement, origin.
Gr. Gehenna.
Ps. 120:2, 3.
Prov. 16:27.
Matt. 12:36, 15:11.
18 Matt. 5:22.
7 Lt. nature.
8 Ps. 140:3; Eccl. 10:11; Rom. 3:13.
9 James 1:27; Gen. 1:26; 1 Cor. 11:7.
11 Lt. sword.
12 IV 11, note 1.
Matt. 7:16.
13 James 2:18; 1 Pet. 2:12.
14 Or, strife.
Rom. 2:8.
2 Cor. 12:20.
James 3:16.
1 Tim. 2:4.
James 1:18.
5:19.
18 Or, unspiritual.
James 1:17.
1 Cor. 2:6.
3:19; 2 Cor. 1:12; Jude 19.
2 Thess. 2:9; 1 Tim. 4:1; Rev. 2:24.
16 IV 14, note 1.
Rom. 2:8.
2 Cor. 12:20.
James 3:14.
17 Or, willing to yield.
James 1:17.
2 Cor. 7:11.
James 4:8.
Matt. 5:9.
Heb. 12:11.
Titus 3:2.
Luke 6:36.
James 2:13.
James 2:4.
Rom. 12:9.
2 Cor. 6:6.
18 Lt. fruit of righteousness.
Or, for.
Prov. 11:18.
Is. 32:17.
Hos. 10:12.
Amos 8:12.
Gal. 6:8; Phil. 1:11.
1 Lt. Whence wars and whence fightings.
Lt. Are they not hence, from your.
Titus 3:9.
Rom. 7:23.

16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

CHAPTER 4

1 **W**HAT is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?

6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse

2 James 5:6; 1 John 3:15.
3 Lt., wickedly Lt., on 1 John 3:22; 5:14.
4 Jer. 2:2; Ezek. 16:32; James 1:27; Rom. 8:7.
1 John 2:15; Matt. 6:24; John 15:19.
5 Or, The Spirit which He has made to dwell in us jealously desires us Lt., desires to jealousy + them.
23:19; 1 Cor. 6:18; 2 Cor. 6:16.
6 Mt. 5:47; Matt. 13:12; Ps. 138:6; Prov. 3:34; Matt. 23:12; 1 Pet. 5:5.
7 1 Pet. 5:6; Eph. 6:27; 6:11; 1 Pet. 5:8.
8 Q Chr. 15:2; Zech. 1:3; Mal. 3:7; Heb. 7:19; Job 17:9; Is. 1:10; 1 Tim. 2:6.

your hands, you sinners; and ^cpurify your hearts, you ^ddouble-minded.

9 ^aBe miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom.

10 ^aHumble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

11 ¶ ^aDo not speak against one another, ^bbrethren. He who speaks against a brother, or ^cjudges his brother, speaks against ^dthe law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not ^aa doer of the law, but a judge of it.

12 There is only one ^aLawgiver and Judge, the One who is ^bable to save and to destroy; but ^cwho are you who judge your neighbor?

13 ¶ ^aCome now, you who say, ^b"Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."

14 ^aYet you do not know ²what your life will be like tomorrow. ^aYou are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

15 ^aInstead, you ought to say, ^b"If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."

16 But as it is, you boast in your ^aarrogance; ^aall such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, ^ato one who knows ^bthe ^cright thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

CHAPTER 5

^aCOME now, ^byou rich, ^cweep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you.

2 ^aYour riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten.

3 Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will

8 Jer. 4:14; James 3:17; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 3:3; James 1:8

9 Neh. 8:9; Prov. 14:13; Luke 6:25

10 Job 5:11; Ezek. 21:28; Luke 1:52; James 4:6

11 2 Cor. 12:20; James 5:9; 1 Pet. 2:1; James 1:16; 5:7, 9, 10

12 Matt. 7:1; Rom. 14:4; James 2:8; James 1:22

13 1a. 33:22; James 5:9; Matt. 10:28; Rom. 14:4

14 James 5:1; Prov. 27:1; Luke 12:18-20

15 1Lit., Who do not 2Some mss. read the morrow; for what kind of life is yours

Job 7:7; Ps. 39:5; 102:3; 144:4

16 1Lit., Instead of your saying

Acts 18:21; 16 Or, pretensions

1 Cor. 5:8; 17 Or, good

Luke 12:47; John 9:41; 2 Pet. 2:21

1 James 4:13; Luke 6:24; 1 Tim. 6:9; 1a. 13:6; 15:3; Ezek. 30:2

2 Job 13:28; 1a. 50:9; Matt. 6:19

3 James 5:7, 8

4 1i.e., Hosts

Lev. 19:13; Job 24:10f.; Jer. 22:13; Mal. 3:5; Ex. 2:23; Deut. 24:15; Job 31:38f.; Rom. 9:29

5 1Lit., nourished

consume your flesh like fire. It is ^ain the last days that you have stored up your treasure!

4 Behold, ^athe pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and ^bthe outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of ^cthe Lord of ^dSabaoth.

5 You have ^alived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have ^bfattened your hearts in ^aa day of slaughter.

6 You have condemned and ^aput to death ^bthe righteous man; he does not resist you.

7 ¶ Be patient, therefore, ^abrethren, ^buntil the coming of the Lord. ^cBehold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until ^dit gets ^ethe early and late rains.

8 ^aYou too be patient; ^bstrengthen your hearts, for ^cthe coming of the Lord is ^dat hand.

9 ^aDo not ^bcomplain, ^bbrethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, ^cthe Judge is standing ^{2d}right at the ^{3d}door.

10 As an example, ^abrethren, of suffering and patience, take ^bthe prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 Behold, we count those ^ablessed who endured. You have heard of ^bthe ^cendurance of Job and have seen ^cthe ²outcome of the Lord's dealings, that ^dthe Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

6 1Or, murdered James 4:2; Heb. 10:38; 1 Pet. 4:18

7 1Or, he

James 4:11; 5:9, 10; John 21:22; 1 Thess. 2:19; Gal. 6:9; Deut. 11:14; Jer. 5:24; Joel 2:23

8 Luke 21:19; 1 Thess. 3:13; John 21:22; 1 Thess. 2:19; Rom. 13:11, 12; 1 Pet. 4:7

9 1Lit., groan 2Lit., before 3Lit., doors James 4:11; James 5:7, 10; 1 Cor. 4:5; James 4:12; 1 Pet. 4:5; Matt. 24:33; Mark 13:29

10 James 4:11; 5:7, 9; Matt. 5:12

11 1Or, steadfastness 2Lit., end of the Lord Matt. 5:10; 1 Pet. 3:14; Job 1:21f.; 2:10; Job 42:10, 12; Ex. 34:8; Ps. 103:8

12 ¶ But above all, ^amy brethren, ^bdo not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but ¹let your yes be yes, and your no, no; so that you may not fall under judgment.

13 ¶ Is anyone among you ^asuffering? ^bLet him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him ^csing praises.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for ^athe elders of the church, and let them pray over him, ^banointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

15 and the ^aprayer ¹offered in faith will ^{2b}restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will ^craise him up, and if he has committed sins, ^dthey will be forgiven him.

16 Therefore, ^aconfess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be

12 ¹Lat., let yours be the yes, yes, and the no, no
^aJames 1:16
^bMatt. 5:34-37

13 ^aJames 5:10
^bPs. 50:15
^c1 Cor. 14:15
^dGal. 3:16

14 ¹Lat., having anointed
^aActs 11:30
^bMark 6:13
^c16:18

15 ¹Lat., of
^aOr., save
^bLat., if
^cJames 1:6
^d1 Cor. 1:21
^eJames 5:20
^fJohn 6:39
^g2 Cor. 4:14

16 ¹Lat., supplication
^aMatt. 3:6
^bMark 1:5
^cActs 19:18
^dHeb. 12:13
^e1 Pet. 2:24
^fGen. 18:23
^g12: John 9:31

^bhealed. ^cThe effective ¹prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

17 Elijah was ^aa man with a nature like ours, and ^bhe prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for ^cthree years and six months.

18 And he ^aprayed again, and ^bthe ¹sky ²poured rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

19 ¶ My brethren, ^aif any among you strays from ^bthe truth, and one turns him back,

20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will ^asave his soul from death, and will ^bcover a multitude of sins.

17 ¹Lat., with prayer
^aActs 14:15
^b1 Kin. 17:1, 18:1
^cLuke 4:25

18 ¹Lat., heaven
²Lat., gave
^a1 Kin. 18:42
^b1 Kin. 18:45
^c19
^dMatt. 18:15
^eGal. 6:1
^fJames 3:14
^g20
^hRom. 11:14
ⁱ1 Cor. 1:21
^jJames 1:21
^kProv. 10:12
^l1 Pet. 4:8

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

A Living Hope, and a Sure Salvation

^aPETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as ^baliens, ^cscattered throughout ^dPontus, ^eGalatia, ^fCappadocia, ^gAsia, and ^hBithynia, ⁱwho are chosen

2 according to the ^aforeknowledge of God the Father, ^bby the sanctifying work of the Spirit, ^cthat you may ^dobey Jesus Christ and be ^esprinkled with His blood; ^fMay grace and peace ^gbe yours in fullest measure.

3 ¶ ^aBlessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ^baccording to His great mercy ^chas caused us to be born again to ^da living hope through

1 ^a2 Pet. 1:1
^b1 Pet. 2:11
^cJames 1:1
^dActs 2:9
^eActs 16:6
^fActs 16:7
^gMatt. 24:22
^hLuke 18:7

2 ¹Lat., unto obedience and sprinkling
^aLat., be multiplied for you
^bRom. 8:29
^c1 Pet. 1:20
^d2 Thess. 2:13
^e1 Pet. 1:14
^f22
^gHeb. 10:22
^h12:24
ⁱ2 Pet. 1:2

3 ^a2 Cor. 1:3
^bGal. 6:16
^cTitus 3:5
^dJames 1:18
^e1 Pet. 1:23
^f1 Pet. 1:13, 21, 3:5
^g15:1
^hJohn 3:3
ⁱ1 Cor. 15:20
^j1 Pet. 3:21

the ^aresurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to obtain an ^ainheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and ^bwill not fade away, ^creserved in heaven for you,

5 who are ^aprotected by the power of God ^bthrough faith for ^ca salvation ready ^dto be revealed in the last time.

6 ^aIn this you greatly rejoice, even though now ^bfor a little while, ^cif necessary, you have been distressed by ^dvarious ^etrials,

4 ^aActs 20:32
^bRom. 8:17
^cCol. 3:24
^d1 Pet. 5:4
^e2 Tim. 4:8

5 ^aJohn 10:28
^bPhil. 4:7
^cHeb. 2:8
^d1 Cor. 1:21
^e2 Thess. 2:13
^f1 Pet. 4:12
^g3:1

6 ^aOr., temptations
^bRom. 5:2
^c1 Pet. 5:10
^d1 Pet. 3:17
^eJames 1:2
^f1 Pet. 4:12

7 that the ¹proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which ²is perishable, ^beven though tested by fire, ^cmay be found to result in praise and glory and honor at ^dthe revelation of Jesus Christ;

8 and ^athough you have not seen Him, you ^blove Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and ¹full of glory.

9 obtaining as ^athe outcome of your faith the salvation of ¹your souls.

10 ^aAs to this salvation, the prophets who ^bprophesied of the ^cgrace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry.

11 ¹seeking to know what person or time ^athe Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He ^bpredicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories ²to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who ^apreached the gospel to you by ^bthe Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which ^cangels long to ¹look.

13 ¶ Therefore, ^agird ¹your minds for action, ^{2b}keep sober in spirit, fix your ^chope completely on the ^dgrace ³to be brought to you at ^ethe revelation of Jesus Christ.

14 As ^{1a}obedient children, do not ^{2b}be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ^cignorance,

15 but ^{1a}like the Holy One who called you, ^{2b}be holy yourselves also ^cin all your behavior;

16 because it is written, "^aYOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

17 And if you ^aaddress as Father the One who ^bimpartially ^cjudges according to each man's work, conduct yourselves ^din fear during the time of your ^estay upon earth;

7 ¹Or, genuineness
²Lit., perishes
^aJames 1:3
^b1 Cor. 3:13
^cRom. 2:7
^dLuke 17:30;
1 Pet. 1:13;
4:13

8 ¹Lit., glorified
^aJohn 20:29
^bEph. 3:19
9 ¹Some ancient mss. do not contain your
^aRom. 8:22
10 ^aMatt. 13:17, Luke 10:24 ^bMatt. 26:24 ^c1 Pet. 1:13

11 ¹Lit., inquiring ²Lit., after these
^a2 Pet. 1:21
^bMatt. 26:24
12 ¹Or, gain a clear glimpse
^a1 Pet. 1:25;
4:6 ^bActs 2:2-4 ^c1 Tim. 3:16
13 ¹Lit., the lions of your mind ²Lit., be sober ³Or, which is announced
^aEph. 6:14
^b1 Thess. 5:6;
8; 2 Tim. 4:5;
1 Pet. 4:7, 5:8
^c1 Pet. 1:13
^d1 Pet. 1:10
^e1 Pet. 1:7

14 ¹Lit., children of obedience
²Or, conform yourselves
^a1 Pet. 1:2
^bRom. 12:2;
1 Pet. 4:2f.
^cEph. 4:18
15 ¹Lit., according to
²Or, become
^a1 Thess. 4:7;
1 John 3:3
^b2 Cor. 7:1
^cJames 3:13
16 ^aLev. 11:44f.; 19:2;
20:7
17 ^aPs. 89:28; Jer. 3:19; Matt. 6:9 ^bActs 10:34 ^cMatt. 16:27 ^d2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:28; 1 Pet. 3:15 ^e1 Pet. 2:11

18 ¹Or, reasoned
^aIs. 52:3;
1 Cor. 6:20;
Titus 2:14;
Heb. 9:12
^bEph. 4:17

18 knowing that you were not ^{1a}redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your ^bfruitful way of life inherited from your forefathers.

19 but with precious ^ablood, as of a ^blamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

20 For He was ^aforeknown before ^bthe foundation of the world, but has ^cappeared ¹in these last times ^dfor the sake of you

21 who through Him are ^abelievers in God, who raised Him from the dead and ^bgave Him glory, so that your faith and ^chope are in God.

22 ¶ Since you have ^ain obedience to the truth ^bpurified your souls for a ^csincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from ²the heart,

23 for you have been ^aborn again ^bnot of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding ^cword of God.

24 For,

"^aALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,
AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE
THE FLOWER OF GRASS.
THE GRASS WITHERS,
AND THE FLOWER FALLS
OFF,

25 ^aBUT THE WORD OF THE
LORD ABIDES FOREVER."
And this is ^bthe word which was
¹preached to you.

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE, ^aputting aside
all ¹malice and all guile and
²hypocrisy and ²envy and all
^{2b}slander,

19 ^aActs 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:2 ^bJohn 1:29
20 ¹Lit., at the end of the times ^aActs 2:23; Eph. 1:4;
1 Pet. 1:2; Rev. 13:8 ^bMatt. 25:34 ^cHeb. 9:28 ^dHeb. 2:14
21 ^aRom. 4:24; 10:9 ^bJohn 17:5, 24; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:9 ^c1 Pet. 1:3

22 ¹Lit., un hypocritical ²Some mss. read a clean heart ^a1 Pet. 1:2 ^bJames 4:8 ^cJohn 13:34; Rom. 12:10; Heb. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:17; 3:8
23 ^aJohn 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:3 ^bJohn 1:13 ^cHeb. 4:12
24 ^aIs. 40:8ff.; James 1:10f.
25 ¹Lit., preached as good news to you ^aIs. 40:8 ^bHeb. 6:5

1 ¹Or, wickedness ²plural nouns ^aEph. 4:22, 25, 31;
James 1:21 ^bJames 4:11

2 ^alike newborn babes, long for the ^bpure ²milk of the word, that by it you may ^cgrow ³in respect to salvation.

3 if you have ^atasted ^bthe kindness of the Lord.

4 And coming to Him as to a living stone, ^arejected by men, but ^bchoice and precious in the sight of God,

5 ^ayou also, as living stones, ^bare being built up as a ^bspiritual house for a holy ^cpriesthood, to ^doffer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For this is contained in ^bScripture:

"^aBEHOLD I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A ^bPRECIOUS CORNER stone, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN ²HIM SHALL NOT BE ³DISAPPOINTED."

7 ^aThis precious value, then, is for you who believe. But for those who disbelieve,

"^bTHE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS ^cREJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone,"

8 and,

"^aA STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE";

^bfor they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, ^cand to this doom they were also appointed.

9 But you are ^aA CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL ^bPRIESTHOOD, A ^cHOLY NATION, ^dA PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you ^eout of darkness into His marvelous light;

10 ^afor you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

11 ^aBeloved, ^bI urge you as ^caliens and strangers to abstain from ^dfleshly lusts, which wage ^ewar against the soul.

² Or, unschooled
³ Or, spiritual (Gr., angelical)
with ² Or, up to salvation
18:3, 19:14, Mark 10:15, Luke 18:17, 1 Cor. 14:20 ¹ 1 Cor. 12:2 Eph. 4:12f

³ Lit., that the Lord is head
Heb. 6:5 ¹ Heb. 3:4 B. Thus 3:4

⁴ Lit., chosen, or, elect
¹ 1 Pet. 2:7

⁵ Or, allow yourselves to be built up or build yourselves up
¹ 1 Cor. 3:9 Gal. 6:10 1 Tim. 3:15 1a. 6:1 6. 21:1 1 Pet. 2:9 Rev. 1:6 Rom. 15:16 Heb. 13:15

⁶ Or, a scripture ² Or, if ² Or, put to shame
4a. 28:16 Rom. 9:32, 33, 10:11, 1 Pet. 2:8 Eph. 2:20 7:4 1 Cor. 2:16, 1 Pet. 2:7, 8 ¹ Heb. 11:22, Matt. 21:42, Luke 23:34 ¹ 1 Pet. 2:4

⁸ 4a. 8:14 ¹ 1 Cor. 1:23 Gal. 3:11 Rom. 9:22 ⁹ 4a. 43:20f, Deut. 10:15 ¹ Heb. 6:1 6. 21:1, 1 Pet. 2:3, Rev. 1:6 Ex. 19:6 Deut. 7:6 ¹ Ex. 19:3, Deut. 4:20, 14:2, Titus 2:14 ¹ 4a. 9:2, 42:16 Acts 26:18 2 Cor. 4:6 10 ¹ Heb. 1:10 2:23 Rom. 9:25, 10:10

¹¹ Heb. 6:9 1 Pet. 4:12 ¹ Rom. 12:1 ¹ Lev. 25:23, Ps. 39:12, Eph. 2:19 Heb. 11:13, 1 Pet. 1:17 ¹ Rom. 13:14, Gal. 5:16, 24 James 4:1

12 ^aKeep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they ^b slander you as evildoers, they may ^con account of your good deeds, as they observe them, ^dglorify God ^ein the day of ²visitation.

13 ^aSubmit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

14 or to governors as sent ^bby him ^cfor the punishment of evildoers and the ^dpraise of those who do right.

15 For ^asuch is the will of God that by doing right you may ^b silence the ignorance of foolish men.

16 Act as ^afree men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as ^bbondslaves of God.

17 ^aHonor all men; ^blove the brotherhood, ^cfear God, ^dhonor the ^eking.

18 ^aServants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and ^bgentle, but also to those who are ^cunreasonable.

19 For this ^afinds ^bfavor, if for the sake of ^cconscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if ^awhen you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this ^bfinds ^cfavor with God.

21 For ^ayou have been called for this purpose, ^bsince Christ also suffered for you, leaving

¹² Or, as a result of ¹ i.e., Christ's coming again in judgment ² 1 Cor. 8:21, Phil. 2:15 Titus 2:8 1 Pet. 2:15, 3:16 ¹ Acts 28:22 ¹ Matt. 5:16, 5:22 John 13:31, 1 Pet. 4:11, 16 ¹ 4a. 10:3, Luke 12:44

¹³ Rom. 13:1

¹⁴ 1a., through ¹ Rom. 13:4 ¹ Rom. 13:5

¹⁵ 1 Pet. 3:17 ¹ 1 Pet. 2:12

¹⁶ John 8:32, James 1:25 ¹ Rom. 9:22, 1 Cor. 7:22

¹⁷ Or, employer ¹ Rom. 12:18, 12:7 ¹ 1 Pet. 1:22 ¹ Prov. 24:21 ¹ Matt. 22:21, 1 Pet. 2:13

¹⁸ Or, perverse ¹ Eph. 6:5 James 3:17

¹⁹ Or, grace ¹ Rom. 12:5, 1 Pet. 3:14, 112

²⁰ 1 Pet. 1:19, note 1 ¹ 1 Pet. 3:17

²¹ Acts 14:22 1 Pet. 3:9 ¹ 1 Pet. 3:18, 4:1, 13

you can example for you to follow in His steps.

22 WHO ^aCOMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

23 ¹and while being ^areviled, He ²did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

24 and He Himself ¹bore our sins in His body on the ²cross, that we ^cmight die to ³sin and live to righteousness; for ^dby His ⁴wounds you were ^ehealed.

25 For you were ^acontinually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the ^bShepherd and ¹Guardian of your souls.

CHAPTER 3

^aIN the same way, you wives, ^bbe submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be ^cwon without a word by the behavior of their wives,

2 as they observe your chaste and ¹respectful behavior.

3 ^aAnd let not your adornment be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

4 but let it be ^athe hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, ^awho hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands.

6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, ^acalling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right ^bwithout being frightened by any fear.

7 ¶ ^aYou husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker ^bvessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that

21 ^cMatt. 11:29; 16:24
22 ^aIs. 53:9;
2 Cor. 5:21
23 ¹Lit., who ²Lit., was not reviling
^aIs. 53:7; Heb. 12:3; 1 Pet. 3:9

24 ¹Or, carried up to the cross
²Lit., wound
³Lit., sins
⁴Lit., wound, or, well

^aIs. 53:4, 11;
1 Cor. 15:3; Heb. 9:28

^bActs 5:30
^cRom. 6:2, 13
^dIs. 53:5

^eHeb. 12:13; James 5:16

25 ¹Or, Bishop, Overseer

^aIs. 53:6
^bJohn 10:11; 1 Pet. 5:4

1 ^a1 Pet. 3:7
^bEph. 5:22; Col. 3:18

1 Cor. 9:19
2 ¹Lit., with fear

3 ^aIs. 3:18ff.; 1 Tim. 2:9

4 ^aRom. 7:22
5 ^a1 Tim. 5:5; 1 Pet. 1:3

6 ¹Lit., and are not
^aGen. 18:12
^b1 Pet. 3:14

7 ^aEph. 5:25; Col. 3:19
^b1 Thess. 4:4

8 ¹Or, Finally
^aRom. 12:16
^b1 Pet. 1:22

^cEph. 4:32
^dPhil. 2:3; 1 Pet. 5:5

9 ¹Lit., blessing instead
^aRom. 12:17; 1 Thess. 5:15

^b1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:23

^cLuke 6:28; Rom. 12:14; 1 Cor. 4:12

^d1 Pet. 2:21
^eGal. 3:14; Heb. 6:14; 12:17

10 ^aPs. 34:12, 13
11 ^aPs. 34:14

12 ^aPs. 34:15, 16
13 ^aProv. 16:7

your prayers may not be hindered.

8 ¶ ¹To sum up, ^alet all be harmonious, sympathetic, ^bbrotherly, ^ckindhearted, and ^dhumble in spirit;

9 ^anot returning evil for evil, or ^binsult for insult, but ¹giving a ^cblessing instead; for ^dyou were called for the very purpose that you might ^einherit a blessing.

10 For,

“^aLET HIM WHO MEANS TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS

REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING GUILE.

11 “^aAND LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

12 “^aFOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS,

AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER,

BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.”

13 ¶ And ^awho is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

14 But even if you should ^asuffer for the sake of righteousness, ^byou are blessed. ^cAND DO NOT FEAR THEIR ¹INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED.

15 but ¹sanctify ^aChrist as Lord in your hearts, always being ready ^bto make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the ^chope that is in you, yet ^dwith gentleness and ²reverence;

16 ¹and keep a ^agood conscience so that in the thing in which ^byou are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

14 ¹Lit., fear ^aMatt. 5:10; 1 Pet. 2:19ff.; 4:15f. ^bJames 5:11 ^cIs. 8:12f.; 1 Pet. 3:6

15 ¹i.e., set apart ²Or, fear ^a1 Pet. 1:3 ^bCol. 4:6 ^c1 Pet. 1:3 ^d2 Tim. 2:25 ^e1 Pet. 1:17

16 ¹Lit., having a good ^a1 Tim. 1:5; Heb. 13:18; 1 Pet. 3:21 ^b1 Pet. 2:12, 15

17 For ^ait is better, ^bif ¹God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

18 For ^aChrist also died for sins ^bonce for all, ^cthe just for the unjust, in order that He might ^cbring us to God, having been put to death ^din the flesh, but made alive ^ein the ¹spirit;

19 in ¹which also He went and ^amade proclamation to the spirits now in prison,

20 who once were disobedient, when the ^apatience of God ^bkept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of ^cthe ark. In which a few, that is, ^deight ^epersons, were brought safely through ^fthe water.

21 ^aAnd corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—^bnot the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a ^cgood conscience—through ^dthe resurrection of Jesus Christ.

22 ^awho is at the right hand of God, ^bhaving gone into heaven, ^cafter angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

CHAPTER 4

THEREFORE, since ^aChrist has ¹suffered in the flesh, ^barm yourselves also with the same purpose, because ^che who has ¹suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.

2 ^aso as to live ^bthe rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the ^cwill of God.

3 For ^athe time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, ^bhaving pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousals, drinking parties and ^cabominable idolatries.

4 And in all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excess of ^adissipation, and they ^bmalign you;

17 ¹Lat., the will of God
+1 Pet. 2:20;
4:15f. +Acts
18:21; 1 Pet.
1:6; 2:15, 4:19

18 ¹Or, Spirit
+1 Pet. 2:21
+Heb. 9:26,
28, 10:10
+Rom. 5:2;
Eph. 3:12
+Col. 1:22,
1 Pet. 4:1
+1 Pet. 4:6

19 ¹Or, whom
+1 Pet. 4:6
20 +Rom.
2:4 +Gen. 6:3,
5, 13f. +Heb.
11:7 +Gen.
8:18, 2 Pet.
2:5 +Acts
2:41, 1 Pet.
1:9, 22, 2:25,
4:19

21 +Acts
16:33, Titus
3:5 +Heb.
9:14, 10:22
+1 Tim. 1:5,
Heb. 13:18,
1 Pet. 3:18
+1 Pet. 1:3
22 +Mark
16:19 +Heb.
4:14, 6:20
+Rom. 8:38f.
Heb. 1:6

22 ¹He., and loved death
+1 Pet. 2:21
+Eph. 6:13
+Rom. 6:7
2 +Rom.
6:2, Col. 3:3
+1 Pet. 1:14
+Mark 3:35
3 ¹Lat.,

lusts
+1 Cor. 12:2
+Rom. 13:13,
Eph. 2:2,
4:17f.

4 +Eph.
5:18 +1 Pet.
3:16
5 +Acts
10:42, Rom.
14:9, 2 Tim.
4:1

6 +1 Pet.
1:12, 3:19
7 ¹Lat., has come near
+Lat., prayers
+Rom. 13:11,
Heb. 9:26;
James 5:8,
1 John 2:18
+1 Pet. 1:13
8 +1 Pet.
1:22 +Prov.
10:12; 1 Cor.
13:4ff.; James
5:20

9 +1 Tim.
3:2; Heb. 13:2
+Phil. 2:14
10 +Rom.
12:9ff. +1 Cor.
4:1

5 but they shall give account to Him who is ready to judge ^athe living and the dead.

6 For ^athe gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to ^bthe will of God.

7 ¹ ^aThe end of all things ¹is at hand; therefore, ^bbe of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of ²prayer.

8 Above all, ^akeep fervent in your love for one another, because ^blove covers a multitude of sins.

9 ^aBe hospitable to one another without ^bcomplaint.

10 ^aAs each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good ^bstewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 ^aWhoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the ^butterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as ¹by the strength which God supplies; so that ^din all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, ^eto whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 ¹ ^aBeloved, do not be surprised at the ^bfiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

13 but to the degree that you ^ashare the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the ^brevelation of His glory, ^cyou may rejoice with exultation.

14 If you are reviled ¹for the name of Christ, ^byou are blessed, ^cbecause the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

11 ¹Lat., from +1 Thim. 2:4; Titus 2:1, 15; Heb. 13:7
+Acts 7:38 +Eph. 1:19; 6:10 +1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Pet. 2:12
+Rom. 11:36; 1 Pet. 5:11; Rev. 1:6; 5:13

12 +1 Pet. 2:11 +1 Pet. 1:6f.
13 +Rom. 8:17; 2 Cor. 1:5; 4:10; Phil. 3:10 +1 Pet. 1:7;
5:1 +2 Tim. 2:12

14 ¹Lat., in +John 15:21; Heb. 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16 +Matt.
5:11; Luke 6:22; Acts 5:41 +2 Cor. 4:10f., 16

15 By no means ^alet any of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a ^btroublesome meddler;

16 but if anyone suffers as a ^aChristian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him ^bglorify God.

17 For it is time for judgment ^ato begin ^bwith ^cthe household of God; and if it ^cbegins with us first, what will be the outcome for those ^dwho do not obey the ^egospel of God?

18 ^aAND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, ^bWHAT WILL BECOME OF THE ^cGODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

19 Therefore, let those also who suffer according to ^athe will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

CHAPTER 5

^aTHEREFORE, I exhort the elders among you, as your ^bfellow elder and ^cwitness of the sufferings of Christ, and a ^dpartaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2 shepherd ^athe flock of God among you, exercising oversight ^bnot under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to ^cthe will of God; and ^cnot for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

3 nor yet as ^alording it over ^bthose allotted to your charge, but ^cproving to be ^dexamples to the flock.

4 And when the Chief ^aShepherd appears, you will receive the ^bunfading ^ccrown of glory.

5 ^aYou younger men, likewise, ^bbe subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with ^chumility toward one another,

18 ¹Lit., one who oversees others' affairs
1 Pet. 2:19f.; 3:17; 1 Thess. 4:11; 2 Thess. 3:11; 1 Tim. 5:13

16 ¹Acts 5:41; 28:22; James 2:7
1 Pet. 4:11

17 ¹Lit., from
Jer. 25:29; Ezek. 9:6; Amos 3:2
1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet. 2:5
Rom. 2:9
2 Thess. 1:8
Rom. 1:1

18 ¹Lit., where will appear
Prov. 11:31; Luke 23:31
1 Tim. 1:9
19 ¹1 Pet. 3:17

1 ¹Acts 11:30; 2 John 1; 3 John 1
Luke 24:48; Heb. 12:1
1 Pet. 1:5, 7; 4:13; Rev. 1:9
2 ¹John 21:18; Acts 20:28; Phil. 14

1 Tim. 3:8
3 ¹Lit., the allotments
Or, becoming

Ezek. 34:4; Matt. 20:25f.; John 13:15; Phil. 3:17; 1 Thess. 1:7; 2 Thess. 3:9; 1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:7

4 ¹Lit., wealth
1 Pet. 2:25
1 Pet. 1:4
1 Cor. 9:25

5 ¹Luke 22:26; 1 Tim. 5:1; Eph. 5:21
1 Pet. 3:8
Prov. 3:34; James 4:6

6 ¹Matt. 23:12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; James 4:10
7 ¹Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25

8 ¹1 Pet. 1:13; Matt. 24:42; James 4:7; 2 Tim. 4:17

for ^aGOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

6 ¶ ^aHumble yourselves therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

7 casting all your ^aanxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.

8 ^aBe of sober spirit, ^bbe on the alert. Your adversary, ^cthe devil prowls about like a roaring ^dlion seeking someone to devour.

9 ^aBut resist him, ^bfirm in your faith, knowing that ^cthe same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your ^dbrethren who are in the world.

10 And after you have suffered ^afor a little while, the ^bGod of all grace, who ^ccalled you to His ^deternal glory in Christ, will Himself ^eperfect, ^fconfirm, strengthen and establish you.

11 ^aTo Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 ¶ Through ^aSilvanus, our faithful brother ^b(for so I regard him), ^bI have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is ^cthe true grace of God. ^dStand firm in it!

13 ^aShe who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, ^aMark.

14 ^aGreet one another with a kiss of love.

¶ ^bPeace be to you all who are in Christ.

9 ¹Lit., whom resist ²Lit., brotherhood ^aJames 4:7
Col. 2:5; Acts 14:22

10 ¹1 Pet. 1:6; 1 Pet. 4:10; 1 Cor. 1:9; 1 Thess. 2:12
2 Cor. 4:17; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Cor. 1:10; Heb. 13:21; Rom. 16:25; 2 Thess. 2:17; 3:3

11 ¹Rom. 11:36; 1 Pet. 4:11
12 ¹Lit., (as I consider) ²2 Cor. 1:19; Heb. 13:22; Acts 11:23; 1 Pet. 1:13; 4:10; 1 Cor. 15:1

13 ¹Some mss. read The church which ^aActs 12:12, 25; 15:37, 39; Col. 4:10; Phil. 24
14 ^aRom. 16:16; Eph. 6:23

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER

Growth in Christian Virtue

1 SIMON PETER, a ^abond-servant and ^aapostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received ^aa faith of the same ²kind as ours, ³by ^athe righteousness of ^aour God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

2 ^aGrace and peace be multiplied to you in ^bthe knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 seeing that His ^adivine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true ^bknowledge of Him who ^ccalled us ¹by His own glory and ²excellence.

4 ¹For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent ^apromises, in order that by them you might become ^bpartakers of the divine nature, having ^cescaped the ^dcorruption that is in ^ethe world by lust.

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith ^asupply ^bmoral ^cexcellence, and in your moral excellence, ^cknowledge;

6 and in your knowledge, ^aself-control, and in your self-control, ^bperseverance, and in your perseverance, ^cgodliness;

7 and in your godliness, ^abrotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor ^aunfruitful in the true ^bknowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he who lacks these qualities is ^ablind or short-sighted, having forgotten his ^bpurification from his former sins.

10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make cer-

¹ Most early man, read Simon
^aOr, value
^aOr, in
^aRom. 1:1, Phil. 1:1, James 1:1, Jude 1:1
¹ Rom. 1:12, 2 Cor. 4:13, Titus 3:21-28
^aOr, possibly, to
^aOr, virtue
^a1 Pet. 1:5, John 17:3, Phil. 3:8, 2 Pet. 1:2, 2:20, 3:18
^a1 Thess. 2:12, 2 Thess. 2:14, 1 Pet. 5:10
^aLat., Through which (things)
^a2 Pet. 3:8, 13, Eph. 4:13, 24, Heb. 12:10, 1 John 3:2, 2 Pet. 2:18, 20
^a2 Pet. 2:19
^aJames 1:27
^aOr, virtue
^a2 Pet. 1:11
^a2 Pet. 1:3
^aCol. 2:3
^a2 Pet. 1:2
^aActs 24:25
^aLuke 21:19
^a2 Pet. 1:3
^aOr, Rom. 12:10, 1 Pet. 1:22
^aCol. 1:10
^aJohn 17:3, Phil. 3:8, 2 Pet. 1:2, 3:20, 3:18
^a1 John 2:11
^aEph. 5:28, Titus 2:14
^a10
^a11:28, 2 Pet. 1:3
^a1 John 1:4
^aJames 1:4
^a2:10, 2 Pet. 3:17, Jude 24

tain about His ^acalling and ^bchoosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never ^cstumble;

11 for in this way the entrance into ^athe eternal kingdom of our ^bLord and Savior Jesus Christ will be ^cabundantly ^dsupplied to you.

12 ¹Therefore, ^aI shall always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you *already* know *them*, and have been established in ^bthe truth which is present with you.

13 And I consider it ^aright, as long as I am in ^bthis earthly dwelling, to ^cstir you up by way of reminder.

14 knowing that ^athe laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, ^bas also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

15 And I will also be diligent that at any time after my ^adeparture you may be able to call these things to mind.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised ^atales when we made known to you the ^bpower and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were ^ceyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an ^autterance as this was ²made to Him by the ^bMajestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"—

¹¹ 2 Tim. 4:16
¹² 2 Pet. 1:5
¹³ 2 Pet. 3:1, 1 John 2:31, Jude 5
¹⁴ 2 Pet. 1:14
¹⁵ 2 Pet. 1:17
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¹⁶³ 2 Pet. 1:165
¹⁶⁴ 2 Pet. 1:166
¹⁶⁵ 2 Pet. 1:167
¹⁶⁶ 2 Pet. 1:168
¹⁶⁷ 2 Pet. 1:169
¹⁶⁸ 2 Pet. 1:170
¹⁶⁹ 2 Pet. 1:171
¹⁷⁰ 2 Pet. 1:172
¹⁷¹ 2 Pet. 1:173
¹⁷² 2 Pet. 1:174
¹⁷³ 2 Pet. 1:175
¹⁷⁴ 2 Pet. 1:176
¹⁷⁵ 2 Pet. 1:177
¹⁷⁶ 2 Pet. 1:178
¹⁷⁷ 2 Pet. 1:179
¹⁷⁸ 2 Pet. 1:180
¹⁷⁹ 2 Pet. 1:181
¹⁸⁰ 2 Pet. 1:182
¹⁸¹ 2 Pet. 1:183
¹⁸² 2 Pet. 1:184
¹⁸³ 2 Pet. 1:185
¹⁸⁴ 2 Pet. 1:186
¹⁸⁵ 2 Pet. 1:187
¹⁸⁶ 2 Pet. 1:188
¹⁸⁷ 2 Pet. 1:189
¹⁸⁸ 2 Pet. 1:190
¹⁸⁹ 2 Pet. 1:191
¹⁹⁰ 2 Pet. 1:192
¹⁹¹ 2 Pet. 1:193
¹⁹² 2 Pet. 1:194
¹⁹³ 2 Pet. 1:195
¹⁹⁴ 2 Pet. 1:196
¹⁹⁵ 2 Pet. 1:197
¹⁹⁶ 2 Pet. 1:198
¹⁹⁷ 2 Pet. 1:199
¹⁹⁸ 2 Pet. 1:200

18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 ¹And so we have ^athe prophetic word made more ^bsure, to which you do well to pay attention as to ^ca lamp shining in a dark place, until the ^dday dawns and the ^emorning star arises ^fin your hearts.

20 But ^aknow this first of all, that ^bno prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation.

21 for ^ano prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men ^bmoved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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BUT ^afalse prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be ^bfalse teachers ^camong you, who will ^dsecretly introduce ^edestructive heresies, even ^fdenying the ^gMaster who ^hbought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

2 And many will follow their ^asensuality, and because of them ^bthe way of the truth will be ^cmaligned;

3 and in ^atheir ^bagreed they will ^cexploit you with ^dfalse words; ^etheir judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4 For ^aif God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and ^bcommitted them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare ^athe ancient world, but preserved ^bNoah, a ^cpreacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a ^dflood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 and ^aif He ^bcondemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an

¹⁸ ¹Lit., voice borne
^{Ex.} 3:5;
^{Josh.} 5:15

¹⁹ ¹Or, And we have the even surer prophetic word

¹1 Pet. 1:10f
²Heb. 2:2 ³Ps. 119:105

⁴Luke 1:78
⁵Rev. 22:16
⁶2 Cor. 4:6

²⁰ ²2 Pet. 3:3 ³Rom. 12:6

²¹ ¹Jer. 23:28, 2 Tim. 3:16 ²2 Sam. 23:2, Luke 1:70; Acts 1:16, 3:18, 1 Pet. 1:11

¹Deut. 13:1ff.; Jer. 6:13 ²2 Cor. 11:13 ³Matt. 7:15; 1 Tim. 4:1 ⁴Gal. 2:4, Jude 4
⁵1 Cor. 11:19; Gal. 5:20
⁶Jude 4 ⁷Rev. 6:10 ⁸1 Cor. 6:20

²Gen. 19:5ff.; 2 Pet. 2:7, 18; Jude 4 ³Acts 16:17, 22:4, 24:14
⁴Rom. 2:24

³1 Tim. 6:5, 2 Pet. 2:14; Jude 16
²2 Cor. 2:17; 1 Thess. 2:5
¹Rom. 16:18; 2 Pet. 1:16
⁴Deut. 32:35

⁴Jude 6
⁵Rev. 20:1f
⁶1 Or, herald

⁷Ezek. 28:20; 2 Pet. 3:6
⁸Gen. 6:8, 9; 1 Pet. 3:20
⁹2 Pet. 3:6

⁸Gen. 19:24; Jude 7
⁹Isa. 1:9; Matt. 10:15; 11:23; Rom. 9:29; Jude 7 ¹⁰Jude 15

⁷Gen. 19:16, 29
⁸Gen. 19:5ff.; 2 Pet. 2:2, 18; Jude 4 ⁹2 Pet. 3:17

⁸Heb. 11:4

⁹1 Or, trial
¹1 Cor. 10:13; Rev. 3:10
²Matt. 10:15; Jude 6

^bexample to those who would ^clive ungodly thereafter;

7 and if He ^arescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the ^bsensual conduct of ^cunprincipled men

8 (for by what he saw and heard ^athat ^brighteous man, while living among them, felt ^chis righteous soul tormented day after day with ^dtheir lawless deeds),

9 ^athen the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from ^btemptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the ^cday of judgment.

10 and especially those who ^aindulge the flesh in ^bits corrupt desires and ^cdespise authority. Daring, ^dself-willed, they do not tremble when they ^erevile angelic ^fmajesties,

11 ^awhereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

12 But ^athese, like unreasoning animals, ^bborn as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed reviling where they have no knowledge, will in ^cthe destruction of those creatures also be destroyed.

13 suffering wrong as ^athe wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to ^brevel in the ^cdaytime. They are stains and blemishes, ^dreveling in their ^edeceptions, as they ^fcarouse with you,

14 having eyes full of adultery and that never cease from sin. ^aenticing ^bunstable souls, having a heart trained in ^cgreed, ^daccursed children;

15 forsaking ^athe right way they have gone astray, having

¹⁰ ¹Lit., go after ²Lit., glories ³2 Pet. 3:3; Jude 16, 18
⁴Ex. 22:28; Jude 8 ⁵Titus 1:7

¹¹ ¹Jude 9

¹² ¹Lit., their destruction also ²Jude 10 ³Jer. 12:3; Col. 2:22

¹³ ¹Some ancient mss. read love ²2 Pet. 2:15
³Rom. 13:13 ⁴1 Thess. 5:7 ⁵1 Cor. 11:21; Jude 12

¹⁴ ²2 Pet. 2:18 ³James 1:8; 2 Pet. 3:16 ⁴2 Pet. 2:3

⁵Eph. 2:3

¹⁵ ¹Acts 13:10

followed ^bthe way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved ^cthe wages of unrighteousness.

16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression; ^afor a dumb donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These are ^asprings without water, and mists driven by a storm, ^bfor whom the ¹black darkness has been reserved.

18 For speaking out ^aarrogant words of ^bvanity they ^centice by fleshly desires, by ^dsensuality, those who barely ^eescape from the ones who live in error.

19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for ^aby what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

20 For if after they have ^eescaped the defilements of the world by ^bthe knowledge of the ^cLord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again ^dentangled in them and are overcome, ^athe last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 ^aFor it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from ^bthe holy commandment ^cdelivered to them.

22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire."

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THIS is now, ^abeloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am ^bstirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder,

2 that you should ^aremember the words spoken beforehand by ^bthe holy prophets and ^cthe commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

3 ^aKnow this first of all, that ^bin

18 ^aActs 22:3, 7; Deut. 23:4; Heb. 13:2; Jude 11; Rev. 2:14

21 ^aNum. 22:21, 23, 28, 30ff

17 ¹Lt. blackness of darkness

^aJude 12

^aJude 13

18 ^aJude 16

^aEph. 4:17

22 ^a2 Pet. 2:14

22 ^a2 Pet. 2:22

22 ^a2 Pet. 1:4

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19 ^aJohn 8:34; Rom. 6:16

20 ^a2 Pet. 2:18

22 ^a2 Pet. 1:11

22 ^a2 Tim. 2:4

^aMatt. 12:45

Luke 11:26

21 ^aEzek. 18:24; Heb. 6:4ff.

10:20ff

James 4:17

^aGal. 6:2

1 Tim. 6:14

2 Pet. 3:2

^aJude 3

23 ^aProv. 26:11

1 ^a1 Pet. 2:11

2 ^a1 Pet. 3:8, 14, 17

2 ^a1 Pet. 1:13

2 ^aJude 17

^aLuke 1:70

Acts 3:21

Eph. 3:5

^aGal. 6:2

1 Tim. 6:14

2 Pet. 2:21

3 ^a2 Pet. 1:20

1 Tim. 4:1

Heb. 1:2

^aJude 18

22 ^a2 Pet. 2:10

4 ^aIsa. 5:19

Jer. 17:15

Ezek. 11:3

12:22, 27

Matt. 2:17

Matt. 24:48

1 Tim. 2:19

2 Pet. 2:12

3:12

^aActs 7:60

^aMark 10:6

8 ^aOr, they are willfully ignorant of this fact, that

^aGen. 1:6, 9

Heb. 11:3

^aPs. 24:2

138:6

6 ^a2 Pet. 2:5

^aGen. 7:11

12, 21f

7 ^a2 Pet. 3:10

12 ^aIsa. 66:15

Dan. 7:9f.

2 Thess. 1:7

Heb. 12:29

^aMatt. 10:15

1 Cor. 3:13

Jude 7

the last days ^cmockers will come with their mocking. ^dfollowing after their own lusts.

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His ^bcoming? For ever since the fathers ^cfell asleep, all continues just as it was ^dfrom the beginning of creation."

5 For ¹when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that ^aby the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was ^bformed out of water and by water.

6 through which ^athe world at that time was ^bdestroyed, being flooded with water.

7 But ^athe present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for ^bfire, kept for ^cthe day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 ¹ But do not let this one fact escape your notice, ^abeloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and ^ba thousand years as one day.

9 ^aThe Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but ^bis patient toward you, ^cnot wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

10 But ^athe day of the Lord ^bwill come like a thief, in which ^cthe heavens ^dwill pass away with a roar and the ^eelements will be destroyed with intense heat, and ^fthe earth and ¹its works will be ²burned up.

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 ^alooking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which ^bthe heavens will be destroyed by burning.

8 ^a2 Pet. 3:1 ^aPs. 90:4

9 ^aHeb. 2:3; Rom. 13:11; Heb. 10:37 ^aRom. 2:4; Rev. 2:21

1 Tim. 2:4; Rev. 2:21

10 ¹Lt. the works in it ²Some ancient mss. read

discovered ^a1 Cor. 1:8 ^aMatt. 24:43; Luke 12:39

1 Thess. 5:2; Rev. 3:3; 18:15 ^aIsa. 34:4; 2 Pet. 3:7, 12

^aMatt. 24:35; Rev. 21:1 ^aIsa. 24:19; Mic. 1:4 ^a2 Pet. 3:7

12 ^a1 Cor. 1:7 ^a2 Pet. 3:7, 10

and the elements will melt with intense heat!

13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14 ¶ Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.

15 and regard the patience of our Lord to be salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you,

16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the

12 cIs.
24:19; 34:4;
Mic. 1:4

13 cIs.
65:17; 66:22
bRom. 8:21;
Rev. 21:1 cIs.
60:21; 65:25;
Rev. 21:27

14 a1 Cor.
15:58; 2 Pet.
1:10 b2 Pet.
3:1 c1 Pet. 1:7
dPhil. 2:15;
1 Thess. 5:23;
1 Tim. 6:14;
James 1:27

15 a2 Pet.
3:9 bActs
9:17; 15:25;
2 Pet. 3:2
c1 Cor. 3:10;
Eph. 3:3

16 a2 Pet.
3:14 bHeb.
5:11 c2 Pet.
2:14 d2 Pet.
3:2

untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest, being carried away by the error of unprincipled men, you fall from your own steadfastness,

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

17 a2 Pet. 3:1 b1 Cor. 10:12 c2 Pet. 2:18 d2 Pet. 2:7
eRev. 2:5

18 a2 Pet. 1:2 b2 Pet. 1:11; 2:20 cRom. 11:36; 2 Tim. 4:18; Rev. 1:6

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN

Introduction The Incarnate Word

WHAT was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life—

2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

5 ¶ And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light,

1 aJohn
1:1f; 1 John
2:13; 14 bActs
4:20; 1 John
1:3 cJohn
19:35; 2 Pet.
1:16; 1 John
1:2 dJohn
1:14; 1 John
4:14 eLuke
24:39; John
20:27 fJohn
1:1, 4

2 aJohn
1:4; 1 John
3:5, 8; 5:20
bJohn 19:35;
1 John 1:1
cJohn 15:27;
1 John 4:14
dJohn 10:28;
17:3; 1 John
2:25; 5:11, 13;
20 eJohn 1:1

3 aJohn
19:35; 2 Pet.
1:16; 1 John
1:1 bActs
4:20; 1 John
1:1 cJohn
17:3, 21;

1 Cor. 1:9
4 a1 John
2:1 bJohn
3:29

5 aJohn
1:19; 1 John
3:11 b1 John
6:16; James
1:17

and in Him there is no darkness at all.

6 ¶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 ¶ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 ¶ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 ¶ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

6 aJohn 8:12; 1 John 2:11 bJohn 8:55; 1 John 2:4; 4:20
cJohn 3:21

7 aIs. 2:5 b1 Tim. 6:16 cTitus 2:14

8 aJob 15:14; Prov. 20:9; Rom. 3:10ff.; James 3:2

bJohn 8:44; 1 John 2:4

9 aPs. 32:5; Prov. 28:13 bTitus 2:14

10 aJob 15:14 bJohn 3:33; 1 John 5:10 c1 John 2:14

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MY little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

3 And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:

6 the one who says he abides in Him, ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

7 ¶ Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard.

8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.

9 The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now.

10 The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

11 But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

12 ¶ I am writing to you, little

1 ¶ Gr.,
Forfection,
one called
alongside to
help
*John 13:23;
Gal. 4:19; 1
John 2:12, 28;
3:7, 18; 4:4;
5:21 ¶ 1 John
1:4 *Rom.
8:34, 1 Tim.
2:5, Heb.
7:25, 9:24
*John 14:16
2 ¶ Or, not
infection
*Rom. 3:25;
Heb. 2:17;
1 John 4:10
*John 4:42;
11:51f.
1 John 4:14
3 ¶ 1 John
2:5, 3:24,
4:13, 5:2
*1 John 2:4,
3:6, 4:7f.
*John 14:15,
15:10; 1 John
3:22, 24, 5:3;
Rev. 12:17,
14:12
4 ¶ Titus
1:10 ¶ 1 John
3:6, 4:7f.
*1 John 1:6
*1 John 1:8
5 ¶ John
14:23 ¶ 1 John
4:12 ¶ 1 John
2:3, 3:24,
4:13, 5:2
6 ¶ John
15:4 ¶ John
13:15, 15:10;
1 Pet. 2:21
7 ¶ Lit.,
were having
*Heb. 6:9;
1 John 3:2,
21, 4:1, 7, 11
*John 13:34,
1 John 3:11,
23, 4:21,
2 John 5
*1 John 2:24,
3:11; 2 John
5, 6
8 ¶ Lit.,
Again
*John 13:34
*Rom. 13:12;
Eph. 5:8;
1 Thim. 5:4f.
*John 1:9
9 ¶ 1 John
2:11, 2:15;
4:20 ¶ Acts
1:15, 1 John
3:10, 16;
4:20f.
10 ¶ John
11:9; 1 John
2:10, 11
11 ¶ 1 John
2:9, 3:15; 4:20
*John 12:35;
1 John 1:6
*2 Cor. 4:4;
2 Pet. 1:9
12 ¶ 1 John
2:1 ¶ Acts
13:38; 1 Cor.
6:11

children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

15 Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

17 And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

18 ¶ Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.

13 ¶ 1 John 1:1 *John 10:33; 1 John 2:14, 4:4, 5:4f.,
Rev. 2:7 *Matt. 5:37; 1 John 2:14, 3:12, 5:18f. *John
14:7; 1 John 2:3
14 ¶ 1 John 1:1 *Eph. 6:10 *John 5:38; 6:27; 1 John 1:10
*1 John 2:13
15 ¶ Rom. 12:2; James 1:27 *James 4:4
16 ¶ Rom. 13:14; Eph. 2:2; 1 Pet. 2:11 *Prov. 27:20
*James 4:16
17 ¶ 1 Cor. 7:31 *Mark 3:35
18 ¶ Rom. 13:11; 1 Tim. 4:1; 1 Pet. 4:7 *Matt. 24:2, 24;
1 John 2:22; 4:3; 2 John 7 *Mark 13:22; 1 John 4:1, 3
19 ¶ Lit., they might be made manifest *Acts 20:20
*1 Cor. 11:10

20 ¹But you have an ^aanointing from ^bthe Holy One, and ²you all know.

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but ^abecause you do know it, and ¹because no lie is ^bof the truth.

22 Who is the liar but ^athe one who denies that Jesus is the ¹Christ? This is ^bthe antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

23 ^aWhoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard ^afrom the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also ^bwill abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 And ^athis is the promise which He Himself ¹made to us: eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to ^adeceive you.

27 And as for you, the ^aanointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing ^bteaches you about all things, and is ^ctrue and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, ¹you abide in Him.

28 And now, ^alittle children, abide in Him, so that when He ^bappears, we may have ^cconfidence and ^dnot ¹shrink away from Him in shame ²at His ^ecoming.

29 If you know that ^aHe is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness ^bis ¹born of Him.

CHAPTER 3

SEE ¹how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called ^bchildren of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because ^cit did not know Him.

²⁸ ¹Lit., And ²Some ancient mss. read you know all things

² Cor. 1:21, 1 John 2:27

¹ Mark 1:24, Acts 10:38

¹ Prov. 28:5, Matt. 13:11, John 14:26

1 Cor. 2:15, 1 John 2:27

²¹ ¹Or, know that

¹ James 1:19, 2 Pet. 1:12, Jude 5

¹ John 8:44, 18:37, 1 John 3:19

²² ¹Lit., Messiah

¹ John 4:3, 2 John 7

¹ Matt. 24:5, 24, 1 John 2:18, 4:3, 2 John 7

²³ ¹John 8:19, 18:3, 17:3, 1 John 4:15, 5:1, 2 John 9

²⁴ ¹John 2:7

²⁷ ¹John 14:23, 1 John 1:3, 2 John 9

²⁸ ¹Lit., promised us

¹ John 3:15, 6:40, 1 John 1:2

²⁸ ¹John 3:7, 2 John 7

²⁷ ¹Or, abide in Him

¹ John 14:16, 1 John 2:20

¹ John 14:26, 1 Cor. 2:12, 1 Thess. 4:9

¹ John 14:17

²⁸ ¹Lit., be put to shame from Him

¹ Or, in His presence

¹ John 2:1, ¹ Luke 17:30, Col. 3:4

1 John 3:2, ¹ Eph. 3:12, 1 John 3:21, 4:17, 5:14

¹ Mark 8:38

¹ Thess. 2:19

²⁹ ¹Or, begotten

¹ John 7:18, 1 John 3:7

¹ John 1:13, 3:3, 1 John 3:9, 4:7, 5:1, 4:18, 3 John 11

¹ ¹Lit., what kind of love

¹ John 3:16, 1 John 4:10

¹ John 1:12, 11:52, Rom. 8:16, 1 John 3:2, 10

¹ John 3:2, 10

2 ^aBeloved, now we are ^bchildren of God, and ^cit has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He ^dappears, we shall be ^elike Him, because we shall ^fsee Him just as He is.

3 And everyone who has this ^ahope fixed on Him ^bpurifies himself, just as He is pure.

4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and ^asin is lawlessness.

5 And you know that He ^aappeared in order to ^btake away sins; and ^cin Him there is no sin.

6 No one who abides in Him ^asins; no one who sins has seen Him or ^bknows Him.

7 ^aLittle children, let no one ^bdeceive you; ^cthe one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;

8 the one who practices sin is ^aof the devil; for the devil ¹has sinned from the beginning. ^bThe Son of God ^cappeared for this purpose, ^dthat He might destroy the works of the devil.

9 No one who is ¹born of God ^bpractices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is ¹born of God.

10 By this the ^achildren of God and the ^bchildren of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who ^cdoes not love his ^dbrother.

11 ^aFor this is the message ^bwhich you have heard from the

15:18, 21; 18:3

² ¹John 2:7 ¹John 1:12; 11:52; Rom. 8:16; 1 John 3:1, 10 ¹Rom. 8:19, 23f. ¹Luke 17:30; Col. 3:4; 1 John 2:28 ¹Rom. 8:29; 2 Pet. 1:4 ¹John 17:24; 2 Cor. 3:18

³ ¹Rom. 15:12; 1 Pet. 1:3 ¹John 17:19; 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Pet. 3:13f.; 1 John 2:6

⁴ ¹Rom. 4:15; 1 John 5:17

⁵ ¹John 1:2; 3:8 ¹John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18-20; 1 John 2:2 ²Cor. 5:21; 1 John 2:29

⁶ ¹Or, has known ¹John 3:9 ¹John 2:3; 3 John 11 ⁷ ¹John 2:1 ¹John 2:28 ¹John 2:29

⁸ ¹Lit., sins ¹Matt. 13:38; John 8:44; 1 John 3:10 ¹Matt. 4:3 ¹John 3:5 ¹John 12:31, 18:11

⁹ ¹Or, begotten ¹John 1:13; 3:3; 1 John 2:29; 4:7, 5:1, 4, 18; 3 John 11 ¹1 Pet. 1:23; 1 John 3:6; 5:18

¹⁰ ¹John 1:12; 11:52; Rom. 8:16; 1 John 3:1, 2 ¹Matt. 13:38; John 8:44; 1 John 3:8 ¹Rom. 13:8ff.; Col. 3:14; 1 Tim. 1:5; 1 John 4:8 ¹John 2:9

¹¹ ¹John 1:5 ¹John 2:7

beginning, ^cthat we should love one another;

12 not as ^aCain, who was of ^bthe evil one, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because ^chis deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

13 ^aDo not marvel, brethren, if ^athe world hates you.

14 We know that we have ^apassed out of death into life, ^bbecause we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

15 Everyone who ^ahates his brother is a murderer; and you know that ^bno murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16 We know love by this, that ^aHe laid down His life for us; and ^bwe ought to lay down our lives for the ^cbrethren.

17 But ^awhoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and ^bcloses his heart ^aagainst him, ^chow does the love of God abide in him?

18 ^aLittle children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and ^btruth.

19 We shall know by this that we are ^aof the truth, and shall ^bassure our heart ^abefore Him.

20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 ^aBeloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have ^bconfidence ^abefore God;

22 and ^awhatever we ask we receive from Him, because we ^bkeep His commandments and do ^cthe things that are pleasing in His sight.

23 And this is His commandment, that we ^abelieve in ^bthe name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as ^cHe ^acommanded us.

24 And the one who ^akeeps His commandments ^babides in Him, and He in him. And ^cwe know by this that ^dHe abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

CHAPTER 4

^a**B**ELOVED, do not believe every ^bspirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because ^cmany false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: ^aevery spirit that ^bconfesses that ^cJesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;

3 and every spirit that ^adoes not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the *spirit* of the ^bantichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and ^cnow it is already in the world.

4 You are from God, ^alittle children, and ^bhave overcome them; because ^cgreater is He who is in you than ^dhe who is in the world.

5 ^aThey are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.

6 ^aWe are from God; ^bhe who knows God listens to us; ^che who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know ^dthe spirit of truth and ^ethe spirit of error.

7 ^aBeloved, let us ^blove one another, for love is from God; and ^ceveryone who loves is ^dborn of God and ^eknows God.

8 The one who does not love does not know God, for ^aGod is love.

9 By this the love of God was manifested ^ain us, that ^bGod has sent His ^conly begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

10 In this is love, ^anot that we ^bloved God, but that ^cHe loved us

2 ^a1 Cor 12:3 ^b1 John 2:23 ^cJohn 1:14, 1 John 1:2
3 ^a1 John 2:22; 2 John 7 ^b1 John 2:18, 22 ^c2 Thess.
2:3-7, 1 John 2:16

4 ^a1 John 2:1 ^b1 John 2:13 ^cRom. 8:31; 1 John 3:20
4 John 12:31

5 ^aJohn 15:18; 17:14, 16

6 ^aJohn 8:23; 1 John 4:4 ^bJohn 8:47; 10:38, 18:37

7 ^a1 Cor 14:37 ^bJohn 14:17 ^c1 Tim. 4:1

8 ^a1 John 2:20 ^b1 John 2:7 ^c1 John 3:11 ^d1 John 3:1

9 ^a1 John 4:7, 16

10 ^a1 Cor. in our case ^b1 Cor. unique, only one of His kind
4 John 8:3; 1 John 4:16 ^bJohn 3:16, 1 John 4:10; 5:11

11 ^aSome read, and had loved ^bRom. 5:8, 10; 1 John
4:19 ^cJohn 3:16, 1 John 4:9; 5:11

11 ^aJohn
13:34, 15:12;
1 John 4:7,
11:21,
2 John 5
12 ^aGen. 4:8
Matt. 5:37,
1 John 2:13
1 Pet. 3:20;
Prov. 29:10;
John 8:40, 41
13 ^aJohn
15:18, 17:14
14 ^aJohn
5:24 ^bJohn
13:35; 1 John
2:10
15 ^aMatt
5:21, John
8:44 ^bGal
5:20; Rev
21:8
16 ^aJohn
10:11, 15:13
17 ^aPhil. 2:17
1 Thess. 2:8
18 ^a1 John 2:9
19 ^a1 John 2:9
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and sent His Son to be ^cthe propitiation for our sins.

11 ^aBeloved, if God so loved us, ^bwe also ought to love one another.

12 ^aNo one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His ^blove is perfected in us.

13 ^aBy this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14 And we have beheld and ^abear witness that the Father has ^bsent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

15 ^aWhoever confesses that ^bJesus is the Son of God, God ^cabides in him, and he in God.

16 And ^awe have come to know and have believed the love which God has ^bfor us. ^cGod is love, and the one who ^dabides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

17 By this, ^alove is perfected with us, that we may have ^bconfidence in ^cthe day of judgment; because ^das He is, so also are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but ^aperfect love casts out fear, because fear ^binvolves punishment, and the one who fears is not ^bperfected in love.

19 ^aWe love, because He first loved us.

20 ^aIf someone says, "I love God," and ^bhates his brother, he is a ^cliar; for ^dthe one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, ^ecannot love God whom he has not seen.

21 And ^athis commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God ^bshould love his brother also.

CHAPTER 5

^a**W**HOEVER believes that Jesus is the ¹Christ is ^{2b}born of God; and whoever loves the ³Father ^cloves the ^{child} ^{2b}born of Him.

10 ^a1 John 2:2

11 ^a1 John 2:7 ^b1 John 4:7

12 ^aJohn 1:18; 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 John 4:20 ^b1 John 2:5; 4:17

13 ^aRom. 8:9; 1 John 3:24

14 ^aJohn 15:27; 1 John 1:2 ^bJohn 3:17; 4:42; 1 John 2:2

15 ^a1 John 2:23 ^bRom. 10:9; 1 John 3:23; 4:2; 5:1; 5:1 ^cJohn 2:24; 3:24

16 ^aLit., in ^bJohn 6:69 ^cJohn 9:3; 1 John 4:9

17 ^a1 John 4:7; 8 ^b1 John 4:12 ^c1 John 2:5; 4:12

18 ^aLit., has ^bRom. 8:15 ^c1 John 4:12

19 ^a1 John 4:10 ^bSome mss. read how can he love God... seen?

20 ^a1 John 1:6; 8; 10; 2:4 ^b1 John 2:9; 11 ^c1 John 1:6

21 ^aJohn 3:17 ^b1 Pet. 1:8; 1 John 4:12 ^c1 John 2:21 ^dLev. 19:18; Matt. 5:43f.

22 ^a37f.; John 13:34 ^b1 John 3:11

23 ^aLit., Messiah ^bOr, begotten ^cLit., one who begets

24 ^a1 John 2:22f.; 4:2; 15 ^bJohn 1:3; 3:3; 1 John 2:29; 5:4; 18 ^cJohn 8:42

25 ^aLit., do ^b1 John 2:5 ^c1 John 3:14

26 ^aJohn 14:15; 2 John 6 ^b1 John 2:3 ^cMatt. 11:30; 23:4

27 ^aOr, begotten ^bJohn 1:13; 3:3; 1 John 2:29; 5:1; 18 ^c1 John 2:13; 4:4

2 ^aBy this we know that ^bwe love the children of God, when we love God and ^cobserve His commandments.

3 For ^athis is the love of God, that we ^bkeep His commandments; and ^cHis commandments are not burdensome.

4 For whatever is ^aborn of God ^bovercomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

5 And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who ^abelieves that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came ^aby water and blood, Jesus Christ; not ^bwith the water only, but ^cwith the water and ^dwith the blood.

7 And it is ^athe Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.

8 For there are ^athree that bear witness, ^bthe Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are ^cin agreement.

9 ^aIf we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is this, that ^bHe has borne witness concerning His Son.

10 The one who believes in the Son of God ^ahas the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has ^bmade Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning His Son.

11 And the witness is this, that God has given us ^aeternal life, and ^bthis life is in His Son.

12 ^aHe who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

5 ^a1 John 4:15; 5:1

6 ^aLit., in ^bJohn 19:34

7 ^aMatt. 3:16f.; John 15:26; 16:13-15

8 ^aA few late mss. read in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth, the Spirit ^bLit., for the one thing ^cMatt. 18:18

9 ^aJohn 5:34; 37; 8:18 ^bMatt. 3:17; John 5:32; 37

10 ^aRom. 8:16; Gal. 4:6; Rev. 12:17 ^bJohn 3:18; 33;

11 ^aJohn 1:10

12 ^aJohn 3:36; 1 John 1:2; 2:25; 4:9; 5:13; 20 ^bJohn 1:4

13 ^aJohn 3:15f.; 38

13 ¶ "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

14 And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.

17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not leading to death.

13 ¶ John 20:31 ¶ John 3:23 ¶ 1 John 1:2, 2:25, 4:9, 5:11, 20

14 ¶ Lat. toward ¶ 1 John 2:28, 3:21f. ¶ Matt. 7:7, John 14:13, 1 John 3:22

15 ¶ 1 John 5:18-20

16 ¶ Lat. answering ¶ James 5:15, Num. 15:30, Heb. 6:4-6, 10:26 ¶ Jer. 7:16, 14:11

17 ¶ 1 John 3:4 ¶ 1 John 2:1f., 5:16

18 ¶ Or, be gotten ¶ 1 John 5:15, 19, 20, ¶ James 3:9, ¶ James 1:27, Jude 21, ¶ 1 John 2:13, ¶ John 14:30

18 ¶ "We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.

19 "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

21 Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

19 ¶ 1 John 5:15, 18, 20 ¶ 1 John 4:6 ¶ John 12:31, 17:15, Gal. 1:4
20 ¶ 1 John 5:15, 18, 19 ¶ John 8:42; 1 John 5:5 ¶ Luke 24:45 ¶ John 17:3, Rev. 3:7 ¶ John 1:18, 14:8; 1 John 2:23, Rev. 3:7 ¶ 1 John 1:2 ¶ 1 John 5:11
21 ¶ 1 John 2:1 ¶ 1 Cor. 10:7, 14; 1 Thess. 1:9

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN

Walk According to His Commandments

THE elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth,

2 for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

3 Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 ¶ I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father.

5 And now I ask you, lady, not

1 ¶ Acts 11:30; 1 Pet. 5:1, 3 ¶ John 1 ¶ Rom. 16:13, 1 Pet. 5:13, 2 John 13, ¶ 2 John 5, ¶ 1 John 3:18, 2 John 3, 3 John 1, ¶ John 8:32, 1 Tim. 2:4, 2 ¶ 2 Pet. 1:12 ¶ 1 John 1:8 ¶ John 14:16, 3 ¶ Rom. 17:1 ¶ 1 Tim. 1:2, 4 ¶ 3 John 3f., 5 ¶ 1 John 2:7 ¶ John 13:34, 35; 15:12, 17; 1 John 3:11, 4:7, 11, 6 ¶ 1 John 2:5, 3:3, ¶ 1 John 2:24, ¶ 1 John 2:7

as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.

6 And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

8 Watch yourselves, that you

7 ¶ 1 John 2:28 ¶ 1 John 2:18; 4:1 ¶ 1 John 4:2f. ¶ 1 John 2:18
8 ¶ Mark. 13:9 ¶ 1 Cor. 2:2; Heb. 10:25

might not lose what ¹we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

9 Anyone who ¹goes too far and ^adoes not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, ^ado not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting;

⁸ ¹Some ancient mss. read you
⁹ ¹Lit., goes on ahead
^aJohn 7:16; 8:31, 1 John 2:23
¹⁰ ^a1 Kin. 13:18; Rom. 16:17;
2 Thess. 3:6; 14; Titus 3:10
¹¹ ^aEph. 5:11, 1 Tim. 5:22, Jude 23
¹² ¹Some ancient mss. read our

11 for the one who gives him a greeting ^aparticipates in his evil deeds.

12 ¶ ^aHaving many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that ¹your ^bjoy may be made full.

13 The children of your ^achosen sister greet you.

^a3 John 13, 14 ^bJohn 3:29, 1 John 1:4
13 ^a2 John 1

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN

You Walk in the Truth

^aTHE elder to the beloved ^bGaius, whom I ^clove in truth.

2 ¶ Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

3 For I ¹was very glad when ^bbrethren came and bore witness to your truth, *that is*, how you ^aare walking in truth.

4 I have no greater joy than ¹this, to hear of ^amy children ^bwalking in the truth.

5 ¶ Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the ^abrethren, and especially *when they are* ^bstrangers;

6 and they bear witness to your love before the church; and you will do well to ^asend them on their way in a manner ^bworthy of God.

7 For they went out for the sake of ^athe Name, ^baccepting nothing from the Gentiles.

8 Therefore we ought to ¹sup-

1 ^a2 John 1
^bActs 19:29; 20:4; Rom. 16:23; 1 Cor. 1:14; 1 John 3:18; 2 John 1
3 ¹Or, am very glad when brethren come and bear witness
^a2 John 4
^bActs 1:15; Gal. 6:10; 3 John 5:10
4 ¹Lit., these things, that I hear
^a1 Cor. 4:14f.; 2 Cor. 6:13; Gal. 4:19; 1 Thess. 2:11; 1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2; Philem. 10; 1 John 2:1
^b2 John 4
5 ^aActs 1:15; Gal. 6:10; 3 John 3:10; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2
6 ^aActs 15:3; Titus 3:13; Col. 1:10; 1 Thess. 2:12
7 ^aJohn 15:21; Acts 5:41; Phil. 2:9
^bActs 20:33; 35
8 ¹Or, receive such men as guests ^aOr, for

port such men, that we may be fellow workers ²with the truth.

9 ¶ I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to ^abe first among them, does not accept ¹what we say.

10 For this reason, ^aif I come, I will call attention to his deeds which he does, unjustly accusing us with wicked words; and not satisfied with this, neither does he himself ^breceive the ^cbrethren, and he forbids those who desire *to do so*, and ^dputs them out of the church.

11 Beloved, ^ado not imitate what is evil, but what is good. ^bThe one who does good is of God; ^cthe one who does evil has not seen God.

12 Demetrius ^ahas received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself; and we also bear witness, and ^byou know that our witness is true.

13 ¶ ^aI had many things to

9 ¹Lit., us ^a2 John 9
10 ^a2 John 12 ^b2 John 10; 3 John 5; Acts 1:15; Gal. 6:10; 3 John 3, 5 ^cJohn 9:34
11 ^aPs. 34:14; 37:27 ^b1 John 2:29; 3:10; 1 John 3:6
12 ^aActs 6:3; 1 Tim. 3:7 ^bJohn 19:35; 21:24
13 ^a2 John 12

write to you, but I am not willing
to write *them* to you with pen
and ink;

14 but I hope to see you

14 ¹John
28:18, 21, 28
Eph. 6:22
1 Pet. 5:14
²John 10:2

shortly, and we shall speak face
to face. ^aPeace be to you. The
friends greet you. Greet the
friends ^bby name.

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE

*The Warnings of History
to the Ungodly*

JUDE, a ^bbond-servant of
Jesus Christ, and brother of
James, to ^cthose who are the
called, beloved in God the Fa-
ther, and ^dkept for Jesus Christ:
2 ^aMay mercy and peace and
love ^bbe multiplied to you.

3 ^aBeloved, while I was
making every effort to write you
about our ^bcommon salvation, I
felt the necessity to write to you
appealing that you ^ccontend ear-
nestly for ^dthe faith which was
once for all ^edelivered to ^fthe
saints.

4 For certain persons have
crept in unnoticed, those who
were long beforehand ^bmarked
out for this condemnation, un-
godly persons who turn ^cthe
grace of our God into ^dlicentious-
ness and ^edeny our only Master
and Lord, Jesus Christ.

5 ^aNow I desire to ^bremind
you, though ^cyou know all things
once for all, that ^dthe Lord, ^eafter
saving a people out of the land of
Egypt, ^fsubsequently destroyed
those who did not believe.

6 And ^aangels who did not
keep their own domain, but
abandoned their proper abode.
He has ^bkept in eternal bonds un-
der darkness for the judgment of
the great day.

7 Just as ^aSodom and Gomo-
rah and the ^bcities around them,
since they in the same way as

1 ¹Cor. Jo-
hann ²Cor. Jo-
hann
³Heb. 13:26
Mark 6:1
[Luk. 6:16
John 14:22
Acts 1:157
⁴Rom. 1:1
⁵Rom. 1:6
⁶John 17:11f.
1 Pet. 1:5
Jude 21
2 ¹Gal.
6:16, 1 Tim.
1:2 ¹1 Pet.
1:2, 2 Pet. 1:2
3 ¹Cor. body
ones
⁴Heb. 6:2
Jude 1, 17, 20
⁵Thim. 1:4
⁶1 Tim. 6:12
⁷Acts 6:7
Jude 20
⁸2 Pet. 2:21
⁹Acts 9:13
4 ¹Cor. word
on about
²Gal. 2:4
2 Tim. 3:6
1 ¹1 Pet. 2:8
²Acts 11:23
³2 Pet. 2:7
⁴2 Tim. 2:12
Titus 1:16
2 Pet. 2:1
1 John 2:22
5 ¹Some
ancient man-
uscripts read
Jesus
Christ, the
son of
God
6 ¹1 Pet. 1:12f.
2:11 ¹1 John
2:20 ²2a
12:51, 1 Cor
10:5-10; Heb.
3:10f.
7 ¹2 ¹1 Pet.
2:4 ²2 Pet.
2:9
8 ¹Cor. ex-
ample of
eternal fire,
in undergoing
punishment
⁹Gen. 19:24f.
2 Pet. 2:6
¹⁰Gen. 23:23
Heb. 11:8
¹¹2 Pet. 2:2
¹²2 Pet. 2:6

these indulged in gross immoral-
ity and ^cwent after strange flesh,
are exhibited as an ^dexample, in
undergoing the ^epunishment of
eternal fire.

8 Yet in the same manner
these men, also by dreaming,
^adefile the flesh, and reject au-
thority, and revile ^bangelic maj-
esties.

9 But ^aMichael ^bthe archangel,
when he disputed with the devil
and argued about ^cthe body of
Moses, did not dare pronounce
against him a railing judgment,
but said, ^d"The Lord rebuke
you."

10 But ^athese men revile the
things which they do not under-
stand; and ^bthe things which
they know by instinct, ^clike un-
reasoning animals, by these
things they are ^ddestroyed.

11 Woe to them! For they have
gone ^athe way of Cain, and for
pay ^bthey have rushed headlong
into ^cthe error of Balaam, and
^dperished in the rebellion of Ko-
rah.

12 These men are those who
are ^bhidden reefs ^ain your love
feasts when they feast with you

¹Gen. 25:41, 2 Thim. 1:6f., 2 Pet. 2:7
8 ¹Gal. 6:16, 2 Pet. 2:10
9 ¹Gen. 19:13, 21; 12:1; Rom. 12:7 ¹1 Thim. 4:16
2 Pet. 2:11 ²Gen. 36:6 ³Gen. 22
10 ¹Gal. 6:16, 2 Pet. 2:13 ²Phil. 2:10
11 ¹Gal. 6:16, they have perished themselves out ²Gen. 43:8
Heb. 11:8; 1 John 2:12 ³Heb. 3:16; 2 Pet. 2:12; Rev.
2:14 ⁴Heb. 10:1-3, 31-35
12 ¹Cor. 11:22f.; 2 Pet. 2:13

^bwithout fear, caring for themselves; ^cclouds without water, ^dcarried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, ²doubly dead, ^cuprooted;

13 ^awild waves of the sea, casting up ^btheir own ¹shame like foam; wandering stars, ^cfor whom the ²black darkness has been reserved forever.

14 And about these also ^aEnoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with ¹many thousands of His holy ones.

15 ^ato execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ^bungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

16 These are ^agrumblers, finding fault, ^bfollowing after their own lusts; ¹they speak ^carrogantly, flattering people ^dfor the sake of *gaining an advantage*.

17 ^a But you, ^abeloved, ^bbought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by ^cthe apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18 that they were saying to you, "In the last time there shall

12 ^aLit. twice
^bEzek. 34:2, R. 10
^cProv. 25:14
^d2 Pet. 2:17
^eEph. 4:14
^fMatt. 15:13

13 ¹Or, shameless deeds
²Lit., blackness of darkness, or, nether gloom
¹Is. 57:20
²Phil. 3:19
³2 Pet. 2:17
Jude 6

14 ¹Lit., His holy ten thousands
²Gen. 5:18, 21ff.
³Deut. 33:2; Dan. 7:10; Matt. 16:27; Heb. 12:22

15 ^a2 Pet. 2:8ff.
^b1 Tim. 1:9

16 ¹Lit., their mouth speaks
²Num. 16:11, 41; 1 Cor. 10:10
³2 Pet. 2:10; Jude 18
⁴2 Pet. 2:18
⁵2 Pet. 2:3

17 ¹Jude 3
²2 Pet. 3:2
³Heb. 2:3

18 ^aActs 20:29; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1f.; 4:3
^b2 Pet. 3:3
^cJude 4, 16

19 ¹Or, merely natural
²Lit., not having
³1 Cor. 2:14f.; James 3:15

be mockers, ^bfollowing after their own ungodly lusts."

19 These are the ones who cause divisions, ¹^aworldly minded, ²devoid of the Spirit.

20 But you, ^abeloved, ^bbuildin yourselves up on your most hol ^afaith; ^cpraying in the Hol Spirit;

21 keep yourselves in the lov of God, ^awaiting anxiously fo the mercy of our Lord Jesu Christ to eternal life.

22 And ¹have mercy on some who are doubting;

23 save others, ^asnatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, ^bhating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

24 ¶ ^aNow to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to ^bmake you stand in the pres ence of His glory blameless with ^cgreat joy.

25 to the ^aonly ^bGod our Sav ior, through Jesus Christ ou Lord, ^cbe glory, majesty, domin ion and authority, ^dbefore al time and now and ¹forever Amen.

20 ^aJude 3 ^bCol. 2:7; 1 Thess. 5:11 ^cEph. 6:18

21 ^aTitus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 2 Pet. 3:12

22 ¹Some ancient mss. read convince

23 ^aAmos 4:11; Zech. 3:2; 1 Cor. 3:15 ^bZech. 3:3f.

Rev. 3:4

24 ^aRom. 16:25 ^b2 Cor. 4:14 ^c1 Pet. 4:13

25 ¹Lit., to all the ages ^aJohn 5:44; 1 Tim. 1:17 ^bLuke 1:47 ^cRom. 11:36 ^dHeb. 13:8

THE REVELATION TO JOHN

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which ^aGod gave Him to ^bshow to His bond-servants, ^cthe things which must shortly take place; and He sent and ¹communicated it ^dby His angel to His bond-servant ^eJohn,

1 ¹Or, sig nified
^aJohn 17:8;
Rev. 5:7
^bRev. 22:6
^cDan. 2:28f.;
Rev. 1:19
^dRev. 17:1;
19:9f.; 21:9;
22:16 ^eRev.
1:4, 9; 22:8

2 who bore witness to ^athe word of God and to ^bthe testi mony of Jesus Christ, even to al that he saw.

3 ^aBlessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the

2 ^aRev. 1:9; 6:9; 12:17; 20:4 ^b1 Cor. 1:6; Rev. 12:17
3 ^aLuke 11:28; Rev. 22:7

prophecy, and ¹heed the things which are written in it; ²for the time is near.

4 ¶ ^aJohn to ^bthe seven churches that are in ^cAsia: ^dGrace to you and peace, from ^eHim who is and who was and who is to come; and from ^fthe seven Spirits who are before His throne;

5 and from Jesus Christ, ^athe faithful witness, the ^bfirst-born of the dead, and the ^cruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins ¹by His blood,

6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, ^apriests to ^bHis God and Father; ^cto Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 ^aBEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and ^bevery eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will ^cmourn over Him. Even so. Amen.

8 ¶ ^a"I am ^bthe Alpha and the Omega," says the ^bLord God, ^c"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

9 ¶ ^aI, John, your ^bbrother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and ^dkingdom and ^eperseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, ^fbecause of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was ^{1a}in the Spirit on ^bthe Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice ^clike the sound of a trumpet,

11 saying, ^a"Write in a ^bbook what you see, and send it to the ^cseven churches: to ^dEphesus and to ^eSmyrna and to ^fPergamum and to ^gThyatira and to ^hSardis and to ⁱPhiladelphia and to ^jLaodicea."

12 And I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw ^aseven golden lampstands;

13 and ^ain the middle of the lampstands one ^blike ^{1a}a son of

3 ¹Or, keep
Rom. 13:11;
Rev. 3:11;
22:7, 10, 12
4 ¹Rev. 1:1;
9:22-8 ¹Rev.
1:11, 20 ¹Acts
2:9 ¹Rom. 1:7
4 ¹Rev. 1:8, 17;
4:8; 16:5 ¹Is.
11:2; Rev.
3:1; 4:5; 5:6;
8:2

5 ¹Or, in
Rev. 3:14;
19:11 ¹1 Cor.
15:20; Col.
1:18 ¹Rev.
17:14; 19:16
4 ¹Rom. 8:37
6 ¹Or, God
and His Father
Rev. 5:10;
20:6 ¹Rom.
15:6 ¹Rom.
11:36
7 ¹Dan.
7:13; 1 Thess.
4:17 ¹Zech.
12:10-14;
John 19:37
Luke 23:28
8 ¹Is. 41:4;
Rev. 21:6;
22:13 ¹Rev.
4:8; 11:17
Rev. 1:4
9 ¹Or,
steadfastness
Rev. 1:1
Acts 1:15
Matt. 30:23;
Acts 14:22; 2
Cor. 1:7; Phil.
4:14 ¹2 Tim.
2:12; Rev. 1:8
2 Thess. 3:5;
Rev. 3:10
Rev. 1:2
10 ¹Or, in
spirit
Matt. 22:43;
Rev. 4:2;
17:3; 21:10
Acts 20:7
Rev. 4:1
11 ¹Or, scroll
Rev. 1:2, 19
Rev. 1:4, 20
Rev. 2:1
Rev. 2:8
Rev. 2:12
Acts 16:14;
Rev. 2:18, 24
Rev. 3:1, 4
Rev. 3:7
Col. 2:1; Rev.
3:14
12 ¹Ex.
25:37; 37:23;
Zech. 4:2;
Rev. 1:20; 2:1
13 ¹Or, the
Son of Man
Rev. 2:1
Ezek. 1:26;
Dan. 7:13;
10:16; Rev.
14:14 ¹Dan.
10:5 ¹Rev.
15:6
14 ¹Dan. 7:9
Dan. 7:9;
10:6; Rev.
2:18; 19:12

man, ^aclothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and ^dgirded across His breast with a golden girdle.

14 And His head and His ^ahair were white like white wool, like snow; and ^bHis eyes were like a flame of fire;

15 and His ^afeet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His ^bvoice was like the sound of many waters.

16 And in His right hand He held ^aseven stars; and out of His mouth came a ^bsharp two-edged sword; and His ^cface was like ^dthe sun ¹shining in its strength.

17 And when I saw Him, I ^afell at His feet as a dead man. And He ^blaid His right hand upon me, saying, ^c"Do not be afraid; ^dI am the first and the last.

18 and the ^aliving One; and I ^bwas dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have ^cthe keys of death and of Hades.

19 ^aWrite therefore ^bthe things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place ^cafter these things.

20 ^aAs for the ^bmystery of the ^cseven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the ^dseven golden lampstands: the ^eseven stars are the angels of ^fthe seven churches, and the seven ^glampstands are the seven churches.

CHAPTER 2

^a"TO the angel of the church in ^bEphesus write:

¶ The One who holds ^bthe seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks ^camong the

15 ¹Ezek. 1:7; Dan. 10:6; Rev. 2:18 ¹Ezek. 1:24; 43:2; Rev. 14:2; 19:5
16 ¹Lit., shines ¹Rev. 1:20; 2:1; 3:1 ¹Is. 49:2; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 2:12, 16; 19:15 ¹Matt. 17:2; Rev. 10:1 ¹Judg. 5:31
17 ¹Dan. 8:17; 10:9, 10, 15 ¹Dan. 8:18; 10:10, 12 ¹Matt. 14:27; 17:7 ¹Is. 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev. 2:8; 22:13
18 ¹Lit., became ¹Luke 24:5; Rev. 4:9 ¹Rom. 6:9; Rev. 2:8; 10:6; 15:7 ¹Job 38:17; Matt. 11:23; 16:19; Rev. 9:1; 20:1
19 ¹Rev. 1:11 ¹Rev. 1:12-16 ¹Rev. 4:1
20 ¹Rom. 11:25 ¹Rev. 1:16; 2:1; 3:1 ¹Ex. 25:37; 37:23; Zech. 4:2; Rev. 1:12; 2:1 ¹Rev. 1:4, 11 ¹Matt. 5:14
1 ¹Lit., in the middle of ¹Rev. 1:11 ¹Rev. 1:16 ¹Rev. 1:12f.

seven golden lampstands, says this:

2 ^aI know your deeds and your toil and ¹perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men; and you ^bput to the test those who call themselves ^capostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;

3 and you have ¹perseverance and have endured ^afor My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

4 ^aBut I have this against you, that you have ^aleft your first love.

5 ^aRemember therefore from where you have fallen, and ^arepent and ^bdo the ¹deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

6 ^aYet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the ^aNicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 ^aHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ^bTo him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of ^cthe tree of life, which is in the ^dParadise of God.

8 ^aAnd to the angel of the church in ^aSmyrna write:

^aThe first and the last, who ^cwas dead, and has come to life, says this:

9 ^aI know your ^atribulation and your ^bpoverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who ^csay they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of ^dSatan.

10 ^aDo not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be ^atested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be ^cfaithful until death, and I will give you ^dthe crown of life.

11 ^aHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ^bHe who overcomes

2 ¹Or, steadfastness
^aRev. 2:19;
3:1, 8, 15
^bJohn 6:6;
1 John 4:1
^c2 Cor. 11:13

3 ¹V. 2,
note 1
^aJohn 15:21
4 ^aJer. 2:2;
Matt. 24:12

5 ¹Lit., first deeds
^aRev. 2:16,
22, 3:3, 19
^bHeb. 10:32;
Rev. 2:2
^cMatt. 5:14ff.;
Phil. 2:15;
Rev. 1:20

6 ^aRev.
2:15

7 ^aMatt.
11:15; Rev.
2:11, 17, 3:6,
13, 22, 13:9
^bRev. 2:11,
17, 26, 3:5,
12, 21, 21:7
^cGen. 2:9;
3:22; Prov.
3:18, 11:30;
13:12, 15:4;
Rev. 22:2, 14
^dEzek. 28:13;
31:8ff.; Luke
23:43

8 ¹Lit., be-
came
^aRev. 1:11
^bIs. 44:6;
48:12; Rev.
1:17, 22:13
^cRev. 1:18

9 ^aRev. 1:9
^b2 Cor. 6:10;
8:9; James
2:5 ^cRev. 3:9
^dMatt. 4:10;
Rev. 2:13, 24

10 ^aRev.
3:10; 13:14ff.
^bDan. 1:12;
14 ^cRev. 2:13;
12:11, 17:14
^d1 Cor. 9:25;
Rev. 3:11

11 ^aMatt.
11:15; Rev.
2:7, 17, 29;
3:6, 13, 22;
13:9 ^bRev.
2:7, 17, 26;
3:5, 12, 21;
21:7 ^cRev.
20:6, 14, 21:8

12 ^aRev.
1:11 ^bRev.
1:16, 2:16

13 ^aMatt.
4:10; Rev.
2:24 ^b1 Tim.
5:8; Rev.
14:12 ^cActs
22:20; Rev.
1:5, 11:3, 17:6
^dRev. 2:10;
12:11, 17:14
^eRev. 2:9

shall not be hurt by the ^csecond death.

12 ^aAnd to the angel of the church in ^aPergamum write:

^aThe One who has ^bthe sharp two-edged sword says this:

13 ^aI know where you dwell where ^aSatan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny ^bMy faith, even in the days of Antipas, My ^cwitness, My ^dfaithful one, who was killed among you, ^ewhere Satan dwells.

14 ^aBut ^aI have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the ^bteaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, ^cto eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality.

15 ^aThus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the ^aNicolaitans.

16 ^aRepent therefore; or else ^bI am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with ^cthe sword of My mouth.

17 ^aHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ^aTo him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden ^bmanna, and I will give him a white stone, and a ^cnew name written on the stone ^dwhich no one knows but he who receives it.

18 ^aAnd to the angel of the church in ^aThyatira write:

^aThe Son of God, ^cwho has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

19 ^aI know your deeds, and your love and faith and service

14 ^aRev. 2:20 ^bNum. 31:16, 2 Pet. 2:15 ^cNum. 25:1f.; Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 10:20; Rev. 2:20

15 ^aRev. 2:6

16 ^aRev. 2:5 ^bRev. 22:7, 20 ^c2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 1:16

17 ^aRev. 2:7 ^bEx. 16:33, John 6:49f. ^cIs. 56:5, 62:2; 65:15 ^dRev. 14:3, 19:12

18 ¹Lit., His eyes ^aRev. 1:11; 2:24 ^bMatt. 4:3 ^cRev. 1:14f.

19 ^aRev. 2:2

and ¹perseverance, and that your ²deeds of late are greater than ³at first.

20 ¹But ²I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman ³Jezabel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they ⁴commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 ¹And ²I gave her time to repent; and she ³does not want to repent of her immorality.

22 ¹Behold, ²I will cast her upon a bed of sickness, and those who ³commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of ⁴her deeds.

23 ¹And I will kill her children with ²pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who ³searches the ⁴minds and hearts; and ⁵I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

24 ¹But I say to you, the rest who are in ²Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the ³deep things of Satan, as they call them—I ⁴place no other burden on you.

25 ¹Nevertheless ²what you have, hold fast ³until I come.

26 ¹And ²he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds ³until the end, ⁴TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE ⁵NATIONS;

27 ¹AND HE SHALL ²RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, ³AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father;

28 ¹and I will give him ²the morning star.

29 ¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER 3

AND to the angel of the church in ²Sardis write:

¹ He who has ²the seven Spirits of God, and ³the seven stars, says this: ⁴I know your deeds,

¹⁹ ¹Or, steadfastness
² ¹Lat., last deeds ²Lat., the first

²⁰ ¹Rev. 2:14 ²1 Kin. 18:31, 21:25; 2 Kin. 9:7, 22, 30 ³Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 10:20; Rev. 2:14

²¹ ¹Rev. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9 ²Rev. 2:5; Rev. 9:20f., 16:9, 11

²² ¹Lat., I cast ²Lat., into ³Some mss. read their

²³ ¹Rev. 17:2; 18:9

²⁴ ¹Or, death ²Lat., badness, i.e., many men

²⁵ ¹Ps. 78:28; 130:1; Jer. 11:20; 17:10; Matt. 10:27; Luke 10:15; Acts 1:24; Rom. 8:27

²⁶ ¹Ps. 62:12; 24 ²Rev. 2:18 ³1 Cor. 2:10 ⁴Acts 15:28

²⁷ ¹Rev. 3:11 ²John 21:22

²⁸ ¹Or, Gables ²Rev. 2:7 ³Matt. 10:22; Mark 3:6 ⁴Ps. 2:8; Rev. 3:21, 20:4

²⁹ ¹Or, shepherd ²Ps. 2:8; Rev. 12:5; 19:15

³⁰ ¹Ma. 30:14; Jer. 19:11

³¹ ¹John 3:2; Rev. 22:16

³² ¹Rev. 2:7 ²Rev. 1:11 ³Rev. 1:4 ⁴Rev. 2:2; 3:8; 15:1 ⁵Tim. 5:6

³³ ¹Lat., how ²Rev. 2:5 ³Rev. 2:5 ⁴1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 16:15

³⁴ ¹John. 24:43; Luke 12:38f. ²Lat., names

³⁵ ¹Rev. 11:13 ²Rev. 1:11 ³John 23 ⁴Eccl. 9:8; Rev. 3:5, 18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 12; 18:8, 14

that you have a name that you are alive, but you are ²dead.

2 ¹Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.

3 ¹Remember therefore ²what you have received and heard; and keep it, and ³repent. If therefore you will not wake up, ⁴I will come ⁵like a thief, and you will not know at ⁶what hour I will come upon you.

4 ¹But you have a few ²people in ³Sardis who have not ⁴soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me ⁵in white; for they are worthy.

5 ¹He who overcomes shall thus be clothed in ²white garments; and I will not ³erase his name from the book of life, and ⁴I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels.

6 ¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

7 ¹And to the angel of the church in ²Philadelphia write:

¹ He who is holy, ²who is true, who has ³the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:

8 ¹I know your ²deeds. Behold, I have put before you ³an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and ⁴have not denied My name.

9 ¹Behold, I ²will cause ³those of ⁴the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them to ⁵come and bow down ⁶at your feet, and to know that ⁷I have loved you.

⁸ ¹Rev. 2:7 ²Rev. 3:4 ³Ex. 32:32f.; Ps. 68:28; Luke 10:20; Rev. 13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27 ⁴John. 10:32; Luke 12:8

⁵ ¹Rev. 2:7

⁶ ¹Rev. 1:11 ²Rev. 6:10 ³1 John 5:20; Rev. 3:14; 19:11

⁷ ¹John 12:14; Is. 22:22; Matt. 18:18; Rev. 1:18

⁸ ¹Or, death ²Rev. 2:13

⁹ ¹Lat., give ²Lat., before ³Rev. 2:9 ⁴Ma. 45:14; 48:23; 68:14 ⁵Ma. 43:4; John 17:23

10 ^aBecause you have ^akept the word of ^bMy ¹perseverance, ^cI also will keep you from the hour of ^{2a}testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole ^bworld, to ^atest ^fthose who dwell upon the earth.

11 ^aI am coming quickly; ^bhold fast what you have, in order that no one take your ^ccrown.

12 ^aHe who overcomes, I will make him a ^bpillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write upon him the ^cname of My God, and ^dthe name of the city of My God, ^ethe new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My ^fnew name.

13 ^aHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

14 ¶ And to the angel of the church in ^aLaodicea write:

¶ ^bThe Amen, ^cthe faithful and true Witness, ^dthe ¹Beginning of her creation of God, says this:

15 ^aI know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; ^bI would that you were cold or hot.

16 ^aSo because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will ¹spit you out of My mouth.

17 ^aBecause you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I advise you to ^abuy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and ^cwhite garments, that you may clothe yourself; and ^dthat the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.

19 ^aThose whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and ^brepent.

20 ^aBehold, I stand ^aat the door and ^bknock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, ^cI will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.

10 ¹Or, steadfastness
²Or, temptation
³Lit., inhabited earth
⁴Or, tempt
⁵John 17:6;
Rev. 3:8
⁶Rev. 1:9
⁷2 Tim. 2:12;
2 Pet. 2:9
⁸Rev. 2:10
⁹Matt. 24:14;
Rev. 16:14
¹⁰Rev. 6:10;
8:13; 11:10;
13:8, 14;
17:8

11 ¹Rev. 1:3;
22:7, 12, 20
²Rev. 2:25
³Rev. 2:10
12 ¹Rev. 3:5
²1 Kin. 7:21;
Jer. 1:18; Gal.
2:9
³Rev.
14:1, 22:4
⁴Ezek. 48:35;
Rev. 21:2
⁵Gal. 4:26;
Heb. 13:14;
Rev. 21:2, 10
⁶Is. 62:2; Rev.
2:17

13 ¹Rev. 3:6
14 ¹I.e., origin or source
²Rev. 1:11
³2 Cor. 1:20
⁴Rev. 1:5; 3:7
⁵Gen. 49:3;
Deut. 21:17;
Prov. 8:22;
John 1:3; Col.
1:18; Rev.
21:6, 22:13
15 ¹Rev. 3:1
²Rom. 12:11
16 ¹Lit., vomit

17 ¹Hos.
12:8; Zech.
11:5; Matt.
5:3; 1 Cor. 4:8
18 ¹Is. 55:1;
Matt. 13:44
²1 Pet. 1:7
³Rev. 3:4
⁴Rev. 16:15
19 ¹Prov.
3:12; 1 Cor.
11:32; Heb.
12:6
²Rev. 2:5

20 ¹Matt.
24:33; James
5:9
²Luke
12:36; John
10:3
³John
14:23
21 ¹Rev. 2:7
²Matt. 19:28;
2 Tim. 2:12;
Rev. 2:26;
20:4
³John
16:33; Rev.
5:5, 6:2; 17:14

22 ¹Rev. 2:7
1 ¹Lit., saying
²Rev. 1:12ff.
19 ¹Ezek. 1:1;
Rev. 19:11
²Rev. 1:10
³Rev. 11:12
⁴Rev. 1:19;
22:6

21 ^aHe who overcomes, I will grant to him ^bto sit down with Me on My throne, as ^cI also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 ^aHe who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER 4

AFTER ^athese things I looked and behold, ^ba door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, ^clike the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, ¹said, "Come up here, and I will ^eshow you what must take place after these things."

2 Immediately I was ¹in the Spirit; and behold, ^ba throne was standing in heaven, and ^cOne sitting on the throne.

3 And He who was sitting was like a ^ajasper stone and a ^bsardius in appearance; and ^cthere was a ¹rainbow around the throne, like an ^demerald in appearance.

4 And ^aaround the throne were ^btwenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw ^ctwenty-four elders ^dsitting, clothed in ^ewhite garments, and ^fgolden crowns on their heads.

5 And from the throne proceeded ^aflashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And ^cthere were ^bseven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are ^cthe seven Spirits of God;

6 and before the throne ^cthere was, as it were, a ^asea of glass like crystal; and in the ¹center and ^baround the throne, ^cfour living creatures ^dfull of eyes in front and behind.

2 ¹Or, in spirit ²Rev. 1:10 ³1 Kin. 22:19; Is. 6:1; Ezek. 1:26; Dan. 7:9; Rev. 4:9f. ⁴Rev. 4:9

3 ¹Or, halo ²Rev. 21:11 ³Rev. 21:20 ⁴Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 10:1 ⁵Rev. 21:19

4 ¹Rev. 4:6; 5:11; 7:11 ²Rev. 11:16 ³Rev. 4:10; 5:6, 8, 14, 19:4 ⁴Matt. 19:28; Rev. 20:4 ⁵Rev. 3:18 ⁶Rev. 4:10

5 ¹Ex. 19:16; Rev. 8:5, 11:19; 16:18 ²Ex. 25:37; Zech. 4:2 ³Rev. 1:4

6 ¹Lit., middle of the throne and around ²Ezek. 1:22; Rev. 15:2; 21:18, 21 ³Rev. 4:4 ⁴Ezek. 1:5; Rev. 4:8f.; 5:6, 6:1, 6; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4 ⁵Ezek. 1:18; 10:12

7 ^aAnd the first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.

8 And the ^afour living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are ^cfull of eyes around and within; and ^dday and night ¹they do not cease to say,

"^eHOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE ^fLORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, ^gwho was and who is and who is to come."

9 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who ^asits on the throne, to ^bHim who lives forever and ever,

10 the ^atwenty-four elders will fall down before Him who ^csits on the throne, and will worship ^dHim who lives forever and ever, and will cast their ^ecrowns before the throne, saying,

11 "^aWorthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou ^bdidst create all things, and because of Thy will they ¹existed, and were created."

CHAPTER 5

AND I saw ¹in the right hand of Him who ^asat on the throne a ^{2b}book written inside and on the back, ^csealed up with seven seals.

2 And I saw a ^astrong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?"

3 And no one ^ain heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the ¹book, or to look into it.

4 And I began to weep greatly, because no one was found worthy to open the ¹book, or to look into it;

5 and one of the elders ^asaid to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the

7 ^aEzek. 1:10; 10:14

8 ¹Lit., they have no rest, saying.

^aEzek. 1:5; Rev. 4:6, 9; 5:6; 6:1, 6; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4 ¹Is. 62:2 ^aEzek. 1:18; 10:12

^cRev. 14:11 ¹Is. 6:3 ^cRev. 1:8 ^aRev. 1:4

9 ^aPs. 47:8 ¹Is. 6:1; Rev. 4:2 ^aDeut. 32:40; Dan. 4:34; 12:7; Rev. 10:6; 15:7

10 ^aRev. 4:4 ¹Rev. 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4 ^aPs. 47:8 ¹Is. 6:1; Rev. 4:2 ^aDeut. 32:40; Dan. 4:34; 12:7

^cRev. 4:4; 10:6; 15:7

11 ¹Lit., were

^aRev. 1:6; 5:12 ^aActs 14:15; Rev. 10:6; 14:7

1 ¹Lit., upon ^aOr, scroll

^aRev. 4:9; 5:7; 13 ^aEzek. 2:9; 10 ^aIs. 29:11; Dan. 12:4

2 ^aOr, scroll

^aRev. 10:1; 18:21

3 ^aOr, scroll

^aPhil. 2:10; Rev. 5:13

4 ^aOr, scroll

5 ^aOr, scroll

^aGen. 49:9; ^aHeb. 7:14

^aIs. 11:1; 10; Rom. 15:12; Rev. 22:16

6 ¹Lit., in the middle of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the middle of the elders

^aRev. 4:4; 5:8; 14 ^aJohn 1:29; Rev. 5:8, 12; 13:8 ^aRev. 14:2; 15:2 ^aRev. 15:7 ^aPs. 141:2; Rev. 8:3f.

9 ^aOr, scroll ^aPs. 33:3; 40:3; 98:1; 149:1; ¹Is. 42:10; Rev. 14:3; 15:3 ^aRev. 4:11 ^aRev. 5:6; 12; 13:8 ^a1 Cor. 6:20; Rev. 14:3f. ^aDan. 3:4; 5:19; Rev. 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15

10 ^aRev. 1:6 ^aRev. 3:21; 20:4

11 ^aRev. 4:4 ^aRev. 4:6; 5:8, 14 ^aRev. 4:4; 5:6, 14 ^aDan. 7:10; Heb. 12:22; Jude 14; Rev. 9:16

12 ^aRev. 1:6; 4:11; 5:9 ^aJohn 1:29; Rev. 5:6, 13; 13:8

7 ^aRev. 5:1

^aLion that is ^bfrom the tribe of Judah, the ^cRoot of David, has overcome so as to open the ¹book and its seven seals."

6 And I saw ¹between the throne (with the four living creatures) and ^athe elders a ^bLamb standing, as if ^cslain, having seven ^dhorns and ^eseven eyes, which are ^fthe seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

7 And He came, and He took ^ait out of the right hand of Him who ^asat on the throne.

8 And when He had taken the ¹book, the ^afour living creatures and the ^btwenty-four elders ^cfell down before the ^dLamb, having each one a ^eharp, and ^fgolden bowls full of incense, which are the ^gprayers of the ^hsaints.

9 And they ^asang a ^anew song, saying,

"^bWorthy art Thou to take the ¹book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast ^cslain, and didst ^dpurchase for God with Thy blood ^emen from ^fevery tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 "And Thou hast made them to be a ^akingdom and ^apriests to our God; and they will ^breign upon the earth."

11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels ^aaround the throne and the ^bliving creatures and the ^celders; and the number of them was ^dmyriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice, "^aWorthy is the ^bLamb that was ^bslain to receive

8 ^aOr, scroll ^aOr, holy ones ^aRev. 4:6; 5:6, 11, 14 ^aRev. 4:4; 5:14 ^aRev. 4:10 ^aJohn 1:29; Rev. 5:6, 12; 13:8 ^aRev. 14:2; 15:2 ^aRev. 15:7 ^aPs. 141:2; Rev. 8:3f.

9 ^aOr, scroll ^aPs. 33:3; 40:3; 98:1; 149:1; ¹Is. 42:10; Rev. 14:3; 15:3 ^aRev. 4:11 ^aRev. 5:6; 12; 13:8 ^a1 Cor. 6:20; Rev. 14:3f. ^aDan. 3:4; 5:19; Rev. 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6; 17:15

10 ^aRev. 1:6 ^aRev. 3:21; 20:4

11 ^aRev. 4:4 ^aRev. 4:6; 5:8, 14 ^aRev. 4:4; 5:6, 14 ^aDan. 7:10; Heb. 12:22; Jude 14; Rev. 9:16

12 ^aRev. 1:6; 4:11; 5:9 ^aJohn 1:29; Rev. 5:6, 13; 13:8

power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying,

"To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshipped.

CHAPTER 6

AND I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come!"

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, and to conquer.

3 ¶ And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come!"

4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men should slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

5 ¶ And when He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard as it were a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

7 ¶ And when He broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of

13 Phil. 2:10; Rev. 5:3
Rev. 5:1
John 1:29;
Rev. 5:6, 12f.
13:8 Rom.
11:36; Rev.
1:6

14 Rev. 4:6;
5:6, 8, 11
1 Cor. 14:16;
Rev. 7:12;
19:4 Rev.
4:4, 5:6, 8
Rev. 4:10

1 Some
mss. add and
see
John 1:29;
Rev. 5:6, 12f.
13:8 Rev. 5:1
Rev. 4:6, 5:6,
8, 11, 14
Rev. 14:2;
19:6

2 Zech.
1:8, 6:3f.
Rev. 19:11
Zech. 6:11;
Rev. 9:7;
14:14, 19:12
Rev. 3:21

3 Some
mss. add and
see
Rev. 4:7

4 Zech.
1:8, 6:2
Matt. 10:34

5 Some
mss. add and
see
Rev. 4:7
Zech. 6:2, 6
Ezek. 4:16

6 Gr.,
choenix; i.e.,
a dry measure
almost
equal to a qt.
The denarius
was equivalent
to one
day's wage
Rev. 4:6f.
Rev. 7:3; 9:4

7 Some
mss. add and
see
Rev. 4:7

8 Or,
sickly pale
Or, death
Zech. 6:3
Prov. 5:5;
Hos. 13:14;
Matt. 11:23;
Rev. 1:18;
20:13f. Jer.
14:12, 15:2f.;
24:10, 29:17f.
Ezek. 5:12;
17:14, 21;
29:5

9 Ex.
29:12; Lev.
4:7; John 16:2
Rev. 14:18;
15:7 Rev.
20:4 Rev.
1:2, 9 Rev.
12:17

the fourth living creature saying, "Come!"

8 And I looked, and behold, a white horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. And authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 ¶ And when He broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, wilt Thou refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, should be completed also.

12 ¶ And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

14 And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places

10 Or, Master of Life, dost Thou not judge and avenge
Zech. 1:12 Luke 2:29; 2 Pet. 2:1 Rev. 3:7 Deut.
32:43; Ps. 79:10; Luke 18:7; Rev. 19:2 Rev. 3:10

11 Rev. 3:4, 5; 7:9 2 Thess. 1:7; Heb. 4:10; Rev. 14:1
Heb. 11:40 Acts 20:24; 2 Tim. 4:7
12 Matt. 24:7; Rev. 8:5, 11:13, 16:18 Is. 13:10; Joel
2:10, 31; 3:15; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24 Is. 50:3; Matt.
11:21

13 Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:25; Rev. 8:10; 9:1 Is. 34:4
14 Is. 34:4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 20:11, 21:1 Is. 54:10;
Jer. 4:24; Ezek. 38:20; Nah. 1:5; Rev. 16:20

15 And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;

16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

17 for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

CHAPTER 7

AFTER this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from

18 i.e., churches, in command of one thousand troops

19. 10. 21, 24, 21. Rev 19:18

16 i.e., face

10:8, Luke 23:30.

Rev 9:6

Rev 4:9, 5:1

Mark 3:5

17 i.e., 63, 4.

Jer 30:7, Joel 1:5, 2:17, 11.

31, Zeph 1:14, Rev 18:14

76:7, Nah 1:8, Mal 3:2.

Luke 21:36

1 i.e., Rev 9:14

11:12, Ezek 7:2, Rev 20:8

Jer 48:30, Dan 7:2.

Zech 6:5, Matt 24:31

Rev 7:3, 8:7

9:4

2 i.e., 412

Rev 7:3, 9:4

Matt 16:16

Rev 9:14

3 i.e., Rev 6:6

John 3:33, Rev 7:3-8

Ezek 9:4, 6, Rev 13:16,

14:1, 20:4, 22:4

4 i.e., Rev 9:16

14:1, 3

8 i.e., Rev 5:9

Rev 7:15

Rev 22:3

Rev 6:11

7:14, Lev 23:40

10 i.e., Ps 3:8, Rev 12:10,

19:1, Rev 22:3

11 i.e., Rev 4:4

Rev 4:6

Rev 4:10

13 i.e., Rev 5:14

5:12

13 i.e., Acts 3:12

Rev 7:9

14 i.e., have said

12:1, Matt 24:21,

Mark 13:19, Zech 3:3-5,

Rev 22:14

Rev 8:11, 7:9

14 i.e., John 1:7

15 i.e., Rev 1:10, Rev 7:9

Rev 4:8, 22:3

Rev 11:19, 21:22

Rev 4:9

the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed.

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;

10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

9 "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

12 saying,

9 "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

13 And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?"

14 And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

15 For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne shall spread His tabernacle over them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither

Lev 28:11; Ezek 37:27; John 1:14, Rev 21:3

16 i.e., Ps 121:5, 121:6

shall the sun ¹beat down on them, nor any heat;

17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their ^ashepherd, and shall guide them to springs of the ^bwater of life; and ^cGod shall wipe every tear from their eyes."

CHAPTER 8

AND when He broke the ^aseventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw ^athe seven angels who stand before God; and seven ^btrumpets were given to them.

3 ¶ And ^aanother angel came and stood at the ^baltar, holding a ^cgolden censer; and much ^dincense was given to him, that he might ¹add it to the ^dprayers of all the ²saints upon the ^egolden altar which was before the throne.

4 And ^athe smoke of the incense, ¹with the prayers of the ²saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer; and he ^afilled it with the fire of the altar and ^bthrew it to the earth; and there followed ^cpeals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an ^dearthquake.

6 ¶ ^aAnd the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

7 ¶ And the first sounded, and there came ^ahail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and ^ba third of the earth was burned up, and ^ba third of the ^ctrees were burned up, and all the green ^cgrass was burned up.

8 ¶ And the second angel sounded, and ^asomething like a great ^amountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and ^ba third of the ^csea became blood;

16 ¹Lit., fall
17 ¹Lit., waters
^aPs. 23:17;
Matt. 2:6;
John 10:11
^bJohn 4:14;
Rev. 21:6;
22:1 ^cIs. 25:8;
Matt. 5:4;
Rev. 21:4
¹Rev. 5:1;
6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9,
12

2 ^aRev. 1:4;
8:6-13, 9:1,
13, 11:15
^b1 Cor. 15:52;
1 Thess. 4:16

3 ¹Lit., give
^aOr, holy ones
^aRev. 7:2 ^bA.
mos 9:1, Rev.
6:9 ^cHeb. 9:4
^dEx. 30:1,
Rev. 5:8 ^eEx.
30:3; Num.
4:11, Rev.
8:5, 9:13

4 ¹Or, for
2V, 3, note 2
^aPs. 141:2
²Lev.
16:12 ^bEzek.
10:2 ^cEx.
19:18; Rev.
4:5, 11:19;
16:18 ^dRev.
6:12

6 ^aRev. 8:2
7 ^aEx.
9:23ff.; Is.
28:2; Ezek.
38:22; Joel
2:30 ^bZech.
13:8, 9; Rev.
8:7-12; 9:15,
18; 12:4 ^cRev.
9:4

8 ^aJer.
51:25 ^bZech.
13:8, 9; Rev.
8:7-12; 9:15,
18; 12:4 ^cEx.
7:17ff.; Rev.
11:6; 16:3

9 ¹Lit.,
those which
had
^aZech. 13:8,
9; Rev. 8:7-
12; 9:15, 18;
12:4 ^bIs. 2:16

10 ^aIs.
14:12; Rev.
6:13, 9:1
^bZech. 13:8,
9; Rev. 8:7-
12; 9:15, 18;
12:4 ^cRev.
14:7; 16:4

11 ^aZech.
13:8, 9; Rev.
8:7-12; 9:15,
18; 12:4 ^bJer.
9:15; 23:15

12 ^aZech.
13:8, 9; Rev.
8:7-12; 9:15,
18; 12:4 ^bEx.
10:21ff.; Is.
13:10; Ezek.
32:7; Joel
2:10, 31; 3:15;
Rev. 6:12f.

9 and ^aa third of the creatures which were in the sea ¹and had life, died; and a third of the ^bships were destroyed.

10 ¶ And the third angel sounded, and a great star ^afell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a ^bthird of the rivers and on the ^csprings of waters;

11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood; and a ^athird of the waters became ^bwormwood; and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 ¶ And the fourth angel sounded, and a ^athird of the ^bsun and a third of the ^bmoon and a ^athird of the ^bstars were smitten; so that a ^athird of them might be darkened and the day might not shine for a ^athird of it, and the night in the same way.

13 ¶ And I looked, and I heard ¹an eagle flying in ^amidheaven, saying with a loud voice, ^b"Woe, woe, woe, to ^cthose who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the ^dthree angels who are about to sound!"

CHAPTER 9

AND the ^afifth angel sounded; and I saw a ^bstar from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the ^ckey of the ^dbottomless pit was given to him.

2 And he opened the ¹bottomless pit; and ^asmoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and ^bthe sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

3 And out of the smoke came forth ^alocusts ¹upon the earth; and power was given them, as the ^bscorpions of the earth have power.

13 ¹Lit., one eagle ^aRev. 14:6; 19:17 ^bRev. 9:12, 11:14;
12:12 ^cRev. 3:10 ^dRev. 8:2

1 ¹Lit., shaft of the abyss ^aRev. 8:2 ^bRev. 8:10 ^cRev.
1:18 ^dLuke 8:31; Rev. 9:2, 11

2 1V, 1, note 1 ^aGen. 19:28; Ex. 19:18 ^bJoel 2:2, 10
3 ¹Lit., into ^aEx. 10:12-15; Rev. 9:7 ^b2 Chr. 10:11, 14;
Ezek. 2:6; Rev. 9:5, 10

4 And they were told that they should not ^ahurt the ^bgrass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the ^cseal of God on their foreheads.

5 And ¹they were not permitted to kill ²anyone, but to torment for ^afive months; and their torment was like the torment of ^bscorpion when it ³stings a man.

6 And in those days ^amen will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die and death flees from them.

7 And the ¹appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

8 And they had hair like the hair of women, and their ^ateeth were like *the teeth* of lions.

9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.

10 And they have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their ^btails is their power to hurt men for ^afive months.

11 They have as king over them, the angel of the ^aabyss; his name in ^bHebrew is ^cAbaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

12 ^aThe first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

13 ^a And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard ¹a voice from the ²four ^ahorns of the golden altar which is before God,

14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the ^afour angels who are bound at the ^bgreat river Euphrates."

15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year,

4 ^aRev. 8:6

^aRev. 8:7

^aEzek. 9:4

Rev. 7:2, 3

8 ^aLat., it

was given to

them ^aLat.

them ^aLat.

strikes

^aRev. 9:10

^a2 Chr. 10:11

14, Ezek. 2:6

Rev. 9:3, 10

6 ^aJob

3:21, 7:15

Jer. 8:3, Rev

8:18

7 ^aLat., ap-

pearances

^aJoel 2:4

8 ^aJoel 1:6

9 ^aJer

47:3, Joel 2:5

10 ^a2 Chr

10:11, 14,

Ezek. 2:6,

Rev. 9:3, 5

^aRev. 9:19

^aRev. 9:5

11 ^ai.e., de-

struction

^ai.e., de-

stroyer

^aLuke 8:31,

Rev. 9:1, 2

^aJohn 5:2,

Rev. 16:16

^aJob 28:6,

28:22, 31:12,

Ps. 88:11 mg.

Prov. 15:11

12 ^aRev

8:13, 11:14

13 ^aLat., one

voice ^aSome

ancient men

do not con-

tain four

^aEx. 30:21, 10

^aRev. 8:3

14 ^aRev. 7:1

^aGen. 15:18,

Deut. 1:7,

Josh. 1:4,

Rev. 16:12

15 ^aLat.,

men

^aRev. 20:7

^aRev. 8:7,

9:18

16 ^aRev

5:11 ^aRev. 7:4

17 ^aLat.,

thus I saw

^aOr, sulphur

^aDan. 8:2,

9:21 ^aRev

9:18, 14:10,

19:20, 20:10,

21:8 ^aRev

11:5

18 ^aLat.,

men ^aOr, sul-

phur

^aRev. 8:7,

9:15 ^aRev

9:17

20 ^aLat.,

men

^aRev. 2:21

^aDan. 4:22

Jer. 1:18,

Mic. 3:13,

Acts 7:41

^a1 Cor. 10:20

were ^areleased, so that they might kill a ^bthird of ¹mankind.

16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was ^atwo hundred million; ^bI heard the number of them.

17 And ¹this is how I saw ^ain the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of ²brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and ^cout of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and ²brimstone.

18 A ^athird of ¹mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the ^bfire and the smoke and the ²brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths.

19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads; and with them they do harm.

20 And the rest of ¹mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, ^adid not repent of ^bthe works of their hands, so as not to ^cworship demons, and ^dthe idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;

21 and they ^adid not repent of their murders nor of their ^bsorceries nor of their ^cimmorality nor of their thefts.

CHAPTER 10

AND I saw another ^astrong angel ^bcoming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the ^crainbow was upon his head, and ^dhis face was like the sun, and his ^efeet like pillars of fire;

2 and he had in his hand a ^alittle book which was open. And he placed ^bhis right foot on the sea and his left on the land;

^aPs. 115:4-7, 135:15-17, Dan. 5:23

21 ^aRev. 9:20 ^aIs. 47:9, 12, Rev. 18:23 ^aRev. 17:2, 4, 5

1 ^aRev. 5:2 ^aRev. 18:1, 20:1 ^aRev. 4:3 ^aIsa. 17:2,

Rev. 1:16 ^aRev. 1:15

2 ^aRev. 5:1, 10:8-10 ^aRev. 10:2, 8

3 and he cried out with a loud voice, ^aas when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the ^bseven peals of thunder ¹uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven peals of thunder had spoken, ^aI was about to write; and I ^bheard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them."

5 And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land ^alifted up his right hand to heaven,

6 ^aand swore by ^bHim who lives forever and ever, ^cWHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that ^dthere shall be delay no longer.

7 but in the days of the voice of the ^aseventh angel, when he is about to sound, then ^bthe mystery of God is finished, as He ¹preached to His servants the prophets.

8 And ^athe voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take ^bthe ¹book which is open in the hand of the angel who ^bstands on the sea and on the land."

9 And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he ^asaid to me, "Take it, and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

11 And ^athey ^asaid to me, "You must ^bprophesy again concerning ^cmany peoples and nations and tongues and ^dkings."

CHAPTER 11

AND there was given me a ¹measuring rod like a

3 ¹Or. spoke
Is. 31:4; Hos 11:10; Ps 29:3-9; Rev. 4:5
4 ¹Rev. 1:11, 19; Rev. 10:8; Dan. 8:26; 12:4, 9; Rev. 22:10
5 ¹Deut. 32:40; Dan. 12:7
6 ¹Gen. 14:22; Ex. 6:8; Num. 14:30; Ezek. 20:5
7 ¹Rev. 4:9; Ex. 20:11; Rev. 4:11; Rev. 6:11; 12:12; 16:17; 21:6
8 ¹Lit., preached the gospel
9 ¹Rev. 11:15; Amos 3:7; Rom. 16:25
10 ¹Or. scroll
11 ¹Rev. 10:4
12 ¹Rev. 10:2
13 ¹Jer. 15:16; Ezek. 2:8; 3:1-3
14 ¹Rev. 11:1; Ezek. 37:4, 9; Rev. 5:9; Rev. 17:10, 12
15 ¹Lit., read
16 ¹Lit., saying
17 ¹Or. sanctuary
18 ¹Ezek. 40:3-42:20; Zech. 2:1; Rev. 21:15f.; Rev. 10:11
19 ¹Lit., throw out
20 ¹Or. sanctuary
21 ¹Ezek. 40:17, 20; Luke 21:24; Is. 52:1; Matt. 4:5; 27:53; Rev. 21:2, 10; 22:19; Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 12:6; 13:5
22 ¹Rev. 1:5; 2:13; Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 12:6; 13:5
23 ¹Gen. 37:34; 2 Sam. 3:31; 1 Kin. 21:27; 2 Kin. 19:1f.; Neh. 9:1; Esth. 4:1; Ps. 69:11; Joel 1:13; Jon. 3:5f.; 8:4; Ps. 52:8; Jer. 11:18; Zech. 4:3, 11, 14
24 ¹2 Kin. 1:10-12; Jer. 5:14; Rev. 9:17f.; Num. 16:29, 35

staff; ²and ^bsomeone said, "Rise and measure the ³temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.

2 "And ¹leave out the ^acourt which is outside the ²temple, and do not measure it, for ^bit has been given to the nations; and they will ^btread under foot ^cthe holy city for ^dforty-two months.

3 "And I will grant ^aauthority to my two ^awitnesses, and they will prophesy for ^btwelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in ^csackcloth."

4 These are the ^atwo olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

5 And if anyone desires to harm them, ^afire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if anyone would desire to harm them, ^bin this manner he must be killed.

6 These have the power to ^ashut up the sky, in order that rain may not fall during ^bthe days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to ^cturn them into blood, and ^dto smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.

7 And when they have finished their testimony, ^athe beast that comes up out of the ^babyss will ^cmake war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

8 And their dead ^bbodies will lie in the street of the ^agreat city, which ²mystically is called ^bSodom and ^cEgypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

9 And those from ^athe people; and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead ^bbodies for three and a half days, and ^{2b}will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

6 ¹1 Kin. 17:1; Luke 4:25; Rev. 11:3; Ex. 7:17f.; Rev. 8:8; 1 Sam. 4:8
7 ¹Rev. 13:1ff.; 17:8; Rev. 9:1; Dan. 7:21; Rev. 13:7
8 ¹Some ancient mss. read body ²Lit., spiritually
9 ¹Rev. 14:8; 16:19; 17:18; 18:2, 10, 16, 18, 19, 21; Is. 1:9, 10; 3:9; Jer. 23:14; Ezek. 16:46, 49; Ezek. 23:3, 8, 19, 27
10 ¹Lit., body ²Lit., do not permit
11 ¹1 Kin. 13:22; Ps. 79:2f.

0 And ^athose who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented ^athose who dwell on the earth.

1 And after the three and a half days ^athe breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them.

2 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them.

3 And in that hour there was a great ^aearthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and ^bseven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and ^bgave glory to the ^cGod of heaven.

4 ¶ The second ^awoe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

5 ¶ And the ^aseventh angel sounded; and there arose ^bclouds in heaven, saying,

¶ "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of ^dHis ¹Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

6 And the twenty-four elders, who ^asit on their thrones before God, ^bfell on their faces and worshipped God,

7 saying,

¶ "We give Thee thanks, ^aO Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast, because Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast begun to ^breign.

8 "And ^athe nations were engaged, and ^bThy wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Thy ^dbond-servants the prophets and to the ¹saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to

10 ^aRev. 3:10 ^bNeh. 8:10, 12, Esth. 9:19, 22

11 ^aEzek. 37:5, 9, 10, 14

12 ^aRev. 4:1 ^b2 Kin. 2:11, Acts 1:9

13 ^aLat., names of men, seven thousand

14 ^aRev. 8:12, 16:18 ^bJohn 9:24, Rev. 14:7, 16:9, 19:7 ^cRev. 16:11

15 ^aRev. 8:13, 9:12

16 ^aHeb. 10:7 ^bRev. 16:17, 19:1

17 ^aRev. 12:10 ^bPs. 2:2, Acts 4:26 ^cEx. 15:18, Dan. 2:44, 7:14, 27, Luke 1:33

18 ^aLat., didst reign

19 ^aRev. 1:8 ^bRev. 19:6

20 ^aPs. 2:1 ^bPs. 25, 110:5

21 ^aDan. 7:10, Rev. 20:12

22 ^aRev. 10:7, 18:6 ^bPs. 115:13, Rev. 13:16, 19:5

23 ^aLat., hail

24 ^aRev. 4:1, 15:5 ^bHeb. 9:4 ^cRev. 4:5, 8:5, 16:18

25 ^aRev. 16:21

26 ^aMatt. 24:30, Rev. 12:3 ^bRev. 11:19 ^cGal. 4:26 ^dPs. 104:2, Song. 6:10

27 ^aIs. 26:17, 68:6-9, Mic. 4:9

28 ^aRev. 12:1, 15:1 ^bIs. 27:1, Rev. 12:4, 7:9, 13, 16:1, 13:2, 4, 11, 16:13, 20:2 ^cRev. 13:1, 17:3, 7, 9:11 ^dDan. 7:7, 20:24, Rev. 13:1, 17:12, 16:1 ^eRev. 13:1, 19:12

destroy those who destroy the earth."

9 ¶ And ^athe ¹temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and ^bthe ark of His covenant appeared in His ¹temple, and there were flashes of ^clightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a ^dgreat ²hail-storm.

CHAPTER 12

AND a great ^asign appeared in heaven: ^aa woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

2 and she was with child; and she ^acried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And ^aanother sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red ^bdragon having ^cseven heads and ^dten horns, and on his heads were ^cseven diadems.

4 And his tail ^aswept away a ^athird of the stars of heaven, and ^bthrew them to the earth. And the ^cdragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth ^dhe might devour her child.

5 And ^ashe gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to ¹rule all the ²nations with a rod of iron; and her child was ^ccaught up to God and to His throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness where she ^ahad a place prepared by God, so that there ¹she might be nourished for ^aone thousand two hundred and sixty days.

7 ¶ And there was war in heaven, ^aMichael and his angels waging war with the ^bdragon. And the dragon and ^chis angels waged war,

4 ^aRev. 8:7, 12 ^bDan. 8:10 ^cIs. 27:1, Rev. 12:3, 7:9, 13:10, 13:2, 4, 11, 16:13, 20:2 ^dMatt. 2:16

5 ^aOr, shepherd ^bOr, Gentiles ^cIs. 68:7 ^dPs. 2:9, Rev. 2:27 ^e2 Cor. 12:2

6 ^aLat., they may nourish her for ^bRev. 11:3, 13:5, 7 ^cDan. 10:13, 21, 12:1, Jude 9 ^dRev. 12:3 ^eMatt. 25:41

8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

9 And the great ^adragon was thrown down, the ^bserpent of old who is called the devil and ^cSatan, who ^ddeceives the whole ^eworld; he was ^fthrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

10 And I heard ^aa loud voice in heaven, saying,

^a"Now the ^bsalvation, and the power, and the ^akingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the ^caccuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

11 "And they ^aovercame him because of ^bthe blood of the Lamb and because of ^cthe word of their testimony, and they ^ddid not love their life even to death.

12 "For this reason, ^arejoice, O heavens and ^byou who ^dwell in them. ^cWoe to the earth and the sea, because ^dthe devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only ^aa short time."

13 ^a And when the ^adragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted ^bthe woman who gave birth to the male child.

14 And the ^atwo wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, in order that she might fly ^binto the wilderness to her place, where she ^awas nourished for ^ca time and times and half a time, from the ^dpresence of the serpent.

15 And the ^aserpent ^bpoured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon ^bpoured out of his mouth.

⁸ ^aLit., inhabited earth
^aRev. 12:3
^aGen. 3:1
^a2 Cor. 11:3
^aRev. 12:15
^a20:2
^aMatt. 4:10, 25:41
^aRev. 13:14
^a20:3, 8, 10
^aLuke 10:18
^aJohn 12:31
^a10
^aRev. 11:13
^aJob 7:10
^a1:11, 2:5
^aZech. 3:1
^aLuke 22:31
^a1 Pet. 5:8
^a11
^aJohn 16:33, 1 John 2:13
^aRev. 15:2
^aRev. 6:9
^aLuke 14:26
^aRev. 2:10
^a12
^aOr, tabernacle
^aPs. 96:11, Is. 44:23
^aRev. 18:20
^aRev. 13:8
^aRev. 8:13
^aRev. 12:9
^aRev. 10:6
^a13
^aRev. 12:3
^aRev. 12:5
^a14
^aLit., face
^aEx. 19:4
^aDeut. 32:11
^aIs. 40:31
^aRev. 12:8
^aDan. 7:25
^a12:7
^a15
^aLit., throw
^aGen. 3:1
^a2 Cor. 11:3
^aRev. 12:9
^a20:2
^a16
^aLit., throw
^a17
^aRev. 11:7, 13:7
^aGen. 3:15
^a1 John 2:3
^aRev. 14:12
^aRev. 1:2, 6:9
^a14:12, 19:10
^a1
^aSome mss. read I stood
^aLit., sea
^aDan. 7:3
^aRev. 11:7
^a13:14, 15:2
^a16:13
^a17:8
^aRev. 12:3
^aRev. 12:3
^a17:12
^aDan. 7:8
^a11:36
^aRev. 17:3
^a2
^aDan. 7:6
^aHos. 13:7
^aDan. 7:5
^aDan. 7:4
^aRev. 12:3
^a13:4, 12
^aRev. 2:13
^a16:10

17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to ^amake war with the rest of her ^boffspring, who ^ckeep the commandments of God and ^dhold to the testimony of Jesus

CHAPTER 13

AND ^ahe stood on the sand of the ^bseashore.

1 And I saw a ^abeast coming up out of the sea, having ^bten horns and ^bseven heads, and on his horns were ^cten diadems, and of his heads were ^dblasphemous names.

2 And the beast which I saw was ^alike a leopard, and his feet were ^blike those of ^aa bear, and his mouth like the mouth of ^aa lion. And the ^ddragon gave him his power and his ^cthrone and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been ^bslain, and his ^afatal wound was healed. And the whole earth ^bwas amazed and followed after the beast;

4 and they worshiped the ^adragon, because he ^agave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

5 And there was given to him a mouth ^aspeaking ^barrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to ^aact for ^bforty-two months was given to him.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, ^athose who ^dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given to him to ^amake war with the ^bsaints and to overcome them; and authority over ^bevery tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

³ ^aLit., smitten to death
^aRev. 13:12, 14
^aRev. 17:6
^a4
^aRev. 12:3, 13:2, 12
^aEx. 15:11
^aIs. 46:5
^aRev. 18:18
^a5
^aLit., great things
^aLit., do
^aDan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25
^a11:36, 2 Thess. 2:3f.
^aRev. 11:2
^a6
^aOr, tabernacle
^aRev. 7:15, 12:12
^a7
^aOr, holy ones
^aDan. 7:21
^aRev. 11:7
^aRev. 5:9

8 And all who ^adwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been ¹written ^cfrom the foundation of the world in the ^dbook of life of ^ethe Lamb who has been slain.

9 ^aIf anyone has an ear, let him hear.

10 ^aIf anyone ^bis destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; ^bif anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is ^cthe ²perseverance and the faith of the ³saints.

11 ^a And ^aI saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he ^bhad ^btwo horns like a lamb, and he ²spoke as a ^cdragon.

12 And he ^aexercises all the authority of the first beast ^bin his presence. And he makes ^cthe earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

13 And he ^aperforms great signs, so that he even makes ^bfire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men.

14 And he ^adeceives ^bthose who dwell on the earth because of ^cthe signs which it was given him to perform ^din the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who ^ahad the wound of the sword and has come to life.

15 And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even ^bspeak and cause ^aas many as do not ^bworship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 And he causes all, ^athe small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, ^bto be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead.

17 and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either ^bthe name of the beast or ^cthe number of his name.

8 ^aOr, were
him on the
book
slain from
the founda-
tion of the
world
Rev. 3:10
13:12, 14
Rev. 2:5
13:12, 14
Rev. 17:8
Rev. 19:20
Rev. 20:4

9 ^aOr, 2:7
10 ^aOr,
leads into
captivity
Rev. 19:20
Rev. 19:20
Rev. 19:20

11 ^aOr, 11:1
11:2, 11:11
11:2, 11:11
11:2, 11:11
11:2, 11:11
11:2, 11:11
11:2, 11:11

12 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14

13 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14

14 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
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15 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
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Rev. 13:14

16 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14
Rev. 13:14

17 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
Rev. 13:14
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Rev. 13:14

18 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
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19 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
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20 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
Rev. 13:14
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21 ^aOr, by
his authority
Rev. 13:4
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18 ^aHere is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that ^bof a man; and his number is ¹six hundred and sixty-six.

CHAPTER 14

AND I looked, and behold, ^athe Lamb was standing on ^bMount Zion, and with Him ^cone hundred and forty-four thousand, having ^dHis name and the ^ename of His Father written ^fon their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like ^athe sound of many waters and like the ^bsound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of ^charpists playing on their harps.

3 And they ¹sang ^aa new song before the throne and before the ^bfour living creatures and the ^celders; and ^dno one could learn the song except the ^eone hundred and forty-four thousand who had been ^apurchased from the earth.

4 ^aThese are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they ^bhave kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who ^cfollow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been ^dpurchased from among men ^eas first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And ^ano lie was found in their mouth; they are ^bblameless.

6 ^a And I saw another angel flying in ^bmidheaven, having ^can eternal gospel to preach to ^dthose who ^elive on the earth, and to ^fevery nation and tribe and tongue and people;

1 ^aOr, 5:6
12:22
Rev. 7:4, 14:3
Rev. 12:22
Rev. 7:4, 14:3
Rev. 7:4, 14:3

2 ^aOr, 1:15
Rev. 6:1
Rev. 6:1
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3 ^aOr, 1:15
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Rev. 6:1

4 ^aOr, 1:15
Rev. 6:1
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Rev. 6:1

5 ^aOr, 1:15
Rev. 6:1
Rev. 6:1
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Rev. 6:1
Rev. 6:1
Rev. 6:1

6 ^aOr, 1:15
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7 and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

8 And another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who has made all the nations drink of the wine of the passion of her immorality."

9 And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand,

10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

14 And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head, and a sharp sickle in His hand.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat

7 Rev. 15:4 bRev. 11:13 cRev. 4:11 dRev. 8:10
8 Or, wrath
9 Is. 21:9, Jer. 51:8, Rev. 18:2 bDan. 4:30; Rev. 18:19; 17:5; 18:10 cJer. 51:7 dRev. 17:2, 4; 18:3
9 aRev. 13:12, 14:11 bRev. 13:14f; 14:11 cRev. 13:16
10 Lit., unmixed
11 Is. 51:17, Jer. 25:15f., 27; Rev. 16:19; 19:15
12 Ps. 75:8; Rev. 18:6
13 Gen. 19:24; Ezek. 38:22; 2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14f.; 21:8 dMark 8:38
14 Is. 34:8; 10; Rev. 18:9; 18; 19:3 bRev. 4:8 cRev. 13:12; 14:9
15 Rev. 13:17
16 Or, steadfastness
17 Or, holy ones
18 Lit., the faith of
19 Rev. 13:10
20 Rev. 12:17
21 Rev. 2:13
22 aRev. 20:6 b1 Cor. 15:18;
1 Thess. 4:16
23 Rev. 2:7;
22:17 dHeb. 4:9ff.; Rev. 6:11 e1 Tim. 5:25
24 Or, the Son of Man
25 Matt. 17:5
26 Dan. 7:13;
Rev. 1:13 cPs. 21:3; Rev. 6:2
27 Or, sanctuary
28 Lit., Send forth
29 Lit., has become dry
30 Rev. 11:19; 14:17; 15:8;
16:17 bJoel 3:13; Mark 4:29; Rev. 14:18 cJer. 51:33; Matt. 13:39-41
31 Lit., cast
32 Or, sanctuary
33 Lit., having himself also
34 Rev. 11:19; 14:15; 15:6;
16:17

on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe."

16 And He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.

18 And another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Put in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe."

19 And the angel swung his sickle to the earth, and gathered the clusters from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

20 And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

CHAPTER 15

AND I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

2 And I saw, as it were, a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

18 Lit., Send forth Lit., of Rev. 16:8 bRev. 6:9; 8:3
cJoel 3:13; Mark 4:29; Rev. 14:15 dJoel 3:13

19 Lit., cast Is. 63:2f.; Rev. 19:15

20 Lit., from two hundred miles Lit., sixteen hundred stadia; a stadion was approx. 600 ft. Is. 63:3, Lam. 1:15; Rev. 19:15 bHeb. 13:12; Rev. 11:8 cGen. 49:11; Deut. 32:14

1 Rev. 12:1, 3 bRev. 15:6-8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9 cLev. 26:21 dRev. 9:20

2 Rev. 4:8 bRev. 12:11 cRev. 13:1 dRev. 13:14f. eRev. 13:17 fRev. 5:8

3 And they *sang the *song of Moses ^bthe bond-servant of God and the ^csong of the Lamb, saying.

“Great and marvelous are Thy works,
O Lord God, the Almighty;
Righteous and true are Thy ways,
Thou ^fKing of the ^hnations.

4 “Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name?
For Thou alone art holy;
For ^bALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE THEE.
For Thy ^hrighteous acts have been revealed.”

5 “After these things I looked, and ^athe ^htemple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened,

6 and the ^aseven angels who had the seven plagues ^bcame out of the ^htemple, clothed in ²linen, clean and bright, and ^cgirded round their breasts with golden girdles.

7 And one of the ^afour living creatures gave to the ^bseven angels seven ^cgolden bowls full of the ^dwrath of God, who ^elives forever and ever.

8 And the ^htemple was filled with ^asmoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the ^htemple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

CHAPTER 16

AND I heard a loud voice from ^athe ^htemple, saying to the seven angels, “Go and ^cpour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth.”

2 “And the first angel went and poured out his bowl ^ainto the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant ^bsore upon the men ^cwho had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

3 ¹Some ancient mss. read open
*Ex. 15:18.
*Josh. 22:5.
*Heb. 3:5.
*Rev. 5:9.
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4 ¹Or.
judgments
*Jer. 10:7.
*Rev. 14:7 *Ps.
88:9. Is. 66:21.
*Rev. 19:8.
5 ¹Or.
sanctuary
*Rev. 11:19.
*Ex. 38:21.
*Num. 1:50.
*Heb. 8:5.
*Rev. 13:6.
6 ¹Or.
sanctuary
*Some mss. read stone
*Rev. 15:1.
*Rev. 14:15.
*Rev. 1:13.
7 *Rev. 4:6.
*Rev. 15:1.
*Rev. 5:8.
*Rev. 14:10.
151 *Rev. 4:9.
8 ¹Or.
sanctuary
*Ex. 19:18.
40:34f. *Lev.
16:2. 1 *Kin.
8:10f. 2 *Chr.
5:13f. Is. 64:4.
9 ¹Or.
sanctuary
*Rev. 11:19.
*Rev. 15:1.
*Ps. 78:6. *Jer.
10:25. *Ezek.
22:31. *Zeph.
3:8. *Rev.
16:2f.
10 *Rev. 8:7.
*Ex. 9:9-11.
*Deut. 28:35.
*Rev. 16:11.
*Rev. 13:15.
17. 14:9.
11 ¹Or.
*Some ancient mss. read thing in the sea.
*Ex. 7:17-21.
*Rev. 8:8f.
11:6.
12 ¹Some ancient mss. read it became
*Rev. 8:10.
*Ex. 7:17-20.
*Ps. 78:44.
*Rev. 11:6.
13 *John.
17:25 *Rev.
11:17 *Rev.
15:4 *Rev.
6:10.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, “^aRighteous art Thou, ^bwho art and who wast, O ^cHoly One, because Thou didst ^djudge these things;
6 for they poured out ^athe blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them ^bblood to drink. They ^hdeserve it.”

7 And I heard ^athe altar saying, “Yes, O ^bLord God, the Almighty, ^ctrue and righteous are Thy judgments.”

8 “And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon ^athe sun; ^band it was given to it to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with ^hfierce heat; and they ^ablasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues; and they ^bdid not repent, so as to ^cgive Him glory.

10 “And the fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the ^athrone of the beast; and his kingdom became ^bdarkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain.

11 and they ^ablasphemed the ^bGod of heaven because of their pains and their ^csores; and they ^ddid not repent of their deeds.

12 “And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the ^agreat river, the Euphrates; and ^bits water was dried up, that ^cthe way might be prepared for the kings ^dfrom the ^eeast.

3 “And the second angel poured out his bowl ^ainto the sea, and it became blood like ^bthat of a dead man; and every living ^hthing in the sea died.

4 “And the third angel poured out his bowl into the ^arivers and the springs of waters; and ^hthey ^bbecame blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, “^aRighteous art Thou, ^bwho art and who wast, O ^cHoly One, because Thou didst ^djudge these things;

6 for they poured out ^athe blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them ^bblood to drink. They ^hdeserve it.”

7 And I heard ^athe altar saying, “Yes, O ^bLord God, the Almighty, ^ctrue and righteous are Thy judgments.”

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12 “And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the ^agreat river, the Euphrates; and ^bits water was dried up, that ^cthe way might be prepared for the kings ^dfrom the ^eeast.

6 ¹Lat. are worthy *Rev. 17:6. 18:24 *Is. 49:26. Luke 11:49-51.
7 *Rev. 6:4. 14:18 *Rev. 1:8. *Rev. 15:2. 19:2.
8 *Rev. 6:12 *Rev. 14:18.
9 ¹Lat. great *Rev. 16:11. 21 *Rev. 2:21. *Rev. 11:13.
10 *Rev. 13:2 *Ex. 16:21f. Is. 4:22. *Rev. 8:12. 9:2.
11 *Rev. 16:9. 21 *Rev. 11:13. *Rev. 16:2. *Rev. 2:21.
12 ¹Lat. rising of the sun *Rev. 9:14. *Is. 11:15f. 44:27. Jer. 51:38. *Is. 41:2. 25:42. 11 *Rev. 7:2.

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the ^adragon and out of the mouth of the ^bbeast and out of the mouth of the ^cfalse prophet, three ^dunclean spirits like ^efrogs;

14 for they are ^aspirits of demons, ^bperforming signs, which go out to the kings of the ^cwhole world, to ^dgather them together for the war of the ^egreat day of God, the Almighty.

15 ("Behold, ^aI am coming like a thief. ^bBlessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, ^clest he walk about naked and ^dmen see his shame.")

16 And they ^agathered them together to the place which ^bin Hebrew is called ^cHar-Magedon.

17 ¶ And the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon ^athe air; and a ^bloud voice came out of the ^ctemple from the throne, saying, "^dIt is done."

18 And there were flashes of ^alightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was ^ba great earthquake, ^csuch as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

19 And ^athe great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the ^bnations fell. And ^cBabylon the great was ^dremembered before God, to give her ^ethe cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

20 And ^aevery island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And ^ahuge ^bhailstones, about ^cone hundred pounds each, ^dcame down from heaven upon men; and men ^bblasphemed God because of the ^cplague of the hail, because its plague ^dwas extremely ^esevere.

CHAPTER 17

^aAND one of the ^bseven angels who had the ^cseven bowls came and spoke with me, saying,

13 ^aRev. 12:3 ^bRev. 13:1 ^cRev. 13:11, 14; 19:20; 20:10 ^dRev. 18:2 ^eEx. 8:6

14 ^aLit., inhabited earth ^b1 Tim. 4:1 ^cRev. 13:13 ^dRev. 3:10 ^e1 Kin. 22:21-23; Rev. 17:14; 19:19; 20:8 ^fRev. 6:17

15 ^aLit., they ^bMatt. 24:43f.; Luke 12:39f.; Rev. 3:3, 11 ^cLuke 12:37 ^dRev. 3:18

16 ^aSome authorities read Armageddon ^bRev. 19:19 ^cRev. 9:11 ^dJudg. 5:19; 2 Kin. 23:28f.; 2 Chr. 35:22; Zech. 12:11

17 ^aOr, sanctuary ^bEph. 2:2 ^cRev. 11:15 ^dRev. 14:15 ^eRev. 10:6; 21:6

18 ^aRev. 4:5 ^bRev. 6:12 ^cDan. 12:1; Matt. 24:21

19 ^aOr, Gentiles ^bRev. 11:8; 17:18; 18:10; 18f.; 21 ^cRev. 14:8 ^dRev. 18:5 ^eRev. 14:10

20 ^aRev. 6:14; 20:11 ^b1 Lit., hail ^cLit., the weight of a talent ^dLit., great ^eRev. 8:7; 11:19 ^fRev. 16:9; 11 ^gEx. 9:18-25

1 ^aRev. 1:1; 21:9 ^bRev. 15:1 ^cRev. 15:7 ^dRev. 16:19 ^e1a. 1:21; Jer. 2:20; Nah. 3:4; Rev. 17:5, 19f.; 19:2 ^fJer. 51:13; Rev. 17:15

2 ^aRev. 2:22; 18:3, 9 ^bRev. 3:10; 17:8 ^cRev. 14:8

"Come here, I shall show you ^athe judgment of the ^bgreat harlot who ^csits on many waters,

2 with whom ^athe kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and ^bthose who dwell on the earth were ^cmade drunk with the wine of her immorality."

3 And ^ahe carried me away ^bby the Spirit ^cinto a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a ^dscarlet let beast, full of ^eblasphemous names, having ^fseven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman ^awas clothed in purple and scarlet, and ^badorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand ^ba gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality.

5 and upon her forehead ^aa name was written, a ^bmystery: "^bBABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF ^cTHE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

6 And I saw the woman drunk with ^athe blood of the ^bsaints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered ^cgreatly.

7 And the angel said to me: "Why ^ado you wonder? I shall tell you the ^bmystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the ^bseven heads and the ten horns.

8 "^aThe beast that you saw ^bwas and is not, and is about to ^ccome up out of the ^dabyss and ^eto go to destruction. And ^fthose who dwell on the earth will ^awonder; ^bwhose name has not been written in the book of life ^cfrom the

3 ^aOr, in spirit ^bRev. 21:10 ^cRev. 1:10 ^dRev. 12:6, 14; 21:10 ^eMatt. 27:28; Rev. 18:12, 16 ^fRev. 13:1 ^gRev. 12:3; 17:7, 9, 12, 16

4 ^aLit., gilded ^bLit., stone ^cEzek. 28:13; Rev. 18:12, 16 ^dJer. 51:7; Rev. 18:6

5 ^a2 Thess. 2:7; Rev. 1:20; 17:7 ^bRev. 14:8; 16:19 ^cRev. 17:2

6 ^aOr, holy ones ^bLit., with great wonder ^cRev. 16:6 ^dLit., have you wondered ^e2 Thess. 2:7; Rev. 1:20; 17:5 ^fRev. 17:3

8 ^aSome ancient mss. read he goes ^bDan. 7:7 ^cRev. 13:3, 12, 14; 17:11 ^dRev. 11:7; 13:1 ^eRev. 9:1; 13:1 ^fRev. 13:10; 17:11 ^gRev. 3:10 ^hRev. 13:3 ⁱPis. 69:28; Rev. 3:5 ^jMatt. 25:34; Rev. 13:8

CHAPTER 18

oundation of the world, when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

9th Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

10 and they are seven kings: five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

11 And the beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.

12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

13 These have one purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast.

14 These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

15 And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.

17 For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God should be fulfilled.

18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth."

AFTER these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory.

2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues;

5 for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

6 Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her.

7 To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.'

8 For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

9th Rev
12:10 Rev
17:3
10th Rev
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12th Rev
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9 "And ^athe kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and ^blived ¹sensuously with her, will ^cweep and lament over her when they ^dsee the smoke of her burning.

10 ^astanding at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ^bWoe, woe, ^cthe great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in ^done hour your judgment has come.

11 "And the ^amerchants of the earth ^bweep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more;

12 cargoes of ^agold and silver and precious ¹stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and ²bronze and iron and marble,

13 and cinnamon and ¹spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and ²slaves and ³human lives.

14 "And the fruit ¹you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them.

15 "The ^amerchants of ^bthese things, who became rich from her, will ^cstand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning.

16 saying, ^aWoe, woe, ^bthe great city, she who ^cwas clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and ¹adorned with gold and precious ²stones and pearls;

17 for in ^aone hour such great wealth has been laid ^bwaste! And ^cevery shipmaster and every ¹passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, ^astood at a distance.

18 and were ^acrying out as they ^bsaw the smoke of her burning,

⁹ ¹Or, lux-
uriously
^aRev. 17:2;
18:3 ^b1 Tim.
5:11; Rev.
18:3, 7; ^cEzek.
26:16f.; 27:35
^dRev. 14:11;
18:18, 19:3
¹⁰ ^aRev.
18:15, 17
^bRev. 18:16,
19 ^cRev. 11:8,
16:19, 18:16,
18, 19, 21
^dRev. 17:12,
18:8, 17, 19
¹¹ ^aEzek.
27:9-25; Rev.
18:3, 15, 19,
23 ^bEzek.
27:27-34
¹² ¹Lit.,
stone ²Or,
brass
^aEzek. 27:12;
22; Rev. 17:4
¹³ ¹Gr.,
aromum
²Lit., bodies
³Lit., souls of
men
^a1 Chr. 5:21;
Ezek. 27:13;
1 Tim. 1:10
¹⁴ ¹Lit., of
your soul's
desire
¹⁵ ^aRev.
18:3 ^bRev.
18:12, 13
^cRev. 18:10
¹⁶ ¹Lit.,
gilded ²Lit.,
stone and
pearl
^aRev. 18:10,
19 ^bRev.
18:10, 18, 19,
21 ^cRev. 17:4
¹⁷ ¹Lit., one
who sails
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^aRev. 18:10
^bRev. 17:16,
18:19 ^cEzek.
27:26f.
¹⁸ ^aEzek.
27:30 ^bRev.
18:9 ^cEzek.
27:32; Rev.
13:4 ^dRev.
18:10
¹⁹ ¹Lit.,
costliness
^aJosh. 7:6;
Job 2:12;
Lam. 2:10
^bRev. 18:10
^cRev. 18:3, 15
^dRev. 17:16;
18:17
²⁰ ¹Or, holy
ones ²Lit.,
judged your
judgment of
her
^aJer. 51:48;
Rev. 12:12
^bLuke 11:49f.
^cRev. 6:10;
18:6f.; 19:2

saying, ^aWhat city is like ^bthe great city?

19 "And they threw ^adust on their heads and were crying out weeping and mourning, saying, ^bWoe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea ^cbecame rich by her ¹wealth, for in ^bone hour she has been laid ^dwaste!

20 "Rejoice over her, ^cheaven, and you ¹saints and ^bapostles and prophets, because ^cGod has ²pronounced judgment for you against her."

21 ¶ And ¹a ^astrong angel ^btook up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus will Babylon, ^cthe great city, be thrown down with violence, and ^dwill not be found any longer.

22 "And ^athe sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the ^bsound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer;

23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the ^avoice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your ^bmerchants were the great men of the earth because all the nations were deceived ^cby your sorcery.

24 "And in her was found ^athe blood of prophets and of ¹saints and of ^ball who have been slain on the earth."

CHAPTER 19

AFTER these things I heard ^aas it were, a ^aloud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

21 ¹Lit., one ^aRev. 5:2; 10:1 ^bJer. 51:63f. ^cRev. 18:10 ^dEzek. 28:21

22 ^aIs. 24:8; Ezek. 26:13; Matt. 9:23 ^bEcc. 12:4; Jer. 25:10

23 ^aJer. 7:34; 18:9 ^bIs. 23:8; Rev. 6:15; 18:3 ^cNah. 3:4; Rev. 9:21

24 ¹Or, holy ones ^aRev. 16:6; 17:6 ^bMatt. 23:35 ^cJer. 51:48; Rev. 11:15; 19:6

1 ^a"Hallelujah! ^cSalvation and glory and power belong to our God;

2 ^a"BECAUSE HIS ^bJUDGMENTS ARE ^cTRUE AND ^dRIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the ^dgreat harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS ^bBOND-SERVANTS ¹ON HER."

3 And a second time they said, ^a"Hallelujah! ^bHER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER."

4 And the ^atwenty-four elders and the ^bfour living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, ^d"Amen. ^aHallelujah!"

5 And a voice came from the throne, saying,

6 ^a"Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, ^byou who fear Him, the small and the great."

7 And I heard, as it were, ^athe voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and as the ^csound of mighty peals of thunder, saying,

8 ^a"Hallelujah! For the ^dLord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

9 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for ^bthe marriage of the Lamb has come and His ¹cbride has made herself ready."

10 And it was given to her to clothe herself in ^afine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the ^bbrighteous acts of the saints.

11 And ^ahe ^asaid to me, ^b"Write, ^cBlessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he ^asaid to me, ^c"These are true words of God."

12 And ^aI fell at his feet to worship him. ^bAnd he ^asaid to me, ^c"Do not do that; I am a ^cfellow servant of yours and your brethren who ^dhold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

1 ^aPh.
104.35;
Rev. 19:2, 4;
6 ^aRev. 7:10
Rev. 8:11

2 ^aLa.
from her
hand

3 ^aPh.
Rev. 6:10
Rev. 10:7
Rev. 17:1

4 ^aRev. 32:43;
2 ^aRev. 9:7;
Rev. 10:6;
18:20

5 ^aPh.
104.35; Rev.
19:1, 4, 6 ^aPh.
34:10; Rev.
14:11

6 ^aRev. 4:4;
10 ^aRev. 4:6
Rev. 4:10
Ph. 108.48;
Rev. 5:14 ^aPh.
104.35; Rev.
19:3, 8

7 ^aPh.
22:23, 115.13;
134.1, 135.1
Rev. 11:16
6 ^aRev.
51.48; Rev.
11:15, 19:1

8 ^aRev. 1:24;
Rev. 1:15
Rev. 6:1 ^aPh.
10:1, 97.1;
10:1, Rev. 1:8

9 ^aLa. ^aPh.
Rev. 11:13
Matt. 22:2;
25:10; Luke
12:36; John
3:29; Eph.
5:23, 32; Rev.
19:9 ^aPh.
1:20; Rev.
21:2, 9

10 ^aOr. holy
man
Rev. 15:6;
19:14 ^aRev.
15:4

11 ^aRev.
17:1, 19:10
Rev. 1:19
Matt. 22:2;
Luke 14:15
Rev. 17:17;
21:5, 22:6

12 ^aRev.
22:8 ^aActs
10:28; Rev.
22:9 ^aRev.
1:17 ^aRev.
12:17

13 ^aRev.
11:1, John
1:31; Rev. 4:1
Rev. 6:2;
19:18, 21

14 ^aRev. 3:14
Ph. 104.35; in
11:4

15 ^aOr.
10:6; Rev.
1:14 ^aRev.
6:2, 12:3
Rev. 2:17;
12:14

16 ^aOr. 63:3
John 1:1

11 ^a And I saw ^aheaven opened; and behold, a ^bwhite horse, and He who sat upon it is called ^cFaithful and True; and in ^drighteousness He judges and wages war.

12 And His ^aeyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many ^bdiadems; and He has a ^cname written upon Him which no one knows except Himself.

13 And He is clothed with a ^arobe dipped in blood; and His name is called ^bThe Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in ^afine linen, ^bwhite and clean, were following Him on white horses.

15 And ^afrom His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that ^bwith it He may smite the nations; and He will ¹crule them with a rod of iron; and ^dHe treads the ²wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has ^aa name written, ^b"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

17 ^a And I saw ¹an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to ^aall the birds which fly in ^bmid-heaven, ^c"Come, assemble for the great supper of God;

18 in order that you may ^aeat the flesh of kings and the flesh of ^bcommanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, ^bboth free men and slaves, and ^csmall and great."

19 ^a And I saw ^athe beast and ^bthe kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war

14 ^aRev. 12:6 ^aRev. 3:4, 12:6
15 ^aOr. shepherd ^aLa. ^aman great of the wine of His
fierce wrath ^aRev. 1:16; 19:21 ^aPh. 11:4, 3 ^aThom. 2:9 ^aPh.
2:9; Rev. 2:27 ^aPh. 63:3; Joel 3:13; Rev. 14:18, 20
16 ^aRev. 2:17; 19:12 ^aRev. 17:14
17 ^aLa. ^aone ^aRev. 19:21 ^aRev. 8:13 ^a1 Sam. 17:44; Job
12:2; Ezek. 38:17
18 ^aLa. ^achancellor, in command of one thousand
troops
19 ^aEzek. 38:18-20 ^aRev. 6:15 ^aRev. 11:12, 13, 18, 19:5
19 ^aRev. 12:7, 13:1 ^aRev. 18:14, 16

against Him who ^csat upon the horse, and against His army.

20 And the beast was seized, and with him the ^afalse prophet who ^bperformed the signs ¹in his presence, by which he ^ddeceived those who had received the ^cmark of the beast and those who ^fworshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the ^alake of ^bfire which burns with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which ^acame from the mouth of Him who ^bsat upon the horse, and ^call the birds were filled with their flesh.

CHAPTER 20

AND I saw ^aan angel coming down from heaven, having the ^bkey of the abyss and a great chain ¹in his hand.

2 And he laid hold of the ^adragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and ^bbound him for a thousand years.

3 and threw him into the ^aabyss, and shut ^{it} and ^bsealed ^{it} over him, so that he should ^cnot deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

4 ^c And I saw ^athrones, and ^bthey sat upon them, and ^cjudgment was given to them. And I saw ^dthe souls of those who had been beheaded because of the ^etestimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not ^fworshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the ^amark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they ^bcame to life and ^creigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. ^aThis is the first resurrection.

6 ^aBlessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resur-

19 ^cRev. 19:11, 21
20 ¹Or, by his authority
^cRev. 16:13
^bRev. 13:13
^cRev. 13:12
^dRev. 13:14
^eRev. 13:16
^fRev. 13:12, 15
^aRev. 20:10, 14f.
21 ^aIsa. 30:33, Dan 7:11, Rev. 14:10
22 ^aRev. 19:15
^bRev. 19:11, 19
^cRev. 19:17
1 ¹Lit., upon
^aRev. 10:1
^bRev. 1:18, 9:1

2 ^aGen. 3:1, Rev. 12:9
^bIsa. 24:22, 2 Pet. 2:4, Jude 6
3 ^aRev. 20:1
^bDan. 6:17, Matt. 27:66
^cRev. 12:9, 20:8, 10

4 ^aDan. 7:9
^bMatt. 19:28, Rev. 3:21
^cDan. 7:22, 1 Cor. 6:2
^dRev. 8:9
^eRev. 1:9
^fRev. 13:12, 15
^aRev. 13:18f., John 14:19
^bRev. 3:21, 5:10, 20:6, 22:5

5 ^aLuke 14:14, Phil. 3:11, 1 Thess. 4:16
6 ^aRev. 14:13
^bRev. 2:11, 20:14
^cRev. 1:6
^dRev. 3:21, 5:10, 20:4, 22:5

7 ^aRev. 20:21
8 ¹Lit., sea
^aRev. 12:9, 20:3, 10
^bEzek. 7:2, Rev. 7:1
^cEzek. 38:2, 39:1, 6
^dRev. 16:14
^eHeb. 11:12

9 ¹Lit., breadth of the earth
²Or, holy ones
^aEzek. 38:9, 16
^bDeut. 23:14
^cPs. 87:2
^dEzek. 38:22, 39:6
^eRev. 13:13

10 ^aRev. 20:21
^bRev. 19:20, 20:14, 15
^cRev. 16:13
^dRev. 14:10f.

rection; over these the ^bsecond death has no power, but they will be ^cpriests of God and of Christ and will ^dreign with Him for a thousand years.

7 ¶ And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be ^areleased from his prison,

8 and will come out to ^adeceive the nations which are in the ^bfour corners of the earth, ^cGog and Magog, to ^dgather them together for the war; the number of them is like the ^esand of the ^fseashore.

9 And they ^acame up on the ^bbroad plain of the earth and surrounded the ^ccamp of the ^dsaints, and the ^ebeloved city, and ^ffire came down from heaven and devoured them.

10 And ^athe devil who ^ddeceived them was thrown into the ^blake of fire and brimstone, where the ^cbeast and the ^dfalse prophet are also; and they will be ^etormented day and night forever and ever.

11 ¶ And I saw a great white ^athrone and Him who sat upon it, from whose ^bpresence ^cearth and heaven fled away, and ^dno place was found for them.

12 And I saw the dead, the ^agreat and the small, standing before the throne, and ^bbooks were opened; and another ^cbook was opened, which is ^dthe book of life; and the dead ^ewere judged from the things which were written in the ^fbooks, ^aaccording to their deeds.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and ^adeath and Hades ^bgave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them ^caccording to their deeds.

14 And ^adeath and Hades were thrown into ^bthe lake of fire. This

11 ¹Lit., face
^aRev. 4:2
^bRev. 6:14, 21:1
^cDan. 2:35, Rev. 12:8
12 ¹Or, scrolls
²Or, scroll
^aRev. 11:18
^bDan. 7:10
^cRev. 3:5, 20:15
^dRev. 11:18
^eMatt. 16:27, Rev. 2:23, 20:13
13 ^a1 Cor. 15:26, Rev. 1:18, 6:8, 21:4
^bIsa. 26:19
^cMatt. 16:27, Rev. 2:23, 20:12
14 ^a1 Cor. 15:26, Rev. 1:18, 6:8, 21:4
^bRev. 19:20, 20:10, 15

the "second death, the lake of fire.

15 And if "anyone's name was not found written in "the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

CHAPTER 21

AND I saw "a new heaven and a new earth; for "the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

2 And I saw "the holy city, new Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God, "made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, "the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall "dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them.²

4 and He shall "wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; "there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

5 And "He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am "making all things new." And He "said, "Write, for "these words are faithful and true."

6 And He said to me, "'It is done. I am the "Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. "I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

7 "He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and "I will be his God and he will be My son.

8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the "second death."

14 ^{Rev 20:6}
15 ^{1st.}
anyone was
^{Rev 3:5,}
20:12

1 ^{1st.}
65:17, 66:22
2 Pet. 3:13
2 Pet. 3:10,
Rev 20:11

2 ^{1st.} 52:1
Rev 11:2,
21:10, 22:19
^{Rev 3:12,}
21:10 ^{Heb}
11:10, 16,
Rev 21:10
45:61:10,
Rev 19:7,
21:9, 22:17

3 ^{Or, tabernacle}

^{Some add, and be their God}
26:11f.
Ezek. 37:27,
66:33, Heb
6:2, Rev 7:15
^{John 14:23,}
2 Cor 6:16

4 ^{1st.} 25:6
Rev 7:17
^{1 Cor 15:28,}
Rev 20:14
^{1st.} 35:10,
51:11, 65:19,
2 Cor 5:17,
Heb 12:27

5 ^{Rev 4:9,}
20:11 ^{2 Cor}
5:17, Heb
12:27 ^{Rev}
19:9, 22:6

6 ^{1st.}
They are
^{Rev 10:6,}
16:17 ^{Rev}
1:8, 22:13 ^{1st.}
55:1 ^{John}
4:10, Rev
7:17, 22:17
^{Rev 7:17}

7 ^{Rev 2:7}
22:14 ^{Sam. 7:14}
Ps. 104:24
2 Cor 6:16,
18, Rev 21:3

8 ^{Or, untrustworthy}
^{1 Cor 6:9,}
Gal 5:19-21,
Rev 2:21,
21:27, 22:15
^{Rev 19:20}
^{Rev 2:11}

9 ^{1st.}
who were full
^{Rev 17:1}
^{Rev 15:7}
^{Rev 15:1}
^{Rev 17:1}
^{Rev 18:7,}
21:2

10 ^{Or, in spirit}
^{Ezek. 40:2,}
Rev 17:3
^{Rev 1:10}
^{Rev 21:2}

9 "And one of the seven angels who had the "seven bowls "full of the "seven last plagues, came and spoke with me, saying, "'Come here, I shall show you the "bride, the wife of the Lamb."

10 And "he carried me away "in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me "the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

11 having "the glory of God. Her "brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a "stone of "crystal-clear jasper.

12 "It had a great and high wall, "with twelve "gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are "those of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

13 There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

14 And the wall of the city had "twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the "twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And the one who spoke with me had a "gold measuring "rod to measure the city, and its "gates and its wall.

16 And the city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the "rod, "fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, "seventy-two yards, according to "human "measurements, which are also "angelic measurements.

11 ^{1st.}, ^{humans} 45: 60:11, Ezek. 43:2, Rev. 15:2, 21:23, 22:3 ^{Rev} 4:3, 21:18, 19 ^{Rev} 4:6

12 ^{1st.}, having ^{Ezek.} 40:31-36 ^{Rev} 21:13, 21, 22, 22:14

14 ^{Heb.} 11:10 ^{Acts} 1:28

15 ^{1st.}, measure, a gold rod ^{Ezek.} 40:3, Rev. 11:1

^{Rev} 21:12, 21, 25

16 ^{1st.}, rod ^{1st.}, twelve thousand stadia; a stadion was approx. 600 ft.

17 ^{1st.}, one hundred forty-four cubits ^{1st.}, measure ^{Deut.} 3:11, Rev. 13:18 ^{Rev} 21:9

18 And the material of the wall was ^ajasper; and the city was ^bpure gold, like ¹clear ^cglass.

19 ^aThe foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was ^bjasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, ^cemerald;

20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, ^asardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chryso-prase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve ^agates were twelve ^bpearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was ^cpure gold, like transparent ^dglass.

22 And I saw ^ano ¹temple in it, for the ^bLord God, the Almighty, and the ^cLamb, are its ¹temple.

23 And the city ^ahas no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for ^bthe glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the ^cLamb.

24 And ^athe nations shall walk by its light, and the ^bkings of the earth ¹shall bring their glory into it.

25 And in the daytime (for ^athere shall be no night there) ^bits gates ^cshall never be closed;

26 and ^athey shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

27 and ^anothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those ¹whose names are ^bwritten in the Lamb's book of life.

CHAPTER 22

AND ^ahe showed me a ^briver of the ^cwater of life, ¹clear ^das crystal, coming from the throne of God and of ²the Lamb,

2 in the middle of ^aits street. And ^bon either side of the river was ^cthe tree of life, bearing twelve ¹kinds of fruit, yielding

18 ¹Lit., pure
^aRev. 21:11
^bRev. 21:21
^cRev. 4:6
19 ^aEx. 28:17-20; Is. 54:11f.; Ezek. 28:13 ^bRev. 21:11 ^cRev. 4:3

20 ^aRev. 4:3
21 ^aRev. 21:12, 15, 25
^bRev. 17:4
^cRev. 21:18
^dRev. 4:6

22 ¹Or, sanctuary
^aMatt. 24:2; John 4:21
^bRev. 1:8
^cRev. 5:6; 7:17; 14:4

23 ^aIs. 24:23; 60:19, 20; Rev. 21:25; 22:5
^bRev. 21:11
^cRev. 5:6; 7:17; 14:4

24 ¹Lit., bring
^aIs. 60:3, 5
^bPs. 72:10f.; Is. 49:23; 60:16; Rev. 21:26

25 ^aZech. 14:7; Rev. 21:23, 22:5
^bRev. 21:12
15 ^aIs. 60:11
26 ^aPs. 72:10f.; Is. 49:23; 60:16

27 ¹Lit., who are
^aIs. 52:1; Ezek. 44:9; Zech. 14:21; Rev. 22:14f.

^bRev. 3:5
1 ¹Lit., bright
²Or, the Lamb, in the middle of its street, and on either side of the river,

was
^aRev. 1:1; 21:9; 22:6
^bPs. 46:4; Ezek. 47:1

^cZech. 14:8; Rev. 7:17; 22:17 ^dRev. 4:6

2 ¹Or, crops of fruit
^aRev. 21:21
^bEzek. 47:12
^cGen. 2:9; Rev. 2:7; 22:14, 19

3 ^aZech. 14:11 ^bRev. 21:3 ^cRev. 7:15
4 ^aPs. 17:15; 42:2; Matt. 5:8
^bRev. 14:1
^cRev. 7:3

its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

3 And ^athere shall no longer be any curse; and ^bthe throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall ^cserve Him;

4 and they shall ^asee His face, and His ^bname shall be on their ^cforeheads.

5 And ^athere shall no longer be any night; and they ¹shall not have need ^bof the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God shall illumine them; and they shall ^creign forever and ever.

6 ¶ And ^ahe said to me, "^bThese words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the ^cGod of the spirits of the prophets, ^dsent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must shortly take place.

7 "**And behold, ^aI am coming quickly. ^bBlessed is he who ¹heeds ^cthe words of the prophecy of this book.**"

8 ¶ And ^aI, John, am the one who heard and saw these things, And when I heard and saw, ^bI fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

9 And ^ahe ^bsaid to me, "Do not do that; I am a ^bfellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who ¹heed the words of ^cthis book; worship God."

10 ¶ And he ^bsaid to me, "^aDo not seal up ^bthe words of the prophecy of this book, ^cfor the time is near.

11 "^aLet the one who does

5 ¹Lit., do not have ^aZech. 14:7; Rev. 21:25 ^bIs. 60:19; Rev. 21:23 ^cDan. 7:18, 27; Matt. 19:28; Rom. 5:17; Rev. 20:4

6 ^aRev. 1:1; 21:9 ^bRev. 19:9; 21:5 ^c1 Cor. 14:32; Heb. 12:9 ^dRev. 1:1; 22:16

7 ¹Or, keeps ^aRev. 1:3; 3:3, 11; 16:15; 22:12, 20 ^bRev. 1:3; 16:15 ^cRev. 1:11; 22:9, 10, 18f.

8 ^aRev. 1:1 ^bRev. 19:10
9 ¹Or, keep ^aRev. 19:10 ^bRev. 1:1 ^cRev. 1:11; 22:10, 18f.

10 ^aDan. 8:26; Rev. 10:4 ^bRev. 1:11; 22:9, 18f. ^cRev. 1:3

11 ^aEzek. 3:27; Dan. 12:10

wrong, still do wrong; and let the one who is filthy, still be filthy; and let the one who is righteous, still practice righteousness; and let the one who is holy, still keep himself holy."

12 **"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done."**

13 **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

15 Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

16 **"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."**

17 **"And the Spirit and the**

12 ¹Lit., as his work is
*Rev. 22:7
*Is. 40:10;
62:11 *Ps.
28:4; Jer.
17:10; Matt.
16:27; Rev.
2:23

13 *Rev. 1:8
*Is. 44:6;
48:12; Rev.
1:17, 2:8
*Rev. 21:6

14 *Rev.
7:14 *Gen.
2:8, 3:22;
Rev. 22:2
*Rev. 21:27
*Rev. 21:12

15 *Matt.
8:12; 1 Cor.
6:9f.; Gal.
5:19ff.; Rev.
21:8 *Deut.
23:18; Matt.
7:6; Phil. 3:2

16 ¹Or, concerning
*Rev. 1:1
*Rev. 1:1,
22:6 *Rev.
1:4, 11:3, 22
*Rev. 5:5
*Matt. 1:1
*Matt. 2:2;
Rev. 2:28

17 *Rev. 2:7;
14:13 *Rev.
21:2, 9 *Is.
55:1; Rev.
21:6 *Rev.
7:17, 22:1

²bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the ³water of life without cost.

18 **"I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book;**

19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

20 **"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."**

21 **"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen."**

18 *Rev. 22:7 *Deut. 4:2, 12:32; Prov. 30:6 *Rev. 15:6;
16:21 *Rev. 22:7

19 ¹Lit., out of *Deut. 4:2, 12:32; Prov. 30:6 *Rev. 22:7
*Rev. 22:2 *Rev. 21:10-22:5

20 *Rev. 1:2 *Rev. 22:7 + 1 Cor. 16:22

21 ¹Some ancient mss. read the words *Rom. 16:20

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A

ARON
 brother of Moses Ex 4:14
 spokesman for Moses Ex 4:28,7:1-8
 as priest Ex 28:1,29:44
 rod of Num 17:8, Heb 9:4
 brother of Moses Num 12:1
 death Deut 10:6

BARON
 region of dead Job 28:6
 Prov 15:11

BANGEL of bottomless pit Rev 9:11

BANDON leave

BARD has a-ed us Judg 6:13
 but a His people 1 Sam 12:22
 to the remnant 2 Kin 21:14
 not a my soul to Ps 16:10
 not a His people Ps 94:14
 a-ed My inheritance Jer 12:7
 to my soul to Hades Acts 2:27

BASE humble
 man will be a-ed Is 2:11
 lofty will be a-ed Is 10:33
 to the haughtiness Is 13:11
 a-d before all Mal 2:9

BATE decrease
 water was a-ed Gen 8:8
 his vigor a-ed Deut 34:7

ABBA father

AI Father Mark 14:36
 we cry out, AI Rom 8:15

ABED-NEGO
 friend of Daniel Dan 1:6
 Hebrew name Aseriah Dan 1:7

faithful to God Dan 3:16,17
cast into furnace Dan 3:20

ABEL
 son of Adam Gen 4:2
 shepherd Gen 4:2
 favored by God Gen 4:4
 righteous Matt 23:35
 slain by Cain Gen 4:8

ABHOR detest, detest
 associates a me Job 19:19
 greatly a-red Israel Ps 79:36
 nations will a him Prov 24:24
 To the One a-red Is 40:7
 A what is evil Rom 12:9

ABIB
 early name of first month of Hebrew calendar Ex 34:18
 month of Passover and Unleavened Bread Deut 16:1

ABIDE remain, stay
 LORD a-s forever Ps 9:7
 a in Thy tent Ps 15:1
 a in the shadow Ps 91:1
 wrath of God a-s John 3:36
 a in My word John 8:31
 unless you a in Me John 15:7
 a in My love John 15:9
 now a faith 1 Cor 13:13
 word, LORD a-s 1 Pet 1:25
 love of God a 1 John 3:17
 God a-s in us 1 John 4:12

ABIGAIL
 1 wife of Nabal 1 Sam 25:3
 kind to David 1 Sam 25:18ff
 wife of David 1 Sam 25:42
 2 daughter of Nabal 2 Sam 17:25

ABIHU
 son of Aaron Ex 6:25
 priest Ex 24:1-11
 disubeyed God Lev 10:1
 judged by God Lev 10:2

ABIJAH
 1 son of Samuel 1 Sam 9:1
 2 son of Becher 1 Chr 7:6
 3 son of Jeroboam 1 Kin 14:1
 4 king of Judah 2 Chr 12:16
 5 line of Eleazar 1 Chr 24:10
 6 Hezekiah's mother 2 Chr 29:1
 7 priest Neh 10:7,12:4

ABILITY power, strength
 According to their a Ezra 2:69
 a for serving Dan 1:4
 a to conceive Heb 11:11

ABIMELECH
 1 king of Gerar Gen 20:1-18
 2 king of Gerar Gen 26:1ff
 3 king of Shechem Judg 9:1ff
 4 priest 1 Chr 18:16
 5 Psalm title Ps 34

ABIRAM
 opposed Moses Num 16:1ff
 judged by God Num 16:25ff

ABISHAI
 brother of Joab 1 Sam 26:6
 warrior of David 1 Chr 18:22
 aided Abner's assassination 2 Sam 3:30

ABLE qualified
 a to judge 1 Kin 3:9
 a from these stones Matt 3:9
 I am a to do Matt 9:26
 Him who is a Matt 10:26
 a to separate us Rom 8:69

what you are a 1 Cor 10:13
a to comprehend Eph 3:18
be a to teach 2 Tim 2:2
a to save Him Heb 5:7
One who is a James 4:12
a to open Rev 5:3

ABNER

Saul's commander 1 Sam 17:55
loyal to David 2 Sam 3:12ff
killed by Joab 2 Sam 3:27
mourned by David 2 Sam 3:32

ABODE *habitation*

a of righteousness Jer 31:23
Our a with him John 14:23
their proper a Jude 6

ABOLISH

not come to a Matt 5:17
a-ing in His flesh Eph 2:15
who a-ed death 2 Tim 1:10

ABOMINABLE *detestable*

committed a deeds Ps 14:1
your beauty a Ezek 16:25
a idolatries 1 Pet 4:3
unbelieving and a Rev 21:8

ABOMINATION *hated thing*

a to the Egyptians Ex 8:26
a into your house Deut 7:26
seen their a-s Deut 29:17
a to the LORD Prov 3:32
all their a-s Ezek 33:29
a of desolation Matt 24:15
a-s of the earth Rev 17:5

ABOUND *excel, plentiful*

faithful man will a Prov 28:20
May your peace a Dan 4:1
a in hope Rom 15:13
a-ing in the work 1 Cor 15:58
affection a-s 2 Cor 7:15
all grace a 2 Cor 9:8

ABOVE *over*

exalted a the heavens Ps 57:5
disciple is not a Matt 10:24
I am from a John 8:23
a every name Phil 2:9
exalts himself a 2 Thess 2:4
gift is from a James 1:17

ABRAHAM

covenant Gen 17:1-8
promise of Isaac Gen 17:19
asked the Lord Gen 18:22ff
offers Isaac Gen 22:9,10
death Gen 25:8
righteousness of Rom 4:3-9

ABRAHAM'S BOSOM

rabbinic terminology
for Paradise Luke 16:22

ABRAM

called of God Gen 12:1-3
rescued Lot Gen 14:14-16
covenant with God Gen 15:18
name changed Gen 17:5

ABSALOM

son of David 2 Sam 13:1
popular 2 Sam 15:6

his revolt 2 Sam 15:1-2
slain by Joab 2 Sam 18:15

ABSENT *being away*

we are a from Gen 31:49
a in body 1 Cor 5:3
a from the Lord 2 Cor 5:6
a from the body 2 Cor 5:8

ABSTAIN *refrain from*

a from wine Num 6:3
a-ing from foods 1 Tim 4:3
a from wickedness 2 Tim 2:19
a from fleshly lusts 1 Pet 2:11

ABUNDANCE *plenty, surplus*

seven years of a Gen 41:34
a of all things Deut 28:47
a of Thy house Ps 36:8
a of peace Ps 72:7
a of counselors Prov 24:6
he who loves a Eccl 5:10
delight yourself in a Is 55:2
one has an a Luke 12:15
the a of grace Rom 5:17

ABUNDANT *enough, plenteous*

come...find a water 2 Chr 32:4
a righteousness Job 37:23
a in loving kindness Ps 86:5
comfort is a 2 Cor 1:5

ABUNDANTLY *plenteous*

they may breed a Gen 8:17
Populate the earth a Gen 9:7
will prosper you a Deut 30:9
drip upon man a Job 36:28

ABUSE (n) *insulting speech*

hurling a at Him Matt 27:39
was hurling a Luke 23:39

ABUSE (v) *hurt, molest*

a-d her all night Judg 19:25
uncircumcised...a me 1 Chr 10:4

ABUSIVE *filthy, vulgar*

a speech from your Col 3:8
strife, a language 1 Tim 6:4

ABYSS *deep, depth*

depart into the a Luke 8:31
descend into the a Rom 10:7
angel of the a Rev 9:11
key of the a Rev 20:1

ACCEPT *receive*

a the work of Deut 33:11
a good from God Job 2:10
the LORD a-ed Job Job 42:9
a-ed no chastening Jer 2:30
hear the word and a Mark 4:20
God has a-ed him Rom 14:3
a one another Rom 15:7

ACCEPTABLE *pleasing*

my heart Be a Ps 19:14
sacrifice, a to God Rom 12:1
a to the saints Rom 15:31
now is the a time 2 Cor 6:2
to God an a service Heb 12:28
sacrifices a to God 1 Pet 2:5

ACCESS *approach, entry*

grant you free a Zech 3:7
our a in one Spirit Eph 2:18

ACCOMPANY *attach to, follow*

who a my lord 1 Sam 25:21
a-ied the king 2 Sam 19:44
a-ied by trumpets 2 Chr 5:1
that a salvation Heb 6:1

ACCOMPLISH *perform, realize*

a-ed deliverance 1 Sam 11:1
shall a my desire 1 Kin 5:
God a-es all things Ps 57:
has a-ed His wrath Lam 1:1
a-ed redemption Luke 1:6
a His work John 4:3
I am a-ing a work Acts 13:4
when sin is a-ed James 1:1
man can a much James 5:1

ACCORD *agreement, union*

one a to fight Josh 9:
voices with one a Acts 4:2
one a in Solomon's Acts 5:1
multitudes with one a Acts 8:
one a they came Acts 12:21

ACCORDING

a to your word Gen 30:34
Moses did, a to all Ex 40:11
a to our sins Ps 103:11
a to his deeds Matt 16:27
a to the revelation Rom 16:25
heirs a to promise Gal 3:28
a to His riches Phil 4:19

ACCOUNT (n) *reckoning*

the a of the heavens Gen 2:4
On whose a has this Jon 1:8
settled a-s with Matt 25:18
who will give an a Heb 13:17

ACCOUNT (v) *reckon*

do not a this sin Num 12:11
Thou hast taken a of Ps 56:8
I am a-ed wicked Job 9:28
are a-ed as nothing Dan 4:35

ACCURATELY *correctly*

teaching a things Acts 18:23
handling a word 2 Tim 2:15

ACCURSED *damned*

camp of Israel a Josh 6:18
be thought a Is 65:20
Depart...a ones Matt 25:41
let him be a Gal 1:8
in greed, a children 2 Pet 2:14

ACCUSATION *charge of wrong*

wrote an a against Ezra 4:6
find a ground of a Dan 6:4
What a do you John 18:28
a against my nation Acts 28:19
Do not receive an a 1 Tim 5:19

ACCUSE *testify against*

a-d his brother Deut 19:18
a-s you in judgment Is 54:17
He was being a-d Matt 27:12
a-ing...vehemently Luke 23:10
a you before the John 5:45
alternately a-ing Rom 2:13
not a-d of dissipation Titus 1:6
unjustly a-ing us 3 John 10

ACCUSER *complainant*

they act as my a-s Ps 109:4
 instructing his a-s Acts 23:30
 when the a-s stood Acts 25:18
 a of our brethren Rev 12:10

ACHAIA

province of Greece Acts 18:12
 Rom 15:26; 1 Cor 16:15

ACHAN

stole from Jericho Josh 7:1
 executed by people Josh 7:25

ACKNOWLEDGE *confess*

I a-d my sin Ps 32:5
 all your ways a Him Prov 3:6
 Pharisees a them all Acts 23:8
 see fit to a God Rom 1:28

ACQUAINTED *become familiar*

a with all my ways Ps 139:3
 a with grief Is 53:3

ACQUAINTANCE *friend*

a-s are estranged Job 19:13
 dread to my a-s Ps 31:11
 removed my a-s far Ps 88:8
 relatives and a-s Luke 2:44
 And all His a-s Luke 23:49

ACQUIRE *get, purchase*

a property in it Gen 34:10
 have a-d Ruth Ruth 4:10
 a wise counsel Prov 1:5
 You have a-d riches Ezek 28:4
 Do not a gold Matt 10:9

ACQUIT *declare innocent*

not a me of my guilt Job 10:14
 A me of hidden faults Ps 19:12
 You will not be a-ted Jer 49:12

ACT (n) *deed, work*

a detestable a Lev 20:13
 mighty a-s as Thine Deut 3:24
 every abominable a Deut 12:31
 the a-s of Solomon 1 Kin 11:41
 over the rebellious a Mic 7:18

ACT (v) *behave*

they refuse to a Prov 21:7
 I a-ed ignorantly 1 Tim 1:13
 So speak and so a James 2:12
 are a-ing faithfully 3 John 5

ACTION *behavior, work*

a-s are weighed 1 Sam 2:3
 a-s of a harlot Ezek 16:30
 plan or a should be Acts 5:38
 girl your minds for a 1 Pet 1:13

ADAM

1 first man Gen 2:80
 fall of man Gen 3:6,7
 type of Christ Rom 5:14
 compared to Jesus 1 Cor 15:22
 a site in Jordan Valley Josh 3:16

ADAR

twelfth month of Hebrew
 calendar Ezra 6:15
 month of Purim Esth 3:7; 9:10ff

ADD

a to your yoke 1 Kin 12:11
 a-ing to the wrath Neb 13:18
 not a to His words Prov 30:6
 if anyone a-s to them Rev 22:18

ADJURE *charge solemnly*

many times... I a 1 Kin 22:16
 I a you, O daughters Song 3:5
 I a you by Jesus Acts 19:13

ADMINISTRATION

a of the province Dan 3:12
 healings, helps, a-s 1 Cor 12:28
 in our a of this 2 Cor 8:20
 a of the mystery Eph 3:9

ADMONISH *warn*

prophets had a-ed Neh 9:26
 How shall I a you Lam 2:13
 not cease to a each Acts 20:31
 able also to a one Rom 15:14
 a-ing one another Col 3:16
 a the unruly 1 Thess 5:14
 a him as a brother 2 Thess 1:15

ADONIJAH

1 son of David 2 Sam 3:4
 aspired to throne 1 Kin 1:5ff
 pardoned 1 Kin 1:52ff
 executed 1 Kin 2:25
 2 Levite 2 Chr 17:8
 3 of the restoration Neb 10:16

ADOPTION *acceptance*

spirit of a as sons Rom 8:15
 to whom belongs a Rom 9:4
 receive the a as sons Gal 4:5
 predestined us to a Eph 1:5

ADORN *array, clothe*

A yourself with Job 40:10
 as a bride a-s herself Is 61:10
 a-ed with beautiful Luke 21:5
 women to a 1 Tim 2:9
 a the doctrine of God Titus 2:10
 a-ed with gold Rev 17:4
 as a bride a-ed Rev 21:2

ADULTERER

a and the adulteress Lev 20:10
 eye of the a waits Job 24:15
 associate with a-s Ps 50:18
 a-s, nor effeminate 1 Cor 6:9
 a-s God will judge Heb 13:4

ADULTERESS

a shall surely be Lev 20:10
 a who flatters with Prov 2:16
 mouth of an a Prov 23:14
 You a wife, who Ezek 16:32
 they are a-es Ezek 23:45
 shall be called an a Rom 7:3

ADULTERY

shall not commit a Ex 20:14
 man who commits a Lev 20:10
 a-ies of faithless Jer 3:8
 worn out by a-ies Ezek 23:43
 committed a with her Matt 5:28
 woman commits a Matt 5:32
 Do not commit a Luke 18:20
 eyes full of a 3 Pet 2:14

ADVANCE *ahead, beyond*

old, a-d in age Gen 24:1
 a-d in years 1 Sam 17:12
 have told you in a Matt 24:25
 both a-d in years Luke 1:7
 a-ing in Judaism Gal 1:14

ADVANTAGE *benefit, profit*

lead surely to a Prov 21:5
 What a does man Eccl 1:3
 Wisdom has the a Eccl 10:10
 a that I go away John 16:7
 what a has the Jew Rom 3:1
 no a be taken of us 2 Cor 2:11
 sake of gaining an a Jude 1:6

ADVERSARY *foe, opponent*

an a to your a-ies Ex 23:22
 an a to Solomon 1 Kin 11:14
 Lest my a-ies rejoice Ps 13:4
 a-ies and my enemies Ps 27:2
 redeemed from the a Ps 78:42
 crush his a-ies Ps 99:23
 there are many a-ies 1 Cor 16:9
 consume the a-ies Heb 10:27
 Your a, the devil 1 Pet 5:8

ADVERSITY *distress, misfortune*

death and a Deut 30:15
 not accept a Job 2:10
 relief from a Ps 94:13
 falls into a Prov 13:17
 A pursues sinners Prov 13:21

ADVICE *counsel*

forsook the a 1 Kin 12:13
 a of the young 2 Chr 10:14
 a of the cunning Job 5:13
 they took his a Acts 5:40
 have followed my a Acts 27:21

ADVISER *counselor*

with his a Ahuzzath Gen 26:26
 Pharaoh's wisest a-s Is 19:11

ADVOCATE *defender, witness*

my a is on high Job 16:19
 A with the Father 1 John 2:1

AFFECTION *devotion, love*

set His a to love Deut 10:15
 in your own a-s 2 Cor 6:12
 a of Christ Jesus Phil 1:8
 fond a for you 1 Thess 2:8

AFFLICT (v) *oppress, trouble*

a with hard labor Ex 1:11
 not a any widow Ex 22:22
 Egyptians... a-ed us Deut 26:6
 bind him to a him Judg 16:5
 the wicked a them 2 Sam 7:10
 They a-ed his feet Ps 105:18
 He was a-ed Is 63:9
 will a no longer Nah 1:12
 were sick or a-ed Acts 5:16
 are a-ed in every 2 Cor 4:8
 those who a you 2 Thess 1:6
 a-ed, ill-treated Heb 11:37

AFFLICTED (a) *troubled*

save an a people 2 Sam 22:28
 to catch the a Ps 10:9
 justice to the a Ps 88:3
 LORD supports the a Ps 147:6

AFFLICTED—ALLOTMENT

days of the a Prov 15:15
O a one Is 54:11
good news to the a Is 61:1

AFFLICTION *oppression*

my a and the toil Gen 31:42
the land of my a Gen 41:52
the bread of a Deut 16:3
LORD saw the a 2 Kin 14:26
Thou didst see the a Neh 9:9
afflicted in their a Job 36:15
Look upon my a Ps 25:18
a severe a Eccl 6:2
a or persecution Mark 4:17
healed of her a Mark 5:29
a-s await me Acts 20:23
out of much a 2 Cor 2:4
great ordeal of a 2 Cor 8:2
to suffer a 1 Thess 3:4

AFFRAID *dreading, fearful*

a because...naked Gen 3:10
a to look at God Ex 3:6
a and fainthearted Deut 20:8
Whoever is a Judg 7:3
a of the terror Ps 91:5
not a of the snow Prov 31:21
a to swear Eccl 9:2
a of man who dies Is 51:12
a to take Mary Matt 1:20
were a of Him Mark 11:18
Do not be a, Mary Luke 1:30
a of those who kill Luke 12:4
a of the people Luke 22:2
a, lest the serpent 2 Cor 11:3
Do not be a Rev 1:17

AGABUS

prophet Acts 11:28;21:10

AGE *period, year*

David reached old a 1 Chr 23:1
a should speak Job 32:7
either in this a Matt 12:32
the end of the a Matt 13:40
sons of this a are Luke 16:8
in the a-s to come Eph 2:7
hidden...past a-s Col 1:26
in the present a Titus 2:12

AGED *old*

Wisdom is...a men Job 12:12
a are among us Job 15:10
refined, a wine Is 25:6
Paul, the a Philem 9

AGONY *anguish*

a has seized me 2 Sam 1:9
A like...childbirth Jer 50:43
in a in this flame Luke 16:24
in a He was praying Luke 22:44
the a of death Acts 2:24

AGREE *consent*

if two of you a Matt 18:19
did you not a Matt 20:13
Jews had already a-d John 9:22
have a-d together Acts 5:9
words...Prophets Acts 15:15
a with sound words 1 Tim 6:3

AGREEMENT *accord*

an a in writing Neb 9:38
Saul was in hearty a Acts 8:1

a has the temple 2 Cor 6:16
three are in a 1 John 5:8

AGRIPPA

1 Herod Agrippa I see HEROD
2 Herod Agrippa II see HEROD

AHAB

1 son of Omri 1 Kin 16:29
king of Israel 1 Kin 16:28
married Jezebel 1 Kin 16:31
idolater 1 Kin 16:33
2 false prophet Jer 29:21,22

AHASUERUS

1 Persian king, Xerxes I
Ezra 4:6 Book of Esther
2 father of Darius the Mede Dan 9:1

AHAZ

1 son of Jotham 2 Kin 15:38
king of Judah 2 Kin 16:2
2 line of Jonathan 1 Chr 8:35

AHIJAH/AHIAH

1 prophet of Shiloh 1 Kin 14:2
2 of Issachar 1 Kin 15:27
3 son of Jerahmeel 1 Chr 2:25
4 the Pelonite 1 Chr 11:36
5 under Nehemiah Neh 10:26

AHIMELECH

1 high priest 1 Sam 22:16
gave bread and sword
to David 1 Sam 21:1-9
2 Hittite 1 Sam 26:6,7

AHITHOPHEL

counselor of David 2 Sam 15:22
1 Chr 27:33

AI

place near Bethel Gen 12:8
defeat of Israelites Josh 7:5
captured Josh 8:23,29

AIJALON

1 city of refuge Josh 10:12
valley Josh 19:42
Levitical city Josh 21:24
2 Zebulunite town Judg 12:12

AIR *breeze, sky*

no a can come Job 41:16
They pant for a Jer 14:6
birds of the a Matt 6:26
not beating the a 1 Cor 9:26
speaking into the a 1 Cor 14:9
power of the a Eph 2:2
the Lord in the a 1 Thess 4:17

ALABASTER *whitish stone*

stones, and a 1 Chr 29:2
pillars of a Song 5:15
brought an a vial Luke 7:37

ALARM (n) *danger, warning*

when you blow an a Num 10:5
The a of war Jer 4:19
shout of a at noon Jer 20:16
a on My...mountain Joel 2:1

ALARM (v) *frighten, warn*

he is not a-ed Job 40:23
interpretation a you Dan 4:19

CONCORDANCE

thoughts a-ed him Dan 5:4
being much a-ed Acts 10:4
in no way a-ed by Phil 1:20

ALERT (n) *watch*

be on the a " Matt 24:42
be a and sober 1 Thess 5:8

ALERT (v) *be watchful*

keeping a in it Col 4:2
let us be a 1 Thess 5:6

ALEXANDER

1 son of Simon of Cyrene Mark 15:21s
2 of priestly family Acts 4:6
3 Ephesian Jew Acts 19:30
4 apostate teacher 1 Tim 1:20
5 enemy of Paul 2 Tim 4:14

ALEXANDRIAN

1 of Alexandria Acts 6:9
2 ship Acts 27:6;28:11
3 Apollos Acts 18:24

ALIEN *foreigner, stranger*

love for the a Deut 10:19
give it to the a Deut 14:21
Our houses to a-s Lam 5:8
a-s in a foreign land Acts 7:6
no longer...a-s Eph 2:19
he lived as an a Heb 11:9
I urge you as a-s 1 Pet 2:11

ALIENATE *estrangle*

lest I be a-d Jer 6:8
a this choice portion Ezek 48:14
were formerly a-d Col 1:21

ALIVE

Is your father still a Gen 43:7
down a to Sheol Num 16:33
go down a to Sheol Ps 55:15
may keep a a heifer Is 7:21
when He was...a Matt 27:60
heard...He was a Mark 16:11
presented Himself a Acts 1:3
yet the spirit is a Rom 8:10
all shall be made a 1 Cor 15:22
made us a together Eph 2:5
a in the spirit 1 Pet 3:18
I am a forevermore Rev 1:18

ALLEGIANCE *loyalty*

pledged a to King 1 Chr 29:24
he pledged his a Ezek 17:18

ALLIANCE *agreement*

formed a marriage a 1 Kin 3:1
after an a is made Dan 11:23

ALLIED *joined*

a...by marriage 2 Chr 18:1
throne of...a Ps 94:20

ALLOT *apportion, divide*

only a it to Israel Josh 13:6
a Him a portion Is 53:12
a-ed to each...faith Rom 12:3

ALLOTMENT *portion*

an a from Pharaoh Gen 47:22
as a perpetual a Num 18:19
Jacob is the a Deut 32:9
set apart the...a Ezek 48:20

ALLOW permit

not a the destroyer Ex 12:23
whether his body a-s Lev 15:3
Thy Holy One Ps 16:10
Not a Thy Holy One Acts 2:27
not be a-ed to live Acts 22:22
you to be tempted 1 Cor 10:13
not a a woman 1 Tim 2:12

ALLMIGHTY all-powerful

I am God A Gen 17:1
town of the A Num 24:4
A has afflicted me Ruth 1:21
limits of the A Job 11:7
A was yet with me Job 29:5
instruction from A Joel 1:15
Lord God, the A Rev 4:8
the A, reigns Rev 19:6

ALMOND

and plane trees Gen 30:37
shaped like a blossom Ex 37:19
and it bore ripe a-s Num 17:8

ALMS charity

therefore you give a Matt 6:2
a may be in secret Matt 6:4
a to the Jewish Acts 10:2
bring a to my nation Acts 24:17

ALONE

So He let him a Ex 4:26
leave me a, for my Job 7:16
not live on bread a Matt 4:4
He was praying a Luke 9:18
I am not a in u John 9:16
receiving but you a Phil 4:15
and not by faith a James 2:24

ALoud joyful, piercing

crying a as she 2 Sam 13:19
read a from the book Neh 13:1
I will cry a Ps 77:1
Sing a with gladness Jer 31:7
The king called a Dan 5:7
began to weep a Acts 20:37

ALPHA

first letter of Gr alphabet Rev 1:8
rule of Jesus Christ Rev 21:6
expresses eternality of God Rev 22:13

ALTAR place of sacrifice

offerings on the a Gen 8:20
Moses built an a Ex 17:15
fire on the a Lev 6:9
Kirkon built an a Judg 6:24
erect an a to 2 Sam 24:18
go to the a of God Ps 43:4
a-s may become waste Ezek 6:6
offering at the a Matt 5:23
a that sanctifies Matt 23:19
golden a of incense Heb 9:4
we have an a Heb 13:10
burns of the golden a Rev 9:13

ALWAYS ever, forever

fear the LORD a Deut 14:23
He will not a strive Ps 103:9
fear of the LORD a Prov 23:17
a loses his temper Prov 29:11
will I a be angry Is 57:16

I am with you a Matt 28:20
poor you a have Mark 14:7
Rejoice in the Lord a Phil 4:4
a be with Lord 1 Thess 4:17
I shall a be ready 2 Pet 1:12

AMALEKITES

descendants of Esau Gen 36:12
tribe in Negro and Sem
Ex 17:8,9; Num 14:25
1 Sam 15:7,1 Chr 4:43

AMASA

1 son of Abigail 1 Chr 2:17
Abalom's commander
2 Sam 17:25
pardon 2 Sam 19:13
2 on Ephraim 2 Chr 28:12

AMAZED astonished, astounded

are a at His rebuke Job 26:11
a at His teaching Mark 1:22
heard Him were a Luke 2:47
were a and marveled Acts 2:7
whole earth was a Rev 13:3

AMAZEMENT astonishment

a came upon them Luke 4:36
with wonder and a Acts 3:10

AMAZIAH

1 king of Judah 2 Kin 12:21
son of Joash 2 Kin 14:1
2 a Sennacherib 1 Chr 4:34
3 son of Hilkiah 1 Chr 6:45
4 a priest of Bethel Amos 7:10

AMBASSADOR envoy

a-s of peace weep Is 33:7
a-s for Christ 2 Cor 5:20
an a in chains Eph 6:20

AMBITION design, intention

out of selfish a Phil 1:17
a to lead a quest 1 Thess 4:11
jealousy selfish a James 3:14

AMBUSH (a) cover, hiding place

a for the city Josh 8:2
rise from your a Josh 8:7
Israel set men in a Judg 20:29
a behind them 2 Chr 13:13
Place men in a Jer 51:12

AMBUSH (v) lie in wait

going to a the city Josh 8:4
a the innocent Prov 1:11
a their own lives Prov 1:16

AMEN so be it

people shall say, A Deut 27:16
the LORD forever! A Ps 89:52
glory forever, A Phil 4:20
the A, the faithful Rev 3:14
A, Come, Lord Jesus Rev 22:20

AMMONITES

tribes E of Jordan Gen 19:38
defeated Israel Judg 3:13
hated Ammonites 2 Sam 10:6
fought against Jewish 2 Kin 24:2

AMNON

oldest son of David 2 Sam 3:2
raped his sister 2 Sam 13:28
ordered killed 2 Sam 13:28

AMON

1 Ahab's governor 1 Kin 22:26
2 king of Judah 2 Kin 21:18-26
3 of the Nethanians Neh 7:50
4 Egyptian deity Jer 46:25

AMORITES

tribe on both sides of Jordan
Gen 15:16, Ex 24:11, Deut 1:27
Judg 11:23, Amos 2:9

AMOS

prophet to Israel Book of Amos

AMOUNT measure

daily a of bricks Ex 5:19
a of your valuation Lev 27:23
large a of bronze 1 Chr 18:8

ABRAM

1 father of Moses Ex 6:18-20
1 Chr 23:13
2 son of Benj Ezra 10:34

ANAK/ANAKIM

pre-Israelite tribe of Palestine
Num 13:22-33
giants Deut 2:10, Josh 14:13

ANANIAS

1 deserted Jerusalem church
Acts 5:1-5

2 Damascus Christian Acts 9:10,17

3 high priest Acts 23:2

ANCESTORS forefathers

blessings of my a Gen 49:26
the a have set Deut 19:14
iniquities of their a Jer 11:10

ANCHOR

they weighed a Acts 27:13
they cast four a-s Acts 27:29
an a of the soul Heb 6:19

ANCIENT aged, old

of the a mountains Deut 33:15
the records are a 1 Chr 4:22
keep to the a path Job 22:13
O a doors Ps 24:9
A of Days Dan 7:9
the a-s were told Matt 5:21
from a generations Acts 15:21
not spare the a world 2 Pet 2:5

ANDREW

fisherman Matt 4:18
brother of Peter Matt 4:18
receives Jesus John 1:40-42
apostle Luke 6:14

ANGEL divine messenger

saw Him a before Gen 24:7
a-s were ascending Gen 28:12
an a to Jerusalem 1 Chr 21:15
bread of a-s Ps 78:25
Praise Him, all His a-s Ps 148:2
a of His presence Is 63:9
a who was speaking Zech 4:4
give His a-s charge Matt 4:6
a Gabriel was sent Luke 1:26
they are like a-s Luke 20:36
two a-s in white John 20:12
like the face of an a Acts 6:15

ANGEL—APPEAR

as an a of light 2 Cor 11:14
 worship of the a-s Col 2:18
 entertained a-s Heb 13:2
 God did not spare a-s 2 Pet 2:4
 a of the church Rev 2:1

ANGEL OF THE LORD

a called to Abraham Gen 22:15
 a took his stand Num 22:22
 I have seen the a Judg 6:22
 a said to Elijah 2 Kin 1:3
 a destroying 1 Chr 21:12
 a encamps around those Ps 34:7
 a admonished Joshua Zech 3:6
 a commanded him Matt 1:24
 a appeared to Joseph Matt 2:13
 a opened the gates Acts 5:19

ANGER indignation, wrath

My a will be kindled Ex 22:24
 Moses' a burned Ex 32:19
 from His burning a Deut 13:17
 a with their idols 1 Kin 16:13
 a kills the simple Job 5:2
 not turn back His a Job 9:13
 not rebuke me in Thine a Ps 6:1
 a is but for a moment Ps 30:5
 He who is slow to a Prov 14:29
 a man given to a Prov 22:24
 a of the LORD Is 5:25
 sun go down...a Eph 4:26
 put aside a Col 3:8
 slow to a James 1:19

ANGRY enraged, indignant

Why are you a Gen 4:6
 king became very a Esth 1:12
 lest He become a Ps 2:12
 a man stirs up strife Prov 29:22
 a beyond measure Is 64:9
 and a no more Ezek 16:42
 a with his brother Matt 5:22
 Be a do not sin Eph 4:26
 a with this generation Heb 3:10

ANGUISH distress, pain

writhed in great a Esth 4:4
 My heart is in a Ps 55:4
 land of distress and a Is 30:6
 A has seized us Jer 6:24
 and a of heart 2 Cor 2:4

ANIMAL beast, creature

from man to a-s Gen 6:7
 lies with an a Ex 22:19
 the fat of the a Lev 7:25
 wild a-s of the field Jer 27:6
 a blemished a Mal 1:14
 four-footed a-s Acts 10:12
 like unreasoning a-s 2 Pet 2:12

ANNA

prophetess Luke 2:36

ANNAS

high priest Luke 3:2
 John 18:13ff

ANNIHILATE destroy

to a all the Jews Esth 3:13
 My enemy a-d them Lam 2:22
 to destroy and a Dan 11:44
 let it be a-d Zech 11:9

ANNOUNCE proclaim

Who a-s peace Is 52:7
 I shall a My words Jer 18:2
 a-ing to...disciples John 20:18
 a-d...the Righteous Acts 7:52

ANNUL dismiss, make void

he shall a her vow Num 30:8
 husband has a-ed Num 30:12
 not a Thy covenant Jer 14:21
 a-s one of the least Matt 5:19

ANOINT sprinkle oil upon

a them and ordain Ex 28:41
 a Aaron and his sons Ex 30:30
 LORD a-ed you king 1 Sam 15:17
 a-ed my head with oil Ps 23:5
 a the most holy place Dan 9:24
 has a-ed My body Mark 14:8
 did not a My head Luke 7:46
 and a-ed my eyes John 9:11
 a-ed feet of Jesus John 12:3
 a-ed Him...Spirit Acts 10:38
 a-ing him with oil James 5:14

ANOINTED (adj) consecrated

If the a priest sins Lev 4:3
 not touch My a 1 Chr 16:22
 a cherub who Ezek 28:14
 the two a ones Zech 4:14

ANOINTED (n) consecrated one

walk before My a 1 Sam 2:35
 he is the LORD'S a 1 Sam 24:10
 against His a Ps 2:2

ANOINTING (adj) consecration

spices for the a oil Ex 25:6
 shall be a holy a oil Ex 30:31
 for the LORD'S a oil Lev 10:7

ANOINTING (n) consecration

a shall qualify them Ex 40:15
 a from the Holy 1 John 2:20
 His a teaches you 1 John 2:27

ANSWER (n) response

consider what a 1 Chr 21:12
 the king sent an a Ezra 4:17
 Who gives a right a Prov 24:26
 amazed at...His a-s Luke 2:47

ANSWER (v) respond

anyone who will a you Job 5:1
 The LORD a-ed me Ps 118:5
 king a-ed and said Dan 2:8
 Jesus a-ing said Matt 3:15
 who a-s back to God Rom 9:20

ANT insect

to the a, O sluggard Prov 6:6
 a-s are not a strong Prov 30:25

ANTELOPE animal

Like an a in a net Is 51:20

ANTICHRIST foe of Christ

a-s have arisen 1 John 2:18
 This is the a 1 John 2:22
 the spirit of the a 1 John 4:3
 deceiver and the a 2 John 7

ANTIOCH

city in Syria Acts 6:5;11:19,26

CONCORDANCE

city in Asia Minor Acts 13:1
 Acts 14:19

ANTIPAS

1 Pergamum martyr Rev 2:13
 2 Herod Antipas see HEROD

ANXIETY sorrow

a because of my sin Ps 38:18
 There is a by the sea Jer 49:24
 casting all your a 1 Pet 5:7

ANXIOUS concern, worry

and become a for us 1 Sam 9:8
 not be a in...drought Jer 17:8
 my spirit is a to Dan 2:8
 not be a for your life Matt 6:28
 not be a for tomorrow Matt 6:34
 be a beforehand Mark 13:11
 a can add a single Luke 12:28
 Be a for nothing Phil 4:6

APART separate

So they set a Kedesh Josh 20:7
 tear their fetters a Ps 2:3
 a from your Father Matt 10:29
 a from Him nothing John 1:3
 a from Me you can John 15:3
 faith a from works Rom 3:28

APOLLOS

Alexandrian Jew Acts 18:24
 taught at Ephesus Acts 18:25
 taught at Corinth 1 Cor 3:4,6

APOSTASY faithlessness

a-les are numerous Jer 5:6
 Turned away in...a Jer 8:5
 I will heal their a Hos 14:4
 unless the a comes 2 Thess 2:3

APOSTLE sent with authority

the twelve a-s Matt 10:2
 named as a-s Luke 6:13
 called as an a Rom 1:1
 an a of Gentiles Rom 11:13
 fit to be called an a 1 Cor 15:9
 men are false a-s 2 Cor 11:13
 He gave some as a-s Eph 4:11
 Jesus, the A and Heb 3:1
 a-s of the Lamb Rev 21:14

APOSTLESHIP office of apostle

received grace and a Rom 1:3
 seal of my a 1 Cor 9:2
 Peter in his a to Gal 2:8

APPAREL clothing, garment

of gold on your a 2 Sam 1:24
 majestic in His a Is 63:1
 men...in dazzling a Luke 24:4
 put on his royal a Acts 12:21

APPEAL ask, entreat

standing and a-ing Acts 16:9
 I a to Caesar Acts 25:11
 Paul a-ed to be held Acts 25:21
 a-ed to...Emperor Acts 25:25
 a to him as a father 1 Tim 5:1
 love's sake I...a Philem 9

APPEAR become visible

LORD a-ed to Abram Gen 12:7
 glory of the LORD a-ed Ex 3:2
 a-ed on the wings 2 Sam 22:11

CONCORDANCE

and a-ed to many Matt 27:53
 first a-ed to Mary Mark 16:9
 who, a-ing in glory Luke 9:31
 a-ed to them tongues Acts 2:3
 we must all a before 2 Cor 5:10
 a-ing of the glory Titus 2:13
 shall a a second time Heb 9:28
 chief Shepherd a-s 1 Pet 5:4
 not a-ed as yet 1 John 3:2

APPEARANCE *countenance*
 handsome in a Gen 39:6
 the a of the angel Judg 13:6
 at the outward a 1 Sam 16:7
 is blacker than soot Lam 4:8
 lapis lazuli in a Ezek 1:26
 they neglect their a Matt 6:16
 judge according to a John 7:24
 of His coming 2 Thes 2:8
 of the locusts Rev 9:7

APPEASE *moderate, nullify*
 I will a him Gen 32:20
 wise man will a it Prov 16:14
 have a-ed My wrath Zech 6:8

APPETITE *desire, hunger*
 our a is gone Num 11:6
 of the young lions Job 38:39
 man of great a Prov 23:2
 a is not satisfied Eccl 6:7
 enlarged his a like Hab 2:5
 whose god is their a Phil 3:19

APPLE *fruit*
 as the a of the eye Ps 17:8
 like a-s of gold Prov 25:11
 Refresh me with a-s Song 2:5
 touches the a of His Zech 2:8

APPOINT *assign, commission*
 shall a as a penalty Ex 21:23
 I will a over you Lev 26:16
 who a-ed Moses 1 Sam 12:6
 to a their relatives 1 Chr 15:16
 a magistrates and Exra 7:25
 there is a harvest a-ed Hos 6:11
 a-ed elders for them Acts 14:23
 a-ed a preacher and 1 Tim 2:7
 For the Law a-s men Heb 7:28

APPORTION *distribute*
 a the inheritance Num 34:29
 a this land Josh 13:7
 He a-s our fields Mic 2:4

APPROPRIATE *suitable*
 blessing a to him Gen 49:28
 eat at the a time Eccl 10:17
 a to repentance Acts 26:20

APPROVAL *consent*
 loved the a of men John 12:43
 give hearty a to Rom 1:32
 men of old gained a Heb 11:2

APPROVE *accept, attest*
 the Lord does not a Lam 3:36
 too pure to a evil Hab 1:13
 standing by a-ing Acts 22:20
 and a-ed by men Rom 14:18
 present yourself a-d 2 Tim 2:15

AQUILA
 a native of Pontus Acts 18:2

Corinthian Christian Acts 18:18
co-worker with Paul Rom 16:3

ARAB
 1 town in Judah Josh 15:52
 2 ethnic identity 1 Kin 10:15
 Neh 2:19; Is 13:20

ARABAH
 1 desert steppe Is 35:1,6
 Jer 52:7
 2 Jordan rift valley Deut 1:1
 Josh 3:17
 3 Dead Sea Josh 3:16
 2 Kin 14:25

ARABIA
 land SE of Palestine Is 21:13
 Ezek 30:5, Gal 1:17,4,25

ARAM
 1 son of Shem Gen 10:22,23
 2 Syria and N Mesopotamia
 Num 23:7, 1 Kin 11:25
 2 Kin 13:19; Is 7:8

ARAMAIC
 Semitic language 2 Kin 18:26
 Ezra 4:7, Is 36:11, Dan 2:4

ARAMEANS
 tribes of Aram 2 Sam 8:5
 1 Kin 20:20; 2 Kin 24:2

ARARAT
 mountain range of Armenia
 Gen 8:4; 2 Kin 19:37, Jer 51:27

ARAUNAH
 Jebusite owner of threshing
 floor on Mt. Moriah
 2 Sam 24:16,18
 David purchases threshing floor
 for altar and later temple
 2 Sam 24:23,24
 also Ornan

ARCHANGEL
 voice of the a 1 Thes 4:16
 But Michael the a Jude 9

ARCHELAUS *see HEROD*

ARCHER *bowman*
 the a-s hit him 1 Sam 31:3
 a-s shot king Josiah 2 Chr 35:23
 a-s equipped with bows Ps 78:9
 an a who wounds Prov 26:10

ARCHIPPUS
 Colossian Christian Col 4:17
 co-worker with Paul Philem 2

AREOPAGUS
 hill and council in Athens
 Acts 17:19,22

ARGUE *dispute, question*
 I will a my ways Job 13:15
 hastily to a your case Prov 25:8
 Pharisees a with Mark 8:11
 scribes a-ing with Mark 9:14
 a-ing with the Jews Acts 9:29

ARGUMENT *disagreement*
 Please hear my a Job 13:6

APPEAR—ARMY

mouth are no a-s Ps 38:14
 a arose among them Luke 9:46

ARIEL
 1 a Moabite 2 Sam 23:20
 1 Chr 11:22
 2 applied to Jerusalem Is 29:18
 3 sent by Ezra Ezra 8:16

ARISE *rise, stand*
 A, walk about the Gen 13:17
 Abraham arose early Gen 19:27
 will a and play Deut 31:16
 you have a-s early 1 Sam 29:10
 arose and tore his robe Job 1:20
 when God a-s Job 31:14
 A, O LORD, save me Ps 3:7
 Though war a Ps 27:3
 A, my darling Song 2:13
 a-s anyone greater Matt 11:11
 false prophets will a Matt 24:11
 arose from the dead Acts 29:41
 A, and be baptized Acts 22:16
 a from the dead Eph 5:14
 arose loud voices Rev 11:15

ARISTARCHUS
 Thessalonian Christian Acts 20:4
 Acts 27:2
 co-worker with Paul Col 4:10
 Philem 24

ARK *chest, vessel*
 a of gopher wood Gen 6:14
 into the a of Noah Gen 7:9
 a of acacia wood Ex 37:1
 a of the covenant Josh 4:7
 Noah entered the a Matt 24:38
 a of His covenant Rev 11:19

ARM (n) *part of body*
 the everlasting a-s Deut 33:27
 a without strength Job 28:2
 a-s of the wicked Ps 37:17
 His holy a have gained Ps 98:1
 a seal on your a Song 8:6
 be carried in the a-s Is 60:4
 took in His a-s Mark 10:16
 with an uplifted a Acts 13:17

ARM (v) *mobilize*
 A men from among Num 31:3
 a-ed for battle Num 32:29
 a-ed with iron 2 Sam 23:7
 a yourselves also 1 Pet 4:1

ARMAGEDDON
see HAR-MAGEDON

ARMED (adj) *mobilized*
 the a men went Josh 6:13
 their a camps 1 Sam 28:1
 So the a men left 2 Chr 28:14
 like an a man Prov 6:11

ARMOR *protective device*
 a joint of the a 1 Kin 22:34
 strip off his outer a Job 41:13
 all his a on which Luke 11:22
 put on a of light Rom 13:12
 full a of God Eph 6:11

ARMY *host, war*
 not go out with the a Deut 24:5
 like the a of God 1 Chr 12:22

a ready for battle 2 Chr 26:11
 officers of the a Neh 2:9
 forth with our a-ies Ps 60:10
 exceedingly great a Ezek 37:10
 a-ies...in heaven Rev 19:14
 and against His a Rev 19:19

ARNON

river in Gilead Num 21:13
 valley in Moab Deut 2:24

AROMA odor

a soothing a Gen 8:21
 his a has not changed Jer 48:11
 through us...sweet a 2 Cor 2:14
 a from life to life 2 Cor 2:16
 as a fragrant a Eph 5:2

AROUSE raise, stir

A Thyself to help me Ps 59:4
 a-s for you the spirits Is 14:9
 a-d one from the north Is 41:25
 He will a His zeal Is 42:13
 LORD has a-d the spirit Jer 51:11
 Jews a-d the devout Acts 13:50

ARRANGE set in order

a what belongs on it Ex 40:4
 shall a the pieces Lev 1:8
 he a-d the wood 1 Kin 18:33
 thus he had a-d it Acts 20:13

ARRAY (n) arrangement, order

went up in martial a Ex 13:18
 in battle a Josh 4:12
 Worship...in holy a 1 Chr 16:29
 holy a, from the womb Ps 110:3

ARRAY (v) adorn, clothe

Israel a-ed for battle Judg 20:20
 let them a the man Esth 6:9
 A yourselves before Job 33:5
 God so a-s the grass Matt 6:30
 a-ed Him in a purple John 19:2

ARREST restrain

he a-ed Jeremiah Jer 37:13
 Herod had John a-ed Matt 14:3
 and clubs to a Me Matt 26:55
 proceeded to a Peter Acts 12:3

ARROGANCE pride

your a has come 2 Kin 19:28
 Pride and a and Prov 8:13
 a of the proud Is 13:11
 a, pride, and fury Is 16:6
 a of your heart Jer 49:16
 you boast in your a James 4:16

ARROGANT proud

a men have risen up Ps 86:14
 But a fool is a Prov 14:16
 a toward the LORD Jer 48:26
 Knowledge makes a 1 Cor 8:1
 boastful, a, revilers 2 Tim 3:2
 speaking...a words 2 Pet 2:18

ARROW dart, missile

shot an a past him 1 Sam 20:36
 a-s of the Almighty Job 6:4
 a cannot make him Job 41:28
 make ready their a Ps 11:2
 broke the flaming a-s Ps 76:3
 sword and a sharp a Prov 25:18
 tongue is a deadly a Jer 9:8

target for the a Lam 3:12
 deadly a-s of famine Ezek 5:16

ART craft

with their secret a-s Ex 7:22
 the perfumers' a 2 Chr 16:14

ARTAXERXES

Persian king Ezra 4:7,8;7:1,12
 Neh 2:1,5;14

ARTEMIS

Greek goddess Acts 19:24ff

ARTICLE object, vessel

a-s of silver Gen 24:53
 any wooden a Lev 11:32
 of every precious a Hos 13:15
 every a of ivory Rev 18:12

ASA

1 king of Judah 1 Kin 15:8-14
 2 Chr 14:8-16
 2 a Levite 1 Chr 9:16

ASCEND go up

a into the hill Ps 24:3
 If I a to heaven Ps 139:8
 Who has a-ed into Prov 30:4
 breath of man a-s Eccl 3:21
 has a-ed into heaven John 3:13
 Son of Man a-ing John 6:62
 a-ed to the Father John 20:17
 who a-ed far above Eph 4:10

ASCENT hill, rise

by the a of Heres Judg 8:13
 a of the...Olives 2 Sam 15:30

ASCRIBE attribute

have a-d to David 1 Sam 18:8
 A to the LORD 1 Chr 16:28
 a righteousness to Job 36:3

ASH

but dust and a-es Gen 18:27
 from the a heap 1 Sam 2:8
 a-es on her head 2 Sam 13:19
 a-es were poured 1 Kin 13:5
 proverbs of a-es Job 13:12
 repent in dust and a-es Job 42:6
 garland instead of a-es Is 61:3
 roll in a-es Jer 6:26
 sackcloth and a-es Luke 10:13
 a-es of a helper Heb 9:13

ASHAMED embarrassed

naked and were not a Gen 2:25
 Let me never be a Ps 71:1
 a of Me...My words Mark 8:38
 a when He comes Luke 9:26
 not a of the gospel Rom 1:16
 a of the testimony 2 Tim 1:8
 God is not a Heb 11:16
 let him not feel a 1 Pet 4:16

ASHDOD

Philistine city Josh 15:47
 1 Sam 5:1,6; Amos 1:8

ASHER

1 eighth son of Jacob Gen 35:26
 Gen 49:20
 2 tribe of Israel Num 1:41
 Num 13:13; Rev 7:6
 3 town in Palestine Josh 17:7

ASHERAH

Canaanite goddess and symbol
 Deut 16:21; Judg 6:25

Asherim (pl)

1 Kin 14:15; Mic 5:14

Asheroth (pl)

Judg 3:7; 2 Chr 19:31

ASHKELON

Philistine city Judg 1:18
 2 Sam 1:20; Jer 47:5; Zeph 2:4

ASHTORETH

1 Near Eastern goddess
 1 Kin 11:5,33; 2 Kin 23:13
 Ashtaroth (pl) Judg 2:13
 1 Sam 7:4,31 10
 2 town of Bashan, Manasseh
 Deut 1:4; Josh 13:12

ASIA

Roman province of Asia Minor
 Acts 6:9; Rom 16:5; Rev 1:4

ASK appeal, beg, inquire

whatever you a Ruth 3:11
 Two things I a-ed Prov 30:7
 A a sign for yourself Is 7:11
 a for the ancient paths Jer 6:16
 A rain from the LORD Zech 10:1
 Give to him who a-s Matt 5:48
 A, and it shall be Matt 7:7
 a...believing Matt 21:22
 pray and a, believe Mark 11:24
 Jews a for signs 1 Cor 1:22
 let him a of God James 1:5

ASLEEP death, rest

sound a...exhausted Judg 4:21
 they fall a Ps 90:5
 not died, but is a Matt 9:24
 in the stern, a Mark 4:38
 Lazarus...fallen a John 11:11
 said this, he fell a Acts 7:60
 fallen a in Jesus 1 Thess 4:14

ASSAIL attack

will you a a man Ps 62:3
 Whoever a-s you Is 54:15
 storm was a-ing us Acts 27:20

ASSEMBLE gather

a all the congregation Lev 8:3
 A the people to Me Deut 4:10
 David a-ed all Israel 1 Chr 13:5
 peoples may be a-ed Is 43:9
 A...on the mountains Amos 3:9
 I will...a all of you Mic 2:12
 whole city a-ed to Acts 13:44
 a-ed to make war Rev 19:19

ASSEMBLY congregation

holy a on the seventh Ex 12:18
 the people of the a Lev 16:33
 a before the rock Num 20:10
 Or calls an a Job 11:10
 a of the righteous Ps 1:5
 hate the a of evildoers Ps 26:5
 proclaim a solemn a Joel 2:15
 I delight in...a-ies Amos 5:21
 the a was divided Acts 23:7
 general a and church Heb 12:23
 comes into your a James 2:2

ASSOCIATE (n) colleague

All my a-s abhor me Job 10:19
high priest and...a-s Acts 5:21

ASSOCIATE (v) identify with

I shall they a with 1 Kin 11:2
a with adulterers Ps 50:18
not a with a man Prov 22:24
dared to a with them Acts 5:13
put a with the lowly Rom 12:16
not a with him 2 Thes 3:14

ASSURANCE confirmation

no one has a of life Job 24:22
a of understanding Col 2:2
full a of hope Heb 6:11
full a of faith Heb 10:22
a of things hoped for Heb 11:1

ASSURE confirm

kingdom will be a-ed Dan 4:26
a you before God Gal 1:20
I shall a our heart 1 John 3:19

ASSYRIA

kingdom name from Ashur
Gen 10:22, 1 Chr 1:17
empire in upper Mesopotamia
2 Kin 19:17, Is 19:24, Jer 2:36

ASTONISHED amazed

will be a and his 1 Kin 9:8
a at His teaching Matt 22:33
listeners were a Mark 6:2
were utterly a Mark 7:37
they were all a Luke 1:63

ASTOUNDED astonished

prophets will be a Jer 4:9
a at the vision Dan 8:27
were completely a Mark 5:24

ASTRAY erring, wandering

a like a lost sheep Ps 119:176
leading them a Is 9:16
like sheep have gone a Is 53:6
lead my people a Jer 23:32
lead the elect a Mark 13:22
a from the faith 1 Tim 6:21
a in their heart Heb 3:10
My bond-servants a Rev 2:20

ATHALIAH

1 daughter of Ahab 2 Kin 8:26
wife of Jehoram 2 Chr 22:2
wicked 2 Kin 11:1
2 a Benjamite 1 Chr 8:26
3 returned exile Ezra 8:7

ATHENS

leading Greek city Acts 17:15B

ATONEMENT expiation

by which a was made Ex 29:33
shall make a for him Lev 4:35
a before the LORD Lev 14:31
how can I make a 2 Sam 21:3
make a for iniquity Dan 9:24

ATONEMENT, DAY OF

see DAY OF ATONEMENT

ATTACK (n) assault

at the first a 2 Sam 17:9
king ready for the a Job 15:24
joined in the a Acts 24:9

ATTACK (v) assault, fall upon

lest he come and a Gen 32:11
adversary who a-s Num 10:9
and a-ed the camp Judg 8:11
a the Philistines 1 Sam 23:2
it a-ed the plant Jon 4:7
no man will a you Acts 18:10

ATTAIN acquire

I cannot a to it Ps 139:6
woman a-s honor Prov 11:16
worthy to a to that Luke 20:35
a-ed righteousness Rom 9:30
a to the resurrection Phil 3:11

ATTEND pay attention to

a to your priesthood Num 18:7
thousands were a-ing Dan 7:10
who a regularly 1 Cor 9:13
a to business 1 Thes 4:11
earn a to their prayer 1 Pet 3:12

ATTENDANT helper, servant

the a of Moses Num 11:28
king's a-s, who served Esth 2:2
a-s of bridegroom Mark 2:19

ATTENTION heed, regard

no a to false words Ex 5:9
gives a to the word Prov 16:20
pays a to falsehood Prov 29:12
they do not pay a Is 5:12
pay a to myths 1 Tim 1:4
a to the reading 1 Tim 4:13

ATTIRE covering, dress

in his military a 2 Sam 20:4
cupbearers a 2 Chr 9:4
Him in holy a 2 Chr 20:21

ATTITUDE frame of mind

see your father's a Gen 31:5
a of the righteous Luke 1:17
Have this a in Phil 2:5
have a different a Phil 3:15

AUGUSTUS

name of Caesar Octavianus
Luke 2:1

see CAESAR

AUTHOR source

a of their salvation Heb 2:10
a perfecter of faith Heb 12:2

AUTHORITY power, right

submit...to her a Gen 16:9
put your a on him Num 27:20
Who gave Him a Job 34:13
a over day of death Eccl 8:8
entrust him with your a Is 22:21
as one having a Matt 7:29
a on earth to forgive Matt 9:6
a over unclean spirits Matt 10:1
All a given to Me Matt 28:18
Son of Man has a Luke 5:24
no a except from God Rom 13:1
majesty, dominion...a Jude 25
give a over...nations Rev 2:26

AVENGE revenge

He will a the blood Deut 32:43
the LORD a me 1 Sam 24:12
Shall I not a Myself Jer 5:9
I will a their blood Joel 3:21
a-ing our blood Rev 6:10

AVENGER revenger

The blood a himself Num 35:19
lest the a of blood Deut 19:6
a of their evil deeds Ps 99:8
God, an a who brings Rom 13:4
Lord in the a 1 Thes 4:6

AVOID refuse

A it, do not pass by Prov 4:15
a-ing empty chatter 1 Tim 6:20

AWAIT wait

afflictions a me Acts 20:23
a-ing the revelation 1 Cor 1:7
who eagerly a Him Heb 9:28

AWAKE be attentive, watch

awoke from his sleep Gen 28:16
A, a, Deborah Judg 5:12
Thy likeness when I a Ps 17:15
dream when one a-s Ps 73:20
arouse or a-m my love Song 2:7
He a-as My ear Is 50:4
A, a, put on strength Is 51:9
A, drunkards weep Joel 1:5
that I may a-m him John 11:11
hour for you to a-m Rom 13:11

AWARE know, understand

the lad was not a 1 Sam 20:30
Will you not be a Is 43:19
But Jesus, a of this Matt 12:15
I was a that power Luke 8:46

AWE fear, reverence

stand in a of Him Ps 33:8
in a of Thy words Ps 119:161
in a of My name Mal 2:5
feeling a sense of a Acts 2:43

AWESOME fearful

How a is this place Gen 28:17
angel of God, very a Judg 13:6
great and a God Neh 1:5
God is a majesty Job 37:22
As a as an army Song 6:4
a day of the LORD Joel 2:31

AXE cutting tool

his a, and his hoe 1 Sam 13:20
hammer nor a 1 Kin 6:7
a head fell into 2 Kin 6:5
a is already laid Luke 3:9

AZARIAH

1 ancestor of Samuel 1 Chr 6:36
2 official of Solomon 1 Kin 4:2
3 son of Nathan 1 Kin 4:5
4 prophet 2 Chr 15:1-8
5 two sons of king Jehoshaphat 2 Chr 21:2
6 king of Judah, also Uziah 2 Kin 15:1, 2 Chr 28:1
7 high priest 1 Chr 6:10
8 family of Merari 2 Chr 29:12

9 son of Hilkiah 1 Chr 6:13,14
10 original name of Abed-nego
Dan 1:7
the name of twelve other
individuals in the OT

B

BAAL

1 Canaanite god(s) Num 22:41
Judg 6:25; 1 Kin 18:40
2 personal name 1 Chr 8:30;5:5
3 place name 1 Chr 4:33

BAAL-HANAN

1 king of Edom Gen 36:38
2 servant of David 1 Chr 27:28

BAAL-HAZOR

mountain in central Palestine
2 Sam 13:23

BAAL-HERMON

part of Mt. Hermon Judg 3:3
1 Chr 5:23

BAAL-ZEBUB

god of Ekron 2 Kin 1:2,16
see also BEELZEBUL

BAASHA

king of Israel 1 Kin 15:16,32

BABEL a city

founded by Nimrod
Gen 10:10;11:9
later called Babylon

BABES infants

From the mouth of...b Ps 8:2
abundance to their b Ps 17:14
woe...who nurse b Matt 24:19
as to b in Christ 1 Cor 3:1
like newborn b 1 Pet 2:2

BABY infant

b leaped...her womb Luke 1:41
b wrapped in cloths Luke 2:12
b as He lay Luke 2:16

BABYLON city

1 on the Euphrates
2 Kin 17:24; Jer 20:4
Ezek 29:18; Dan 4:29
2 symbolic of godlessness
Rev 14:8;17:5

BACK part of body

you shall see My b Ex 33:23
turned his b to leave 1 Sam 10:9
law behind their b-s Neh 9:26
my sins behind Thy b Is 38:17

BAD evil, wrong

b report of the land Num 13:32
basket had very b figs Jer 24:2
if your eye is b Matt 6:23
b tree bears b fruit Matt 7:18
B company corrupts 1 Cor 15:33

BAG sack

fill their b-s Gen 42:25
in the shepherd's b 1 Sam 17:40

silver in two b-s 2 Kin 5:23
carrying his b of seed Ps 126:6
b of...weights Mic 6:11
b for your journey Matt 10:10
Carry no purse, no b Luke 10:4

BAGGAGE bags, supplies

stayed with the b 1 Sam 25:13
prepare...yourself b Ezek 12:4

BAKE cook

b-d unleavened bread Gen 19:3
b-d food for Pharaoh Gen 40:17
they b-d the dough Ex 12:39
B what you will b Ex 16:23
grain offering b-d Lev 2:4
b twelve cakes Lev 24:5
taste of cakes b-d Num 11:8
fire to b bread Is 44:15

BAKER cook

b for the king Gen 40:1
cooks and b-s 1 Sam 8:13
from the b-s' street Jer 37:21
oven heated by the b Hos 7:4

BALAAM

diviner Num 22:5-31;23:5
Josh 13:22; Rev 2:14

BALAK

king of Moab Num 22:4
Mic 6:5

BALANCE scale

shall have just b-s Lev 19:36
b-s...with my iniquity Job 6:2
False b is an Prov 11:1
mountains in a b Is 40:12

BALD hairless

if...head becomes b Lev 13:41
every head is b Jer 48:37
head was made b Ezek 29:18

BALDHEAD hairless

mocked him...you b 2 Kin 2:23

BALM aromatic ointment

b and myrrh Gen 37:25
a present, a little b Gen 43:11
no b in Gilead Jer 8:22
Gilead and obtain b Jer 46:11
Bring b for her pain Jer 51:8
honey, oil, and b Ezek 27:17

BALSAM aromatic gum

tops of the b trees 2 Sam 5:24
like a bed of b Song 5:13

BAN set apart to God

city...under the b Josh 6:17
destroy...under the b Josh 7:12
who violated the b 1 Chr 2:7
consign Jacob to the b Is 43:28

BAND bond or group

b-s shall be of silver Ex 27:10
skillfully woven b Ex 28:8
saw a marauding b 2 Kin 13:21
b of destroying angels Ps 78:49
b-s of the yoke Is 58:6

BANISH exile

b-ed one may not 2 Sam 14:14
assemble the b-ed Is 11:12

gaiety...is b-ed Is 24:1
where I shall b them Ezek 4:1

BANK slope

b of the Nile Gen 41:
reeds by the b Ex 2:
b of the river Ezek 47:
herd rushed down...b Luke 8:3

BANNER flag, standard

set up our b-s Ps 20:
b to those who fear Ps 60:
b over me is love Song 2:
as an army with b-s Song 6:

BANQUET dinner, feast

b lasting seven days Esth 1:
brought me to his b Song 2:
lavish b for all Is 25:1
place of honor at b-s Matt 23:
Herod gave a b Mark 6:2

BAPTISM symbolic washing

Sadducees coming...b Matt 3:
b of repentance Mark 1:
b with which I am Mark 10:39
with the b of John Luke 7:29
a b to undergo Luke 12:50
through b into death Rom 6:
one faith, one b Eph 4:1
buried with Him in b Col 2:12

BAPTIZE symbolic washing

b...Holy Spirit Matt 3:11
tax-gatherers...b-d Luke 3:12
Jesus also was b-d Luke 3:21
sent me to b in water John 1:33
b-ing more disciples John 4:1
b-d with the Holy Acts 1:5
each of you be b-d Acts 2:38
he arose and was b-d Acts 9:18
household...been b-d Acts 16:15
John b-d with the Acts 19:4
b-d into Jesus Christ Rom 6:3
b-d into Moses 1 Cor 10:2
b-d into one body 1 Cor 12:13
b-d for the dead 1 Cor 15:29

BAR metal or block

b-s of your yoke Lev 26:13
a b of gold Josh 7:21
like b-s of iron Job 40:18
earth with its b-s Jon 2:6

BARABBAS

robber Matt 27:16; Luke 23:18
released by Pilate Matt 27:28

BARAK

Deborah's commander Judg 4:6

BARBARIAN non-Hellenic

obligation...to b-s Rom 1:14
who speaks a b 1 Cor 14:11
b, Scythian, slave Col 3:11

BARE (adj) barren, uncovered

to cover their b flesh Ex 28:42
he went to a b hill Num 23:3
strips the forests b Ps 29:9
were naked and b Ezek 16:7

BARE (v) expose, uncover

foundations...laid b Ps 18:15
b-d His holy arm Is 52:10

foundation is laid b Ezek 13:14
opened and laid b Heb 4:13

BAREFOOT *without sandals*
priests walk b Job 12:19
gone naked and b Is 20:3

BAR-JESUS
magician Acts 13:6
also Elymas

BARLEY grain
land of wheat and b Deut 8:8
beginning b harvest Ruth 1:22
stinkweed instead b Job 31:40
has five b leaves John 6:9

BARN farm building
b-s are torn down Joel 1:17
seed still in the b Hag 2:19
wheat into the b Matt 3:12
not gather into b-s Matt 6:26
tear down my b-s Luke 12:18

BARNABAS
Cyprian by birth Acts 4:36
introduced Paul Acts 9:27
co-worker with Paul Acts 13:2,7
separated from Paul Acts 15:39

BARREN childless, sterile
Sara was b Gen 11:30
but Rachel was b Gen 29:31
wronged the b woman Job 24:21
Shout () b one Is 54:1
Blessed are the b Luke 23:29

BARTHOLOMEW
apostle Matt 10:3, Luke 6:14
Acts 1:13

BARTIMAEUS
healed by Jesus Mark 10:46

BARUCH
1 scribe Jer 36:26, 43:6
2 priest Neh 3:20
3 a Judean Neh 11:5

BASE dishonorable
a b thought Deut 15:9
b things of world 1 Cor 1:28

BASEMATH
1 Esau's wife Gen 26:34
2 Esau's wife Gen 36:3,4
3 daughter of Solomon 1 Kin 4:15

BASHAN
land E. of Jordan Num 21:33
John 13:11; Is 2:13

BASIN bowl, vessel
blood in the b Ex 12:22
b-s of pure gold 1 Chr 28:17
a sacrificial b Zech 9:15
water into the b John 13:5

BASKET container
put him a wicker b Ex 2:3
b among the reeds Ex 2:3
b of summer fruit Amos 8:1
seven large b-s full Mark 8:8
twelve b-s full Luke 9:17
let down in a b 2 Cor 11:33

BATH *measure of capacity*
two thousand b-s 1 Kin 7:26
100 b-s of oil Ezra 7:22
only one b of wine Is 5:10
a tenth of a b from Ezek 45:14

BATHE wash
wash his clothes and b Lev 15:5
b his body in water Num 19:7
saw a woman b-ing 2 Sam 11:2
B-d in milk Song 5:12

BATHSHEBA
wife of Uriah 2 Sam 11:3
taken by David 2 Sam 11:4
wife of David 2 Sam 11:27
mother of Solomon 2 Sam 12:24

BATTLE (n) conflict, war
b is the LORD's 1 Sam 17:47
b is God's 2 Chr 20:15
scents the b from afar Job 39:25
with strength for b Ps 18:39
noise of b is in Jer 50:22
another king in b Luke 14:31
homes prepared for b Rev 9:7

BATTLE (v) fight
b against the sons Judg 20:14
drew near to b 1 Sam 7:10
about to go to b 1 Chr 12:19
nations to b Zech 14:2

BEACH coast
multitude on the b Matt 13:2
Jesus stood on the b John 21:4
down on the b Acts 21:5

BEAM log
like a weaver's b 2 Sam 21:19
one was felling a b 2 Kin 6:5
b-s, the thresholds 2 Chr 3:7
b-s of His chambers Ps 104:3

BEAR (n) animal
b came and took 1 Sam 17:34
b robbed of cubs Prov 17:12
the b will graze Is 11:7
resembling a b Dan 7:5

BEAR (v) sustain
too great to b Gen 4:13
bore you on eagles' Ex 19:4
not b false witness Ex 20:16
LORD b-s our burden Ps 68:19
b their iniquities Is 53:11
b the penalty Ezek 23:49
she will b a Son Matt 1:21
John bore witness John 1:15
If I alone b witness John 5:31
it b-s much fruit John 12:24
you will b witness John 15:27
b-ing His own cross John 19:17
b fruit for God Rom 7:4
Spirit b-s witness Rom 8:16
b the image of 1 Cor 15:49
B. another's burdens Gal 6:2
b the sins of many Heb 9:28
bore our sins 1 Pet 2:24

BEARD whiskers
infection...on the b Lev 13:29
seized him by...b 1 Sam 17:35

shaved...their b-s 2 Sam 10:4
until your b-s grow 1 Chr 19:5

BEARER carrier
the b-s of the ark 2 Sam 6:13
strength of...b-s Neh 4:10
b of good news Is 40:9

BEAST animal, creature
God formed every b Gen 2:19
Noah and all the b-s Gen 8:1
eliminate harmful b-s Lev 26:6
b-s of the fields Lev 26:22
But now ask the b-s Job 12:7
b of the forest Ps 50:10
b also had four heads Dan 7:6
they worshiped the b Rev 13:4
mark of the b Rev 16:2

BEAT hit, strike
b-ing a Hebrew Ex 2:11
b out what she Ruth 2:17
b-ing tambourines Ps 68:25
B your plowshares Joel 3:10
b Him with their Matt 26:67
b-ing His head with Mark 15:19
b-ing his breast Luke 18:13
b-on us in public Acts 16:37
stopped b-ing Paul Acts 21:32
b-on with rods 2 Cor 11:25

BEAUTIFUL lovely, pleasing
daughters were b Gen 6:2
Rachel was b Gen 29:17
foliage of b trees Lev 23:40
Most b among women Song 1:8
Branch will be b Is 4:2
Your b sheep Jer 13:20
enter the B Land Dan 11:41
How b are the feet Rom 10:15

BEAUTIFUL GATE see GATES
OF JERUSALEM

BEAUTY
Your b is slain 2 Sam 1:19
behold the b of the LORD Ps 27:4
Zion perfection of b Ps 50:2
b is vain Prov 31:30
see the King in His b Is 33:17

BED pallet
My b will comfort me Job 7:13
make my b swim Ps 6:6
remember...on my b Ps 63:6
in b with a lover Matt 8:14
take up your b Matt 9:6
lamp under a b Mark 4:21

BEDROOM sleeping area
and into your b Ex 8:3
you speak in your b 2 Kin 6:12
his nurse in the b 2 Chr 22:11

BEELZEBUL
N.T. prince of the demons
Matt 12:27; Luke 11:15
see also BAAL-ZEBUB

BEERSHERA
well/town in Negro Gen 21:31
Judg 20:1
house of Abraham Gen 22:19
house of Isaac Gen 26:23

BEFOREHAND *prior*

do not be anxious **b** Mark 13:11
anointed My body **b** Mark 14:8
God announced **b** Acts 3:18
prepared **b** for glory Rom 9:23

BEG *appeal, ask*

children wander...**b** Ps 109:10
b-s during...harvest Prov 20:4
b You to look at Luke 9:38
I am ashamed to **b** Luke 16:3
who used to sit and **b** John 9:8
b-ing them...leave Acts 16:39

BEGOT *bring into being, sire*

Rock who begot Deut 32:18
whom you shall **b** 2 Kin 20:18
begotten the...dew Job 38:28
I have begotten Thee Ps 2:7
who **b**-s a wise son Prov 23:24
have begotten Thee Acts 13:33

BEGINNING *origin, starting*

In the **b** God created Gen 1:1
from **b** to end 1 Sam 3:12
b was insignificant Job 8:7
fear of the LORD...**b** Ps 111:10
The **b** of the gospel Mark 1:1
In the **b** was the Word John 1:1
This **b** of His signs John 2:11
He is the **b** Col 1:18
the **b** and the end Rev 21:6

BEGOTTEN (adj) *born one*

b from the Father John 1:14
the only **b** God John 1:18
gave His only **b** Son John 3:16
only **b** Son of God John 3:18
offering...only **b** Heb 11:17
sent His only **b** Son 1 John 4:9

BEHALF *sake of*

atonement on his **b** Lev 5:6
the Father on your **b** John 16:26
I ask on their **b** John 17:9
one man to die on **b** John 18:14
be sin on our **b** 2 Cor 5:21

BEHAVE *act*

David **b**-d himself 1 Sam 18:30
b-ing as a madman 1 Sam 21:14
b properly as in Rom 13:13
blamelessly we **b**-d 1 Thess 2:10

BEHAVIOR *conduct*

instruction in wise **b** Prov 1:3
reverent in their **b** Titus 2:3
holy...in all your **b** 1 Pet 1:15
the **b** of their wives 1 Pet 3:1

BEHEADED *cut off*

killed him and **b** him 2 Sam 4:7
John **b** in the prison Matt 14:10
John, whom I **b** Mark 6:16
b because of the Rev 20:4

BEHEMOTH

hippopotamus Job 40:15

BEHOLD *look, see*

upright will **b** His face Ps 11:7
b the works of the LORD Ps 46:8
we beheld His glory John 1:14
b the Son of Man John 6:62

may **b** My glory John 17:24
b-ing as in a mirror 2 Cor 3:18
No one has beheld 1 John 4:12
B, I stand at the door Rev 3:20

BEING *existence, life*

man became a living **b** Gen 2:7
a...**b** coming up 1 Sam 28:13
wisdom in the...**b** Job 38:36
truth in the...**b** Ps 51:6
four living **b**-s Ezek 1:5
resembled a...**b** Dan 10:16

BEL

Babylonian god, related to Baal
Jer 50:2; 51:44

BELIEVE *have faith, trust*

he **b**-d in the LORD Gen 15:6
did not **b** in God Ps 78:22
naive **b**-s everything Prov 14:15
you **b** that I am able Matt 9:28
ask in prayer, **b**-ing Matt 21:22
repent and **b** Mark 1:15
they **b**-d...Scripture John 2:22
whoever **b**-s in Him John 3:16
will you **b** My words John 5:47
who **b**-s has eternal John 6:47
men will **b** in Him John 11:48
b in the light John 12:36
not see, and yet **b**-d John 20:29
b-d were of one heart Acts 4:32
B in the Lord Jesus Acts 16:31
Abraham **b**-d God Rom 4:3
how shall they **b** Rom 10:14
love...**b**-s all 1 Cor 13:7
whom I have **b**-d 2 Tim 1:12
comes to God must **b** Heb 11:6
demons also **b** James 2:19
do not **b** every spirit 1 John 4:1

BELIEVERS *faithful ones*

all the circumcised **b** Acts 10:45
example to all the **b** 1 Thess 1:7
toward you **b** 1 Thess 2:10

BELL

a **b**...a pomegranate Ex 39:26
b-s of the horses Zech 14:20

BELLY *stomach*

On your **b**...you go Gen 3:14
crawls on its **b** Lev 11:42
b of the sea monster Matt 12:40

BELOVED *dearly loved*

b of the LORD dwell Deut 33:12
gives to His **b** even Ps 127:2
b is like a gazelle Song 2:9
This is My **b** Son Matt 3:17
your upbuilding, **b** 2 Cor 12:19
stand firm...my **b** Phil 4:1
faithful and **b** brother Col 4:9
Luke, the **b** physician Col 4:14
slave, a **b** brother Philem 16
This is My **b** Son 2 Pet 1:17
the called, **b** in God Jude 1

BELSHAZZER

ruler of Babylon Dan 5:1; 7:1

BELT *waistband*

the **b** of the strong Job 12:21
leather **b** about his Matt 3:4

no money in their **b** Mark 6:9
Paul's **b** and bound Acts 21:11

BELTESHAZZER

Daniel's Babylonian name
Dan 1:7; 2:26; 5:12, 10

BENAIAH

1 son of Jehoiada 2 Sam 8:18
captain of David 2 Sam 23:21
2 Levitical singer 1 Chr 15:18, 20
3 a priest 1 Chr 15:24; 16:5
common name of a number of people in Israel

BENEFIT *blessing, profit*

no return for the **b** 2 Chr 32:25
forget none of His **b**-s Ps 103:2
His **b**-s toward me Ps 116:12
the **b** of circumcision Rom 3:1

BEN-HADAD

name of three kings of Aram
1 Kin 15:18; 2 Kin 6:24; 13:22

BEN-HINNOM, VALLEY OF

see HINNOM VALLEY

BENJAMIN

1 son of Jacob Gen 35:18
2 tribe Num 2:22
3 of clan of Judah 1 Chr 7:10
4 of the restoration Neh 3:23

BENJAMIN GATE *see GATES OF JERUSALEM***BEREA**

city in Macedonia visited
by Paul Acts 17:10, 13

BEREAVE *deprive, make sad*

he **b**-d of you both Gen 27:45
b...of your children Lev 26:22
I will **b** them Jer 15:7
longer **b** your nation Ezek 36:14

BERNICE

daughter of Herod Agrippa I
Acts 25:13, 23

BERODACH-BALADAN

king of Babylon 2 Kin 20:12
also Merodach-Baladan

BESEEC *ask earnestly*

LORD, I **b** Thee Ps 116:4
do save, we **b** Thee Ps 118:25
leper came...**b**-ing Mark 1:40
b the Lord of the Luke 10:2

BESIEGE *assail, surround*

When you **b** a city Deut 20:10
enemies **b** them 2 Chr 6:28
was **b**-ing Jerusalem Jer 32:2
b-d...with bitterness Lam 3:5

BESTOWED *granted*

b...royal majesty 1 Chr 29:25
that the Spirit was **b** Acts 8:18
which He freely **b** Eph 1:6
b on Him the name Phil 2:9
Every good thing **b** James 1:17
love the Father has **b** 1 John 3:1

BETHANY

1 E. of Jerusalem Matt 21:17
home of Mary, Martha and
Lazarus John 11:1,18
2 where John baptized John 1:28

ETHEL

town in Benjamin Gen 12:8
N of Jerusalem Josh 8:17

ETHESDA

pool in Jerusalem John 5:2

ETH-HORON

1 famous battle site
pass NW of Jerusalem
Josh 10:10,11
2 two towns at both ends of
mountain pass Josh 16:3,5

ETHIEHEM

1 town S of Jerusalem Gen 35:19
home of Ruth and Boaz
Ruth 4:11
birthplace of Jesus Matt 2:1
2 Zebulunite village Josh 19:15

ETH-PEOR

Moabite city Deut 4:46,34:8

ETHPHAGE

village on the Mount of Olives
Matt 21:1, Mark 11:1

ETHSAIDA

village on Sea of Galilee
Mark 8:22, Luke 9:10
home of Philip, Andrew
and Peter John 1:44

ETH-SHEAN, BETH-SHAN

city at junction of Jezreel
and Jordan valleys Josh 17:11
1 Kin 4:12, 1 Chr 7:29

ETH-SHEMESH

1 city of Judah Josh 15:10
2 Issachar border city Josh 19:22
3 city of Naphtali Josh 19:38

ETRAY break faith, disloyal

do not b the fugitive Is 16:3
wine b-s the haughty Hab 2:5
how to b Him Mark 14:11
one will b Me Mark 14:18
Judas, you are b-ing Luke 22:48

ETROTH promise to wed

You shall b a wife Deut 28:30
I will b you to Me Hos 2:19
Mary had been b-ed Matt 1:18
I b-ed you to one 2 Cor 11:2

BEWARE be careful, watch

B of practicing Matt 6:1
B of the scribes Mark 12:38
B of the heaven Luke 12:1
b false circumcision Phil 3:2

BEYOND over and above

it was b measure Gen 41:49
remove b Babylon Acts 7:43
tempted b what 1 Cor 10:13
b their ability 2 Cor 8:3

b all that we ask Eph 3:20
and b reproach Col 1:22

BEZER

1 son of Zophah 1 Chr 7:37
2 city of refuge Josh 20:8

BIG large

on the b toes Ex 29:20
Pharaoh a b noise Jer 46:17
gave a b reception Luke 5:29

BILDAD

one of Job's friends Job 2:11
Job 18:1,42:9

BILHAH

1 Rachel's servant Gen 29:29
Jacob's concubine Gen 30:3,4
2 Simeonite town 1 Chr 4:29

BIND fasten, secure

bound his son Isaac Gen 22:9
were b-ing sheaves Gen 37:7
b them as a sign Deut 6:8
b-s up their wounds Ps 147:3
B up the testimony Is 8:16
b up the brokenhearted Is 61:1
shall b on earth Matt 18:19
and bound Him John 18:12
bound a thousand Rev 20:2

BIRD fowl

let b-s fly above Gen 1:20
eat any clean b Deut 14:20
b-s of the heavens Ps 8:4
Flee as a b to Ps 11:1
snare of a b catcher Hos 9:8
b-s have nests Luke 9:54

BIRTH act of being born

A time to give b Eccl 3:2
You gave me b Jer 2:27
b of Jesus Christ Matt 1:18
rejoice at his b Luke 1:14
a man blind from b John 9:1
in pain to give b Rev 12:2

BIRTHDAY day of birth

was Pharaoh's b Gen 40:20
Herod's b came Matt 14:6
his b banquet Mark 6:21

BIRTHRIGHT first-born rights

First sell me your b Gen 25:31
He took away my b Gen 27:36
sold his own b Heb 12:16

BITE

serpent bit any man Num 21:9
it b-s like a serpent Prov 23:32
if you b one another Gal 5:15

BITHYNIA

territory on the Bosphorus in Asia
Minor Acts 16:7, 1 Pet 1:1

BITTER painful, unpleasant

b with hard labor Ex 1:14
waters of Marah Ex 15:23
b speech as their arrow Ps 64:3
substitute b for sweet Is 5:20
Strong drink is b Is 24:9
fresh and b water James 3:11

BITTERNESS unpleasantness

in the b of my soul Job 10:1
because of the b Is 38:15
full of cursing and b Rom 3:14
all b be put away Eph 4:31
no root of b Heb 12:15

BLACK dark

sky grew b with 1 Kin 18:45
darkness and b gloom Job 3:5
I am b but lovely Song 1:5
behold, a b horse Rev 6:5
sun became b Rev 6:12

BLAME fault, responsibility

let me bear the b Gen 43:9
bear the b forever Gen 44:32

BLAMELESS faultless

show Thyself b 2 Sam 22:26
just and b man is a Job 12:4
His way is b Ps 18:30
b will inherit good Prov 28:10
a b conscience Acts 24:16
holy and b before Him Eph 1:4
in the Law, found b Phil 3:6
spotless and b 2 Pet 3:14
b with great joy Jude 24

BLASPHEME curse

enemies to b 2 Sam 12:14
name is continually b-d Is 52:5
This fellow b-s Matt 9:3
b-s Holy Spirit Mark 3:29
force them to b Acts 26:11
name of God is b-d Rom 2:24
taught not to b 1 Tim 1:20
b-d the God of Rev 16:11

BLASPHEMY cursing, profanity

b against the Spirit Matt 12:31
b-ies they utter Mark 3:28
You heard the b Mark 14:64
man speaks b-ies Luke 5:21
stone You for b John 10:33
words and b-ies Rev 13:5

BLAST burst

the b of Thy nostrils Ex 15:8
b with the ram's horn Josh 6:5
a trumpet b of war Jer 40:2

BLAZING burning

LOAD a b-ing fire Ex 3:2
furnace of b fire Dan 3:6
and to a b fire Heb 12:18

BLEMISH imperfection, spot

there is no b in you Song 4:7
six lambs without b Ezek 46:4
Himself without b Heb 9:14
stains and b-s 2 Pet 2:13

BLESS (v) bestow favor or praise

God b-ed the day Gen 2:3
I will greatly b you Gen 22:17
LOAD b-ed the sabbath Ex 20:11
and b Thine inheritance Ps 28:9
LOAD will b His people Ps 29:11
B the LOAD Ps 108:2
generous will be b-ed Prov 22:9
who b-es his friend Prov 27:14
rise up and b her Prov 31:26
b-ed of My Father Matt 25:34

He b-ed the food Mark 6:41
 b...who curse you Luke 6:28
 while He was b-ing Luke 24:51
 you are b-ed if you John 13:17
 b...who persecute Rom 12:14
 we b our Lord James 3:9

BLESSED (adj) *favoured, happy*
 b be God Most High Gen 14:20
 B are you, O Israel Deut 33:29
 B be the name of Job 1:21
 How b is the man Ps 127:5
 b...who finds wisdom Prov 3:13
 nations will call you b Mal 3:12
 B are the poor in Matt 5:3
 B are the gentle Matt 5:5
 B is the kingdom Mark 11:10
 B among women are Luke 1:42
 more b to give Acts 20:35
 looking for...b hope Titus 2:13

BLESSING (n) *God's favor*
 you shall be a b Gen 12:2
 taken away your b Gen 27:35
 a b and a curse Deut 11:26
 curse into a b Neh 13:2
 b of the LORD be upon Ps 129:8
 showers of b Ezek 34:26
 pour out for you a b Mal 3:10
 fullness of the b Rom 15:29
 cup of b which we 1 Cor 10:16
 inherit a b 1 Pet 3:9
 honor and glory and b Rev 5:12

BLIND (adj) *rightless*
 misleads a b person Deut 27:18
 To open b eyes Is 42:7
 b...guides a b man Matt 15:14
 b beggar named Mark 10:46
 b man was sitting Luke 18:35
 I was b, now I see John 9:25

BLIND (n) *without sight*
 block before the b Lev 19:14
 I was eyes to the b Job 29:15
 the b receive sight Matt 11:5
 a guide to the b Rom 2:19

BLIND (v) *make sightless*
 b-s the clear-sighted Ex 23:8
 bribe to b my eyes 1 Sam 12:3
 has b-ed the minds 2 Cor 4:4
 darkness has b-ed 1 John 2:11

BLINDNESS *sightlessness*
 madness and with b Deut 28:28
 struck them with b 2 Kin 6:18
 every horse...with b Zech 12:4

BLOOD
 Whoever sheds man's b Gen 9:6
 bridegroom of b Ex 4:25
 b shall be a sign Ex 12:13
 not eat...any b Lev 3:17
 land is filled with b Ezek 9:9
 b did not reveal Matt 16:17
 covenant in My b Luke 22:20
 sweat...drops of b Luke 22:44
 drinks My b abides John 6:56
 Field of B Acts 1:19
 the moon into b Acts 2:20
 justified by His b Rom 5:9
 sharing in the b 1 Cor 10:16

redemption...His b Eph 1:7
 cleansed with b Heb 9:22
 b, as of a lamb 1 Pet 1:19
 the sea became b Rev 8:8
 b of the saints Rev 17:6

BLOODGUILTINESS
 no b on his account Ex 22:2
 b is upon them Lev 20:11
 b shall be forgiven Deut 21:8
 Deliver me from b Ps 51:14

BLOODSHED *killing, murder*
 abhors the man of b Ps 5:6
 Men of b hate Prov 29:10
 the b of Jerusalem Is 4:4
 give you over to b Ezek 35:6
 b follows b Hos 4:2

BLOSSOM *bloom*
 the almond tree b-s Eccl 12:5
 Israel will b and sprout Is 27:6
 arrogance has b-ed Ezek 7:10
 fig tree should not b Hab 3:17

BLOT *erase*
 I will b out man Gen 6:7
 b me...from Thy book Ex 32:32
 b out their name Deut 9:14
 sin be b-ted out Neh 4:5
 b out all my iniquities Ps 51:9
 works...b-ted out Ezek 6:6

BLOW *forcible stroke*
 gave Jesus a b John 18:22
 give Him b-s John 19:3
 inflicted many b-s Acts 16:23

BLUE *color*
 tent of b and purple Ex 26:36
 ephod all of b Ex 28:31
 royal robes of b Esth 8:15

BOANERGES
name of James and John
 Mark 3:17

BOAST (n) *bragging*
 soul shall make its b Ps 34:2
 the b of our hope Heb 3:6

BOAST (v) *brag, glory*
 B no more so 1 Sam 2:3
 b in the LORD Ps 34:2
 who b-s of his gifts Prov 20:14
 not b about tomorrow Prov 27:1
 let not a rich man b Jer 9:23
 b in God Rom 2:17
 who b in the Law Rom 2:23
 b...my weaknesses 2 Cor 12:9
 it b-s of great things James 3:5

BOASTFUL *proud*
 b shall not stand Ps 5:5
 insolent, arrogant, b Rom 1:30
 b pride of life 1 John 2:16

BOASTING *bragging*
 Where is your b Judg 9:38
 Where then is b Rom 3:27
 our b about you 2 Cor 9:3
 all such b is evil James 4:16

BOAT *watercraft*
 slip by like reed b-s Job 9:26

left the b and their Matt 4:22
 Peter got out of...b Matt 14:28
 filled both of the b-s Luke 5:7
 disciples into the b John 6:22

BOAZ
 1 husband of Ruth Ruth 4:13
 grandfather of David Ruth 4:17ff
 2 temple pillar 2 Chr 3:17

BODY *corpse, flesh*
 b cleaves to the earth Ps 44:23
 lamp of the b Matt 6:22
 perfume upon My b Matt 26:12
 this is My b Mark 14:22
 did not find His b Luke 24:23
 b of sin...done away Rom 6:6
 redemption of our b Rom 8:23
 present your b-ies Rom 12:1
 b-ies are members 1 Cor 6:15
 b is a temple 1 Cor 6:19
 you are Christ's b 1 Cor 12:27
 b to be burned 1 Cor 13:3
 absent from the b 2 Cor 5:8
 one b and one Spirit Eph 4:4
 building up of the b Eph 4:12
 wives as...own b-ies Eph 5:28
 transform the b Phil 3:21
 b be preserved 1 Thess 5:23
 bore...sins in His b 1 Pet 2:24

BODYGUARD *guard, protector*
 captain of the b put Gen 40:4
 you my b for life 1 Sam 28:2

BOIL (n) *sore, swelling*
 when...has a b Lev 13:18
 b-s of Egypt Deut 28:27
 smote Job with sore b-s Job 2:7

BOIL (v) *cook, heat*
 not b a kid in its Ex 34:26
 we b-ed my son 2 Kin 6:29
 fire causes water to b Is 64:2
 b the guilt offering Ezek 46:20

BOISTEROUS *clamorous, loud*
 woman of folly is b Prov 9:13
 of noise, You b town Is 22:2
 will drink, and be b Zech 9:15

BOLD *brave, fearless*
 wicked man...b face Prov 21:29
 righteous are b as Prov 28:1
 I may not be b 2 Cor 10:2

BOLDNESS *confidence*
 word of God with b Acts 4:31
 b and...access Eph 3:12
 with b the mystery Eph 6:18

BOND *band, restraint*
 neither b nor free 2 Kin 14:26
 b of the covenant Ezek 20:37
 with b-s of love Hos 11:4
 in the b of peace Eph 4:3
 eternal b-s under Jude 6

BONDAGE *servitude, slavery*
 Israel sighed...b Ex 2:23
 the b of iniquity Acts 8:23
 sold into b to sin Rom 7:14

CONCORDANCE

BOND-SERVANT—BREAD

BOND-SERVANT *servant, slave*
b of Moab High Acts 16:17
Paul, a b of Christ Matt 1:1
ourselves as your b's 2 Cor 4:5
b of quarantine 2 Tim 2:24
b of God apostle Titus 1:1
His b's serve Him Rev 22:3

BOND-SLAVE *servant, slave*
state of His b Luke 1:46
a b of Jesus (Christ) Col 4:12
Urges b's to be subject Titus 2:9
use it as b's of God 1 Pet 2:16

BONE
none b of my b's Gen 2:23
the b's of Joseph Josh 24:32
my b's are destroyed Ps 6:2
maternal in his b's Prov 12:4
longer breaks the b Prov 25:15
can these b's live Ezek 37:3
dead men's b's Matt 23:27
Not a b be broken John 19:36

BOON *arrest*
in a b as a memorial Ex 17:14
blot me from Thy b Ex 32:32
found the b of the 2 Kin 22:8
seal up the b Dan 12:4
not constrain the b's Job 81:23
names are in the b Phil 4:3
worthy to open the b Rev 5:2
Lamb's b of life Rev 21:27

BOOK OF LIFE
God's book with names
of righteous Ps 69:28
Phil 4:3, Rev 13:8, 17:8, 20:15

BOOTH *shelters*
b for his livestock Gen 33:17
live in b for seven Lev 23:42
in b during the feast Neh 8:14

BOOTHIS, FEAST OF
see FEASTS

BOUITY *love, plunder*
b that remained Num 31:32
Swift is the b Is 6:1
divide the b with Is 53:12
have his own life as b Jer 38:8

BORDER *boundary*
enlarge your b's Ex 34:24
b of city of refuge Num 35:26
the Jordan as a b Deut 3:17
God extends your b Deut 12:20
peace in your b's Ps 147:14

BORN *brought into life*
man is b for trouble Job 5:7
mountains were b Ps 60:2
child will be b to us Is 9:6
lead be b in one day Is 62:8
b King of the Jews Matt 3:2
these b's of women Luke 7:28
b not of blood John 1:13
unless one is b again John 3:3
b of the Spirit John 3:6
to one another b 1 Cor 13:6
b, to a living hope 1 Pet 1:3
born is b of God 1 John 4:7

BORROW *use temporarily*
if a man b's anything Ex 22:14
you shall not b Deut 28:12
b's and does not pay Ps 37:21
wants to b from you Matt 5:42

BOSOM *bosom*
iniquity in my b Job 31:33
take fire in his b Prov 6:27
to Abraham's b Luke 16:22
the b of the Father John 1:18

BOTHER *prey*
conscience b'd 1 Sam 24:5
you b the woman Matt 26:10
worried and b'd Luke 10:41
this widow b's me Luke 18:5

BOTTOMLESS *without bottom*
loy of the b pit Rev 9:1
he opened the b pit Rev 9:2

BOUCH *branch*
Joseph is a fruitful b Gen 49:22
b's of Levi, trees Lev 23:40
cedars, with its b's Ps 80:10
needed in its b's Ezek 31:6

BOUND *(adj) fastened, tied*
Foolishness is b up Prov 22:15
cast b unto the fire Dan 3:24
A wife is b as long 1 Cor 7:39

BOUND *(n) boundary, limit*
without b of hills Gen 49:26
set b's for the people Ex 19:12
b's the mountain Ex 19:23

BOUNDARY *border, limit*
b's of the people Deut 32:9
b of light and Job 26:10
the b's of the earth Ps 74:17
set for the sea its b Prov 8:29
the b of the widow Prov 15:25

BOUNTY *generous gift*
to his royal b 1 Kin 10:13
crowned with Thy b Ps 65:11
over the b of the Lord Jer 31:12

BOW *(n) rainbow*
see My b in the cloud Gen 9:13

BOW *(n) shooting device*
his b remained firm Gen 49:24
a b of bowmen 2 Sam 22:35
not trust in my b Ps 44:6
b's are shattered Jer 51:56

BOW *(v) bend, worship*
nations b down to Gen 27:29
Israel b'd in Gen 47:31
to Him you shall b 2 Kin 17:36
My bow is b'd down Ps 57:6
b Thy bowmen, O Lord Ps 144:3
nations will b down Zeph 2:11
He b'd His bow John 18:59
every knee shall b Rom 14:11

BOWELS *entrails, inward*
a discourse of your b 2 Chr 21:15
smote him in his b 2 Chr 21:16
b gushed out Acts 1:18

BOWL *dish, jug*
golden b is crushed Eccl 12:6
from sacrificial b's Amos 6:6
dips with Me in b Matt 14:20
b's full of the wrath Rev 15:7

BOX *container*
b with the golden 1 Sam 6:11
sashes, perfume b's Is 3:20
Judah had the b John 13:29

BOX *type of saw*
b tree and the cypress Is 41:19

BOY *child, lad*
like left the b Gen 21:15
let the b's live Ex 1:17
b will lead them Is 11:6
Trusted a b for a leader Jer 3:5
b was cursed at once Matt 17:18

BRACELETS *anklets*
two b for her wrists Gen 24:22
anklets and b Num 31:50
earrings, b, with Is 3:19

BRANDLE *brave*
trees said to the b Judg 9:14
fire from the b Judg 9:15

BRANCH *branch*
David a righteous B Jer 23:5
bless for scepters Ezek 19:11
beautified b's and Ezek 31:3
buds, in its b's Luke 13:19
b's of the palm John 12:13
b and bear fruit John 15:2
you are the b's John 15:5
be holy, the b's Rom 11:16

BREACH *breach*
For every b of trust Ex 22:9
Lord had made a b Judg 21:15
closed up the b 1 Kin 11:37
that no b remained Neh 6:1
Heal its b's Ps 60:2

BREAD *food*
not unknowned b Ex 12:20
rain b from heaven Ex 16:4
He will bless your b Ex 23:25
b of the Presence Ex 25:30
not live by b alone Deut 8:3
revers brought b 1 Kin 17:6
b of heaven Ps 105:40
satisfy with b Ps 132:15
b eaten in secret Prov 9:17
eat the b of wisdom Prov 31:27
Cast your b, women Eccl 11:1
not live on b alone Matt 4:4
Cure us, daily b Matt 6:11
given you the true b John 6:32
I am the b of life John 6:35

BREAD *divide, share*
b down your gride Lev 26:19
serve b My covenant Judg 2:1
broke the pious Judg 7:20
soft tongue b's the Prov 25:15
need He will not b Is 42:3
I break your yoke Jer 2:20
B, follow ground Matt 10:12
waves were b'ing Mark 4:37

- she broke the vial Mark 14:3
 their nets began to b Luke 5:6
 b-ing the Sabbath John 5:18
 did not b His legs John 19:33
 your b-ing the Law Rom 2:23
- BREAST** *bosom*
 orphan from the b Job 24:9
 upon my mother's b-s Ps 22:9
 b-s are like fawns Song 7:3
 b-s never nursed Luke 23:29
 reclining on Jesus' b John 13:23
 girded across His b Rev 1:13
- BREASTPIECE** *breast covering*
 a b and an ephod Ex 28:4
 make a b of judgment Ex 28:15
 they bound the b Ex 39:21
- BREASTPLATE** *breast armor*
 righteousness like a b Is 59:17
 b of faith and love 1 Thess 5:8
 like b-s of iron Rev 9:9
- BREATH** *air, spirit, wind*
 the b of life Gen 2:7
 days are but a b Job 7:16
 man is a mere b Ps 39:11
 b came into them Ezek 37:10
 give b to the image Rev 13:15
- BREATHE** *inhale and exhale*
 Abraham b-d his last Gen 25:8
 such as b out violence Ps 27:12
 garden b fragrance Song 4:16
 b on these slain Ezek 37:9
 He b-d His last Mark 15:39
 He b-d on them John 20:22
- BRETHREN** *brothers*
 beating his b Ex 2:11
 b from all the nations Is 66:20
 His b Will return Mic 5:3
 b, why do you injure Acts 7:26
 sinning against b 1 Cor 8:12
 dangers false b 2 Cor 11:26
 Peace be to the b Eph 6:23
 faithful b in Christ Col 1:2
 the love of the b 1 Thess 4:9
 b not grow weary 2 Thess 3:13
 my b, do not swear James 5:12
 our lives for the b 1 John 3:16
 accuser of our b Rev 12:10
- BRIAR** *thistle, thorn*
 b-s and thorns will come Is 5:6
 land will be b-s Is 7:24
 grapes from a b bush Luke 6:44
- BRIBE** *illegal gift*
 b blinds clear-sighted Ex 23:8
 nor take a b Deut 10:17
 who hates b-s will Prov 15:27
 b corrupts the heart Eccl 7:7
 Everyone loves a b Is 1:23
- BRICK** *clay block*
 they used b for stone Gen 11:3
 straw to make b as Ex 5:7
 deliver...quota of b-s Ex 5:18
 burning incense on b-s Is 65:3
- BRIDE** *newlywed*
 as a b adorns herself Is 61:10
 the voice of the b Jer 7:34
- b out of her *bridal* Joel 2:16
 He who has the b John 3:29
 b...of the Lamb Rev 21:9
- BRIDEGROOM** *newlywed*
 a b of blood to me Ex 4:25
 As a b decks himself Is 61:10
 voice of the b Jer 7:34
 attendants of the b Matt 9:15
 out to meet the b Matt 25:1
- BRIDLE** (n) *head harness*
 My b in your lips 2 Kin 19:28
 a b for the donkey Prov 26:3
 up to the horses' b-s Rev 14:20
- BRIDLE** (v) *control*
 not b his tongue James 1:26
 man, able to b James 3:2
- BRIGHT** *shining*
 b in the skies Job 37:21
 night is as b as Ps 139:12
 B eyes gladden Prov 15:30
 b cloud them Matt 17:5
 b light flashed Acts 22:6
 the b morning star Rev 22:16
- BRIMSTONE** *sulfur*
 b and fire from Gen 19:24
 b and burning wind Ps 11:6
 rained fire and b Luke 17:29
 tormented with b Rev 14:10
 lake of fire and b Rev 20:10
- BRING** *carry, lead*
 shall b forth children Gen 3:16
 Cain brought offering Gen 4:3
 b two of every kind Gen 6:19
 B the ark of God 1 Sam 14:18
 Kings will b gifts Ps 68:29
 B water for the thirsty Is 21:14
 B the whole tithe Mal 3:10
 b-ing...a paralytic Matt 9:2
 not to b peace Matt 10:34
 brought forth a son Luke 1:57
 I b you good news Luke 2:10
 Law b-s about wrath Rom 4:15
 b-ing salvation Titus 2:11
- BROAD** *wide*
 into a b place 2 Sam 22:20
 land was b and 1 Chr 4:40
 the sea, great and b Ps 104:25
 dark in b daylight Amos 8:9
 way is b that leads to Matt 7:13
- BROKEN** *crushed, separated*
 My spirit is b Job 17:1
 A b and contrite heart Ps 51:17
 they have b Thy law Ps 119:126
 deeps were b up Prov 3:20
 silver cord is b Eccl 12:6
 bind up the b Ezek 34:16
 Scripture...be b John 10:35
 Not a bone...b John 19:36
 Branches were b off Rom 11:19
- BROKENHEARTED** *grieving*
 LORD is near to the b Ps 34:18
 He heals the b Ps 147:3
 sent me to bind...b Is 61:1
- BRONZE** *metal*
 implements of b Gen 4:22
- made a b serpent Num 21:9
 bend a bow of b 2 Sam 22:35
 as walls of b Jer 1:18
 third kingdom of b Dan 2:38
 costly wood and b Rev 18:12
- BROOD** *group, offspring*
 b of sinful men Num 32:14
 You b of vipers Matt 3:7
 hen gathers her b Luke 13:34
- BROOK** *stream, wadi*
 stones from the b 1 Sam 17:40
 by the b Cherith 1 Kin 17:5
 deer pants for b-s Ps 42:1
 wisdom...bubbling b Prov 18:4
- BROTHER** *male relative*
 Am I my b's Gen 4:9
 b-s were jealous Gen 37:11
 b-s may redeem Lev 25:48
 b-s to dwell together Ps 133:1
 h is born for Prov 17:17
 closer than a h Prov 18:24
 b-s of a poor man Prov 19:7
 reconciled to your h Matt 5:24
 h will deliver up b Matt 10:21
 behold, His b-s Matt 12:46
 not forgive his h Matt 18:35
 My h and sister Mark 3:35
 b of yours was dead Luke 15:32
 left wife or b-s Luke 18:29
 not even His b-s John 7:5
 b shall rise again John 11:23
 b goes to law with b 1 Cor 6:6
 my h to stumble 1 Cor 8:13
 yet hates his h 1 John 2:9
- BROTHERHOOD**
 the covenant of b Amos 1:9
 love the b, fear God 1 Pet 2:17
- BRUISE** (n) *wound*
 for wound, h for h Ex 21:25
 Only b-s, welts, and raw Is 1:6
 the b He has inflicted Is 30:26
- BRUISE** (v) *batter, crush*
 b him on the heel Gen 3:15
 b-s me with a tempest Job 9:17
- BRUTAL** *fierce, vicious*
 hand of b men Ezek 21:31
 b, haters of good 2 Tim 3:3
- BUD** *blossom, a sprout*
 flax was in b Ex 9:31
 put forth b-s Num 17:8
 the b blossoms Is 18:5
- BUFFET** *beat*
 I h my body 1 Cor 9:27
 Satan to b me 2 Cor 12:7
- BUILD** *construct, form*
 Noah built an altar Gen 8:20
 let us b...a city Gen 11:4
 b for Me a house 1 Chr 17:12
 b-ing...house of God 2 Chr 3:3
 built high places 2 Chr 33:19
 has built up Zion Ps 102:16
 Unless the LORD b-s Ps 127:1
 a time to b up Eccl 3:3
 built his house upon Matt 7:24
 I will b My church Matt 16:18

CONCORDANCE

able to b you up Acts 20:32
 being built together Eph 2:22
 stones... being built 1 Pet 2:5

BUILDER *fashioner, maker*
 Solomon's b-s 1 Kin 5:18
 b-s had laid the Ezra 3:10
 the b-s rejected Matt 21:42
 as a wise master b 1 Cor 3:10
 architect and b is Heb 11:10

BUILDING *structure*
 reconstructing this b Ezra 5:4
 b that was in front Ezek 41:12
 what wonderful b-s Mark 13:1
 you are... God's b 1 Cor 3:9
 have a b from God 2 Cor 5:1
 whole b, being fitted Eph 2:21

BULB *part of plant*
 a b and a flower Ex 25:33
 b-s and their branches Ex 25:36

BULL *animal*
 b of the sin offering Lev 4:20
 b without blemish Ezek 43:18
 blood of b-s and Heb 10:4

BULRUSH *marsh plant*
 b in a single day Is 9:14
 b-s by the Nile Is 19:7
 palm branch or b Is 19:15

BUNDLE *package*
 b was in his sack Gen 42:35
 the b of the living 1 Sam 25:29
 in b-s to burn Matt 13:30

BURDEN (n) *load, weight*
 b-s of the Egyptians Ex 6:6
 the b of the people Num 11:17
 I am a b to myself Job 7:20
 who daily bears our b Ps 68:19
 b-s hard to bear Luke 11:46
 Hear one another's b-s Gal 6:2

BURDEN (v) *weigh down*
 b-ed Me with your sins Is 43:24
 were b-ed excessively 2 Cor 1:8
 not b you myself 2 Cor 12:16
 the church be b-ed 1 Tim 5:16

BURIAL *interment*
 give me a b site Gen 23:4
 even have a proper b Eccl 6:3
 to prepare Me for b Matt 26:12
 b custom of the Jews John 19:40

BURN *consume, kindle*
 Jacob's anger b-ed Gen 30:2
 bush was b-ing Ex 3:2
 Thine anger b against Ex 32:11
 Moses' anger b-ed Ex 32:19
 did not b any cities Josh 11:13
 jealousy b like fire Ps 70:5
 to b their sons Jer 7:31
 not to b the scroll Jer 36:25
 will b up the chaff Luke 3:17
 b-ed in their desire Rom 1:27
 my body to be b-ed 1 Cor 13:3
 works will be b-ed 2 Pet 3:10
 lake of fire... b-s Rev 19:20

BURNING
 Thy b anger Ex 15:7

shall bewail the b Lev 10:6
 b lips and a wicked Prov 26:23
 b boat of famine Lam 5:10
 b anger of the Lord Zeph 2:2

BURNISHED *polished*
 gleamed like b bronze Ezek 1:7
 feet... like b bronze Rev 1:15

BURNT OFFERINGS
see OFFERINGS

BURST *break*
 great deep b open Gen 7:11
 wine will b the skins Luke 5:37
 b his fetters Luke 8:29
 he b open Acts 1:18

BURY *place in earth*
 b-led at old age Gen 15:15
 that I may b my dead Gen 23:4
 b-led the bones of Josh 24:32
 go and b my father Matt 8:21
 dead to b their own Matt 8:22
 devout... b-led Stephen Acts 8:2
 that He was b-led 1 Cor 15:4
 b-led... in baptism Col 2:12

BUSH *shrub*
 boy under the b-s Gen 21:15
 the b was burning Ex 3:2
 who dwelt in the b Deut 33:16
 like a b in the desert Jer 17:6

BUSINESS *occupation, work*
 until I... told my b Gen 24:33
 carry on the king's b Esth 3:9
 another to his b Matt 22:5
 attend to your... b 1 Thess 4:11
 engage in b James 4:13

BUSYBODIES *meddlers*
 no work... like b 2 Thess 3:11
 gossips and b 1 Tim 5:13

BUTTER
 stops... bathed in b Job 29:6
 smoother than b Ps 55:21
 milk produces b Prov 30:33

BUYER *purchaser*
 Bad, bad, says the b Prov 20:14
 the b like the seller Is 24:2
 Let not the b rejoice Ezek 7:12

BYSTANDERS *onlookers*
 b... said to Peter Matt 26:73
 the b heard it Mark 15:35

BYWORD *contemptible*
 b among all peoples 1 Kin 9:7
 a proverb and a b 2 Chr 7:20
 He has made me a b Job 17:6
 b among the nations Ps 44:14

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CAESAR
 1 Roman emperor Matt 22:17,21
 Mark 12:14, John 19:12
 2 Augustus Luke 8:1
 3 Tiberius Luke 3:1
 John 19:12

BUILD—CALL

4 Claudius Acts 11:28;17:7
 Acts 18:2
 5 Nero Acts 25:12,26:32
 Phil 4:22

CAESAREA
 Roman coastal city Acts 8:40
 Acts 10:1,21:16,25:4

CAESAREA PHILIPPI
 city at base of Mt. Hermon
 Matt 16:13; Mark 8:27

CAIAPHAS
 high priest Matt 26:57
 Luke 3:2; John 11:49ff; Acts 4:6

CAIN
 son of Adam Gen 4:1
 tiller of the ground Gen 4:2
 killed his brother Gen 4:8
 marked by sign Gen 4:15

CAKE *type of bread*
 and make bread c-s Gen 18:6
 took one unleavened c Lev 8:26
 make me a c 1 Kin 17:13

CALAMITY *adversity, trouble*
 day of my c 2 Sam 22:19
 sorry over the c 1 Chr 21:15
 palate discern c-ies Job 6:30
 c from God is Job 31:23
 stumble in time of c Prov 24:16
 beginning to work c Jer 25:29
 relents concerning c Jon 4:2

CALCULATE *count*
 shall c from the year Lev 25:30
 c the cost Luke 14:28
 c the beast Rev 13:18

CALEB
 1 able to Moses Num 13:30
 son of Jephunneh Num 32:12
 received Hebron Josh 14:13
 2 son of Hebron 1 Chr 2:18
 3 son of Hur 1 Chr 2:50

CALF *animal*
 tender and choice c Gen 18:7
 into a molten c Ex 32:4
 c and the young lion Is 11:6
 skip about like c-ves Mal 4:2
 bring the fattened c Luke 15:23
 blood of c-ves Heb 9:12

CALL *address, summon, name*
 God c-ed the light day Gen 1:5
 c upon the name Gen 4:26
 c-s up the dead Deut 18:11
 LORD was c-ing boy 1 Sam 3:8
 c fine gold my trust Job 31:24
 c upon the LORD Ps 18:3
 those who c evil good Is 5:20
 c His name Immanuel Is 7:14
 You shall c Me Jer 3:19
 who is c-ed Christ Matt 1:16
 to c the righteous Matt 9:13
 c-s his own sheep John 10:3
 c Me Teacher and John 13:13
 God has not c-ed 1 Thess 4:7
 c-s... a prophets Rev 2:20

CALLING—CATTLE

CALLING *summoning*

the c of assemblies Is 1:13
the c of God Rom 11:29
For consider your c 1 Cor 1:26
with a holy c 2 Tim 1:9
His c and choosing 2 Pet 1:10

CALM *still*

be c, have no fear Is 7:4
sea may become c Jon 1:11
it became perfectly c Matt 8:26
you ought to keep c Acts 19:36

CAMEL *animal*

dismounted the c Gen 24:64
his wives upon c-s Gen 31:17
a garment of c's hair Matt 3:4
c's eye of a needle Matt 19:24
clothed with c's hair Mark 1:6

CAMP (n) *lodging area*

This is God's c Gen 32:2
people out of the c Ex 19:17
outside the c seven Num 31:19
pitch c-s, and place Ezek 4:2
the c of the saints Rev 20:9

CAMP (v) *settle*

you shall c in front Ex 14:2
they shall also c Num 1:50
God walks in... c Deut 23:14
Israel c-ed at Gilgal Josh 5:10
I will c against you Is 29:3
c around My house Zech 9:8

CANA

Galilean town John 2:1,11;4:46

CANAAN

1 son of Ham Gen 9:18,25
2 Syro-Palestine Gen 13:12
Gen 42:5; Ex 16:35; Ps 105:11
3 language (Hebrew) Is 19:18
see also HEBREW
see also JUDEAN

CANAL *water way*

c-s will emit a stench Is 19:6
rivers and wide c-s Is 33:21
the Nile c-s dry Ezek 30:12
in front of the c Dan 8:3

CAPERNAUM

city on Sea of Galilee
Matt 4:13; Luke 4:23
John 6:24,59

CAPHTOR

Crete Deut 2:23; Jer 47:4
Amos 9:7

see also CRETE

CAPITAL *top part of column*

height of the other c 1 Kin 7:16
c on the top of each 2 Chr 3:15
c-s...were on top 2 Chr 4:12

CAPITAL *city*

Susa the c Esth 2:3

CAPPADOCIA

province in Asia Minor
Acts 2:9; 1 Pet 1:1

CAPTAIN *leader*

c of the bodyguard Gen 39:1
the c-s of hundreds Num 31:14
c of the host of Josh 5:14
the c of the ship Acts 27:11

CAPTIVE *prisoner*

first-born of the c Ex 12:29
slain and the c-s Deut 32:42
restores His c people Ps 14:7
hast led c Thy c-s Ps 68:18
release to the c-s Luke 4:18
every thought c 2 Cor 10:5
having been held c 2 Tim 2:26

CAPTIVITY *imprisonment*

restore you from c Deut 30:3
land of their c 2 Chr 6:37
had come from the c Ezra 8:35
had survived the c Neh 1:2
destined for c Rev 13:10

CAPTURE *seize, take*

they c-d and looted Gen 34:29
c-d all his cities Deut 2:34
Can anyone c him Job 40:24
it c-s nothing at all Amos 3:5

CARAVAN *expedition*

a c of Ishmaelites Gen 37:25
The c-s of Tema Job 6:19
O c-s of Dedanites Is 21:13

CARCASS *corpse*

down upon the c-es Gen 15:11
one who touches...c Lev 11:39
c-es shall be food Deut 28:26
c of the lion Judg 14:8
c-es of their...idols Jer 16:18

CARE (n) *concern*

into the c of...sons Gen 30:35
put him in my c Gen 42:37
friends and receive c Acts 27:3
c for one another 1 Cor 12:25

CARE (v) *have concern for*

He c-d for him Deut 32:10
No one c-s for...soul Ps 142:4
c for My sheep Ezek 34:12
and took c of him Luke 10:34
take c of the church 1 Tim 3:5
He c-s for you 1 Pet 5:7

CAREFUL *watchful, on guard*

I not be c to speak Num 23:12
c to observe all Deut 6:25
you shall be c to do Deut 8:1
be c not to drink Judg 13:4
be c how you walk Eph 5:15

CARELESS *thoughtless*

a fool is...c Prov 14:16
food, and c ease Ezek 16:49
that every c word Matt 12:36

CARGO *merchandise*

and they threw the c Jon 1:5
to unload its c Acts 21:3
no one buys...c-es Rev 18:11

CARMEL

1 range of hills 1 Kin 18:42
2 Kin 4:25; Jer 46:18

CONCORDANCE

2 town in Judah 1 Sam 15:12
1 Sam 25:5,40

CARPENTER *craftsman*

c-s and stonemasons 2 Sam 5:11
to the masons and c-s Ezra 3:7
this the c's son Matt 13:55
c, the son of Mary Mark 6:3

CARRY *bear*

LORD c-ied you Deut 1:31
c an ephod before 1 Sam 2:28
Spirit will c you 1 Kin 18:12
c them in His bosom Is 40:11
our sorrows He c-fed Is 53:4
c-ied away...diseases Matt 8:17
C no purse, no bag Luke 10:4
the cross to c Luke 23:26
c out the desire of Gal 5:16

CART *wagon*

So Moses took the c-s Num 7:6
the cows to the c 1 Sam 6:7
sin as if with c ropes Is 5:18
his c and his horses Is 28:28

CARVE (v) *cut, fashion*

he c-d all the walls 1 Kin 6:29
who c a resting place Is 22:16
c-d with cherubim Ezek 41:18
its maker had c-d it Hab 2:18

CARVED (adj) *cut, etched*

with c engravings 1 Kin 6:29
c image of the idol 2 Chr 33:7
abdomen is c ivory Song 5:14

CAST *throw*

one who c-s a spell Deut 18:11
Joshua c lots for Josh 18:10
c Thy law behind Neh 9:26
c lots for the orphans Job 6:27
c My words behind Ps 50:17
Do not c me away Ps 51:11
c you out of My sight Jer 7:15
c-ing...insult Mark 15:32
will c out demons Mark 16:17
c Him out of...city Luke 4:29
c fire upon...earth Luke 12:49
clothing they c lots John 19:24
c-ing all your anxiety 1 Pet 5:7
but c them into hell 2 Pet 2:4
c their crowns before Rev 4:10

CATCH *seize, trap*

shall c his wife Judg 21:21
to c the afflicted Ps 10:9
c...with her eyelids Prov 6:25
C the foxes for us Song 2:15
caught in My snare Ezek 12:13
will be c-ing men Luke 5:10
unable to c Him Luke 20:26
caught in adultery John 8:3
who c-es the wise 1 Cor 3:19
if a man is caught Gal 6:1
child was caught up Rev 12:5

CATTLE *domestic animals*

c and creeping things Gen 1:24
the first-born of c Ex 12:29
defect from the c Lev 22:19
c on a thousand hills Ps 50:10
no c in the stalls Hab 3:17

CAUSE (n) purpose, reason

the c of the just Ex 23:8
 to death without a c 1 Sam 19:5
 place my c before God Job 5:8
 hate me without a c Ps 69:4
 wounds without c Prov 23:29
 of a man shall leave Matt 19:5
 hated... without a c John 15:25

CAUSE (v) make

c My name to be Ex 20:24
 to Israel to inherit Deut 1:38
 has c-d His name Ezra 6:12
 c His face to shine Ps 67:1
 speech c you to sin Eccl 5:6
 who c dissensions Rom 16:17
 was c-ing the growth 1 Cor 3:6

CAVE, shelter

buried him in the c Gen 25:9
 escaped to the c 1 Sam 22:1
 cry fifties in a c 1 Kin 18:4
 mountains and c-s Heb 11:38
 hid in the c-s Rev 6:15

CEASE, stop

you shall c from labor Ex 23:12
 door will never c Deut 15:11
 He makes wars to c Ps 46:9
 c consideration Prov 23:4
 make this proverb c Ezek 12:23
 c-d to him My feet Luke 7:45
 tongues, they will c 1 Cor 13:8
 pray without c-ing 1 Thes 5:17

CEDAR tree, wood

with the c wood Lev 14:6
 c-s beside the waters Num 24:6
 all the c-s of Lebanon Is 2:18
 the height of c-s Amos 2:9

CELEBRATE rejoice

may c a feast to Me Ex 5:1
 you shall c it in Lev 23:41
 C the Passover 2 Kin 23:21
 all Israel were c-ing 1 Chr 13:8
 to c the feast 2 Chr 30:23

CENSER incense container

c-s for yourselves Num 16:6
 his c in his hand Ezek 8:11
 holding a golden c Rev 8:3
 angel took the c Rev 8:5

CENSUS population roll

c of congregation Num 1:2
 number of the c 1 Chr 21:5
 c which David 2 Chr 2:17
 the first c taken Luke 2:2
 in the days of the c Acts 5:37

SENT money

paid up the last c Matt 5:26
 sparrows... for a c Matt 10:29
 amount to a c Mark 12:42

SENTURION captain

Jesus said to the c Matt 8:13
 summoning the c Mark 15:44
 soldiers and c-s Acts 21:32
 gave orders to the c Acts 24:23

SEPHAS

apostle Peter John 1:42
 1 Cor 1:12; 15:5; Gal 2:11

CERTAINTY sureness

know with c that Josh 23:13
 c of the words Prov 22:21
 you know with c Eph 5:5

CERTIFICATE permit, record

a c of divorce Deut 24:1
 a c of divorce Matt 5:31
 c of debt Col 2:14

CHAFF husk

consumes them as c Ex 15:7
 c which the wind blows Ps 1:4
 make the hills like c Is 41:15
 c from the summer Dan 2:35
 burn up the c Matt 3:12

CHAIN band

bound bronze c-s Judg 16:21
 he drew c-s of gold 1 Kin 6:21
 whose hands are c-s Eccl 7:26
 was bound with c-s Luke 8:29
 c-s fell off his hands Acts 12:7
 great c in his hand Rev 20:1

CHALDEA

S Babylonia Jer 50:10; 51:24
 Ezek 23:15

CHALDEANS

inhabitants of Chaldaea
 Gen 11:28, 2 Kin 24:2, Job 1:17
 Jer 24:5, Dan 5:11, Hab 1:6

CHAMBER room

entered his c Gen 43:30
 in his cool roof c Judg 3:20
 c-s of the storehouse Neh 10:38
 bridegroom his c Ps 19:5
 to the c-s of death Prov 7:27
 out of her bridal c Joel 2:16
 c-s in the heavens Amos 9:6

CHAMPION fighter

c, the Philistine 1 Sam 17:23
 a Savior and a C Is 19:20
 like a dread c Jer 20:11

CHANGE (n) alteration

gave c-s of garments Gen 45:22
 had a c of heart Ex 14:5
 two c-s of clothes 2 Kin 5:23
 Until my c comes Job 14:14
 a c of law Heb 7:12

CHANGE (v) alter, transform

and c-d my wages Gen 31:7
 He c-s a wilderness Ps 107:35
 c-d their glory Jer 2:11
 Ethiopian c his skin Jer 13:23
 He who c-s the times Dan 2:21
 LORD c-d His mind Amos 7:6
 I, the LORD, do not c Mal 3:6
 shall all be c-d 1 Cor 15:51

CHANNEL furrow

Who has cleft a c Job 38:25
 c-s of water appeared Ps 18:15
 heart is like c-s Prov 21:1
 sent out its c-s Ezek 31:4

CHANT sing

David c-ed... this 2 Sam 1:17
 Jeremiah c-ed a 2 Chr 35:25
 daughters... shall c Ezek 32:16

CHARACTER

and proven c, hope Rom 3:4
 Let your c be free Heb 13:5

CHARGE (n) responsibility

under Joseph's c Gen 30:23
 kept the c of the LORD Lev 8:35
 c of his household Matt 24:45
 allotted to your c 1 Pet 5:3

CHARGE (n) accusation

far from a false c Ex 23:7
 bring c-s against Acts 19:38
 c against God's elect Rom 8:33

CHARGE (n) cost

gospel without c 1 Cor 9:18

CHARGE (v) command

Abimelech c-d all Gen 26:11
 I c-d your judges Deut 1:16
 Moses c-d us with a Deut 33:4
 I solemnly c you 1 Tim 5:21

CHARGE (v) exact a price

not c him interest Ex 22:25
 c that to my account Philem 18

CHARIOT wagon

Joseph prepared c Gen 46:29
 appeared a c of fire 2 Kin 2:11
 Some boast in c-s Ps 20:7
 c-s of God are myriads Ps 68:17
 Thy c-s of salvation Hab 3:8
 I will cut off the c Zech 9:10
 and sitting in his c Acts 8:28

CHARIOTEERS warriors

David killed 700 c 2 Sam 10:18
 7,000 c and 40,000 1 Chr 19:18
 with horses and c Ezek 39:20

CHARITY alms

give that as c Luke 11:41
 and give to c Luke 12:33
 deeds of c Acts 9:36

CHARM beauty

A bribe is a c Prov 17:8
 with all your c-s Song 7:6

CHASE drive, pursue

Egyptians c-d after Ex 14:9
 will c your enemies Lev 26:7
 one c a thousand Deut 32:30
 c-ing Philistines 1 Sam 17:53
 be c-d like chaff Is 17:13

CHASTE pure

c behavior 1 Pet 3:2
 kept themselves c Rev 14:4

CHASTEN discipline

Man is also c-ed Job 33:19
 Nor c me in Thy wrath Ps 6:1
 c-ed every morning Ps 73:14
 who c-s the nations Ps 94:10

CHASTISE punish

Thou hast c-d me Jer 31:18
 I will c all of them Hos 5:2

CHATTER babbling

worldly... empty c 1 Tim 6:20
 avoid... empty c 2 Tim 2:16

CHEAT—CHURCH

CHEAT *deceive*

your father has c-ed Gen 31:7
c with scales Amos 8:5

CHEBAR

river in *Babylonia* Ezek 3:15
Ezek 10:15

CHEDORLAOMER

king of *Elam* Gen 14:9,17

CHEEK *part of face*

slapped me on the c Job 16:10
Your c-s are lovely Song 1:10
tears are on her c-s Lam 1:2
hits you on the c Luke 6:29

CHEERFUL

and be c Job 9:27
joyful heart a c Prov 15:13
c heart.. feast Prov 15:15
God loves a c giver 2 Cor 9:7
Is anyone c James 5:13

CHEMOSH

god of *Moab* Judg 11:24
1 Kin 11:7; Jer 48:13

CHERETHITES

1 tribe on *Philistine plain*
1 Sam 30:14; Ezek 25:16
Zeph 2:5
2 *David's bodyguards*
2 Sam 8:18; 15:18; 1 Kin 1:38
1 Chr 18:17

CHERISH *love*

or the wife you c Deut 13:6
the wife he c-s Deut 28:54
men c themselves Acts 24:15
c-s it, just as Christ Eph 5:29

CHERUB celestial being

He rode on a c 2 Sam 22:11
one c.. ten cubits 1 Kin 6:26
c stretched out his Ezek 10:7

CHERUBIM plural of Cherub

He stationed the c Gen 3:24
c had their wings Ex 37:9
enthroned above...c 2 Sam 6:2
c appeared to have Ezek 10:8

CHEST box

the priest took a c 2 Kin 12:9
money in the c 2 Kin 12:10
levies...into the c 2 Chr 24:10

CHEW eat

which c the cud Lev 11:4
before it was c-ed Num 11:33

CHIEF head, prominent

c-s of the sons of Gen 36:15
the c-s of Edom Gen 36:43
of the thirty c men 2 Sam 23:13
c of the magicians Dan 4:9
C Shepherd appears 1 Pet 5:4

CHILD

c grew...weaned Gen 21:8
Train up a c in Prov 22:6
discipline from the c Prov 23:13
c will be born to us Is 9:6
with c by the Holy Matt 1:18

take the C and His Matt 2:13
He called a c to Matt 18:2
saying, "C, arise Luke 8:54
a woman with c 1 Thess 15:3

CHILDBIRTH

multiply...pain in c Gen 3:16
as of a woman in c Ps 48:6
pains of c come Hos 13:13
suffers the pains of c Rom 8:22

CHILDLESS

I am c, and the heir Gen 15:2
They shall die c Lev 20:20
c among women 1 Sam 15:33
and died c Luke 20:29

CHILDREN

pain.. bring forth c Gen 3:16
Are these all the c 1 Sam 16:11
compassion on his c Ps 103:13
C are a gift Ps 127:3
c rise up and bless Prov 31:28
c were dashed to Nah 3:10
slew all the male c Matt 2:16
stones to raise up c Matt 3:9
c...against parents Matt 10:21
and become like c Matt 18:3
bringing c to Him Mark 10:13
if c, heirs Rom 8:17
C, obey your parents Eph 6:1
My little c 1 John 2:1
kill her c with Rev 2:23

CHINNERETH/

CHINNEROTH

1 lake Num 34:11; Josh 12:3
also Sea of Galilee
also Lake of Gennesaret
also Sea of Tiberias
2 city of *Naphtali* Deut 3:17
Josh 19:35
3 plain near *Galilee*
Josh 11:2; 1 Kin 15:20

CHISLEV

ninth month of *Hebrew*
calendar Neh 1:1; Zech 7:1

CHOICE option or best

Saul, a c.. man 1 Sam 9:2
c men of Israel 2 Sam 10:9
And eat its c fruits Song 4:16
God made a c among Acts 15:7
God's gracious c Rom 11:5
His c of you 1 Thess 1:4

CHOIR chorus

c proceeded to the Neh 12:38
two c-s took their Neh 12:40

CHOKE strifle

riches c the word Matt 13:22
began to c him Matt 18:28
thorns...c-d it Mark 4:7
c-d with worries Luke 8:14

CHOOSE select, take

C men for us Ex 17:9
whom the LORD c-s Num 16:7
C wise...discerning Deut 1:13
He c-s our inheritance Ps 47:4
refuse evil and c good Is 7:15
not God c the poor James 2:5

CONCORDANCE

CHOP cut

who c-s your wood Deut 29:11
c-ped down...altars 2 Chr 34:7
C down the tree Dan 4:14

CHOSE selected

Lot c for himself Gen 13:11
God has c-n you Deut 7:6
I c David to be 1 Kin 8:16
when I c Israel Ezek 20:5
c twelve of them Luke 6:13
has c-n the weak 1 Cor 1:27
He c us in Him Eph 1:4

CHOSEN elected, selected

Moses' His c one Ps 106:23
My c one in whom Is 42:1
Israel My c one Is 45:4
c ones shall inherit Is 65:9
My Son, My C One Luke 9:35
c of God, holy and Col 3:12
of His c angels 1 Tim 5:21
you are a c race 1 Pet 2:9

CHRIST Messiah

birth of Jesus C was Matt 1:18
C should suffer and Luke 24:46
both Lord and C Acts 2:36
fellow heirs with C Rom 8:17
are one body in C Rom 12:5
preach C crucified 1 Cor 1:23
judgment seat of C 2 Cor 5:10
ambassadors for C 2 Cor 5:20
faith in C Jesus Gal 2:16
as sons through Jesus C Eph 1:5
to live is C Phil 1:21
C, who is our life Col 3:4
dead in C shall 1 Thess 4:16
coming of...C 2 Thess 2:1
C...high priest Heb 9:11
Advocate...Jesus C 1 John 2:1
with C for a thousand Rev 20:4

CHRISTIAN follower of Christ

first called C-s in Acts 11:26
me to become a C Acts 26:28
suffers as a C 1 Pet 4:16

CHRONICLES book of register

1 of kings of Israel
1 Kin 14:19; 15:31
2 Kin 14:28; 15:28
2 of kings of Judah
1 Kin 14:29; 15:23
2 Kin 15:36; 24:5
3 of kings of *Media/Parthia*
Esth 10:2

CHURCH a called out assembly

I will build my c Matt 16:18
tell it to the c Matt 18:17
shepherd the c Acts 20:28
c-es of the Gentiles Rom 16:4
together as a c 1 Cor 11:18
woman...speak in c 1 Cor 14:35
to the c-es of Judea Gal 1:22
Christ...head of the c Eph 5:23
persecutor of the c Phil 3:6
c of the living God 1 Tim 3:15
Spirit says to the c-es Rev 2:11

CLICIA

region in SE Asia Minor

Acts 15:41; 21:30; 27:5

CLINAMON spice

and of fragrant c Ex 30:23

myrrh, aloes and c Prov 7:17

and c and spice Rev 18:13

CLICLE area

sleeping inside... c 1 Sam 26:7

He has inscribed a c Job 28:10

did not sit in the c Jer 15:17

CLICUIT course

in the c to Bethel 1 Sam 7:16

as c to the other end Ps 19:8

CLICULATE spread

proclamation was c-d Ex 36:6

ORD people c-ing 1 Sam 2:24

p c a proclamation 2 Chr 30:5

CLICUMCISE be pure or cut off

every male, be c-d Gen 17:10

Abraham c-d his son Gen 21:4

then your heart Deut 10:16

God will c heart Deut 30:6

yourself to the LORD Jer 4:4

came to c the child Luke 1:59

c-d the eighth day Phil 3:5

CLICUMCISION act of purity

because of the c Ex 4:26

is of the heart Rom 2:29

you receive c Gal 5:2

I still preach c Gal 5:11

we are the true c Phil 3:3

made without hands Col 2:11

house of the c Titus 1:10

CLICUMSTANCE condition

spoken in right c-s Prov 25:11

may know my c-s Eph 6:21

peace in every c 2 Thes 3:16

of humble c-s James 1:9

CLISTERN reservoir

c collecting water Lev 11:36

water from your c Prov 5:15

wheel at the c is Eccl 12:6

prophet from the c Jer 38:10

CLITADEL fortress

of the king's 1 Kin 16:18

in the c of Susa Dan 8:2

s of Jerusalem Amos 2:5

proclaim on the c-s Amos 3:9

samples on our c-s Mic 3:5

CLITIES OF REFUGE

Kedesh in Naphtali Josh 20:7

Shechem in Ephraim Josh 20:7

Hebron (Kirjath-arba) Josh 20:7

Bezer in Reuben Josh 20:8

Ramoth-gilead in Gad Josh 20:8

Golan in Manasseh Josh 20:8

CLITIZEN residents

your fellow c-s Eccl 33:13

follow c-s who talk Eccl 33:30

c-s hated him Luke 19:14

e of no insignificant Acts 21:30

fellow c-s with the Eph 2:19

CITY

Build... a c Gen 11:4

burned... their c-ies Num 31:10

die in my own c 2 Sam 19:37

glad the c of God Ps 46:4

LORD guards the c Ps 127:1

the C of Destruction Is 19:18

the C of Truth Zech 8:3

a c called Nazareth Matt 2:23

into the holy c Matt 4:5

the c was stirred Matt 21:10

c, shake off the dust Luke 9:5

He has prepared a c Heb 11:16

I saw the holy c Rev 21:2

CLAIM demand

Let darkness c it Job 3:5

Do not c honor in Prov 25:6

c-ing to be someone Acts 8:9

CLAN family, tribe

c of the household Judg 9:1

and by your c-s 1 Sam 10:19

among c-s of Judah Mic 5:2

I will make the c-s Zech 12:6

CLAP applaud

c-ped their hands 2 Kin 11:12

c-s his hands among Job 34:37

rivers c their hands Ps 98:8

trees will c Is 55:12

CLAUDIA

Roman Christian 2 Tim 4:21

CLAUDIUS

Roman Emperor

Acts 11:28; 18:2

see CAESAR

CLAUDIUS LYSIAS

Roman tribune Acts 22:28; 23:26

CLAY

dwell in houses of c Job 4:19

Father, We are the c Is 64:8

c in the potter's hand Jer 18:6

the c to his eyes John 9:6

CLEAN cleansed, washed

animals that are not c Gen 7:2

out in a c place Lev 10:14

pronounce him c Lev 13:28

Create in me a c heart Ps 51:10

make yourselves c Is 1:16

You can make me c Matt 8:2

things are c for you Luke 11:41

c because of the word John 15:3

CLEANSE purify, wash

To c the house then Lev 14:49

c the house of the 2 Chr 29:15

I have c-d my heart Prov 20:9

I am willing, be c-d Matt 8:3

the lepers are c-d Matt 11:5

not eat unless they c Mark 7:4

let us c ourselves 2 Cor 7:1

C... you sinners James 4:8

blood... c-s us 1 John 1:7

CLEAR make free or plain

c away many nations Deut 7:1

C the way for the LORD Is 40:3

c His threshing floor Matt 3:12

Christ had made c 2 Pet 1:14

river... c as crystal Rev 22:1

CLEAVE cing, divide

shall c to his wife Gen 2:24

tongue c-s to my jaws Ps 22:15

c to Thy testimonies Ps 119:31

c the earth with rivers Hab 3:9

shall c to his wife Eph 5:31

CLEFT crotches

in the c of the rock Judg 15:8

the c-s of the cliffs Is 2:21

who live in the c-s Obad 3

CLEOPAS

disciple of Christ Luke 24:18

CLEVER smart

c in their own sight Is 5:21

cleverness of the c 1 Cor 1:19

CLIFF crag

nest is set in the c Num 24:21

On the c he dwells Job 39:28

c-s are a refuge Ps 104:18

CLIMB ascend

I will c the palm tree Song 7:8

the one who c-s Jer 48:44

c-d a sycamore Luke 19:4

c-s up... other way John 10:1

CLING cleave

and c to Him Deut 13:4

c to the LORD Josh 23:8

My soul c-s to Thee Ps 63:8

Stop c-ing to Me John 20:17

c to what is good Rom 12:9

CLOAK coat, mantle

Give me the c Ruth 3:15

neither bread nor c Is 3:7

fringe of His c Matt 9:20

Wrap your c around Acts 12:8

CLOSE shut, stop

and the LORD c-d Gen 7:16

floodgates... were c-d Gen 8:2

earth c-d over them Num 16:33

have c-d their eyes Acts 28:27

every mouth c-d Rom 3:19

c-s his heart 1 John 3:17

CLOTH fabric

spread over it a c Num 4:6

is wrapped in a c 1 Sam 21:9

with embroidered c Eccl 16:10

in the linen c Mark 15:46

CLOTHE array, dress

C me with skin Job 10:11

meadows are c-d with Ps 65:13

O Zion, C yourself Is 52:1

naked... you c-d Me Matt 23:36

are splendidly c-d Luke 7:25

c-d with power from Luke 24:49

c... with humility 1 Pet 5:5

c-d in the white robes Rev 7:13

CLOTHES garments

c of her captivity Deut 21:13

your c have not worn Deut 29:5

CLOTHES—COMMISSIONERS

and worn-out e on Josh 9:5
and changed his e 2 Sam 12:20
without wedding e Matt 22:12
And tearing his e Mark 14:63

CLOTHING clothes, raiment

reduce her e Ex 21:10
e did not wear out Deut 8:4
purple are their e Jer 10:9
and the body than e Matt 6:25
in sheep's e Matt 7:15
His e became white Luke 9:29
sister is without e James 2:15

CLOUD mist

set My bow in the e Gen 9:13
in a pillar of e Ex 13:21
e where God was Ex 20:21
e covered mountain Ex 24:15
e for a covering Ps 105:39
voice came out e Mark 9:7
Son coming in e-s Mark 13:26
in a e with power Luke 21:27
and a e received Him Acts 1:9

CLUB weapon

went with a e 2 Sam 23:21
C's are as stubble Job 41:29
Like a e and a Prov 25:18
with swords and e-s Matt 26:47

CLUSTER collection

e-s produced ripe Gen 40:10
e-s of raisins 1 Sam 25:18
breasts are e-s Song 7:7
gather the e-s Rev 14:18

COAL charcoal

breath kindles e-s Job 41:21
man walk on hot e-s Prov 6:28
burning e in his hand Is 6:6
heap burning e-s Rom 12:20

COAST

e of the Great Sea Josh 9:1
along the e of Asia Acts 27:2

COASTLAND

inhabitants of this e Is 20:6
to the e-s of Kittim Jer 2:10
e-s shake at the Ezek 26:15
e-s of the nations Zeph 2:11

COAT cloak

opening e of mail Ex 28:32
with his e torn 2 Sam 15:32
have your e also Matt 5:40

COBRA snake

deadly poison of e-s Deut 32:33
To the venom of e-s Job 20:14
tread upon the e-s Ps 91:13

COCK bird

The strutting e Prov 30:31
before a e crows Matt 26:34
e shall not crow John 13:38

COFFIN bier

in a e in Egypt Gen 50:26
and touched the e Luke 7:14

COHORT military unit

the whole Roman e Matt 27:27
called the Italian e Acts 10:1

of the Augustan e Acts 27:1

COIN money

Show Me the e Matt 22:19
woman...loses one e Luke 15:8
He poured out...e-s John 2:15

COLD cool

covering against the e Job 24:7
Like the e of snow Prov 25:13
cup of e water Matt 10:42
love will grow e Matt 24:12
neither e nor hot Rev 3:15

COLLAPSE fall

grass e-s into the flame Is 5:24
pathways will e Ezek 38:20
ancient hills e-d Hab 3:6

COLLEAGUES co-workers

the rest of his e Ezra 4:7
and your e Ezra 6:6

COLLECT exact, take

e-ed his strength Gen 48:2
cistern e-ing water Lev 11:36
e captives like sand Hab 1:9
C no more than Luke 3:13
e-ed a tenth from Heb 7:6

COLLECTION acquisition

let your e of idols Is 57:13
no e-s be made 1 Cor 16:2

COLOSSAE

city in Asia Minor Col 1:2

COLT foal

camels and their e-s Gen 32:15
Even on a e Zech 9:9
and a e with her Matt 21:2
on a donkey's e John 12:15

COLUMN pillar, text

in a e of smoke Judg 20:40
and marble e-s Esth 1:6
read three...e-s Jer 36:23

COME

C, let us build Gen 11:4
C, let us worship Ps 95:6
All came from...dust Eccl 3:20
your king is e-ing Zech 9:9
Thy kingdom e Matt 6:10
C to Me, all who Matt 11:28
children to e to Me Mark 10:14
not e...temptation Mark 14:38
Son of Man e-ing Luke 21:27
Father...hour has e John 17:1
His judgment has e Rev 14:7
I am e-ing quickly Rev 22:20

COMFORT (n) consolation

mourning without e Job 30:28
e in my affliction Ps 119:50
he will give you e Prov 29:17
e of the Holy Spirit Acts 9:31
and God of all e 2 Cor 1:3
your e and salvation 2 Cor 1:6

COMFORT (v) console, cheer

relatives came to e 1 Chr 7:22
Thy rod...they e me Ps 23:4
I, am He who e-s you Is 51:12
To e all who mourn Is 61:2

CONCORDANCE

he is being e-ed Luke 16:20
e one another 1 Thess 4:18

COMFORTER consoler

Sorry e-s are you, all Job 16:14
e-s, but I found none Ps 69:20
She has no e Lam 1:1
Where will I seek e-s Nah 3:7

COMING (n) arrival

Joseph's e at noon Gen 43:25
the day of His e Mal 3:1
be the sign of Your e Matt 24:32
e of the Son of Man Matt 24:37
Christ's at His e 1 Cor 15:23
e of the Lord Is James 5:8
the promise of His e 2 Pet 3:4

COMMAND (n) order

the e of the LORD Lev 24:18
disobeyed the e 1 Kin 13:21
to the king's e 2 Chr 35:10
no e of the Lord 1 Cor 7:25
could not bear the e Heb 12:20

COMMAND (v) declare, order

I e-ed you not to eat Gen 3:11
may e his children Gen 18:19
speak all that I e you Ex 7:2
bring all that I e Deut 12:11
the angel e-ed Matt 1:24
e that these stones Matt 1:3
e-s even the winds Luke 8:25
e-ing the jailer Acts 16:20

COMMANDER captain, general

the e-s of Israel Judg 5:9
e of Saul's army 2 Sam 2:8
his chariot e-s 1 Kin 9:23
and Joab was the e 1 Chr 27:34
e for the peoples Is 55:4
the C of the host Dan 8:11
and the flesh of e-s Rev 19:18

COMMANDMENT instruction

and keep My e-s Ex 20:6
the Ten C-s Ex 31:28
and keep His e-s Josh 22:5
e of the LORD is pure Ps 19:8
the e of your father Prov 6:20
which is the great e Matt 22:36
A new e I give John 13:34
will keep My e-s John 14:15
I have kept...e-s John 15:10
not writing a new e 1 John 2:7
keep the e-s of God Rev 14:12

COMMEND praise, present

So I e-ed pleasure Eccl 8:15
I e you to God Acts 20:32
food will not e us 1 Cor 8:8
to e ourselves again 2 Cor 3:1

COMMISSION appoint

e him in their sight Num 27:19
He e-ed Joshua Deut 31:23
king has e-ed me 1 Sam 21:2
e it against the people Is 10:6

COMMISSIONERS supervisors

and over them three e Dan 6:22
Then the e and satraps Dan 6:42

CONCORDANCE

COMMIT *entrust, practice*

e-ated to Joseph's Gen 36:22
shall not e adultery Ex 20:14
have e-ated incest Lev 20:12
I e my spirit Ps 31:5
C your way to the LORD Ps 37:5
weary e-ing iniquity Jer 9:5
Do not e adultery Luke 18:20
I e My spirit Luke 23:46
everyone who e-s sin John 8:34
who e-ated no sin 1 Pet 2:22

COMMON *ordinary, shared*

anyone of e people Lev 4:27
place of the e people Jer 26:23
from with e clay Dan 2:41
had all things in e Acts 2:44
about our e salvation Jude 3

COMMONWEALTH *nation*

from the e of Israel Eph 2:12

COMMOTION *disturbance*

e the noise of this e 1 Sam 4:14
great e out of the Jer 10:22
Why make a e and Mark 5:39

COMPANION *comrade, friend*

are you striking your e Ex 2:13
brought thirty e-s Judg 14:11
And a e of ostriches Job 30:29
e of fools will suffer Prov 13:20
your e and your wife Mal 2:14
Paul and his e-s Acts 13:13

COMPANY *assembly, group*

into three e-les Judg 9:43
e of the godless Job 15:34
e will stone them Ezek 23:47
Bad e corrupts 1 Cor 15:33

COMPARE *contrast, liken*

none to e with Thee Ps 40:5
to what shall I e Matt 11:16
e the kingdom of Luke 13:20
e e-d with the glory Rom 8:18

COMPASS

outlines it with a e Is 44:13
four points of the e Dan 11:4

COMPASSION *concern, love*

God grant you e Gen 43:14
whom I will show e Ex 33:19
in Thy great e Neh 9:19
have e on the poor Ps 72:13
have e on Zion Ps 108:13
His e-s never fail Lam 3:22
He felt e for them Matt 9:36
his father felt e Luke 15:20
put on a heart of e Col 3:12
LORD is full of e James 5:11

COMPASSIONATE *loving*

your God is a e God Deut 4:31
e, Slow to anger Neh 9:17
He is gracious and e Joel 2:13
a gracious and e God Jon 4:2

COMPEL *force, press*

Egyptians e-led the Ex 1:13
e them to come in Luke 14:23
e...to be circumcised Gal 6:12

COMPETE *strive*

can you e with horses Jer 12:5
everyone who e-s 1 Cor 9:25
e-s as an athlete 2 Tim 2:5

COMPLAIN *murmur*

e-ed to Abimelech Gen 21:25
e in the bitterness Job 7:11
I will e and murmur Ps 55:17
Do not e, brethren James 5:9

COMPLAINT *grievance*

e-s of Israel Num 14:27
couch will ease my e Job 7:13
today my e is rebellion Job 23:2
hospitable without e 1 Pet 4:9

COMPLETE (adj) *full, total*

a sabbath of e rest Ex 35:2
be seven e sabbaths Lev 23:15
not a e destruction Jer 5:10
you have been made e Col 2:10
be perfect and e James 1:4
joy may be made e 1 John 1:4

COMPLETE (v) *finish, fulfill*

God e-ed His work Gen 2:2
C the week of this Gen 29:27
C your work quota Ex 5:13
your days are e 2 Sam 7:12
house was e-d 2 Chr 8:16
thousand years are e-d Rev 20:7

COMPOSE *write*

e words against you Job 16:4
have e-d songs for Amos 6:5
The first account I e-d Acts 1:1

COMPOSE *make calm*

e-d and quieted my Ps 131:2
I e my soul Is 38:13

COMPREHEND *understand*

which we cannot e Job 37:5
speech no one e-s Is 33:19
and they did not e Luke 18:34
darkness did not e John 1:5

COMPULSION *coercion*

under e let them go Ex 6:1
as it were by e Philom 14
not under e, but 1 Pet 5:2

CONCEAL *cover, hide*

man e-s knowledge Prov 12:23
They do not even e it Is 3:9
Do not e it but Jer 50:2
was e-ed from them Luke 9:45

CONCEIT *pride*

selfishness or empty e Phil 2:3
he is e-ed 1 Tim 6:4
e-ed, lovers of 2 Tim 3:4

CONCEIVE *become pregnant*

Sarah e-d and bore a Gen 21:2
e-d all this people Num 11:12
sin my mother e-d me Ps 51:5
she e-d and gave birth Is 8:3
when lust has e-d James 1:15

CONCERN *anxious care*

master does not e Gen 38:8
the LORD was e-ed Ex 4:31
Thou art e-ed about Job 7:17

COMMIT—CONFIDENCE

e-ed about the poor John 12:8
is married is e-ed 1 Cor 7:33
not e-ed about omen 1 Cor 9:9

CONCUBINE *secondary wife*

Ephraim took a e Judg 19:1
Now Saul had a e 2 Sam 3:7
lung left ten e-s 2 Sam 13:16
three hundred e-s 1 Kin 11:3
in charge of the e-s Esth 2:14

CONDEMN *discredit, judge*

e-ing the wicked 1 Kin 8:32
my mouth will e me Job 9:20
he who e-s Me Is 50:9
will e Him to death Mark 10:33
do not e, and you Luke 6:37
you e yourself Rom 2:1
he stood e-ed Gal 2:11
our heart e-s us 1 John 3:20

CONDEMNATION *judgment*

receive greater e Mark 12:40
same sentence of e Luke 23:40
Their e is just Rom 3:8
no e in Christ Rom 8:1
e upon themselves Rom 13:2
e by the devil 1 Tim 3:6

CONDITION *state*

with you on this e 1 Sam 11:2
e-s were good in 2 Chr 12:12
e in which called 1 Cor 7:20
or adds e-s to it Gal 3:15

CONDUCT (n) *behavior*

queen's e known Esth 1:17
turn from his e Job 33:17
who are upright in e Ps 37:14
sensual e of men 2 Pet 2:7
holy e and godliness 2 Pet 3:11

CONDUCT (v) *behave*

e-s himself arrogantly Job 15:25
e same spirit 2 Cor 12:18
C with wisdom Col 4:5
e yourselves in fear 1 Pet 1:17

CONDUIT *channel*

e of the upper pool 2 Kin 18:17
at the end of the e Is 7:3

CONFESS *acknowledge*

that he shall e Lev 5:5
e-ing the sins of Neh 1:6
e my transgressions Ps 32:5
e Me before men Matt 10:32
e-ing their sins Mark 1:5
e with your mouth Rom 10:9
If we e our sins 1 John 1:9
I will e his name Rev 3:5

CONFESSION *admission*

praying and making e Ezra 10:1
your e of the gospel 2 Cor 9:13
testified the good e 1 Tim 6:13
the e of our hope Heb 10:23

CONFIDENCE *boldness, trust*

What is this e 2 Kin 18:19
they lost their e Neh 6:16
LORD will be your e Prov 3:26
proud e is this 2 Cor 1:12
e in me may abound Phil 1:26
no e in the flesh Phil 3:3

CONFINE *imprison, limit*
 who were c-d in jail Gen 40:5
 he does not c it Ex 21:29
 he c-d in prison Is 24:22
 c-d in the court Jer 33:1

CONFINEMENT *imprisonment*
 c in his master's Gen 40:7
 he put me in c Gen 41:10

CONFIRM *establish, strengthen*
 LORD c His word 1 Sam 1:23
 c Thine inheritance Ps 68:9
 c the work of our Ps 90:17
 C-ing the word of His Is 44:26
 c-ed by the signs Mark 16:20
 who shall also c you 1 Cor 1:8

CONFIRMATION *certification*
 and c of the gospel Phil 1:7
 an oath given as c Heb 6:16

CONFLICT *contention*
one of great c Dan 10:1
in c with the LORD Jer 50:24
experiencing c Phil 1:30
source of c-s James 4:1

CONFORMED *being like*
 c image of His Son Rom 8:29
 not be c to world Rom 12:2
 being c to His death Phil 3:10

CONFOUND *confuse*
 LORD c-ed them Josh 10:10
 c their strategy Is 19:3
 c-ing the Jews Acts 9:22

CONFRONT *challenge, face*
 snares of death c-ed 2 Sam 22:6
 Days of affliction c Job 30:27
 Arise, O LORD, c him Ps 17:13
 the elders c-ed Him Luke 20:1

CONFUSE *perplex*
 c their language Gen 11:7
 Send and c them Ps 144:6
 They are c-ed by wine Is 28:7

CONFUSION *disorder*
 into great c Deut 7:23
 Jerusalem was in c Acts 21:31
 not a God of c 1 Cor 14:33

CONGREGATION *assembly*
 all the c of Israel Ex 12:3
 c shall stone him Num 15:35
 strife of the c Num 27:14
 Bless God in the c-s Ps 68:26
 c of the godly ones Ps 149:1
 the c of the disciples Acts 6:2
 In the midst of the c Heb 2:12

CONJURER *magician*
 magician, c or Dan 2:10
 wise men and the c-s Dan 56:15

CONQUER *be victorious*
 c-ed all the country Gen 14:7
 but could not c it Is 7:1
 c through Him Rom 8:37
 out c-ing, and to c Rev 6:2

CONSCIENCE *moral obligation*
 David's c bothered 1 Sam 24:5

always a blameless c Acts 24:16
 also for c' sake Rom 13:5
 their c being weak is 1 Cor 8:7
 faith with a clear c 1 Tim 3:9
 seared in their own c 1 Tim 4:2
 keep a good c 1 Pet 3:16

CONSECRATE *sanctify*
 sons of Israel c Ex 28:38
 garments shall be c-d Ex 29:21
 c it and all its Ex 40:9
 C yourselves Lev 11:44
 c the fiftieth year Lev 25:10
 c-s his house as holy Lev 27:14
 he shall c his head Num 6:11
 C yourselves Josh 3:5
 have c-d this house 1 Kin 9:3

CONSECRATED *sanctified*
 touch any c thing Lev 12:4
 c people to the LORD Deut 26:19
 there is c bread 1 Sam 21:4
 c ones were purer Lam 4:7
 ate the c bread Matt 12:4

CONSENT *agree*
 Do not listen or c 1 Kin 20:8
 entice you, Do not c Prov 1:10
 If you c and obey Is 1:19
 c-s to live with him 1 Cor 7:12

CONSIDER *observe, think*
 were c-ed unclean Neh 7:64
 C my groaning Ps 5:1
 he who c-s the helpless Ps 41:1
 We are c-ed as sheep Ps 44:22
 day of adversity c Eccl 7:14
 c the work of His hands Is 5:12
 C the ravens, for Luke 12:24
 c your calling 1 Cor 1:26
 He c-ed me faithful 1 Tim 1:12
 c how to stimulate Heb 10:24
 c-ed...God is able Heb 11:19

CONSIST *composed of*
 reverence for Me c-s Is 29:13
 life c of his Luke 12:15
 does not c in words 1 Cor 4:20
 c-ing of decrees Col 2:14

CONSOLATION *comfort*
 c-s of God too small Job 15:11
 Thy c-s delight my Ps 94:19
 is any c of love Phil 2:1

CONSOLE *soothe*
 Esau is c-ing himself Gen 27:42
 servants to c him 2 Sam 10:2
 c-d...comforted Job 42:11
 c them concerning John 11:19

CONSPIRACY *plot, scheme*
 the c was strong 2 Sam 15:12
 found c in Hoshea 2 Kin 17:4
 from the c-ies of man Ps 31:20

CONSPIRE *plot against*
 have c-d against me 1 Sam 22:8
 c-d against my 2 Kin 10:9
 c together against Ps 83:3
 Amos...c-d against Amos 7:10

CONSTELLATION *stars*
 a c in its season Job 38:32
 c-s Will not flash Is 13:10

CONSTRUCT *build*
 c a sanctuary for Me Ex 25:8
 c siegeworks Deut 20:20

CONSTRUCTION *structure*
 c of the sanctuary Ex 36:30
 it has been under c Ezra 5:16
 the c of the ark 1 Pet 3:20

CONSULT *confer*
 c-ed with the elders 1 Kin 12:6
 C the mediums Is 8:19
 Without c-ing Me Is 30:8
 people c their wooden Hos 4:12
 not c with flesh Gal 1:16

CONSUME *destroy, devour*
 c-d purchase price Gen 31:35
 the brush was not c-d Ex 3:2
 c-d the burnt offering Lev 9:24
 great fire will c us Deut 5:25
 c the cedars Judg 9:15
 Thou dost c as a moth Ps 39:11
 c-d by Thine anger Ps 90:7
 c-s his own flesh Eccl 4:5
 fire c-ing the stubble Joel 2:5
 Zeal will c John 2:17
 c your flesh like fire James 5:3

CONSUMING (adj) *destroying*
 glory like a c fire Ex 24:17
 the flame of a c fire Is 29:6
 our God is a c fire Heb 12:29

CONTAIN *hold*
 cannot c Thee 1 Kin 8:27
 c the burnt offering 2 Chr 7:7
 c-ing twenty gallons John 2:6
 not c the books John 21:25
 is c-ed in Scripture 1 Pet 2:6

CONTEMPT *scorn*
 He pours c on nobles Job 12:21
 With pride and c Ps 31:18
 treating Him with c Luke 23:11
 your brother with c Rom 14:10

CONTEND *strive*
 c with him in battle Deut 2:24
 c-ed...vigorously Judg 8:1
 c with the Almighty Job 40:2
 not c...without cause Prov 3:30
 Who will c with Me Is 50:8
 I will not c forever Is 57:16
 he c-ed with God Hos 12:3
 c...for the faith Jude 3

CONTENT *satisfied*
 Nor will he be c Prov 6:35
 c with your wages Luke 3:14
 c with weaknesses 2 Cor 12:10
 have learned to be c Phil 4:11
 c with what you have Heb 13:5

CONTENTION *strife*
 object of c to our Ps 80:6
 puts an end to c-s Prov 18:18
 the c-s of a wife Prov 19:13
 Strife exists and c Hab 1:3

CONTENTIOUS *quarrelsome*
 a c...woman Prov 21:15
 with a c woman Prov 25:24
 inclined to be c 1 Cor 11:16

CONTINUE *persevere, persist*

My covenant may e Mal 2:4
e in the grace of Acts 13:43
Are we to e in sin Rom 6:1
you e in the faith Col 1:23
love of the brethren e Heb 13:1

CONTRARY *against*

e to the command Num 24:13
for the wind was e Matt 14:24
grafted e to nature Rom 11:24
e to the teaching Rom 16:17
a gospel e to that Gal 1:6
e to sound teaching 1 Tim 1:10

CONTRIBUTE *give*

Joshua e-d to the 2 Chr 35:7
e yearly one third Neh 10:32
e-ing to their support Luke 8:3
e-ing to the saints Rom 12:13

CONTRIBUTION *gift, offering*

to raise a e for Me Ex 25:2
a e to the LORD Lev 7:14
e-s, the first fruits Neh 12:44
a e for the poor Rom 15:26
liberality of your e 2 Cor 9:13

CONTRITE *humble, full*

broken and a e heart Ps 51:17
humble and e of spirit Is 66:2

CONTROL (n) *order, rule*

people were out of e Ex 32:25
was it not under e Acts 5:4
your lack of self-e 1 Cor 7:5
children under e 1 Tim 3:4

CONTROL (v) *rule, subdue*

he e-ed himself and Gen 43:31
Joseph could not e Gen 45:1
Haman e-ed himself Esth 5:10

CONTROVERSY *dispute*

wise man has a e Prov 29:9
LORD has a e with the Jer 25:31
shun foolish e-les Titus 3:9

CONVERSE *discuss*

they were e-ing Luke 24:15
Stoic were e-ing Acts 17:18
and e with him Acts 24:26

CONVERSION *change*

e of the Gentiles Acts 15:3

CONVERTED *changed*

sinners will be e Ps 51:13
unless you are e Matt 18:3
perceive, and be e John 12:40

CONVICT *condemn, judge*

one of you e-s Me John 8:46
e concerning sin John 16:8
he is e-ed by all 1 Cor 14:24
to e all the ungodly Jude 15

CONVINCED *persuaded*

e that John was a Luke 20:6
e that neither death Rom 8:38
e in the Lord Jesus Rom 14:14
e of better things Heb 6:9

CONVOCATION *convulse*

sabbath, a holy e Lev 23:3
shall have a holy e Num 29:7

CONVULSION *paroxysm*

threw him into a e Mark 9:20
a e with foaming Luke 9:39

COOK *prepare food*

Jacob had e-ed stew Gen 25:29
you shall e and eat Deut 16:7

COOL *cold*

in the e of the day Gen 3:5
in his e roof chamber Judg 3:20
who has a e spirit Prov 17:27

COPPER *metal*

you can dig e Deut 8:9
not acquire e Matt 10:9
widow e coins Luke 21:2

COPY *facsimile*

e of this law on a Deut 17:18
e of law of Moses Josh 5:12
e of the edict Esth 8:13
mere e of the true Heb 9:24

CORBAN *offering*

C (that is to say Mark 7:11

CORD *band, rope*

e-s of Sheol 2 Sam 22:6
e-s of affliction Job 36:8
e-s of death Ps 15:4
silver e is broken Eccl 12:6
the e-s of falsehood Is 5:18
a scourge of e-s John 2:15

CORINTH

city in Greece Acts 15:1
N.T. church site 1 Cor 1:1,2

CORNELIUS

centurion, believer Acts 10:18

CORNER *angle, intersection*

the chief e stone Ps 118:22
lurks by every e Prov 7:12
on the street e-s Matt 6:5
the chief e stone Mark 12:10
four e-s of the earth Rev 7:1

CORNER GATE *see GATES OF JERUSALEM*

CORNERSTONE *support stone*

who laid its e Job 38:6
the e of her tribes Is 19:13
costly e for the Is 28:16
From them the e Zech 10:4

CORPSE *dead body*

made unclean by a e Lev 22:4
Their e-s will rise Is 26:19
a mass of e-s Nah 3:3
boy, like a e Mark 9:26

CORRECT *reprove*

e him with the rod 2 Sam 7:14
He who e-s a scold Prov 9:7
C your son, and he Prov 29:17
C me, O LORD Jer 10:24
gentleness e-ing 2 Tim 2:25

CORRECTION *improvement*

Whether for e, or Job 37:13
refused to take e Jer 5:3
for reproof, for e 2 Tim 3:16

CORRUPT (adj) *evil, rotten*

the earth was e Gen 6:11
detestable and e Job 15:16
They are e Ps 14:1
all of them, are e Jer 6:28

CORRUPT (v) *make evil*

a bribe e-s the heart Eccl 7:7
e-ed your wisdom Eccl 28:17
have e-ed the covenant Mal 2:8
Bad company e-s 1 Cor 15:33
harlot who was e-ing Rev 19:2

CORRUPTION *decay, evil*

their e is in them Lev 22:25
no negligence or e Dan 6:4
from the flesh reap e Gal 6:8
e that is in the world 2 Pet 1:4
slaves of e 2 Pet 2:19

COSMETICS *beautifying aids*

provided her with e Esth 2:9
the e for the women Esth 2:12

COST *expense, price*

e of their lives Num 16:38
let the e be paid Ezra 6:4
calculate the e Luke 14:28
water without e Rev 22:6

COSTLY *expensive*

redemption is e Ps 49:8
gold, silver, e stones Dan 11:38
vial of e perfume Mark 14:3
pearls or e garments 1 Tim 2:9

COUCH *bed, pallet*

he went up to my e Gen 49:4
falling on the e Esth 7:8
dissolve my e with my Ps 6:6
sprawl on their e-s Amos 6:4

COUNCIL *assembly*

not enter into their e Gen 49:6
the e of the holy ones Ps 89:7
the e of My people Eccl 13:9
to their e chamber Luke 22:6
conferred with his e Acts 25:12

COUNCIL

Sanhedrin Matt 26:59
Jewish governing body
Mark 15:1,43, Luke 23:50

COUNSEL (n) *advice, opinion*

I shall give you e Ex 18:19
take e and speak up Judg 19:30
To Him belong e Job 12:13
not walk in the e Ps 1:1
Listen to e and Prov 19:20
chief priests took e John 12:10
the e of His will Eph 1:11

COUNSEL (v) *advise*

he e-ed rebellion Deut 13:5
I e that all Israel 2 Sam 17:11
How do you e me 1 Kin 12:6
e you with My eye Ps 32:8

COUNSELOR *advisor*

the king and his e-s Ezra 7:15
e-s walk barefoot Job 12:17
abundance of e-s Prov 11:14
Wonderful C, Mighty Is 9:6
who became His e Rom 11:34

COUNT *consider, number*

c the stars, if you Gen 15:5
could not be c-ed 1 Kin 8:5
If I should c them Ps 139:18
my prayer be c-ed Ps 141:2
was c-ed among us Acts 1:17
I c all loss Phil 3:8
as some c slowness 2 Pet 3:9

COUNTENANCE *appearance*

why has your c fallen Gen 4:6
LORD lift up His c Num 6:26
light of Thy c Ps 4:6
an angry c Prov 25:23

COUNTRY *land, region*

Go forth from your c Gen 12:1
up into the hill c Deut 1:24
go out into the c Song 7:11
them from the c-ies Ezek 34:13
they are seeking a c Heb 11:14

COUNTRYMAN

not hate fellow c Lev 19:17
among your c-en Deut 17:15
a man and his c Deut 25:11
my fellow c-en and Rom 11:14

COURAGE *heart, valor*

he lost c 2 Sam 4:1
and do not lose c 2 Chr 15:7
let your heart take c Ps 27:14
with justice and c Mic 3:8
Take c, My son Matt 9:2
Take c, it is I Matt 14:27
c, I have overcome John 16:33
we are of good c 2 Cor 5:8

COURAGEOUS *brave*

Be strong and c Deut 31:6
be strong and very c Josh 1:7
I purpose to be c 2 Cor 10:2

COURIER *messenger*

c-s went throughout 2 Chr 30:6
letters...by c-s Esth 3:13
One c runs to meet Jer 51:31

COURSE *area, extent, way*

strong man to run his c Ps 19:5
on its circular c-s Eccl 1:6
I have finished the c 2 Tim 4:7
the c of our life James 3:6

COURT *area, hall, tribunal*

c of the tabernacle Ex 27:9
c of the harem Esth 2:11
a day in Thy c-s Ps 84:10
c of the LORD's house Jer 26:2
c of the guardhouse Jer 39:15
then you have law c-s 1 Cor 6:4
drag you into c James 2:6

COURTYARD *compound*

a well in his c 2 Sam 17:18
c of the high priest Matt 26:58
Peter...in the c Mark 14:66

COVENANT *agreement*

establish My c Gen 6:18
for a sign of a c Gen 9:13
for an everlasting c Gen 17:13
ark of the c Num 10:33
My c of peace Num 25:12

book of the c 2 Kin 23:2
Remember His c 1 Chr 16:15
who keep His c Ps 103:18
I will make a new c Jer 31:31
forsake the holy c Dan 11:30
a c with Assyria Hos 12:1
the blood of My c Zech 9:11
cup, is the new c Luke 22:20
c which God made Acts 3:25
this is My c with Rom 11:27
servants of a new c 2 Cor 3:6
strangers to the c-s Eph 2:12
guarantee, better c Heb 7:22
blood of the c Heb 13:20
ark of His c Rev 11:19

COVER (n)

c of porpoise skin Num 4:14
the c of a couch Amos 3:12

COVER (v) *hide, protect*

and c up his blood Gen 37:26
basket and c-ed it Ex 2:3
Whose sin is c-ed Ps 32:1
He will c you with Ps 91:4
love c-s all Prov 10:12
not c My face Is 50:6
c-ed...with sackcloth Jon 3:6
to the hills, C us Luke 23:30
c a multitude of sins James 5:20
love c-s a multitude 1 Pet 4:8

COVERING *canopy*

made...join c-s Gen 3:7
spread a cloud for a c Ps 105:39
she makes c-s for Prov 31:22
sackcloth their c Is 50:3
given to her for a c 1 Cor 11:15
freedom as a c 1 Pet 2:16

COVET *crave, desire*

not c your neighbor's Ex 20:17
You shall not c Deut 5:21
I c-ed them and took Josh 7:21
They c fields and then Mic 2:2
c-ed no one's silver Acts 20:33

COVETOUS *desirous*

the c and swindlers 1 Cor 5:10
c, nor drunkards 1 Cor 6:10

COW *animal*

came up seven c-s Gen 41:2
c calves and does not Job 21:10
c and the bear will Is 11:7
you c-s of Bashan Amos 4:1

CRAFTINESS *shrewd*

the wise in their c 1 Cor 3:19
not walking in c 2 Cor 4:2
by c in deceitful Eph 4:14

CRAFTSMAN *artisan*

the hands of the c Deut 27:15
all the c-men and 2 Kin 24:14
idol, a c casts it Is 40:19
business to...c-men Acts 19:24
c of any craft will Rev 18:22

CRAIG *protrusion, rock*

sharp c on the one 1 Sam 14:4
Upon the rocky c Job 39:28
clefts of the c-s Is 57:5

CRAVE *covet, desire*

day long he is c-ing Prov 21:20
fig which I c Mic 7:1
generation c-s for Matt 12:39
should not c evil 1 Cor 10:6

CRAWLING *creeping*

venom of c things Deut 32:24
beasts and the c Acts 11:6
and c creatures Rom 1:23

CREATE *form, make*

c-d the heavens Gen 1:1
c-d man in His Gen 1:27
C in me a clean Ps 51:10
C-ing the praise of Is 57:19
c new heavens Is 65:17
one God c-d us Mal 2:10
c-d, for good works Eph 2:10
who c-d all things Eph 4:24
Thou didst c all Rev 4:11

CREATION

beginning of c Mark 10:6
preach to all c Mark 16:15
whole c groans Rom 8:22
beginning of c 2 Pet 3:4

CREATOR *Maker*

Remember your C Eccl 12:1
The C of Israel Is 43:15
rather than the C Rom 1:25
to a faithful C 1 Pet 4:19

CREATURE *created being*

every living c that Gen 1:21
winged c will make Eccl 10:20
and crawling c-s Rom 1:23
in Christ, new c 2 Cor 5:17
as c-s of instinct 2 Pet 2:12

CREDITOR *lender*

not to act as a c to Ex 22:25
every c shall release Deut 15:2
Let the c seize all Ps 109:11
My c-s did I sell you Is 50:1

CREEP *crawl*

everything that c-s Gen 1:25
that c on the earth Ezek 38:20

CREEPING *crawling*

cattle and c things Gen 1:24
c things and fish 1 Kin 4:33
c locust has eaten Joel 1:4
c locust strips and Nah 3:16

CRETANS

inhabitants of Crete Acts 2:11
Titus 1:12

CRETE

Mediterranean island
Acts 27:7,21; Titus 1:5
see also CAPHTOR

CRIME *vice*

be a lustful c Job 31:11
committed no c Dan 6:22
full of bloody c-s Ezek 7:23
not of such c-s Acts 25:18

CRIMINAL *lawbreaker*

crucified...the c-s Luke 23:33
imprisonment as a c 2 Tim 2:9

CRIMSON *deep red*

purple, e and violet 2 Chr 2:7
like e he like wool Is 1:18

CRIPPLED *lame*

a son e in his feet 2 Sam 4:4
enter life e or lame Matt 18:8
bring, e and blind Luke 14:21

CRISPUS

Corinthian Christian Acts 18:8
1 Cor 1:14

CROOKED *evil, twisted*

and e generation Deut 32:5
to their e ways Ps 125:5
What is e cannot be Eccl 1:15
make e the straight Acts 13:10
e and perverse Phil 2:15

CROP *yield of produce*

old things from the e Lev 25:22
e-s to the grasshopper Ps 74:46
e began to sprout Amos 7:1
share of the e-s 2 Tim 2:6

CROSS (n) *execution device*

take his e and Matt 10:38
down from the e Matt 27:40
to bear His e Mark 15:21
take up his e daily Luke 9:23
standing by the e John 19:25
hanging Him on a e Acts 5:30
e of Christ should 1 Cor 1:17
word of the e is 1 Cor 1:18
boast, except in the e Gal 6:14
even death on a e Phil 2:8
enemies of the e Phil 3:18
blood of His e Col 1:20
endured the e Heb 12:2

CROSS (v) *pass over*

you e the Jordan Deut 12:10
e-ed opposite Jericho Josh 3:16
kept e-ing the lord 2 Sam 19:18
Jesus had e-ed over Mark 5:21
e-ing over to Acts 21:2

CROUCH *bow, stoop*

sin is e-ing at the Gen 4:7
Beneath Him e the Job 9:13
Nothing but to e Is 10:4

CROWD *multitude*

because of the e Mark 2:4
e of tax-gatherers Luke 5:29
they stirred up the e Acts 17:8

CROWN (n) *royal emblem or top*

on the e of the head Gen 49:28
the e of their king 2 Sam 12:30
he set the royal e Esth 2:17
wife is the e of Prov 18:4
gray head is a e Prov 16:31
e of the drunkards Is 28:3
a e of thorns Matt 27:29
receive the e of life James 1:12
e-s before the throne Rev 4:10
golden e on His head Rev 14:14

CROWN (v) *to place crown on*

e him with glory Ps 8:5
Who e-s you with Ps 103:4
head e-s you like Song 7:5
e-ed him with glory Heb 8:7

CRUCIFY *execution on cross*

courage and e Him Matt 20:19
et Him be e-led Matt 27:22
Jesus been e-led Matt 28:5
e your King John 19:15
Paul was not e-led 1 Cor 1:13
preach Christ e-led 1 Cor 1:23
not have e-led the 1 Cor 2:8
e-led with Christ Gal 2:20
world e-led to me Gal 6:14
their Lord was e-led Rev 11:8

CRUEL *fierce, harsh*

their e bondage Ex 6:9
e man does harm Prov 11:17
compassion is e Prov 12:10
e and have no mercy Jer 6:23
people has become e Lam 4:3

CRUMBS *morsels*

dogs feed on the e Matt 15:27
on the children's e Mark 7:26

CRUSH *demolish, destroy*

a foot may e them Job 39:15
saves e-ed in spirit Ps 34:15
lying tongue e-es Prov 26:28
by e-ing My people Is 3:15
e-ed for our iniquities Is 53:5
LORD was pleased To e Is 53:10
who e the needy Amos 4:1
e Satan under feet Rom 16:20

CRY (n) *acclaim, sob*

great and bitter e Gen 27:34
the e of triumph Ex 32:18
e has come to Me 1 Sam 9:16
Hear my e, O God Ps 61:1
the e of Jerusalem Jer 14:2
Jesus uttered a e Mark 15:37

CRY (v)

do not e for help Job 36:13
e aloud in the night Lam 2:19
His elect, who e Luke 18:7
stones will e out Luke 19:40
Jesus stood and e-ied John 7:37

CRYSTAL *glass*

awesome gleam of e Ezek 1:22
sea of glass like e Rev 4:6
water clear as e Rev 22:1

CUB *whelp, young*

robbed of her e-s 2 Sam 17:8
She reared her e-s Ezek 19:2
lioness, and lion's e Nah 2:11

CUBIT *linear measure*

ark three hundred e-s Gen 6:15
length was nine e-s Deut 3:11
gallows fifty e-s high Esth 5:14
the altar by e-s Ezek 43:13
add a single e to Matt 6:27

CUD *previously swallowed food*

chews the e Lev 11:3
not chew e, it is Lev 11:7
chews the e Deut 14:6

CULT *religious, ritual*

be a e prostitute Deut 23:17
male e prostitutes 1 Kin 14:24
male e prostitutes 2 Kin 23:7

CULTIVATE *til*

no man to e the Gen 2:5
Eden to e it Gen 2:15
and e vineyards Deut 28:30
servants shall e 2 Sam 9:10
and e faithfulness Ps 37:3

CUMMIN *plant for seasoning*

driven over e Is 28:27
mint and dill and e Matt 23:23

CUNNING *crafty*

he is very e 1 Sam 23:22
advice of the e Job 5:13
harlot and e of heart Prov 7:10

CUP *container*

into Pharaoh's e Gen 40:11
My e overflows Ps 23:5
the e of salvation Ps 116:13
a e of consolation Jer 16:7
e of cold water Matt 10:42
let this e pass Matt 26:39
washing of e-s and Mark 7:4
gives you a e of Mark 9:41
e new covenant Luke 22:20
e of blessing 1 Cor 10:16
eat drink the e 1 Cor 11:26
e full of abominations Rev 17:4

CUPBEARER *royal official*

e spoke to Pharaoh Gen 41:9
his e-s, and his 1 Kin 10:5
e-s and their attire 2 Chr 9:4
e to the king Neh 1:11

CURDS *butter, cheese*

he took e and milk Gen 18:8
she brought him e Judg 5:25
with honey and e Job 20:17

CURE *become well*

e him of his leprosy 2 Kin 5:3
e you of your wound Hos 5:13
they could not e him Matt 17:16
that time He e-d Luke 7:21

CURSE (n) *condemning oath*

upon myself a e Gen 27:12
e on Mount Ebal Deut 11:29
e to My chosen ones Is 65:15
they will become a e Jer 44:12
will be no more e Zech 14:11
become a e for us Gal 3:13

CURSE (v) *verbally condemn*

who e-s you I will e Gen 12:3
You shall not e God Ex 22:28
not e a deaf man Lev 19:14
e-d the anointed 2 Sam 19:21
e-d the day of his birth Job 3:1
began to e and Mark 14:71
bless and e not Rom 12:14
with it we e men James 3:9

CURSED (adj) *under a curse*

C is the ground Gen 3:17
C be Canaan Gen 9:25
C is the man who Deut 27:15
C...who trusts Jer 17:3
C...who hangs Gal 3:13

CURTAIN *covering, drape*

on the edge of the c Ex 26:4
 heaven like a tent c Ps 104:2
 c-s of your dwellings Is 54:2
 c-s of the land of Hab 3:7

CUSH

1 *area of W Asia* Gen 2:13
 2 *patriarch* Gen 10:6,8
 3 *region S of Egypt* 2 Kin 19:9
 Is 20:3
 4 *a Benjamite* Ps 7:1title

CUSTODY *prison, protection*

they put him in c Num 15:34
 into the c of Hegai Esth 2:3
 John taken into c Matt 4:12
 holding Jesus in c Luke 22:63

CUSTOM *manner or tax*

it became a c in Judg 11:39
 not pay tribute, c Ezra 4:13
 c. He entered the Luke 4:16
 burial c of the Jews John 19:40
 c-s. not lawful Acts 16:21
 c-s of our fathers Acts 28:17
 whom tax is due; c Rom 13:7

CUT *destroy, divide*

did not c the birds Gen 15:10
 c off from the earth Ex 9:15
 c down their Asherim Ex 34:13
 LORD c off...lips Ps 12:3
 tongue will be c Prov 10:31
 C off your hair and Jer 7:29
 were c-ting branches Matt 21:8
 and c off his ear Matt 26:51
 were c to the quick Acts 7:54
 you...will be c off Rom 11:22

CYMBAL *musical instrument*

castanets and c-s 2 Sam 6:5
 loud-sounding c-s 1 Chr 15:16
 with loud c-s Ps 150:5
 or a clanging c 1 Cor 13:1

CYPRESS *tree*

cedar and c timber 1 Kin 5:10
 c and alghum timber 2 Chr 2:8
 Our rafters, c-es Song 1:17
 Wail, O c. for the Zech 11:2

CYPRUS

Mediterranean island Is 23:1
 Acts 11:19;15:39;21:16
see also KITTIM

CYRENE

NW African port Mark 15:21
 Luke 23:26;Acts 2:10;11:20

CYRUS

king of Persia 2 Chr 36:22
 Is 45:1
decreed to rebuild Temple
 Ezra 1:1;5:13

D**DAGON**

god of Philistines Judg 16:23
 1 Sam 5:4; 1 Chr 10:10

DAMAGE (n) *destruction*

any d may be found 2 Kin 12:5
 the d-s of the house 2 Kin 12:6
 d and great loss Acts 27:10
 incurred this d and Acts 27:21

DAMAGE (v) *destroy, hurt*

it will d the revenue Ezra 4:13
 and d-ing to kings Ezra 4:15
 enemy has d-d Ps 74:3
 Lest anyone d it Is 27:3

DAMASCUS

city of Aram (Syria) Gen 14:15
 2 Kin 5:12;Acts 9:3;27:26-20

DAN

1 *son of Jacob* Gen 30:6;49:16
 2 *tribal area* Josh 19:40
 Judg 18:2
 3 *city in N Palestine* Josh 19:47

DANCE (n) *rhythmic movement*

timbrels...with d-ing Ex 15:20
 they sing in the d-s 1 Sam 29:5
 shall rejoice in the d Jer 31:13
 music and d-ing Luke 15:25

DANCE (v) *move rhythmically*

from those who d-d Judg 21:23
 David was d-ing 2 Sam 6:14
 and a time to d Eccl 3:4
 Herodias d-d before Matt 14:6

DANGER *peril*

not only is there a d Acts 19:27
 often in d of death 2 Cor 11:23
 d-s from...Gentiles 2 Cor 11:26

DANIEL

1 *son of David and Abigail*
 1 Chr 3:1
 2 *priest* Ezra 8:2
 3 *prophet* Ezek 14:14;Dan 1:3
also Belteshazzar

DARE *presume, risk*

who d-s rouse him up Gen 49:9
 who would d to risk Jer 30:21
 d from that day Matt 22:46
 did not d pronounce Jude 9

DARIUS

1 *Darius the Mede* Dan 5:31
 2 *Darius I* Ezra 4:5; Hag 1:1
 3 *Darius II* Neh 12:22

DARK *dim, shadow*

not in d sayings Num 12:8
 d places of the land Ps 74:20
 live in a d land Is 9:2
 it was still d John 20:1
 shining in a d place 2 Pet 1:19

DARKEN *obscure*

the land was d-ed Ex 10:15
 this that d-s counsel Job 38:2
 the stars are d-ed Eccl 12:2
 sun will be d-ed Mark 13:24
 their eyes be d-ed Rom 11:10

DARKNESS *gloom, shadow*

blind...grope in d Deut 28:29
 are silenced in d 1 Sam 2:9
 illumines my d 2 Sam 22:29

that stalks in d Ps 91:6
 those who dwell in d Ps 107:10
 as light excels d Eccl 2:13
 people who walk in d Is 9:2
 light will rise in d Is 58:10
 into the outer d Matt 22:13
 those who sit in d Luke 1:79
 men loved the d John 3:19
 turn from d to light Acts 26:18
 has light with d 2 Cor 6:14
 unfruitful deeds of d Eph 5:11
 in Him there is no d 1 John 1:5
 brother is in the d 1 John 2:9

DARLING *love*

you are, my d Song 1:15
 Arise, my d Song 2:13
 my d, My dove Song 5:2

DATHAN

rebelled against Moses
 Num 16:12; Ps 106:17

DAUGHTER

d-s were born to them Gen 6:1
 if a man sells his d Ex 21:7
 inheritance to his d Num 27:8
 Kings' d-s are among Ps 45:9
 d-s of song Eccl 12:4
 destruction of the d Is 22:4
 the d of my people Jer 9:1
 D rises up against Mic 7:6
 mother against d Luke 12:53

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

said to his d Tamar Gen 38:11
 nakedness of your d Lev 18:15
 said to Ruth her d Ruth 2:22
 D against her Mic 7:6

DAVID

anointed 1 Sam 16:13
killed Goliath 1 Sam 17:50
fled from Saul 1 Sam 19:18
spared Saul 1 Sam 26:9
king of Judah and Israel
 2 Sam 2:4,5,3
covenant with God 2 Sam 7:8
death 1 Kin 2:10

DAWN (n) *daylight*

at the approach of d Judg 10:25
 caused the d to know Job 38:12
 rise before d and Ps 119:147
 wings of the d Ps 139:9
 As the d is spread Joel 2:2

DAWN (v) *become light*

the day began to d Judg 19:26
 when morning d-s Ps 46:5
 a light d-ed Matt 4:16
 d toward the first Matt 28:1
 until the day d-s 2 Pet 1:19

DAY *light*

God called the light d Gen 1:5
 come on a festive d 1 Sam 25:8
 d...LORD has made Ps 118:24
 what a d may bring Prov 27:1
 d-s of your youth Eccl 12:1
 a d of reckoning Is 2:12
 d of the LORD is near Is 13:6
 has despised the d Zech 4:10
 the d of His coming Mal 3:2

Give us this d Matt 6:11
raise...the last d John 6:39
judge...the last d John 12:48
the d of salvation 2 Cor 6:2
perfect it until the d Phil 1:6
d of the Lord 1 Thess 5:2
d is as a thousand 2 Pet 3:8
tormented d night Rev 20:10

DAY OF ATONEMENT

month is the d Lev 23:27
for it is a d Lev 23:28

DAZZLING *blinding, bright*

My beloved is d Song 5:10
Like d heat Is 18:4
near in d apparel Luke 24:4

DEACONS *officer, server*

overseers and d Phil 1:1
D likewise must be 1 Tim 3:8
let them serve as d 1 Tim 3:10
Let d be husbands 1 Tim 3:12
served well as d 1 Tim 3:13

DEAD *without life*

you are a d man Gen 20:3
near to a d person Num 6:6
dealt with the d Ruth 1:8
forgotten as a d man Ps 31:12
d do not praise Ps 115:17
better than a d lion Eccl 9:4
Your d will live Is 26:19
not weep for the d Jer 22:10
rising from the d Mark 9:10
d shall hear the John 5:25
resurrection of the d Acts 23:6
d in your trespasses Eph 2:1
first-born from the d Col 1:18
living and the d 2 Tim 4:1
repentance d works Heb 6:1
to those who are d 1 Pet 4:6
I was d I am alive Rev 1:18
Hades gave up the d Rev 20:13

DEAF *without hearing*

makes him dumb or d Ex 4:11
not curse a d man Lev 19:14
Like a d cobra Ps 58:4
the d shall hear Is 29:18
and the d hear Matt 11:5
the d to hear Mark 7:37
d and dumb spirit Mark 9:25

DEAL *alloy, barrier, trust*

let us d wisely Ex 1:10
have you d-t with us Ex 14:11
nor d falsely Lev 19:11
d-t with mediums 2 Kin 21:6
who d treacherously Ps 25:3
has d-t bountifully Ps 116:7
who d faithfully Prov 12:22
Everyone d-s falsely Jer 6:13
when I have d-t Ezek 20:44
has d-t with me Luke 1:25

DEALINGS *actions, relations*

no d with anyone Judg 18:7
no d with Samaritans John 4:9
of the Lord's d James 5:11

DEAR *beloved*

Is Ephraim My d son Jer 31:20

my life...as d to Acts 20:24
had become very d 1 Thess 2:8

DEATH *without life*

d of the upright Num 23:10
d encompassed me 2 Sam 22:5
d for his own sin 2 Chr 25:4
D rather than pains Job 7:15
no mention of Thee in d Ps 6:5
cords of d encompassed Ps 18:4
the shadow of d Ps 23:4
escapes from d Ps 68:20
doomed to d Ps 102:20
d of His godly ones Ps 116:15
who hate me love d Prov 10:36
love is as strong as d Song 8:6
He will swallow up d Is 25:8
D cannot praise Thee Is 38:18
no pleasure in the d Ezek 18:32
d is better to me Jon 4:3
let him be put to d Matt 15:4
shall not taste d Matt 16:28
to the point of d Mark 14:34
passed out of d John 5:24
he shall never see d John 8:51
sickness is not unto d John 11:4
the agony of d Acts 2:24
d by hanging Him Acts 10:39
d reigned from Adam Rom 5:14
wages of sin is d Rom 6:23
the law of sin and d Rom 8:2
proclaim Lord's d 1 Cor 11:26
d, where victory 1 Cor 15:55
even d on a cross Phil 2:8
He might taste d Heb 2:9
it brings forth d James 1:15
passed out of d 1 John 3:14
Be faithful until d Rev 2:10
had the name D Rev 6:8
second d no power Rev 20:6

DEBATE *dispute*

d-d themselves Mark 1:27
dissent and d Acts 15:2
had been much d Acts 15:7

DEBORAH

1 nurse of Rebekah Gen 35:8
2 prophetess, judge Judg 4:5

DEBT *obligation*

and pay your d 2 Kin 4:7
exaction of every d Neh 10:31
sureties for d-s Prov 22:26
forgive us our d-s Matt 6:12

DEBTOR *borrower*

restores to the d Ezek 18:7
forgiven our d-s Matt 6:12
had two d-s Luke 7:41
his master's d-s Luke 16:5

DECAY *corruption*

own eyes see his d Job 21:20
Holy Only to d Acts 2:27
did not undergo d Acts 13:37

DECEASED *dead*

wife of the d shall Deut 25:5
the widow of the d Ruth 4:5
the name of the d Ruth 4:10
the sister of the d John 11:30

DECEIT *falsehood, deception*

full of curses and d Ps 10:7
in whose spirit...no d Ps 32:2
your tongue frames d Ps 50:19
D is in the heart Prov 12:20
he lays up d Prov 26:24
Offspring of d Is 57:4
houses are full of d Jer 5:27
house of Israel d Hos 11:12
d, sensuality, envy Mark 7:22
full of envy d Rom 1:29
the lusts of d Eph 4:22
nor was any d found 1 Pet 2:22

DECEITFUL *false*

From a d tongue Ps 120:2
the wicked are d Prov 12:5
d are the kisses of Prov 27:6
Charm is d and Prov 31:30
The heart is more d Jer 17:9
false apostles, d 2 Cor 11:13

DECEIVE *cheat, mislead*

have you d-d me Gen 29:25
Jacob d-d Laban Gen 31:20
d-s his companion Lev 6:2
both stolen and d-d Josh 7:11
Do not d me 2 Kin 4:28
who d-s his neighbor Prov 26:19
Do not d yourselves Jer 37:9
your heart had d-d you Obad 3
they keep d-ing Rom 3:13
Let no one d you Eph 5:6
d-ing and being d-d 2 Tim 3:13

DECEIVER *liar*

as a d in his sight Gen 27:12
as d-s and yet true 2 Cor 6:8
d and the antichrist 2 John 7

DECEPTION *falsehood*

their mind prepares d Job 15:35
the hills are a d Jer 3:23
last d will be worse Matt 27:64
philosophy and empty d Col 2:8
reveling in their d-s 2 Pet 2:13

DECEPTIVE *misleading*

wicked d wages Prov 11:18
Do not trust in d words Jer 7:4
d stream With water Jer 15:18

DECISION *judgment, resolution*

d is from the LORD Prov 16:33
in the valley of d Joel 3:14
My d is to gather Zeph 3:8
majority reached a d Acts 27:12

DECLARE *explain, proclaim*

Moses d-d to sons Lev 23:44
d to Him the number Job 31:37
d Thy faithfulness Ps 30:9
mouth...d Thy praise Ps 51:15
d Thy lovingkindness Ps 92:2
Who has d-d this Is 41:26
d-s the LORD Amos 4:11
He will d all things John 4:25
d-d the Son of God Rom 1:4

DECLINE *decrease*

for the shadow to d 2 Kin 20:10
our days have d-d Ps 89:9
for the day d-s Jer 6:4

DECREASE *abate, subside*

the water d-d steadily Gen 8:5
not let their cattle d Ps 107:38
increase...I must d John 3:30

DECREE (n) *judgment, order*

Issued a d to rebuild Ezra 5:13
and d of the king Esth 2:8
devises mischief by d Ps 94:20
only one d for you Dan 2:9
delivering the d-s Acts 16:4
to the d-s of Caesar Acts 17:7

DECREE (v) *decide, determine*

been d-d against her Esth 2:1
will also d a thing Job 22:28
And rulers d justice Prov 8:15
Seventy weeks d-d Dan 9:24

DEDICATE *consecrate, devote*

D yourselves today Ex 32:29
I wholly d the silver Judg 17:3
d-d by David 1 Kin 7:51
David d-d these 1 Chr 18:11
d-d part the spoil 1 Chr 26:27
d-ing it to Him 2 Chr 2:4

DEDICATION *consecration*

the d of the altar 2 Chr 7:9
celebrated the d of Ezra 6:16
d of the wall Neh 12:27
d of the image Dan 3:2
assembled for the d Dan 3:3

DEDICATION, FEAST OF
*see FEASTS***DEED** *action or document*

What is this d Gen 44:15
for our evil d-s Ezra 8:13
blot out loyal d-s Neh 13:14
abominable d-s Ps 14:1
I sealed the d Jer 32:10
prophet mighty in d Luke 24:19
their d-s were evil John 3:19
d-s of the flesh are Gal 5:19
for every good d Titus 3:1
I know your d-s Rev 2:2

DEEP (adj) *far ranging*

d sleep falls on men Job 4:13
Thy judgments are...d Ps 36:6
casts into a d sleep Prov 19:15
into d darkness Jer 13:16
the well is d John 4:11

DEEP (n) *abyss, depth*

fountains of the...d Gen 7:11
the d lying beneath Deut 33:13
surface of the d is Job 38:30
D calls to d Ps 42:7
The d-s also trembled Ps 77:16
His wonders in the d Ps 107:24
the springs of the d Prov 8:28

DEER *animal*

besides d, gazelles 1 Kin 4:23
d pants for the water Ps 42:1
lame will leap like a d Is 35:6

DEFEAT *conquer, overthrow*

d-ed...and pursued Gen 14:15
able to d them Num 22:6
sons of Israel d-ed Josh 12:7

d the Arameans 2 Kin 13:17
d-ed the Philistines 1 Chr 18:1
d-ed the entire army Jer 37:10

DEFECT (n) *blemish, spot*

No one who has a d Lev 21:18
one ram without d Num 6:14
if it has any d Deut 15:21
no d in him 2 Sam 14:25
in whom was no d Dan 1:4

DEFECT (v) *rebel, disobey*

d to his master 1 Chr 12:19
many d-ed to him 2 Chr 15:9
you have deeply d-ed Is 31:6

DEFEND *protect*

LORD of hosts will d Zech 9:15
d-ed him and took Acts 7:24
or else d-ing them Rom 2:15
are d-ing ourselves 2 Cor 12:19

DEFENSE *protection*

d-s are d-s of clay Job 13:12
the d of my life Ps 27:1
Thou hast been a d Is 25:4
the d...of the gospel Phil 1:7

DEFILE *pollute, profane*

astray...d-s herself Num 5:29
d-d the high places 2 Kin 23:8
d-d the priesthood Neh 13:29
d-d Thy holy temple Ps 79:1
your hands are d-d Is 59:3
those d the man Matt 15:18
is what d-s the man Mark 7:20
conscience...is d-d 1 Cor 8:7
d-s the entire body James 3:6

DEFILEMENT *filth*

her interest, for d Ezek 22:3
from all d of flesh 2 Cor 7:1

DEFRAUD *deprive, wrong*

whom have I d-ed 1 Sam 12:3
To d a man Lam 3:36
Do not d Mark 10:19
no one keep d-ing Col 2:18

DEITY *God, gods*

of strange d-ies Acts 17:18
fulness of D dwells Col 2:9

DELAY *hinder, linger, stall*

Do not d me Gen 24:56
Moses d-ed to come Ex 32:1
shall not d to pay Deut 23:21
bridegroom...d-ing Matt 25:5
Do not d to come Acts 9:38
now why do you d Acts 22:16
in case I am d-ed 1 Tim 3:15

DELICACIES *fancy foods*

eat of their d Ps 141:4
Do not desire his d Prov 23:3
Those who ate d Lam 4:5

DELIGHT (n) *pleasure*

I have no d in you 2 Sam 15:26
Will he take d Job 27:10
his d is in the law Ps 1:2
commandments...d Ps 119:143
my d in the sons of Prov 8:31
a just weight is His d Prov 11:1
the d of kings Prov 16:13

I took great d Song 2:3
call the sabbath a d Is 58:13
My d is in her Is 62:4

DELIGHT (v) *desire*

LORD d-ed over you Deut 28:63
d in offerings 1 Sam 15:22
d to rever Thy name Neh 1:11
d in the Almighty Job 22:26
D yourself in the LORD Ps 37:4
not d in sacrifice Ps 51:18
Who d in doing evil Prov 2:14
d in my ways Prov 23:26
takes no d in fools Eccl 5:4
I d in loyalty Hos 6:6
d-s unchanging love Mic 7:18
d-ing self-abasement Col 2:18

DELIGHTFUL *pleasant*

d is a timely word Prov 15:23
to find d words Eccl 12:10
and how d you are Song 7:6
Is he a d child Jer 31:20

DELIHAH

Philistine woman Judg 16:4
enticed Samson Judg 16:6-20

DELIVER *give, rescue, save*

come down to d them Ex 3:8
d the manslayer Num 35:25
My power has d-ed Judg 7:2
can this one d 1 Sam 10:27
He will d you Job 5:19
d-ed my soul from Ps 56:13
none who can d Is 43:13
mind on d-ing Daniel Dan 6:14
d us from evil Matt 6:13
d Him up to you Matt 26:15
d-ed over to death 2 Cor 4:11
The Lord will d me 2 Tim 4:18
d-ed to the saints Jude 3

DELIVERANCE *salvation*

by a great d Gen 45:7
given this great d Judg 15:8
with songs of d Ps 32:7
a God of d-s Ps 68:20
d through prayers Phil 1:19

DELIVERER *savior*

the LORD raised up a d Judg 3:9
give them d-s Neh 9:27
my fortress and my d Ps 18:2
d-s...ascend Mount Obad 21
D...come from Zion Rom 11:26

DELUDE *lead astray*

they have d-d you Is 47:10
no one may d you Col 2:4
who d themselves James 1:22

DEMAND *order, require*

husband may d of him Ex 21:22
but I d one thing 2 Sam 3:13
captors d-ed of us Ps 137:3
do not d it back Luke 6:30
d-ing of Him a sign Luke 11:16

DEMETRIUS

1 Ephesian smith Acts 19:24,38
2 a Christian 3 John 12

CONCORDANCE

DEMONISM <i>demony</i> d all high places he d-d in stones to d its stronghold	Num 39:32 2 Eln 23:15 Is 29:11
DEMON <i>devil</i> sacrificed to d-s daughters to the d-s after the d was cast sacrifice to d-s d-s also believe not to worship d-s	Deut 32:17 Ps 109:37 Matt 9:33 1 Cor 10:20 James 2:19 Rev 9:20
DEMONIACS <i>possessed ones</i> d epileptics the incidents of the d	Matt 9:24 Matt 9:33
DEMON-POSSESSED many who were d a dumb man, d to the d man sayings of one d	Matt 9:16 Matt 9:32 Mark 5:16 John 10:21
DEMONSTRATE <i>show</i> (And d-s His own love to d His wrath d-d yourselves to be d His patience	Rom 5:9 Rom 9:22 2 Cor 7:11 1 Tim 1:16
DEMONSTRATION <i>a showing</i> for the d, / any in d of the Spirit	Rom 3:26 1 Cor 8:4
DEN <i>abode</i> remains in its d From the d-s of home the viper's d cast into the house d is a robbery d	Job 37:8 Song 4:8 Is 11:9 Dan 6:7 Mark 11:17
DENARIUS Roman silver coin a day's wage Denarii (pl)	Matt 20:2,9 Luke 20:24 John 6:7,12,5
DENOUNCE <i>accuse, denude</i> And came, d Israel the LAMBD has not d-d let us d him	Num 23:7 Num 23:9 Jer 20:10
DENY <i>conceal, refuse</i> Sarah d-ded it but you d your God and d-ing the Lord wherever shall d Me has d-ded the birth decide they d Wtem us to d ungodliness d-wen the Son	Gen 19:15 Job 24:27 Is 39:13 Matt 10:33 1 Tim 5:8 Titus 1:16 2 Tim 2:12 1 John 2:23
DEPART <i>leave</i> scripter shall not d served, served d to d from evil is His spirit d-s has fully will not d turned aside and d-d I never leave you, d d from Me, all you D from your country d and be with Christ	Gen 49:10 2 Sam 12:10 Job 29:29 Ps 146:4 Prov 27:22 Jer 5:23 Matt 7:25 Luke 13:27 Acts 7:3 Phil 1:26

DEPARTURE <i>death or leaving</i> after their d from speaking of His d time of my d has any time after my d	Ez 16:1 Luke 9:31 2 Tim 4:6 2 Pet 1:15
DEPEND <i>rely, rest</i> d-d on the weapons you did not d on Him d the whole Law after the d to to the d to Babylon	Is 22:5 Is 22:11 Matt 22:40 Matt 1:12 Matt 1:17
DEPORTED <i>exiled</i> d to Babylon d native population	Ezra 5:12 Amon 1:6
DEPOSE <i>releaze</i> d you from your office d-d from his royal	Is 22:19 Dan 5:20
DEPOSIT (n) <i>security</i> in regard to a d d which was entrusted	Lev 6:2 Lev 6:4
DEPOSIT (v) <i>place, put</i> d them in the trust d it in your hand d in the temple had d-ded the scroll	Num 17:4 Deut 14:29 Ezra 5:15 Jer 36:20
DEPRAVED <i>degenerate</i> over to a d mind men of d mind	Rom 1:28 2 Tim 3:9
DEPRIVE <i>take away</i> d the sanity of justice d-d of my years d-ing our brother d-d of the truth	Is 10:2 Is 38:10 1 Cor 7:5 1 Tim 6:5
DEPTHS <i>depth, deep</i> d-s had like a pit head are the d-s went down to the d-s sea, into the d-s drowned in the d it had no d of soul not depths, nor d the d of the riches even the d-s of God	Job 41:31 Ps 95:4 Ps 107:26 Mic 7:19 Matt 13:6 Mark 4:5 Rom 9:39 Rom 11:26 1 Cor 2:10
DEPUTY <i>represent</i> he was the only d Solomon's, d-then a d was king	1 Eln 4:19 1 Eln 5:16 1 Eln 22:47
DEMISSION <i>lengthenout</i> d among, remission d to them remitted on approach and d all d to the rest of the	Ez 32:25 Ps 44:13 Jer 20:9 Ezra 36:4
DESCEND <i>go down</i> angels of God d-ing His glory will not d hounds of d-s shall d to Hades Spirit d-ing, down d into the abyss who d-d descended	Gen 28:12 Ps 49:17 Ezra 3:21 Matt 11:23 John 1:52 Rom 10:7 Eph 4:10

DESCENDANT <i>seed, offspring</i> your d-s I will give will raise up your d His d-s shall endure So shall your d-s be to the d of Abraham	Gen 13:7 2 Sam 7:12 Ps 69:26 Rom 4:18 Hab 2:16
DESCEND <i>fall or lowering</i> of Wisdom d the d of the Mount were of high-priority d	Dan 9:1 Luke 19:57 Acts 4:6
DESCRIBE <i>explain</i> you shall d the land man, d the temple who had seen a d-d	John 18:6 Ezra 4:10 Mark 5:16
DESCRIBATE <i>depict</i> d the sanctuary tried to d the temple	Dan 11:31 Acts 24:6
DESSERT (n) <i>underman</i> d plums of Jericho perused Him in the d better to live in a d in the d a highway Blessed in the d like a hawk in the d he lived in the d-s	John 5:10 Ps 78:40 Prov 21:19 Is 49:3 Is 43:19 Jer 17:6 Luke 1:60
DESSERT (v) <i>deserve, forfeit</i> d-d to the king who had d-ded them to quickly d-ing Him but all d-d me I will serve d you	2 Eln 25:11 Acts 15:36 Gal 1:6 2 Tim 4:16 Hab 1:5,5
DESSERTERS <i>changers of loyalty</i> d who had deserted d who had gone over	2 Eln 25:11 Jer 39:9
DESERVE <i>earn, merit</i> with him as he d-d deserve than d-s to die He is d-ing of death meriting what we d	Judg 9:16 2 Sam 12:5 Matt 26:66 Luke 23:41
DESEEN <i>creation, plan</i> d-s for work as gold makers of d-s carnate are d which All their doubly d-s	Ez 31:4 Ez 38:35 2 Chr 2:14 Jer 18:23
DESGNATE <i>appoint</i> d he d-s her for one whom I d to were d-d by me being d-d by God	Ez 21:9 1 Sam 16:3 1 Chr 16:41 Hab 5:10
DESGNABLE <i>consecrate</i> the true was d more d than gold What is d to a man every kind of d object	Gen 3:6 1 Eln 29:6 Ps 19:10 Prov 10:22 Ysa 2:9
DESENE (n) <i>opposite, creating</i> d for your husband power from their d the d-s of your heart d of the wicked will d of the righteous d of your eyes great man speaks the d and my prayer	Gen 3:16 Job 31:16 Ps 37:4 Ps 112:10 Prov 10:24 Ezra 24:16 Mic 7:3 Rom 10:1

d-s of the flesh Eph 2:3
d to depart and be Phil 1:23
evil d, and greed Col 3:5

DESIRE (*v*) *crave, wish*

your heart d-s Deut 14:26
as much as you d 1 Sam 2:16
I d to argue with God Job 13:3
Thou dost d truth Ps 51:6
not d his delicacies Prov 23:3
all that my eyes d-d Eccl 2:10
righteous men d-d Matt 13:17
d the greater gifts 1 Cor 12:31
d a good showing Gal 6:12
d a better country Heb 11:16

DESOLATE *lonely, waste*

your sanctuaries d Lev 26:31
sons of the d one Is 54:1
high places will be d Ezek 6:6
d wilderness behind Joel 2:3
loaves in a d place Matt 15:33
homestead be made d Acts 1:20
children of the d Gal 4:27

DESOLATION *ruin, waste*

a d and a curse 2 Kin 22:19
a heap forever, a d Josh 8:28
D is left in the city Is 24:12
d-s of many generations Is 61:4
an everlasting d Ezek 35:9
the abomination of d Dan 11:31
day of d Zeph 1:15
her d is at hand Luke 21:20

DESPAIR (*n*) *grief*

words of one in d Job 6:26
my soul is in d Ps 42:6
Why are you in d Ps 43:5

DESPAIR (*v*) *grieve*

Saul then will d 1 Sam 27:1
I...d-ed of all Eccl 2:20
we d-ed even of life 2 Cor 1:8
but not d-ing 2 Cor 4:8

DESPISE *reject, scorn*

d-d his birthright Gen 25:34
those who d Me 1 Sam 2:30
d-d in her heart 2 Sam 6:16
not d the discipline Job 5:17
hate and d falsehood Ps 119:163
Fools d wisdom and Prov 1:7
wisdom...is d-d Eccl 9:16
has d-d the day of Zech 4:10
have we d-d Thy name Mal 1:6
not d one of these Matt 18:10
hold to one, and d Luke 16:13
do you d...church 1 Cor 11:22

DESPOIL *injure, lay waste*

d-ed all the cities 2 Chr 14:14
the wicked who d me Ps 17:9
plundered and d-ed Is 42:22

DESTINE *appoint*

is d-d for the sword Job 15:22
d you for the sword Is 65:12
things d-d to perish Col 2:22
not d-d us for wrath 1 Thess 5:9

DESTITUTE *deprived, in need*

prayer of the d Ps 102:17
the land is d Ezek 32:15
being d, afflicted Heb 11:37

DESTROY *abolish, ruin, waste*

to d all flesh Gen 6:17
lest I d you 1 Sam 15:6
wouldst Thou d me Job 10:8
seek my life to d it Ps 40:14
the wicked, He will d Ps 145:20
that which d-s kings Prov 31:3
one sinner d-s much Eccl 9:18
stronghold is d-ed Is 23:14
shepherds...are d-ing Jer 23:1
He will d mighty men Dan 8:24
moth and rust d Matt 6:19
who is able to d Matt 10:28
You come to d us Mark 1:24
seeking...to d Him Mark 11:18
d the temple and Mark 15:29
flood...d-ed them Luke 17:27
D this temple, and John 2:19
not for d-ing you 2 Cor 10:8
to save and to d James 4:12
heavens will be d-ed 2 Pet 3:12
d the works of the 1 John 3:8

DESTROYER *devastator*

d of our country Judg 16:24
of the d-s prosper Job 12:6
d comes upon him Job 15:21
d-s and devastators Is 49:17
I shall set apart d-s Jer 22:7

DESTRUCTION *calamity, ruin*

the d of my kindred Esth 8:6
God apportion d Job 21:17
Your tongue devises d Ps 52:2
Pride goes before d Prov 16:18
foolish son is d to Prov 19:13
called the City of D Is 19:18
d of the daughter of Lam 2:11
broad that leads to d Matt 7:13
whose end is d Phil 3:19
d will come 1 Thess 5:3
penalty of eternal d 2 Thess 1:9
bringing swift d upon 2 Pet 2:1

DETERMINE *decide*

to d whether he laid Ex 22:8
his days are d-d Job 14:5
d-d their appointed Acts 17:26
but rather d this Rom 14:13
d-d to know nothing 1 Cor 2:2

DETEST *despise, loathe*

carcasses you shall d Lev 11:11
not d an Egyptian Deut 23:7
I d his citadels Amos 6:8

DETESTABLE *abominable*

not eat any d thing Deut 14:3
who is d and corrupt Job 15:16
swine's flesh, d Is 66:17
their d idols Jer 18:18
remove all its d Ezek 11:18
d...sight of God Luke 16:15

DEVASTATE *destroy, lay waste*

d-d the nations 2 Kin 19:17
Until cities are d-d Is 6:11
the LORD...d-s it Is 24:1
my tents are d-d Jer 4:20
d...pride of Egypt Ezek 32:12

DEVASTATION *destruction*

d of the afflicted Ps 12:5

Nor d or destruction Is 60:18
raise up the former d-s Is 61:4
d in their citadels Amos 3:10

DEVICE *plan, scheme*

By their own d-s Ps 5:10
not promote his evil d Ps 140:8
a man of evil d-s Prov 14:17
in their d-s you walk Mic 6:16

DEVIL *demon, Satan*

tempted by the d Matt 4:1
one of you is a d John 6:70
you son of the d Acts 13:10
firm against...the d Eph 6:11
render powerless...d Heb 2:14
serpent...the d Rev 12:9
d into the lake Rev 20:10

DEVISE *design, scheme, plot*

d-d against the Jews Esth 9:25
d-ing a vain thing Ps 2:1
d-s mischief by decree Ps 94:20
d-s evil continually Prov 6:14
man who d-s evil Prov 12:2
He d-s wicked schemes Is 32:7
do not d evil in Zech 7:10
d futile things Acts 4:25

DEVOTE *commit, dedicate*

shall d to the LORD Ex 13:12
d...to the law 2 Chr 31:4
d-ing...to prayer Acts 1:14
d-d to one another Rom 12:10
D yourselves to prayer Col 4:2

DEVOTED *set apart (to God)*

d to destruction Lev 27:28
Every d thing in Num 18:14
d to destruction 1 Sam 15:21
d thing in Israel Ezek 44:29

DEVOTION *consecration*

his deeds of d 2 Chr 32:32
excessive d to books Eccl 12:12
the d of your youth Jer 2:2

DEVOUR *consume, swallow*

wild beast d-ed him Gen 37:20
the sword d forever 2 Sam 2:26
is d-ed by disease Job 18:13
fire from...d-ed Ps 18:8
love all words that d Ps 52:4
To d the afflicted Prov 30:14
has d-ed your prophets Jer 2:30
caterpillar was d-ing Amos 4:9
d widows' houses Mark 12:40
bite...d one another Gal 5:15

DEVOUT *God-fearing*

d men are taken away Is 57:1
was righteous and d Luke 2:25
d men, from every Acts 2:5
the d women Acts 13:50

DEW *drops of moisture*

God give...the d Gen 27:28
d fell on the camp Num 11:9
d on the fleece only Judg 6:37
on him as the d 2 Sam 17:12
neither d nor rain 1 Kin 17:1
skies drip with d Prov 3:20
the d of Hermon Ps 133:3
Like a cloud of d Is 18:4

drenched with the d Dan 4:15
sky has withheld its d Hag 1:10

DIALECT language

In the Hebrew d Acts 21:40
the Hebrew d Acts 22:2

DIAMOND jewel

a sapphire and a d Ex 28:18
With a d point Jer 17:1

DICTATION spoken words

at the d of Jeremiah Jer 36:4
written at the d of Jer 36:27
book at Jeremiah's d Jer 45:1

DIE decrease, expire

you shall surely d Gen 2:17
not eat which d-s Deut 14:21
Where you d, I will d Ruth 1:17
Curse God and d Job 2:9
even wise men d Ps 49:10
fools d for lack of Prov 10:21
and the fool alike d Eccl 2:16
soul who sins will d Ezek 18:4
to d with You Matt 26:35
child has not d-d Mark 5:39
live even if he d-s John 11:25
grain of wheat d-s John 12:24
she fell sick and d-d Acts 9:37
d-d for the ungodly Rom 5:6
we who d-d to sin Rom 6:2
for whom Christ d-d Rom 14:15
I d daily 1 Cor 15:31
I d-d to the Law Gal 2:19
to d is gain Phil 1:21
Jesus d-d and rose 1 Thess 4:14
to d once and after Heb 9:27
these d-d in faith Heb 11:13
who d in the Lord Rev 14:13

DIFFICULT hard

too d for the LORD Gen 18:14
test Solomon with d 2 Chr 9:1
anything too d for Me Jer 32:27
speech or d language Ezek 3:5
solving of d problems Dan 5:12
last days d times 2 Tim 3:1

DIG excavate, till

opens a pit, or d-s Ex 21:33
you can d copper Deut 8:9
they d into houses Job 24:16
He has dug a pit Ps 7:15
dug through the wall Ezek 8:8
dug a wine press Matt 21:33
until I d around it Luke 13:8

DIGNITY majesty

Preminent in d Gen 49:3
What honor or d has Esth 6:3
all godliness and d 1 Tim 2:2
must be men of d 1 Tim 3:8

DILIGENCE effort

carried out with all d Ezra 6:12
Watch with all d Prov 4:23
lagging behind in d Rom 12:11
show the same d Heb 6:11

DILIGENT persistent

hand of the d makes Prov 10:4
plans of the d lead Prov 21:5
d to present 2 Tim 2:15

I will also be d 2 Pet 1:15
d to enter that rest Heb 4:11

DIM cloudy, dark

eye was not d Deut 34:7
eyesight to grow d 1 Sam 3:2
d because of grief Job 17:7
windows grow d Eccl 12:3

DIMINISH dwindle, reduce

you shall d its price Lev 25:16
d their inheritance Num 26:54
are d-ed and bowed Ps 107:39

DINAH

daughter of Jacob Gen 34:1,3
raped by Shechem Gen 34:2,5

DINE eat

men are to d with Gen 43:16
to d with a ruler Prov 23:1
came and were d-ing Matt 9:10

DINNER meal

I have prepared d Matt 22:4
because of d guests Mark 6:26
was giving a big d Luke 14:16

DIP plunge

d-ped the tunic in Gen 37:31
priest shall d his Lev 4:6
d your piece of bread Ruth 2:14
d-ped seven times 2 Kin 5:14
d-ped with Me Matt 26:23
who d-s with Me Mark 14:20
robe d-ped in blood Rev 19:13

DIRECT arrange, guide, order

LORD d-s his steps Prov 16:9
d your heart in the Prov 23:19
had d-ed the Spirit Is 40:13
walks to d his steps Jer 10:23
I d-ed the churches 1 Cor 16:1
d their entire body James 3:3

DIRECTION path or order

which turned every d Gen 3:24
And it changes d Job 37:12
d of the daughter Jer 4:11
of their four d-s Ezek 1:17

DIRGE lament

for you as a d Amos 5:1
we sang a d Luke 7:32

DISAPPEAR vanish

For the faithful d Ps 12:1
When the grass d-s Prov 27:25
old is ready to d Heb 8:13

DISAPPOINT frustrate

and were not d-ed Ps 22:5
hope does not d Rom 5:5

DISASTER calamity

d was close to them Judg 20:34
d on this people Jer 6:19
because of all its d-s Jer 19:8
In the day of their d Obad 13

DISBELIEVE doubt

Jews who d-d stirred Acts 14:2
for those who d 1 Pet 2:7

DISCERN understand, recognize
would d future Deut 32:89

king to d good 2 Sam 14:17
not d its appearance Job 4:16
d-ed...the youths Prov 7:7
O fools, d wisdom Prov 8:5
d the...sky Matt 16:3

DISCERNMENT judgment

blessed be your d 1 Sam 25:33
asked for yourself d 1 Kin 3:11
not a people of d Is 27:11
knowledge and all d Phil 1:9

DISCHARGE emission

a d from his body Lev 15:2
leper or who has a d Lev 22:4
everyone having a d Num 5:2
d, or who is a leper 2 Sam 3:29
the d of your blood Ezek 32:6

DISCIPLE student, learner

to listen as a d Is 50:4
His twelve d-s Matt 10:1
d is not above his Matt 10:24
d-s rebuked them Matt 19:13
d-s left Him fled Matt 26:56
make d-s of all Matt 28:19
Your d-s do not fast Mark 2:18
Passover My d-s Mark 14:14
gaze on His d-s Luke 6:20
he cannot be My d Luke 14:26
d-s believed in Him John 2:11
His d-s withdrew John 6:66
wash the d-s feet John 13:5
d whom He loved John 19:26
d-s were first called Acts 11:26

DISCIPLINE (n) chastisement

the d of the LORD Deut 11:2
d of the Almighty Job 5:17
The rod of d Prov 22:15
to see your good d Col 2:5
d...of little profit 1 Tim 4:8

DISCIPLINE (v) chastise

as a man d-s his son Deut 8:5
d-d you with whips 1 Kin 12:11
D your son while Prov 19:18
d-d by the Lord 1 Cor 11:32
father does not d Heb 12:7

DISCLOSE reveal

without d-ing it to 1 Sam 20:2
Esther had d-d what Esth 8:1
will d Myself to him John 14:21
d the motives of 1 Cor 4:5
secrets are d-d 1 Cor 14:25

DISCOURAGE dishearten

d-ing the sons of Num 32:7
people of the land d-d Ezra 4:4
d-d with the work Neh 6:9

DISCOVER find, uncover

strength was not d-ed Judg 16:9
d the depths of God Job 11:7
man may not d Eccl 7:14
shamed...he is d-ed Jer 2:26

DISCRETION understanding

LORD give you d 1 Chr 28:12
sound wisdom and d Prov 3:21
woman who lacks d Prov 11:22
Daniel replied with d Dan 2:14

DISCUSS *converse, reason*

d matters of justice Jer 12:1
d among themselves Matt 16:7
What were you d-ing Mark 9:33
d-ed together what Luke 6:11

DISEASE *sickness*

none of the d-s on you Ex 15:26
harmful d-s of Egypt Deut 7:15
d-d in his feet 2 Chr 16:12
d-d...not healed Ezek 34:4
heals all your d-s Ps 103:3
various d-s and pains Matt 4:24
power to heal d-s Luke 9:1

DISGRACE *reproach, shame*

a d to us Gen 34:14
nakedness, it is a d Lev 20:17
sin is a d to Prov 14:34
not d the throne Jer 14:21
and bear your d Ezek 16:52

DISGRACEFUL *shameful*

d thing in Israel Gen 34:7
shameful and d son Prov 19:26
d for a woman to 1 Cor 11:6

DISGUISE *pretend*

d-d his sanity 1 Sam 21:13
Arise now, and d 1 Kin 14:2
king of Israel d-d 1 Kin 22:30
be d-s his face Job 24:15
d-ing, as apostles 2 Cor 11:13

DISH *bowl, plate*

prepare a savory d Gen 27:7
was one silver d Num 7:43
as one wipes a d 2 Kin 21:13
30 gold d-es Ezra 1:9

DISHEARTENED *discouraged*

not be d or crushed Is 42:4
you d the righteous Ezek 13:22

DISHONEST *untruthful*

those who hate d gain Ex 18:21
order to get d gain Ezek 22:27
cheat with d scales Amos 8:5

DISHONOR (n) *disgrace, shame*

to see the king's d Ezra 4:14
Fill their faces with d Ps 83:16
man conceals d Prov 12:16

DISHONOR (v) *disgrace, shame*

who d-s his father Deut 27:16
be ashamed and d-ed Ps 35:4
and you d Me John 8:49
bodies might be d-ed Rom 1:24
do you d God Rom 2:23

DISMAY *be troubled, fear*

d-ed at his presence Gen 45:3
not tremble or be d-ed Josh 1:9
d-ed and...afraid 1 Sam 17:11
lest I d you Jer 1:17
are d-ed and caught Jer 8:9
mighty men...be d-ed Obad 9

DISMISS *release, send away*

d-ed the people Josh 24:28
Solomon d-ed 1 Kin 2:27
priest did not d any 2 Chr 23:8
be d-ed the assembly Acts 19:41

DISOBEDIENCE *rebellion*

the one man's d Rom 5:19
in the sons of d Eph 2:2
d received a just Heb 2:2
same example of d Heb 4:11

DISOBEDIENT *rebellious*

d and rebelled Neh 9:26
hardened and d Acts 19:9
d to parents Rom 1:30
d...obstinate people Rom 10:21

DISPERSE *spread*

d them in Jacob Gen 49:7
d-d...the peoples Esth 3:8
d them among the Ezek 20:23
who are d-d abroad James 1:1

DISPLAY *declare, show*

to d her beauty Esth 1:11
d-d Thy splendor Ps 8:1
d their sin like Is 3:9
works of God, d-ed John 9:3

DISPLEASE *annoy, trouble*

if it is d-ing to you Num 22:34
d-ing in the sight 1 Sam 8:6
may not d the lords 1 Sam 29:7
d-ing in His sight Is 59:15
it greatly d-d Jonah Jon 4:1

DISPOSSESS *remove*

d-ed the Amorites Num 21:32
Esau d-ed them Deut 2:12
He will assuredly d Josh 3:10
d-ing the nations Acts 7:45

DISPUTE (n) *controversy*

When they have a d Ex 18:16
bring the d-s to God Ex 18:19
d in your courts Deut 17:8
a great d among Acts 28:29

DISPUTE (v) *contend, debate*

wished to d with Him Job 9:3
with Israel he will d Mic 6:2
without...d-ing Phil 2:14
he d-d with the devil Jude 9

DISSENSION *division*

great d and debate Acts 15:2
d between the Acts 23:7
those who cause d-s Rom 16:17
without wrath and d 1 Tim 2:8

DISSIPATION *intemperance*

weighted...with d Luke 21:34
wine, for that is d Eph 5:18
not accused of d Titus 1:6

DISSOLVE *melt*

dost d me in a storm Job 30:22
I d my couch with Ps 6:6
d-d in tears Is 15:3
And the hills d Nah 1:5

DISTANCE *far away*

sister stood at a d Ex 2:4
some d from the Judg 18:22
following...at a d Matt 26:58
welcomed...from a d Heb 11:13

DISTINCTION *difference*

the LORD makes a d Ex 11:7
d between the holy Lev 10:10

have made no d Ezek 22:28
he made no d Acts 15:9
for there is no d Rom 3:28
d-s among yourselves James 2:4

DISTINGUISH *discern*

I d between good 2 Sam 19:35
not d the sound Ezra 3:13
d...the righteous Mal 3:18
d-ing of spirits 1 Cor 12:10

DISTINGUISHING

became your d mark Ezek 27:7
this is a d mark 2 Thess 3:17

DISTORT *pervert*

who d-s the justice Deut 27:19
my garment is d-ed Job 30:18
they d my words Ps 56:5
d the gospel of Christ Gal 1:7

DISTRESS *adversity, trouble*

day of my d Gen 35:3
When you are in d Deut 4:30
deliver me d 1 Sam 26:24
I am in great d 2 Sam 24:14
cry to Thee in our d 2 Chr 20:9
refuge in the day of d Jer 16:19
I am in d Lam 1:20
d upon the land Luke 21:23
d for every soul Rom 2:9
assisted those in d 1 Tim 5:10
widows in their d James 1:27

DISTRIBUTE *apportion*

d-d by lot in Shiloh Josh 19:51
to d their kinsmen Neh 13:13
d it to the poor Luke 18:22
d-ing to each one 1 Cor 12:11

DISTRICT *area, province*

the d of Jerusalem Neh 3:12
d around the Jordan Matt 3:5
d of Galilee Mark 1:28
the d-s of Libya Acts 2:10

DISTURB *annoy, bother*

Why d-ed me 1 Sam 28:15
no one d his bones 2 Kin 23:18
d them and destroy Esth 9:24
being greatly d-ed Acts 4:2
one who is d-ing you Gal 5:10

DISTURBANCE *turmoil*

to cause a d in it Neh 4:8
hear of wars and d-s Luke 21:9
d among the soldiers Acts 12:18
arrogance, d-s 2 Cor 12:20

DIVIDE *apportion, separate*

that d-s the hoof Deut 14:6
D the living child 1 Kin 3:25
d my garments among Ps 22:18
He will d the booty Is 53:12
d-d up his garments Matt 27:35
d-d his wealth Luke 15:12

DIVINATION *witchcraft*

nor practice d or Lev 19:26
witchcraft, used d 2 Chr 33:6
false vision, d Jer 14:14
falsehood and lying d Ezek 13:6
a spirit of d met us Acts 16:16

DIVINE (adj) *pertaining to deity*

in whom...d spirit Gen 41:38
I see a d being 1 Sam 28:13
D Nature...gold Acts 17:29
power and d nature Rom 1:20
is the d response Rom 11:4

DIVINE (v) *practice divination*

d-d that the LORD Gen 30:27
they d lies for you Ezek 21:29
d-ing lies for them Ezek 22:28
prophets d for money Mic 3:11

DIVINER *seer*

called for the...d-s 1 Sam 6:2
The d and the elder Is 3:2
your d-s deceive you Jer 29:8
d-s will be embarrassed Mic 3:7
d-s see lying visions Zech 10:2

DIVISION *dissemination, segment*

d between My people Ex 8:23
divided into d-s 1 Chr 23:6
d in the multitude John 7:43
no d-s among you 1 Cor 1:10
d of soul and spirit Heb 4:12

DIVORCE (n) *separation*

a certificate of d Deut 24:1
given her a writ of d Jer 3:8
For I hate d Mal 2:16

DIVORCE (v) *separate*

he cannot d her Deut 22:19
husband d-s his wife Jer 3:1
man to d his wife Matt 19:3
Whoever d-s his Mark 10:11

DIVORCED *separated*

woman d from her Lev 21:7
or of a d woman Num 30:9
marries a d woman Matt 5:32
marries who is d Luke 16:18

DOCTRINE *teaching*

Teaching as d the Matt 15:9
every wind of d Eph 4:14
to teach strange d-s 1 Tim 1:3
to exhort in sound d Titus 1:9

DOCUMENT *manuscript*

the d which you sent Ezra 4:18
And on the sealed d Neh 9:38
Darius signed the d Dan 6:9

DOER *workman*

recompenses the d Ps 31:23
d-s of the Law will Rom 2:13
d-s of the word James 1:22
not a d of the law James 4:11

DOG *animal, scavenger*

Am I a d 1 Sam 17:43
d-s have surrounded Ps 22:16
they howl like a d Ps 50:6
live d is better than Eccl 9:4
Beware of the d-s Phil 3:2
d-s and the sorcerers Rev 22:15

DOMAIN *estate*

give You all this d Luke 4:6
the d of darkness Col 1:13
keep their own d Jude 6

DOMINION *authority, rule*

Thine is the d 1 Chr 29:11
places of His d Ps 103:22
d will be from sea Zech 9:10
and power and d Eph 1:21
thrones or d-s or Col 1:16
glory and the d forever Rev 1:6

DONKEY *ass*

a wild d of a man Gen 16:12
Belshazzar to the d Num 22:29
the foal of a d Zech 9:9
you will find a d Matt 21:2
and mounted on a d Matt 21:5
a dumb d, speaking 2 Pet 2:16

DOOR *entrance, opening*

crouching at the d Gen 4:7
set the d of the ark Gen 6:16
Uriah slept at the d 2 Sam 11:9
over the d of my lips Ps 141:3
d turns on its Prov 26:14
each had a double d Ezek 41:23
shut your d, pray Matt 6:6
I am the d John 10:9
right at the d James 5:9
before you an open d Rev 3:8
I stand at the d Rev 3:20

DOORKEEPER *guard*

d-s have gathered 2 Kin 22:4
the Levites, the d-s 2 Chr 34:9
eunuchs who were d-s Esth 6:2
commanded the d Mark 13:34
To him the d opens John 10:3

DOORPOST

put it on the two d-s Ex 12:7
write them on the d-s Deut 6:9
on the seat by the d 1 Sam 1:9
Waiting at my d-s Prov 8:34

DOORWAY *entrance, opening*

the d of the tent Judg 4:20
d-s and doorposts 1 Kin 7:5
at my neighbor's d Job 31:9
chamber with its d Ezek 40:38

DORCAS

Tabitha, a Joppa Christian
Acts 9:36-43

DOUBT (n) *unbelief*

life shall hang in d Deut 28:66
why do d-s arise Luke 24:38

DOUBT (v) *doubt*

why did you d Matt 14:31
not d in his heart Mark 11:23
d-s is condemned Rom 14:23
who d-s is like the James 1:6

DOUGH *flour mixture*

people took their d Ex 12:34
the first of your d Num 15:20
knead d to make cakes Jer 7:18
took d, kneaded it 2 Sam 13:8

DOVE *bird*

he sent out a d Gen 8:8
had wings like a d Ps 55:6
eyes are like d-s Song 1:15
descending as a d Matt 3:16
descending as a d John 1:32
selling the d-s John 2:16

DOWNFALL *collapse*

became the d of 2 Chr 28:23
noise of their d Jer 49:21

DOWNPOUR *rain*

the d and the rain Job 37:6
d of waters swept Hab 3:10

DOWRY *bequest*

must pay a d for her Ex 22:16
to the d for virgins Ex 22:17
d to his daughter 1 Kin 9:16

DRACHMA

Greek silver coin Neh 7:70-72
Matt 17:24

DRAG *draw, pull*

grasshopper d-s Eccl 12:5
D them off like sheep Jer 12:3
the dogs to d off Jer 15:3
Paul and d-god Acts 14:19
d you into court James 2:6

DRAGON *monster, serpent*

d who lives in the sea Is 27:1
Who pierced the d Is 51:9
d stood before the Rev 12:4
he laid hold of the d Rev 20:2

DRAIN *empty*

blood is to be d-ed Lev 1:15
he d-ed the dew Judg 6:38
must d and drink down Ps 75:8
drink it and d it Ezek 23:34

DRAW *haul, pull*

out to d water Gen 24:13
drew him out of the Ex 2:10
but are d-n away Deut 30:17
he d-s up the drops Job 36:27
d near to my soul Ps 69:18
They are d-ing back Jer 46:5
redemption is d-ing Luke 21:28
d all men to Myself John 12:32
D near to God James 4:8

DRAWERS *servant*

wood and d of water Josh 9:21

DREAD (n) *fear*

in d...of Israel Ex 1:12
in d night and day Deut 28:66
d of the Jews Esth 8:17
d comes like a storm Prov 1:27
they are in great d Ps 14:5

DREAD (v) *fear*

what I d befalls me Job 3:25
Whom shall I d Ps 27:1
whose two kings you d Is 7:16
are d-ed and feared Hab 1:7

DREAM (n) *vision*

had a d, and behold Gen 28:12
man was relating a d Judg 7:13
flies away like a d Job 20:8
like a d, a vision Is 29:7
visions and d-s Dan 1:7
to Joseph in a d Matt 2:13

DREAM (v) *see a vision*

asleep and d-ed Gen 41:5
like those who d Ps 128:1
when a hungry man d-s Is 29:8
Your old men will d Joel 2:28

DREAMER *visionary*

Here comes this d Gen 37:19
If a prophet or a d Deut 13:1
your diviners, your d-s Jer 27:9

DRENCH *soak, wet*

d you with my tears Is 16:9
head is d-ed with dew Song 5:2
d-ed with the dew Dan 4:33

DRESS (n) *clothing*

have taken off my d Song 5:3
d was of fine linen Ezek 16:3
or putting on d-es 1 Pet 3:3

DRESS (v) *array, clothe*

d-ed in his military 2 Sam 20:8
D-ed as a harlot Prov 7:10
you d in scarlet Jer 4:30
d-ed Him purple Mark 15:17

DRINK (n) *refreshment*

gave the lad a d Gen 21:19
or wine, or strong d Deut 14:26
to desire strong d Prov 31:4
thirsty gave me d Matt 25:35
My blood is true d John 6:55
thirsty, give him a d Rom 12:20

DRINK (v)

he drank of the wine Gen 9:21
Do not d wine Lev 10:9
d from the brook 1 Kin 17:6
they all drank from Mark 14:23
after d-ing old wine Luke 5:39
who eats and d-s 1 Cor 11:29
ground that d-s the Heb 6:7

DRIP *drop*

clouds... They d Job 36:28
lips d honey Song 4:11
d-ped with myrrh Song 5:5
D down, O heavens Is 45:8

DRIVE *chase, defeat*

Thou hast d-n me Gen 4:14
and drove them away Ex 2:17
angel d-ing them on Ps 35:5
d hard all your workers Is 58:3
drove them all out John 2:15
to d the ship Acts 27:39

DROP (n) *drip*

the d-s of water Job 36:27
a d from a bucket Is 40:15
like d-s of blood Luke 22:44

DROP (v) *fall*

olives shall d off Deut 28:40
his bonds d-ped Judg 15:14
d off his unripe grape Job 15:33
d-ped their wings Ezek 1:24

DROSS *metallic waste*

of the earth like d Ps 119:119
Take away the d Prov 25:4
silver has become d Is 1:22
Israel has become d Ezek 22:18

DROUGHT *dryness*

Like heat in d Is 25:5
in regard to the d Jer 14:1
I called for a d Hag 1:11

DROWNED *sank*

d in the Red Sea Ex 15:4
he be d in the depth Matt 18:6
were d in the sea Mark 5:13

DRUNK *intoxicated*

arrows d with blood Deut 32:42
d, but not with wine Is 29:9
made... d in My wrath Is 63:6
not get d with wine Eph 5:18
I saw the woman d Rev 17:6

DRUNKARD *intoxicated person*

a glutton and a d Deut 21:20
song of the d-s Ps 69:12
Awake, d-s, and weep Joel 1:5
a reviler, or a d 1 Cor 5:11

DRUNKEN *intoxicated*

stagger like a d man Job 12:25
become like a d man Jer 23:9

DRUNKENNESS *intoxication*

and not for d Eccl 10:17
weighted down... d Luke 21:34
in carousing and d Rom 13:13
envying, d, carousings Gal 5:21

DRY (adj) *parched, scorched*

let the d land appear Gen 1:9
In a d and weary land Ps 63:1
Better is a d morsel Prov 17:1
O d bones, hear Ezek 37:4

DRY (v) *scorch, wither*

My strength is dried Ps 22:15
d up streams Ps 74:15
I d up the sea Is 50:2
new wine dries up Joel 1:10
dries up... rivers Nah 1:4

DUE (adj) *proper, right*

In d time their foot Deut 32:35
food in d season Ps 104:27
d penalty of their Rom 1:27

DUE (n) *what is owed*

as their d forever Lev 7:34
be the priests' d Deut 18:3
Indeed it is Thy d Jer 10:7

DULL *heavy, stupid*

eyes are d from wine Gen 49:12
Their ears d Is 6:10
people... become d Matt 13:15
become d of hearing Heb 5:11

DUMB *silent*

who makes him d Ex 4:11
I was d and silent Ps 39:2
behold, a d man Matt 9:32
and the d to speak Mark 7:37
astray to the d idols 1 Cor 12:2

DUNG *waste*

sweeps away d 1 Kin 14:10
dove's d for five 2 Kin 6:25
give you cow's d Ezek 4:15
their flesh like d Zeph 1:17

DUNGEON *prison*

put me into the d Gen 40:15
captive... in the d Ex 12:29
prisoners from the d Is 42:7
Jeremiah... into the d Jer 37:16

DUST *dirt, earth*

God formed man of d Gen 2:7
And d shall you eat Gen 3:14
the poor from the d 1 Sam 2:8
repent in d and ashes Job 42:6
d before the wind Ps 18:42
Will the d praise Thee Ps 30:9
You who lie in the d Is 26:19
shake off the d of Matt 10:14
the d of your city Luke 10:11
d on their heads Rev 18:19

DUTY *responsibility*

perform your d Gen 38:8
charged with any d Deut 24:5
the d of a husband's Deut 25:7
his d to his wife 1 Cor 7:3

DWELL *abide, live*

father of those who d Gen 4:20
Behold, I am d-ing 1 Chr 17:1
No evil d-s with Thee Ps 5:4
d on Thy holy hill Ps 15:1
I will d in the house Ps 23:6
d among the wise Prov 15:31
have d-t in Jerusalem Jer 35:11
flesh, and d-t among John 1:14
of God d-s in you 1 Cor 3:16
Christ may d in your Eph 3:17
mind d on these things Phil 4:8

DWELLING *habitation*

earth shall be your d Gen 27:39
name there for His d Deut 12:5
place for Thy d 1 Kin 8:13
into the eternal d-s Luke 16:9
might find a d place Acts 7:46

DYED *colored*

rams' skins d red Ex 25:5
A spoil of d work Judg 5:30

E

EAGLE *bird*

bore you on e-s' wings Ex 19:4
the e swoops down Deut 28:49
swifter than e-s 2 Sam 1:23
with wings like e-s Is 40:31
the face of an e Ezek 1:10
was like a flying e Rev 4:7

EAR *hearing*

heard with our e-s 2 Sam 7:22
the e test words Job 12:11
And His e-s are open Ps 34:15
and incline your e Ps 45:10
He whose e listens Prov 15:31
e of the wise seeks Prov 18:15
e has not been open Is 48:8
let your e receive Jer 9:20
He who has e-s to Matt 11:15
and cut off his e Matt 26:51
fingers into his e-s Mark 7:33
if the e should say 1 Cor 12:16
their e-s tickled 2 Tim 4:3
He who has an e Rev 2:7

EARLY *beforetime, soon*

they arose e and Gen 26:31

Let us rise e Song 7:12
 dew which goes away e Hos 6:4
 e on the first day Mark 16:2
 at the tomb e Luke 24:22
 the e and late rains James 5:7

EARNINGS gain, wages

her e she plants Prov 31:16
 the e of a harlot Mic 1:7

EARRING ornament

brought e-s Ex 35:22
 e-s and necklaces Num 31:50
 like an e of gold Prov 25:12
 her e-s and jewelry Hos 2:13

EARTH land, world

God created the e Gen 1:1
 Judge of all the e Gen 18:25
 the e is the Lord's Ex 9:29
 way of all the e Josh 23:14
 His stand on the e Job 19:25
 foundation of the e Job 38:4
 masts in the e Ps 16:3
 the shields of the e Ps 47:9
 give birth to the e Ps 90:2
 He established the e Ps 104:5
 wisdom founded e Prov 3:19
 the e remains forever Eccl 1:4
 made the e tremble Is 14:16
 the vault of the e Is 40:22
 the ends of the e Is 45:22
 the e is My footstool Is 66:1
 e shone with His Ex 43:2
 make the e dark Amos 8:9
 e will be devoured Zeph 3:8
 shall inherit the e Matt 5:5
 you shall bind on e Matt 18:19
 on e peace among Luke 2:14
 glorified on the e John 17:4
 man is from the e 1 Cor 15:47
 heavens and a new e 2 Pet 3:13
 e and heaven fled Rev 20:11

EARTHENWARE pottery

bird in an e vessel Lev 14:5
 holy water in an e Num 5:17
 shatter them like e Ps 2:9
 buy a potter's e jar Jer 19:1
 vessels of e 2 Tim 2:20

EARTHQUAKE tremble

LORD was not in. e 1 Kin 19:11
 punished with. e Is 29:6
 be famines and e-s Matt 24:7
 will be great e-s Luke 21:11
 there was a great e Rev 6:12
 killed in the e Rev 11:13

EARTHY mortal

man is. e 1 Cor 15:47
 those who are e 1 Cor 15:48

EASE free from difficulty, pain

He who is at e Job 12:5
 at e and satisfied Job 21:25
 women who are at e Is 32:9
 War to those...at e Amos 6:1
 nations who are at e Zech 1:15

EAST direction of compass

spread out to the e Gen 28:14
 directed an e wind Ex 10:13
 sons of the e were Judg 7:12

men of the e Job 1:3
 With the e wind Thou Ps 48:7
 offspring from the e Is 43:5
 faces toward the e Ezek 8:16
 Jerusalem on the e Zech 14:4
 saw His star in the e Matt 2:2
 lightning the e Matt 24:27
 kings from the e Rev 16:12

EAST GATE see**GATES OF JERUSALEM****EASY** without difficulty

knowledge is e to him Prov 14:6
 My yoke is e, and Matt 11:30

EAT consume, dine, feast

shall not e from it Gen 3:17
 they ate every plant Ex 10:15
 not e blood Lev 19:26
 that we may e him 2 Kin 6:25
 e and be satisfied Ps 22:26
 not e the bread of Prov 11:27
 will e curds and honey Is 7:15
 words I ate them Jer 15:16
 e this scroll Ezek 3:1
 e-ing grain like cattle Dan 4:31
 what you shall e Matt 6:25
 e with unwashed Matt 15:20
 Take, e; this is My Matt 26:26
 sinners and e-s with Luke 15:2
 e at My table Luke 22:30
 He took it and ate Luke 24:43
 e the flesh of Son John 6:53
 Peter, kill and e Acts 10:13
 kingdom not e-ing Rom 14:17
 ate spiritual food 1 Cor 10:3
 e-s judgment 1 Cor 11:29

EBAL

1 son of Shobal Gen 36:23
 2 son of Joktan 1 Chr 1:22
 also Obal Gen 10:25
 3 mountain near Shechem Deut 11:29

EBENEZER

e memorial stone 1 Sam 7:12

EBER

1 line of Shem Gen 10:21-24
 progenitor of Jockanide Arabs Gen 10:25-30
 progenitor of Hebrews Gen 11:16ff
 2 e Cadiz 1 Chr 5:13
 3 son of Elpeal 1 Chr 8:12
 4 son of Shashak 1 Chr 8:22
 5 priest Neh 12:20
 see also HEBER

EDEN

1 garden of God Gen 2:15
 Is 51:3
 2 city area 8 Kin 19:12
 Ezek 27:23
 3 son of Josh 8 Chr 29:12

EDICT decree

the king's e-s Ezra 8:36
 a royal e be issued Esth 1:19
 king's command and e Esth 8:1
 afraid of the king's e Heb 11:23

EDIFICATION building up

his good, to his e Rom 15:2
 speaks to men for e 1 Cor 14:3
 all things for e 1 Cor 14:20

EDIFY build up

but love e-ies 1 Cor 8:1
 not all things e 1 Cor 10:23
 man is not e-ied 1 Cor 14:7

EDOM

1 name of Esau Gen 25:30
 2 Edomites Num 20:18,20
 3 region or country Gen 32:3
 Judg 11:17

see also SEIR

EDUCATED taught

he e three years Dan 1:5
 Moses was e in all Acts 7:22
 e under Gamaliel Acts 22:3

EFFEMINATE womanlike

e, our homosexuals 1 Cor 6:9

EGG

in the waste of an e Job 6:6
 gathers abandoned e-s Is 10:14
 hatch adders e-s and Is 59:5
 is asked for an e Luke 11:12

EGLON

1 town in Judah Josh 10:34-37
 Josh 15:38
 2 Moabite king Judg 3:12-30

EGYPT

country in NE Africa Gen 12:10
 Gen 37:25
 on the Nile Ex 4:19,7:5
 conflict with Moses Ex 7:8ff
 scene of Passover Ex 12:1-38
 source of food Gen 42:1,2

EHUD

1 left-handed Benjamite
 judge of Israel Judg 3:15,21
 2 son of Bilham 1 Chr 7:10
 3 progenitor of clan 1 Chr 8:6

EKRON

Philistine city Josh 13:3
 1 Sam 5:10; Jer 25:20

ELAH

1 Edomite Gen 36:41
 2 valley SW of Jerusalem 1 Sam 17:2
 3 king of Israel 1 Kin 16:8-10
 4 father of Hoshai 2 Kin 15:30
 5 son of Caleb 1 Chr 4:15
 6 son of Uzzai 1 Chr 9:8
 7 father of Shimei 1 Kin 4:18

ELAM

1 son of Shem Gen 10:22
 2 son of Shashak 1 Chr 8:24
 3 Korathite Levite 1 Chr 28:3
 4 head of restoration family
 Ezra 2:7; Neh 7:12
 5 head of restoration family
 Ezra 2:31; Neh 7:34
 6 chief of people Neh 10:14
 7 priest Neh 12:42

8 region E of Babylonias
Is 21:2; Dan 8:2

ELATH/ELOTH city
at Gulf of Aqabah 2 Kin 14:22
near Ezion-geber

EL-BETHEL
altar Gen 35:7

ELDER aged, older
words of her e son Gen 27:42
the e-s of Israel Ex 17:6
sits among the e-s Prov 31:23
Assemble the e-s Joel 2:16
tradition of the e-s Matt 15:2
chief priests and e-s Matt 27:12
scribes, e-s came Mark 11:27
Council of e-s of Luke 22:66
e-s of the church Acts 20:17
I saw twenty-four e Rev 4:4

ELEAZAR
1 son of Aaron Ex 6:23
high priest Num 20:25-28
2 son of Abinadab 1 Sam 7:1
3 son of Dodo 2 Sam 23:9
4 a Levite 1 Chr 23:22
5 son of Phinehas Ezra 8:33
6 son of Parosh Ezra 10:18-25
7 priest Neh 12:27
8 ancestor of Jesus Matt 1:15

ELECT chosen
sake of the e Matt 24:22
to lead the e astray Mark 13:22
justice for His e Luke 18:7
against God's e Rom 8:33

ELEMENTARY basic
e principles of the Col 2:8
e principles of the Heb 5:12
e teaching about the Heb 6:1

ELEMENTS physical matter
e will be destroyed 2 Pet 3:10
the e will melt with 2 Pet 3:12

ELI
high priest 1 Sam 1:9;2:12
1 Sam 3:6;4:18

ELIAKIM
1 son of Hilkiah 2 Kin 18:18
2 Kin 19:2
2 son of Jorah 2 Kin 23:34
3 priest Neh 12:41
4 ancestor of Jesus Matt 1:13
5 ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:30,31

ELIEZER
1 Abraham's servant Gen 15:2
2 son of Moses 1 Chr 23:15
3 son of Becher 1 Chr 7:8
4 priest 1 Chr 15:24
5 son of Zichri 1 Chr 27:16
6 a prophet 2 Chr 20:37
7 served under Ezra Ezra 8:16
8 son of Jeshua Ezra 10:18
9 Levite Ezra 10:10,23
10 son of Harim Ezra 10:10,31
11 ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:29

ELIHU
1 son of Tohu 1 Sam 1:1
2 Manassite captain 1 Chr 12:20
3 temple gatekeeper 1 Chr 26:1
4 officer of Judah 1 Chr 27:18
5 one of Job's friends Job 32:37

ELIJAH
1 prophet 1 Kin 17:1
aided by widow 1 Kin 17:8ff
revived child 1 Kin 17:23
defeats prophets 1 Kin 18:20ff
flees Jezebel 1 Kin 19:4-8
chooses Elisha 1 Kin 19:19-21
taken up 2 Kin 2:1-11
2 Benjamite 1 Chr 8:27
3 son of Harim Ezra 10:21
4 son of Elam Ezra 10:26

ELIMINATE remove
e harmful beasts Lev 26:6
I am going to e Jer 16:9
stomach, and is e-d Mark 7:19

ELIPHAZ
1 son of Esau Gen 36:4
2 one of Job's friends Job 2:11
Job 4:1;42:7,9

ELISHA
prophet 2 Kin 6:12
called 1 Kin 19:19-21
Elijah's successor 2 Kin 2:1ff
miracle of oil 2 Kin 4:1-7
revived child 2 Kin 4:8-37
death 2 Kin 13:20

ELIZABETH
mother of John the Baptist
Luke 1:7,13,41,57

ELOQUENT persuasive
I have never been e Ex 4:10
Apollos...an e man Acts 18:24

ELUL
sixth month of Hebrew
calendar Neh 6:15

ELYMAS
magician Acts 13:8
also Bar-Jesus

EMBALM preserve
to e his father Gen 50:2
he was e-ed and Gen 50:26

EMBARRASSED ashamed
e to lift up my face Ezra 9:6
e at the gardens Is 1:29
diviners will be e Mic 3:7

EMBITTERED resentful
the people were e 1 Sam 30:6
e them against the Acts 14:2

EMBRACE clasp, hug
Esau ran...and e-d Gen 33:4
e...a foreigner Prov 5:20
A time to e Eccl 3:5
ran and e-d him Luke 15:20

EMBROIDERED woven
spoil of dyed work e Judg 5:30
be led...in e work Ps 45:14

silk, and e-ed cloth Ezek 16:13
purple, e-ed work Ezek 27:16

EMERALD precious stone
ruby, topaz and e Ex 28:17
throne, like an e Rev 4:3

EMINENT renowned
nor anything e Ezek 7:11
the most e apostles 2 Cor 11:5
inferior to...e 2 Cor 12:11

EMISSION issuance
man has a seminal e Lev 15:16
nocturnal e Deut 23:10

EMMAUS
village by Jerusalem Luke 24:13

EMPOWERED authorized
e him to eat from Eccl 5:18
God has not e him Eccl 6:2

EMPTY (adj) containing nothing
Now the pit was e Gen 37:24
did not return e 2 Sam 1:22
sent widows away e Job 22:9
deceive you with e Eph 5:6
avoid...e chatter 2 Tim 2:16

EMPTY (v) remove contents
e-ing their sacks Gen 42:35
they e the house Lev 14:36
I e-led them out as Ps 18:42
therefore e their net Hab 1:17
e the golden oil Zech 4:12
but e-led Himself Phil 2:7

ENCAMP abide, lodge
the tabernacle e-s Num 1:51
and e-ed together Josh 11:5
a host e against me Ps 27:3
angel of the Lord e-s Ps 34:7

ENCIRCLE go around
entirely e-ing the sea 2 Chr 4:3
he e-d the Ophel 2 Chr 33:14
cords...have e-d me Ps 119:61
Who e yourselves with Is 50:11

ENCOMPASS surround
waves of death e 2 Sam 22:5
e-ing the walls of 1 Kin 6:5
e-ed...with bitterness Lam 3:5
Water e-ed me to the Jon 2:5

ENCOURAGE strengthen
charge Joshua and e Deut 3:28
e-d him in God 1 Sam 23:16
e them in the work Ezra 6:22
Paul was e-ing them Acts 27:33
e one another 1 Thess 5:11
e the young women Titus 2:4

ENCOURAGEMENT support
I arose to be an e Dan 11:1
God who gives...e Rom 15:5
is any e in Christ Phil 2:1
we may have strong e Heb 6:18

END (n) extremity, goal, result
e of all flesh has Gen 6:13
one e of the heavens Deut 4:32
from beginning to e 1 Sam 3:12
what is my e Job 6:11

very e-s of the earth Ps 2:8
wicked come to an e Ps 7:9
e is the way of death Prov 14:12
no e to all his labor Eccl 4:8
summer is e-ed Jer 8:20
The e is coming Ezek 7:2
who endures to...e Matt 24:13
to the e of the age Matt 28:20
kingdom...no e Luke 1:33
He loved...to the e John 13:1
Christ...e of the law Rom 10:4
beginning and the e Rev 21:6

ENDING (v) complete, stop

border e-ed at the sea Josh 15:4
words of Job are e-ed Job 31:40
days there were e-ed Acts 21:5
It e-s up being burned Heb 6:8

ENDLESS limitless

writing...is e Eccl 12:12
and e genealogies 1 Tim 1:4

ENDOW provide a gift

God has e-ed me Gen 30:20
e-ed with discretion 2 Chr 2:12
To e those who love Prov 8:21
e-ed with salvation Zech 9:9

ENDURANCE patience

in much e, in 2 Cor 6:4
you have need of e Heb 10:36
let us run with e Heb 12:1
of the e of Job James 5:11

ENDURE persevere

will be able to e Ex 18:23
that I should e Job 6:11
while the sun e-s Ps 72:5
May his name e Ps 72:17
and your name will e Is 66:22
Can your heart e Ezek 22:14
the one who has e-d Matt 10:22
who e-s to the end Mark 13:13
e-s all things 1 Cor 13:7
discipline that you e Heb 12:7
blessed who e-d James 5:11

ENEMY foe

I delivered your e-les Gen 14:20
Thine e-les perish Judg 5:31
a man finds his e 1 Sam 24:19
consider me Thine e Job 13:24
make the e...cease Ps 8:2
presence of my e-les Ps 23:5
e has persecuted my Ps 143:3
If your e is hungry Prov 25:21
kisses of an e Prov 27:6
love your e-les, and Matt 5:44
e of all righteousness Acts 13:10
e is hungry, feed Rom 12:20
e be abolished 1 Cor 15:26
an e of God James 4:4

ENGAGE be involved, betroth

virgin who is not e-d Ex 22:16
the girl who is e-d Deut 22:25
e-d in their work 1 Chr 9:33
e-d to...Joseph Luke 1:27
to e in good deeds Titus 3:8

ENGEDI

spring and town near Dead Sea
1 Sam 23:29;24:1; Song 1:14

ENGRAVE inscribe

shall e the two stones Ex 28:11
e-d on the tablets Ex 32:16
e an inscription Zech 3:9
letters e-d on stones 2 Cor 3:7

ENGRAVINGS carvings

like the e of a seal Ex 28:36
the e of a signet Ex 39:30
carved e of cherubim 1 Kin 6:29

ENGULF overwhelm, swallow

water...to e them Deut 11:4
sea e-ed their enemies Ps 78:53
She has been e-ed Jer 51:42
great deep e-ed me Jon 2:5

ENLARGE extend, increase

May God e Japheth Gen 9:27
Thou wilt e my heart Ps 119:32
Shoul has e-d its Is 5:14
He e-s his appetite Hab 2:5

ENLIGHTEN illumine

e-ing the eyes Ps 19:8
eyes...may be e-ed Eph 1:18
who have been e-ed Heb 6:4

ENMITY hostility

e Between you and Gen 3:15
had everlasting e Ezek 35:5
at e with each other Luke 23:12
sorcery, e-les, strife Gal 5:20
abolishing the e Eph 2:15

ENOCH

1 son of Cain Gen 4:17
2 Methuselah's father Gen 5:22
walked with God Gen 5:24

ENRAGE anger

e-d and curse their Is 8:21
jealousy e-s a man Prov 6:34
he became very e-d Matt 2:16
dragon was e-d with Rev 12:17

ENRICH make wealthy

king will e the 1 Sam 17:25
Thou dost greatly e Ps 65:9
You e-ed the kings Ezek 27:33

ENROLLED recorded

were e by genealogy 1 Chr 7:9
people to be e by Neh 7:5
e in heaven Heb 12:23

ENSLAVE subjugate

you have been e-d Is 14:3
e-d and mistreated Acts 7:6
if he e-s you 2 Cor 11:20
e-d to various lusts Titus 3:3

ENSNARE catch

An evil man is e-d Prov 12:13
e him who adjudicates Is 29:21

ENTANGLE ensnare

camel e-ing her ways Jer 2:23
No soldier...e-s 2 Tim 2:4
sin which...e-s us Heb 12:1

ENTER go in

you shall e the ark Gen 6:18
He e-s into judgment Job 22:4
E His gates with Ps 100:4

E the rock and hide Is 2:10
He e-s into peace Is 57:2
Spirit e-ed me and Ezek 2:2
not e the kingdom Matt 5:20
E by the narrow gate Matt 7:13
to e life crippled Matt 18:8
afraid as they e-ed Luke 9:34
e into the kingdom John 3:5
not e by the door John 10:1
shall not e My rest Heb 3:11

ENTHRONED exalt, make king

e above the cherubim 2 Sam 6:2
LORD who is e above 1 Chr 13:6
e upon the praises of Ps 22:3
who sits e from of old Ps 55:19
Who is e on high Ps 113:5

ENTICE decoy, seduce

E your husband Judg 14:15
Who will e Ahab 2 Chr 18:19
if sinners e you Prov 1:10
e-d by his own lust James 1:14
e-ing unstable souls 2 Pet 2:14

ENTRAILS inner organs

fat that covers the e Ex 29:13
e and the lobe Lev 8:16
also washed the e Lev 9:14

ENTRANCE doorway

cloud...at the e Ex 33:10
mark well the e of Ezek 44:5
stone against the e Matt 27:60
e into the eternal 2 Pet 1:11

ENTREAT appeal, ask

E the LORD that He Ex 8:8
Moses e-ed the LORD Ex 32:11
Please e the LORD 1 Kin 13:6
gain if we e Him Job 21:15
centurion...e-ing Him Matt 8:5
demons began to e Matt 8:31
they were e-ing Him Luke 8:31
I e-ed the Lord 2 Cor 12:8
e you to walk in a Eph 4:1

ENTRUST assign, commit

security e-ed to him Lev 6:2
He e-ed the vineyard Song 8:11
to whom they e-ed Luke 12:48
not e-ing Himself to John 2:24

ENVIOUS covetous

e of the arrogant Ps 73:3
not be e of evil men Prov 24:1
is your eye e Matt 20:15
And you are e James 4:2

ENVIRONS outskirts, suburbs

the e of Jerusalem Jer 32:44
devour all his e Jer 50:32
Bethlehem...its e Matt 2:16

ENVOY agent, messenger

e-s of the rulers 2 Chr 38:31
faithful e brings Prov 13:17
sent your e-s a great Is 57:9
his e-s to Egypt Ezek 17:15

ENVY (n) jealousy

full of e, murder Rom 1:29
preaching...from e Phil 1:15
out of which arise e 1 Tim 6:4

life in malice and e Titus 3:3
e and all slander 1 Pet 2:1

ENVY (v) *be discontent, jealous*
Philistines e-ied him Gen 26:14
e a man of violence Prov 3:31
not let your heart e Prov 23:17
e-ing one another Gal 5:26

EPAPHRAS
Colossian Christian Col 1:7
Col 4:12
colleague of Paul Philem 23

EPAPHRODITUS
Philippian Christian Phil 2:25
colleague of Paul Phil 4:18

EPHAH
1 bushel, measure of capacity
Lev 5:11; Num 5:15
2 swn of Midian Gen 25:4
1 Chr 1:33
3 Caleb's concubine 1 Chr 2:46
4 swn of Jahdai 1 Chr 2:47

EPHESUS
city of Asia Minor Acts 18:19
1 Cor 16:8; Rev 1:11;2:1

EPHOD
1 priestly garment Ex 28:6
1 Sam 23:9; 2 Sam 6:14
2 father of Haniel Num 34:23

EPHRAIM
1 son of Joseph Gen 41:52;48:17
2 tribe Josh 16:5; Judg 7:24
3 northern kingdom Is 7:2-17
Hos 4:17;9:3-17
4 city 2 Sam 13:23; John 11:54

EPHRAIM GATE *see*
GATES OF JERUSALEM

EPHRATH(AH)
1 Bethlehem Gen 35:19;48:7
Ruth 4:11; Mic 5:2
2 wife of Caleb 1 Chr 2:19;50
3 territory 1 Chr 2:24; Ps 132:6

EPHRON
1 a hillside Gen 23:8;50:13
2 mountain ridge Josh 15:9
3 city 2 Chr 13:19

EPICUREAN
a Greek philosophy Acts 17:18

EPOCHS *ages, seasons*
the times and the e Dan 2:21
to know times or e Acts 1:7

EQUAL *same*
or glass cannot e it Job 28:17
a man my e Ps 55:13
That I should be his e Is 40:25
have made them e Matt 20:12
Himself e with God John 5:18

EQUIP *furnish, provide*
e-ped for war Josh 4:13
e-ped for...work 2 Tim 3:17
e you in every good Heb 13:21

EQUIPMENT *implements*
the e for the service Ex 39:40
e for his chariots 1 Sam 8:12
e of a foolish Zech 11:15

EQUITY *equality, fairness*
eyes look with e Ps 17:2
hast established e Ps 99:4
justice and e Prov 1:3
e and every good Prov 2:9

ERASTUS
Corinthian Christian Acts 19:22
Rom 16:23; 2 Tim 4:20

ERROR *mistake, sin*
can discern his e-s Ps 19:12
like an e which goes Eccl 10:5
e against the LORD Is 32:6
e of unprincipled 2 Pet 3:17
the spirit of e 1 John 4:6
rushed...into the e Jude 11

ESARHADDON
Assyrian king 2 Kin 19:37
Ezra 4:2; Is 37:38

ESAU
son of Isaac Gen 25:25
twin of Jacob Gen 25:26
skillful hunter Gen 25:27
sold birthright Gen 25:34
despised Jacob Gen 27:41
reconciled with Jacob Gen 33:4

ESCAPE (n) *deliverance, refuge*
there will be no e Job 11:20
Is no e for me Ps 142:4
Let there be no e Jer 50:29
provide...e 1 Cor 10:13

ESCAPE (v) *elude*
slave who has e-d Deut 23:15
let no one e or 2 Kin 9:15
Our soul has e-d Ps 124:7
tells lies will not e Prov 19:5
how shall we e Is 20:6
nothing at all e-s Joel 2:3
had not e-d notice Luke 8:47
how shall we e if Heb 2:3
it e-s their notice 2 Pet 3:5

ESTABLISH *confirm, found*
I will e my covenant Gen 17:19
how God e-es them Job 37:15
dost e the mountains Ps 65:6
my ways may be e-ed Ps 119:5
e-ed in lovingkindness Is 16:5
to e the heavens Is 51:16
we e the Law Rom 3:31
may e your hearts 1 Thess 3:13
e-ed in the truth 2 Pet 1:12

ESTATE *domain or standard*
restore your...e Job 8:6
us in our low e Ps 136:23
squandered his e Luke 15:13

ESTEEM (n) *honor*
man of high e Dan 10:11
held them in high e Acts 5:13

ESTEEM (v) *have high regard*
I e right all Thy Ps 119:128

e-d Him stricken Is 53:4
e-d among men Luke 16:15
e them...in love 1 Thess 5:14

ESTHER
Hadassah, Hebrew name
cousin of Mordecai Esth 2:7
Persian queen Esth 2:16-18

ESTRANGED *separated*
completely e from me Job 19:13
e from my brothers Ps 69:8

ETERNAL *everlasting*
e God is a dwelling Deut 33:27
E Father, Prince of Is 9:6
An e decree Jer 5:22
cast into the e fire Matt 18:8
guilty of an e sin Mark 3:28
to inherit e life Luke 10:25
He may give e life John 17:2
gift of God is e life Rom 6:23
e weight of glory 2 Cor 4:17
with the e purpose Eph 3:11
Now to the King e 1 Tim 1:17
source of e salvation Heb 5:9
through the e Spirit Heb 9:14
kept us in e bonds Jude 6
an e gospel to preach Rev 14:6

ETERNITY *perpetuity*
set e in their heart Eccl 3:11
from e I am He Is 43:13
Jesus from all e 2 Tim 1:9
to the day of e 2 Pet 3:18

ETHIOPIA
NE African country Esth 1:1
Ps 68:31; Nah 3:9; Zeph 3:10

EUNICE
mother of Timothy 2 Tim 1:5

EUNUCH *chamberlain, official*
seven e-s who served Esth 1:10
Neither let the e say Is 56:3
children, and the e-s Jer 41:16
made e-s by men Matt 19:12
an Ethiopian e Acts 8:27

EUPHRATES
river of Mesopotamia Gen 2:14
Jer 13:5;46:10; Rev 9:14;16:12

EVANGELIST *proclaimer*
house of Philip the e Acts 21:8
and some as e-s Eph 4:11
do the work of an e 2 Tim 4:5

EVE
first woman Gen 2:22
wife of Adam Gen 2:23
deceived by serpent Gen 3:1-7
named by Adam Gen 3:20

EVENING *dusk, darkness*
cloud...from e Num 9:21
eats food before e 1 Sam 14:24
as the e offering Ps 141:2
not be idle in the e Eccl 11:6
when e had come Matt 8:16

EVENT *happening*
the e-s of the war 2 Sam 11:15
e became sin to the 1 Kin 13:34

recorded these e-s Esth 9:20
time for every e Eccl 3:1

EVERLASTING eternal

e covenant between Gen 9:16
the LORD, the E God Gen 21:33
are the e arms Deut 33:27
e to e, Thou art God Ps 60:2
lovingkindness is e Ps 106:1
From e I was Prov 8:23
The E God, the LORD Is 40:28
e name which will Is 56:5
LORD for an e light Is 60:20
loved you with an e Jer 31:3

EVIDENCE facts, testimony

the e of witnesses Num 35:30
on the e of two Deut 19:15
not able to give e Ezra 2:59
and giving e Acts 17:3

EVIDENT obvious, plain

the tares became e Matt 13:28
for God made it e Rom 1:19
work will become e 1 Cor 3:13
Law before God is e Gal 3:11
It is e that our Lord Heb 7:14

EVIL had, wicked, wrong

man's heart is e Gen 8:21
keep from every e Deut 23:9
discern good and e 2 Sam 14:17
rebellious and e city Ezra 4:12
I fear no e Ps 23:4
repay me e for good Ps 35:12
turn away from e Prov 3:7
run rapidly to e Prov 6:18
returns e for good Prov 17:13
taken away from e Is 57:1
committed two e-s Jer 2:13
deliver us from e Matt 6:13
what e has He Matt 27:23
If you then, being e Luke 11:13
who does e hates the John 3:20
Never e for e Rom 12:17
love of money is e 1 Tim 6:10
tongue restless e James 3:8

EVILDOER wicked one

LORD repay the e 2 Sam 3:39
e-s will be cut off Ps 37:9
e listens to wicked Prov 17:4
Offspring of e-s Is 1:4
is godless and an e Is 9:17
depart you e-s Luke 13:27
punishment of e-s 1 Pet 2:14

EVIL-MERODACH

king of Babylon 2 Kin 25:27
Jer 52:31

EWES female sheep

seven e lambs Gen 21:28
e lamb without Lev 14:10
poor man's e lamb 2 Sam 12:4
e-s with suckling Ps 78:71
like a flock of e-s Song 6:6

EXACT (adj) certain, correct

e amount of money Esth 4:7
e meaning of all this Dan 7:16
know the e truth Luke 1:4
a more e knowledge Acts 24:22

EXACT (v) collect

let him e a fifth Gen 41:34
he shall not e it Deut 15:2
He e-ed the silver 2 Kin 23:25
You are e-ing usury Neh 5:7
e a tribute of grain Amos 5:11

EXALT extol, honor, lift

He is highly e-ed Ex 15:1
e-ed be God 2 Sam 22:47
He is e-ed in power Job 7:23
let us e His name Ps 34:3
e-ed far above all gods Ps 97:9
city is e-ed Prov 11:11
my God, I will e Thee Is 25:1
E that which is low Ezek 21:26
humbles be e-ed Matt 23:12
e-ed to right hand Acts 2:33
he e-ed in my body Phil 1:20
He will e you James 4:10

EXAMINE investigate, search

Thou dost e him every Job 7:15
E me, O LORD, and try Ps 26:2
e my heart's attitude Jer 12:1
e-ing the Scriptures Acts 17:11
e-ed by scourging Acts 22:24
a man e himself 1 Cor 11:28

EXAMPLE model, pattern

the e of his father 2 Chr 17:3
I gave you an e John 13:15
e of those who 1 Tim 4:12
e of disobedience Heb 4:11
be e-s to the flock 1 Pet 5:3
made them an e 2 Pet 2:6

EXCEL be superior

e in wickedness Jer 5:28
wisdom e-s folly Eccl 2:13
you may e more 1 Thes 4:1

EXCELLENCE perfection

greatness of Thine e Ex 15:7
are a woman of e Ruth 3:11
if there is any e Phil 4:8
proclaim the e-les of 1 Pet 2:9

EXCELLENT outstanding

e wife is the crown Prov 12:4
E speech is not Prov 17:7
He has done e things Is 12:5
e governor Felix Acts 23:26
e still more e way 1 Cor 12:31
a more e name Heb 1:4

EXCESS too much

he had no e Ex 16:18
are in e among them Num 3:46
same e of dissipation 1 Pet 4:4

EXCHANGE trade, transfer

shall e u for money Deut 14:25
they e-d their glory Ps 106:20
shall not sell or e Ezek 48:14
e-d the truth of God Rom 1:25

EXCLUDE refuse to admit

e-d from assembly Ezra 10:8
e-d all foreigners Neh 13:3
e you for My name's Is 66:5
e-d from the life of Eph 4:18

EXCUSE justification

began to make e-s Luke 14:18
no e for their sin John 15:22
they are without e Rom 1:20

EXECUTE carry out

e-d the justice of Deut 33:21
He has e-d judgment Ps 9:16
e vengeance on the Ps 149:7
Lord will e His word Rom 9:28
e judgment upon all Jude 15

EXERCISE perform

man has e-d authority Eccl 8:9
e-s lovingkindness Jer 9:24
e authority over Matt 20:25
e-s self-control in all 1 Cor 9:25

EXHAUSTED used up, wearied

wound asleep and e Judg 4:21
thou e to follow 1 Sam 30:21
of flour was not e 1 Kin 17:16
Their strength is e Jer 51:30

EXHORT admonish, urge

and kept on e-ing Acts 2:40
e, with patience 2 Tim 4:2
e in sound doctrine Titus 1:9
e and reprove Titus 2:15
e-ing and testifying 1 Pet 5:12

EXHORTATION urging

with many other e-s Luke 3:18
given them much e Acts 20:2
who exhorts in his e Rom 12:8
this word of e Heb 13:22

EXILE banishment or capture

Israel away into e 2 Kin 17:6
people of the e were Ezra 4:1
captivity of the e-s Neh 7:6
into e from Jerusalem Esth 2:6
e will soon be set free Is 51:14
Israel went into e Ezek 39:23

EXIST be, live, occur

they had never e-ed Obad 16
Strife e-s and Hab 1:3
live and move and e Acts 17:28
authority, which e Rom 13:1

EXODUS departure

e of Israel Heb 11:22

EXPANSE firmament, vastness

e of the heavens Gen 1:20
e of the waters Job 37:10
in His mighty e Ps 150:1
from above the e Ezek 1:25

EXPECT await

never e-ed to see Gen 48:11
e-ed good, then evil Job 30:26
which we did not e Is 64:3
lend, e-ing nothing Luke 6:35

EXPECTATION anticipation

to my earnest e Phil 1:20
e of judgment Heb 10:27
your e is false Job 41:9
e of the wicked Prov 10:28

EXPECTED awaited

Are You the E One Matt 11:3
Are You the E One Luke 7:20

EXPERIENCE *undergo*

all who had not e-d Judg 3:1
Thy people e hardship Ps 60:3
e-s Thy judgments Is 26:9
e-d mockings and Heb 11:36

EXPERT *very skillful*

an e in warfare 2 Sam 17:8
be like an e warrior Jer 50:9
an e in all customs Acts 26:3

EXPLAIN *make clear*

no one who could e Gen 41:24
he did not e to her 2 Chr 9:2
e its interpretation Dan 5:7
E the parable to us Matt 15:15
e-ing the Scriptures Luke 24:32
e-ed to him the way Acts 18:26

EXPOSE *disclose, reveal*

shame, be e-d Is 47:3
He will e your sins Lam 4:22
deeds should be e-d John 3:20
would e their infants Acts 7:19
are e-d by the light Eph 5:13

EXTEND *enlarge, stretch out*

God e-s border Deut 12:20
e-ed lovingkindness Ezra 7:28
e-s her hand to the Prov 31:20
I e peace to her Is 66:12
boundary shall e Ezek 47:17

EXTENT *amount or degree*

the e of my days Ps 39:4
e that you did it to Matt 25:40
such an e that Jesus Mark 1:45

EXTERMINATE *destroy*

planned to e us 2 Sam 21:5
He will e its sinners Is 13:9

EXTERNAL *outward*

not with e service Col 3:22
adornment be...e 1 Pet 3:3

EXTINGUISH *put out*

they will e my coal 2 Sam 14:7
not e the lamp of 2 Sam 21:17
my days are e-ed Job 17:1
when I e you Ezek 32:7
e all the flaming Eph 6:16

EXTOL *praise*

God, and I will e Him Ex 15:2
I will e Thee, O LORD Ps 30:1
I will e Thee, my God Ps 145:1
We will e your love Song 1:4

EXTORTION *stealing*

practicing...e Jer 22:17
practiced e, robbed Ezek 18:18

EXTRAORDINARY *exceptional*

will bring e plagues Deut 28:59
His e work Is 28:21
insight, and e wisdom Dan 5:14
e miracles by Acts 19:11
showed us e kindness Acts 28:2

EXULT *rejoice*

heart e-s in the LORD 1 Sam 2:1
Let the field e 1 Chr 16:32
e-ed when evil befell Job 31:29
let them e before God Ps 68:3

I will e in the LORD Hab 3:18
e in our tribulations Rom 5:3

EXULTATION *jubilation*

e like the nations Hos 9:1
joy or crown of e 1 Thess 2:19
may rejoice with e 1 Pet 4:13

EYE *sight*

e-s are dull from Gen 49:12
e for e, tooth for Ex 21:24
be as e-s for us Num 10:31
his e was not dim Deut 34:7
right in his own e-s Judg 17:6
open his e-s that he 2 Kin 6:17
e-s of the LORD move 2 Chr 16:9
was e-s to the blind Job 29:15
e-s...look to Thee Ps 145:15
Haughty e-s, a lying Prov 6:17
e...mocks a father Prov 30:17
e is not satisfied Eccl 1:8
To open blind e-s Is 42:7
e-s will bitterly weep Jer 13:17
have e-s to see but Ezek 12:2
Thine e-s...too pure Hab 1:13
e for an e, and a Matt 5:38
e...you to stumble Matt 18:9
lamp...is your e Luke 11:34
the clay to his e-s John 9:6
which e has not seen 1 Cor 2:9
e-s of your heart may Eph 1:18
e-s full of adultery 2 Pet 2:14
the lust of the e-s 1 John 2:16
God, who has e-s like Rev 2:18
His e-s are a flame Rev 19:12

EYEWITNESSES *observers*

e...of the word Luke 1:2
e of His majesty 2 Pet 1:16

EZEKIEL

Hebrew prophet Ezek 1:1
called by God Ezek 1:1,3
taken captive Ezek 33:21
spoke to Israel Ezek 14:24
spoke to false prophets Ezek 34
spoke to nations Ezek 35,38
restored temple Ezek 40-46

EZION-GEBER

on gulf of Aqabah 1 Kin 9:26
1 Kin 22:48
near Elath/Eloth Deut 2:8
2 Chr 8:17

EZRA

priest Ezra 7:1-5
scribe Ezra 7:6
sent by king Ezra 7:14,21
brought exiles Ezra 8:1-14
Nehemiah's colleague Neh 8:2-6

F

FACE *countenance*

sweat of your f You Gen 3:19
Abram fell on his f Gen 17:3
speak to Moses f to f Ex 33:11
skin of his f shone Ex 34:30
make His f shine Num 6:25

hide Thy f from me Ps 13:1
Who seek Thy f Ps 24:4
His f to shine upon us Ps 67:1
f of Thine anointed Ps 84:9
makes a cheerful f Prov 15:13
set My f against you Jer 44:11
had the f of an eagle Ezek 1:10
Each...had four f-s Ezek 10:8
fast...wash your f Matt 6:17
they spat in His f Matt 26:67
like the f of an angel Acts 6:15
natural f in a mirror James 1:23
His f was like the sun Rev 1:16

FACT *truth*

f may be confirmed Matt 18:16
are undeniable f-s Acts 19:36
f is to be confirmed 2 Cor 13:1

FACTIONS *divisions*

be f among you 1 Cor 11:19
dissensions, f Gal 5:20

FADE *wither*

it f-s, and withers Ps 90:6
people, f away Is 24:4
rich man...will f James 1:11
will not f away 1 Pet 1:4

FAIL *be spent or fall short*

He will not f you Deut 4:31
none of his words f 1 Sam 3:19
no man's heart f 1 Sam 17:32
not one word...f-ed 1 Kin 8:56
my strength f-s me Ps 38:10
the olive should f Hab 3:17
faith may not f Luke 22:32
Love never f-s 1 Cor 13:8

FAINT *languish, swoon*

has made my heart f Job 23:16
soul f-ed within Ps 107:5
grow f before Me Is 57:16
I was f-ing away Jon 2:7
men f-ing from fear Luke 21:26
f when...reproved Heb 12:5

FAINTHEARTED *weak*

Do not be f Deut 20:3
encourage the f 1 Thess 5:14

FAIR HAVENS

harbor in Crete Acts 27:8

FAITH *believe, trust*

because you broke f Deut 32:51
Will you have f Job 39:12
Who keeps f forever Ps 146:6
will live by his f Hab 2:4
Jesus seeing their f Matt 9:2
f as a mustard seed Matt 17:20
Your f has saved you Luke 7:50
Increase our f Luke 17:5
your f may not fail Luke 22:32
man full of f Acts 6:5
of f to the Gentiles Acts 14:27
sanctified by f in Me Acts 26:18
justified by f Rom 5:1
f...from hearing Rom 10:17
if I have all f 1 Cor 13:2
your f also is vain 1 Cor 15:14
we walk by f 2 Cor 5:7
live by f in the Son Gal 2:20
saved through f Eph 2:8

Lord, one f Eph 4:5
in the f Phil 1:25
ability of your f Col 2:5
plate of f 1 Thess 5:8
not all have f 2 Thess 3:2
away from the f 1 Tim 4:1
duct, love, f 1 Tim 4:12
y upset the f 2 Tim 2:18
and in the f Titus 1:13
wing all good f Titus 2:10
assurance of f Heb 10:22
f Enoch was taken Heb 11:5
fector of f Heb 12:2
in f James 1:6
ver offered in f James 5:15
er of God, f 1 Pet 1:5
f of the saints Rev 13:10

TRUTHFUL, loyal, trustworthy
f God, who keeps Deut 7:9
to, a f priest 1 Sam 2:35
not f before Thee Neh 9:8
ad preserves the f Ps 31:23
mandments f Ps 119:86
itness will not lie Prov 14:5
f LORD who is f Is 49:7
all done f Matt 23:23
d is f 1 Cor 1:9
He who calls 1 Thess 5:24
considered me f 1 Tim 1:12
rust to f men 2 Tim 2:2
is to a f Creator 1 Pet 4:19
is f to forgive 1 John 1:9
f until death Rev 2:10
f and True Rev 19:11

TRUTHFULNESS loyalty
fness and f Gen 47:29
f of f Deut 32:4
f known Thy f Ps 89:1
f all generations Ps 100:5
f mercy and f Matt 23:23
f the f of God Rom 3:3
fness, goodness, f Gal 5:22

TRUTHLESS unbelieving
f Israel did Jer 3:6
f daughter Jer 31:22
f heart is f Hos 10:2
we are f 2 Tim 2:13

TRUST, descend or fall
pp sleep to f upon Gen 2:21
fices let them f Ps 5:10
am ready to f Ps 38:17
ad, had f-on Ps 105:38
fled will f Prov 11:5
fghteous man f-s Prov 24:16
fether a tree f-s Eccl 11:3
fynian will f Is 31:8
fylon has f-on Jer 51:8
fown and worship Dan 3:5
f f into a pit Matt 15:14
f on his knees Mark 1:40
f may f I will Mark 14:20
fointed for the f Luke 2:34
fching Satan f Luke 10:18
fse divided... f-s Luke 11:17
fng headlong Acts 1:18
fmed and f short Rom 3:83
fve f-on asleep 1 Cor 15:6
f from grace Gal 5:4

rich f into temptation 1 Tim 6:9
rocks, F on us Rev 6:16

FALLOW unproductive
rest and lie f Ex 23:11
f ground of the poor Prov 13:23
FALSE deceitful, dishonest
not bear a f report Ex 23:1
I hate every f way Ps 119:104
But a f witness Prov 12:17
f witness will not go Prov 19:5
f scale is not good Prov 20:23
F and foolish visions Lam 2:14
And tell f dreams Zech 10:2
not bear f witness Matt 19:18
f Christs and f Matt 24:24
men are f apostles 2 Cor 11:13
the f circumcision Phil 3:2
and the f prophet Rev 20:10

FALSEHOOD deception
lifted up his soul to f Ps 24:4
delight in f Ps 62:4
I hate and despise f Ps 119:163
Bread obtained by f Prov 20:17
trusted in f Jer 13:25
prophesying f in My Jer 14:14
laying aside f Eph 4:25

FAME greatness
heard of Thy f Num 14:15
Joshua, and his f Josh 6:27
the f of Solomon 1 Kin 10:1
heard My f Is 66:19
f in the things of 2 Cor 8:18

FAMILY household, relatives
f-les from the ark Gen 8:19
all the f-les of Gen 12:3
f may redeem him Lev 25:49
f-les of the Levites Num 3:20
my f is the least Judg 6:15
f-les like a flock Ps 107:41
God of all the f-les Jer 31:1
f-les of the earth Amos 3:2
every f in heaven Eph 3:15
upsetting whole f-les Titus 1:11

FAMINE shortage of food
a f in the land Gen 12:10
seven years of f Gen 41:27
If there is f 2 Chr 6:28
In f He will redeem Job 5:20
keep them alive in f Ps 33:19
f and pestilence Jer 14:12
f and wild beasts Ezek 5:17
f-s and earthquakes Matt 24:7
plagues and f-s Luke 21:11
Now a f came Acts 7:11
mourning and f Rev 18:8

FAMISHED hungry, parched
for I am f Gen 25:30
strength is f Job 18:12
honorable men are f Is 5:13

FAMOUS well-known
f in Bethlehem Ruth 4:11
men of valor, f men 1 Chr 5:24

FAR distant
f from a false charge Ex 23:7
come from a f country Josh 9:6

Be not f from me Ps 22:11
f above all gods Ps 97:9
As f as the east Ps 103:12
LORD is f from the Prov 15:29
a God f off Jer 23:23
heart is f away from Matt 15:8
f from the kingdom Mark 12:34
glory f beyond all 2 Cor 4:17
f above all rule Eph 1:21

FARM agricultural land
consume the f land Amos 7:4
one to his own f Matt 22:5
or f-s, for My sake Mark 10:29

FARMER husbandman
Does the f plow Is 28:24
will be your f-s Is 61:5
f-s put to shame Jer 14:4
the f to mourning Amos 5:16

FASHION create, form
f-ed into a woman Gen 2:22
f us in the womb Job 31:15
He who f-s the hearts Ps 33:15
f a graven image Is 44:9
I am f-ing calamity Jer 18:11

FAST (n) food abstinence
Proclaim a f 1 Kin 21:9
you call this a f Is 58:5
Consecrate a f Joel 1:14
f was already over Acts 27:9

FAST (v) abstain from food
and David f-ed 2 Sam 12:16
maldens also will f Esth 4:16
you f for contention Is 38:4
had f-ed forty days Matt 4:2
whenever you f Matt 6:16
disciples do not f Mark 2:18
f f twice a week Luke 18:12
had f-ed and prayed Acts 13:3

FASTING food abstinence
times of f Esth 9:31
weak from f Ps 109:24
be seen f by men Matt 6:16
by prayer and f Matt 17:21
Pharisees were f Mark 2:18

FAT animal fat or obese
f of the land Gen 45:18
shall not eat any f Lev 7:23
Cu, eat of the f Neh 8:10
their body is f Ps 73:4
Good news puts f Prov 15:30

FATE destiny
appalled at his f Job 18:20
one f befalls them Eccl 2:14
f for the righteous Eccl 9:2
one f for all men Eccl 9:3

FATHER God or parent
leave his f...mother Gen 2:24
f of a multitude Gen 17:4
Honor your f Ex 20:12
who strikes his f Ex 21:15
iniquity of the f-s Deut 5:9
Is not his your F Deut 32:6
your f-s instruction Prov 1:8
son makes a f glad Prov 10:1
Eternal F, Prince of Is 9:6

all have one f Mal 2:10
F who sees in secret Matt 6:4
 Our **F** who art in Matt 6:9
 does the will of My **F** Matt 7:21
 in My **F**'s kingdom Matt 26:29
 in the glory of His **F** Mark 8:38
 be in My **F**'s house Luke 2:49
F, hallowed be Thy Luke 11:2
F, forgive them Luke 23:34
 begotten from the **F** John 1:14
 my **F**'s house a John 2:16
F...bears witness John 8:18
 the f of lies John 8:44
 I and the **F** are one John 10:30
 In My **F**'s house are John 14:2
F is the vinedresser John 15:1
 ask the **F** for John 16:23
 I ascend to My **F** John 20:17
 one God and **F** of all Eph 4:6

FATHER-IN-LAW

she sent to her f Gen 38:25
 returned to Jethro his f Ex 4:18
 his f, the girl's Judg 19:4
 f of Caiaphas John 18:13

FATHERLESS orphan

father of the f Ps 68:5
 He supports the f Ps 146:9
 fields of the f Prov 23:10
 f and the widow Ezek 22:7

FATLING young lamb or kid

sacrificed...a f 2 Sam 6:13
 f-s...in abundance 1 Kin 1:19
 f-s of Bashan Ezek 39:18

FATNESS abundance

f of the earth Gen 27:28
 Shall I leave my f Judg 9:9
 satisfied as with...f Ps 63:5
 eye bulges from f Ps 73:7

FAULT error, offense

found no f in him 1 Sam 29:3
 let no one find f Hos 4:4
 does He still find f Rom 9:19
 grumblers, finding f Jude 16

FAVOR kind regard

Noah found f Gen 6:8
 I will grant...f Ex 3:21
 show no f to them Deut 7:2
 Why have I found f Ruth 2:10
 surround him with f Ps 5:12
 show f to Thy land Ps 85:1
 obtains f from the LORD Prov 8:35
 f is like a cloud Prov 16:15
 found f with God Luke 1:30
 in f with God and Luke 2:52
 seeking the f of men Gal 1:10

FEAR (n) awe, dread, reverence

no f of God in Gen 20:11
 f of the LORD is clean Ps 19:9
 f...is the beginning Ps 111:10
 afraid of sudden f Prov 3:25
 f...prolongs life Prov 10:27
 f of man brings a Prov 29:25
 they cried out for f Matt 14:26
 guards shook for f Matt 28:4
 men fainting from f Luke 21:26
 for f of the Jews John 7:13

no f of God before Rom 3:18
 in weakness and in f 1 Cor 2:3
 knowing the f of the 2 Cor 5:11
 with f and trembling Eph 6:5
 through f of death Heb 2:15
 love casts out f 1 John 4:18

FEAR (v) be afraid, revere

the midwives f-ed God Ex 1:21
 Moses said...Do not f Ex 14:13
 may learn to f Me Deut 4:10
 not f other gods 2 Kin 17:37
 I f no evil Ps 23:4
 Whom shall I f Ps 27:1
 not f evil tidings Ps 112:7
 who f-s the LORD Prov 31:30
 Rather, f God Eccl 5:7
 Take courage, f not Is 35:4
 Do not f, for I am Is 41:10
 shall f and tremble Jer 33:9
 do not f them Matt 10:26
 f-ed the multitude Matt 14:5
 who did not f God Luke 18:2
 slavery leading to f Rom 8:15
 I f for you Gal 4:11
 let us f lest Heb 4:1

FEARFUL terrifying

It is a f thing Ex 34:10
 were f and amazed Luke 8:25
 may be f of stunning 1 Tim 5:20

FEAST celebration

a f to the LORD Ex 12:14
 godless jesters at a f Ps 35:16
 hate...appointed f-s Is 1:14
 and cheerful f-s Zech 8:19
 refuse of your f-s Mal 2:3
 a wedding f Matt 22:2
 seeking Him at the f John 7:11
 celebrate the f 1 Cor 5:8
 f with you without Jude 12

FEASTS

1 **Feast of Booths** Lev 23:24
 Deut 16:16; 2 Chr 8:13
also Feast of Ingathering
 2 **Feast of Dedication**
 John 10:22
 3 **Feast of Harvest** Ex 23:16
also Feast of Weeks
also Feast of Pentecost
 4 **Feast of Ingathering**
 Ex 23:16
also Feast of Booths
 5 **Feast of Passover** Ex 34:25
 Luke 2:41
 6 **Feast of Unleavened Bread**
 Ex 23:15; Luke 22:1
 7 **Feast of Weeks** Ex 34:22
 Deut 16:10,16
also Feast of Harvest
also Feast of Pentecost
 8 **Feast of Pentecost**
 Acts 2:1,20; 1 Cor 16:8
also Feast of Harvest
also Feast of Weeks

FEEBLE weak

when the flock was f Gen 30:42
 What are these f Jews Neh 4:2
 strengthen the f Is 35:3
 knees that are f Heb 12:12

FEED eat, supply

fed you with manna Deut 8:3
 f him sparingly 1 Kin 22:27
F me with the food Prov 30:8
 He f-s on ashes Is 44:20
 f you on knowledge Jer 3:15
 He fed me this scroll Ezek 3:2
 I will f My flock Ezek 34:15
 dogs f on the Matt 15:27
 hungry, and f You Matt 25:37
 fed the crumbs Luke 16:21
 enemy is hungry, f Rom 12:20

FEEEL sense, touch

I may f you, my son Gen 27:21
 Isaac felt him and Gen 27:22
 Let me f the pillars Judg 16:26
 He felt compassion Matt 9:36
 she felt...was healed Mark 5:29
 Jesus felt a love for Mark 10:21
 f-ing a sense of awe Acts 2:43
 f sensual desires 1 Tim 5:11

FELIX

Roman procurator Acts 23:26
 Acts 24:25,25 14

FELL collapse, come upon

wall f down flat Josh 6:20
 fire of the LORD f 1 Kin 18:38
 the lot f on Jonah Jon 1:7
 seeds f beside the Matt 13:4
 He f-asleep Luke 8:23
 he f to the ground Acts 9:4
 Holy Spirit f upon Acts 10:44
 star f from heaven Rev 8:10

FELLOW companion

oil of joy above Thy f-s Ps 45:7
 your f exiles Ezek 11:15
 beat his f slaves Matt 24:49
 f heirs with Christ Rom 8:17
 f citizens with the Eph 2:19
 Gentiles are f heirs Eph 3:6
 brother and f worker Phil 2:25
 f worker in the 1 Thess 3:2
 I am a f servant of Rev 22:9 1

FELLOWSHIP companionship

had sweet f together Ps 55:14
 f...Holy Spirit 2 Cor 13:14
 right hand of f Gal 2:9
 f of His sufferings Phil 3:10
 f is with the Father 1 John 1:3
 f with one another 1 John 1:7

FEMALE girl, woman

and f He created Gen 1:27
 a f slave Ex 21:7
 f from the flock Lev 5:6
 likeness of male or f Deut 4:16
 neither male nor f Gal 3:28

FERTILE productive

a f land Neh 9:25
 the f valley Is 28:4
 in f soil Ezek 17:5

FERVENT ardent

being f in Spirit Acts 18:25
 f in spirit, serving Rom 12:11
 keep f in your love 1 Pet 4:8

FESTIVAL celebration

celebrate a great f Neh 8:12
I reject your f-s Amos 5:21
Turn your f-s into Amos 8:10
during the f, lest Matt 26:5

FESTUS, PORCIUS

Roman procurator of Judea
Acts 25 14, 23, 26 25

FETTERS chains

your feet put in f 2 Sam 3:34
they are bound in f Job 36:8
tear their f apart Ps 2:3
with f of iron Ps 149:8
he would burst his f Luke 8:29

FEVER inflammation

bones burn with f Job 30:30
in bed with a f Matt 9:14
from a high f Luke 4:38
He rebuked the f Luke 4:39
the f left him John 4:52

FIELD production land

hail struck the f Ex 9:25
let me go to the f Ruth 2:2
 glean in another f Ruth 2:8
 of the sluggard Prov 24:30
 Zion plowed as a f Jer 26:18
 the lilies of the f Matt 6:28
 the f is the world Matt 13:38
 shepherds in the f-s Luke 2:8
 Two men in the f Luke 17:36
 f-s white for John 4:35
 F of Blood Acts 1:19

FERCE violent

anger, for it is f Gen 49:7
Wrath is f Prov 27:4
see a f people Is 33:19
in f gale of wind Mark 4:37
scorched with f heat Rev 16:9
f wrath of God Rev 19:15

FERCENESS intensity

f of His anger Josh 7:26
the f of battle Is 42:25

FERY burning

flaming serpents Num 21:6
with f heat Deut 28:22
His arrows f shafts Ps 7:13
f ordeal among you 1 Pet 4:12

FIC fruit

they sowed f leaves Gen 3:7
But the f tree said Judg 9:11
in piece of f cake 1 Sam 30:12
nor f-s from thistles Matt 7:16
the f tree withered Matt 21:19
f-s from thorns Luke 6:44
under the f tree John 1:48
Can a f tree James 3:12

FIGHT struggle

Hebrews were f-ing Ex 2:13
LORD will f for you Ex 14:14
fought for Israel Josh 10:14
stars fought from Judg 5:20
and f our battles 1 Sam 8:20
f for our brothers Neh 4:14
f-ing against God Acts 5:30

fought the good f 2 Tim 4:7
so you f and quarrel James 4:2

FIGURATIVE metaphorical

in f language John 16:25

FIGURE shape, type

f-s resembling four Ezek 1:5
f of a man Ezek 1:26
using a f of speech John 16:29

FILIGREE ornamental work

f writings of gold Ex 25:13
cords on the two f Ex 25:25

FILL (n) satisfaction

eat your f Lev 25:19
They drink their f Ps 36:8
drink our f of love Prov 7:18
its f of their blood Jer 46:10

FILL (v) make full

and f the earth Gen 1:28
f-ed with violence Gen 6:11
Can you f his skin Job 41:7
was f-ing with smoke Is 6:4
I am f-ed with power Mic 3:8
hall was f-ed Matt 22:10
God of hope f you Rom 15:13

FILTHY offensive

are full of f vomit Is 28:9
like a f garment Is 64:6
clothed f garments Zach 3:3
let the one who is f Rev 22:11

FILTHINESS disgustingly foul

not washed his f Prov 30:12
your f is lewdness Ezek 24:13
no f and silly talk Eph 5:4
putting aside all f James 1:21

FIND discover, uncover

not found a helper Gen 2:20
But Noah found favor Gen 6:9
sin will f you out Num 32:23
that you may f rest Ruth 1:9
he who f-s me f-s life Prov 8:35
who f-s a wife f-s Prov 19:22
f gladness and joy Is 35:10
few who f it Matt 7:14
has found his life Matt 10:36
f rest for your souls Matt 11:29
f-ing one pearl Matt 13:46
f a colt tied Mark 11:2
found sleeping Mark 14:40
seek, and you shall f Luke 11:9
found the Messiah John 1:41
was found worthy Rev 3:4

FINGER part of hand

the f of God Ex 9:19
dip his f in the blood Lev 4:6
six f-s on each 2 Sam 21:20
twenty-four f-s and 1 Chr 20:6
tip of his f in water Luke 16:24
with His f wrote John 9:6
Reach here your f John 20:27

FINISH complete

Moses f-ed the work Ex 40:33
Solomon f-ed the 2 Chr 7:11
It is f-ed John 19:30
I may f my course Acts 20:24

f doing it also 2 Cor 8:11
wrath of God is f-ed Rev 15:1

FINS part of fish

that have f and scales Lev 11:9
anything that has f Deut 14:9

FIR tree, wood

instruments of f 2 Sam 6:5
He plants a f Is 44:14

FIRE burning or flame

the f and the knife Gen 22:6
bush burning with f Ex 3:2
pillar of f by night Ex 13:21
offered strange f Num 3:4
f of the LORD fell 1 Km 18:38
a chariot of f 2 Km 2:11
jealousy burn like f Ps 79:5
Israel will become a f Is 10:17
Is not My word like f Jer 23:29
the Holy Spirit and f Matt 3:11
with unquenchable f Matt 3:12
tongues as of f Acts 2:3
like that burns with f Rev 21:9

FIREBRAND burning wood

who throws f-s Prov 26:18
you were like a f Amos 4:11

FIREPAN used in worship

a f full of coals Lev 16:12
the f-s of pure gold 2 Chr 4:22

FIRM establish, steadfast

his bow remained f Gen 49:24
stood f on dry ground Josh 3:17
making my footsteps f Ps 40:2
He made f the stone Prov 8:26
stand f in the last 1 Cor 16:13
f foundation of God 2 Tim 2:19
hope f until the end Heb 3:6

FIRST number

f fruits of your labors Ex 23:16
f of all your produce Prov 3:9
seek f His kingdom Matt 6:33
f take the log out Matt 7:5
f will be last Matt 19:30
f called Christians Acts 11:26
to the Jew f Rom 2:10
f fruits of the Spirit Rom 8:23
He f loved us 1 John 4:19
I am the f and the Rev 1:17
left your f love Rev 2:4
f things have passed Rev 21:4

FIRST-BORN oldest

Sidon, his f Gen 10:15
the f bore a son Gen 19:37
I am Esau your f Gen 27:19
LORD killed every f Ex 13:15
birth to her f son Luke 2:7
church of the f Heb 12:23
f of the dead Rev 1:5

FIRST GATE see**GATES OF JERUSALEM****FISH**

rule over the f Gen 1:26
Thou f stink Is 30:2
a great f to swallow Jon 1:17
leaves and two f Matt 14:17

snake instead of a f Luke 11:11
 net full of f John 21:8

FISH GATE *see*
GATES OF JERUSALEM

FISHERMEN *fishers*
 f will lament Is 19:8
 for they were f Matt 4:18
 the f had gotten out Luke 5:2

FISHERS *fishermen*
 make you f of men Matt 4:19
 become f of men Mark 1:17

FIT *be suitable, worthy*
 f to remove His Matt 3:11
 f for the kingdom Luke 9:62
 f to be apostle 1 Cor 15:9
 body, being f-ed Eph 4:16
 f-ting in the Lord Col 3:18

FIX *make firm, secure*
 I will f your boundary Ex 23:31
 f-ed her hope on God 1 Tim 5:5
 f-ting eyes on Jesus Heb 12:2
 f your hope 1 Pet 1:13

FIXED *established*
 the f festivals 1 Chr 23:31
 f order of the moon Jer 31:35
 is a great chasm f Luke 16:26

FLAME *fire*
 ascended in the f Judg 13:20
 f the wicked Ps 106:18
 f of the LORD Song 8:6
 his Holy One a f Is 10:17
 crackling of a f Joel 2:5
 f of a burning thorn Acts 7:30
 eyes are a f of fire Rev 19:12

FLAMING *burning*
 the f sword Gen 3:24
 f fire by night Is 4:5
 eyes were like f Dan 10:6
 angels in a f fire 2 Thess 1:7

FLASH *reflect, sparkle*
 why do your eyes f Job 15:12
 lightning was f-ing Ezek 1:13
 Polished to f like Ezek 21:10
 He who f-es forth Amos 5:9
 light suddenly f-ed Acts 22:6

FLASK *utensil*
 take this f of oil 2 Kin 9:1
 took oil in f-s Matt 25:4

FLATTER
 Nor f any man Job 32:21
 f with their tongue Ps 5:9
 adulteress who f-s Prov 2:16
 who f-s his neighbor Prov 29:5

FLAX *plant*
 the f was in bud Ex 9:31
 looks for wool and f Prov 31:13
 made from combed f Is 19:9

FLEE *escape, run away*
 arise, f to Haran Gen 27:43
 F as a bird Ps 11:1
 f from Thy presence Ps 139:7

rulers have fled Is 22:3
 f to Egypt Matt 2:13
 left Him and fled Matt 26:56
 fled from the tomb Mark 16:8
 f from idolatry 1 Cor 10:14
 f from youthful lusts 2 Tim 2:22
 and heaven fled Rev 20:11

FLEECE *wool*
 put a f of wool Judg 6:37
 dry only on the f Judg 6:39
 warmed with the f Job 31:20

FLEET *group of ships*
 Solomon built a f 1 Kin 9:26
 sent with the f 1 Kin 9:27

FLESH *body, meat*
 f of my f Gen 2:23
 shall become one f Gen 2:24
 from my f I shall see Job 19:26
 heart and my f sing Ps 84:2
 All f is grass Is 40:6
 the f is weak Matt 26:41
 spirit not have f Luke 24:39
 the Word became f John 1:14
 born of the f is f John 3:6
 who eats My f John 6:56
 children of the f Rom 9:8
 thorn in the f 2 Cor 12:7
 desires of the f Eph 2:3
 polluted by the f Jude 23
 filled with their f Rev 18:21

FLESHLY *carnal*
 not in f wisdom 2 Cor 1:12
 His f body Col 1:22
 abstain from f lusts 1 Pet 2:11

FLIES *insects*
 sent swarms of f Ps 78:45
 swarm of f and gnats Ps 105:31
 Dead f make a Eccl 10:1

FLIGHT *departure*
 F will perish from Amos 2:14
 f may not be in Matt 24:20
 foreign armies to f Heb 11:34

FLINT *stone*
 Zipporah took a f Ex 4:25
 f into a fountain Ps 114:8
 hoofs seem like f Is 5:28
 emery harder than f Ezek 3:9
 hearts like f Zech 7:12

FLOCK *goats, sheep*
 a keeper of f-s Gen 4:2
 water their father's f Ex 2:16
 Thy people like a f Ps 77:20
 He will tend His f Is 40:11
 scattered My f Jer 23:2
 over their f by night Luke 2:8
 shall become one f John 10:16
 f of God among you 1 Pet 5:2

FLOOD *overflowing of water*
 I am bringing the f Gen 6:17
 f came upon the earth Gen 7:17
 end with a f Dan 9:26
 the f-s came Matt 7:25
 f destroyed Luke 17:27

FLOOR *ground*
 threshing f of Atad Gen 50:11
 go down to the f Ruth 3:3
 the f with gold 1 Kin 6:30
 f-s full of grain Joel 2:24
 His threshing f Matt 3:12
 fell from the third f Acts 20:9

FLOUR *ground grain*
 measures of fine f Gen 18:6
 only a handful of f 1 Kin 17:12
 f not exhausted 1 Kin 17:16

FLOURISH *blossom, thrive*
 may the righteous f Ps 72:7
 who did iniquity f-ed Ps 92:7
 your bones shall f Is 66:14
 make the dry tree f Ezek 17:24

FLOW *pour forth*
 river f-ed out of Eden Gen 2:10
 f-ing with milk and Ex 3:8
 eyelids f with water Jer 9:18
 hills will f with milk Joel 3:18
 f of her blood Mark 5:29
 f living waters John 7:38

FLOWER *blossom*
 As a f of the field Ps 103:15
 f-s have already Song 2:12
 to the fading f Is 28:1
 glory like the f 1 Pet 1:24

FLUTE *musical instrument*
 tambourine, f, and 1 Sam 10:5
 playing on f-s 1 Kin 1:40
 the f or on the harp 1 Cor 14:7
 musicians, f-players Rev 18:22

FLY *sour*
 let birds f above Gen 1:20
 a raven, and it flew Gen 8:7
 As sparks f upward Job 5:7
 f-ies away like a dream Job 20:8
 glory will f away Hos 9:11
 heard an eagle f-ing Rev 8:13
 the birds which f Rev 19:17

FOAL *colt*
 ties his f to the vine Gen 49:11
 f of a wild donkey Job 11:12
 f of a beast of burden Matt 21:5

FODDER *animal food*
 give his donkey f Gen 42:27
 eat salted f Is 30:24

FOE *enemy*
 before your f-s 1 Chr 21:12
 A f and an enemy Esth 7:6
 iniquity of my f-s Ps 49:5
 the evil to my f-s Ps 54:5
 avenge His f-s Jer 46:10

FOLD *animal pen*
 goats out of your f-s Ps 50:9
 the peaceful f-s Jer 25:37
 cut off from the f Hab 3:17
 not of this f John 10:16

FOLLOW *imitate, pursue*
 not f other gods Deut 6:14
 turn back from f-ing Ruth 1:16
 f the LORD your God 1 Sam 12:14
 who f wickedness Ps 119:150

bloodshed f-s Hos 4:2
He said to them, F Matt 4:19
left... and f-ed Matt 4:20
his cross, and f Me Matt 16:24
multitude was f-ing Mark 5:24
allowed no one to f Mark 5:37
and they f Me John 10:27
Peter... f-ing Jesus John 18:15
f-ing after... lusts Jude 16
ones who f the Lamb Rev 14:4

FOLLOWERS *disciples*

His f began asking Mark 4:10

FOLLY *foolishness*

this act of f Judg 19:23
the naive inherit f Prov 14:18
of fools spouts f Prov 15:2
F is joy to him Prov 15:21
dressing of f is sin Prov 24:9

FOOD *bread, meat*

shall be f for you Gen 1:29
tree was good for f Gen 3:6
in giving them f Ruth 1:6
years have been my f Ps 42:3
it is deceptive f Prov 23:3
his f was locusts Matt 3:4
life more than f Matt 6:25
f is to do the will John 4:34
My flesh is true f John 6:55
milk... not solid f 1 Cor 3:2

FOOL *unwise person*

The f has said in his Ps 14:1
F-s despise wisdom Prov 1:7
too high for a f Prov 24:7
f multiplies words Eccl 10:14
The prophet is a f Hos 9:7
shall say, You f Matt 5:22
f-s and blind men Matt 23:17
wise, they became f-s Rom 1:22
f-s for Christ's sake 1 Cor 4:10

FOOLISH *stupid, unwise*

O f and unwise Deut 32:6
a f son is a grief Prov 10:1
False and f visions Lam 2:14
Woe to the f Ezek 13:3
f took their lamps Matt 25:3
O f men and slow Luke 24:25
let him become f 1 Cor 3:18
You f Galatians Gal 3:1
do not be f Eph 5:17

FOOLISHNESS *folly*

folly of fools is f Prov 14:24
mouth is speaking f Is 9:17
f of God is wiser 1 Cor 1:25
is f before God 1 Cor 3:19

FOOT *part of body*

she lay at his feet Ruth 3:14
six toes on each f 2 Sam 21:20
pierced... my feet Ps 22:16
the f of pride Ps 36:11
lamp to my feet Ps 119:105
their feet run to evil Prov 1:16
signals with his feet Prov 6:13
beautiful... your feet Song 7:1
feet of the afflicted Is 26:6
feet... polished bronze Dan 10:6
dust of your feet Matt 10:14
Bind... hand and f Matt 22:13

f causes you to Mark 9:45
kissing His feet Luke 7:38
anointed the feet John 12:3
the disciples' feet John 13:5
beautiful... the feet Rom 10:15
Satan under... feet Rom 16:20
worship at the feet Rev 22:8

FOOTSTEPS *path*

make His f into a way Ps 85:13
f of thine anointed Ps 89:51
my f in Thy word Ps 119:133

FOOTSTOOL *foot support*

the f of our God 1 Chr 28:2
worship at His f Ps 99:5
Thine enemies a f Ps 110:1
the earth is My f Is 66:1
sit down by my f James 2:3

FORBEARANCE *restraint*

By f be persuaded Prov 25:15
in the f of God Rom 3:25
showing f to one Eph 4:2

FORBID *prohibit*

if her father should f Num 30:5
f-ding to pay taxes Luke 23:2
do not f to speak 1 Cor 14:39
men who f marriage 1 Tim 4:3
he f-s those who 3 John 10

FORCE (n) *power, strength*

with a heavy f Num 20:20
captains of the f-s 2 Kin 25:23
use f against you Neh 13:21
commanders of the f-s Jer 43:5
with f and with Ezek 34:4

FORCE (v) *compel*

are f-d into bondage Neh 5:5
man f-d to labor Job 7:1
f you to go one mile Matt 5:41
not take... by f Luke 3:14
f them to blaspheme Acts 26:11
f-d to appeal to Acts 28:19

FORCED LABOR *work as tax*

Canaanites to f Josh 17:13
was over the f 2 Sam 20:24
will be put to f Prov 12:24

FORCED LABORERS

Solomon levied f 1 Kin 5:13
Solomon raised as f 2 Chr 8:8
men will become f Is 31:8

FORD *shallow place*

the f of the Jabbok Gen 32:22
the f-s of the Jordan Judg 12:5
f-s... been seized Jer 51:32

FOREFATHER *ancestor*

iniquity of their f-s Lev 26:40
Your first f sinned Is 43:27
I swore to your f-s Jer 11:5
Abraham, our f Rom 4:1
the way my f-s did 2 Tim 1:3

FOREHEAD *brow*

on his bald f Lev 19:42
stone... into his f 1 Sam 17:49
put a mark on the f-s Ezek 9:4
seal of God on their f-s Rev 9:4
upon her f a name Rev 17:5

FOREIGN *alien, strange*

Put away the f gods Gen 35:2
sojourner in a f land Ex 2:22
sell her to a f people Ex 21:8
drank f waters 2 Kin 19:24
married f women Ezra 10:2
f armies to flight Heb 11:34

FOREIGNER *alien, stranger*

no f is to eat of it Ex 12:43
sell it to a f Deut 14:21
charge... a f Deut 23:20
since I am a f Ruth 2:10
a f in their sight Job 19:15
f-s entered his gate Obad 11

FOREKNEW *know beforehand*

whom He f, He also Rom 8:29
people whom He f Rom 11:2
He was f-own before 1 Pet 1:20

FOREKNOWLEDGE

plan and f of God Acts 2:23
f of God the Father 1 Pet 1:2

FOREMOST *first*

f commandment Matt 22:38
among whom I am f 1 Tim 1:15

FORERUNNER *goes before*

Jesus... as a f for Heb 6:20

FORESKIN

the flesh of your f Gen 17:11
cut off her son's f Ex 4:25
a hundred f-s 1 Sam 18:25
the f-s of your heart Jer 4:4

FOREST *woods*

f devoured more 2 Sam 18:8
the f of Lebanon 1 Kin 7:2
f will sing for joy 1 Chr 16:33
every beast of the f Ps 50:10
the glory of his f Is 10:18
beasts in the f, Come Is 56:9
a f is set aflame James 3:5

FORETOLD *predicted*

the Holy Spirit f Acts 1:16
just as Isaiah f Rom 9:29

FOREVER *always, eternal*

eat, and live f Gen 3:22
not strive with man f Gen 6:3
throne shall be... f 1 Chr 17:14
the LORD abides f Ps 9:7
LORD sits as King f Ps 29:10
glorify Thy name f Ps 86:12
riches are not f Prov 27:24
One Who lives f Is 57:15
Christ is to remain f John 12:34
He... with you f John 14:16
He is able to save f Heb 7:25
Son, made perfect f Heb 7:28
they shall reign f Rev 22:5

FORFEIT *lose*

possessions... f-ed Ezra 10:8
f-s his own life Prov 20:2
f my head to the king Dan 1:10
and f-s his soul Matt 16:26

FORGET *forsake, neglect*

God has made me f Gen 41:51
lest you f the LORD Deut 6:12
f-got God who gave Deut 32:18
God f-s...iniquity Job 11:6
nations who f God Ps 9:17
needy...be f-gotten Ps 9:18
Do not f the afflicted Ps 10:12
they f-got His deeds Ps 78:11
do not f my teaching Prov 3:1
you will f the shame Is 54:4
My people f My name Jer 23:27
f-ing what *lies* behind Phil 3:13
f your work and Heb 6:10

FORGIVE *pardon*

f the transgression Gen 50:17
f their sin Ex 32:32
f our sins Ps 79:9
not f their iniquity Jer 18:23
f us our debts Matt 6:12
authority to f sins Matt 9:6
f-gave him the debt Matt 18:27
can f sins but God Mark 2:7
he who is f-n little Luke 7:47
Father, f them Luke 23:34
whom you f 2 Cor 2:10
f-ing each other Eph 4:32
f-n us all our Col 2:13
righteous to f us 1 John 1:9

FORGIVENESS *pardon*

a God of f Neh 9:17
there is f with Thee Ps 130:4
poured out...for f Matt 26:28
repentance for f Luke 24:47
receives f of sins Acts 10:43
f of our trespasses Eph 1:7
the f of sins Col 1:14
there is no f Heb 9:22

FORK *instrument*

a three-pronged f 1 Sam 2:13
His winnowing f Matt 3:12

FORM (n) *appearance, shape*

beautiful of f and Gen 29:17
the f of the LORD Num 12:8
image in the f Deut 4:23
like the f of a man Is 44:13
in a different f Mark 16:12
bodily f like a dove Luke 3:22
f of corruptible man Rom 1:23
existed in the f of God Phil 2:6

FORM (v) *fashion, shape*

f-ed man of dust Gen 2:7
f-ed the dry land Ps 95:5
f my inward parts Ps 139:13
One f-ing light Is 45:7
who f-s mountains Amos 4:13
f-s the spirit of man Zech 12:1
plot was f-ed against Acts 20:3
Christ is f-ed in you Gal 4:19

FORMATION *rank*

in f against 1 Chr 19:17
battle f in the 2 Chr 14:10

FORMLESS *without form*

earth was f and void Gen 1:2
behold, it was f Jer 4:23

FORNICATION

f-s, thefts, false Matt 15:19
were not born of f John 8:41
strangled and from f Acts 15:29

FORNICATORS

neither f, nor 1 Cor 6:9
f...God will judge Heb 13:4

FORSAKE

Then he f-sook God Deut 32:15
not fail you or f you Josh 1:5
f-sook the law of the 2 Chr 12:1
f Him, He will f you 2 Chr 15:2
God has not f-n us Ezra 9:9
why hast Thou f-n me Ps 22:1
not f your mother's Prov 1:8
wicked f his way Is 55:7
Your sons have f-n Me Jer 5:7
f the idols of Egypt Ezek 20:8
hast Thou f-n Me Matt 27:46
persecuted...not f-n 2 Cor 4:9
f-ing...assembling Heb 10:25
nor will I ever f you Heb 13:5

FORTIFICATIONS *stronghold*

the unassailable f Is 25:12
your f are fig trees Nah 3:12

FORTIFIED *walled*

live in the f cities Num 32:17
f with high walls Deut 3:5
strike every f city 2 Kin 3:19
f cities into Is 37:26

FORTRESS *stronghold*

God is my strong f 2 Sam 22:33
my rock and my f Ps 18:2
My refuge and my f Ps 91:2
wealth is his f Prov 10:15
f-es will be destroyed Hos 10:14

FORTUNE *one's lot*

and the f-s of Israel Jer 33:7
f-s of My people Hos 6:11
restore their f Zeph 2:7

FORTY *number*

f days and f nights Gen 7:4
flood...for f days Gen 7:17
ate the manna f years Ex 16:35
with the LORD f days Ex 34:28
fasted f days and f Matt 4:2
f days being tempted Mark 1:13

FOUL *putrid, rotten*

Nile will become f Ex 7:18
My wounds grow f Ps 38:5
f with your feet Ezek 34:19

FOUNDATION *establishment*

f-s of heaven were 2 Sam 22:8
I laid the f of the Job 38:4
the f of His throne Ps 97:2
the earth upon its f-s Ps 104:5
an everlasting f Prov 10:25
cornerstone for the f Is 28:16
a f upon the rock Luke 6:48
the firm f of God 2 Tim 2:19
didst lay the f Heb 1:10
a f of repentance Heb 6:1

FOUNDATION GATE *see***GATES OF JERUSALEM****FOUNDED** *established*

the day it was f Ex 9:18
f it upon the seas Ps 24:2
by wisdom f the earth Prov 3:19
f His vaulted dome Amos 9:6
f upon the rock Matt 7:25

FOUNTAIN *spring, well*

f-s of the great deep Gen 7:11
is the f of life Ps 36:9
The f of wisdom Prov 18:4
f of living waters Jer 2:13

FOUNTAIN GATE *see***GATES OF JERUSALEM****FOWL** *bird*

and fattened f 1 Kin 4:23
things and winged f Ps 148:10

FOX *small animal*

three hundred f-es Judg 15:4
f-es that are ruining Song 2:15
like f-es among ruins Ezek 13:4
The f-es have holes Matt 8:20
Go and tell that f Luke 13:32

FRAGMENTS *pieces*

forth His ice as f Ps 147:17
Gather up the...f John 6:12
twelve baskets with f John 6:13

FRAGRANCE *pleasant aroma*

oils have a pleasing f Song 1:3
given forth *their* f Song 2:13
f like the cedars Hos 14:6
we are a f of Christ 2 Cor 2:15

FRAME *structure*

f-s of the tabernacle Num 3:36
with artistic f-s 1 Kin 6:4
He...knows our f Ps 103:14
My f was not hidden Ps 139:15

FRANKINCENSE *spice*

spices with pure f Ex 30:34
f and the spices 1 Chr 9:29
trees of f Song 4:14
gold and f and myrrh Matt 2:11

FREE *at liberty*

she is not to go f Ex 21:7
be f from the oath Josh 2:20
let the oppressed go f Is 58:6
shall make you f John 8:32
who has died is f-d Rom 6:7
the f gift of God Rom 6:23
f from the law Rom 8:2
Christ set us f Gal 5:1
whether slave or f Eph 6:8

FREEDOM *liberty*

proclaim...f to Is 61:1
f of the glory Rom 8:21
you were called to f Gal 5:13
do not use your f as 1 Pet 2:16

FREEWILL OFFERINGS*see OFFERINGS***FRESH** *new, recently prepared*

found a f jawbone Judg 15:15
anointed with f oil Ps 92:10
f water from your Prov 5:15

new wine into f Mark 2 22
 f and bitter water James 3 11
RIEND companion, comrade
 man speaks to his f Ex 33 11
 f-s are my scoffers Job 16 20
 loved ones and my f-s Ps 138 11
 my familiar f Ps 55 13
 A f loves at all Prov 17 17
 Wealth adds f-s Prov 19 4
 who blesses his f Prov 27 14
 confidence in a f Mic 7 5
 of tax-gatherers Matt 11 19
 f, your sins are Luke 5 20
 of the bridegroom John 3 29
 its life for his f-s John 15 13
 (ou are My f-s, if John 15 14
RIENDSHIP
 he f of God Job 29 4
 with the world James 4 4
RIGHTEN terrify
 o f them away Deut 28 26
 Thou dost f me Job 7 14
 was f-ed and fell Dan 9 17
 him and were f-ed Mark 6 30
 ars, do not be f-ed Mark 13 7
RIDGE edge
 he f-s of His ways Job 26 14
 touched the f of His Matt 9 20
ROGS
 mite, with f Ex 8 2
 which destroyed Ps 78 45
 and swarmed with f Ps 105 30
 nclean spirits like f Rev 16 13
ROUNTALS prayer bands
 rey shall be as f Deut 6 9
 on your forehead Deut 11 18
 -s also **PHYLACTERIES**
RUST freezing
 nd the f by night Gen 31 40
 ne as the f Ex 16 14
 vour more trees with f Ps 78 47
RUIT growth, produce
 trees bearing f Gen 1 11
 he took from its f Gen 3 6
 he f of the womb Gen 30 2
 ffering of first f-s Lev 2 12
 s f in its season Ps 1 3
 ield f in old age Ps 92 14
 at its choice f-s Song 4 16
 aten the f of his Hos 10 13
 now by their f-s Matt 7 16
 ed tree bears bad f Matt 7 17
 for eternal life John 4 36
 war f of the Spirit Gal 5 22
 in every good work Col 1 10
RUITFUL productive
 u f and multiply Gen 9 7
 vore f and increased Ex 1 7
 gather a f harvest Ps 107 37
 nto the f land Jer 2 7
 labor for me Phil 1 22
RUSTRATE connect
 o f their counsel Ezra 4 5
 He f-s the plotting Job 5 12
 plans are f-ed Prov 15 22

FUEL that which burns
 people are like f Is 9 19
 You will be f Ezek 21 32
FUGITIVE one who flees
 do not betray the f Is 16 3
 Meet the f with bread Is 21 14
 gather the f-s Jer 49 5
FULFILL complete
 to f the word 2 Chr 36 21
 May the Lord f all Ps 20 5
 f-ing His word Ps 144 5
 to f the vision Dan 11 14
 the prophet was f-ed Matt 2 17
 to abolish, but to f Matt 5 17
 The time is f-ed Mark 1 15
 f-ed in the kingdom Luke 22 16
 Scripture be f-ed John 13 18
 husband f has duty 1 Cor 7 3
 f the law of Christ Gal 6 2
 f your ministry 2 Tim 4 5
FULFILLMENT completion
 the f of every vision Ezek 12 23
 f of what had been Luke 1 45
 f of the law Rom 13 10
FULL complete, whole
 I went out f Ruth 1 21
 The earth is f of Ps 33 5
 until the f day Prov 4 18
 twelve f baskets Matt 14 20
 f of dead bones Matt 23 27
 f of the Holy Spirit Luke 4 1
 also is f of light Luke 11 14
 f of grace and truth John 1 14
 f of the Spirit Acts 6 3
 f armor of God Eph 6 11
 f of compassion James 5 11
FULLER who bleaches cloth
 of the f's field 2 Kin 19 17
 like f's soap Mal 3 2
FULNESS completeness
 Thy presence is f of Ps 16 11
 His f we received John 1 16
 the f of the Gentiles Rom 11 25
 f of the time came Gal 4 4
 all the f of God Eph 3 19
 f to dwell in Him Col 1 19
 the f of Deity dwells Col 2 9
FURIOUS angry
 Pharaoh was f Gen 41 10
 became f and very Neb 4 1
 lung became f Dan 2 12
FURNACE oven
 As silver tried in a f Ps 12 6
 the f of affliction Is 48 10
 into the midst of a f Dan 3 6
 cast them into the f Matt 13 42
 to glow in a f Rev 1 15
FURNISH supply
 f-ed with silver bands Ex 38 17
 shall f him liberally Deut 15 14
 f-ing every kind Ps 144 13
 upper room f-ed Mark 14 15
FURROW trench
 its f-s weep together Job 31 38

do not water its f-s Ps 65 10
 weeds in the f-s Hos 10 4
FURY anger
 brother's f subdues Gen 27 44
 terrify them in His f Ps 2 3
 plucked up in f Ezek 19 12
 the f of a fire Heb 10 27
FUTILE useless, vain
 go after f things 1 Sam 12 21
 desire f things Acts 4 25
 f in speculations Rom 1 21
FUTURE that which is ahead
 discern their f Deut 32 29
 no f for the evil Prov 24 20
 is hope for your f Jer 31 17
 foundation for the f 1 Tim 6 19

G

GABRIEL

angel of high rank Dan 8 16
 Dan 9 21, Luke 1 19, 26

GAD

1 son of Jacob Gen 30 11, 35 26
 2 tribe of Num 1 25, 2 14
 3 seer prophet 2 Sam 24 11, 18
 4 calling 2 Sam 24 5

GAITY cheerfulness

g is banished Is 24 11
 an end to all her g Hos 2 11

GAIN (a) profit, increase

hate dishonest g Ex 19 21
 ill-gotten g-s do not Prov 10 2
 who rejects unjust g Is 55 15
 greedy for g Jer 6 13
 to die is g Phil 1 21
 kind of sordid g 1 Tim 3 8

GAIN (a) acquire

they might g might Neb 8 13
 have g-ed the victory Ps 98 1
 he will g knowledge Prov 19 25
 will g ascendancy Dan 11 5
 g-s the whole world Matt 16 26
 that I may g Christ Phil 3 5
 may g the glory 2 Thes 2 14

GAIUS

1 Macedonian Acts 19 29
 2 companion of Paul Acts 20 4
 3 Corinthian brother 1 Cor 1 14
 4 addresser of 3 John 3 John 1

GALATIA

Roman province in Asia Minor
 1 Cor 16 1, 2 Tim 4 10

GALE storm

disturb before a g Is 17 13
 a fierce g of wind Mark 4 37

GALILEE

1 district in N Palestine
 Josh 21 32; 1 Kin 9 11
 Matt 2 22, Acts 10 37

2 Sea of Matt 4:18; Mark 7:31
also Sea of Chinnereth
also Lake of Gennesaret
also Sea of Tiberias

GALL *bitter herb, bitterness*
gave me g for my food Ps 69:21
drink with g Matt 27:34
the g of bitterness Acts 8:23

GALLIO
governor of Achaia
Acts 18:12,17

GALLOWES *for hanging*
Have a g made Esth 5:14
hanged on the g Esth 7:10
his sons on the g Esth 9:25

GAMALIEL
1 head of tribe Num 2:20,7:54
2 Pharisee Acts 5:34,22:3

GARDEN *planted area*
God walking in the g Gen 3:8
from the g of Eden Gen 3:23
Make my g breathe Song 4:16
plant g-s, and eat Jer 29:5
tabernacle like a g Lam 2:6
in the g with Him John 18:26
the g a new tomb John 19:41

GARLAND *ornament*
a g instead of ashes Is 61:3
brought g-s to the Acts 14:13

GARMENT *clothing, dress*
God made g-s of skin Gen 3:21
caught him by his g Gen 39:12
in g-s of fine linen Gen 41:42
holy g-s for Aaron Ex 28:2
divide my g-s among Ps 22:18
on g-s of vengeance Is 59:17
g-s of glowing colors Is 63:1
g of camel's hair Matt 3:4
g as white as snow Matt 28:3
I just touch His g-s Mark 5:28
spread their g-s Mark 11:8
dividing up His g-s Luke 23:34
put his outer g on John 21:7
become old as a g Heb 1:11
clothed in white g-s Rev 3:5

GARRISON *defense*
g of the Philistines 1 Sam 13:4
the g trembled 1 Sam 14:15
set g-s in the land 2 Chr 17:2

GATE *entry way*
is the g of heaven Gen 28:17
oppressed in the g Job 5:4
g-s with thanksgiving Ps 100:4
enter the g-s of Sheol Is 38:10
justice in the g Amos 5:15
Enter...narrow g Matt 7:13
g-s of Hades shall Matt 16:18
did not open the g Acts 12:14

GATEKEEPERS *guards*
g for the camp 1 Chr 9:18
divisions of the g 1 Chr 26:12
The sons of the g Ezra 2:42
g, and the singers Neh 10:39

GATES OF JERUSALEM

alternate names in italics

1 Beautiful Gate Acts 3:10
East Gate
2 Benjamin Gate Jer 20:2
Zech 14:10
Sheep Gate
Inspection Gate
3 Corner Gate 2 Kin 14:13
2 Chr 26:9
4 East Gate Neh 3:29
Ezek 10:19,44:1
Beautiful Gate
5 Ephraim Gate 2 Kin 14:13
Neh 8:16
Middle Gate
Old Gate
6 First Gate Zech 14:10
7 Fish Gate 2 Chr 33:14
Neh 3:3
8 Foundation Gate 2 Chr 23:5
Gate of Sur
9 Fountain Gate Neh 2:14
Neh 12:37
"gate between two walls"
2 Kin 25:4; Jer 39:4
10 Guard, Gate of the Neh 12:39
Inspection Gate
11 Horse Gate 2 Chr 23:15
Neh 3:28
12 Inspection Gate Neh 3:31
Gate of the Guard
Benjamin Gate
13 Middle Gate Jer 39:3
Ephraim Gate
14 Old Gate Neh 3:6
Neh 12:39
Ephraim Gate
15 Refuse Gate Neh 2:13
Neh 12:31
16 Sheep Gate Neh 3:1
Benjamin Gate
17 Sur, Gate of 2 Kin 11:6
Foundation Gate
18 Valley Gate 2 Chr 26:9
Neh 3:13
19 Water Gate Neh 3:26
Neh 8:1,3,16

GATEWAY *entrance*
the g of the court Ex 40:8
the g of the peoples Ezek 26:2

GATH
Philistine city
Josh 11:22
1 Sam 17:23; 1 Chr 20:8

GATHER *assemble, collect*
g-ed to his people Gen 25:8
g stubble for straw Ex 5:12
He g-s the waters Ps 33:7
G My godly ones Ps 50:5
g all nations and Is 66:18
hen g-s her chicks Matt 23:37
elders...were g-ed Matt 26:3
g...His elect Mark 13:27
G up the leftover John 6:12

GAZA
Philistine city
Gen 10:19
Judg 16:1; Jer 47:5

GAZE (n) view, glance

Turn Thy g away from Ps 39:13
let your g be fixed Prov 4:25
I lifted my g and Dan 8:3
turning His g on His Luke 6:20

GAZE (v) *look, stare*
man g-ing at her Gen 24:21
and g after Moses Ex 33:8
eye g-s on their Job 17:2
Lord g-d upon the Ps 102:19
g-ing into the sky Acts 1:10

GAZELLE *animal*
swift as the g-s 1 Chr 12:8
a g Or a young stag Song 2:17
like a hunted g Is 13:14

GEDERAH
1 town of Judah Josh 15:36
2 town of Benjamin 1 Chr 12:4

GEHAZI
servant of Elisha
2 Kin 4:12
2 Kin 5:20,8:4

GENEALOGY *family record*
found the book of...g Neh 7:5
g of Jesus Christ Matt 1:1
and endless g-ies 1 Tim 1:4
whose g is not traced Heb 7:6

GENERATION *age, period*
this evil g Deut 1:35
the righteous g Ps 14:5
faithfulness to all g-s Ps 100:5
salvation to all g-s Is 51:8
this g seek for a sign Mark 8:12
g-s...not made known Eph 3:5
and perverse g Phil 2:15

GENEROUS *bountiful*
g will be blessed Prov 22:9
because I am g Matt 20:15
g...ready to share 1 Tim 6:18

GENNESARET
1 lake Luke 5:1
also Sea of Chinnereth
also Sea of Galilee
also Sea of Tiberias
2 land or district Matt 14:34
Mark 6:53

GENTILES *foreigners, non-Jews*
Galilee of the G Matt 4:15
deliver...to the G Matt 20:19
revelation to the G Luke 2:32
Why did the G rage Acts 4:25
salvation...to the G Rom 11:11
preach...among the G 3 John 7

GENTLE *compassionate, mild*
g answer turns away Prov 15:1
I was like a g lamb Jer 11:19
Blessed are the g Matt 5:5
G, and mounted on Matt 21:5
a g and quiet spirit 1 Pet 3:4

GENTLENESS *kindness*
and a spirit of g 1 Cor 4:21
and g of Christ 2 Cor 10:1
g, self-control Gal 5:23
humility and g, with Eph 4:2

GERAR
Philistine city Gen 20:2; 26:6

GERIZIM
mountain near Shechem
 Deut 11:29; Josh 8:33

GERSHOM
1 son of Moses Ex 2:22; 18:3
2 son of Levi 1 Chr 6:16; 43
3 line of Phinehas Ezra 8:2

GERSHON
son of Levi Gen 46:11
 Ex 6:16

GETHSEMANE
garden on Mount of Olives
 Matt 26:36; Mark 14:32

GEZER
Canaanite city of Ephraim
 Josh 10:33; 1 Kin 9:17

GHOST *spirit*
revert to idols and g-s Is 19:3
saying, It is a g Matt 14:26
It was a g Mark 6:49

GIANT
were born to the g 2 Sam 21:22
from the g-s 1 Chr 20:6

GIBEAH
1 village in Judah Josh 15:57
2 town of Benjamin
 1 Sam 10:26; 13:2; 2 Sam 23:29
 3 in Ephraim Josh 24:33

GIBEON
Canaanite city Josh 9:3, 17
 1 Kin 3:5; 1 Chr 8:29

GIDFON
son of Joash Judg 6:11, 36
judge Judg 8:4-21

GIFT *present*
the sacred g-s Num 18:32
children are a g Ps 127:3
to Him g-s Matt 2:11
g of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:38
impart spiritual g Rom 1:11
g of God is eternal Rom 6:23
desire greater g-s 1 Cor 12:31
perfect g is from James 1:17

GIHON
1 river of Eden Gen 2:13
2 spring 2 Chr 32:30

GILBOA
mountain 2 Sam 1:6
where Saul died 2 Sam 21:12

GILEAD
1 son of Machir Num 36:1
2 descendants of Gad 1 Chr 5:14
3 father of Jephthah Judg 11:1
4 land E of Jordan Num 32:29
5 mountain Judg 7:8
6 city Hos 6:8

GILGAL
1 encampment in Jordan Valley
 Josh 5:9; 1 Sam 7:16

2 near Jericho Josh 5:8, 10
3 in N Judah Josh 15:7
4 in Gahlee Josh 12:23
5 village near Bethel 2 Kin 2:1

GIRD *bind*
g him with the band Ex 29:5
g up your loins like Job 38:3
g-ed me with gladness Ps 30:11
g-s herself with Prov 31:17
g-ed... with truth Eph 6:14
g your minds for 1 Pet 1:13
g-ed across His breast Rev 1:13

GIRDLE *belt, waistband*
man with a leather g 2 Kin 1:8
binds... with a g Job 12:18
with a golden g Rev 1:13

GIRGASHITE(S)
Canaanite tribe Gen 10:16
 Deut 7:1; Josh 24:11; Neh 9:8

GIRL *maiden*
the g and consult Gen 24:57
sold a g for wine Joel 3:3
boys and g-s playing Zech 8:5
the g has not died Matt 9:24

GIVE *bestow, yield*
g light on the earth Gen 1:17
g-a you every plant Gen 1:29
gave me from tree Gen 3:12
in the land God g-s Ex 20:12
I will g you rest Ex 33:14
g him to the LORD 1 Sam 1:11
G ear to my prayer Ps 17:1
gave me vinegar Ps 69:21
G me neither poverty Prov 30:8
a son will be g-a Is 9:6
gave birth to a Son Matt 1:25
G us this day Matt 6:11
g-ing thanks, He Matt 15:36
g you the keys Matt 16:19
authority been g-a Matt 28:18
what shall a man g Mark 8:37
body which is g-a Luke 22:19
gave His only Son John 3:16
not as the world g-s John 14:27
gave up His spirit John 19:30
what I do have I g Acts 3:6
g-a among men Acts 4:12
more blessed to g Acts 20:35
was g-a me a thorn 2 Cor 12:7
always g-ing thanks Eph 5:20
who gave Himself 1 Tim 2:6
g-s a greater grace James 4:6
g-a us eternal life 1 John 5:11
to be g-a a mark Rev 13:16

GLAD *pleased*
g in his heart Ex 4:14
joy and a g heart Deut 28:47
righteous see... are g Job 22:19
Be g in the LORD Ps 32:11
g when they said Ps 122:1
son makes a father g Prov 10:1
Rejoice, and be g Matt 5:12
Be g in that day Luke 6:23
who bring g tidings Rom 10:15

GLADNESS *joy*
celebrate... with g Neh 12:27

g... for the Jews Esth 8:17
Serve the LORD with g Ps 100:2
g and sincerity of Acts 2:46
With the oil of g Heb 1:9

GLASS *crystal*
or g cannot equal Job 28:17
sea of g like crystal Rev 4:6

GLEAM *brilliance*
awesome g of crystal Ezek 1:22
g of a Tarsish stone Ezek 10:9
g of polished bronze Dan 10:6

GLEAN *gather, pick*
Nor shall you g Lev 19:10
Do not go to g Ruth 2:8
she g-ed in the field Ruth 2:17
they g the vineyard Job 24:6
g-ing ears of grain Is 17:5

GLOOM *darkness*
cloud and thick g Deut 4:11
The land of utter g Job 10:22
darkness and g and Heb 12:18
and your joy to g James 4:9

GLORIFY *honor, worship*
g Thy name forever Ps 86:12
Let the LORD be g-led Is 66:5
g your Father Matt 5:16
shepherds g-ing Luke 2:20
Jesus not yet g-led John 7:39
Father, g Thy name John 12:28
God is g-led in Him John 13:31
were all g-ing God Acts 4:81
Centiles to g God Rom 15:9
g God in your body 1 Cor 6:20
did not g Himself Heb 5:5

GLORIOUS *exalted, great*
g name be blessed Neh 9:5
G things are spoken Ps 87:3
resting place will be g Is 11:10
the law great and g Is 42:21
g gospel of God 1 Tim 1:11

GLORY (n) *honor, splendor*
show me Thy g Ex 33:18
while My g is passing Ex 33:22
Tell of His g 1 Chr 16:24
King of g may come Ps 24:7
exchanged their g Ps 106:20
earth is full of His g Is 6:3
their g into shame Hos 4:7
Solomon in all his g Matt 6:29
g of the Lord shone Luke 2:9
G... in the highest Luke 2:14
He comes in His g Luke 9:26
do not seek My g John 8:30
short of the g of God Rom 3:23
all to the g of God 1 Cor 10:31
eternal weight of g 2 Cor 4:17
body of His g Phil 3:21
crowned Him with g Heb 2:7
unfading crown of g 1 Pet 5:4

GLORY (v) *exalt*
and g in thy praise 1 Chr 16:35
G in His holy name Ps 105:3
in Him they will g Jer 4:2
I... have come to g Phil 2:16

GLUTTON *excessive eater*

g...come to poverty Prov 23:21
a companion of g-s Prov 28:7
evil beasts, lazy g-s Titus 1:12

GNASH *grind*

They g-ed at me Ps 35:16
He will g his teeth Ps 112:10
They hiss and g Lam 2:16
g-ing their teeth Acts 7:34

GNAT *insect*

dust...became g-s Ex 8:17
swarm of flies...g-s Ps 105:31
strain out a g and Matt 23:24

GO *move, proceed*

Let My people g Ex 7:16
God who g-es before Deut 1:30
where you g, I will g Ruth 1:16
the way he should g Prov 22:6
g one mile, g...two Matt 5:41
G into all world Mark 16:15
I g to prepare a John 14:2
night is almost gone Rom 13:12

GOADS *inducements*

wise men are like g Eccl 12:11
kick against the g Acts 26:14

GOAL *end, object*

press on toward the g Phil 3:14
g is love 1 Tim 1:5

GOAT *animal*

curtains of g-s' hair Ex 26:7
g for a sin offering Num 15:27
quilt of g-s' hair 1 Sam 19:13
g had a horn Dan 8:5
shaggy g represents Dan 8:21
sheep from the g-s Matt 25:32
blood of g-s...bulls Heb 9:13

GOD *Deity, Eternal One*

In the beginning G Gen 1:1
G formed man of dust Gen 2:7
G sent him out Gen 3:23
G gave to Abraham Gen 28:4
tablets were G's work Ex 32:16
G is my fortress 2 Sam 22:33
G of my salvation Ps 18:46
In G...I put my trust Ps 56:4
Search me, O G Ps 139:23
word of G is tested Prov 30:5
servant of the living G Dan 6:20
I am G and not man Hos 11:9
Will a man rob G Mal 3:8
G descending...dove Matt 3:16
they shall see G Matt 5:8
What...G has joined Matt 19:6
kingdom of G is at Mark 1:15
My G, why hast Mark 15:34
You the Son of G Luke 22:70
the Word was G John 1:1
No man has seen G John 1:18
the Lamb of G John 1:29
G so loved the world John 3:16
G is spirit John 4:24
voice of...Son of G John 5:25
obey G rather than Acts 5:29
judgment of G Rom 2:2
bear fruit for G Rom 7:4
we are children of G Rom 8:16

are a temple of G 1 Cor 3:16
full armor of G Eph 6:11
one G...one mediator 1 Tim 2:5
is inspired by G 2 Tim 3:16
word of G is...sharper Heb 4:12
impossible...G to lie Heb 6:18
G is love 1 John 4:8
great supper of G Rev 19:17

GODDESS *female deity*

Ashtoreth the g of 1 Kin 11:5
great g Artemis Acts 19:27
blasphemers of...g Acts 19:37

GODLESS *pagan, without God*

hope of the g will Job 8:13
joy of...g momentary Job 20:5
g man destroys his Prov 11:9
hands of g men Acts 2:23
become of the g 1 Pet 4:18

GODLINESS *holiness*

in all g and dignity 1 Tim 2:2
the mystery of g 1 Tim 3:16
g is profitable 1 Tim 4:8
to a form of g 2 Tim 3:5
g, brotherly kindness 2 Pet 1:7

GODLY *holy*

keeps...His g ones 1 Sam 2:9
g man ceases to be Ps 12:1
not forsake His g ones Ps 37:28
and g sincerely 2 Cor 1:12
to live g in Christ 2 Tim 3:12
rescue the g from 2 Pet 2:9

GOD(S) *false deity, idols*

no other g-s before Me Ex 20:3
New g-s were chosen Judg 5:8
cast their g-s into Is 37:19
bowed...to other g-s Jer 22:9
no other g who is Dan 3:29
The voice of a g Acts 12:22
g-s...become like Acts 14:11
the g of this world 2 Cor 4:4

GOD, SON OF *see SON OF GOD*

GOG

1 a Reubenite 1 Chr 5:4
2 prince of Meshech and Tubal Ezek 38:2
3 symbol of godless nations Rev 20:8

see also **MAGOG**

GOLAN

city of refuge Josh 21:27
a Levitical city 1 Chr 6:71

GOLD *precious metal*

g of that land is good Gen 2:12
mercy seat of pure g Ex 25:17
Almighty...be your g Job 22:25
more desirable than g Ps 19:10
refine them like g Mal 3:3
to Him gifts of g Matt 2:11
Do not acquire g Matt 10:9
Divine Nature...g Acts 17:29
coveted no...g Acts 20:33
city was pure g Rev 21:18

GOLDSMITH *gold craftsman*

g-s and...merchants Neh 3:32
g, and he makes it Is 46:6

GOLGOTHA

hill of Crucifixion Matt 27:33
Mark 15:22; John 19:17

GOLIATH

Philistine giant 1 Sam 17:4,23
1 Sam 21:9; 1 Chr 20:5

GOMER

1 son of Japheth Gen 10:2
2 peoples Ezek 38:6
3 wife of Hosea Hos 1:3

GOMORRAH

city of Jordan plain Gen 10:19
Gen 14:10,19-24
probably S of Dead Sea Is 13:19; 2 Pet 2:6

GOOD *complete, right*

God saw that it was g Gen 1:18
knowledge of g and Gen 2:9
Proclaim g tidings 1 Chr 16:23
Do not withhold g Prov 3:27
joyful heart is g Prov 17:22
planted in g soil Ezek 17:8
fed in...g pasture Ezek 34:18
Seek g and not evil Amos 5:14
how to give g gifts Matt 7:11
Well done, g and Matt 25:23
sown on the g soil Mark 4:20
Salt is g Mark 9:50
No one is g except Luke 18:10
I am the g shepherd John 10:11
men of g reputation Acts 6:3
perseverance in...g Rom 2:7
nothing g...in me Rom 7:18
work together for g Rom 8:28
overcome evil...g Rom 12:21
is of g repute Phil 4:8
g hope by grace 2 Thess 2:16
Fight the g fight 1 Tim 6:12
tasted the g word Heb 6:5

GOODNESS *excellence, value*

My g pass before you Ex 33:18
Surely g...will follow Ps 23:6
How great is Thy g Ps 31:19
kindness, g Gal 5:22
every desire for g 2 Thess 1:11

GOODS *possessions, supplies*

the g for yourself Gen 14:21
have acquired...g Ezek 38:12

GORE *stab*

if an ox g-s a man Ex 21:28
g the Arameans 1 Kin 22:11

GOSHEN

1 district of Egypt Gen 45:10
in Nile Delta Gen 47:6,27
2 S Judah region Josh 10:41
3 town in Judah Josh 15:51

GOSPEL *good news*

proclaiming the g of Matt 4:23
preach the g to all Mark 16:15
not ashamed of the g Rom 1:16
if our g is veiled 2 Cor 4:3

or a different g 2 Cor 11:4
 distort the g of Christ Gal 1:7
 g of your salvation Eph 1:13
 g of peace Eph 6:15
 defense of the g Phil 1:16
 the hope of the g Col 1:23
 eternal g to preach Rev 14:6

GOSSIP *babblor*

associate with a g Prov 20:19
 malice, they are g-s Rom 1:29
 g-s and busybodies 1 Tim 5:13

GOVERN *rule*

light to g the day Gen 1:16
 light to g the night Gen 1:16
 when the judges g-ed Ruth 1:1

GOVERNMENT *authority, ruler*

g on His shoulders Is 9:6
 be no end to His g Is 9:7

GOVERNOR *ruler*

not offer it to your g Mal 1:8
 brought before g-s Matt 10:18
 g was quite amazed Matt 27:14
 Pilate was g of Judea Luke 3:1
 g over Egypt Acts 7:10

GRACE *benevolence, favor*

G is poured upon Thy Ps 45:2
 g to the afflicted Prov 3:4
 g of God was upon Luke 2:40
 full of g and truth John 1:14
 g abounded... more Rom 5:20
 g of our Lord Jesus Rom 16:20
 My g is sufficient 2 Cor 12:9
 by g you have been Eph 2:8
 justified by His g Titus 3:7
 to the throne of g Heb 4:16
 g to the humble James 4:6

GRACIOUS *kind*

God be g to you Gen 43:29
 g to whom I will be Ex 33:19
 a g and God Neh 9:31
 He g to me, O LORD Ps 6:2
 and g, Slow to anger Ps 86:15
 g to a poor man Prov 19:17
 be g to remnant Amos 5:15

GRAFT *marry, join*

I might be g-ed in Rom 11:19
 God is able to g Rom 11:23
 g-ed into their own Rom 11:24

GRAIN

Joseph stored up g Gen 41:49
 glean among the g Ruth 2:2
 g for your enemies Is 62:8
 then the mature g Mark 4:28
 g of wheat falls John 12:24

GRAIN OFFERING *see OFFERINGS***GRANDCHILDREN**

G are the crown of Prov 17:6
 widow has... or g 1 Tim 5:4

GRANDDAUGHTER

g-s, and all his Gen 46:7
 g of Omri king of 2 Km 8:28

GRANDSON

g might fear the LORD Deut 6:2
 sons and thirty g-s Judg 12:14
 master's g shall eat 2 Sam 9:10

GRANT *give, provide*

g this people favor Ex 3:21
 hast g-ed me life Job 10:12
 g us Thy salvation Ps 85:7
 G that we may sit Mark 10:37
 He g-ed sight to Luke 7:21
 Father has g-ed Me Luke 22:29
 g repentance to Acts 5:31
 g-ing... deliverance Acts 7:25

GRAPE *fruit*

nor eat dried g-s Num 6:3
 of g-s you drank Deut 32:14
 when the g harvest is Is 24:13
 G-s are not gathered Matt 7:16
 g-s from a briar Luke 6:44

GRASP *hold, seize*

hands g the spindle Prov 31:19
 He who g-s the bow Amos 2:15
 a thing to be g-ed Phil 2:6

GRASS *vegetation*

g springs out 2 Sam 23:4
 his days are like g Ps 103:15
 dry g collapses into Is 5:24
 g withers, the flower Is 40:7
 was given g to eat Dan 5:21
 if God so arrays g Matt 6:30
 All flesh is like g 1 Pet 1:24
 not hurt the g Rev 9:4

GRASSHOPPER *insect*

the g in its kind Lev 11:22
 we became like g-s Num 13:33
 inhabitants are like g-s Is 40:22

GRATITUDE *thankfulness*

overflowing with g Col 2:7
 is received with g 1 Tim 4:4
 let us show g Heb 12:28

GRAVE *sepulcher, tomb*

pillar of Rachel's g Gen 35:20
 throat is an open g Ps 5:9
 I will open your g-s Ezek 37:12
 I will prepare your g Nah 1:14
 made the g secure Matt 27:66

GRAVEN *sculptured*

make a g image Deut 4:23
 ashamed who serve g Ps 97:7
 praise to g images Is 42:8

GRAY *color*

g hair... in sorrow Gen 42:38
 with the man of g Deut 32:25
 Both the g-haired Job 15:10
 when I am old and g Ps 71:18
 g head is a crown Prov 16:31

GRAZE *feed*

cattle... g-ing in 1 Chr 27:29
 wolf... shall g Is 65:25
 he will g on Carmel Jer 50:19

GREAT *big, excellent, grand*

made... two g lights Gen 1:16
 make you a g nation Gen 12:2

lovingkindness is g Ps 57:10
 your iniquity is g Jer 38:15
 g day of the LORD Zeph 1:14
 rejoiced... with g joy Matt 2:10
 woman... faith is g Matt 15:28
 good news of a g joy Luke 2:10
 reward is g in Luke 6:23
 because of His g love Eph 2:4
 so g a salvation Heb 2:3
 we have a g priest Heb 4:14
 so g a cloud of Heb 12:1
 g supper of God Rev 19:17
 a g white throne Rev 20:11

GREATEST *most important*

who is the g among Luke 22:26
 g of these is love 1 Cor 13:13
 least to the g Heb 8:11

GREATNESS *magnitude*

There is the g 1 Chr 29:11
 g lovingkindness Neh 13:22
 g of Thy compassion Ps 51:1
 the g of His strength Is 63:1
 amazed at the g of Luke 9:43
 surpassing g of His Eph 1:19

GREECE

country in SE Europe Dan 8:21
 Dan 10:20, 11:2, Zach 9:13
 Acts 20:2

GREED *excessive desire*

caught by their g Prov 11:6
 every form of g Luke 12:15
 wickedness, g, evil Rom 1:29
 a pretext for g 1 Thim 2:5
 a heart trained in g 2 Pet 2:14

GREEDY *craving*

had g desires Num 11:4
 g man carries Ps 10:3
 Everyone is g for Jer 6:13

GREEKS

people of Greece
 Joel 3:6, Acts 16:1,3
 Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 12:13

GREEN *fertile, fruitful*

every g plant for Gen 1:30
 lie down in g pastures Ps 23:2
 dry up the g tree Ezek 17:24
 nor any g thing Rev 9:4

GREET *hail, welcome*

g no one on the way Luke 10:4
 G one another with 1 Pet 5:14

GRIEF *heartache, sorrow*

weeps because of g Ps 119:28
 foolish son is a g Prov 17:25
 acquainted with g Is 38:3
 our g-s He Himself Is 53:4
 joy and not with g Heb 13:17

GRIEVE *distress, sorrow*

was g-ed in his heart Gen 6:6
 Do not be g-ed Neh 8:10
 g-ed Him in the desert Ps 78:49
 g-ed His Holy Spirit Is 63:10
 g-ed at their hardness Mark 3:5
 Peter was g-ed John 21:17
 not g the Holy Spirit Eph 4:30

GRIND *crush, press*

my wife g for another Job 31:10
 g-ing...the poor Is 5:15
 millstones and g meal Is 47:2
 women...be g-ing Matt 24:41
 and g-s his teeth Mark 9:18

GROAN *cry, moan*

From the city men g Job 24:12
 man rules, people g Prov 29:2
 wounded will g Jer 51:52
 whole creation g-s Rom 8:22

GROANING *crying*

God heard their g Ex 2:24
 O LORD, Consider my g Ps 5:1
 g of the prisoner Ps 79:11
 g-s of a wounded Ezek 30:24
 g-s too deep for Rom 8:26

GROPE *move about blindly*

you shall g at noon Deut 28:29
 They g in darkness Job 12:25
 g like...blind men Is 59:10
 g for Him and find Acts 17:27

GROUND *earth, land, soil*

man of dust from g Gen 2:7
 Cursed is the g Gen 3:17
 crossed on dry g Josh 3:17
 a spirit from the g Is 29:4
 talent in the g Matt 25:25
 finger wrote on the g John 8:6
 standing is holy g Acts 7:33
 g that drinks the rain Heb 6:7

GROUNDED *established*

hope...is firmly g 2 Cor 1:7
 rooted and g in love Eph 3:17

GROW *develop, increase*

Moses had g-n up Ex 2:11
 You are g-n fat Deut 32:15
 my spirit g-s faint Ps 77:3
 youths g weary Is 40:30
 sun and moon g dark Joel 3:15
 lilies of the field g Matt 6:28
 love will g cold Matt 24:12
 Child continued to g Luke 2:40
 grew strong in faith Rom 4:20
 as your faith g-s 2 Cor 10:15
 not g weary of 2 Thess 3:13
 g in the grace 2 Pet 3:18

GROWTH *increase*

new g is seen Prov 27:25
 God who causes the g 1 Cor 3:7

GRUDGE *hostile feeling*

Esau bore a g Gen 27:41
 nor bear any g Lev 19:18
 Herodias had a g Mark 6:19

GRUMBLE *complain*

they g-d against Moses Ex 17:3
 the congregation g Num 14:36
 g-d in their tents Ps 106:25
 scribes began to g Luke 15:2
 g among yourselves John 6:43

GRUMBLING *complaint*

for He hears your g-s Ex 16:7
 g-s against Me Num 17:10
 Do all...without g Phil 2:14

GUARD (n) *keeper*

dost set a g over me Job 7:12
 be a g for them Ezek 38:7
 g-s shook for fear Matt 28:4
 Him away under g Mark 14:44

GUARD (v) *keep watch*

g the way to the tree Gen 3:24
 g-ed the threshold 2 Kin 12:9
 G-ing...justice Prov 2:8
 Discretion will g you Prov 2:11
 soldier...was g-ing Acts 28:16
 shall g your hearts Phil 4:7
 g...from idols 1 John 5:21

GUARDHOUSE *prison*

the court of the g Jer 37:21
 the court of the g Jer 38:28

GUARDIAN *overseer*

g-s of the children 2 Kin 10:1
 under g-s and Gal 4:2
 G of your souls 1 Pet 2:25

GUEST *visitor*

Herod and his...g-s Mark 6:22
 Where...My g room Mark 14:14
 to the invited g-s Luke 14:7
 g of a sinner Luke 19:7

GUIDANCE *counsel*

no g, the people fall Prov 11:14
 make war by wise g Prov 20:18

GUIDE (n) *advisor, director*

The righteous is a g Prov 12:26
 Woe to...blind g-s Matt 23:16
 You blind g-s, who Matt 23:24
 are a g to the blind Rom 2:19

GUIDE (v) *direct, lead*

LORD alone g-d him Deut 32:12
 He g-s me in the paths Ps 23:3
 g us until death Ps 48:14
 my mind was g-ing me Eccl 2:3
 blind...g-s a blind Matt 15:14
 g you into...truth John 16:13
 unless someone g-s Acts 8:31

GUILE *deceit*

in whom is no g John 1:47
 all malice and all g 1 Pet 2:1
 lips from speaking g 1 Pet 3:10

GUILT *offence*

be free from g Num 5:31
 according to his g Deut 25:2
 charge me with a g 2 Sam 3:8
 our g has grown Ezra 9:6
 land is full of g Jer 51:5
 must bear their g Hos 10:2
 I find no g in Him John 18:38

GUILT OFFERING *see***OFFERINGS****GUILTY** *charged or condemned*

he sins and becomes g Lev 6:4
 murderer...g of Num 35:31
 as one who is g 2 Sam 14:13
 g by the blood Ezek 22:4
 g of an eternal sin Mark 3:29
 has become g of all James 2:10

GUSHED *burst, flowed*

so that waters g out Ps 78:28
 the rock...water g Is 48:21
 all his bowels g out Acts 1:11

H**HABAKKUK**

prophet Hab 1:1,3

HABITATION *abode, dwelling*

from Thy holy h Deut 26:11
 a rock of h Ps 71:1
 h-s of violence Ps 74:28
 live in a peaceful h Is 32:18
 holy and glorious h Is 63:1
 laid waste his h Jer 10:28
 a h of shepherds Jer 33:11

HABOR

river in Mesopotamia
 2 Kin 17:6,18,11; 1 Chr 5:2

HADAD

1 son of Ishmael Gen 25:2
 1 Chr 1:38
 2 son of Bedad Gen 36:35,38
 1 Chr 1:46,4
 3 a king of Edom Gen 36:38
 4 king of Edom 1 Chr 1:50,5
 5 Edomite prince 1 Kin 11:148

HADASSAH

Father's Hebrew name Eath 2:

HADES *hell, place of dead*

shall descend to H Matt 11:2
 in H he lifted up Luke 16:2
 abandoned to H Rev 1:1

HAGAR

Sarah's handmaiden Gen 16:
 Abraham's slave wife Gen 16:
 mother of Ishmael Gen 16:1

HAGGAI

prophet Ezra 5:1; Hag 1:

HAGGITH

David's wife 2 Sam 3:
 mother of Adonijah 1 Kin 1:1

HAIL (n) *pieces of ice*

rained h on the land Ex 9:2
 storehouses of the h Job 38:2
 gave them h for rain Ps 105:3
 plague of the h Rev 16:2

HAIL (v) *greeting*

H, Rabbi Matt 26:4
 H, King of Jews Matt 27:2

HAILSTONES *pieces of ice*

who died from the h Josh 10:1
 H and coals of fire Ps 18:1
 you, O h, will fall Ezek 13:1
 h...one hundred Rev 16:2

HAIR

gray h...to Sheol Gen 42:3
 locks of his h and Judg 16:1
 h...bristled Job 4:1

h...like pure wool Dan 7:9
 garment of camel's h Matt 3:4
 make one h white Matt 5:36
 h-s...all numbered Matt 10:30
 His feet with her h John 11:2
 not with braided h 1 Tim 2:9

HALL, corridor

h of pillars 1 Kin 7:6
 h of judgment 1 Kin 7:7
 wedding h has Matt 22:10

HAILLELUJAH *praise Yahweh*

H! Salvation and Rev 19:1
 H! Her smoke rises Rev 19:3
 Arnen H Rev 19:4
 H! For the Lord our Rev 19:6

HALLOWED *consecrated, holy*

H be Thy name Matt 6:9

HAM

1 km of Noah Gen 5:32, 9:18
 2 city Gen 14:5
 3 poetic name for Egypt
 Ps 105:27, 106:22

HAMAN

Perian prime minister
 son of Hammedatha Esth 3:1

HAMATH

city in Aram 2 Kin 23:33, 25:21

HAMMER *mallet, tool*

and seized a h Judg 4:21
 neither h nor axe 1 Kin 6:7
 smash with...h-s Ps 74:6
 like a h which Jer 23:29

HAMON-GOG

valley where army of Gog
 is defeated Ezek 39:11, 15

HANANIAH

1 km of Zerubbabel 1 Chr 3:19
 2 km of Shishak 1 Chr 8:24
 3 musician 1 Chr 25:4, 23
 4 in Uzziah's army 2 Chr 26:11
 5 repaired wall Neh 3:30
 6 overseer of palace Neh 7:2
 7 false prophet Jer 28:15
 8 Shadrach Dan 1:6, 7
 name of six other individuals

HAND *part of body*

cover you with My h Ex 33:22
 for tooth, h for h Deut 19:21
 sling was in his h 1 Sam 17:40
 They pierced my h-s Ps 22:16
 buries his h Prov 19:24
 the hollow of His h Is 40:12
 clay in the potter's h Jer 18:6
 not let your left h Matt 6:3
 laying His h-s upon Mark 10:16
 the right h of God Mark 16:19
 into the h-s of men Luke 9:44
 into Thy h-s 1 Luke 23:46
 reach here your h John 20:27
 not made with h-s 2 Cor 5:1
 lifting up holy h-s 1 Tim 2:8
 h-s of...God Heb 10:31

HANDMAID *servant, slave*

save the son of Thy h Ps 88:16
 the son of Thy h Ps 116:16
 her h-s are mourning Nah 2:7

HANDSOME *attractive*

a choice and h man 1 Sam 9:2
 ruddy, with a h 1 Sam 17:42

HANG *attach, suspend*

h you on a tree Gen 40:19
 h up the veil Ex 40:8
 h-ed is accused of Deut 21:23
 h-ing in an oak 2 Sam 18:10
 they h-ed Haman Esth 7:10
 he h-ed himself Matt 27:5
 millstone were hung Luke 17:2
 h-ing Him on a cross Acts 5:30
 who h-s on a tree Gal 3:13

HANNAH

mother of Samuel 1 Sam 2:21

HAPPINESS *joy*

give h to his wife Deut 24:5
 eat your bread in h Eccl 9:7
 I have forgotten h Lam 3:17

HAPPY *blessed, joyful*

Leah said, H am I Gen 30:13
 h...man whom God Job 5:17
 h...who keeps the Prov 29:18

HARAN

1 brother of Abraham Gen 11:27
 father of Lot Gen 11:31
 2 Mesopotamian city Gen 11:32
 Gen 27:43
 3 Canaanite Lottie 1 Chr 23:9

HARD *difficult, firm*

bitter with h labor Ex 1:14
 case that is too h Deut 1:17
 made our yoke h 2 Chr 10:4
 Water becomes h Job 38:30
 h for a rich man Matt 19:23
 h it is to enter Mark 10:24
 worked h all night Luke 5:5

HARDEN *make hard, callous*

h Pharaoh's heart Ex 7:3
 dust h-s into a mass Job 38:38
 who h-s his neck Prov 29:1
 h-s whom He Rom 9:18
 minds were h-ed 2 Cor 3:14
 Do not h your hearts Heb 3:15

HARDNESS *callousness*

give them h of heart Lam 3:65
 Because of your h Matt 19:8
 grieved at their h Mark 3:5
 unbelief and h of Mark 16:14

HARDSHIP *difficulty*

H after h is with me Job 10:17
 people experience h Ps 60:3
 afflictions, in h-s 2 Cor 6:4
 our labor and h 1 Theas 2:9
 Suffer h with me 2 Tim 2:3

HAREN *royal wives' quarters*

best place in the h Esth 2:9
 the court of the h Esth 2:11
 from the h to the Esth 2:13
 to the second h Esth 2:14

HARLOT *prostitute*

thought she was a h Gen 38:15
 the hire of a h Deut 23:18
 h whose name was Job 2:1
 Dressed as a h Prov 7:10
 city has become a h Is 1:21
 also played the h Ezek 16:26
 Traded a boy for a h Joel 3:3
 to a h is one body 1 Cor 6:16
 Mother of H-s Rev 17:5

HARLOTRY *prostitution*

with child by h Gen 38:24
 profaned by h Lev 21:7
 uncovered her h-les Ezek 23:18
 children of h Hos 1:2
 spirit of h Hos 5:4

HARM (n) *evil, hurt*

pillar to me, for h Gen 31:32
 h to this people Ex 5:22
 keep me from h 1 Chr 4:10
 Do not devise h Prov 3:29
 great h to yourselves Jer 44:7
 the fire without h Dan 3:25
 did me much h 2 Tim 4:14

HARM (v) *damage, hurt*

David seeks to h 1 Sam 24:9
 planning to h me Neh 6:2
 have not h-ed me Dan 6:22
 in order to h you Acts 18:10
 is there to h you 1 Pet 3:13

HAR-MACEDON

hall of Megiddo Rev 16:16
 see also MEGIDDO

HARMONY *agreement*

what h has Christ 2 Cor 6:15
 live in h in the Phil 4:2

HARP *musical instrument*

my h is turned to Job 30:31
 praises with a h Ps 33:2
 Awake, h and lyre Ps 57:8
 gaiety of the h ceases Is 24:8
 having each one a h Rev 5:8
 holding h-s of God Rev 15:2

HARSH *difficult, hard*

man was h and evil 1 Sam 25:3
 h word stirs up anger Prov 15:1
 A h vision Is 21:2
 under h servitude Lam 3:1

HARVEST *reap and gather*

Seedtime and h Gen 8:22
 fruits of the wheat h Ex 34:22
 you reap your h Deut 24:19
 he who sleeps in h Prov 10:5
 snow time of h Prov 25:13
 like rain in h Prov 28:1
 the gladness of h Is 9:3
 time of h will come Jer 51:33
 Lord of the h Matt 9:38
 h is the end of the Matt 13:39
 fields...white for h John 4:35
 h of the earth is Rev 14:15

HARVEST, FEAST OF
 see FEASTS

HASHUM

1 *family of exiles* Ezra 2:19
2 *was with Ezra* Neh 8:4

HASTEN *accelerate*

h-ed after deceit Job 31:5
H to me, O God Ps 70:5
they h to shed blood Prov 1:16
bird h-s to the snare Prov 7:23
eye h-s after wealth Prov 28:22
h-ing day of God 2 Pet 3:12

HATE *despise, loathe*

you h discipline Ps 50:17
who h the LORD Ps 81:15
I h every false way Ps 119:104
fools h knowledge Prov 1:22
spares his rod h-s Prov 13:24
a time to h Eccl 3:8
H evil, love good Amos 5:15
For I h divorce Mal 2:16
good to those who h Luke 6:27
you will be h-d Luke 21:17
he who h-s his life John 12:25
the very thing I h Rom 7:15
Esau I h-d Rom 9:13
h-ing one another Titus 3:3
yet h-s his brother 1 John 2:9

HATERS *those who hate*

slanderers, h of God Rom 1:30
brutal, h of good 2 Tim 3:3

HATRED *hate, ill will*

h for my love Ps 109:5
H stirs up strife Prov 10:12
who conceals h has Prov 10:18

HAUGHTY *proud*

nor my eyes h Ps 131:1
H eyes, a lying Prov 6:17
h spirit before Prov 16:18
Proud, H, Scoffer Prov 21:24
wine betrays the h Hab 2:5
do not be h in mind Rom 12:16

HAVEN *harbor, shelter*

be a h for ships Gen 49:13
to their desired h Ps 107:30

HAVILAH

1 *region encompassed by one of Eden's rivers* Gen 2:11
2 *area in W Arabia* Gen 25:18
3 *second son of Cush* Gen 10:7
4 *son of Joktan* Gen 10:29
1 Chr 1:23

HAWK *bird*

sea gull, and the h Deut 14:15
h-s shall be gathered Is 34:15

HAZAEI

anointed by Elijah 1 Kin 19:15
killed Ben Hadad 2 Kin 8:15
Aramaic king 2 Kin 8:15; 9:14
defeated Israel 2 Kin 10:32

HAZOR

1 *Canaanite city in N Palestine* Josh 11:11
2 *town of the Negev* Josh 15:23
3 *Benjamite city* Neh 11:33
4 *desert kingdom* Jer 49:33

HEAD *chief or part of body*

bruise you on the h Gen 3:15
anointed my h with oil Ps 23:5
h a garland of grace Prov 4:9
gray h is a crown Prov 16:31
coals on his h Prov 25:22
h was made bald Ezek 29:18
had four h-s Dan 7:6
an oath by your h Matt 5:36
nowhere to lay His h Matt 8:20
h of John the Baptist Matt 14:8
not a hair of your h Luke 21:18
crown...on His h John 19:2
God is the h of 1 Cor 11:3
husband is the h Eph 5:23

HEADLONG *headfirst*

He rushes h at Him Job 15:26
falling h, he burst Acts 1:18
h into the error Jude 11

HEAL *make well, restore*

will h their land 2 Chr 7:14
h-s the brokenhearted Ps 147:3
a time to h Eccl 3:3
H me, O LORD Jer 17:14
will h their apostasy Hos 14:4
h-ed all who were Matt 8:16
H the sick, raise Matt 10:8
h him on...Sabbath Mark 3:2
Physician, h yourself Luke 4:23
you may be h-ed James 5:16
fatal wound was h-ed Rev 13:3

HEALING *health, wholeness*

be h to your body Prov 3:8
h to the bones Prov 16:24
sorrow is beyond h Jer 8:18
There is no h for Jer 48:11
their leaves for h Ezek 47:12
h every kind of Matt 4:23
gifts of h 1 Cor 12:9
h of the nations Rev 22:2

HEALTH *soundness, wholeness*

no h in my bones Ps 38:3
restore you to h Jer 30:17
and be in good h 3 John 2

HEAP (n) *mound, pile*

stones and made a h Gen 31:46
waters stood...like a h Ex 15:8
made a refuse h Ezra 6:11
needy from the ash h Ps 113:7
Jerusalem a h of ruins Jer 9:11
altars are...h-s Hos 12:11

HEAP (v) *pile up, place*

h misfortunes on Deut 32:23
will h burning coals Prov 25:22
H on the wood Ezek 24:10
h up rubble to Hab 1:10

HEAR *listen*

h-d the sound of Gen 3:10
God h-d their groaning Ex 2:24
H, O Israel Deut 6:4
h the wisdom of 1 Kin 4:34
h Thou in heaven 1 Kin 8:30
Will God h his cry Job 27:9
who dost h prayer Ps 65:2
h Thy lovingkindness Ps 143:8

poor h-s no rebuke Prov 13:3
deaf shall h words Is 29:18
bones, h the word Ezek 37:5
ears to h, let him h Matt 11:3
h of wars and Mark 13:3
he who h-s My word John 5:2
does not h sinners John 9:3
sheep h My voice John 10:27
we h-d of your faith Col 1:4
anyone h-s My voice Rev 3:20

HEARING *listening*

in the LORD's h 1 Sam 8:21
in the h of a fool Prov 23:3
fulfilled in your h Luke 4:21
I will give you a h Acts 23:32
become dull of h Heb 5:11

HEART *mind or seat of emotions*

intent of man's h is Gen 8:21
I will harden his h Ex 4:21
great searchings of h Judg 5:16
LORD looks at the h 1 Sam 16:7
fool has said in his h Ps 14:1
meditation of my h Ps 10:4
My h is like wax Ps 22:14
in me a clean h Ps 51:10
and a contrite h Ps 51:17
Thy word in my h Ps 119:11
Deceit is in the h Prov 12:21
A joyful h is good Prov 17:22
to a troubled h Prov 25:20
bribe corrupts the h Eccl 7:7
a new h and a new Ezek 18:31
uncircumcised in h Ezek 44:7
are the pure in h Matt 5:8
adultery in his h Matt 5:28
and humble in h Matt 11:29
h is far from Me Matt 15:8
pondering in her h Luke 2:19
pierced to the h Acts 2:37
cleansing their h-s Acts 15:9
who searches the h-s Rom 8:27
tablets of human h-s 2 Cor 3:3
not lose h in doing Gal 6:9
melody with your h Eph 5:19
intentions of the h Heb 4:12
deceives his own h James 1:26

HEAT *hotness, warmth*

the h of the day Gen 18:1
and h consume Job 24:19
hidden from its h Ps 19:6
a shade from the h Is 25:4
burning h of famine Lam 5:10
scorching h of the Matt 20:12
with intense h 2 Pet 3:10
scorched with fierce h Rev 16:9

HEAVE OFFERING

see OFFERINGS

HEAVEN *place of God or sky*

God created the h-s Gen 1:1
rain bread from h Ex 16:4
shut up the h-s Deut 11:17
thunder in the h-s 1 Sam 2:10
fire came from h 2 Kin 1:14
make windows in h 2 Kin 7:2
walks...vault of h Job 22:14
I consider Thy h-s Ps 8:3

h and earth praise Ps 60:34
fixed patterns of h Jer 33:25
lights in the h-s Ezek 32:8
open... windows of h Mal 3:10
kingdom of h is at Matt 3:2
voice out of the h-s Matt 3:17
reward in h is great Matt 5:12
Father who art in h Matt 6:9
shall be loosed in h Matt 16:19
great signs from h Luke 21:11
Him go into h Acts 1:11
no name under h Acts 4:12
up to the third h 2 Cor 12:2
citizenship is in h Phil 3:20
new h and a new Rev 12:1
there was war in h Rev 12:7

HEAVENLY related to God

h Father is perfect Matt 5:48
h Father knows that Matt 6:32
h host praising God Luke 2:13
I tell you h things John 3:12
Him in the h places Eph 2:6
partakers of a h Heb 3:1
shadow of the h Heb 8:5

HEAVY burdensome, hard to lift

Moses' hands were h Ex 17:12
servitude was h on Neh 5:18
h drinkers of wine Prov 23:20
A stone is h Prov 27:3
Jerusalem a h stone Zech 12:3
eyes were very h Mark 14:40

HEBER

1 son of Beriah Gen 46:17
2 husband of Joel Judg 4:17
3 son of Merod 1 Chr 4:18
4 son of Eliphal 1 Chr 8:17
see also EBER

HEBREW(S)

1 people Gen 14:13, Ex 1:15
Ex 9:13, Jon 1:9
2 language John 19:17
Acts 22:2, 26:14
see also JUDEAN
see also CANAAN

HEBRON

1 Judean town Josh 11:21
site of Sarah's death Gen 23:2
visited by spies Num 13:22
destroyed Josh 10:36
city of refuge Josh 20:7
residence of David 2 Sam 2:1
2 son of Kohath Ex 6:18
3 son of Mereshah 1 Chr 2:42

HEDGE border or protection

Thou not made a h Job 1:10
as a h of thorns Prov 15:19
along the h-s, and Luke 14:23

HEEL back of foot

bruise him on the h Gen 3:15
on to Esau's h Gen 25:26
his h against Me John 13:18

HEIFER young cow

unblemished red h Num 19:3
plowed with my h Judg 14:18

Egypt is a pretty h Jer 46:20
Like a stubborn h Hos 4:16

HEIGHT elevation, heaven, sky

in the h of heaven Job 22:12
from His holy h Ps 102:19
Praise Him in the h-s Ps 148:1
As the heavens for h Prov 25:3
ascend above the h-s Is 14:14
nor h, nor depth Rom 8:39

HEIR person who inherits

in my house is my h Gen 15:3
has he no h-s Jer 49:1
h-s also, h-s of God Rom 8:17
an h through God Gal 4:7
h-s of the kingdom James 2:5

HELIOPOLIS

ancient Egyptian city Jer 43:13
also On

HELL place of dead

go into the fiery h Matt 5:22
soul and body in h Matt 10:28
to be cast into h Mark 9:47
set on fire by h James 3:6
cast them into h 2 Pet 2:4
see also HADES and SHEOL

HELLENISTIC JEWS

Greek speaking Jews Acts 6:1
Acts 9:29

HELMET headpiece

bronze h on his 1 Sam 17:5
h of salvation Is 59:17
take the h of Eph 6:17

HELP (n) assistance, relief

h is not within me Job 6:13
He is our h and our Ps 33:20
present h in trouble Ps 46:1
I cried for h Jon 2:2
gifts of... h-s 1 Cor 12:28

HELP (v) aid, assist

h-ing the Hebrew Ex 1:16
the LORD h-ed David 2 Sam 8:6
whence shall my h Ps 121:1
I will h you Is 41:13
Lord, h me Matt 15:25
h my unbelief Mark 9:24
must h the weak Acts 20:35
Spirit also h-s our Rom 8:26
earth h-ed the Rev 12:16

HELPER one who assists

h of the orphan Ps 10:14
O LORD, be Thou my h Ps 30:10
Behold, God is my h Ps 54:4
give you another H John 14:16
H, the Holy Spirit John 14:26

HELPLESS weak

the h has hope Job 5:16
who considers the h Ps 41:1
while we were still h Rom 5:6

HEMAN

1 sage of Solomon 1 Kin 4:31
2 line of Samuel 1 Chr 15:19

HEMORRHAGE bleeding

suffering from a h Matt 9:20

a h for twelve years Mark 5:25
her h stopped Luke 8:44

HEN fowl

h gathers her Matt 23:27
as a h gathers her Luke 13:34

HEPHZIBAH

Manasseh's mother 2 Kin 21:1
Hezekiah's wife 2 Kin 21:3

HERB dried plant

bread and bitter h-s Ex 12:8
fade like the green h Ps 37:2
h-s of mountains Prov 27:25
sweet-scented h-s Song 5:13

HERD cattle, flock

first-born of your h Deut 12:6
h, or flock taste a Jon 3:7
h of many swine Matt 8:30

HERDSMEN keepers of flocks

h of Abram's livestock Gen 13:7
between my h and Gen 13:8
the h ran away Matt 8:33

HERITAGE what is inherited

the h decreed to him Job 20:29
my h is beautiful Ps 16:6
their land as a h Ps 136:21
inherit the desolate h-s Is 49:8
you who pillage My h Jer 50:11

HERMES

1 Greek god Acts 14:12
2 Roman Christian Rom 16:14

HERMOGENES

Asian Christian who failed
to support Paul 2 Tim 1:15

HERMON

mountain region in N Palestine
Josh 11:17; Ps 42:6; 133:3
N boundary of Promised Land
Deut 3:8

HEROD

1 Herod the Great
king of Palestine Matt 2:1
ruled during Jesus' birth
Matt 2:18

2 Herod Archelaus
son of Herod the Great
Matt 2:22

3 Herod Antipas
son of Herod the Great
Matt 14:1

tetrarch of Galilee Luke 3:1
ruled at time of Jesus' ministry
Luke 13:31; 23:7, 8, 11
executed John the Baptist
Matt 14:10; Mark 6:27

4 Herod Philip I
son of Herod the Great
Mark 6:17

brother of Herod Antipas
5 Herod Philip II
son of Herod the Great
Luke 3:1

6 Herod Agrippa I
grandson of Herod the Great
Acts 12:1

*ruler of Judea and Samaria
persecuted the early church*
Acts 12:2-23
7 Herod Agrippa II
son of Agrippa I Acts 25:13
tetrarch of N Palestine
heard Paul's testimony
Acts 25:23ff; 26:1ff

HERODIANS

influential Jews favoring Herod
Matt 22:16; Mark 3:6

HERODIAS

wife of Herod Antipas
Matt 14:3; Mark 6:17
requested head of John the Baptist
Matt 14:8; Mark 6:24

HETH

Hebrew eponym for Hittites
Gen 10:15; 23:10

HEW chop, cut

h down their Asherim Deut 7:5
h-n cisterns, vineyards Neh 9:25
h-n out in the rock Mark 15:46

HEZEKIAH

king of Judah 2 Kin 18:1
reformer 2 Kin 18:4
warrior 2 Kin 18:7,8
builder 2 Kin 20:20

HIDE conceal, cover

man and his wife hid Gen 3:8
I h from Abraham Gen 18:17
Moses hid his face Ex 3:6
h me in Sheol Job 14:13
h-ing my iniquity Job 31:33
H me in the shadow Ps 17:8
Do not h Thy face Ps 27:9
wrongs are not h-den Ps 69:5
sees evil and h-s Prov 27:12
hid your talent Matt 25:25
nothing is h-den Mark 4:22
Jesus hid himself John 8:59
h us from...Him Rev 6:16

HIDDEN (adj) concealed

Acquit me of h faults Ps 19:12
h wealth of secret Is 45:3
h snares for my feet Jer 18:22
profound and h Dan 2:22
some of the h manna Rev 2:17

HIDING PLACE

Clouds are a h Job 22:14
He lurks in a h Ps 10:9
Thou art my h Ps 32:7
uncovered his h-s Jer 49:10

HIEROPOLIS

city in Asia Minor Col 4:13

HIGH elevated or heavenly

it is still h day Gen 29:7
the h places of Baal Num 22:41
h above all nations Deut 28:19
h as the heavens Job 11:8
my advocate is on h Job 16:19
set him securely on h Ps 91:14
or h as heaven Is 7:11
to a very h mountain Matt 4:8

the h priest Matt 26:57
Son of the Most H Mark 5:7
from a h fever Luke 4:38
He ascended on h Eph 4:8

HIGH PLACE

worship place of God or idols
Num 22:41; 1 Sam 9:12-14

HIGH PRIEST

first in hierarchy Ex 27:21
under Aaron Ex 28:1,2
enters Holy of Holies
Ex 28:29,30; Heb 9:7
head of Sanhedrin
Matt 26:57; Acts 5:21
Jesus as High Priest Heb 3:1
Heb 5:5-9

HIGHWAY road

along the king's h Num 20:17
h from Egypt to Is 19:23
the H of Holiness Is 35:8
a h for our God Is 40:3
Go out into the h-s Luke 14:23

HILKIAH

1 father of Eliakim 2 Kin 18:18
2 high priest 2 Kin 22:4-14
3 Merarite Levite 1 Chr 6:45
4 son of Hosah 1 Chr 26:11
5 was with Ezra Neh 8:4
6 returned from exile Neh 12:7

HILL mountain

the everlasting h-s Gen 49:26
the h of God 1 Sam 10:5
dwelt on Thy holy h Ps 15:1
to Thy holy h Ps 43:3
cattle...thousand h-s Ps 50:10
h-s, Fall on us Hos 10:8
city set on a h Matt 5:14
h...brought low Luke 3:5
the brow of the h Luke 4:29
h-s, Cover us Luke 23:30

HINDER delay, impede, restrain

h meditation before Job 15:4
do not h them Matt 19:14
do not h them Luke 18:16
h-ed you from obeying Gal 5:7
prayers...not be h-ed 1 Pet 3:7

HINNOM

1 valley SW of Jerusalem
Josh 15:8; Neh 11:30
2 person for whom valley
named 2 Kin 23:10; Jer 7:31

HIP part of body

the sinew of the h Gen 32:32
curves of your h-s are Song 7:1
h joints went slack Dan 5:6

HIRAM/HURAM

1 king of Tyre 1 Kin 5:1ff
2 Chr 2:3,11
2 skilled craftsman 1 Kin 7:14
2 Chr 4:11

HIRE (n) wages

it came for its h Ex 22:15
the h of a harlot Deut 23:18

HIRE (v) engage for labor

h...for bread 1 Sam 2:5
and h the Arameans 2 Sam 10:6
to h...charlots 1 Chr 19:8
he who h-s a fool Prov 26:10
to h laborers for Matt 20:1

HIRED (adj) employed

as a h man, as if Lev 25:40
oppress a h servant Deut 24:14
as one of your h Luke 15:19

HIRELING employee

h...not a shepherd John 10:12
because he is a h John 10:13

HISS to show dislike

h him from his place Job 27:23
object of...h-ing Jer 18:16
They h and shake Lam 2:15
h And wave his hand Zeph 2:15

HITTITES

1 people in Palestine in
patriarchal age Gen 15:20
Gen 49:29
2 inhabitants of Aram during
Israelite monarchy 2 Kin 7:6
2 Chr 8:7

HIVITES

people dispossessed by
the Israelites Ex 23:28
Josh 3:10; 2 Sam 24:7

HOGIAH

daughter of Zelophehad
Num 26:33; 27:1; Josh 17:3

HOLD grasp, retain

Moses held his hand Ex 17:11
h fast to Him Deut 11:22
h fast...evil purpose Ps 64:5
heart h fast my words Prov 4:4
Take h of instruction Prov 4:13
h fast My covenant Is 56:4
h to one and despise Matt 6:24
h to the tradition Mark 7:8
h fast the word 1 Cor 15:2
h-ing to the mystery 1 Tim 3:9
h of the eternal 1 Tim 6:12
He held seven stars Rev 1:16

HOLE opening

the h of the cobra Is 11:8
a h in the wall Ezek 8:7
a purse with h-s Hag 1:6
foxes have h-s Matt 8:20

HOLIDAY period of leisure

a feast and a h Esth 8:17
a h for rejoicing Esth 9:19
mourning into a h Esth 9:22

HOLINESS sacredness

majestic in h Ex 15:11
H befits Thy house Ps 93:5
the Highway of H Is 35:8
unblamable in h 1 Thess 3:13
we may share His h Heb 12:10

HOLLOW empty space

the h of a sling 1 Sam 25:29
in the h of His hand Is 40:12

HOLY *holy, sanctified*

standing is h ground Ex 3:5
sabbath. keep it h Ex 20:8
you are a h people Deut 7:6
ten thousand h ones Deut 33:2
h like the Lord 1 Sam 2:2
Worship. h array 1 Chr 16:29
His h dwelling 2 Chr 20:27
Jerusalem, the h city Neh 11:1
Zion, My h mountain Ps 2:6
to His h land Ps 78:54
bless His h name Ps 145:21
H, H, H, is the Lord Is 6:3
the H One of Israel Is 30:15
what is h to dogs Matt 7:6
righteous and h man Mark 6:20
the H One of God Luke 4:34
in the h Scriptures Rom 1:2
and h sacrifice Rom 12:1
with a h him Rom 16:16
h both in body 1 Cor 7:34
lifting up h hands 1 Tim 2:8
with a h calling 2 Tim 1:9
I saw the h city Rev 21:2

HOLY OF HOLIES

*most holy place in the
Tabernacle/Temple*
Ex 26:33,34, 2 Chr 1:8

HOLY SPIRIT

Third Person of the Godhead
Matt 28:19, 2 Cor 13:14
Helper John 14:16,26
Giver of gifts Rom 12:6-8
1 Cor 12:8-11
fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22

HOMAGE *act of reverence*

my people shall do h Gen 41:40
did h to the Lord 1 Chr 29:20
and paid h to Haman Esth 3:2
did h to Daniel Dan 2:46

HOME *place of dwelling*

free at h one year Deut 24:5
God makes a h Ps 68:6
man is not at h Prov 7:19
to his eternal h Eccl 12:5
Go h to your people Mark 5:19
let him eat at h 1 Cor 11:34
at h in the body 2 Cor 5:6
at h with the Lord 2 Cor 5:5

HOMER *measure of capacity*

a h of barley Lev 27:16
a h of seed Is 5:10
from a h of wheat Eccl 45:13

HOMESTEAD *family dwelling*

h fathers and forefathers Is 27:10
guards his own h Luke 11:21
h be made desolate Acts 1:20

HOMOSEXUALS

effeminate, *see* h 1 Cor 6:9
immoral men and h 1 Tim 1:10

HONEST *respectable, truthful*

we are h men Gen 42:11
painful are h words Job 6:25
an h and good heart Luke 8:15

HONEY *sweetness*

with milk and h Ex 3:8
swarm of bees and h Judg 14:8
is sweeter than h Judg 14:18
sweet as h in my Ezek 3:3
locusts and wild h Matt 3:4

HONEYCOMB *honey storage*

drippings of the h Ps 19:10
Pleasant words. a h Prov 16:24

HONOR (n) *glory, great respect*

both riches and h 1 Kin 3:13
stripped my h from Job 19:9
none will inherit h Prov 3:35
is not without h Matt 13:57
glory and h and Rom 2:10
marriage be held in h Heb 13:4
blasting and h and Rev 5:13

HONOR (v) *show respect*

H your father Ex 20:12
h the aged Lev 19:32
who h his I will h 1 Sam 2:30
am h-ed in the night Is 49:5
A son h-s his father Mal 1:6
may be h-ed by men Matt 6:2
h-s Me with lips Matt 15:8
does not h the Son John 5:23
fear God, h the king 1 Pet 2:17

HONORABLE *respectable*

the elder and h man Is 9:15
one vessel for h use Rom 9:21
whatever is h Phil 4:8

HOOF *part of animal foot*

which divide the h Lev 11:4
with horns and h Ps 68:31
h-s of beasts shall Eccl 32:13
tear off their h-s Zech 11:16

HOOK *fastener*

into pruning h-s Is 2:4
My h is in your nose Is 37:29
h-s into your jaws Eccl 35:4

HOPE (n) *expectation*

Where now is my h Job 17:15
h of the afflicted Ps 9:18
My h is in Thee Ps 39:7
Thou art my h Ps 71:5
while there is h Prov 19:16
the h of Israel Jer 17:13
our h has perished Eccl 37:11
on trial for the h Acts 23:6
h does not disappoint Rom 5:5
rejoicing in h Rom 12:12
may the God of h Rom 15:13
ought to glory in h 1 Cor 9:10
now abide faith, h 1 Cor 13:13
h of righteousness Gal 5:5
the h of His calling Eph 1:18
the h of the gospel Col 1:23
the h of glory Col 1:27
the h of salvation 1 Thess 5:8
h of eternal life Titus 3:7
to a living h 1 Pet 1:3
h that is in you 1 Pet 3:15

HOPE (v) *expect with confidence*

I will h in Him Job 13:15
For I h in Thee Ps 39:15

We h for justice Is 59:11
are h-ing for light Jer 13:14
Gentiles will h Matt 12:21
h-s all things 1 Cor 13:7
first to h in Christ Eph 1:11
I h in the Lord Jesus Phil 2:19
of things h-d for Heb 11:1
I h to come to you 2 John 12

HOPHNI

son of Eh 1 Sam 1:3,4,11

HOPHRA *see PHARAOH*

HOB

mountain Num 20:22,23
place of Aaron's death
Num 20:25, Deut 32:30

HORDE *throng*

against Babylon A h Jer 50:9
h-s of grasshoppers Neh 3:17

HOREB

another name for Mount Sinai
Ex 3:1, Deut 4:10, Ps 106:19

HORITES

inhabitants of Mount Seir
in Edom Gen 14:6,30:20

HORN

caught by his h-s Gen 22:13
h-s of the altar Ex 29:12
you shall sound a h Lev 25:9
with the ram's h Josh 6:5
h of my salvation 2 Sam 22:3
the h, flute, lyre Dan 3:5
it had two h-s Dan 7:7

HORROR *terror*

h overwhelms me Is 21:4
object of h Jer 49:13
clothed with h Eccl 7:27
cup of h Eccl 23:33

HORSE *animal*

biting the h's heels Gen 40:17
h-s and chariots of 2 Kin 6:17
A h is a false hope Ps 32:17
whip is for the h Prov 26:3
shaves riding on h-s Eccl 10:7
behold, a black h Rev 6:5

HORSE GATE *see*

GATES OF JERUSALEM

HORSEMEN *cavalry, horse riders*

Pharaoh, his h and Ex 14:9
chariots and h 1 Kin 10:26
h riding on Eccl 33:12
H charging, Swords Nah 3:3
armies of the h Rev 9:16

HOSANNA *acclamation of praise*

H to the Son of Matt 21:9
H in the highest Mark 11:10
H! Blessed is He John 12:13

HOSIA

prophet Hos 1:1,2

HOSHIA

1 name of Joshua Num 13:8,16
2 king of Israel 2 Kin 15:30
2 Kin 17:4

3 Ephraim's officer 1 Chr 27:20
4 signet of cocooners Neh 10:23

HOSPITABLE friendly

h. able to teach 1 Tim 3:2
h. loving what is Titus 1:8
h to one another 1 Pet 4:9

HOSPITALITY open to guests

practicing h Rom 12:13
show h to strangers Heb 13:2

HOST army, multitude

all the h of heaven Deut 4:19
captain, LORD's h Josh 5:15
LORD of h-s, He is Ps 24:10
of the heavenly h Luke 2:13

HOSTILE antagonistic

h to Jesus Acts 26:9
set on the flesh is h Rom 8:7
h to all men 1 Thess 2:15

HOT very warm, violent

when the sun grew h Ex 16:21
and h displeasure Deut 9:19
My heart was h within Ps 39:3
man walk on h coals Prov 6:28
neither cold nor h Rev 3:15

HOURLY time

healed that very h Matt 8:13
watch...for one h Matt 26:40
the h is at hand Matt 26:45
ninth h Jesus cried Mark 13:34
save Me from this h John 12:27
the h has come John 17:1
the h of testing Rev 3:10

HOUSE home or temple

born in my h is my Gen 15:3
passed over the h-s Ex 12:27
the h of slavery Ex 20:2
consecrates his h Lev 27:14
as for me and my h Josh 24:15
Set your h in order 2 Kin 20:1
h of God forsaken Neh 13:11
h like the spider's Job 27:18
Holiness befits Thy h Ps 93:5
LORD builds the h Ps 127:1
Wisdom...built her h Prov 9:1
in My h of prayer Is 56:7
O h of Israel Jer 18:6
his h upon the rock Matt 7:24
My h...a h of Matt 21:13
devour widow's h-s Mark 12:40
left h or wife or Luke 18:29
In My Father's h John 14:2
h not made...hands 2 Cor 5:1
h for a holy 1 Pet 2:5

HOUSE OF GOD/LORD

see TEMPLE

HOUSE OF THE LORD

see TABERNACLE

HOUSEHOLD family, home

herds and a great h Gen 26:14
stole the h idols Gen 31:19
each one with his h Ex 1:1
to the ways of her h Prov 31:27
like a head of a h Matt 13:52
area of God's h Eph 2:19

manages his own h 1 Tim 3:4
in the h of God 1 Tim 3:15

HOusetop roof

As grass on the h-s 2 Kin 19:26
lonely bird on a h Ps 102:7
upon the h-s Matt 10:27
Peter went...the h Acts 10:9

HULDAH

a Hebrew prophetess
2 Kin 22:14; 2 Chr 34:22

HUMAN mankind, person

the life of any h Lev 24:17
guilt of h blood Prov 28:17
they had h form Ezek 1:5
tablets of h hearts 2 Cor 3:3

HUMBLE (adj) gentle, modest

Moses was very h Num 12:3
h will inherit Ps 37:11
with the h is wisdom Prov 11:2
H, and mounted on Zech 9:9
gentle and h in Matt 11:29
along with h means Phil 4:12
grace to the h James 4:6

HUMBLE (v) modest

refuse to h yourself Ex 10:3
He might h you Deut 8:2
h. and pray 2 Chr 7:14
h-s...as this child Matt 18:4
H yourselves 1 Pet 5:6

HUMILIATE embarrass

h-d who seek my hurt Ps 71:24
Neither feel h-d Is 54:4
His opponents...h-d Luke 13:17

HUMILIATION embarrassment

h has overwhelmed me Ps 44:15
go away together in h Is 45:16
let our h cover us Jer 3:25
In h His judgment Acts 8:33

HUMILITY self-abasement

before honor...h Prov 15:33
with h of mind Phil 2:3
clothe...with h 1 Pet 5:5

HUNDRED number or many

Adam had lived one h Gen 5:3
h of you will chase Lev 26:8
captains of h-s Num 31:14
h pieces of money Josh 24:32
went out by h-s 2 Sam 18:14
in companies of h-s Mark 6:40

HUNGER (n) craving, starvation

in h, in thirst Deut 28:48
lions...suffer h Ps 34:10
man will suffer h Prov 19:15
h is not satisfied Is 29:8
faint because of h Lam 2:19
sleeplessness, in h 2 Cor 6:5

HUNGER (v) crave, need food

the righteous to h Prov 10:3
are those who h Matt 5:6
to Me shall not h John 6:35
They shall h no more Rev 7:16

HUNGRY empty, needing food

let you be h Deut 8:3

people are h and 2 Sam 17:29
h soul He has filled Ps 107:9
If your enemy is h Prov 25:21
when a h man dreams Is 29:8
He then became h Matt 4:2
disciples became h Matt 12:1
For I was h Matt 25:35
if your enemy is h Rom 12:20

HUNT pursue, seek

to h for game Gen 27:5
h-s a partridge 1 Sam 26:20
evil h the violent Ps 140:11
H-ed me down like Lam 3:52
companions h-ed for Mark 1:36

HUNTER seeker of game

Nimrod a mighty h Gen 10:9
became a skillful h Gen 25:27

HUR

1 helped Moses and Aaron
Ex 17:12, 24, 14
2 Bezalel's grandfather Ex 31:2
3 king of Midian Num 31:8
4 father of Rephah Neh 3:9

HURAM

a Benjamite 1 Chr 8:5
see also HIRAM/HURAM

HURT (n) damage, harm, wound

Who delight in my h Ps 70:2
hoarded...to his h Eccl 5:13
your brother is h Rom 14:15

HURT (v) cause pain, wound

not allow him to h Gen 31:7
may be h by them Eccl 10:9
will not h or destroy Is 11:9
their power to h men Rev 9:10

HUSBAND family head, spouse

desire...your h Gen 3:16
honor to their h-s Esth 1:20
crown of her h Prov 12:4
is loved by her h Hos 3:1
divorces her h and Mark 10:12
have had five h-s John 4:18
if her h dies Rom 7:2
have her own h 1 Cor 7:2
unbelieving h is 1 Cor 7:14
h is the head of Eph 5:23
H-s, love your wives Eph 5:25
h-s of...one wife 1 Tim 3:12
adorned for her h Rev 21:2

HUSHAI

servant of David 2 Sam 15:32
2 Sam 16:17

HYMENAEUS

heretical teacher at Ephesus
1 Tim 1:20; 2 Tim 2:17

HYMN song of praise

h-s of thanksgiving Neh 12:46
after singing a h Matt 26:30
singing h-s of praise Acts 16:25
psalms and h-s and Eph 5:19

HYPOCRISY pretense

full of h and Matt 23:28
love be without h Rom 12:9
without h James 3:17

HYPOCRITE *a pretender*

as the h-s do Matt 6:2
and Pharisees, h-s Matt 23:13
You h, first take Luke 6:42

HYSSOP *fragrant plant*

bunch of h and dip it Ex 12:22
scarlet string and h Lev 14:4
Purify me with h Ps 51:7
upon a branch of h John 19:29

I**I AM**

related to name of God
in Hebrew

I WHO I Ex 3:14
I has sent me Ex 3:14
I the LORD Ex 6:2
I the LORD your God Lev 19:3
I the first Is 44:6
I the Son of God Matt 27:43
Jesus said, I Mark 14:62
believe that I He John 8:24
will know that I He John 8:28
before Abraham I John 8:58
believe that I He John 13:19
I the Alpha and Rev 1:8
I the first and Rev 1:17

ICE *frost*

turbid because of I Job 6:16
womb has come... I Job 38:29
casts forth His I Ps 147:17

ICHABOD

I son of Phinehas I Sam 4:19,20
grandson of Eli I Sam 14:3
2 name commemorates
departed glory from Israel
I Sam 4:21,22

ICONIUM

city of Asia Minor Acts 14:1,19
Acts 16:2, 2 Tim 3:11

IDLE *unemployed, uninvolved*

I man will suffer Prov 19:15
been standing here I Matt 20:6
this I babblers Acts 17:18

IDOL *false deity, image*

not make... an I Ex 20:4
Do not turn to I-s Lev 19:4
who makes an I or Deut 27:15
the gods... are I-s Ps 96:5
who blesses an I Is 66:3
abstain from... I-s Acts 15:20
guard from I-s I John 5:21

IDOLATOR *idol worshiper*

covetous, or an I I Cor 5:11
do not be I-s I Cor 10:7
sorcerers and I Rev 21:8

IDOLATRY *idol worship*

flee from I I Cor 10:14
I, sorcery, enmities Gal 5:20
and abominable I-s I Pet 4:3

IGNORANCE *lack of knowledge*

you worship in I Acts 17:23
I that is in them Eph 4:18
silence the I of I Pet 2:15

IGNORANT *without knowledge*

I was senseless and I Ps 73:22
not I of his schemes 2 Cor 2:11
and I speculations 2 Tim 2:23

ILL *unhealthy, sick*

woman who is I Lev 15:33
became mortally I Is 38:1
lunatic, and is... I Matt 17:15
healed many... I Mark 1:34

ILLEGITIMATE *bastard*

No one of I birth Deut 23:2
borne I children Hos 5:7
you are I children Heb 12:8

ILLNESS *infirmity, sickness*

sick with the I 2 Kin 13:14
after his I and Is 38:9
because of a bodily I Gal 4:13

ILLUMINE *light up*

God I-s my darkness Ps 18:28
fire to I by night Ps 108:39
glory of God has I-d Rev 21:23
God shall I them Rev 22:5

IMAGE *copy, likeness*

make man in Our I Gen 1:26
I of God He made Gen 9:6
burn their graven I-s Deut 7:5
worshiped a molten I Ps 108:19
made an I of gold Dan 3:1
I and glory of God I Cor 11:7
I of the invisible Col 1:15
the I of the beast Rev 13:15

IMITATORS *followers*

be I of me I Cor 4:16
be I of God Eph 5:1
I of the churches I Thess 2:14

IMMANUEL

I son born to a virgin Is 7:14
a sign to King Ahaz Is 8:8
2 title of Jesus Matt 1:23

IMMORAL *lowd, unchaste*

with I people I Cor 5:9
the I man sins I Cor 6:18
I men... liars I Tim 1:10
I or godless person Heb 12:16
and I persons Rev 21:8

IMMORALITY *immoral acts*

no I in your midst Lev 20:14
except for I Matt 19:9
Flee I I Cor 6:18
abstain from... I I Thess 4:3
the wine of her I Rev 17:2

IMMORTALITY *everlasting life*

must put on I I Cor 15:53
alone possesses I I Tim 6:16
life and I to light 2 Tim 1:10

IMPATIENT *restless*

the people became I Num 21:4
should I not be I Job 21:4
my soul was I with Zech 11:8

IMPERISHABLE *indestructible*

wreath, but we an I I Cor 9:25
will be raised I I Cor 15:52
inheritance... is I I Pet 1:4

IMPLEMENTS *tools, utensils*

forger of all I of Gen 4:22
the I of the oven I Kin 19:21

IMPLORE *ask, beseech*

I I you, give glory Josh 7:19
I-d him to avert Esth 8:3
I the compassion of Job 8:5
I I You by God Mark 5:7

IMPORTED *brought in*

chariot was I from I Kin 10:29
horses were I 2 Chr 1:16

IMPOSE *force upon*

I-d hard labor on us Deut 26:6
whatever you I on 2 Kin 18:14
you I heavy rent Amos 5:11
I-d until a time of Heb 9:10

IMPOSSIBLE *cannot be done*

nothing... will be I Gen 11:6
With men this is I Matt 19:26
I for God to lie Heb 6:18
without faith it is I Heb 11:6

IMPRISON *Jail, restrict*

I-d him at Riblah 2 Kin 23:33
I his princes at will Ps 105:22
not I their survivors Obad 14
I used to I and beat Acts 22:19

IMPRISONMENT *confinement*

in I-s, in tumults 2 Cor 6:5
Remember my I Col 4:18
even to I as a 2 Tim 2:9

IMPURE *unclean*

her I discharge Lev 15:25
eating... with I hands Mark 7:2
no immoral or I person Eph 5:5

IMPURITY *uncleanliness*

menstrual I for seven Lev 15:19
I-s of the sons of Lev 16:19
the I of the nations Ezra 6:21
as slaves to I Rom 6:19
of I with greediness Eph 4:19

INCENSE *fragrant substance*

burn fragrant I on Ex 30:7
I as an offering Lev 2:16
gold pans, full of I Num 7:86
My altar, to burn I I Sam 2:28
I on the high places 2 Kin 14:4
I before the LORD I Chr 23:13
golden altar of I Heb 9:4
the smoke of the I Rev 8:4

INCEST *illicit sexual relations*

they... committed I Lev 20:12

INCITE *stir up*

I-d David against 2 Sam 24:1
Jezebel... I-d him I Kin 21:25
I will I Egyptians Is 19:2
who I-s the people Luke 23:14

INCLINE—INSIGHT

INCLINE *bend, lean*

i your hearts to Josh 24:23
I my heart to Thy Ps 119:36
i-s toward wickedness Is 32:6
I Thine ear, O LORD Is 37:17
have not i-d your ear Jer 35:15

INCOME *wages*

i of the wicked Prov 10:16
i with injustice Prov 16:8
abundance with its i Eccl 5:10

INCORRUPTIBLE *not impure*

glory of the i God Rom 1:23
Christ with a love i Eph 6:24

INCREASE (n) *multiplication*

the i of your herd Deut 7:13
the i of your house 1 Sam 2:33
the LORD give you i Ps 115:14
i of His government Is 9:7

INCREASE (v) *multiply*

If riches i, do not Ps 62:10
the righteous i Prov 28:28
i-ing in wisdom Luke 2:52
i-ing in knowledge Col 1:10
LORD cause to i 1 Thess 3:12

INCURABLE *fatal, without cure*

with an i sickness 2 Chr 21:18
sickness and i pain Is 17:11
Your wound is i Jer 30:12

INDIA

lower Indus valley in
S Asia Esth 1:1,8-9

INDIGNANT *be angry*

i toward His enemies Is 66:14
the ten became i Matt 20:24
Jesus was i Mark 10:14
i because Jesus had Luke 13:14

INDIGNATION *anger*

God who has i Ps 7:11
Pour out Thine i Ps 69:24
lips are filled with i Is 30:27
didst fill me with i Jer 15:17
stand before His i Nah 1:6

INDWELLS *inhabits*

but sin which i me Rom 7:17
His Spirit who i you Rom 8:11

INFANT *child*

carries a nursing i Num 11:12
an i who lives Is 65:20
tongue of the i Lam 4:4
the mouth of i-s Matt 21:16

INFECTION *disease*

an i of leprosy Lev 13:2
with the scaly i Lev 13:31
against an i of Deut 24:8

INFERIOR *lower in status*

I am not i to you Job 12:3
i against the honorable Is 3:5
i to...apostles 2 Cor 12:11

INFINITE *unlimited*

His understanding is i Ps 147:5

INFLECT *strike, impose*

frogs...He had i-ed Ex 8:12
i all these curses Deut 30:7
i-s pain, and gives Job 5:18
i-ed many blows Acts 16:23

INGATHERING, FEAST OF

see FEASTS

INHABIT *dwell*

no one would i Job 15:28
She shall be i-ed Is 44:26
build houses and i Is 65:22
those i-ing the desert Jer 9:26
who i the coastlands Ezek 39:6
but not i them Zeph 1:13

INHABITANT *resident*

i-s of the cities Gen 19:25
cities without i Is 6:11
ruins Without i Jer 4:7
i-s of the seacoast Zeph 2:5
i-s of Jerusalem Zech 12:10

INHERIT *receive a legacy*

shall i it forever Ex 32:13
humble will i the land Ps 37:11
wise will i honor Prov 3:35
The naive i folly Prov 14:18
gentle...i the earth Matt 5:5
do to i eternal life Luke 10:25
not i the kingdom 1 Cor 6:9
might i a blessing 1 Pet 3:9
who overcomes shall i Rev 21:7

INHERITANCE *bequest, legacy*

Levites for an i Num 18:24
the LORD is his i Deut 10:9
the nations as Thine i Ps 2:8
will He forsake His i Ps 94:14
man leaves an i Prov 13:22
I...abandoned My i Jer 12:7
Thine i a reproach Joel 2:17
A man and his i Mic 2:2
the i will be ours Mark 12:7
we...obtained an i Eph 1:11
the i of the saints Col 1:12
I...imperishable 1 Pet 1:4

INIQUITY *injustice, wickedness*

bear...their i-les Lev 16:22
the i of the fathers Deut 5:9
those who plow i Job 4:8
O LORD, Pardon my i Ps 25:11
my i I did not hide Ps 32:5
blot out all my i-les Ps 51:9
sows i will reap Prov 22:8
weighed down with i Is 1:4
the workers of i Is 31:2
die for his own i Jer 31:30
Repent...so that i Ezek 18:30
the bondage of i Acts 8:23
the very world of i James 3:6
remembered her i-les Rev 18:5

INJUNCTION *decree*

establish the i Dan 6:8
that no i or statute Dan 6:15

INJURE *harm, wrong*

who seek to i me Ps 38:12
i-d your neighbors Ezek 22:12

CONCORDANCE

nothing shall i you Luke 10:18
do you i one another Acts 7:26

INJURY *wound*

there is no further i Ex 21:25
because of my i Jer 10:15
no i was found Dan 6:25

INJUSTICE *inequity, unfairness*

do no i in judgment Lev 19:15
A God without i Deut 32:4
there i on my tongue Job 6:30
They devise i-s Ps 64:6
is no i with God Rom 9:14

INK *writing liquid*

I wrote them with i Jer 36:18
with pen and i 3 John 13

INN *lodge for travelers*

no room in the i Luke 2:7
brought him to i Luke 10:34

INNKEEPER *traveler's host*

gave them to the i Luke 10:35

INNOCENCE *blamelessness*

wash my hands in i Ps 26:6
be incapable of i Hos 8:5

INNOCENT *blameless*

do not kill the i Ex 23:7
the blood of the i Deut 19:13
I before the LORD 2 Sam 3:28
the i mock them Job 22:19
that shed i blood Prov 6:17
and i as doves Matt 10:16
betraying i blood Matt 27:4
i of this Man's Matt 27:24
holy, i, undefiled Heb 7:26

INQUIRE *ask, seek*

to i of the LORD Gen 25:22
I of God, please Judg 18:5
David i-d of LORD 1 Sam 23:2
you come to i of Me Ezek 20:3
i where the Christ Matt 2:4
i-d of them the hour John 4:52

INSANE *mad*

a demon and is i John 10:20
I speak as if i 2 Cor 11:23

INSCRIBE *carve, write*

were i-d in a book Job 19:23
i it on a scroll Is 30:8
and i a city on it Ezek 4:1
i it on tablets Hab 2:2

INSCRIPTION *writing*

could not read the i Dan 5:8
I will engrave an i Zech 3:9
Pilate wrote an i John 19:19
i, To An Unknown Acts 17:23

INSECTS

swarms of i on you Ex 8:21
all other winged i Lev 11:23

INSIGHT *discernment*

a counselor with i 1 Chr 26:14
according to his i Prov 12:8
i with understanding Dan 9:22
not gained any i Mark 6:52
In all wisdom and i Eph 1:8

CONCORDANCE

INSIGNIFICANT *unimportant*

was i in Thine eyes 2 Sam 7:19
your beginning was i Job 8:7
citizen of no i city Acts 21:39

INSOLENT *arrogant*

acts with i pride Prov 21:24
haters of God, i Rom 1:30

INSPECTION GATE *are* GATES OF JERUSALEM

INSPIRED *stimulated*

the love we i in you 2 Cor 8:7
All Scripture is i 2 Tim 3:16

INSTINCT *natural tendency*

as creatures of i 2 Pet 2:12
they know by i Jude 10

INSTRUCT *teach*

Thy good Spirit to i Neh 9:20
I will i you Ps 32:8
the wise is i-ed Prov 21:11
i-ed out of the Law Rom 2:18
just as you were i-ed Col 2:7
may i certain men 1 Tim 1:3

INSTRUCTION *teaching*

will walk in My i Ex 16:4
Get wisdom and i Ps 23:23
Hear i and be wise Prov 8:33
i-s to His twelve Matt 11:1
written for our i Rom 15:4
i of the Lord Eph 6:4
goal of our i is love 1 Tim 1:5
I about washings Heb 6:2

INSTRUMENT *object, vessel*

cut with sharp i-s 1 Chr 20:3
and i-s of music 2 Chr 5:13
with stringed i-s Ps 150:4
he is a chosen i Acts 9:15
i-s of unrighteousness Rom 6:13

INSULT (n) *affront, indignity*

i-s of the nations Ezek 34:29
casting the same i Matt 27:44
and cast i-s at you Luke 6:22
evil, or i for i 1 Pet 3:9

INSULT (v) *treat with scorn*

and do not i her Ruth 2:15
to i the Lord 2 Chr 32:17
times you have i-ed Job 19:3
i-ed the Spirit of Heb 10:29

INTEGRITY *honesty*

In the i of my heart Gen 20:3
dealt in truth and i Judg 9:19
holds fast his i Job 2:3
He who walks with i Ps 15:2
have walked in my i Ps 26:1
The i of the upright Prov 11:3

INTELLIGENCE *mental ability*

He deprives of i Job 12:24
gave them i Dan 1:17
Paulus, a man of i Acts 13:7

INTELLIGENT *bright, smart*

was i and beautiful 1 Sam 25:3
mind of the i seeks Prov 15:14
from the wise and i Matt 11:25

INTEND *purpose*

Are you i-ing to kill Ex 2:14
I i to build a house 1 Kin 5:5
I to make My people Jer 23:27
i-ing to betray Ham John 12:4
i-ing to take Paul Acts 20:13

INTENTION *aim, goal*

the i-s of the heart 1 Chr 29:18
i of your heart Acts 8:22
kind i of His will Eph 1:5

INTERCEDE *plead, mediate*

I-ed for the people Num 21:7
who can i for him 1 Sam 2:25
And I-ed for the Is 53:12
do not i with Me Jer 7:16
Spirit Himself i-s Rom 8:26

INTERCOURSE *copulation*

not have i with Lev 18:20
not have i animal Lev 18:23
husband has had i Num 5:20

INTEREST *concern or worry*

not charge him i Ex 22:25
not take usurious i Lev 25:36
i to a foreigner Deut 23:20
his money at i Ps 15:5
mind on God's i-s Matt 16:23
money with i Matt 25:27
he has a morbid i 1 Tim 6:4

INTERMARRY

And i with us Gen 34:9
shall not i with Deut 7:3
i with the peoples Ezra 9:14

INTERPRET *explain, translate*

no one who could i Gen 41:8
one who i-s omens Deut 18:10
He i the message Is 28:9
unless he i-s 1 Cor 14:5
pray that he may i 1 Cor 14:13

INTERPRETATION *explain*

i-s belong to God Gen 40:8
the dream and its i Judg 7:13
make its i known Dan 5:16
the i of tongues 1 Cor 12:10
of one's own i 2 Pet 1:20

INTIMATE *close*

my i friends have Job 19:14
i with the upright Prov 3:32
separates i friends Prov 16:26

INVADE *attack*

king of Assyria i-ed 2 Kin 17:5
nation had i-ed my land Joel 1:6
Assyrian i-s our land Mic 5:5

INVALIDATE *nullify*

I-ed the word of God Matt 15:6
i-ing the word of Mark 7:13
does not i a covenant Gal 3:17

INVESTIGATE *examine*

the judges shall i Deut 19:18
the plot was i-ed Eccl 2:23
I, and to seek wisdom Eccl 7:25
having i-ed everything Luke 1:3

INSIGNIFICANT—ISRAEL

INVISIBLE *unseen*

His i attributes Rom 1:20
image of the i God Col 1:15
visible and i Col 1:16
eternal, immortal, i 1 Tim 1:17

INVITE *request*

I-ed us to impoverish Judg 14:15
you shall i Jesse 1 Sam 16:3
I-ed all the king's 2 Sam 15:23
I am i-ed by her Eccl 5:12
did not i Me in Matt 25:43
i the poor Luke 14:13

IRON *metal*

was an i bedstead Deut 3:11
whose stones are i Deut 6:9
had i chariots Judg 1:19
made the i float 2 Kin 6:6
break them, rod of i Ps 2:9
from the i furnace Jer 11:4
as strong as i Dan 2:40
rod of i Rev 19:15

ISAAC

birth, son of Abraham Gen 21:3
offered for sacrifice Gen 22:2
took Rebekah as wife Gen 24
father of twins Gen 25:26
blessed Jacob Gen 27:1-40

ISAIAH

prophet of Judah Is 1:1
son of Amos 1 Kin 19:2
called Is 6
under four kings Is 1:1

ISCARIOT

geographical identity of Judas
Mark 3:10, John 12:4, 13:26

ISH-BOSHETH

son of Saul 2 Sam 2:8, 3:6, 4:8

ISHMAEL

1 son of Abraham Gen 16:11
Gen 17:18, 25:17
2 son of Nethaniah 2 Kin 25:23
3 line of Jonathan 1 Chr 8:36
1 Chr 9:44
4 Zebadiah's father 2 Chr 19:11
5 son of Jehohanan 2 Chr 23:1
6 son of Pashhur Ezra 10:22

ISLAND *surrounded by water*

the many i-s be glad Ps 97:1
He lifts up the i-s Is 40:15
I was called Malta Acts 28:1
every i fled away Rev 18:20

ISOLATE *set apart*

priest shall i him Lev 15:4
i him for seven days Lev 15:21
fortified city is i-ed Is 27:10

ISRAEL

1 Jacob Gen 32:22-32, 35:10, 37:3
2 line of Jacob Gen 34:7
tribed nation Ex 1:7, 4:22
Num 10:29
3 united kingdom 1 Sam 15:35
1 Kin 4:1
4 northern kingdom 1 Kin 14:19
1 Kin 15:9, 2 Kin 10:29

5 *under Roman rule* Luke 2:32
John 1:49; Rom 9:6

ISSACHAR

1 *son of Jacob* Gen 30:18; 49:14
2 *tribe* Num 1:29; Josh 21:28
Rev 7:7
3 *Levite* 1 Chr 26:5

ISSUE (n) outflow, out go

first *l* of the womb Num 3:12
offspring and *l* Is 22:24
like the *l* of horses Ezek 23:20
concerning this *l* Acts 15:2

ISSUE (v) go forth, put forth

Moses *l*-d a command Ex 36:6
shall *l* from you 2 Kin 20:18
decree was *l*-d in Esth 3:15
l-d a proclamation Dan 5:29

ITALY

S *European country* Acts 18:2
Acts 27:1,6; Heb 13:24

ITURAEA

region N of Palestine Luke 3:1
tetrarchy of Philip

IVORY elephant tusk

a great throne of *l* 1 Kin 10:18
silver, *l* and apes 2 Chr 9:21
Out of *l* palaces Ps 45:8
every article of *l* Rev 18:12

J**JABAL**

son of Lamech Gen 4:20
father of herders

JABBOK

tributary of Jordan Gen 32:22
Num 21:24; Josh 12:2
Judg 11:13,22

JABESH-GILEAD

town of Gilead Judg 21:8ff
E. of Jordan River 1 Sam 11:1,9
2 Sam 2:4,5

JACINTH precious stone

a *j*, an agate Ex 28:19
the eleventh, *j* Rev 21:20

JACKALS wild dogs

j in their...palaces Is 13:22
ruins, A haunt of *j* Jer 9:11
a lament like the *j* Mic 1:8

JACOB

1 *son of Isaac* Gen 25:26
brother of Esau Gen 25:27
obtained birthright Gen 25:33
fled to Aram Gen 28:5,6
marriage Gen 29:1ff
wrestled angel Gen 32:24ff
name changed Gen 35:9,10
went down to Egypt Gen 46
death and burial Gen 49:28ff
2 *father of Joseph* Matt 1:15,16

JAEL

wife of Heber Judg 4:17
slayer of Sisera Judg 4:21
described as blessed Judg 5:24

JAHAZIEL

1 *Benjamite warrior* 1 Chr 12:4
2 *priest* 1 Chr 16:6
3 *son of Helbron* 1 Chr 23:19
4 *son of Zechariah* 2 Chr 20:14

JAIL place of confinement

put him into the *j* Gen 39:20
in *j* in the house Jer 37:15
put them in *j* Acts 5:18

JAILER warden

sight of the chief *j* Gen 39:21
chief *j* did not Gen 39:23
the *j* to guard them Acts 16:23

JAIR

1 *judge of Israel* Judg 10:3
2 *son of Segub* 1 Chr 2:22
3 *father of Elhanan* 1 Chr 20:5
4 *Mordecai's father* Esth 2:5

JAIRUS

ruler of synagogue Mark 5:22
Luke 8:41

JAMES

1 *son of Zebedee* Matt 4:21
brother of John Matt 10:2
called as apostle Matt 10:2ff
martyred Acts 12:2
2 *son of Alphaeus* Matt 10:3
called as apostle Matt 10:3ff
3 *brother of Jesus* Matt 13:55
Mark 6:3
church leader Acts 12:17; 15:13
4 *Judas' father* Luke 6:16

JAPHETH

son of Noah Gen 7:13; 9:23,27

JAPHIA

1 *king of Lachish* Josh 10:3
2 *town of Zebulun* Josh 19:12
3 *son of David* 2 Sam 5:15

JAR container, jug

and a *j* of honey 1 Kin 14:3
Bring me a new *j* 2 Kin 2:20
potter's earthenware *j* Jer 19:1
j full of sour wine John 19:29

JASHAR

book quoted in Bible Josh 10:13
2 Sam 1:18

JASON

Christian of Thessalonica
Acts 17:5-9; Rom 16:21

JASPER precious stone

fourth row...a *j* Ex 28:20
the onyx, and the *j* Ezek 28:13
was like a *j* stone Rev 4:3
of crystal-clear *j* Rev 21:11

JAVAN

Hebrew word for Greeks
or Greece
Gen 10:2,4; 1 Chr 1:5,7
Is 66:19; Ezek 27:13,19

JAVELIN spear

Stretch out the *j* Josh 8:18
j slung between his 1 Sam 17:6
flashing spear and *j* Job 39:23
seize their *j* Jer 50:48

JAW part of face

j-a of the wicked Job 29:17
cleaves to my *j*-a Ps 22:15
j teeth like knives Prov 30:14
hooks into your *j*-a Ezek 38:4

JAWBONE

j of a donkey Judg 15:15
threw the *j* from Judg 15:17

JEALOUS envious, zealous

brothers were *j* of Gen 37:11
your God, am a *j* God Ex 20:5
whose name is *J*, is Ex 34:14
j with My jealousy Num 25:11
He is a *j* God Josh 24:19
j and avenging God Nah 1:2
j for Jerusalem Zech 1:14
Jews, becoming *j* Acts 17:5
I will make you *j* Rom 10:19
love is kind, not *j* 1 Cor 13:4

JEHUS

Jerusalem
Judg 19:10,11; 1 Chr 11:4,5

JEHUSITES

clan or tribe Gen 10:16
inhabitants of Jehus Ex 3:8,17
Josh 15:63; 2 Sam 24:16,18
Ezra 9:1; Zech 9:7

JECONIAH

variant of Jehoiachin's name
1 Chr 3:16,17; Esth 2:6

JEHOAHAZ

1 *son of Jehu* 2 Kin 10:35
king of Israel 2 Kin 13:1ff
2 *son of Josiah* 2 Kin 23:30-34
king of Judah 2 Kin 23:30
also Shallum 1 Chr 3:15
3 *son of Jehoram* 2 Chr 21:17
also Ahaziah 2 Chr 22:1ff

JEHOASH

1 *king of Judah* 2 Kin 11:21
son of Ahaziah 2 Kin 12:1-18
2 *king of Israel* 2 Kin 13:10
son of Jehoahaz 2 Kin 13:25
2 Kin 14:13

JEHOIACHIN

son of Jehoiakim 2 Kin 24:6
king of Judah 2 Kin 24:8-15
2 Chr 36:8,9; Jer 52:31,33

JEHOIADA

1 *father of Benadiah* 2 Sam 8:18
priest 1 Chr 27:5
2 *son of Benadiah* 1 Chr 27:34
3 *high priest* 2 Kin 11:4,9
4 *priest* Jer 29:28

JEHOIAKIM

son of King Josiah 2 Kin 23:34
2 Chr 36:4
king of Judah 2 Kin 23:36

2 Chr 36:5; Jer 22:18; Dan 1:2
father of Jehotachin 2 Kin 24:6

JEHORAM

1 son of Ahab 2 Kin 3:1
king of Israel 2 Kin 3:6
2 priest 2 Chr 17:8
3 Jehoshaphat's son 2 Kin 8:16
king of Judah 2 Kin 8:25,29
see also JORAM

JEHOSHAPHAT

1 son of Ahikud 2 Sam 8:16
2 son of Paruah 1 Kin 4:17
3 son of Aza 1 Kin 15:24
king of Judah 1 Kin 22:2-51
2 Chr 17:1-12
4 father of Jehu 2 Kin 9:2,14
5 wadi E. of Jerusalem
Joel 3:2,12

JEHU

1 prophet, son of Hanani
1 Kin 16:1,7,12; 2 Chr 19:2
2 king of Israel 1 Kin 19:16
2 Kin 9:14,30; 2 Chr 22:7
3 Benjamite 1 Chr 18:3
4 man of Judah 1 Chr 2:34
5 Simeonite 1 Chr 4:35

JEMIMAH

daughter of Job Job 42:14

JEPHTHAH

a Gileadite Judg 11:1
judge of Israel Judg 11:2-40

JEREMIAH

1 lived in Libnah 2 Kin 23:31
2 man of Manasseh 1 Chr 5:24
3 three individuals who joined
David 1 Chr 12:4,10,13
4 prophet Jer 1:1
called Jer 1:2-10
put in stocks Jer 20:2,3
life threatened Jer 26
put in prison Jer 32:2,37,136
taken to Egypt Jer 43:1-6
5 son of Habbaztmiah Jer 35:3
6 priest Neh 10:2
7 priest from Babylon Neh 12:1

JERICHO

city in Jordan Valley Josh 3:16
N of Dead Sea Josh 6:1
1 Kin 16:34; Luke 18:35

JEROBOAM

1 Solomon's warrior 1 Kin 11:28
first king of N Kingdom
1 Kin 12:26,27; 2 Chr 10:13
made gold calves 1 Kin 12:28
2 son of Joash 2 Kin 14:27
king of Israel 2 Kin 14:28,29

JERUBBAAL

name of Gideon Judg 6:32
judge of Israel Judg 7:1

JERUSALEM

city called Salem Gen 14:18
city called Jebus Judg 1:21
Judg 19:10
David's capital 2 Sam 5:3,6

capital of united kingdom

1 Kin 2:36; 11:42
site of temple 1 Kin 6:2; 8:6,12
destroyed by Babylonians
Jer 52:12-14
rebuilt by remnants
Neh 2:11-20; 12:27
city of Roman period
Matt 2:1,3,21; 1:10; Luke 13:34
Acts 11:2,22
new Jerusalem Rev 3:12,21 2,10

JESHUA

1 line of Aaron 1 Chr 24:11
2 under Hzekiah 2 Chr 31:15
3 high priest Ezra 2:2
Neh 7:7
4 of Pahath-moab Ezra 2:6
Neh 7:11
5 part of remnant Ezra 2:40
Neh 7:43
6 aided Ezra Neh 8:7
7 village in Judah Neh 11:28

JESHURUN

poetic name for Israel
Deut 32:15,33; 5:26; Is 44:2

JESSE

father of David 1 Sam 16:1,8
2 Sam 20:1; 1 Kin 12:16
1 Chr 2:12,13

JEST joke, mock

appeared...be j-ing Gen 10:14
Against whom do you j Is 57:4

JESUS

1 name of the Lord Matt 1:21
Luke 1:31
birth in Bethlehem
Matt 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7
youth in Nazareth Matt 2:196
baptized Matt 3:136
Mark 1:96; Luke 3:21
John 1:316
tempted Matt 4:1-11
Mark 1:12; Luke 4:16
called disciples
Matt 4:186; Mark 1:166
Luke 5:16
transfigured Matt 17:16
Mark 9:26; Luke 9:286
triumphal entry to Jerusalem
Matt 21:16; Mark 11:16
Luke 19:296
crucified Matt 27:316
Mark 15:206; Luke 23:266
John 19:166
resurrected Christ
Matt 28:96; Mark 16:96
Luke 24:136; John 20:116
ascended to the Father
Luke 24:506; Mark 16:19
Acts 1:96
2 Jewish Christian called Jesus
Col 4:11

JETHRO

priest of Midian Ex 3:1
Moses' father-in-law Ex 4:18
Ex 18:1-12

JEW(S)

originally an inhabitants of
Judah, a Judean 2 Kin 16:6
Judean shortened to Jew
during exile 2 Kin 25:25
synonym for Hebrew
Ezra 4:12,23; Neh 4:1,2
Esth 4:3,7; Jer 34:9
later term for all Israelites
in Palestine and Diaspora
Matt 27:11; Mark 7:3
Luke 23:51; John 4:9
Acts 22:3; Rom 3:1
Gal 3:28; Rev 2:9

JEWEL precious stone

precious than j-s Prov 3:15
better than j-s Prov 8:11
adorns her j-s Is 61:10
the J of his kingdom Dan 11:20

JEWISH

pertaining to Jews Neh 5:1
Esth 8:13; John 2:6; Acts 13:6

JEZEBEL

1 wife of Ahab 1 Kin 21:56
2 Kin 9:76
2 woman at Thyatira Rev 2:20

JEZREEL

1 valley and plain Josh 17:16
Judg 6:33; Hos 1:5
2 fortified town Josh 19:18
1 Kin 18:45; 2 Kin 9:29; 9:30
3 descendant of Efram 1 Chr 4:3
4 son of Hosea Hos 1:4

JOAB

1 son of Zeruiah 2 Sam 8:16
David's nephew 2 Sam 17:25
David's commander
1 Chr 11:6; 2 Sam 20:23
2 son of Seruah 1 Chr 4:14
3 father of those returning
from captivity Ezra 2:6,8-9
Neh 7:11

JOANNA

wife of Chana Luke 8:3
ministered to Jesus Luke 24:10

JOASH

1 father of Cidron Judg 6:11,31
2 son of Ahab 1 Kin 22:26
2 Chr 18:25
3 son of Ahaziah 2 Kin 11:2
king of Judah 2 Chr 24:1-4
4 son of Jehoshaz 2 Kin 13:9
king of Israel 2 Kin 13:25
5 line of Shishah 1 Chr 4:22
6 a Benjamite 1 Chr 12:3
7 son of Becher 1 Chr 7:8
8 official of David 1 Chr 27:28

JOB

pious man from Uz Job 1:1
experienced tragedy Job 2:7,8
showed great endurance
Job 2:9,10; James 5:11

JOB occupation

workmen...j to j 2 Chr 34:13

JOCHEBED

mother of Moses Ex 6:20
Num 26:59

JOEL

1 *son of Samuel* 1 Sam 8:2
2 *ancestor of Samuel* 1 Chr 6:36
3 *line of Simeon* 1 Chr 4:35
4 *line of Reuben* 1 Chr 5:4
5 *chief of Gadites* 1 Chr 5:12
6 *son of Isaiah* 1 Chr 7:3
7 *brother of Nathan* 1 Chr 11:38
8 *Gershonite Levite* 1 Chr 15:7
9 *son of Pedatah* 1 Chr 27:20
10 *Kohathite Levite* 1 Chr 29:12
11 *son of Nehu* Ezra 10:43
12 *son of Zichri* Neh 11:9
13 *prophet* Joel 1:1; Acts 2:16

JOHN

1 *father of Peter* John 1:42
2 *the Baptist* Matt 3:1
birth foretold Luke 1:13
son of Zacharias Luke 1:57ff
preached John 1:15
baptized Matt 3:13; Mark 1:9
praised by Jesus Matt 11:11
3 *the apostle* Matt 10:2
called by Jesus Matt 4:21
Sons of Thunder Mark 3:17
inner circle Matt 17:1
request refused Mark 10:35
assigned the care of Mary
John 19:28,27
with Peter Acts 3:1,3
4 *Jewish leader* Acts 4:6
5 *Mark, evangelist* Acts 12:12,25

JOIN *bring together, couple*

do not j your hand Ex 23:1
j field to field Is 5:8
j in hypocrisy Dan 11:34
God j-ed together Matt 19:6
j-ed him... believed Acts 17:34
j...me in suffering 2 Tim 1:8

JOINT *juncture*

bones are out of j Ps 22:14
together by the j-s Col 2:19
both j-s and marrow Heb 4:12

JOKTAN

person and tribe descended from Shem Gen 10:25,26
Gen 10:29; 1 Chr 1:19,20,23

JONAH

prophet of Israel Jon 1:1
son of Amittai 2 Kin 14:25
disobedient Jon 1:3
preached to Nineveh Jon 3:4

JONATHAN

1 *son of Gershom* Judg 18:30
2 *son of King Saul* 1 Sam 13:16
1 Sam 14:49
friend of David 1 Sam 18:1
3 *son of Abiathar* 2 Sam 15:36

4 *son of Shimri* 2 Sam 21:21
5 *son of Jada* 1 Chr 2:32
6 *son of Shager* 1 Chr 11:34
7 *official of David* 1 Chr 27:25
8 *David's uncle* 1 Chr 27:32

JOPPA

seaport W of Jerusalem
2 Chr 2:16; Ezra 3:7; Jon 1:3
Acts 9:36

JORAM

1 *son of Tot* 2 Sam 8:10
2 *son of Ahab* 2 Kin 8:16
king of Israel 2 Kin 8:25
3 *line of Eliezer* 1 Chr 26:25
4 *son of Jehoshaphat* Matt 1:8
king of Judah
see also JEHORAM

JORDAN

1 *river in Palestine* Gen 32:10
Josh 3:17; Judg 8:4
2 Kin 5:10; Matt 3:6
2 *valley* Gen 13:10,11

JOSEPH

1 *son of Jacob* Gen 30:23,24
sold by brothers Gen 37:28
put in prison Gen 40:3
prime minister Gen 41:41
revealed himself Gen 45:4
death Gen 50:26
2 *father of spy* Num 13:7
3 *son of Asaph* 1 Chr 25:9
4 *son of Binnui* Ezra 10:42
5 *son of Shebani* Neh 12:14
6 *husband of Mary*
Matt 1:18,2:13
Luke 2:16; John 6:42
7 *brother of Jesus* Matt 13:55
also Jesus
8 *brother of James the Less* Matt 27:56

also Jesus
9 *of Arimathea* Matt 27:57
in Sanhedrin Mark 15:43
disciple of Jesus John 19:38
provided tomb Matt 27:57
10 *ancestor of Jesus* Luke 3:24
11 *ancestor of Jesus* Luke 3:30
12 *surname Barsabbas* Acts 1:23
13 *Barsabbas* Acts 4:36

JOSES

1 *brother of James the Less* Mark 15:40
also Joseph
2 *brother of Jesus* Mark 6:3
also Joseph

JOSHUA

1 *Moses' successor* Deut 31:23
attended Moses Num 11:28
chosen by God Num 27:18
encouraged by God Josh 1:1-9
charged Israel Josh 23:1ff
death Josh 24:29
2 *of Beth-shemesh* 1 Sam 6:14
3 *governor* 2 Kin 23:8
4 *high priest* Hag 1:1,12
Zech 3:1ff
also Joshua

JOSIAH

1 *son of Amun* 2 Kin 21:24
king of Judah 2 Kin 21:26
removed false worship
2 Kin 23:19,24; 2 Chr 34:33
responded to the Law
2 Chr 34:15-28
2 *son of Zephaniah* Zech 6:10

JOTHAM

1 *son of Gideon* Judg 9:58
2 *king of Judah* 2 Kin 15:5
son of Uzziah 2 Chr 27:6
3 *line of Caleb* 1 Chr 2:47

JOURNEY *traveling, trip*

Let us take our j Gen 33:12
day's j on the other Num 11:31
seek a safe j Ezra 8:21
a bag for your j Matt 10:10
nothing for your j Luke 9:3
Sabbath day's j away Acts 1:12
on frequent j-s 2 Cor 11:26

JOURNEYED *traveled*

about as they j east Gen 11:2
Jacob j to Succoth Gen 33:17
the sons of Israel j Num 22:1
j from the river Ezra 8:31

JOY *delight, happiness*

raise sounds of j 1 Chr 15:16
shouted aloud for j Ezra 3:12
see His face with j Job 33:26
Restore to me the j Ps 51:12
j at Thy name Ps 80:12
godly ones sing for j Ps 132:9
Everlasting j will be Is 61:7
their mourning into j Jer 31:13
with great j Matt 2:10
enter into the j Matt 25:21
j in heaven over one Luke 15:7
j in the Holy Spirit Rom 14:17
love, j, peace Gal 5:22
make my j complete Phil 2:2

JOYFUL *feeling gladness*

be altogether j Deut 16:15
j with gladness Ps 21:6
shall reap with j Ps 126:5
j heart is good Prov 17:22

JOYFULLY *full of joy, happy*

go j with the king Esth 5:14
Shout j to God, all Ps 68:1
They shout j together Is 52:8
to praise God j Luke 19:37

JUBAL

inventor of harp and organ
Gen 4:21

JUBILANT *elated*

no...j shouting Is 16:10
Is this your j city Is 23:7
because you are j Jer 50:11
they may become j Jer 51:39

JUBILEE, YEAR OF

return of ancestral possessions every fiftieth year
year of liberty Lev 25:8ff

JUDAH

- 1 son of Jacob Gen 29:35
Gen 37:26,44:14,49:8,10
2 tribe Num 1:27; Judg 1:8
2 Sam 2:4; 1 Kin 12:20
3 border city Josh 19:34
4 S kingdom 1 Kin 14:21
1 Chr 9:1; Ps 60:7; Jer 20:4
5 ancestor of Kadmiel Ezra 3:9
6 urged by Ezra to put away
foreign wife Ezra 10:23
7 Benjamite Neh 11:9
8 Levite who returned from
captivity Neh 12:8
9 participant in wall
dedication Neh 12:34
10 musician Neh 12:36

JUDAISM Jewish way of life

- manner of life in J Gal 1:13
advancing in J Gal 1:14

JUDAS

- 1 Iscariot Matt 10:4
son of Simon John 6:71
used by Satan Luke 22:3
treasurer John 13:29
betrayed Jesus Matt 27:3
John 18:2
2 Jesus' brother Matt 13:55
Mark 6:3
3 apostle Luke 6:16
Acts 1:13
4 Judas of Galilee Acts 5:37
5 of Damascus Acts 9:11
6 Barnabbas Acts 15:22,27

JUDE

- brother of James Jude 1
brother of Jesus Matt 13:55
Mark 6:3

JUDEA

- Roman province of Palestine
based on earlier Judah
Matt 2:1; Mark 1:5
Luke 2:4; John 11:7

JUDEAN

- language (Hebrew)
2 Kin 18:26,28; Is 36:11,13
see also CANAAN
see also HEBREW

JUDGE (n) leader

- J of all the earth Gen 18:25
prince or a J over us Ex 2:14
LORD was with the J Judg 2:18
For God Himself is J Ps 50:6
unrighteous J said Luke 18:6
one Lawgiver and J James 4:12

JUDGE (v) pass judgment

- LORD J between you Gen 16:5
Moses sat to J the Ex 18:13
LORD will J earth 1 Sam 2:10
coming to J the earth Ps 98:9
He will J the poor Is 11:4
not J lest you be J-d Matt 7:1
Son... world to J John 3:17
Law... not J a man John 7:51
not come to J the John 12:47

- able to J... thoughts Heb 4:12
adulterers God will J Heb 13:4

JUDGMENT condemnation

- I will execute J-s Ex 12:12
partiality in J Deut 1:17
let J be executed Ezra 7:26
will not stand in the J Ps 1:5
in the day of J Matt 10:15
J, that the light John 3:19
resurrection of J John 5:29
My J is just John 5:30
after this comes J Heb 9:27
incur a stricter J James 3:1
not fall under J James 5:12
kept for the day of J 2 Pet 3:7
J of the great day Jude 6
to execute J upon all Jude 15
His J-s are true Rev 19:2

JUMP leap

- legs with which to J Lev 11:21
if a fox should J Neh 4:3
J-ed up, and came Mark 10:50

JUNIPER tree

- slept under a J tree 1 Kin 19:5
The J, the box tree Is 60:13
like a J in the Jer 48:6

JUST fair, right

- shall have J balances Lev 19:36
a man be J with God Job 25:4
Hear a J cause, O LORD Ps 17:1
He is J and endowed Zech 9:9
My judgment is J John 5:30
the J for the unjust 1 Pet 3:18

JUSTICE fairness, righteousness

- shall not distort J Deut 16:19
Does God pervert J Job 8:3
J to the afflicted Job 36:6
Righteousness and J Ps 88:14
do not understand J Prov 28:5
J is turned back Is 59:14
let J roll down Amos 5:24
J and mercy and Matt 23:23
acknowledged J Luke 7:29
grant to your slaves J Col 4:1

JUSTIFICATION vindication

- because of our J Rom 4:25
J of life to all men Rom 5:18

JUSTIFY declare guiltless

- how J ourselves Gen 44:16
they J the righteous Deut 25:1
he J-ed himself Job 32:2
wishing to J himself Luke 10:29
these He also J-ed Rom 8:30
God J-ies Rom 8:33
seeking to be J-ed Gal 2:17

JUSTUS

- 1 Joseph, apostolic candidate Acts 1:23
2 Titus, Corinthian disciple Acts 18:7
3 Jewish Christian Col 4:11

JUTTAH

- Levitical city in Judah
Josh 15:55,21:16

K

KADESH/KADESH-BARNEA

- desert oasis in S Palestine
Gen 14:7
Israelite encampment
Num 13:26;33:37

KEDAR

- 1 son of Ishmael Gen 25:13
2 tribal descendants Is 42:11

KEDEMAH

- 1 son of Ishmael Gen 25:15
2 tribal descendants 1 Chr 1:31

KEDESH

- 1 city in S Judah Josh 15:23
2 city of Imachar 1 Chr 6:72
3 city of Naphtali Josh 12:22
city of refuge Josh 20:7

KEEP hold, guide, preserve

- k the way of the LORD Gen 18:19
love Me and k My Ex 20:6
shall k your sabbath Lev 23:32
LORD bless you, and k Num 6:24
to k the Passover Matt 26:18
if anyone k-s My John 8:51
he will k My word John 14:23
k-ing faith and a 1 Tim 1:19
k yourself free from 1 Tim 5:22

KEEPER guard, protector

- Am I my brother's k Gen 4:9
been k-s of livestock Gen 46:32
The LORD is your k Ps 121:5
I, the LORD, am its k Is 27:3

KEILAH

- 1 town of Judah Josh 15:44
1 Sam 23:1ff; Neh 3:17,18
2 line of Caleb 1 Chr 4:19

KENAZ

- 1 Esau's grandson Gen 36:10,11
2 father of Othniel Josh 15:17
3 line of Caleb 1 Chr 4:15

KENITE(S)

- Canaanite tribe Gen 15:19
Num 24:21
tribe of metal-workers
Judg 4:11; 1 Sam 15:6

KENIZZITE

- Canaanite tribe in S Palestine
and Edom Gen 15:19
Num 32:12; Josh 14:14

KEREN-HAPPUCH

- daughter of Job Job 42:14

KERIOTH

- 1 town of Judah Josh 15:25
2 town in Moab Jer 48:41
Amos 2:2

KETURAH

- second wife of Abraham
Gen 25:1,4; 1 Chr 1:32,33

KEY *unlocking tool*

k-s of the kingdom Matt 16:19
the k of knowledge Luke 11:52
k-s of death and of Rev 1:18
k of the bottomless pit Rev 9:1

KEZIAH

daughter of Job Job 42:14

KID *young goat*

a k from the flock Gen 38:17
not boil a k milk Ex 34:26
prepare a k for you Judg 13:15
never given me a k Luke 15:29

KIDNEYS *innards*

two k and the fat Ex 29:13
remove with the k Lev 3:15
He splits my k open Job 16:13

KIDRON

brook and valley between Jerusalem and Mount of Olives
2 Sam 15:23; 2 Kin 23:6
2 Chr 29:16; John 18:1

KILL *take life*

for Cain k-ed him Gen 4:25
k-ed every first-born Ex 13:15
who k-s a man shall Lev 24:21
LORD k-s and makes 1 Sam 2:6
Am I God, to k 2 Kin 5:7
anger k-s the simple Job 5:2
he k-s the innocent Ps 10:8
A time to k Eccl 3:3
unable to k the Matt 10:28
k-ed, and be raised Luke 9:22
do you seek to k Me John 7:19
Arise, Peter, k and Acts 10:13
the letter k-s, but 2 Cor 3:6
who k their fathers 1 Tim 1:9
k a third of mankind Rev 9:15

KIND (adj) *good, tender*

be k to this people 2 Chr 10:7
He Himself is k Luke 6:35
love is k 1 Cor 13:4
be k to one another Eph 4:32

KIND (n) *group, variety*

fruit after their k Gen 1:11
plant all k-s of trees Lev 19:23
all k-s of evil Matt 5:11
k-s of tongues 1 Cor 12:28
every k of impurity Eph 4:19

KINDLE *cause to burn*

anger... was k-d Num 11:10
His breath k-s coals Job 41:21
man to k strife Prov 26:21
all you who k a fire Is 50:11
k-d a fire in Zion Lam 4:11

KINDNESS *tenderness*

teaching of k is on Prov 31:26
to love k, And to Mic 6:8
with deeds of k Acts 9:36
k and... of God Rom 11:22
joy, peace, patience, k Gal 5:22
compassion, k Col 3:12
tasted the k of the 1 Pet 2:3
godliness, brotherly k 2 Pet 1:7

KINDRED *relatives*

her people or her k Esth 2:10
destruction of my k Esth 8:6
no one... of k spirit Phil 2:20

KING *monarch, regent*

the k's highway Num 20:17
no k in Israel Judg 17:6
appoint a k for us 1 Sam 8:5
annointed David k 2 Sam 5:3
my K and my God Ps 5:2
The LORD is K forever Ps 10:16
Who is the k of glory Ps 24:8
will shatter k-s Ps 110:5
By me k-s reign Prov 8:15
He will... before k-s Prov 22:29
The Creator your K Is 43:15
O K of the nations Jer 10:7
born K of the Jews Matt 2:2
Are You the K of Matt 27:11
your K is coming John 12:15
no k but Caesar John 19:15
K of k-s and Lord 1 Tim 6:15
God, honor the k 1 Pet 2:17

KINGDOM *domatin, monarchy*

his k was Babel Gen 10:10
to Me a k of priests Ex 19:6
tear the k from 1 Kin 11:11
will establish his k 1 Chr 28:7
the k is the LORD's Ps 22:28
Sing to God, O k-s Ps 68:32
an everlasting k Ps 145:13
k against k Is 19:2
k of heaven is at Matt 3:2
showed Him... k-s Matt 4:8
Thy k come Matt 6:10
sons of the k Matt 13:38
keys of the k Matt 16:19
in My Father's k Matt 26:29
enter the k of God Mark 10:24
to give you the k Luke 12:32
cannot see the k of John 3:3
preaching the k Acts 28:31
k of His beloved Son Col 1:13
to His heavenly k 2 Tim 4:18
faith conquered k-s Heb 11:33
heirs of the k James 2:5

KINSMAN *relative*

of my master's k Gen 24:48
he took his k-men Gen 31:23
a man has no k Lev 25:26
Naomi had a k of her Ruth 2:1
k-men stand afar off Ps 38:11
Herodion, my k Rom 16:11

KIRIATHAIM

1 *Levitical city* 1 Chr 6:76
2 *Reubenite city* Num 32:37
Josh 13:19

KIRIATH-ARBA

old name of Hebron Gen 23:2
Josh 14:15; 15:13,54; Judg 1:10
city of Refuge Josh 20:7

KIRIATH-JEARIM

Giheonite town Josh 9:17
Judg 18:12; Jer 26:20
location of ark of covenant
1 Sam 6:21; 7:1,2; 2 Chr 1:4

KISH

1 *father of Saul* 1 Sam 9:3
1 Sam 10:21
2 *son of Jeshai* 1 Chr 8:30
3 *son of Mahli* 1 Chr 23:21
4 *son of Abdi* 2 Chr 20:12
5 *a Benjamite* Esth 2:5

KISHON

battle scene Judg 4:7
river Judg 4:13,5:21
priests of Baal slain on its bank 1 Kin 18:40

KISS (n) *expression of affection*

threw a k from my Job 31:27
the k-ees of his mouth Song 1:2
You gave Me no k Luke 7:45
betraying with a k Luke 22:48
with a holy k Rom 16:16
with a k of love 1 Pet 5:14

KISS (v) *expression of affection*

come close and k Gen 27:26
let me k my father 1 Kin 19:20
I would k you Song 8:1
Whomever I k Mark 14:44
not to k my feet Luke 7:45

KITTIM

1 *grandson of Japheth* Gen 10:4
1 Chr 1:7
2 *island of Cyprus* Num 24:24
Jer 2:10; Dan 11:30

KNEAD *work dough, clay*

took flour, k-ed it 1 Sam 28:24
the women k dough Jer 7:18

KNEE *part of body*

strengthened feeble k-s Job 4:4
k-s began knocking Dan 5:6
every k shall bow Rom 14:11
every k should bow Phil 2:10

KNEEL *bend, rest on knee*

made the camels k Gen 24:11
people k-ed to drink Judg 7:6
k before the LORD Ps 95:6
k-ed... before Him Matt 27:29
man ran, knelt Mark 10:17
He knelt down Luke 22:41

KNIFE *cutting instrument*

k to slay his son Gen 22:10
jaw teeth like k-ives Prov 30:14
with a scribes k Jer 36:23

KNIT *joined together*

Jonathan was k to 1 Sam 18:1
k me together with Job 10:11
his thighs are k Job 40:17
His hand they are k Lam 1:14
k together in love Col 2:2

KNOCK *smite, strike*

his knees began k-ing Dan 5:6
k, and it shall be Matt 7:7
stand outside and k Luke 13:25
he k-ed at the door Acts 12:13
at the door and k Rev 3:20

KNOW *experience, understand*

like one of Us, k-ing Gen 3 22
make k-n the statutes Ex 18 16
k that my Redeemer Job 19 25
Make me k Thy ways Ps 25 4
He k-s the secrets Ps 44 21
k that I am God Ps 46 10
made k-n His salvation Ps 98 2
Try me and k my Ps 139 23
Thou k-est me, O LORD Jer 12 3
left hand k what Matt 6 3
k by their fruits Matt 7 20
I never knew you Matt 7 23
God k-s your heart Luke 16 15
you shall k the truth John 8 32
I k My own John 10 14
k-ing that His hour John 13 1
k that I love You John 21 15
and k all mysteries 1 Cor 13 2
who know no sin 2 Cor 5 21
th the love of Christ Eph 3 19
value of k-ing Christ Phil 3 8
k I have believed 2 Tim 1 12
k eternal life 1 John 5 13
I k your deeds Rev 2 2

KNOWLEDGE *information*

tree of the k of good Gen 2 9
LORD is a God of k 1 Sam 2 3
anyone teach God k Job 21 22
k is too wonderful Ps 130 6
the beginning of k Prov 1 7
fools hate k Prov 1 22
Wise store up k Prov 10 14
k increases power Prov 24 5
would He teach k Is 28 9
in accordance with k Rom 10 2
K make arrogant 1 Cor 4 1
k, it will be done 1 Cor 13 8
have no k of God 1 Cor 13 8
love surpasses k Eph 3 19
treasures of k Col 2 3
grow in grace and k 2 Pet 3 18

KOHATH

son of Levi Gen 46 11
Num 3 17 Josh 21 5

KOHATHITES

line of Kohath Num 3 10, 4 34
Josh 21 4

KOR *measure of capacity*

k-s of fine flour 1 Kin 4 22
20,000 k-s of barley 2 Chr 2 10
100 k-s of wheat Ezra 7 22
a bath from each k Ezech 45 14

KORAH

1 son of Esau Gen 36 5
2 opposed Moses Num 16 8, 16
3 son of Hebron 1 Chr 2 43
4 a Kohathite 1 Chr 6 37

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LABAN

1 Abraham's kinsman Gen 24 29
Rachel's father Gen 29 10, 16
2 place in the desert Deut 1 1

LABOR (n) *work or childbirth*

fruits of your l-s Ex 23 16
thou l to the locust Ps 78 46
bread of painful l-s Ps 127 2
return for their l Eccl 4 9
like a woman in l Is 42 14
in l and hardship 2 Cor 11 27
fruitful l for me Phil 1 22
faith and l of love 1 Thess 1 3
cried out, being in l Rev 12 2

LABOR (v) *soul, work*

Six days you shall l Ex 20 9
l in vain who build Ps 127 1
for whom am I l-ing Eccl 4 8
led over you in vain Gal 4 11

LABORER *workman*

l-s for his vineyard Matt 20 1
Call the l-s and pay Matt 20 6
l-s into His harvest Luke 10 2
l is worthy of his Luke 10 7

LACHISH

city in Judah Josh 10 3
2 Kin 14 19, 2 Chr 32 9

LACK (n) *deficiency, need*

where there is no l Judg 18 10
for l of instruction Prov 5 23
for l of a shepherd Ezech 34 5
l of self-control 1 Cor 7 5

LACK (v) *be deficient, need*

shall not l anything Deut 8 9
l-ing in counsel Deut 32 28
man l-ing sense Prov 7 7
am I still l-ing Matt 19 20
One thing you l Mark 10 21
not l-ing in any gift 1 Cor 1 7
if any l-s wisdom James 1 5

LAD *boy*

God heard the l Gen 21 17
the l is not with us Gen 44 31
the l was dead 2 Kin 4 32
a l here who has five John 6 9

LADDER *steps*

l set on the earth Gen 28 12

LADY *woman*

Thy noble l-s Ps 45 9
elder to the chosen l 2 John 1

LAISH

l a Benjamite 1 Sam 25 44
2 Sam 3 15
2 place in N Palestine later
called Dan Judg 18 27, 29

LAKE *pool, water*

standing by the l Luke 5 1
wind upon the l Luke 8 23
into the l, and were Luke 8 33
into the l of fire Rev 20 10

LAMB *young sheep*

l for the burnt Gen 22 7
shall redeem with a l Ex 34 20
l without defect Lev 14 10
will dwell with the l Is 11 6
l led to slaughter Is 53 7
wolf and the l shall Is 65 25
send you out as l-s Luke 10 3

Behold, the L of God John 1 29
Tend My l-s John 21 15
l before its shearer Acts 8 32
Worthy is the L Rev 5 12
blood of the L Rev 12 11

LAME *crippled, disabled*

was l in both feet 2 Sam 9 13
feet to the l Job 29 15
Then the l will leap Is 35 6
the l walk Matt 11 5
l from his mother's Acts 14 8

LAMECH

l in lineage of Cain Gen 4 17, 18
2 father of Noah Gen 5 28, 29

LAMENT (n) *dirge, wail*

this l over Saul 2 Sam 1 17
chanted a l 2 Chr 35 25
l must make a l Mic 1 9

LAMENT (v) *mourn, wail*

house of Israel l-ed 1 Sam 7 2
her gates will l Is 3 26
fishermen will l Is 19 8
And l over you Ezech 27 32
weep and l over her Rev 18 9

LAMENTATION *weeping*

great sorrowful l Gen 50 10
in Ramah, L and Jer 31 15
your sons into l Amos 8 10
made loud l over him Acts 5 2

LAMP *light*

Thou art my l 1 Sam 22 29
l-s of pure gold 2 Chr 4 20
his l goes out Job 18 6
Thy word is a l Ps 119 105
commandment is a l Prov 6 23
l of the body is the Matt 6 22
l-s are going out Matt 25 5
l-s in the upper room Acts 20 8
l shining in a dark 2 Pet 1 19
seven l-s of fire Rev 4 5

LAMPSTAND *candlestick*

l of pure gold Ex 25 31
and a chair and a l 2 Kin 4 10
puts it on a l Luke 8 16
will remove your l Rev 2 5

LAND *country, earth*

let the dry l appear Gen 1 9
lamine in the l Gen 12 10
l have given this l Gen 15 18
out of the l of Egypt Ex 6 13
l flowing with milk Deut 6 3
in to possess the l Josh 1 11
l of their captivity 2 Chr 6 38
will heal their l 2 Chr 7 14
the l of the living Job 28 13
will inherit the l Ps 37 11
in a dry and weary l Ps 63 1
l be born in one day Is 66 8
again to this l Jer 24 6
l is filled with blood Ezech 9 9
smote the l with a Mal 4 6
darkness, all the l Matt 27 45
owned a tract of l Acts 4 37

LANDOWNER—LEARNING

LANDOWNER *landlord*

slaves of the l Matt 13:27
kingdom like a l Matt 20:1
l who planted a Matt 21:33

LANGUAGE *speech, word*

according to his l Gen 10:5
earth used the same l Gen 11:1
speech or difficult l Ezek 3:5
in figurative l John 16:25
speak in his own l Acts 2:6
many kinds of l-s 1 Cor 14:10

LANGUISH *faint*

l-ed because of the Gen 47:13
My soul l-es for Ps 119:81
never l again Jer 31:12
refresh who l-es Jer 31:25

LAODICEA

city in Asia Minor Col 2:1
location of early church
Col 4:15, Rev 1:11,3 14

LAODICEANS

people of Laodicea Col 4:16

LAPIS LAZULI *precious stone*

polishing was like l Lam 4:7
like l in appearance Ezek 1:26
the jasper, The l Ezek 28:13

LARGE *big, great, huge*

tears in l measure Ps 80:5
a l upper room Mark 14:15
a l multitude Luke 7:11
what l letters Gal 6:11

LAST *final, utmost*

breathed his l Gen 25:8
In the l days Is 2:2
first will be l Matt 19:30
The l Adam 1 Cor 15:45
at the l trumpet 1 Cor 15:52
in these l days Heb 1:2
it is the l hour 1 John 2:18
the first and the l Rev 1:17

LATIN

language of the Roman Empire
one of three languages written
on Jesus' cross John 19:20

LATTICE *trellis*

fell through the l 2 Kin 1:2
looked out...my l Ps 7:6
peering through...l Song 2:9

LAUGH *be amused, mock*

Why did Sarah l Gen 18:13
will l at violence Job 5:22
l at your calamity Prov 1:26
weep, and a time to l Eccl 3:4
began l-ing at Him Matt 9:24

LAUGHINGSTOCK *derision*

l among the peoples Ps 44:14
was not Israel a l Jer 48:27
I have become a l Lam 3:14

LAUGHTER *amusement*

God has made l for Gen 21:6
Even in l the heart Prov 14:13
Sorrow is better than l Eccl 7:3

LAVER *wash basin*

make a l of bronze Ex 30:18
set the l between Ex 40:7
anoint the l Ex 40:11

LAW *scripture, statute*

tablets with the l Ex 24:12
Moses wrote this l Deut 31:9
found the l 2 Kin 22:8
walk in My l 2 Chr 6:16
l...is perfect Ps 19:7
l delight in Thy l Ps 119:70
abolish the L or the Matt 5:17
Our L...not judge John 7:51
by that l He ought John 19:7
by a l of faith Rom 3:27
L brings...wrath Rom 4:15
not under l Rom 6:14
Is the L sin Rom 7:7
the L is holy Rom 7:12
L become our tutor Gal 3:24
thus fulfill the l Gal 6:2
L...nothing perfect Heb 7:19

LAWFUL *legal, right*

not l for him to eat Matt 12:4
Is it l to heal Matt 12:10
l...man to divorce Mark 10:2
All things are l 1 Cor 6:12

LAWGIVER *lawmaker*

The LORD is our l Is 33:22
one L and Judge James 4:12

LAWLESS *illegal, without law*

l one will be 2 Thess 2:8
are l and rebellious 1 Tim 1:9
from every l deed Titus 2:14

LAWYER *interpreter of law*

a l, asked Him a Matt 22:35
one of the l-s said Luke 11:45
Woe to you l-s Luke 11:52

LAY *place, put*

laid him on the altar Gen 22:9
l My hand on Egypt Ex 7:4
laid its cornerstone Job 38:6
l my glory in the dust Ps 7:5
he l-s up deceit Prov 26:24
l up...treasures Matt 6:20
laid Him in a tomb Mark 15:46
l-s down His life John 10:11
l l down My life John 10:15
have you laid Him John 11:34
l l in Zion a stone Rom 9:33
l-ing aside falsehood Eph 4:25
l-ing hold of...hope Heb 6:18

LAYMAN *non-ecclesiastic*

l shall not eat them Ex 29:33
married to a l Lev 22:12
l who comes near Num 3:10

LAZARUS

l beggar Luke 16:20-25
2 brother of Mary and Martha John 11:1,2,5,11,43

LAZY *idle, slothful*

Because they are l Ex 5:8
You are l, very l Ex 5:17
You wicked, l slave Matt 25:26
beasts, l gluttons Titus 1:12

CONCORDANCE

LEAD (n) *metal*

They sank like l Ex 15:1
an iron stylus and l Job 19:24
l is consumed by Jer 6:24
l in the furnace Ezek 22:11

LEAD (v) *direct, guide*

God led the people Ex 13:1
cloud by day to l Ex 13:2
l-s me beside quiet Ps 23:3
l me in Thy truth Ps 25:3
led captive Thy Ps 68:1a
little boy will l Is 11:3
lamb that is led to Is 53:2
not l us into Matt 6:13
l the elect astray Mark 13:2
led Him...crucify Mark 15:24
and l-s them out John 10:1
led by the Spirit Rom 8:14
led captive a host Eph 4:8
that l-s to salvation 2 Tim 3:15

LEADER *director, guide*

Let us appoint a l Num 14:4
one l of every tribe Num 34:18
l over My people 1 Kin 14:7
the l as the servant Luke 22:26
Obey your l-s Heb 13:17

LEADING (adj) *chieft, noted*

gathered l men Ezra 7:28
number...l women Acts 17:4
l men of the Jews Acts 28:17

LEAF *foliage*

sewed fig l-ves Gen 3:7
sound of a driven l Lev 26:36
its l does not wither Ps 1:3
puts forth its l-ves Matt 24:32

LEAH

wife of Jacob Gen 29:23,30
mother of Reuben, Simeon,
Levi and Judah Gen 29:32-35

LEAN (adj) *thin*

seven l...ugly cows Gen 41:20
my flesh has grown l Ps 109:24
and the l sheep Ezek 34:20

LEAN (v) *incline, rest*

may l against them Judg 16:28
l...own understanding Prov 3:5
l on the God of Israel Is 48:2

LEAP *jump, spring*

l-ing and dancing 2 Sam 6:16
l can l over a wall Ps 18:28
baby l-ed in her Luke 1:41
and l for joy Luke 6:23
l-ed up and began Acts 14:10

LEARN *get knowledge*

l to fear the LORD Deut 31:13
l may l Thy statutes Ps 119:71
have l l-ed wisdom Prov 30:3
will they l war Is 2:4
l from Me Matt 11:29
l-ed to be content Phil 4:11
He l-ed obedience Heb 5:8

LEARNING (n) *knowledge*

increase his l Prov 9:9
l of the Egyptians Acts 7:22
great l is driving Acts 26:24

LEAST *insignificant*

I of my master's 2 Kin 18:24
greatest to the I 2 Chr 34:30
I in the kingdom Matt 5:19
he who is I is Matt 11:11
I of the apostles 1 Cor 15:9
very I of all saints Eph 3:8

LEATHER *animal skin*

man with a I girdle 2 Kin 1:8
a I belt about his Matt 3:4
and wore a I belt Mark 1:6

LEAVE *abandon, depart, forsake*

shall I his father Gen 2:24
arise, I this land Gen 31:13
not I me defenseless Ps 141:8
kindness and truth I Prov 3:3
I the ninety-nine Matt 18:12
Peace I I with you John 14:27
I am I-ling world John 16:28

LEAVEN *yeast*

no I found in your Ex 12:19
not be baked with I Lev 6:17
seven days no I shall Deut 16:4
heaven is like I Matt 13:33
little I leavens the 1 Cor 5:6

LEAVENED *raised by yeast*

whoever eats what is I Ex 12:19
with cakes of I bread Lev 7:13
not eat I bread Deut 16:3
until it was all I Matt 13:33

LEBANON

mountain range N of Palestine
Josh 9:1, Judg 3:3, 1 Kin 5:6
showing God's greatness Ps 29:6
symbol of prosperity Ps 92:12

LEGAL *lawful*

has a I matter Ex 24:14
Give me I protection Luke 18:3

LEGION *division, group*

twelve I-s of angels Matt 26:53
My name is I. Mark 5:9
man who had I Mark 5:15
I-s for many demons Luke 8:30

LEG *part of body*

I-s are pillars of Song 5:15
Uncover the I Is 47:2
not break His I-s John 19:33

LEMUEL

royal author of section of
Proverbs Prov 31:1-4

LEND *loan*

I-ling them money Neh 5:10
I-s on interest Ezek 18:13
I, expecting nothing Luke 6:35
I me three loaves Luke 11:5

LENDER *loaner*

becomes the I's slave Prov 22:7
I like the borrower Is 24:2

LENGTH

the I of the ark Gen 6:15
I of days and years Prov 3:2
breadth and I and Eph 3:18
I and width...equal Rev 21:16

LEOPARD *animal*

I will lie down with Is 11:6
Or the I his spots Jer 13:23
I like a I I will lie Hos 13:7
beast...was like a I Rev 13:2

LEPER *one having leprosy*

As for the I Lev 13:45
King Uzziah...a I 2 Chr 26:21
a I came to Him Matt 8:2
cleanse the I-s Matt 10:8
home of Simon the I Mark 14:3

LEPROSY *infectious disease*

of I on the skin Lev 13:2
mark of I on a Lev 14:34
an infection of I Deut 24:8
cure him of his I 2 Kin 5:3
his I was cleansed Matt 8:3

LEPROUS *having leprosy*

hand was I like snow Ex 4:6
is a I malignancy Lev 13:51
ten I met Him Luke 17:12

LET *allow, permit*

I, there be light Gen 1:3
I, My people go Ex 5:1
I, the children alone Matt 19:14
I this cup pass from Matt 26:39
I not your heart be John 14:1

LETTER *epistle or symbol*

a I sent to Solomon 2 Chr 2:11
smallest I or stroke Matt 5:18
You are our I 2 Cor 3:2
I caused you sorrow 2 Cor 7:8
large I-s I am writing Gal 6:11

LEVEL *flat, plain*

lead me in a I path Ps 27:11
path of the righteous I Is 26:7
stood on a I place Luke 6:17

LEVI

1 son of Jacob Gen 34:25
2 tribe Num 1:49; Rev 7:7
3 two ancestors of Jesus
Luke 3:24,29
4 apostle Mark 2:14
Luke 5:27,29

LEVIATHAN

symbolic monster of the deep
Job 3:8, Ps 104:26, Is 27:1

LEVITES

descendants of Levi Ex 6:19,25
charged with the care of
the sanctuary Num 1:50,34:1

LEVY (n) *payment, tax*

the LORD'S I Num 31:38
I fixed by Moses 2 Chr 24:6

LEVY (v) *impose a tax*

I a tax for the LORD Num 31:28
I-led forced laborers 1 Kin 9:21

LEWDNESS *lascivious, lust*

land...full of I Lev 19:29
not commit this I Ezek 16:43
I will uncover her I Hos 2:10

LIAR *one telling lies*

who...prove me a I Job 24:25
a poor man than a I Prov 19:22
I shall be a I like John 8:55
hypocrisy of I-s 1 Tim 4:2
we make Him a I 1 John 1:10

LIBATION *see OFFERINGS***LIBERTY** *freedom*

I will walk at I Ps 119:45
proclaim I to captives Is 61:1
spy out our I Gal 2:4
the law of I James 1:25

LIBNAH

1 place in wilderness Num 33:21
2 Canaanite city Josh 10:29
2 Kin 23:31
a Levitical city 1 Chr 6:57

LIBYA

country in N Africa Ezek 30:5
Acts 2:10

LICK *lap up*

dogs shall I up your I Kin 21:19
his enemies I the dust Ps 72:9
dogs were I-ling Luke 16:21

LIE (n) *false statements*

speak I-s go astray Ps 58:3
tells I-s will perish Prov 19:9
prophecy a I to you Jer 27:10
the father of I-s John 8:44
truth of God for a I Rom 1:25
no I is of the truth 1 John 2:21

LIE (v) *make false statements*

nor I to one another Lev 19:11
I-d to Him with their Ps 78:36
I-d about the LORD Jer 5:12
I to the Holy Spirit Acts 5:3
not I to one another Col 3:9
impossible...God to I Heb 6:18

LIE (v) *recline*

when you I down Deut 11:19
she lay at his feet Ruth 3:14
Saul lay sleeping 1 Sam 26:7
makes me I down Ps 23:2
lying in a manger Luke 2:12

LIFE *living or salvation*

the breath of I Gen 2:7
I for I Ex 21:23
I is in the blood Lev 17:11
Our I for yours Josh 2:14
my I is but breath Job 7:7
Who redeems your I Ps 103:4
the springs of I Prov 4:23
way of I and death Jer 21:8
to everlasting I Dan 12:2
take my I from me Jon 4:3
anxious for your I Matt 6:25
loves his I for My Matt 16:25
His I a ransom for Matt 20:28
to inherit eternal I Mark 10:17
I is more than food Luke 12:23
but have eternal I John 3:16
out of death into I John 5:24
I am the bread of I John 6:35

LIFE—LOCK

lays down his l John 10:11
resurrection and...l John 11:25
truth, and the l John 14:6
lay down his l for John 15:13
walk in newness of l Rom 6:4
the Spirit gives l 2 Cor 3:6
Christ, who is our l Col 3:4
an undisciplined l 2 Thess 3:11
receive crown of l James 1:12
lay down our l-yes l John 3:16
book of l of the Lamb Rev 13:8

LIFEBLOOD

l will require your l Gen 9:5
poured out their l Is 63:6
l of the innocent Jer 2:34

LIFETIME length of life

Throughout his l 2 Chr 34:33
His favor is for a l Ps 30:5
my l of futility Eccl 7:15
as the l of a tree Is 65:22

LIFT exalt, raise

l up your eyes and Gen 13:14
l up your staff and Ex 14:16
l up your voice Job 38:34
One who l-s my head Ps 3:3
l Will l up my eyes Ps 121:1
will not l up sword Is 2:4
Spirit l-ed me up Ezek 3:14
Son of Man be l-ed John 3:14
He was l-ed up Acts 1:9
l-ing up holy hands 1 Tim 2:8

LIGHT brightness, lamp

Let there be l Gen 1:3
Israel had l in Ex 10:23
l of the wicked Job 18:5
LORD is my l Ps 27:1
And a l to my path Ps 119:105
like the l of dawn Prov 4:18
walk in the l of the Is 2:5
your l has come Is 60:1
stars for l by night Jer 31:35
the l of the world Matt 5:14
body will be full of l Matt 6:22
l of revelation to Luke 2:32
There was the true l John 1:9
l am the l John 8:12
while you have...l John 12:35
l of the gospel 2 Cor 4:4
walk as children of l Eph 5:8
Father of l-s James 1:17
if we walk in the l 1 John 1:7

LIGHTNING flash of light in sky

thunder and l flashes Ex 19:16
He spreads His l Job 36:30
makes l for the rain Jer 10:13
l...from the east Matt 24:27
appearance...like l Matt 28:3

LIKENESS similarity

according to Our l Gen 1:26
an idol, or any l Ex 20:4
the l of sinful flesh Rom 8:3
made in the l of men Phil 2:7

LILY flower

The l of the valleys Song 2:1
blossom like the l Hos 14:5
l-ies of the field Matt 6:28

LIMIT end, extent

there is no l 1 Chr 22:16
no l to windy words Job 16:3
set a l for the rain Job 28:26
no l to the treasure Nah 2:9

LINE boundary or cord

draw your border l Num 34:7
ran from battle l 1 Sam 4:12
a l into the Nile Is 19:8
plumb l in the hand Zech 4:10

LINEN type of cloth

makes l garments Prov 31:24
buy...a l waistband Jer 13:1
left the l sheet Mark 14:52
wrapped Him l Mark 15:46
saw the l wrappings John 20:5
clothed in fine l Rev 19:14

LINTEL horizontal crosspiece

blood on the l Ex 12:23
l and five-sided 1 Kin 6:31

LION wild animal

Judah is a l-s whelp Gen 49:9
a l or a bear 1 Sam 17:34
hunt me like a l Job 10:16
tear my soul like a l Ps 7:2
are bold as a l Prov 28:1
cast into the l-s Dan 6:16
like a roaring l 1 Pet 5:8

LIPS part of mouth

My l will praise Ps 63:3
With her flattering l Prov 7:21
Your l, my bride Song 4:11
a man of unclean l Is 6:5
honors Me with...l Matt 15:8

LIQUOR alcoholic drink

concerning wine and l Mic 2:11
drink no wine or l Luke 1:15

LISTEN hear, heed

Paraph will not l Ex 7:4
l to His voice Deut 4:30
l commandments Deut 11:27
scolder does not l Prov 13:1
l to your father Prov 23:22
draw near to l Eccl 5:1
l to Me, O Jacob Is 48:12
L...another parable Matt 21:33
care what you l to Mark 4:24
l-ing to the word Luke 5:1
My Son...l to Him Luke 9:35

LITERATURE writings

teach them the l Dan 1:4
every branch of l Dan 1:17

LITTLE small quantity

a l flower than God Ps 8:5
a l boy will lead Is 11:6
O men of l faith Matt 6:30
forgiven l, loves l Luke 7:47
a l heaven heavens 1 Cor 5:6
l children, abide 1 John 2:28

LIVE (v) reside or be alive

eat, and l forever Gen 3:22
does not l by bread Deut 8:3
my Redeemer l-s Job 19:25
Let my soul l Ps 119:175

CONCORDANCE

Listen, that you may l Is 53:1
can these bones l Ezek 37:1
righteous will l by Hab 2:4
not l on bread alone Matt 4:4
l even if he dies John 11:50
because l l John 14:11
shall l by faith Rom 1:17
Christ died and l-d Rom 14:9
no longer l who l Gal 2:20
to l is Christ Phil 1:21
worship Him who l-s Rev 4:11

LIVER internal organ

the lobe of the l Ex 29:11
l of the sin offering Lev 9:14
pierces through his l Prov 7:2
he looks at the l Ezek 21:2

LIVESTOCK domestic animals

was very rich in l Gen 13:2
then l to Joseph Gen 47:17
l of Egypt died Ex 9:6
large number of l Num 32:3

LIVING (adj) alive

man became a l being Gen 2:7
voice of the l god Deut 5:20
Divide the l child 1 Kin 3:25
Son of the l God Matt 16:16
given you l water John 4:10
l am the l bread John 6:51
l and holy sacrifice Rom 12:1
became a l soul 1 Cor 15:45
temple of the l God 2 Cor 6:16
word of God is l Heb 4:12

LIVING (n) what is alive

mother of all the l Gen 3:20
land of the l Job 28:13
that the l may know Dan 4:17
God of the l Matt 22:32
judge the l and the 1 Pet 4:5

LOAD burden

in all their l-s Num 4:27
l alone bear the l Deut 1:12
My l is light Matt 11:30

LOAF portion of bread

gave him a l of bread Jer 37:21
shall ask him for a l Matt 7:8
five l-yes and two Matt 14:17

LO-AMMI

second son of Horeb Hos 1:9

LOAN something lent

your neighbor a l Deut 24:10
rich with l-s Hab 2:6

LOATHE despise, detest

l l-d that generation Ps 95:10
sated man l-s money Prov 27:7
l l the arrogance of Amos 6:8

LOATHSOME detestable

l to the Egyptians Gen 46:34
like l food to me Job 6:7
l and malignant sore Rev 16:2

LOCK (n) tuft of hair

seven l-s of my hair Judg 16:13
flowing l-s of your Song 7:5
a l of my head Ezek 8:3

LOCK (v) secure, shut

I the door behind 2 Sam 13 17
 I-ed quite securely Acts 5 23
 I up the saints Acts 26 10

LOCUST grasshopper

wind brought the I-s Ex 10 13
 you may eat the I Lev 11 22
 come in like I-s Judg 6 5
 leap like the I Job 39 20
 I-s have no lung Prov 30 27
 like the swarming I Nah 3 17
 food was I-s and wild Matt 3 4

LOD/LYDDA

town of Benjamin SE. of coastal
 Jaffa 1 Chr 8 12
 Neh 11 35, Acts 9 32-36

LODGE dwell, spend the night

where you I, I will I Ruth 1 16
 drank and I-d there Job 19 4
 in his neck I-s Job 41 22
 I in the wilderness Ps 55 7

LODGING (adj) dwelling

Iodder at the I place Gen 42 27
 A wayfarer's I place Jer 9 2
 prepare for me a I Philm 22

LOFTINESS elevated, haughty

I of man will be Is 2 11
 I of your dwelling Obad 3

LOFTY grand, high

built There a I house 1 Kin 8 13
 high and I mountain Is 57 7

LOG beam, wood

he who splits I-s Eccl 10 9
 I out of your own eye Matt 7 5

LOINS lower back

with your I girded Ex 12 11
 Gird up your I 2 Kin 4 29
 I are full of anguish Is 21 3
 having girded your I Eph 6 14

LOIS

grandmother of Timothy
 2 Tim 1 5

LONELY alone, isolated

I am I and afflicted Ps 25 16
 makes a home for the I Ps 68 6
 How I sits the city Lam 1 1
 to a I place and rest Mark 6 31

LONG (adj) extended

there was a I war 2 Sam 3 1
 I life is in her Prov 3 16
 you make I prayers Matt 23 14
 if a man has I hair 1 Cor 11 14

LONG (v) desire, want

Who I for death Job 3 21
 my soul I-s for Thee Is 26 9
 I-ing to be fed Luke 16 21
 I I to see you Rom 1 11
 angels I to look 1 Pet 1 12
 I for the pure milk 1 Pet 2 2

LOOK see, stare

Do not I behind you Gen 19 17
 afraid to I at God Ex 3 6

LORD I-s at the heart 1 Sam 16 7

L upon my affliction Ps 25 18
 The sea I-ed and fled Ps 114 3
 not I on the wise Prov 23 31
 I eagerly for Him Is 8 17
 I to the Holy One Is 17 7
 I on Me pierced Zech 12 10
 L at the birds of Matt 6 26
 I-ing up heaven Matt 14 19
 plow and I-ing back Luke 9 62
 I on the fields John 4 35
 I on Him pierced John 19 37
 I-ing for the blessed Titus 2 13
 I-ing for heavens 2 Pet 3 13

LOOSE release

I the cords of Orion Job 38 31
 hast I-d my bonds Ps 116 16
 I on earth shall be Matt 16 19
 you I on earth Matt 18 18

LORD personal name of God

(Old Testament)
 Different Hebrew words
 are translated as Lord

LORD (Yahweh) Gen 4 1
 Ex 3 2, 15, Ps 23 1, Is 40 31
 Ezek 11 23

Lord GOD (Adonai Yahweh)
 Gen 15 2, 2 Sam 7 18, 19
 Is 1 24, Ezek 28 6, Hab 3 19

Lord GOD (Yahweh Elohim)
 Gen 2 4, Ps 50 5, 68 18
 Jer 15 16, Jon 1 9

Lord (Adonai) Gen 18 27
 Ex 4 10, Josh 3 11, Ps 68 19
 Mic 4 13

LORD GOD (Yah Yahweh)
 Is 12 2

New Testament
 Different Greek words
 are translated as Lord

Lord (Kyrios, refers to either
 the Father or the Son)
 Matt 1 20, John 11 2, Acts 5 19
 2 Cor 5 6, 1 Thess 4 16

Lord Disputers Luke 2 29
 Acts 4 24, Rev 6 10

Lord GOD (Kyrios Theos, refers
 to either the Father or
 the Son) Luke 1 32
 Rev 1 8, 11 17, 16 7, 18 8

Lord Jesus (Kyrios Iesus)
 Mark 16 19, Luke 24 3
 Acts 4 33, 7 59

Lord Jesus Christ (Kyrios Iesus
 Christos)
 Acts 15 26, Rom 1 7, 5 1
 1 Cor 1 10, Eph 1 2, 3
 1 Thess 5 9, James 2 1

LORD human master, ruler

Hear us, my I Gen 23 6
 not my I be angry Gen 31 35
 Monks, my I Num 11 28
 I-s of Philistines Judg 16 27
 counsel of my I Ezra 10 3
 I-s of the nations Is 16 8
 his I commanded Matt 18 25
 write to my I Acts 25 26

LO-RUHAMAH

daughter of Hoses Hos 1 6, 8

LOSE mislay, suffer loss

do not I courage 2 Chr 15 7
 lost their confidence Neh 6 16
 stars I their Joel 2 10
 his life shall I it Matt 10 38
 that which was lost Matt 18 11
 not I his reward Mark 9 41
 whoever I-s his life Luke 9 24

LOSS damage, what is lost

might not suffer I Dan 6 2
 damage and great I Acts 27 10
 might not suffer I 2 Cor 7 9
 all things to be I Phil 3 8

LOST (adj) missing, ruined

like a I sheep Ps 119 176
 have become I sheep Jer 50 6
 I sheep of Israel Matt 10 6
 the wine is I Mark 2 22

LOST (n) without God

I will seek the I Ezek 34 16
 sent only to the I Matt 15 24

LOT

nephew of Abraham Gen 12 5
 Gen 19 13, 36

LOT portion or decision process

one I for the LORD Lev 16 8
 clothing they cast I-s Ps 22 16
 your I with us Prov 1 14
 let us cast I-s Jon 1 7
 tear it, but cast I-s John 19 24
 I fell to Matthias Acts 1 26

LOUD great, noisy

very I trumpet sound Ex 19 16
 with a I shout Ezra 3 13
 Jesus cried I voice Matt 27 50
 heard a I voice Rev 1 10

LOVE (n) compassion, devotion

I covers all Prov 10 12
 in unchanging I Mic 7 15
 I will grow cold Matt 24 12
 abide in My I John 15 10
 Greater I has no one John 15 13
 demonstrates His I Rom 5 8
 separate us from I Rom 8 39
 I edifies 1 Cor 8 1
 I is kind 1 Cor 13 4
 Pursue I 1 Cor 14 1
 I of Christ controls 2 Cor 5 14
 through I serve one Gal 3 13
 fruit is I Gal 5 22
 speaking truth in I Eph 4 15
 I of money is a root 1 Tim 6 10
 for I is from God 1 John 4 7
 God is I 1 John 4 16
 I casts out fear 1 John 4 18
 have left your first I Rev 2 4

LOVE (v)

who I Me and keep My Ex 20 6
 I your neighbor as Lev 19 18
 I the LORD your God Deut 6 5
 the LORD I-d Israel 1 Kin 10 9
 I I Thy testimonies Ps 119 119
 LORD I-s He reproves Prov 3 12

LOVE—MAJESTY

friend l-s at all Prov 17:17
Do not l sleep Prov 20:13
A time to l Eccl 3:8
Hate evil, l good Amos 5:15
do not l perjury Zech 8:17
l your enemies Matt 5:44
l to stand and pray Matt 6:5
God so l-d the world John 3:16
you l one another John 13:34
l-s a cheerful giver 2 Cor 9:7
Husbands, l wives Eph 5:25
Do not l the world 1 John 2:15
whom l l, l reprove Rev 3:19

LOVERS *one who desires, loves*
l have been crushed Jer 22:20
l called to my l Lam 1:19
the hands of your l Ezek 16:39
l will go after my l Hos 2:5
l of pleasure l of 2 Tim 3:4

LOVINGKINDNESS *compassion*
His l is upon Israel Ezra 3:11
abundant in l and Ps 86:15
sing of the l of the Ps 89:1
By l and truth Prov 16:6
with everlasting l Is 54:8

LOWLAND *low hills*
country and in the l Deut 1:7
the Negev and the l Josh 10:40
sycamores in the l 2 Chr 1:15
the cities of the l Jer 32:44
see also SHEPHELAH

LOWLY *humble, little*
He sets on high...l Job 5:11
He regards the l Ps 138:6
associate with the l Rom 12:16

LOYALTY *faithfulness*
Is this your l 2 Sam 16:17
proclaims his own l Prov 20:6
l delight in l Hos 6:6

LUKE
associate of Paul
2 Tim 4:11; Philem 1:24
author of Luke and Acts
Luke 1:1; Acts 1:1
physician
Col 4:14

LUKEWARM *tepid*
because you are l Rev 3:16

LUST *sexual desire*
looks...woman to l Matt 5:28
from youthful l-s 2 Tim 2:22
You l and do not James 4:2
l of the eyes 1 John 2:16

LUXURIANT *lush, productive*
beneath...l tree 1 Kin 14:23
Israel is a l vine Hos 10:1

LUXURY *extravagance*
L is not fitting for Prov 19:10
clothed and live in l Luke 7:25

LUZ
1 ancient name of Bethel
Gen 28:19; 48:3
2 town in Aram
Judg 1:26

LYCAONIA
Roman province in Asia Minor
Acts 14:6

LYDDA *see LOD*

LYDIA
1 seller of purple dyes and goods
Acts 16:14,40
2 region on the W coast of Asia Minor
Jer 46:9

LYING (adj) *false*
with a l tongue Ps 109:2
hatred has l lips Prov 10:18
l pen of the scribes Jer 8:8
and l divination Ezek 13:6

LYRE *stringed instrument*
play the l and pipe Gen 4:21
prophecy with l-s 1 Chr 25:1
Awake, harp and l Ps 57:8

LYSTRA
a Lycanian town
Acts 14:6
Acts 16:1,2

M

MACEDONIA
Roman province
Acts 16:9,12
Phil 4:15; 1 Tim 1:3
visited by Paul
Acts 16:10
2 Cor 2:13

MACHIR
1 grandson of Joseph
Josh 17:1
2 son of Ammiel
2 Sam 9:4,5

MACHEPELAH
cave near Hebron
Gen 23:17,19
Sarah's burial place
Gen 23:19
Abraham buried there
Gen 25:9
burial place of Jacob, Isaac, Rebekah, and Leah
Gen 49:29ff; 50:13

MAD *insane*
makes a wise man m Eccl 7:7
nations are going m Jer 51:7

MADMAN *insane person*
behaving as a m 1 Sam 21:14
m who prophesies Jer 29:26

MADNESS *lunacy*
laughter, It is m Eccl 2:2
consider...m and folly Eccl 2:12

MAGDAN
village on the Sea of Galilee
Matt 15:39

MAGDALENE
Mary
Matt 27:56,61
from village of Magdala
Mark 15:40,47; John 20:1,18

MAGI
wise men from Persia who visited Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Matt 2:1,7,16

CONCORDANCE

MAGIC *sorcery*
practicing m Acts 8:1
who practiced m Acts 19:11

MAGICIAN *sorcerer, wizard*
called for...m-s Gen 41:1
the m-s of Egypt Ex 7:1
of any m, conjurer or Dan 2:10
found a certain m Acts 13:6

MAGISTRATE
appear before the m Luke 12:58
to the chief m-s Acts 16:20

MAGNIFY *extol, praise*
name...be m-led 2 Sam 7:28
Thou dost m him Job 7:17
O m the LORD with me Ps 34:3
hast m-led Thy word Ps 138:2
Jesus was m-led Acts 19:17
l m my ministry Rom 11:13

MAGOG
1 son of Japheth
1 Chr 1:2,5
2 region in Asia Minor or further N ruled by Gog
Ezek 38:2
Ezek 39:6

see also GOG

MAHANAIM
city in N Trans-Jordan
Josh 13:26,30
city of refuge
Josh 21:38
Levitical city
1 Chr 6:80

MAHER-SHALAL-HASH-BAZ
symbolic name of one of Isaiah's sons
Is 8:3

MAHILAH
1 daughter of Zelophehad
Num 26:33,27:1; Josh 17:3
2 a Manassite
1 Chr 7:18

MAHLON
husband of Ruth
Ruth 1:5,4 10

MAID
Hagar, Sarah's m Gen 16:8
gave my m to my Gen 30:18
I am Ruth your m Ruth 3:9
way of a man...a m Prov 30:19

MAIDEN *young woman*
at the Nile...her m-s Ex 2:5
m-s...tumbourines Ps 68:25

MAIDSERVANT *female slave*
do...to your m Deut 15:17
give Thy m a son 1 Sam 1:11
Let your m speak 2 Sam 14:12
while your m slept 1 Kin 3:20

MAJESTIC *dignified, grand*
Who is like Thee, m Ex 15:11
with His m voice Job 37:4
How m is Thy name Ps 8:1
They are the m ones Ps 16:3
m is His work Ps 111:3
by the M Glory 2 Pet 1:17

MAJESTY *grandeur*
Around God is...m Job 37:22
He is clothed with m Ps 93:1
The m of our God Is 35:2

CONCORDANCE

right hand of the M Heb 1:3
 revile angelic m-les Jude 8
MAKE *cause, create, do*
 Let Us m man in Gen 1:26
 not m for...an idol Ex 20:4
 M me know Thy ways Ps 25:4
 M ready the way of Matt 3:3
 m you fishers of men Matt 4:19
MAKER *creator*
 Where is God my M Job 35:10
 kneel before our M Ps 95:6
 M of heaven and Ps 115:15
 I, the LORD, am the m Is 44:24
MAKKEDAH
Canaanite city in Judah
 Josh 10:21,15-41
MALACHI
prophet Mal 1:1
MALCHUS
servant whose ear was cut
off by Peter John 18:10
MALE
 m and female He Gen 1:27
 lamb unblemished m Ex 12:5
 likeness of m or Deut 4:16
 slew m children Matt 2:16
 made m and female Matt 19:4
 neither m nor female Gal 3:28
MALICE *evil, mischief*
 perceived their m Matt 22:18
 heaven of m and 1 Cor 5:8
 wrath, m, slander Col 3:8
 putting aside all m 1 Pet 2:1
MALICIOUS *harmful, spiteful*
 to be a m witness Ex 23:1
 m gossips, without 2 Tim 3:3
MALTA
island S of Sicily where Paul
was shipwrecked Acts 28:1
MAMMON *wealth*
 serve God and m Matt 6:24
 m of unrighteousness Luke 16:9
MAMRE
 1 *Abraham's dwelling place*
near Hebron Gen 13:18
 2 *Amorite chieftain* Gen 14:24
MAN *male*
 make m in Our image Gen 1:26
 God formed m of dust Gen 2:7
 Elisha the m of God 2 Kin 5:8
 m is born for trouble Job 5:7
 blessed is the m Ps 1:1
 m is a mere breath Ps 39:11
 righteous m hates Prov 13:5
 Will a m rob God Mal 3:8
 light...before men Matt 5:16
 fishers of men Mark 1:17
 Sabbath...for m Mark 2:27
 rich m to enter Mark 10:25
 what is a m profited Luke 9:25
 a m, sent from God John 1:6
 How can a m be born John 3:4
 a m of Macedonia Acts 16:9

through one m sin Rom 5:12
 as is common to m 1 Cor 10:13
 when I became a m 1 Cor 13:11
 m...leave his father Eph 5:31
MAN, SON OF
see SON OF MAN
MANASSEH
 1 *son of Joseph* Gen 41:51,46-20
 2 *tribe and area* Num 13:11
 Josh 17:1
 3 *king of Judah* 2 Kin 21:1,11
 4 *son of Hushum* Ezra 10:33
 5 *Pahath-moab's son* Ezra 10:30
MANDRAKES *love plant*
 found m in the field Gen 30:14
 m fragrance Song 7:13
MANGER
 spend at your m Job 39:9
 the m is clean Prov 14:4
 laid Him in a m Luke 2:7
MANIFEST *reveal*
 I m-ed Thy name John 17:6
 became m to those Rom 10:20
 made m to God 2 Cor 5:11
 m-ed to His saints Col 1:26
MANIFOLD *many and varied*
 the m wisdom of God Eph 3:10
 stewards m grace 1 Pet 4:10
MANKIND *the human race*
 God dwell with m 2 Chr 6:18
 All m is stupid Jer 51:17
 Authority over all m John 17:2
 His love for m Titus 3:4
 kill a third of m Rev 9:15
MANNA *food of the desert*
 Israel named it m Ex 16:31
 m was like coriander Num 11:7
 m ceased on the day Josh 5:12
 He rained down m Ps 78:24
 Our fathers ate the m John 6:31
MANNER *way*
 Thy m with those Ps 119:132
 spoke in such a m Acts 14:1
 m worthy of saints Rom 16:2
 walk in a m worthy Eph 4:1
MANOAH
father of Samson Judg 13:28
MANSLAYER
 for the m to flee to Num 35:6
 m might flee there Deut 4:42
 the m who kills any Josh 20:3
MANTLE *cloak, garment*
 threw his m on him 1 Kin 19:19
 the m of Elijah 2 Kin 2:13
 as a m Thou wilt roll Heb 1:12
MARAH
spring of bitter water Ex 15:23
MARCH *pace, walk*
 m around...seven times Josh 6:4
 m everyone in his path Joel 2:8
MARDUK
chief Babylonian god Jer 50:2

MAJESTY—MASTER

MARESHAH
 1 *father of Hebron* 1 Chr 2:42
 2 *son of Izadah* 1 Chr 4:21
 3 *town in Judah* 2 Chr 11:5-8
MARK *sign, spot*
 make any tattoo m-s Lev 19:28
 m on the foreheads Ezek 9:4
 m on his forehead Rev 14:9
 m of the beast Rev 19:20
MARK, JOHN
author of Gospel of Mark
cousin of Barnabas Col 4:10
accompanied Paul and Barnabas
 Acts 13:5,15-37
MARKET *selling or trading place*
 was the m of nations Is 23:3
 coastlands were m Ezek 27:15
 idle in the m place Matt 20:3
 sold in the meat m 1 Cor 10:25
MARRIAGE *wedlock*
 a m alliance with 1 Kin 3:1
 nor are given in m Matt 22:30
 m be held in honor Heb 13:4
 m supper of the Lamb Rev 19:9
MARRY *join in wedlock*
 m-led foreign wives Ezra 10:10
 m-les a divorced Matt 5:32
 better not to m Matt 19:10
 neither m, nor are Mark 12:25
 m-led woman is bound Rom 7:2
 better to m than to 1 Cor 7:9
MARTHA
sister of Lazarus and Mary
 John 11:1,5
MARVEL *be amazed, wonder*
 Jesus heard He m-ed Matt 8:10
 the multitude m-ed Matt 15:31
 do not m that I said John 3:7
 m at the sight Acts 7:31
MARVELOUS *extraordinary*
 and see this m sight Ex 3:5
 It is m in our eyes Ps 118:23
 into His m light 1 Pet 2:9
 m are Thy works Rev 15:3
MARY
 1 *mother of Jesus* Matt 1:16
 2 *Mary Magdalene* Matt 27:56
 Mark 15:40
 3 *mother of James and Joseph*
 Matt 27:56; Mark 16:1
 4 *sister of Martha and Lazarus*
 John 11:1
 5 *mother of Mark* Acts 12:12
 6 *wife of Clopas* John 19:25
 7 *Roman betrover* Rom 16:6
MASTER *lord, ruler*
 God of...m Abraham Gen 24:12
 m shall pierce his ear Ex 21:6
 can serve two m-s Matt 6:24
 death no longer is m Rom 6:9
 sin shall not be m Rom 6:14
 obedient to...your m-s Eph 6:5
 a M in heaven Col 4:1

MATTHEW

tax-gatherer Matt 9:9; 10:3
apostle Matt 10:3
Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13

MATTHIAS

replaced Judas Acts 1:23,26

MATURE *full grown or stable*

then the m grain Mark 4:28
those who are m 1 Cor 2:6
your thinking be m 1 Cor 14:20
food is for the m Heb 5:14

MATURITY *ripeness, adulthood*

bring no fruit to m Luke 8:14
let us press on to m Heb 6:1

MEAL *prepared food*

a m for enjoyment Eccl 10:19
not even eat a m Mark 3:20
washed before...m Luke 11:38
m-s together with Acts 2:46
for a single m Heb 12:16

MEAL OFFERING

see OFFERINGS

MEANINGLESS *senseless*

with m arguments Is 29:21
not use m repetition Matt 6:7

MEASURE (n) *amount*

a full and just m Deut 25:15
good m, pressed Luke 6:38
to each a m of faith Rom 12:3
m of Christ's gift Eph 4:7

MEASURE (v) *determine extent*

he stopped m-ing it Gen 41:49
m their former work Is 65:7
be m-ed the gate Ezek 40:13
shall be m-ed to you Mark 4:24
rod to m the city Rev 21:15

MEASURING *standard*

justice the m line Is 28:17
was given me a m rod Rev 11:1

MEAT *flesh, food*

Who will give us m Num 11:4
LORD will give you m Num 11:18
you may eat m Deut 12:20
rained m upon them Ps 78:27
from m sacrificed Acts 21:25
good not to eat m Rom 14:21
I will never eat m 1 Cor 8:13
m sacrificed...idols 1 Cor 10:28

MEDE(S)

ancient Indo-Europeans of NW Iran Dan 5:31; 11:1

MEDEBA

Moabite town E of Jordan Josh 13:9; 1 Chr 19:7

MEDIA

country of the Medes Ezra 6:2
Esth 1:18; Is 21:2

MEDIATOR *intermediary*

by the agency of a m Gal 3:19
one m...between God 1 Tim 2:5
Jesus...m of a new Heb 12:24

MEDITATE *ponder*

Isaac went out to m Gen 24:63
His law he m-s day Ps 1:2
M in your heart Ps 4:4
I m on Thee in the Ps 63:6

MEDITATION *deep reflection*

m...Be acceptable Ps 19:14
m be pleasing to Him Ps 104:34
my m all the day Ps 119:97

MEDIUM *summons spirits*

not turn to m-s or Lev 19:31
m...be put to death Lev 20:27
a m, or a spiritist Deut 18:11
woman who is a m 1 Sam 28:7
will resort to...m-s Is 19:3

MEEKNESS *gentleness*

cause of truth and m Ps 45:4
m and...of Christ 2 Cor 10:1

MEET *encounter*

Esau ran to m him Gen 33:4
people out to m God Ex 19:17
God will m me Ps 59:10
Prepare to m...God Amos 4:12
to m the bridegroom Matt 25:1
m-s his accusers Acts 25:16
m...in the air 1 Thess 4:17

MEETING *assembly*

house of m for all Job 30:23
midst of Thy m place Ps 74:4

MEETING, TENT OF

see TABERNACLE

MEGIDDO

strategic city in N Palestine
Josh 12:21; 2 Kin 9:27
plain in Jezreel Valley
2 Chr 35:22; Zech 12:11
see also HAR-MAGEDON

MELCHIZEDEK

1 king of Salem Gen 14:18,19
priest Ps 110:4
2 type of undying priesthood
Heb 5:6,10; 6:20; 7:1ff

MELODY *tune*

lyre...the sound of m Ps 98:5
singing...making m Eph 5:19

MELT *dissolve*

people m with fear Josh 14:8
His voice...earth m-ed Ps 46:6
mountains m-ed like Ps 97:5
As silver is m-ed Ezek 22:22

MEMBER *part of the whole*

m-s of...household Matt 10:25
m-s one of another Rom 12:5
if one m suffers 1 Cor 12:26
m-s of His body Eph 5:30

MEMORIAL *commemoration*

this is My m-name Ex 3:15
in a book as a m Ex 17:14
stones...become a m Josh 4:7
ascended as a m Acts 10:4

MEMORY *remembrance*

M of him perishes Job 18:17
cut off their m Ps 109:15
m of the righteous Prov 10:7
spoken of in m of Mark 14:9

MEMPHIS

city in Egypt Is 19:13
Jer 46:19; Ezek 30:13

MENAHHEM

king of Israel 2 Kin 15:14,17

MENSTRUAL

m impurity for seven Lev 15:19
a woman during m Ezek 18:6

MENSTRUATION

in the days of her m Lev 12:2
like her bed at m Lev 15:26

MEPHIBOSHETH

1 son of Jonathan 2 Sam 4:4
also Merib-baal 1 Chr 8:34
2 son of Saul 2 Sam 21:8

MERAB

Saul's daughter 1 Sam 18:17,19

MERARI

son of Levi Gen 46:11
head of a Levitical family
Ex 6:19; 2 Chr 34:12

MERCHANDISE

and your m Ezek 27:33
a house of m John 2:16

MERCHANT *buyer/seller*

m-s procured them 1 Kin 10:28
m of the peoples Ezek 27:3
A m, in whose hands Hos 12:7
m seeking...pearls Matt 13:45
m-s of the earth Rev 18:3

MERCIFUL *compassionate*

God m and gracious Ps 86:15
the LORD is...and m Ps 145:8
The m man...good Prov 11:17
Blessed are the m Matt 5:7
as your Father is m Luke 6:36
m to me, the sinner Luke 18:13

MERCY *compassion*

Great are Thy m-ies Ps 119:156
in His m He redeemed Is 63:9
m to the poor Dan 4:27
the orphan finds m Hos 14:3
they shall receive m Matt 5:7
tender m of our God Luke 1:78
m on whom I have m Rom 9:15
by the m-ies of God Rom 12:1
God, being rich in m Eph 2:4

MERCY SEAT *covering over ark*

a m of pure gold Ex 25:17
put the m on the ark Ex 26:34
in front of the m Ex 30:6
sprinkle it on the m Lev 16:15
overshadowing the m Heb 9:5

MERIBAH

1 fountain of Rephaim Ex 17:7
2 fountain of Kadesh-Barnea
Num 27:14

MERODACH-BALADAN

king of Babylon Is 39:1
also Berodach-Baladan

MERRY joyful, lively

David making m 1 Chr 15:29
wine makes life m Eccl 10:19
eat, drink and be m Luke 12:19
in with my friends Luke 13:29

MESHA

1 territorial boundary in Arabia
Gen 10:30
2 Moabite king 2 Kin 3:4
3 man of Judah 1 Chr 2:42
4 a Benjamite 1 Chr 9:9

MESHAH

one of three Jews thrown into
furnace Dan 3:19ff
also Mishael Dan 1:7

MESHECH

1 son of Japheth Gen 10:2
2 descendants and nation
Is 66:19, Ezek 27:13

MESOPOTAMIA

land of Tigris and Euphrates
Rivers Deut 23:4
Judg 3:8, 1 Chr 19:6, Acts 7:2

MESSAGE communication

m from God for you Judg 3:20
m with authority Luke 4:32
m and my preaching 1 Cor 2:4
the m of truth Eph 1:13
m we have heard 1 John 1:5

MESSENGER one sent

My m whom I send Is 42:19
m of the LORD of hosts Mal 2:7
I send My m before Matt 11:10
m-s of the churches 2 Cor 8:23
m of Satan 2 Cor 12:7

MESSIAH

anointed one Dan 9:25, 26
John 1:41, 4:25
Greek Christ

METAL

like glowing m Ezek 1:4
their m images Dan 11:8

METHUSELAH

son of Enosh Gen 5:21
grandfather of Noah Gen 5:25ff

MICAH

1 an Ephraimite Judg 17:1
2 line of Reuben 1 Chr 5:5
3 father of Abdon 2 Chr 34:20
4 prophet Jer 26:18, Mic 1:1
name of several other people

MICAIAH

1 prophet 1 Kin 22:8-26
2 father of Achaz 2 Kin 22:12
3 wife of Rehoboam 2 Chr 13:2
4 under Jehoshaphat 2 Chr 17:7
5 line of Asaph Neh 12:35
6 under Nehemiah Neh 12:41
7 son of Gerniah Jer 38:11

MICHAEL

1 an archangel Dan 10:21, 12:1
Jude 9, Rev 12:7
2 Jehoshaphat's son 2 Chr 21:2
prince of Judah
3 army captain 1 Chr 12:20
4 line of Gershon 1 Chr 6:40
name of several other people

MICHAL

daughter of Saul 1 Sam 18:20
David's wife 1 Sam 19:11

MIDDLE midst

the m of the garden Gen 3:3
sun stopped in the m Josh 10:13
m of the lampstands Rev 1:13

MIDDLE GATE

see GATES OF JERUSALEM

MIDHEAVEN directly overhead

eagle flying in m Rev 8:13
angel flying in m Rev 14:6
birds which fly in m Rev 19:17

MIDIAN

1 a son of Abraham Gen 25:1, 2
2 land SE. of Canaan in desert
Ex 2:15, Num 31:9, Judg 8:25

MIDIANITES

people of Midian Gen 37:36
Num 31:2, Judg 7:7

MIDST middle, within

God is in the m Ps 46:5
in the m of the fire Dan 3:25
Holy One in your m Hos 11:9
I am in their m Matt 18:20

MIDWIFE ends childbirth

m tied a scarlet Gen 38:28
before the m can get Ex 1:19

MIGDOL

1 frontier camp near Red Sea
Ex 14:2, Num 33:7
2 town in Egypt Jer 44:1

MIGHT strength

my first-born, My m Gen 49:3
and with all your m Deut 6:5
With Him are m Job 12:13
Not by m nor by Zech 4:6
strength of His m Eph 1:19

MIGHTY powerful

a m hunter before Gen 10:9
m awesome God Deut 10:17
m men of valor 1 Chr 12:8
The LORD m in battle Ps 24:8
a m king will rule Is 10:4
m in the Scriptures Acts 18:24
the m hand of God 1 Pet 5:6

MILCAH

1 daughter of Haran Gen 11:29
2 daughter of Zelophaad
Num 26:33, 27:1, Josh 17:3

MILCOM

god of Ammonites 1 Kin 11:5, 33
2 Kin 23:13, Zeph 1:5
also Molech

MILE distance, measurement

one m. go with him Matt 5:41
m-s from Jerusalem Luke 24:13

MILETUS

town in Asia Minor
Acts 20:15, 17, 2 Tim 4:20

MILK

land flowing with m Ex 3:8
pour me out like m Job 10:10
m produces butter Prov 30:33
m to drink, not 1 Cor 3:2
pure m of the word 1 Pet 2:2

MILL grinding stones

sound of the m Eccl 12:4
at the grinding m Lam 5:13
women at the m Matt 24:41

MILLO

1 fort near Shechem
Beth-millo Judg 9:6, 20
2 fortress in Jerusalem
2 Sam 5:9, 1 Kin 9:15, 24
1 Chr 11:8, 2 Chr 32:5

MILLSTONE grinding stone

upper m in pledge Deut 24:6
woman threw m Judg 9:53
m be hung around Matt 18:6
stone like a great m Rev 18:21

MINA

measure of gold or silver coin
1 Kin 10:17, Ezra 2:69
Neh 7:71, Luke 19:13ff

MIND memory, thought

God tries the m-s Ps 7:9
Recall it to m Is 46:5
I test the m Jer 17:10
Let his m be changed Dan 4:16
He opened m-s Luke 24:45
with one m in the Acts 2:46
to a depraved m Rom 1:28
m set on the flesh Rom 8:7
the m of Christ 1 Cor 2:16
m-s were hardened 2 Cor 3:14
with humility of m Phil 2:3

MINDFUL aware

Lord be m of me Ps 40:17
He is m that we are Ps 103:14
LORD has been m Ps 115:12
m of the faith 2 Tim 1:5

MINISTER (n) one who serves

m-s before the ark 1 Chr 16:4
spoken of as m-s Is 61:6
a m and a witness Acts 26:16
a m of Christ Jesus Rom 15:16
is Christ then a m Gal 2:17
I was made a m Eph 3:7
faithful m in the Eph 6:21
His m-s a flame of Heb 1:7
a m in the sanctuary Heb 9:2

MINISTER (v) give help, serve

to m as priest to Me Ex 28:1
the boy m-ed to 1 Sam 2:11
not stand to m 1 Kin 8:11
to the LORD To m Is 56:6
angels were m-ing Mark 1:13
follow Him and m Mark 15:41

MINISTRY—MOTHER-IN-LAW

MINISTRY *service*

He began His m Luke 3:23
to the m of the word Acts 6:4
m of the Spirit 2 Cor 3:8
m of reconciliation 2 Cor 5:18
fulfill your m 2 Tim 4:5
a more excellent m Heb 8:6

MIRACLE *supernatural event*

Work a m Ex 7:9
I will perform m-s Ex 34:10
m-s had occurred Matt 11:21
He could do no m Mark 6:5
perform a m in My Mark 9:39
this m of healing Acts 4:22
works m-s among you Gal 3:5
wonders and m-s Heb 2:4

MIRE *mud*

cast me into the m Job 30:19
Deliver me from the m Ps 69:14
wallowing in the m 2 Pet 2:22

MIRIAM

1 sister of Moses and Aaron
Ex 15:20; Num 12:4,10,20-1
2 line of Exrah 1 Chr 4:17

MIRROR *image reflector*

see in a m dimly 1 Cor 13:12
natural face in a m James 1:23

MISCARRIAGE *aborted fetus*

so that she has a m Ex 21:22
m-s of a woman Ps 58:8

MISERABLE *unhappy*

loathe this m food Num 21:5
m and chronic Deut 28:59
Be m and mourn James 4:9
m and poor and blind Rev 3:17

MISERY *sorrow, suffering*

conscious of my m Job 10:15
Destruction and m Rom 3:16

MISFORTUNE *adversity*

M will not come Jer 5:12
m which He has Jer 26:13
The day of his m Obad 12

MISHAEL

1 of family of Kohath
Ex 6:22; Lev 10:4
2 associate of Ezra Neh 8:4
3 Daniel's friend Dan 1:6
Dan 1:7,11,19,2:17
also Meshach

MISLEAD *lead astray*

m-s a blind person Deut 27:18
m-led My people Ezek 13:10
that no one m-s you Mark 13:5
m-ing our nation Luke 23:2

MISSILES *what is thrown or shot*

m of the evil one Eph 6:16

MISTREAT *treat badly, wrong*

not m...the stranger Jer 22:3
slaves...m-ed them Matt 22:6
pray for...who m Luke 6:28
mocked and m-ed Luke 18:32
m and to stone them Acts 14:5

MISTRESS *woman in charge*

her m was despised Gen 16:4
m of the house 1 Kin 17:17
the maid like her m Is 24:2
the m of sorceries Nah 3:4

MIZPAH/MIZPEH

1 heap of stones Gen 31:49
2 town in Gilead Judg 10:17
3 near Mt. Hermon Josh 11:3
4 village in Judah Josh 15:38
5 Benjamite town Josh 18:26
6 Moabite town 1 Sam 22:3

MIZRAIM

1 son of Ham Gen 10:6
father of nations Gen 10:13
2 Heb. for Egypt 1 Chr 1:8,11

MOAB

1 son of Lot Gen 19:37
2 country E of the Dead Sea
Ex 15:15; Josh 24:9; Ruth 1:2
2 Kin 3:7; Ps 60:8; Jer 48:1

MOCK *ridicule, scorn*

lads...m-ed him 2 Kin 2:23
Fools m at sin Prov 14:9
who m-s the poor Prov 17:5
soldiers also m-ed Luke 23:36
God is not m-ed Gal 6:7

MOCKERY *object of ridicule*

a m of the Egyptians Ex 10:2
made a m of me Num 22:29
a m of justice Prov 19:28
m and insinuations Hab 2:6

MOLECH

god of the Ammonites
Lev 18:21; 1 Kin 11:7; Jer 32:35
also Milcom

MOLTEN *cast metal*

made it into a m calf Ex 32:4
make...no m gods Ex 34:17
destroy...m images Num 33:52
capitals of m bronze 1 Kin 7:16
his m images are Jer 10:14

MONEY *currency*

take double the m Gen 43:12
not sell her for m Deut 21:14
time to receive m 2 Kin 5:26
loves m will not be Eccl 5:10
no m in their belt Mark 6:8
m in the bank Luke 19:23
love of m is a root 1 Tim 6:10

MONEYCHANGERS

the tables of the m Matt 21:12
coins of the m John 2:15

MONSTER *enormous animal*

created...sea m-s Gen 1:21
sea, or the sea m Job 7:12
sea m-s in the waters Ps 74:13
belly of the sea m Matt 12:40

MOON

m and...were bowing Gen 37:9
the m stopped Josh 10:13
m and stars to rule Ps 136:9
beautiful as...m Song 6:10

CONCORDANCE

the m into blood Joel 2:31
m will not light Matt 24:29
signs m...and m Luke 21:25

MORALS *principles*

Bad...good m 1 Cor 15:33

MORDECAI

1 returned from exile with
Zerubbabel Ezra 2:2
2 Esther's cousin Esth 2:7
Esth 3:2,9,20,10:3

MORIAH

land...mountain where Abraham
offered Isaac Gen 22:2
threshing floor of
Araunah (Ornan) 2 Sam 24:18
site of Temple 2 Chr 3:1

MORNING *dawn*

was m, a fifth day Gen 1:23
Rise early in the m Ex 8:20
the m stars sang Job 38:7
m or evening sowing Eccl 11:6
the bright m star Rev 22:16

MORSEL *piece of bread*

have eaten mv m Job 31:17
Better is a dry m Prov 17:1
after the m, Satan John 13:27

MORTAL *what eventually dies*

not trust in m man Ps 146:3
life to your m bodies Rom 8:11
m...immortality 1 Cor 15:53
in our m flesh 2 Cor 4:11

MOSES

birth Ex 2:1-3
in Pharaoh's care Ex 2:5-10
killed an Egyptian Ex 2:11,12
exiled Ex 2:15
called by God Ex 3:1-22
opposed Pharaoh Ex 5:11
crossed Red Sea Ex 14
Ten Commandments Ex 20:1-18
saw Canaan Deut 3:23ff,34:1ff
death Deut 31:14,34:5

MOTH *insect*

crushed before the m Job 4:19
The m will eat them Is 50:9
like a m to Ephraim Hos 5:12
m and rust destroy Matt 6:19

MOTHER

leave...and his m Gen 2:24
m of all the living Gen 3:20
Honor...and your m Ex 20:12
a grief to his m Prov 10:1
Contend with your m Hos 2:2
When His m Mary Matt 1:18
take...and His m Matt 2:13
Who is My m Matt 12:48
Honor your...m Matt 19:19
Behold, your m John 19:27

MOTHER-IN-LAW

who lies with his m Deut 27:23
Orpah kissed her m Ruth 1:14
lying sick in bed Matt 8:14

MOTIVES *attitudes, intentions*

LORD weighs the m Prov 16:2
disclose the m of 1 Cor 4:5
than from pure m Phil 1:17
judges with evil m James 2:4
ask with wrong m James 4:3

MOUND *bank of earth, hill*

throw up a m 2 Kin 19:32
cities on their m-s Josh 11:13
against the siege m-s Jer 33:4

MOUNT (n) *hill, mountain*

In the m of the LORD Gen 22:14
Moses on M Sinai Num 3:1
Israel at M Carmel 1 Kin 18:19
M Zion which He Ps 79:66
M of Olives split Zech 14:4

MOUNT (v) *climb up*

to m his chariot 2 Chr 10:18
m up with wings Is 40:31
My fury will m up Ezek 28:18
m-ed on a donkey Zech 9:9
m-ed on a donkey Matt 21:5

MOUNT OF OLIVES

see **OLIVES**, **MOUNT OF**

MOUNT ZION

see **ZION**, **MOUNT**

MOUNTAIN

sacrifice on the m Gen 31:54
from His holy m Ps 3:4
lift up to the m-s Ps 121:1
lovely on the m-s Is 52:7
eat at the m shrines Ezek 18:6
m-s will melt Mic 1:4
the m will move Zech 14:4
m-s, Fall on us Luke 23:30
withdrew to the m John 6:15
faith remove m-s 1 Cor 13:2

MOURN *grieve, lament*

m her father and Deut 21:13
David m-ed son 2 Sam 13:37
A time to m Eccl 3:4
earth m-s and withers Is 24:4
comfort all who m Is 61:2
Blessed who m Matt 5:4
shall m and weep Luke 6:25
Be miserable and m James 4:9

MOUSE *rodent*

the mole, and the m Lev 11:29
five golden mice 1 Sam 6:4
mice that ravage 1 Sam 6:5

MOUTH

has made man's m Ex 4:11
m condemns you Job 15:6
From the m of infants Ps 8:2
Let the words of my m Ps 19:14
fool's m is his ruin Prov 18:7
your m is lovely Song 4:3
out of the m of God Matt 4:4
confess with your m Rom 10:9

MOVE *change position, stir*

Spirit of God m-ing Gen 1:2
pillar of cloud m-d Ex 14:19
I shall not be m-d Ps 10:6
all the hills m-d Jer 4:24

m-d with compassion Mark 1:41
m-ing of the waters John 5:3
in Him we live m Acts 17:28
m-d by the Spirit 2 Pet 1:21

MULE *animal*

mounted his m 2 Sam 13:29
Absalom on his m 2 Sam 18:9
ride on the king's m 1 Kin 1:44
war horses and m-s Ezek 27:14

MULTIPLY *increase*

Be fruitful and m Gen 1:22
the fool m-les words Eccl 10:14
He m-les lies and Hos 12:1
and peace be m-led 2 Pet 1:2

MULTITUDE *crowd*

father of a m of Gen 17:4
send the m-s away Matt 14:15
He summoned the m Mark 6:34
Him a great m Luke 23:27
cover a m of sins James 5:20
love covers a m of 1 Pet 4:8

MURDER *premeditated killing*

You shall not m Ex 20:13
Whoever commits m Matt 5:21
m-ed the prophets Matt 23:31
full of envy, m Rom 1:29

MURDERER *killer*

m shall be put to Num 35:30
m from beginning John 8:44
this man is a m Acts 28:4
no m has eternal 1 John 3:15

MUSIC *harmony, melody*

instruments of m 1 Chr 15:16
m to the LORD 2 Chr 7:6
m upon the lyre Ps 92:3
heard m and Luke 15:25

MUSICIAN *skilled in music*

m, a mighty man 1 Sam 16:18
the m-s after them Ps 68:25
harpists and m-s Rev 18:22

MUSTARD *type of plant*

kingdom like a m Matt 13:31
faith as a m seed Matt 17:20
It is like a m seed Luke 13:19

MUZZLE *gag*

shall not m the ox Deut 25:4
guard as with a m Ps 39:1

MYRIADS *countless*

chariots are m Ps 68:17
m of angels Heb 12:22
number was m Rev 5:11

MYRRH *spice*

aromatic gum m Gen 43:11
Dripping with m Song 5:13
frankincense and m Matt 2:11
mixture of m and John 19:39

MYRTLE *type of plant*

the m, and the olive Is 41:19
among the m trees Zech 1:11

MYSTERY *hidden truth, secret*

no m baffles you Dan 4:9
God's wisdom in a m 1 Cor 2:7
know all m-les 1 Cor 13:2

into the m of Christ Eph 3:4
the m of the gospel Eph 6:19
the m of the faith 1 Tim 3:9

MYTHS *fables*

to pay attention to m 1 Tim 1:4
will turn aside to m 2 Tim 4:4
attention to Jewish m Titus 1:14

N

NAAMAH

1 daughter of Lamech Gen 4:22
2 wife of Solomon 1 Kin 14:21
3 town in Judah Josh 15:41

NAAMAN

1 son of Benjamin Gen 46:21
2 Ben-hadad's commander 2 Kin 5:18

NABAL

husband of Abigail 1 Sam 25:38
refused to help David

NABOTH

owner of a vineyard taken
by Ahab 1 Kin 21:1-19

NADAB

1 son of Aaron Ex 6:23
2 king of Israel 1 Kin 14:20
3 son of Shammai 1 Chr 2:28
4 son of Jehiel 1 Chr 8:29,30

NAHOR

1 Abram's grandfather
Gen 11:24ff
2 brother of Abram Gen 11:27
Gen 22:23
3 city in N Mesopotamia
Gen 24:10

NAHUM

1 prophet Nah 1:1
2 ancestor of Christ Luke 3:25

NAILED (v) *attached, pinned*

you n to a cross Acts 2:23
n it to the cross Col 2:14

NAILS (n) *finger ends or pins*

and trim her n Deut 21:12
fasten it with n Jer 10:4
imprint of the n John 20:25

NAIVE *simple, not suspicious*

prudence to the n Prov 1:4
n believes everything Prov 14:15
the n becomes wise Prov 21:11
goes astray or is n Ezek 45:20

NAKED *unclothed*

n and not ashamed Gen 2:25
n I shall return there Job 1:21
n you clothed Me Matt 23:36

NAKEDNESS *unclothed*

the n of his father Gen 9:22
n of father's sister Lev 18:18
Your n be uncovered Is 47:3
shame of your n Rev 3:18

NAME—NICODEMUS

NAME designation, title
 man gave n-s to all Gen 2:20
 takes His n in vain Ex 20:7
 blot out his n Deut 29:20
 How majestic is Thy n Ps 8:1
 sing praises to Thy n Ps 18:49
 good n desired Prov 22:1
 LORD, that is My n Is 42:8
 Hallowed be Thy n Matt 6:9
 n-s of the twelve Matt 10:2
 such child in My n Matt 18:5
 n-s are recorded Luke 10:20
 will come in My n Luke 21:8
 baptized in the n Acts 2:38
 of faith in His n Acts 3:16
 other n under heaven Acts 4:12
 n-s are in the book Phil 4:3

NAOMI

woman of Bethlehem Ruth 1:1
 Ruth's mother-in-law Ruth 1:4,6

NAPHTALI

1 son of Jacob Gen 30:8
 2 tribe district Num 13:14
 1 Chr 2:2; Rev 7:6

NARD fragrant ointment

henna with n plants Song 4:13
 perfume of pure n John 12:3

NARROW limited

stood in a n path Num 22:24
 Enter by the n gate Matt 7:13
 the way is n Matt 7:14

NATHAN

1 a son of David 2 Sam 5:14
 Luke 3:31
 2 prophet 2 Sam 7:2,12; 1 Chr 17:1
 3 son of Attai 1 Chr 2:36
 4 helped Ezra Ezra 8:16,17
 several other individuals

NATHANAEL

disciple of Jesus John 1:49

NATION government, people

make you a great n Gen 12:2
 priests and a holy n Ex 19:6
 scatter the n-s Lev 26:33
 the n-s in an uproar Ps 2:1
 n-s fear the name Ps 102:15
 N will not lift up sword Is 2:4
 sprinkle many n-s Is 52:15
 glory among the n-s Is 66:19
 n-rise against n Matt 24:7
 n should not perish John 11:50
 men, from every n Acts 2:5
 tongue...people and n Rev 5:9

NATIVE indigenous

or a n of the land Ex 12:19
 Or see his n land Jer 22:10
 the n-s showed us Acts 28:2
 n-s saw the creature Acts 28:4

NATURAL normal

died a n death Ezek 44:31
 n man...not accept 1 Cor 2:14
 is sown a n body 1 Cor 15:44

NATURE essence

of the same n as you Acts 14:15

n itself teach you 1 Cor 11:14
 We are Jews by n Gal 2:15
 of the divine n 2 Pet 1:4

NAZARENE

1 of Nazareth John 18:7
 2 follower of Jesus Acts 24:5

NAZARETH

town of Galilee Matt 2:23
 home of Joseph, Mary,
 and Jesus Luke 4:16; John 1:45

NAZIRITE

1 one consecrated to God Num 6:2,19,20
 2 religious vow Judg 13:5,7
 Amos 2:11,12

NEBO

1 Moabite town Num 32:38
 2 mountain where Moses
 viewed promised land Deut 32:49;34:1
 3 Babylonian god Is 46:1
 4 town W of Jordan Ezra 2:29
 Neh 7:33
 5 Jew whose sons married
 foreign wives Ezra 10:43

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

king of Babylon 2 Kin 24:1,10
 captured Judah 1 Chr 6:15
 Ezra 2:1

NEBUZARADAN

Babylonian commander
 responsible for destruction of
 Jerusalem and the Temple 2 Kin 25:8ff; Jer 39:9,10

NECK part of body

you shall break its n Ex 13:13
 yoke on your n Deut 28:48
 stiffened their n-s Jer 17:23
 risked their own n-s Rom 16:4

NECKLACE neck ornament

n around his neck Gen 41:42
 earrings and n-s Num 31:50
 pride is their n Ps 73:6

NECO see PHARAOH

NEED necessity, obligation

sufficient for his n Deut 15:8
 ministered to...n-s Acts 20:34
 n-s of the saints 2 Cor 9:12
 supply all your n-s Phil 4:19

NEEDLE

the eye of a n Matt 19:24
 n than for a rich Mark 10:25

NEEDY destitute, poor

to your n and poor Deut 15:11
 a father to the n Job 29:16
 n will not always be Ps 9:18
 the LORD hears the n Ps 69:33
 n will lie down in Is 14:30

NECEV

desert in S Palestine Gen 12:9
 Judg 1:9; Jer 32:44; Zech 7:7

CONCORDANCE

NEGLECT disregard, ignore

You n-ed the Rock Deut 32:18
 who n-s discipline Prov 15:32
 n so great a salvation Heb 2:3
 n to show hospitality Heb 13:2
 do not n doing good Heb 13:16

NEHEMIAH

1 Jewish exile Ezra 2:2; Neh 7:7
 2 son of Azbuk Neh 3:16
 3 son of Hachaliah Neh 1:1
 rebuilt walls Neh 3:1ff
 governor of Jerusalem Neh 8:9

NEIGHBOR one living nearby

not covet n's wife Ex 20:17
 shall love your n Lev 19:18
 make your n-s drink Hab 2:15
 love your n, and Matt 5:43
 And who is my n Luke 10:20
 love your n as Gal 5:14

NEPHEW

and Lot his n Gen 12:5
 Lot, Abram's n Gen 14:12

NEPHILIM

people of great stature Gen 6:4; Num 13:33

NEST

n is set in the cliff Num 24:21
 n among the stars Obad 4
 birds...have n-s Matt 8:20

NET snare

a n for my steps Ps 57:6
 an antelope in a n Is 51:20
 casting a n into Matt 4:18
 left the n-s and Mark 1:18
 n full of fish John 21:8

NETHINIM

temple servants Ezra 7:24

NEW fresh, recent

nothing n under the Eccl 1:9
 Will gain n strength Is 40:31
 a n spirit within Ezek 11:19
 n wine into old Mark 2:22
 A n commandment John 13:34
 he is a n creature 2 Cor 5:17
 a n and living way Heb 10:20
 making all things n Rev 21:5

NEWBORN just born

like n babes, long 1 Pet 2:2

NEWNESS freshness

walk in n of life Rom 6:4
 in n of the Spirit Rom 7:6

NEWS report, tidings

a day of good n 2 Kin 7:9
 Good n puts fat on Prov 15:30
 the n about Jesus Matt 14:1
 n about Him went Mark 1:28
 n of a great joy Luke 2:10
 n of your faith 1 Thess 3:6

NICODEMUS

Pharisee John 3:1,4,9
 in Sanhedrin John 7:50;19:39

CONCORDANCE

NICOLAITANS

sect in Ephesian and
Pergamum church Rev 2:6,15

NICOLAS

proselyte from Antioch Acts 6:5
deacon

NIGHT darkness

darkness He called n Gen 1:5
pillar of fire by n Ex 13:21
meditate day and n Josh 1:8
make n into day Job 17:12
The terror by n Ps 91:5
At n my soul longs Is 26:9
over their flock by n Luke 2:8
a thief in the n 1 Thes 5:2
tormented day and n Rev 20:10

NILE

river of Egypt Gen 41:1
Ex 1:22,7,20, Is 23:10

NIMROD

son of Cush Gen 10:8
a mighty hunter Gen 10:9
ruler of Shinar Gen 10:10

NINEVAH

capital of Assyria 2 Kin 19:36
visited by Jonah Jon 1:18

NISAN

first month of the Hebrew
calendar Neh 2:1, Esth 3:7

NOAH

1 son of Lamech Gen 5:28,29
father of Shem, Ham,
Japheth Gen 5:32
built an ark Gen 6:14-22
saved from Flood Gen 6:9
Gen 7:1,5,8,1,8,13
promised by God Gen 9:8-17
2 daughter of Zephehdad
Num 26:33,27:1,36:11

NO-AMON

Egyptian city of Thebes
Nah 3:8

NOBLE lofty, renown

king's most n princes Esth 6:9
speak n things Prov 8:6
all the n-s of Judah Jer 39:6

NOBLEMAN of high rank

the house of a n Job 21:28
a certain n went to Luke 19:12

NOISE loud sound

You who were full of n Is 22:2
Egypt is but a big n Jer 46:17
from heaven a n Acts 2:2

NOMADS desert wanderers

n of the desert bow Ps 72:9

NONSENSE foolishness

a fool speaks n Is 32:6
appeared as n Luke 24:11

NORTH direction of compass

stretches out the n Job 26:7
Zion in the far n Ps 48:2

king of the N will Dan 11:13
three gates on the n Rev 21:13

NOSE part of face

the ring on her n Gen 24:47
n-s cannot smell Ps 115:6
My hook in your n Is 37:29

NOSTRILS nose

breathed into his n Gen 2:7
breath of His n 2 Sam 22:16
breath of God my n Job 27:3

NOTICE attention

take n of me Ruth 2:10
not n the log Matt 7:3
deeds to be n-d by Matt 23:5

NOURISH feed, sustain

n-s and cherishes it Eph 5:29
constantly n-ed on 1 Tim 4:8
she might be n-ed Rev 12:6

NULLIFY annul, make void

LORD n-les the counsel Ps 33:10
unbelief will not n Rom 3:3
the promise is n-led Rom 4:14
n the grace of God Gal 2:21

NUMBER (n) group, total

their n according to Num 29:21
the n of the stars Ps 147:4
increasing in n daily Acts 16:5
his n is six hundred Rev 13:18

NUMBER (v) count, enumerate

n by their armies Num 1:3
Thou dost n my steps Job 14:16
hair: all n-ed Matt 10:30

NUN

father of Joshua Ex 33:11
Num 14:6, Josh 1:1

NURSE (n) attendant

Deborah, Rebekah's n Gen 35:8
and call a n for you Ex 2:7
n carries a nursing Num 11:12
n in the bedroom 2 Kin 11:2

NURSE (v) suckle an infant

Sarah n children Gen 21:7
the child and n-d him Ex 2:9
morning to n my son 1 Kin 3:21
who n babes in Mark 13:17
breasts: never n Luke 23:29

O

OAK type of tree

by the o-s of Mamre Gen 13:18
the diviners' o Judg 9:37
o-s of righteousness Is 61:3
strong as the o-s Amos 2:9

OAR pole used in rowing

no boat with o-s shall Is 33:21
all who handle...o Ezek 27:29
straining at the o-s Mark 6:48

OATH declaration, vow

confirm the o which Deut 9:5
free from the o Josh 2:20

NICOLAITANS—OBSERVE

make no o at all Matt 5:34
priests without an o Heb 7:21

OBADIAH

1 in Ahab's court 1 Kin 18:38
2 Gadite warrior 1 Chr 12:8,9
3 Levite, of Merari 2 Chr 34:12
4 son of Jehiel Ezra 8:9
5 signer of covenant Neh 10:1,5
6 prophet Obad 1
7 sent to teach 2 Chr 17:7
name of five other Old
Testament people

OBED

1 son of Ruth/Boaz Ruth 4:17
ancestor of Jesus Matt 1:5
Luke 3:32
2 son of Ephlai 1 Chr 2:37
3 warrior 1 Chr 11:28,47
4 temple gatekeeper 1 Chr 26:1
5 father of Azariah 2 Chr 23:1

OBED-EDOM

1 a Gittite 2 Sam 6:10-12
2 temple gatekeeper 1 Chr 15:21
3 in charge of Temple vessels
2 Chr 25:24

OBEDIENCE submission

the o of the peoples Gen 49:10
pretend o to me 2 Sam 22:45
the o of the One Rom 5:19
leading to o of faith Rom 16:26
in o to the truth 1 Pet 1:22

OBEDIENT willing to obey

we will be o Ex 24:7
o from the heart Rom 6:17
o to the death Phil 2:8
Children, be o to Col 3:20

OBEY follow commands, orders

have o-ed My voice Gen 22:18
o My voice and keep Ex 19:5
o the LORD your God Deut 27:10
to o is better than 1 Sam 15:22
O-ing His word Ps 103:20
and the sea o Him Matt 8:27
o God rather than Acts 5:29
o your parents Eph 6:1
O your leaders Heb 13:17
may o Jesus Christ 1 Pet 1:2

OBJECT

struck an iron o Num 35:16
an o of loathing to Ps 88:8
o like a great sheet Acts 10:11
god or o of worship 2 Thes 2:4

OBLIGATION duty

o toward the LORD Num 32:22
for his daily o-s 2 Chr 31:16
under o, not to the Rom 8:12
o to keep the Law Gal 5:3

OBSERVE keep or notice

surely o My sabbaths Ex 31:13
o all My statutes Lev 19:37
you may o discretion Prov 5:2
the ant...O her ways Prov 6:6
O how the lilies Matt 6:28
o-ing the traditions Mark 7:3
the word...o it Luke 11:28
o days and months Gal 4:10

OBSTACLE—OPEN

OBSTACLE *hindrance*

Remove every o out of Is 57:14
an o or stumbling Rom 14:13

OBSTINATE

you are an o people Ex 33:3
made his heart o Deut 2:30
Israel is...o Ezek 3:7
disobedient and o Rom 10:21

OBTAIN *get possession of*

o children through Gen 16:2
finds a wife o-s Prov 18:22
may o eternal life Matt 19:16
o the gift of God Acts 8:20
o-ed an inheritance Eph 1:11
for o-ing salvation 1 Thess 5:9

OCCUR *happen, take place*

this sign shall o Ex 8:23
will o at the final Dan 8:19
lest a riot o Matt 26:5
predestined to o Acts 4:28

ODED

1 father of Azariah 2 Chr 15:1,8
2 prophet 2 Chr 28:9

ODIOUS *offensive*

o in Pharaoh's sight Ex 5:21
o to the Philistines 1 Sam 13:4

OFFEND *insult or violate*

I will not o anymore Job 34:31
A brother o-ed is Prov 18:19
Pharisees were o-ed Matt 15:12

OFFENSE *anger or transgression*

of my own o-s Gen 41:9
they took o at Him Matt 13:57
of the o of Adam Rom 5:14
and a rock of o 1 Pet 2:8

OFFER (v) *give, present*

o him...as a burnt Gen 22:2
O to God a sacrifice Ps 50:14
my mouth o-s praises Ps 63:5
o both gifts and Heb 5:1
o-ed Himself Heb 9:14
prayer o-ed in faith James 5:15
o...spiritual sacrifices 1 Pet 2:5

OFFERING (n) *contribution*

freewill o to the LORD Ex 35:29
o of first fruits Lev 2:12
your worthless o-s Is 1:13
presenting your o Matt 5:23
any o for sin Heb 10:18

OFFERINGS

1 Burnt Offering Gen 22:13
Lev 1:17
2 Drink Offering Phil 2:17
2 Tim 4:6
also Libation
3 Freewill Offering Ex 35:29
Lev 7:16
4 Grain Offering Lev 9:4
Josh 22:29
also Meal Offering
5 Guilt Offering Lev 5:6
Num 6:12
6 Heave Offering Ex 29:27,28

7 Libation Offering

Num 6:15,17;28:9,10
also Drink Offering

8 Meal Offering 2 Kin 16:15
Ps 40:6

also Grain Offering

9 Ordination Offering Lev 8:28
Lev 8:31

10 Peace Offering Lev 4:31
Num 6:14

11 Sin Offering Ex 29:14
Ezek 46:20

12 Thank Offering 2 Chr 33:16
Jer 33:11

13 Votive Offering Deut 12:26
Deut 23:18

14 Wave Offering Lev 14:12
Num 18:18

OFFICE *function or position*

wield the staff of o Judg 5:14
priests in their o-s 2 Chr 35:2
sitting in the tax o Luke 5:27
to the o of overseer 1 Tim 3:1

OFFICIAL *one in authority*

o-s in the palace 2 Kin 20:18
o of the synagogue Luke 8:41

OFFSPRING *descendants*

o in place of Abel Gen 4:25
bring forth o from Is 65:9
Being...the o of God Acts 17:29
you are Abraham's o Gal 3:29
and the o of David Rev 22:16

OG

Amorite King Num 21:33
Deut 3:4; Josh 12:4

OHOLAH

symbolic for Samaria Ezek 23:4

OHOLIBAH

symbolic for Jerusalem
Ezek 23:4

OHOLIBAMAH

1 wife of Esau Gen 36:2-25
2 descendant of Esau Gen 36:41

OIL

o for lighting Ex 25:6
anointed my head...o Ps 23:5
the o of joy Ps 45:7
words...softer than o Ps 55:21
prudent took o in Matt 25:4
not anoint...with o Luke 7:46

OINTMENT *salve*

a jar of o Job 41:31
anointed...with o John 11:2

OLD *aged, obsolete*

buried at a...o age Gen 15:15
too o to have a Ruth 1:12
honor of o men Prov 20:29
o men will dream Joel 2:28
wine into o wineskins Matt 9:17
be born when he is o John 3:4
o self was crucified Rom 6:6
o things passed away 2 Cor 5:17
men of o gained Heb 11:2
serpent of o...devil Rev 12:9

CONCORDANCE

OLD GATE *see GATES OF JERUSALEM*

OLIVE *tree or fruit*

freshly picked o leaf Gen 8:11
land of o oil and Deut 8:8
cherubim of o wood 1 Kin 6:23
children like o plants Ps 128:3

OLIVES, MOUNT OF

mountain E of Jerusalem
2 Sam 15:30; Zech 14:4
Matt 24:3; Mark 11:1
place where Jesus prayed
Matt 26:30; Luke 22:39-41

OMEGA

last letter of Gr. alphabet
Rev 1:8
title of Jesus Christ Rev 21:6
expresses eternalness of God
Rev 22:13

OMEN *foretells a future event*

who interprets o-s Deut 18:10
took this as an o 1 Kin 20:33

OMER *dry measure*

take an o upiece Ex 16:16
o is a tenth of an Ex 16:36

OMRI

1 king of Israel 1 Kin 16:22ff
2 a Benjamite 1 Chr 7:8
3 line of Perez 1 Chr 9:4
4 son of Michael 1 Chr 27:18

ON

1 Egyptian city Gen 41:45,50
Gen 46:20
2 son of Peleth Num 16:1
also Heliopolis

ONE *single unit*

shall become o flesh Gen 2:24
God, the LORD is o Deut 6:4
Holy O of Israel Ps 71:22
His chosen o-s Ps 105:6
Are You the...O Matt 11:3
joy...over o sinner Luke 15:7
I...Father are o John 10:30
they may all be o John 17:21
o body in Christ Rom 12:5
o died for all 2 Cor 5:14
o Lord, o faith Eph 4:5
o God...o mediator 1 Tim 2:5
husband of o wife 1 Tim 3:2

ONESIMUS

Christian slave of Philemon
Col 4:9; Philem 10

ONESIPHORUS

Ephesian Christian 2 Tim 1:16
2 Tim 4:19

ONYX *precious stone*

bdellium and the o Gen 2:12
o, and the jasper Ezek 28:13

OPEN (adj) *not shut, exposed*

throat is an o grave Ps 5:9
Better is o rebuke Prov 27:5
before you an o door Rev 3:8

OPEN (v) *expose, free, unfasten*
 eyes will be o-ed Gen 3:5
 Ezra o-ed the book Neh 8:5
 He o-s their ear Joh 36:10
 O LORD, o my lips Ps 51:15
 O my eyes, that I Ps 119:18
 To o blind eyes Is 42:7
 o windows of heaven Mal 3:10
 knock... shall be o-ed Matt 7:7
 o-ed a door of faith Acts 14:27
 and o-s the door Rev 3:20
 worthy to o the book Rev 5:2

OPIEL

citadel on the S part of
Jerusalem 2 Chr 27:3,33,14
 Neh 3:27

hume of temple servants
 (Nethinim) Neh 3:26,11,21

OPIIR

1 son of Joktan Gen 10:29
2 gold producing region of SW
Arabia 1 Kin 10:11, Job 22:24

OPPONENT *adversary*

friends with your o Matt 5:25
 protection from my o Luke 18:3

OPPORTUNITY *occasion*

o to betray Him Matt 26:16
 o for your testimony Luke 21:13
 an o for the flesh Gal 5:13
 not give devil an o Eph 4:27

OPPOSE *contend, resist*

o the Prince of Dan 8:25
 o-d the ordinance of Rom 13:2
 men also o the truth 2 Tim 3:8
 God is o-d to the James 4:6

OPPOSITION *hostility*

you know My o Num 14:34
 these are in o Gal 5:17
 gospel much o 1 Thess 2:2

OPPRESS (v) *trouble, tyrannize*

enslaved and o-ed Gen 15:13
 Egyptians are o-ing Ex 3:9
 not o your neighbor Lev 19:13
 woman o-ed in 1 Sam 1:15
 do not o the widow Zech 7:10
 healing all o-ed Acts 10:38
 the rich who o you James 2:6

OPPRESSED (n) *afflicted*

stronghold for the o Ps 9:9
 justice for the o Ps 146:7
 let the o go free Is 58:6
 devour... in secret Hab 3:14
 vengeance for the o Acts 7:24

OPPRESSION *affliction*

Do not trust in o Ps 62:10
 o makes a man mad Eccl 7:7
 and water of o Is 30:20
 o of My people Acts 7:34

OPPRESSOR *one who afflicts*

And crush the o Ps 78:4
 a great o lacks Prov 28:16
 punish all their o-s Jer 30:30

ORACLE *revelation*

The o of Balaam Num 24:3
 o concerning Babylon Is 13:1
 the o of the LORD Jer 23:33
 and misleading o-s Lam 2:14
 entrusted with the o-s Rom 3:2

ORDAIN *invest, set apart*

anoint and o them Ex 28:41
 o Aaron and his sons Ex 29:9
 o-ed His covenant Ps 111:19
 law as o-ed by angels Acts 7:53

ORDEAL *difficulty, trial*

great o of affliction 2 Cor 8:2
 at the fiery o 1 Pet 4:12

ORDER (n) *arrangement*

Set your house in o 2 Kin 20:1
 fixed o of the moon Jer 31:35
 the o of Melchizedek Heb 5:6

ORDER (v) *command or request*

I will o my prayer Ps 5:3
 o-ed him to tell me Luke 5:14
 confidence to o you Philm 8

ORDINANCE *statute*

o of the Passover Ex 12:43
 they rejected My o-s Lev 26:43
 o-s of the heavens Job 38:33
 opposed the o of God Rom 13:2

ORDINATION

Aaron's raim of o Ex 29:26
 and the o offering Lev 7:37
 period of your o Lev 8:33

ORDINATION OFFERING

see OFFERINGS

ORIGIN *beginning, source*

of Jewish o Esth 6:13
 o is from antiquity Is 23:7
 Your o and your Ezek 16:3

ORIGINATE *bring into being*

not o from woman 1 Cor 11:8
 all things o... God 1 Cor 11:12

ORION

constellation of stars Job 9:9
 Job 38:31, Amos 5:8

ORNAMENT *decoration*

put off your o-s Ex 33:5
 o of fine gold Prov 25:12
 beauty of His o-s Ezek 7:20

ORNAN

Jebeusite owner of threshing
floor on Mount Moriah
 1 Chr 21:15,18
sells threshing floor to David
for altar and temple
 1 Chr 21:25,28

also Araunah

ORPAH

daughter-in-law of Naomi
 Ruth 1:4,14

ORPHAN *fatherless child*

not afflict any...o Ex 22:22
 justice for the o Deut 10:18

helper of the o Ps 10:14
 may plunder the o-s Is 10:2
 Leave...o-s behind Jer 49:11
 visit o-s and widows James 1:27

OSTRICH *bird*

the o and the owl Lev 11:16
 a companion of o-es Job 30:29
 cruel like o-es Lam 4:3
 mourning like the o-es Mic 1:8

OTHNIEL

son of Kenaz Josh 15:17
brother or nephew of Caleb
 Judg 1:13,3:11

OUTBURST *sudden release*

great o of anger Deut 29:24
 o of anger I hid My Is 54:8
 jealousy, o-s of anger Gal 5:20

OUTCAST *rejected*

the o-s of Israel Ps 147:2
 Hide the o-s Is 16:3
 called you an o Jer 30:17
 o-s from synagogue John 18:2

OUTCRY *strong cry or protest*

no o in our streets Ps 144:14
 o is heard among the Jer 50:46
 a single o arose Acts 19:34

OUTSIDER *stranger*

o may not come near Num 18:4
 toward o-s 1 Thess 4:12

OUTSTRETCHED *extended*

redeem with an o arm Ex 6:6
 war with an o hand Jer 21:5

OUTWARD *external*

at the o appearance 1 Sam 16:7
 is o in the flesh Rom 2:28

OVEN *baking, cooking vessel*

appeared a...o Gen 15:17
 make them as a fiery o Ps 21:9

OVERCOME *conquer, master*

a man o with wine Jer 23:9
 I have o the world John 16:33
 but o evil with good Rom 12:21
 have o the evil one 1 John 2:13
 who o-s shall inherit Rev 21:7

OVERFLOW *flood, inundate*

My cup o-s Ps 23:5
 waters shall o the Is 28:17
 I am o-ing with joy 2 Cor 7:4
 o-ing with gratitude Col 2:7

OVERLAID *decorate, spread*

o with gold 1 Kin 6:28
 vessel o with silver Prov 26:23
 o with gold...silver Hab 2:19

OVERLOOK *ignore or omit*

o a transgression Prov 19:11
 widows were...o-ed Acts 6:1

OVERPOWER *subdue*

deceive you and o you Obad 7
 Hades shall not o Matt 16:18
 attacks him and o-s Luke 11:22

OVERSEER *director, leader*

o in the house of Jer 29:26
the o-s and deacons Phil 1:1
the office of o 1 Tim 3:1
o...above reproach Titus 1:7

OVERSHADOW *engulf, obscure*

Most High o you Luke 1:35
o-ing the mercy seat Heb 9:5

OVERSIGHT *supervision*

o of the house of 2 Kin 12:11
having o at gates Ezek 44:11
exercising o not 1 Pet 5:2

OVERWHELM *crush, overcome*

humiliation has o-ed Ps 44:15
darkness will o me Ps 139:11
my spirit was o-ed Ps 142:4
o-ed by sorrow 2 Cor 2:7

OWE *be indebted*

Pay what you o Matt 18:28
O nothing to anyone Rom 13:8
that you o to me Philem 19

OWL *bird*

the o, the sea gull Deut 14:15
o of the waste places Ps 102:6
houses full of o-s Is 13:21

OWN (adj) *belonging to*

man in His o image Gen 1:27
led His o people Ps 78:52
calls his o sheep John 10:3
in his o language Acts 2:6

OWN (n) *belonging to*

He came to His o John 1:11
provide for his o 1 Tim 5:8

OWNER *possessor*

restitution to its o Ex 22:12
when the o...comes Matt 21:40
who were o-s of land Acts 4:34

OX *bull used as draft animal*

oxen and donkeys Gen 12:16
servant of his o Ex 20:17
horns of the wild oxen Ps 22:21
An o knows its owner Is 1:3
not muzzle the o 1 Tim 5:8

P**PACE** *step, stride*

the p of the cattle Gen 33:14
not slow down the p 2 Kin 4:24

PACT *agreement*

Sheol we...made a p Is 28:15
p with Sheol shall Is 28:18

PADDAN-ARAM

upper Mesopotamia Gen 25:20
home of Laban Gen 28:5
birthplace of most of
Jacob's sons Gen 35:22-26

PAHATH-MOAB

1 head of Jewish clan Ezra 2:6
2 Jewish clan Neh 3:11

PAIN *discomfort, hurt*

multiply Your p Gen 3:16
p-s came upon her 1 Sam 4:19
rejoice in unsparing p Job 6:10
rest from your p Is 14:3
Your p is incurable Jer 30:15
bring p to my soul Lam 3:51
suffering great p Matt 8:6
no longer be...p Rev 21:4

PAINFUL *hurting*

p are honest words Job 6:25
the bread of p labors Ps 127:2

PALACE *royal residence*

build royal p 2 Chr 2:12
to the king's p Esth 2:8
Out of ivory p-s Ps 45:8
A p of strangers Is 25:2
luxury...royal p-s Luke 7:25

PALLET *bed, mat*

they let down the p Mark 2:4
take up your p and Mark 2:9

PALM *type of tree*

the city of p trees Deut 34:3
flourish like the p Ps 92:12
branches of the p John 12:13

PALTI

1 son of Raphu Num 13:9
spy for Israel Num 13:2
2 Michal's husband 1 Sam 25:44

PAMPHYLIA

Roman province in Asia Minor
Acts 2:10; 13:13; 14:24

PANGS *sudden pains*

beginning of birth p Mark 13:8
like birth p 1 Thess 5:3

PANIC *fear*

P seized them there Ps 48:6
P and pitfall have Lam 3:47
great p...will fall Zech 14:13

PANT *breathe rapidly*

deer p-s for the water Ps 42:1
my soul p-s for Thee Ps 42:1
I will both gasp and p Is 42:14
beasts...p for Thee Joel 1:20

PAPHOS

city on Cyprus Acts 13:6,13

PAPYRUS *water plant*

p...without marsh Job 8:11
Even in p vessels Is 18:2

PARABLE *story for illustration*

speak a p to Ezek 17:2
p of the sower Matt 13:18
heard His p-s Matt 21:45
p from the fig tree Mark 13:28
spoke by way of a p Luke 8:4

PARADISE

abode of the righteous dead
Luke 23:43; 2 Cor 12:4; Rev 2:7
see also ABRAHAM'S BOSOM

PARALYTIC

said to the p—Rise Matt 9:6
p, carried by four Mark 2:3

PARAN

wilderness area in Sinai

Gen 21:21, Num 13:3
place of Israelite wanderings
and encampments Num 12:16
mountain in Sinai Deut 33:2

PARDON *forgive, release*

he will not p your Ex 23:21
May the LORD p 2 Chr 30:18
O LORD, P my iniquity Ps 25:11
He will abundantly p Is 55:7
p, and you will be Luke 6:37

PARENTS *father and mother*

rise up against p Matt 10:21
left house or p Luke 18:29
evil, disobedient to p Rom 1:30
children, obey your p Eph 6:1
disobedient to p 2 Tim 3:2

PART *portion*

God have no p in 2 Chr 19:7
form my inward p-s Ps 139:13
have no p with Me John 13:8
no p or portion in Acts 8:21
prophecy in p 1 Cor 13:9
now I know in p 1 Cor 13:12
tongue is a small p James 3:5

PARTAKERS *participants*

do not be p with Eph 5:7
become p of Christ Heb 3:14
p of the Holy Spirit Heb 6:4
p of the divine nature 2 Pet 1:4

PARTIAL *favoring*

not be p to the poor Lev 19:15
you shall not be p Deut 16:19
now be p to no one Job 32:21
You are not p Matt 22:16

PARTIALITY *favoritism*

show p in judgment Deut 1:17
p is not good Prov 28:21
God shows no p Gal 2:6

PARTICIPATE *take part*

not p...deeds of Eph 5:11
p-s in his evil deeds 2 John 11
may not p in her sins Rev 18:4

PARTNER *comrade*

is a p with a thief Prov 29:24
been p-s with them Matt 23:30
regard me as a p Philem 17

PASS *proceed*

LORD will p over the Ex 12:23
My glory is p-ing by Ex 33:22
heaven and earth p Matt 5:18
words shall not p Matt 24:35
this cup p from Me Matt 26:39
p-ed out of death John 5:24
old things p-ed away 2 Cor 5:17
first earth p-ed away Rev 21:1

PASSION *desire, lust*

p is rottenness to Prov 14:30
over to degrading p-s Rom 1:26
flesh with its p-s Gal 5:24
dead to...p Col 3:5
not in lustful p 1 Thess 4:5

CONCORDANCE

PASSOVER

Israel's passover protected from the plague of death prior to the exodus from Egypt Ex 12:1-30
First commemorating Israel's exodus and protection from death Ex 12:42-51, Lev 23:5
Num 9:2,12,14; Matt 26:2,18
John 19:14; Acts 12:4

see also FEASTS

PASTORS shepherds of people
and some as p Eph 4:11

PASTURE (n) grazing field

he down in green p's A 23:2
sheep of Thy p A 39:13

PASTURE (v) feed, grow

Moore p-ing the flock Ex 3:1
They will p on it Lev 2:2;
N 1 p'd the flock Lev 11:7

PATCH mending cloth

p of unshrunk cloth Matt 9:16
p pulls away from it Mark 2:21

PATH way

made in the p Gen 40:17
the p of life A 16:11
a light to my p A 119:108
p of the upright in Prov 15:19
Wide His p's straight Matt 3:3

PATHBOS

upper Egypt Is 11:11
Jer 44:1,15; Ezek 30:14,30:14

PATIENCE endurance

in the p of men Is 7:13
in p in hardships 2 Cor 6:6
have, just grace, p Gal 5:22
endure, with great p 2 Tim 4:2
endure it with p 1 Pet 2:20

PATIENT bearing, enduring

Love in p, love in 1 Cor 13:4
p when wronged 2 Tim 2:24
Lord is p toward 2 Pet 1:19

PATNOS

Upper island, one of John 1:
end Rev 1:9

PATRIARCH father of clan

regarding the p David Acts 3:20
the twelve p's Acts 7:9
Abraham, the p gave Heb 7:4

PATTERN model, plan

hand p's of houses Jer 31:23
with according to p Phil 3:17

PAUL

herbage Acts 21:30,22:3
Phil 3:3

persecuted brethren Acts 7:58
Acts 8:1,3,9:1,2, 1 Cor 15:9

conversion and call Acts 9:1-19

name changed Acts 13:9

Jerusalem council Acts 15:2-6

marriage journey Acts 13:18

Acts 15:36ff; 16:25ff; 21:14ff

apostle, defender Acts 11:58
Gal 1:15ff

crust and impregnated

Acts 21:30,32,34-38,31
defamer Acts 22:18,24,10:8
Acts 25:10,11,26:28
food journey to Rome Acts 27:28
see also SALT

PATLIX SERICUS

persecution of Cyprian Acts 13:7

PAVEMENT paved road

on a p of stone 2 Km 16:17
marble p of prophets, Ezek 1:6
place called The p John 19:13

PAY gave what is due

that p double Ex 22:7
p There are seven A 66:13
p back what you Matt 13:28
sower p back evil Rom 12:17
p the grudge 2 Thim 1:9

PEACE calmness, tranquility

Grant p in the land Lev 26:6
made p with David 1 Chr 19:19
Seth p, and prosper A 34:14
for the p of Jerusalem A 122:6
all her paths are p Prov 3:17
a time for p Eccl 3:8
Peace of p Is 9:6
p like a river Is 66:12

PEACE WITHIN

have within us p Jer 16:5
not come to bring p Matt 10:34
on earth p among Luke 2:14
p I have with you John 14:27
we have p with God Rom 5:1

have you p Gal 5:22

He Himself is our p Eph 2:14

group of p Eph 6:15

p of God, surgeons Phil 4:7

p through the blood Gal 1:20

who p from the earth Rev 6:4

PEACEMAKERS

blended are the p Matt 5:9

PEACE OFFERING

see OFFERINGS

PEARL precious gem

unknown is above p's Job 28:18
pre-birth virtue Matt 7:6
one p of great value Matt 13:46
PECK-MEASURE consumer
heap, under the p Matt 5:15
not put under a p Mark 4:21

PEARL

king of Israel 2 Km 15:23ff

PERABIAN

king of Israel 2 Km 15:22,23

PELEG

son of Eber Gen 10:25
descendant of Shem Gen 11:15

PENALTY punishment

you will have the p Ezek 35:40
pay the p of eternal 2 Thim 1:9

PENULT

where Jacob wrestled with God

also Penult Gen 32:30

PENTECOST

feasts from held at end
of Passover Acts 20:16
coming of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:1

see also FEASTS

PENULT

1 never damaged Judg 6:12
subtle 1 Km 12:25
also Penult

2 father of Cadmus 1 Chr 4:4
3 son of Shabbel 1 Chr 8:25

PEOPLE group, nation

they are our p Gen 11:4
Let us p go Ex 3:1
You are an obstinate p Ex 33:5
blended above all p's David 7:14
Forgive Thy p Israel David 21:6
Lord loves His p 2 Chr 2:11
p who are called by 2 Chr 7:14
renders His captive p A 104:7
We are His p A 100:3
Lord will judge His p A 135:14
p are unrestrained Prov 20:18
p whom I feared Is 43:37
do p say that I am Mark 5:27
they feared the p Luke 20:19
should die for the p John 11:50
not rejected His p Rom 11:2
even under and p Rev 13:7

PEON

1 manum in Mark Num 23:20
2 Washer dory Num 23:3

PERCEIVE be aware, discern

pd all the wisdom 1 Km 10:4
learning, but do not p Is 6:9
ping in Himself Mark 5:30
p with their heart John 12:40

PERDITION damnation

the son of p John 17:12

PEREZ

son of Judah Gen 38:30

PERFECT (adj) finished

His work is p David 32:4
line of the Lord is p Ps 10:7
honorably, Father is p Matt 5:48
p hand of unity Gal 3:14
be p and complete James 1:4
p have come out 1 John 4:18

PERFECT (v) complete

is p'd in weakness 2 Cor 12:9
how is p'd with us 1 John 4:17

PERFORATE carry out

1 will p sinners Ex 34:10
p My judgments Lev 18:4
p righteous deeds Ps 103:6
p a sinners in My Mark 8:30
John p'd no sign John 10:41
p-ing great wonders Acts 6:6

PERFUME fragrance of

and p under the heart Prov 27:9
sweetest of sweet p Is 3:64
p upon My body Matt 26:12

PERFUME—PHYGELUS

anointed...with p Luke 7:46
prepared...p-s Luke 23:56

PERGA
city in Asia Minor Acts 13:13

PERGAMUM
city in Asia Minor Rev 1:11
early church Rev 2:12

PERISH *be destroyed*
we p, we are dying Num 17:12
weapons p-ed 2 Sam 1:27
if I p, I p Esth 4:16
hope will p Job 8:13
the wicked will p Ps 1:6
rod of his fury will p Prov 22:8
our hope has p-ed Ezek 37:11
little oars p Matt 18:14
p by the sword Matt 26:52
p, but have eternal John 3:16
for any to p 2 Pet 3:9

PERIZZITES
early Canaanite tribe Gen 34:30
Ex 23:23, Deut 7:1

PERMANENT *lasting*
it is a p ordinance Lev 6:18
p right of redemption Lev 25:32
use them as p slaves Lev 25:46
p home for the ark 1 Chr 28:2

PERMISSION *consent*
p they had from Cyrus Ezra 3:7
He gave them p Mark 5:13
he had given him p Acts 21:40

PERMIT *allow*
not p-ting demons Mark 1:34
p the children Mark 10:14
Spirit...did not p Acts 16:7
if the Lord p-s 1 Cor 16:7

PERPETUAL *lasting*
p incense before the Ex 30:8
as a p covenant Ex 31:16
for a p priesthood Ex 40:15
may sleep a p sleep Jer 51:39

PERSECUTE *afflict, oppress*
Why do you p me Job 19:22
has p-d my soul Ps 143:3
pray for those who p Matt 5:44
p you in this city Matt 10:23
why are you p-ing Me Acts 9:4
used to p the church Gal 1:13

PERSECUTION *oppression*
p arises because of Mark 4:17
p arose against the Acts 8:1
a p against Paul Acts 13:50
distress, or p, or Rom 8:35

PERSEVERANCE *persistence*
by p in doing good Rom 2:7
tribulation brings...p Rom 5:3
for your p and faith 2 Thes 1:4
p of the saints Rev 14:12

PERSIA
ancient near eastern empire
2 Chr 36:20; Ezra 1:1; Esth 1:3
Ezek 27:10; Dan 8:20

PERSON *human being*
If a p sins Lev 4:2
hungry p unsatisfied Is 32:6
p be in subjection Rom 13:1
hidden p of the heart 1 Pet 3:4

PERSUADE *convince, prevail on*
a ruler may be p-d Prov 25:15
trying to p Jews and Acts 18:4
p-s men to worship Acts 18:13
you will p me Acts 26:28

PERSUASIVE *convincing*
p words of wisdom 1 Cor 2:4
delude you with p Col 2:4

PERVERSE *corrupt*
a p and crooked Deut 32:5
A p heart shall depart Ps 101:4
mind will utter p Prov 23:33
and p generation Phil 2:15

PERVERT *distort, misdirect*
not p the justice Ex 23:6
Dora God p justice Job 8:3
have p-ed their way Jer 3:21

PESTILENCE *epidemic, plague*
LORD sent a upon 2 Sam 24:15
sword, famine, and p Jer 27:13
p and mourning and Rev 18:8

PETER
heritage and occupation
John 1:42,44; Matt 4:18
called by Jesus Matt 1:17
Mark 3:16; Luke 5:1ff
names: Cephas, Simon
Matt 4:18; Mark 3:16
John 1:42; Acts 15:14
walked on water Matt 14:28ff
confessed Jesus as Messiah
Matt 16:16; Luke 9:20
on mount of Transfiguration
Matt 17:1ff; Mark 9:2ff
denied Jesus Matt 26:70
Mark 14:70; Luke 22:58
at Pentecost Acts 2
apostle of Christ Gal 2:8
1 Pet 1:1; 2 Pet 1:1

PETITION *request, supplication*
God...grant your p 1 Sam 1:17
p to any god or man Dan 6:7
p-s...be made 1 Tim 2:1

PHARAOH *title of Egyptian kings*
1 Pharaoh, time of Abraham
Gen 12:15ff
2 Pharaoh, time of Joseph
Gen 37:36; 39:1-50:26
3 Pharaoh during oppression
Ex 1:8-2:23
4 Pharaoh during the Exodus
Ex 5:1-12:41
5 Pharaoh father of Bithiah
1 Chr 4:17
6 Pharaoh, time of David
1 Kin 11:14ff
7 Pharaoh whose daughter
married Solomon 1 Kin 3:1
1 Kin 7:8; 9:16

CONCORDANCE

8 Shishak, time of Rehoboam
1 Kin 14:25,26
9 So, time of Hoshai 2 Kin 17:4
10 Tirhakah, time of Hezekiah
2 Kin 19:9; Is 37:36
11 Neco, slew Josiah
2 Kin 23:29,33,34
12 Hophra, subject of prophecy
Jer 44:30

PHARISEES
Jewish religious party Matt 3:7
Matt 23:13; Mark 2:18; 7:3
Luke 11:42,16-14
John 3:1,11-47

PHARPAR
river of Damascus 2 Kin 5:12

PHILADELPHIA
city in Asia Minor Rev 1:11
early church Rev 3:7

PHILEMON
owner of Onesimus Philem 1
friend of Paul

PHILIP
1 Herod Philip I, son of Herod
the Great Mark 6:17
see also HEROD
2 Herod Philip II, son of Herod
the Great Luke 3:1
see also HEROD
3 Philip the apostle Matt 10:3
Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14
John 1:43ff; Acts 1:13
4 Philip the evangelist Acts 6:5
Acts 8:5,29,21:8

PHILIPPI
Macedonian city Acts 16:12,20:6

PHILIPPIANS
people of Philippi Phil 4:15

PHILISTIA
coastal area of SW Palestine
Ex 15:14; Ps 60:8; 83:7; Joel 3:4

PHILISTINES
people of Philistia Gen 10:14
Josh 13:2; Judg 13:1; 1 Sam 4:2

PHINEHAS
1 grandson of Aaron Num 25:7
Num 31:6; Judg 20:28
2 son of Eli 1 Sam 1:3,4,4:11
3 father of a priest Ezra 8:33

PHOEBE
Cenchrea (Corinth) deaconess
commended by Paul Rom 16:1

PHOENICIA
coastal land N of Palestine
Acts 11:19; 21:2
visited by Paul Acts 15:3

PHRYGIA
Asia Minor province Acts 2:10
visited by Paul Acts 16:6; 18:23

PHYGELUS
Asian Christian, deserted Paul
2 Tim 1:15

PHYLACTERIES *prayer bands*
as p on your forehead Ex 13 16
they broaden their p Matt 23 5
see also **FRONTALS**

PHYSICIAN

all worthless p-s Job 13 4
healthy who need a p Matt 9 12
P, heal yourself Luke 4 23
Luke, the beloved p Col 4 14

PIECE *part, portion*

cup your p of bread Ruth 2 14
thirty p-s of silver Matt 27 3
gave Him a p fish Luke 24 42
woven in one p John 19 23

PIERCE *penetrate*

master shall p his ear Ex 21 6
They p-d my hands Ps 22 16
He was p-d through Is 53 5
whom they have p-d Zech 12 10
sword will p soul Luke 2 35
p-d His side John 19 34
p-d to the heart Acts 2 37

PIETY *reverence*

learn to practice p 1 Tim 3 4
because of His p Heb 5 7

PILATE, PONTIUS

Roman governor of Judah
Matt 27 2, Luke 3 1
provided at Jesus' trial
Matt 27 11b, Mark 15 28
Luke 23 18, John 18 28-38
warned by his wife Matt 27 19
orders Jesus' crucifixion
Matt 27 24b, Mark 15 15
Luke 23 24, 25, John 19 13, 16

PILLAR *column or memorial*

became a p of salt Gen 19 26
p of fire by night Ex 13 21
he set up a p 2 Sam 18 18
hewn her seven p-s Prov 9 1
feet like p-s of fire Rev 10 1

PILOT *steward*

saviors, and your p-s Ezek 27 27
the p and captain Acts 27 11
inclination of the p James 3 4

PINION *wing*

p and plumage of Job 30 13
cover you with His p-s Ps 91 4

PINNACLE *highest point*

had Him on the p Matt 4 5
p of the temple Luke 4 9

PISGAH

mountain height in Moab
Num 21 20, Josh 13 20

PISHON

river of Eden Gen 2 11

PISIDIA

district of Asia Minor
Acts 13 14, 14:24

PIT *deep hole, dungeon*

full of tar p-s Gen 14 10
Joseph, not in the p Gen 37 20

redemption from the p Ps 108 4
harlot is a deep p Prov 23 27
attracted me in the p Lam 3 53
to p-s of darkness 2 Pet 2 4
the bottomless p Rev 9 1

PITCH *(n) tar*

inside and out with p Gen 6 14
covered it over p Ex 2 3

PITCH *(v) set up*

p-d his tent in the Gen 31 25
he will p the tents Dan 11 45
tabernacle Lord p-d Heb 8 2

PITCHER *container*

torches inside the p-s Judg 7 16
Fill four p-s 1 Km 18 35
carrying a p of Mark 14 15

PITHOM

Egyptian storage city built by
Hebrew slaves Ex 1 11

PITY *(n) sympathy*

shall not show p Deut 19 21
I will not show p Jer 13 14
no eye looked with p Ezek 16 5

PITY *(v) have compassion*

she had p on him Ex 2 6
eye shall not p them Deut 7 16
P me, p me, O you Job 19 21
take p on us Mark 9 22
most to be p-d 1 Cor 15 19

PLACE *area, space*

waters into one p Gen 1 9
he enters the holy p Ex 28 29
God is a dwelling p Deut 28 27
a p for My people 1 Chr 17 9
earth out of its p Job 9 6
Thou art my lodging p Ps 32 7
love the p of honor Matt 23 6
a p called Golgotha Matt 27 33
I go to prepare a p John 14 2

PLAGUE *contagious disease*

no p will befall you Ex 12 13
Remove Ths p from Ps 39 10
p of the hail Rev 16 21
the seven last p-s Rev 21 9

PLAIN *flat area*

p in Shinar Gen 11 2
desert p-s of Jericho Josh 4 13
the p of Megiddo 2 Chr 35 22
broad p of the earth Rev 20 9

PLAN *design, scheme*

tabernacle its p Ex 26 30
P-s formed long ago Is 25 1
follow our own p-s Jer 18 12
p and foreknowledge Acts 2 23

PLANT *(n) growth from seed*

every p yielding seed Gen 1 29
out the p-s of the Gen 3 18
hail struck every p Ex 9 25
God appointed a p Jon 4 6

PLANT *(v) put into soil*

LORD God p-d a garden Gen 2 8
p trees for food Lev 19 23
shall p a vineyard Deut 28 30

A time to p Eccl 3 2
her earnings she p-s Prov 31 16
p-d a vineyard Mark 12 1
I p-d, Apollon 1 Cor 3 6

PLATTER *shallow dish*

on a p the head of Matt 14 8
his head on a p Mark 6 28

PLAY *take part*

who p the lyre Gen 4 21
man who can p 1 Sam 16 17
p-d the fool 1 Sam 26 21
P skillfully with a Ps 33 3
nursing child will p Is 11 8
not p the harlot Hos 3 3
We p-d the flute Matt 11 17

PLEAD *appeal, beseech*

p-d with the LORD Deut 3 23
man p with God Job 16 21
LORD will p their case Prov 22 23
P for the widow Is 1 17
Elijah p-s with God Rom 11 2

PLEASANT *pleasing*

despaired the p land Ps 108 24
P words are a Prov 16 24
sleep, a p Eccl 5 12
Speak to us p words Is 30 10

PLEASE *satisfy*

it p Thre to bless 2 Sam 7 29
Thou art p-d with me Ps 41 11
sacrifices not p Him Hos 9 4
how he may p his 1 Cor 7 33
p all men in all 1 Cor 10 33
striving to p men Gal 1 10
to walk and p God 1 Thes 4 1
impossible to p Heb 11 6

PLEASING *agreeable, gratifying*

tree that is p Gen 2 9
meditation for p Ps 104 34
not as p men but 1 Thes 2 4
p in His sight 1 John 3 22

PLEASURE *gratification*

old, shall I have p Gen 18 12
p in His people Ps 149 4
He who loves p will Prov 21 17
work for His good p Phil 2 15
lovers of p rather 2 Tim 3 4
passing p-s of sin Heb 11 25

PLEDGE *promise*

chink as a p Ex 22 26
those who give p-s Prov 22 26
the Spirit as a p 2 Cor 5 5
p of our inheritance Eph 1 14

PLEIADES

constellation of stars Job 9 9
Job 38 31, Amos 5 8

PLENTIFUL *abundant*

shed abroad a p man Ps 68 9
harvest is p Matt 9 37

PLOT *plan, scheme*

wicked p-s against Ps 37 12
you have p-d out Prov 30 28
Jews p-d together Acts 8 23

FLOW *dig the soil*

not p with an ox Deut 22:10
those who p iniquity Job 4:8
slothead does not p Prov 20:4
his hand to the p Luke 9:62
ought to p in hope 1 Cor 9:10

PIOWSHARES *blade of plow*

their swords into p Is 2:4
your p into swords Joel 3:10

PLUMB LINE *vertical line*

the p of emptiness Is 34:11
p in the midst of My Amos 7:8
when they see the p Zech 4:10

PLUNDER (n) *booty, loot*

took no p in silver Judg 5:19
you will become p Hab 2:7
wealth will become p Zeph 1:13

PLUNDER (v) *rob*

will p the Egyptians Ex 3:22
stouthearted were p-ed Ps 76:5
he will p his house Matt 12:29

POINT *particular time*

grieved, to the p of Matt 26:38
obedient to the p of Phil 2:8
to the p of shedding Heb 12:4

POISON *lethal substance*

P under their lips Ps 140:3
given us p-ed water Jer 8:14
turned justice into p Amos 6:12

POLL-TAX *income and head tax*

collect customs or p Matt 17:25
give a p to Caesar Matt 22:17

POLLUTE *contaminate*

blood p-s the land Num 35:33
earth is also p-d Is 24:5

POMEGRANATE *fruit*

golden bell and a p Ex 28:34
p-s of blue and purple Ex 39:24
juice of my p-s Song 8:2
the fig tree, the p Hag 2:19

PONDER *think deeply*

not p the path of life Prov 5:6
Or p things...past Is 43:18

PONTUS

region in N Asia Minor
Acts 2:9; 1 Pet 1:1
homeland of Aquila Acts 18:2

POOL *pond*

of the upper p 2 Kin 18:17
rock into a p Ps 114:8
land will become a p Is 35:7
in the p of Siloam John 9:7

POOR *impoverished, needy*

p will never cease Deut 15:11
raises the p from the 1 Sam 2:8
lest you become p Prov 20:13
not rob the p Prov 22:22
are the p in spirit Matt 5:3
a p widow came Mark 12:42
p you always have Mark 14:7
sake He became p 2 Cor 8:9
not God choose the p James 2:5

POPULATE *increase number*

P the earth abundantly Gen 9:7
whole earth was p-d Gen 9:19

POPULATION *people*

with all his great p Is 16:14
deported an entire p Amos 1:6

PORPOISE SKIN

covering of p-s above Ex 26:14
put sandals of p on Ezek 16:10

PORTICO *porch*

in the p of Solomon John 10:23
one accord in...p Acts 5:12

PORTION *part, share*

gather a day's p Ex 16:4
LORDS p is...people Deut 32:9
double p of spirit 2 Kin 2:9
The LORD is my p Ps 119:57
joy over their p Is 61:7

POSSESS *control, take*

give this land to p Gen 15:7
are to p their land Lev 20:24
go in and p the land Deut 1:8
dest p all the nations Ps 82:8
p-ed by Beelzebul Mark 3:22
sell all you p Mark 10:21
p-ed with demons Luke 8:27
do not p silver and Acts 3:6

POSSESSION *ownership*

for an everlasting p Gen 17:8
you shall be My own p Ex 19:5
people for His own p Deut 4:20
full of Thy p-s Ps 104:24
charge of all his p-s Matt 24:47
selling their...p-s Acts 2:45

POSSIBLE *can be done*

all things are p Matt 19:26
p with God Luke 18:27

POSTERITY *descendants*

P will serve Him Ps 22:30
p of the wicked Ps 37:38

POT *container, vessel*

death in the p 2 Kin 4:40
refining p is for Prov 17:3
I see a boiling p Jer 1:13

POTIPHAR

Egyptian official who purchased
Joseph Gen 39:1

POTIPHERA

Joseph's father-in-law
Gen 41:45,50;46:20

POTSHERD *piece of pottery*

p to scrape himself Job 2:8
is dried up like a p Ps 22:15

POTTER *one who molds clay*

clay say to the p Is 45:9
and Thou our p Is 64:8
as it pleased the p Jer 18:4
Throw it to the p Zech 11:13

POTTER'S FIELD

Judas' burial place Matt 27:3ff

POUR *cause to flow*

p me out like milk Job 10:10
I p out my soul Ps 42:4
P out your heart Ps 62:8
I will p out My Spirit Is 44:3
P out Thy wrath Jer 10:25
p out a blessing Mal 3:10
p-ed it upon His Matt 26:7
p forth of My Spirit Acts 2:17

POVERTY *destitution, want*

glutton come to p Prov 23:21
neither p nor riches Prov 30:8
through His p might 2 Cor 8:9

POWER *authority, strength*

to show you My p Ex 9:16
from the p of Sheol Ps 49:15
the p of His works Ps 111:6
p of the tongue Prov 18:21
the p of the sword Jer 18:21
Not by might nor p Zech 4:6
Thine is the p Matt 6:13
the right hand of p Mark 14:62
clothed with p from Luke 24:49
you shall receive p Acts 1:8
gospel p of God Rom 1:16
the p of our Lord 1 Cor 5:4
p of sin is the law 1 Cor 15:56
p of Christ dwell 2 Cor 12:9
prince of the p of Eph 2:2
p of His resurrection Phil 3:10
timidity, but of p 2 Tim 1:7
by the word of His p Heb 1:3
quenched the p of Heb 11:34
p-s been subjected 1 Pet 3:22

POWERLESS *without strength*

p before this great 2 Chr 20:12
He might render p Heb 2:14

PRACTICE (n) *custom, habit*

evil of their p-s Ps 28:4
disclosing their p-s Acts 19:18
laid aside evil p-s Col 3:9

PRACTICE (v) *engage in*

keep statutes and p Lev 20:8
He who p-s deceit Ps 101:7
Who p righteousness Ps 106:3
p-ing hospitality Rom 12:13
learn to p piety 1 Tim 5:4
the one who p-s sin 1 John 3:8

PRAETORIUM/PRAETORIAN

1 Pontius Pilate's palace in
Jerusalem Matt 27:27
Mark 15:16; John 18:28,33
2 Herod's palace at Caesarea
Acts 23:35
3 Imperial palace guards in
Rome Phil 1:13

PRAISE (n) *acclamation, honor*

offering of p Lev 19:24
sing p-s to Him 1 Chr 16:9
songs of p hymns Neh 12:46
From Thee...my p Ps 22:25
sound His p abroad Ps 66:8
makes Jerusalem a p Is 62:7
his p is not from men Rom 2:29
anything worthy of p Phil 4:8
a sacrifice of p Heb 13:15
Give p to our God Rev 19:5

PRAISE (v) *extol, glorify*

I will p Him Ex 15:2
greatly to be p-d 1 Chr 16:25
Will the dust p Thee Ps 30:9
My lips will p Thee Ps 63:3
heavens will p Thy Ps 69:5
P Him, sun and moon Ps 148:3
P Him with trumpet Ps 150:3
Death cannot p Thee Is 38:18
I p Thee, O Father Matt 11:25
heavenly host p-ing Luke 2:13
disciples began to p Luke 19:37
leaping and p-ing God Acts 3:8

PRAY *ask, worship*

Abraham p-ed to Gen 20:17
For this boy I p-ed 1 Sam 1:27
found courage to p 1 Chr 17:25
For to Thee do I p Ps 5:2
P for Jerusalem Ps 122:6
p to a god who cannot Is 45:20
We earnestly p Jon 1:14
p for persecute Matt 5:44
by Himself to p Matt 14:23
p and ask, believe Mark 11:24
until I have p-ed Mark 14:32
Lord, teach us to p Luke 11:1
they ought to p Luke 18:1
I have p-ed for you Luke 22:32
p-ed with fasting Acts 14:23
If I p in a tongue 1 Cor 14:14
p without ceasing 1 Thes 5:17
p for one another James 5:16
p-ing in the Spirit Jude 20

PRAYER

I have heard your p 2 Chr 7:12
And my p is pure Job 16:17
LORD receives my p Ps 6:9
Give ear to my p Ps 55:1
p of the righteous Prov 15:29
joyful in My house of p Is 56:7
ask in p, believing Matt 21:22
you make long p-s Matt 23:14
whole night in p Luke 6:12
My house of p Luke 19:46
devoting to p Acts 1:14
offering p with joy Phil 1:4
but in everything by p Phil 4:6
p-s not be hindered 1 Pet 3:7
p-s of the saints Rev 5:8

PREACH *exhort, proclaim*

Jesus began to p Matt 4:17
as you go, p Matt 10:7
teach and p in their Matt 11:1
p-ing repentance Mark 1:4
p the gospel to all Mark 16:15
p the kingdom of Luke 4:43
he p-ed Jesus to him Acts 8:35
p the good news Acts 13:38
how shall they p Rom 10:15
we p Christ crucified 1 Cor 1:23
He p-ed peace Eph 2:17
p the word 2 Tim 4:2

PREACHER *one who proclaims*

hear without a p Rom 10:14
appointed a p and an 1 Tim 2:7
Noah, a p of 2 Pet 2:5

PRECEPTS *commandments*

All His p are sure Ps 111:7
meditate on Thy p Ps 119:15
as doctrines the p of Matt 15:9

PRECIOUS *beloved or costly*

P in the sight of Ps 116:15
like p oil upon the Ps 133:2
more p than jewels Prov 3:15
p things no profit Is 44:9
more p than gold 1 Pet 1:7
with p blood 1 Pet 1:19

PREDESTINED *foreordained*

purpose p to occur Acts 4:28
foreknew, He also p Rom 8:29
God p before the ages 1 Cor 2:7
p us to adoption Eph 1:5
p according to His Eph 1:11

PREDETERMINED

p plan of God Acts 2:23

PREEMINENT *foremost*

P in dignity Gen 49:3

PREFECTS *Persian officials*

shatter governors p Jer 51:23
the satraps, the p Dan 3:3

PREGNANT *with child*

womb of p woman Eccl 11:5
And her womb ever p Jer 20:17
ripped open p Amos 1:13
Elizabeth became p Luke 1:24

PREPARATION *readiness*

distracted with p-s Luke 10:40
Jewish day of p John 19:42
making p-s, he fell Acts 10:10
p of the gospel of Eph 6:15

PREPARE *make ready*

p a savory dish Gen 27:4
mind p-s deception Job 15:35
p a table before me Ps 23:5
P to meet your God Amos 4:12
will p Your way Matt 11:10
kingdom p-d for Matt 25:34
to p Me for burial Matt 26:12
p-d spices and Luke 23:56
I go to p a place John 14:2
worlds were p-d by Heb 11:3

PRESENCE *appearance*

My p shall go with Ex 33:14
in the p of my enemies Ps 23:5
the light of Thy p Ps 44:3
tremble at Thy p Is 64:2
the p of His glory Jude 24
the p of the Lamb Rev 14:10

PRESENT (n) *gift*

a p for his brother Gen 32:13
sent a p to the king 2 Kin 16:8
and a p to Hezekiah Is 39:1

PRESENT (v) *give, offer*

p you with a crown of Prov 4:9
you p the blind for Mal 1:8
p Him to the Lord Luke 2:22
p yourselves to God Rom 6:13
p your bodies a Rom 12:1
p you before Him holy Col 1:22

PRESERVE *protect*

no son to p my 2 Sam 18:18
P me, O God Ps 16:1
Do p my soul Ps 86:2
LORD p-s the simple Ps 116:6
p-d ones of Israel Is 49:6
p the unity of the Eph 4:3
he p-d complete 1 Thes 5:23

PRESS *compel, force*

measure, p-ed down Luke 6:38
I p on toward goal Phil 3:14

PRETEND *deceive, feign*

p to be a mourner 2 Sam 14:2
p to be another 1 Kin 14:5
p-s to be poor Prov 13:7
spies who p-ed to Luke 20:20

PREVAIL *exist or triumph*

water p-ed increased Gen 7:18
not by might man p 1 Sam 2:9
Iniquities p against me Ps 65:3
overcome me and p-ed Jer 20:7

PREY *what is hunted*

birds of p came Gen 15:11
lion tearing the p Ezek 22:25
no longer be a p to Ezek 34:28

PRICE *cost, value*

shall increase its p Lev 25:16
their redemption p Num 18:16
p of the pardoning of Is 27:9
it is the p of blood Matt 27:6
p of his wickedness Acts 1:18
kept back some p Acts 5:2
bought with a p 1 Cor 7:23

PRIDE *exaggerated self-esteem*

P goes before Prov 16:18
you an everlasting p Is 60:13
p of Israel testifies Hos 5:5
envy, slander, p Mark 7:22
boastful p of life 1 John 2:16

PRIEST *intermediary*

a p of God Most Gen 14:18
a kingdom of p-s Ex 19:6
Aaron's sons, the p-s Lev 1:5
if the anointed p sins Lev 4:3
p make atonement Lev 4:31
without a teaching p 2 Chr 15:3
Thou art a p forever Ps 110:4
all the chiefs p-s Matt 2:4
show yourself to the p Matt 8:4
faithful high p Heb 2:17
have a great high p Heb 4:14
Thou art a p forever Heb 5:6

PRIESTHOOD *office of priest*

for a perpetual p Ex 40:15
have defiled the p Neh 13:29
His p permanently Heb 7:24
royal p, a holy nation 1 Pet 2:9

PRIME *fully mature period*

die in the p of life 1 Sam 2:33
p of life...fleeting Eccl 11:10

PRINCE *ruler*

Who made you a p Ex 3:14
p-s of the tribes 1 Chr 29:6
contempt upon p-s Ps 107:40

PRINCE—PROSPEROUS

Do not trust in p-s Ps 146:3
 Father, P of Peace Is 9:6
 p-s will rule justly Is 32:1
 to death the P of life Acts 3:15
 p of the air Eph 2:2

PRISCA/PRISCILLA

wife of Aquila Rom 16:3
 co-worker with Paul
 Acts 18:2,18,26; 1 Cor 16:19

PRISON jail

Put this man in p 1 Kin 22:27
 my soul out of p Ps 142:7
 beheaded in the p Matt 14:10
 I was in p, and Matt 23:36
 opened the p Acts 5:19
 spirits now in p 1 Pet 3:19

PRISONER one who is confined

sets the p-s free Ps 146:7
 a notorious p Matt 27:16
 p of the law of sin Rom 7:23
 Paul, a p of Christ Phil 1

PRIVATE not public

reprove him in p Matt 18:15
 but I did so in p Gal 2:2

PRIZE reward

one receives the p 1 Cor 9:24
 p of the upward call Phil 3:14

PROCEED go forth

p from evil to evil Jer 9:3
 p-s out of the mouth Matt 4:4
 p-s from Father John 15:26

PROCLAIM announce, declare

p name of the LORD Ex 33:19
 P good tidings 1 Chr 16:23
 appointed to p Neh 6:7
 p liberty to captives Is 61:1
 p justice to the Matt 12:18
 he began to p Jesus Acts 9:20
 first to p light Acts 26:23
 faith is being p-ed Rom 1:8
 p eternal life 1 John 1:2

PROCLAMATION declaration

a p was circulated Ex 36:6
 made p to the spirits 1 Pet 3:19

PROCONSUL Roman governor

the p, Sergius Paulus Acts 13:7
 p-s are available Acts 19:35

PRODUCE (n) yield of the soil

land will yield its p Lev 25:19
 tithe all the p Deut 14:22
 earth has yielded its p Ps 67:6
 precious p of soil James 5:7

PRODUCE (v) bring forth

milk p-s butter Prov 30:33
 cannot p bad fruit Matt 7:18
 they p quarrels 2 Tim 2:23
 faith p-s endurance James 1:3

PROFANE defile, desecrate

p My holy name Lev 20:3
 is p-d by harlotry Lev 21:7
 and p-d My sabbaths Ezek 22:8
 p-d your sanctuaries Ezek 28:18
 to p the covenant Mal 2:10

PROFESS confess, declare

P-ing to be wise Rom 1:22
 They p to know God Titus 1:16

PROFIT (n) benefit, gain

labor there is p Prov 14:23
 no p for the charmer Eccl 10:11
 not seeking my p 1 Cor 10:33
 business make a p James 4:13

PROFIT (v) reap an advantage

p my destruction Job 30:13
 what does it p a Mark 8:36
 the flesh p-s nothing John 6:63
 it p-s me nothing 1 Cor 13:3

PROFITABLE useful

not all things are p 1 Cor 6:12
 godliness is p 1 Tim 4:8
 p for teaching 2 Tim 3:16

PROMINENT well-known

a p member of the Mark 15:43
 of p Greek women Acts 17:12
 p men of the city Acts 25:23

PROMISE (n) agreement, pledge

p of the Holy Spirit Acts 2:33
 the p made by God Acts 26:6
 the p is nullified Rom 4:14
 children of the p Rom 9:8
 commandment a p Eph 6:2
 heirs of the p Heb 6:17
 precious p-s 2 Pet 1:4
 the p of His coming 2 Pet 3:4

PROMISED made an agreement

land which He had p Deut 9:28
 p to keep Thy words Ps 119:57
 p long ages ago Titus 1:2
 He who p is faithful Heb 10:23

PRONOUNCE declare officially

shall p him clean Lev 13:23
 I will p My judgments Jer 1:16
 Pilate p-d sentence Luke 23:24
 God p-d judgment Rev 18:20

PROOF evidence

furnished p to all Acts 17:31
 p of your love 2 Cor 8:24
 p of the Christ 2 Cor 13:3

PROPER suitable

fulfilled p time Luke 1:20
 is it p for a woman 1 Cor 11:13
 as is p among saints Eph 5:3

PROPERTY goods or land

acquire p in it Gen 34:10
 p too great Gen 36:7
 buys a slave as his p Lev 22:11
 who owned much p Matt 19:22
 selling their p and Acts 2:45
 things common p Acts 4:32

PROPHECY proclamation

seal up vision and p Dan 9:24
 p fulfilled Matt 13:14
 have the gift of p 1 Cor 13:2
 no p of human will 2 Pet 1:21
 the spirit of p Rev 19:10

CONCORDANCE

PROPHESY predict, proclaim

to p with lyres 1 Chr 25:1
 he never p-ies good 2 Chr 18:7
 p-ing false vision Jer 14:14
 P over these bones Ezek 37:4
 sons and will p Joel 2:28
 did we p in Your Matt 7:22
 P to us Christ Matt 26:68
 speaking p-ing Acts 19:6
 who p-ies edifies 1 Cor 14:4

PROPHET spokesman for God

Aaron shall be your p Ex 7:1
 a p or a dreamer Deut 13:1
 I will raise up a p Deut 18:18
 p in your place 1 Kin 19:16
 summon all p-s 2 Kin 10:19
 vision of the p 2 Chr 32:32
 Woe foolish p-s Ezek 13:3
 written by the p Matt 2:5
 persecuted the p-s Matt 5:12
 Beware false p-s Matt 7:15
 He receives a p Matt 10:41
 the p Jesus Matt 21:11
 false p-s arise Mark 13:22
 p of the Most High Luke 1:76
 great p has arisen Luke 7:16
 Are you the P John 1:21
 reading Isaiah the p Acts 8:30
 a Jewish false p Acts 13:6
 All are not p-s 1 Cor 12:29
 and some as p-s Eph 4:11
 beast and false p Rev 20:10

PROPHETESS speaker for God

Miriam the P Ex 15:20
 Deborah, a p Judg 4:4
 there was a p, Anna Luke 2:36
 calls herself a p Rev 2:20

PROPHETIC predictive

not p utterances 1 Thess 5:20
 p word sure 2 Pet 1:19

PROPTIATION atonement

a p in His blood Rom 3:25
 p for the sins Heb 2:17
 He himself is the p 1 John 2:2
 p for our sins 1 John 4:10

PROSELYTE convert

both Jews and p-s Acts 2:10
 a p from Antioch Acts 6:5
 God-fearing p-s Acts 13:43

PROSPER flourish, succeed

I will surely p you Gen 32:12
 David was p-ing 1 Sam 18:14
 they build and p-ed 2 Chr 14:7
 His ways p at all Ps 10:5
 they p who love you Ps 122:6

PROSPERITY success, wealth

my p has passed away Job 30:15
 soul will abide in p Ps 25:13
 saw the p of the wicked Ps 73:3
 know how to live in p Phil 4:12

PROSPEROUS successful

exceedingly p Gen 30:43
 make your way p Josh 1:8
 generous man be p Prov 11:25

CONCORDANCE

PROSTITUTE *harlot*

Where... temple p Gen 38:21
male cult p-s in the 1 Kin 14:24
an adulterer and a p Is 57:3

PROSTRATE *fall down flat*

p-d himself before 2 Sam 18:28
man dies and lies p Job 14:10
falling down, p-d Matt 18:28

PROTECT *guard, shield*

The LORD will p him Ps 41:2
LORD p-s the strangers Ps 146:9
LORD p Jerusalem Is 31:5
He will p you 2 Thes 3:3
p-ed by the power of 1 Pet 1:5

PROTECTION *safe-keeping*

p has been removed Num 14:9
For wisdom is p Eccl 7:12
p from the storm Is 4:6
let him rely on My p Is 27:5

PROUD *exaggerated self-esteem*

heart becomes p Deut 8:14
recompense to the p Ps 94:2
eyes and a p heart Prov 21:4
daughters of Zion are p Is 3:16
opposed to the p James 4:6

PROVE *establish, test*

you be p-d a liar Prov 30:6
shall p Myself holy Ezek 20:41
p to be My disciples John 15:8
p the will of God Rom 12:2
p yourselves down James 1:22

PROVERB *adage, short saying*

become a p Deut 28:37
spoke 3,000 p-s 1 Kin 4:32
Israel become a p 1 Kin 9:7
To understand a p Prov 1:6
quote this p to Me Luke 4:23
to the true p 2 Pet 2:22

PROVIDE *furnish, supply*

p for Himself lamb Gen 22:8
p for redemption Lev 25:24
p bread from heaven Neh 9:15
Who p-s rain for the Ps 147:8
p way of escape 1 Cor 10:13
not p for his own 1 Tim 5:8
God had p-d Heb 11:40

PROVINCE *district or territory*

rulers of the p-s 2 Kin 20:17
holiday for the p-s Esth 2:18
whole p of Babylon Dan 2:48
arrived in the p Acts 25:1

PROVISION *supply*

bread of their p was Josh 9:5
bless her p Ps 132:15
p-s of the law Matt 23:23
no p for the flesh Rom 13:14

PROVOKE *aroke, excite*

images to p Me 1 Kin 14:9
who p God are secure Job 18:6
love is not p-d 1 Cor 13:5
not p your children Eph 6:4

PROWL *roam in search*

beasts... p about Ps 104:20
devil, p-s about like 1 Pet 5:8

PRUDENT *careful, wise*

a p man conceals Prov 12:16
p wife is from the Prov 19:14
the p took oil in Matt 25:4
you are p in Christ 1 Cor 4:10

PRUNING *cutting*

spears into p hooks Is 2:4

PSALMS *sacred songs*

shout with p Ps 95:2
P must be fulfilled Luke 24:44
speaking... in p Eph 5:19

PUBLIC *open*

of his p appearance Luke 1:80
beaten us in p Acts 16:37
refuted... Jews in p Acts 18:28
made a p display Col 2:15
made a p spectacle Heb 10:33

PUL

Tiglath Pileser III, king of
Assyria 2 Kin 15:19; 1 Chr 5:26

PUNISH *chastise, penalize*

p them for their sin Ex 32:34
and are p-ed for it Prov 22:3
p the world for its Is 13:11
will p your iniquity Lam 4:22
p Him and release Luke 23:18
I p-ed them often Acts 26:11
p all disobedience 2 Cor 10:6

PUNISHMENT *penalty*

My p is too great Gen 4:13
p of the sword Job 19:29
fear involves p 1 John 4:18
the p of eternal fire Jude 7

PUPIL *student*

as the p of His eye Deut 32:10
p is not above his Luke 6:40

PURCHASE *buy*

p-d with His blood Acts 20:28
p for God with Thy Rev 5:9

PURE *genuine, undefiled*

mercy seat of p gold Ex 25:17
be p before his Maker Job 4:17
My teaching is p Job 11:4
commandment is p Ps 19:8
pleasant words are p Prov 15:26
As p as the sun Song 6:10
hair like p wool Dan 7:9
Blessed are the p in Matt 5:8
whatever is p Phil 4:8
love from a p heart 1 Tim 1:5
p milk of the word 1 Pet 2:2
the city was p gold Rev 21:18

PURGE *remove*

p... evil from among Deut 13:5
Many will be p-d Dan 12:10

PURIFICATION *cleansing*

Jewish custom of p John 2:6
He... made p of sins Heb 1:3

PURIFY *make clean*

p-ied those waters 2 Kin 2:21
P me with hyssop Ps 51:7
p... a people Titus 2:14

PROSTITUTE—QUANTITY

p your hearts James 4:8
p-ied your souls 1 Pet 1:22

PURIM

Jewish festival Esth 9:28ff

PURITY *not corrupted*

who loves p of heart Prov 22:11
love, faith and p 1 Tim 4:12
with p in doctrine Titus 2:7

PURPLE *color*

a veil of blue and p Ex 26:31
Those reared in p Lam 4:5
clothed Daniel with p Dan 5:29
dressed Him p Mark 15:17
a seller of p fabrics Acts 16:14
clothed in p and Rev 17:4

PURPOSE *intention, reason*

p of shedding blood Ezek 23:9
rejected God's p Luke 7:30
for this p I have Acts 26:16
according to His p Rom 8:28

PURSE *bag, pouch*

gold from the p Is 46:6
Carry no p, no bag Luke 10:4
p-s... do not wear Luke 12:33

PURSUE *chase, follow*

p the manslayer Deut 19:6
Thy p my honor Job 30:15
the enemy p my soul Ps 7:5
Seek peace, and p it Ps 34:14
Adversity p-s sinners Prov 13:21
p-s righteousness Prov 21:21
may p strong drink Is 5:11
p righteousness 2 Tim 2:22
P peace with men Heb 12:14

PUT *place*

p enmity Between Gen 3:15
He p a new song Ps 40:3
p on the Lord Jesus Rom 13:14
p on the new self Eph 4:24
P on the full armor Eph 6:11

PUT

1 son of Ham Gen 10:6
1 Chr 1:8
2 African country Jer 48:9
Ezek 27:10; 30:5, Nah 3:9

Q

QUAIL *type of bird*

q-s came up and Ex 16:13
q from the sea Num 11:31

QUAKE *shake, tremble*

The mountain q-d Judg 5:5
made the land q Ps 60:3
The earth q-d Ps 68:8
q at Thy presence Is 64:1

QUALITY *character*

test the q of each 1 Cor 3:13
imperishable q of a 1 Pet 3:4

QUANTITY *amount*

large q-ies of cedar 1 Chr 22:4
a great q of fish Luke 5:6

QUARANTINE—RAM

QUARANTINE *isolation*

shall q the article Lev 13:30
q the house for Lev 14:38

QUARREL (n) *altercation*

if men have a q Ex 21:18
So abandon the q Prov 17:14
are q-s among you 1 Cor 1:11
the source of q-s James 4:1

QUARREL (v) *contend, fight*

did not q over it Gen 26:22
Why do you q with me Ex 17:2
any fool will q Prov 20:3
those who q with you Is 41:12

QUART *measure*

A q of wheat for a Rev 6:6

QUEEN *female sovereign*

when the q of Sheba 1 Kin 10:1
king saw Esther the q Esth 5:2
The q of kingdoms Is 47:5
The Q of the South Matt 12:42
Candace, q of the Acts 8:27

QUENCH *extinguish*

donkeys q their thirst Ps 104:11
waters cannot q love Song 8:7
not q the Spirit 1 Thess 5:19
q-d power of fire Heb 11:34

QUESTION (n) *inquiry, problem*

Was it not just a q 1 Sam 17:29
answered all her q-s 2 Chr 9:2
Jesus asked a q Matt 22:41
in controversial q-s 1 Tim 6:4

QUESTION (v) *ask*

q-ed the priests 2 Chr 31:9
Jeremiah and q-ed Jer 38:27
He began to q them Mark 9:33
to q Him closely on Luke 11:33
Q those who have John 18:21

QUICK (adj) *rapid*

is q-tempered exalts Prov 14:29
q to hear, slow to James 1:19

QUICK (n) *deepest feelings*

cut to the q and Acts 5:33
were cut to the q Acts 7:54

QUIET (adj) *calm, still*

he knew no q within Job 20:20
me beside q waters Ps 23:2
lead a... q life 1 Tim 2:2
gentle and q spirit 1 Pet 3:4

QUIET (v) *become calm, still*

God, do not remain q Ps 63:1
and q-ed my soul Ps 131:2
will be q in His love Zeph 3:17
Be q, and come out Mark 1:25

QUIRINIUS

Roman governor at time of
Judean census Luke 2:2

QUIVER *case for holding arrows*

your q and your bow Gen 27:3
man whose q is full Ps 127:5
hidden Me in His q Is 49:2
q is like an open grave Jer 5:16
fill the q-s Jer 51:11

QUOTA *portion assigned*

complete your work q Ex 5:13
deliver the q of bricks Ex 5:18

QUOTE *repeat a passage*

who q-s proverbs Ezek 16:44
will q this proverb Luke 4:23

R

RAAMESSES/RAMESES

where Joseph settled Gen 47:11
Egyptian store-city built by
Hebrew slaves Ex 1:11
origin of exodus Ex 12:37
Num 33:3,5

RABBI/RABBONI

respectful form of address
Matt 23:7,26-25; Mark 10:51
master, teacher John 1:49;6:25
John 11:8,20:16

RAB-MAG

title of Babylonian official
Jer 39:3,13

RAB-SARIS

title of Assyrian official
2 Kin 18:17; Jer 39:3,13

RABSHAKEH

title of Assyrian official
2 Kin 18:17ff; Is 36:2,4,11

RACA *worthless fool*

shall say...R Matt 5:22

RACE (n) *nation, people*

r has intermingled Ezra 9:2
mongrel r will dwell Zech 9:6
advantage of our r Acts 7:19
you are a chosen r 1 Pet 2:9

RACE (n) *competition of speed*

r is not to...swift Eccl 9:11
in a r all run, but 1 Cor 9:24
r...set before us Heb 12:1

RACHEL

Jacob's wife Gen 29:18,28
mother of Joseph and Benjamin
Gen 30:25;35:24,46:19

RADIANCE *brightness*

a r around Him Ezek 1:27
His r is like Hab 3:4
r of His glory Heb 1:3

RADIANT *shining brightly*

looked to Him...were r Ps 34:5
you will see and be r Is 60:5
His garments...r Mark 9:3

RAFTS *boat*

r to go by sea 1 Kin 5:9
bring it to you on r 2 Chr 2:16

RAGE (n) *violent anger*

Haman was filled...r Esth 3:5
with r as they heard Luke 4:28

CONCORDANCE

RAGE (v) *be very angry*

r-s against the LORD Prov 19:3
foolish man...r-s Prov 29:9
Why...Gentiles r Acts 4:25

RAHAB

1 harlot in Jericho Josh 2:1
assisted spies Josh 2:4-7
family spared Josh 2:13,14
Josh 6:22,23
ancestor of Jesus Matt 1:5
example of faith Heb 11:31
James 2:25
2 symbolic for sea monster
Job 9:13;26:12; Ps 89:10
3 symbolic for Egypt Ps 87:4; Is 30:7

RAID *make a sudden attack*

a r on the land 1 Sam 23:27
a r on the camels Job 1:17
Bandits r outside Hos 7:1

RAIN (n)

God had not sent r Gen 2:5
r fell upon the earth Gen 7:12
I shall give you r-s Lev 26:4
LORD sent...r 1 Sam 12:18
no r in the land 1 Kin 17:7
the mountain r-s Job 24:8
shed...a plentiful r Ps 68:9
r is over and gone Song 2:11
anger a flooding r Ezek 13:13
r on the righteous Matt 5:45
ground...drinks the r Heb 6:7

RAIN (v) *fall down, pour*

r bread from heaven Ex 16:4
the LORD r-ed hail Ex 9:23
it r-ed fire and Luke 17:29
not r...for three James 5:17

RAINBOW *colored arc in sky*

appearance of the r Ezek 1:28
a r around the throne Rev 4:3
r was upon his head Rev 10:1

RAISE *elevate, lift*

will r up a prophet Deut 18:18
LORD r-d up judges Judg 2:16
r-s the poor from 1 Sam 2:8
eyelids are r-d in Prov 30:13
r up shepherds over Jer 23:4
He will r us up Hos 6:2
Heal...r the dead Matt 10:8
He will be r-d up Matt 20:19
three days I will r John 2:19
Jesus God r-d up Acts 2:32
r-d a spiritual 1 Cor 15:44
r-d us up with Him Eph 2:6
God is able to r men Heb 11:19

RAISIN *dried grapes*

clusters of r-s 2 Sam 16:1
Sustain me with r Song 2:5
and love r cakes Hos 3:1

RAM *male sheep*

Abraham...took the r Gen 22:13
a r without defect Lev 3:15
the r of atonement Num 5:8
r which had two horns Dan 8:3

CONCORDANCE

RAMAH

1 city of Naphtali Josh 19:36
2 town of Asher Josh 19:29
3 town of Benjamin Josh 18:25
Judg 4:5, 19:13
4 town in the Negev Josh 19:9
5 town in Galilee 2 Kin 8:28,29
2 Chr 22:5,6

RAMOTH

1 city in Gilead Deut 4:43
Josh 20:8

see RAMOTH-GILEAD

2 city in the Negev 1 Sam 30:27
also Ramoth of the Negev
3 Ghorham city 1 Chr 6:73

RAMOTH-GILEAD

Godite city E of the Jordan
Deut 4:43
city of refuge Josh 20:8
Ahab killed 1 Kin 22:29-37

RAMPART bulwark, verge

and r for security Is 26:1
Where r was the sea Neh 3:8
station myself on the r Hab 2:1

RANK position

men of r are a lie Ps 62:9
He has a higher r Josh 1:15
a Man higher r John 1:30

RANSOM (n) payment

give a r for himself Ex 30:12
not take r for Num 35:31
wicked is a r for Prov 21:18
His life a r for Matt 20:28
gave Himself as a r 1 Tim 2:6

RANSOM (v) redeem

Thou hast r-ed me Ps 31:5
R me because of my Ps 69:18
LORD has r-ed Jacob Jer 31:11
I will r them from Hos 13:14

RAVAGE devastate

famine will r the Gen 41:30
ince that r the land 1 Sam 6:5
r-ing the church Acts 4:3

RAVEN type of bird

he sent out a r Gen 8:7
young r-s which cry Ps 147:9
Consider the r-s Luke 12:24

RAVENOUS wildly hungry

Benjamin is a r wolf Gen 49:27
inwardly are r wolves Matt 7:15

RAVINE gorge

settle on the steep r-s Is 7:19
smooth stones of the r Is 57:6
Every r shall be filled Luke 3:5

RAVISH seize and take

you may r them Judg 19:24
And their wives r-ed Is 13:16
r-ed women in Zion Lam 5:11

RAZOR instrument for shaving

no r shall pass over Num 6:5
no r shall come upon Judg 13:5
A r has never come Judg 16:17
Like a sharp r Ps 58:2

READ

you shall r this Deut 31:11
r from the scroll Jer 36:6
who r-s it may run Hab 2:2
r-ing Isaiah Acts 8:28
prophets are read Acts 13:27
Moses is read 2 Cor 3:15
Blessed is he who r-s Rev 1:3

READY equipped, prepared

and r to forgive Ps 86:5
Let Thy hand be r Ps 119:173
Make r the way Matt 3:3
you be r too Matt 24:44
be r in season 2 Tim 4:2
r to make a defense 1 Pet 3:15

REALIZE achieve or understand

Desire r-d is sweet Prov 13:19
r-d through Jesus John 1:17
to r assurance Heb 6:11

REALM area, kingdom

ruler over the r of Dan 4:17
kingdom is not r John 18:36

REAP cut, gather

when you r harvest Lev 19:9
iniquity will r vanity Prov 22:8
they r the wharfed Hos 8:7
neither do they r Matt 6:26
neither sow nor r Luke 12:24
sow another r-s John 4:37
r eternal life Gal 6:8
your sickle and r Rev 14:15

REAPER harvester

after the r-s Ruth 2:3
will overtake the r Amos 9:13
the r-s are angels Matt 13:39

REASON (n) explanation

this r the Father John 10:17
this r I found mercy 1 Tim 1:16
For this r, rejoice Rev 12:12

REASON (v) analyze, argue

upright would r with Job 23:7
let us r together Is 1:18
Pharisees began to r Luke 5:21
r-ing in synagogue Acts 17:17
as a child, r as a 1 Cor 13:11

REBEKAH

wife of Isaac Gen 24:67,26,6
mother of Esau and Jacob
Gen 25:21ff

REBEL (n) rebellious one

Your rulers are r-s Is 1:23
called a r from birth Is 48:8
their princes are r-s Hos 9:15

REBEL (v) revolt

not r against the Num 14:9
r-led against words Ps 107:11
r-led against Me Ezek 30:21

REBELLION insurrection

he has counseled r Deut 13:5
I know your r Deut 31:27
r is as the sin of 1 Sam 15:23
my r and my sin Job 13:23
children of r Is 57:4

RAMAH—RECOMPENSE

REBELLIOUS defiant

r against the LORD Deut 9:7
r generation Ps 78:8
A r man seeks only Prov 17:11
stubborn and r heart Jer 5:23
there are many r Titus 1:10

REBUILD restore

r the house of the Ezra 1:3
let us r the wall Neh 2:17
r the ancient ruins Is 58:12
r it in three days Matt 26:61
r the tabernacle Acts 15:16

REBUKE (n) reprimand

amazed at His r Job 26:11
At Thy r they fled Ps 104:7
the poor hears no r Prov 13:8

REBUKE (v) scold

r me not in Thy wrath Ps 38:1
r the arrogant Ps 119:21
LORD r you, Satan Zech 3:2
r-d the winds Matt 8:26
Jesus r-d him Matt 17:19
He r-d the fever Luke 4:39
Do not sharply r 1 Tim 5:1
reprove, r, rebuke 2 Tim 4:2

RECEIVE encounter, take

The LORD r-s my prayer Ps 6:9
r me to glory Ps 73:24
man r-s a bribe Prov 17:23
freely you r-d Matt 10:8
who r-s you, r-s Me Matt 10:40
the blind r sight Matt 11:5
ask, you shall r Matt 21:22
r-d up into Heaven Mark 16:19
This man r-s sinners Luke 15:2
as many as r-d Him John 1:12
r you to Myself John 14:3
R the Holy Spirit John 20:22
you shall r power Acts 1:8
to give than to r Acts 20:35
one r-s the prize 1 Cor 9:24
r the crown of life James 1:12
whatever ask we r 1 John 3:22
r-d the mark of Rev 19:20

RECHABITES

line of Jonathan Jer 35:6
strict life style Jer 35:1-18

RECKONED accounted for

r it to him as Gen 15:6
r among the nations Num 23:9
his wage is not r Rom 4:4
r as righteousness James 2:23

RECLINE lean, lie down

r on bath of ivory Amos 6:4
r on the grass Matt 14:19
r at the table in Luke 13:29
r-ing on Jesus John 13:23

RECOGNIZE be aware, know

he did not r him Gen 27:23
Saul r-d David's 1 Sam 28:17
r that He is near Matt 24:33
I did not r Him John 1:31

RECOMPENSE (n) reward

the r of the wicked Ps 61:8
r to the proud Ps 64:2

RECOMPENSE—REJOICE

r of God will come Is 35:4
received a just r Heb 2:2

RECOMPENSE (v) *compensate*
the LORD has r-d me 2 Sam 22:25
He will r the evil Ps 54:5
But if you do r Me Joel 3:4

RECONCILE *bring together*
r-d to your brother Matt 5:24
be r-d to God 2 Cor 5:20
r them both in one Eph 2:16
r all to Himself Col 1:20

RECONCILIATION
now received the r Rom 5:11
the r of the world Rom 11:15
the ministry of r 2 Cor 5:18
the word of r 2 Cor 5:19

RECORD (n) *document, register*
the r-s are ancient 1 Chr 4:22
r-s of the kings 2 Chr 33:18
discover in r books Ezra 4:15
I found the r Neh 7:5

RECORD (v) *register, write*
r-ed their starting Num 33:2
R the vision Hab 2:2
are r-ed in heaven Luke 10:20

RECOVER *reclaim, regain*
did you not r them Judg 11:26
Will I r from this 2 Kin 8:8
and they will r Mark 16:18

RED *color*
first came forth r Gen 25:25
water...r as blood 2 Kin 3:22
they are r like crimson Is 1:18
the sky is r Matt 16:2
a great r dragon Rev 12:3

RED SEA
Hebrew: Sea of Reeds Ex 10:19
body of water between Egypt
and Sinai Ex 13:18; Ps 106:9
Jer 49:21; Heb 11:29

REDEEM *buy back*
I will also r you Ex 6:6
family may r him Lev 25:49
wish to r the field Lev 27:19
I will r it Ruth 4:4
God will r my soul Ps 49:15
He will r Israel Ps 130:8
Christ r-ed us Gal 3:13
He might r those Gal 4:5

REDEEMER *one who buys back*
left you without a r Ruth 4:14
know that my R lives Job 19:25
my rock and my R Ps 19:14
your R is the Holy Is 41:14
our Father, Our R Is 63:16
Their R is strong Jer 50:34

REDEMPTION *deliverance*
r of the land Lev 25:24
have my right of r Ruth 4:6
r of his soul is Ps 49:8
r is drawing near Luke 21:28
r...in Christ Jesus Rom 3:24
r of our body Rom 8:23
r through His blood Eph 1:7

in whom we have r Col 1:14
obtained eternal r Heb 9:12

REED *tall marsh grass*
set it among the r-s Ex 2:3
bruised r He will Is 42:3
the r...to beat Him Matt 27:30
and put it on a r Matt 27:48

REEL *stagger, sway*
earth r-s to and fro Is 24:20
r with strong drink Is 28:7

REFINE *purify*
r-d seven times Ps 12:6
in order to r Dan 11:35
R them as silver Zeck 13:9
r them like gold Mal 3:3
gold r-d by fire Rev 3:18

REFRAIN *abstain*
not r from spitting Job 30:10
to r from working 1 Cor 9:6
R his tongue...evil 1 Pet 3:10
r from judging Rev 6:10

REFRESH *renew, replenish*
you may r yourselves Gen 18:5
R me with apples Song 2:5
times of r-ing may Acts 3:19
r my heart in Christ Phil 20

REFUGE *protection, shelter*
in whom I take r 2 Sam 22:3
God is our r Ps 46:1
r in the LORD Ps 118:8
the r of lies Is 28:17
r in...distress Jer 16:19
who have fled for r Heb 6:18

REFUGE, CITIES OF
see CITIES OF REFUGE

REFUSE (n) *waste*
be made a r heap Ezra 6:11
corpses lay like r Is 5:25
its waters toss up r Is 57:20
sell...r of the wheat Amos 8:6

REFUSE (v) *decline*
r you his grave Gen 23:6
r to let My people go Ex 10:4
his hands r to work Prov 21:25
they r to know Me Jer 9:6
r-d to be comforted Matt 2:18
can r the water Acts 10:47
not r Him who is Heb 12:25

REFUSE GATE *see GATES OF JERUSALEM*

REFUTE *confute*
R me if you can Job 33:5
he...r-d the Jews Acts 18:28
to r those who Titus 1:9

REGAIN *recover*
r-ed their sight Matt 20:34
want to r my sight Mark 10:51
he might r his sight Acts 9:12

REGARD (n) *respect*
LORD had r for Abel Gen 4:4
r to the prayer 1 Kin 8:28

CONCORDANCE

have r for his Maker Is 17:7
r for the humble Luke 1:48

REGARD (v) *esteem, respect*
If I r wickedness Ps 66:18
Yet He r-s the lowly Ps 138:6
who r-s reproof is Prov 15:5
highly r-ed by him Luke 7:2
you r one another Phil 2:3
did not r equality Phil 2:6

REGENERATION *renewal*
r when the Son Matt 19:28
the washing of r Titus 3:5

REGION *area*
r of the Jordan Josh 22:10
the r-s of Galilee Matt 2:22
to the r of Judea Mark 10:1
same r...shepherds Luke 2:8

REGISTER *enroll, record*
r people of Israel 2 Sam 24:4
to r for the census Luke 2:3

REHOBOTH
son of Solomon 1 Kin 11:43
king of Judah 1 Kin 12:16ff
2 Chr 11:16ff

REIGN *rule*
LORD shall r forever Ex 15:18
Shall Saul r over 1 Sam 11:12
David r-ed over all 2 Sam 8:15
The LORD r-s Ps 93:1
By me kings r Prov 8:15
will r righteously Is 32:1
death r-ed...Adam Rom 5:14
He must r until 1 Cor 15:25
also r with Him 2 Tim 2:12
He will r forever Rev 11:15
will r with Him Rev 20:6

REJECT *decline, refuse*
have r-ed the LORD Num 11:20
will r you forever 1 Chr 28:9
not r the discipline Prov 3:11
A fool r-s his Prov 15:5
have r-ed this word Is 30:12
He who r-s unjust gain Is 33:15
r-ed My ordinances Ezek 20:13
have r-ed knowledge Hos 4:6
they r-ed the law Amos 2:4
the builders r-ed Matt 21:42
who r-s you r-s Me Luke 10:16
He who r-s Me John 12:48

REJOICE *be glad*
r before the LORD Lev 23:40
R, O nations Deut 32:43
I r in Thy salvation 1 Sam 2:1
let the earth r 1 Chr 16:31
my soul shall r Ps 35:9
king will r in God Ps 63:11
Let us r and be glad Ps 118:24
I r at Thy word Ps 119:162
R, young man Eccl 11:9
God will r over you Is 62:5
r-d exceedingly Matt 2:10
r at his birth Luke 1:14
multitude was r-ing Luke 13:17
you would have r-d John 14:28
r-ing in hope Rom 12:12
yet always r-ing 2 Cor 6:10

R in the Lord Phil 4:4
I r in my sufferings Col 1:24
r, O heavens Rev 12:12

REJOICING (n) *delight*

a holiday for r Esth 9:19
hills gird with r Ps 65:12
Jerusalem for r Is 65:18

RELATIONS *sexual intercourse*

r with his wife Eve Gen 4:1
had no r with a man Judg 11:39
we may have r with Judg 19:22
had r with Hannah 1 Sam 1:19

RELATIVE *kinsman*

and to my r-s Gen 24:4
The man is our r Ruth 2:20
My r-s have failed Job 19:14
among his own r-s Mark 6:4
your r Elizabeth has Luke 1:36

RELEASE (n) *liberation*

a r through the land Lev 25:10
r for you the King Mark 15:9
r to the captives Luke 4:18

RELEASE (v) *set free*

he r-d Barabbas Matt 27:26
wanting to r Jesus Luke 23:20
efforts to r Him John 19:12
you r-d from a wife 1 Cor 7:27
r-d us from our Sin Rev 1:5
R the four angels Rev 9:14

RELENT *yield*

I am tired of r-ing Jer 15:6
r the calamity Jer 18:8
whether He will r Joel 2:14
God may turn and r Jon 3:9

RELIEF *lessening of burden*

r and deliverance Esth 4:14
my prayer for r Lam 3:56
r of the brethren Acts 11:29

RELIGION *system of belief*

about their own r Acts 25:19
sect of our r Acts 28:5
pure and undefiled r James 1:27

RELIGIOUS *devout, pious*

r in all respects Acts 17:22
thinks to be r James 1:26

RELY *depend, trust*

r-ied on the LORD 2 Chr 16:8
who...r on horses Is 31:1
r on his God Is 50:10
You r on your sword Ezek 33:26
r upon the Law Rom 2:17

REMAIN *abide, be left*

While the earth r-s Gen 8:22
R in his place Ex 16:29
ark...not r with us 1 Sam 5:7
r-s yet...youngest 1 Sam 16:11
flee to Egypt, and r Matt 2:13
dove...r-ed upon Him John 1:32
not r in darkness John 12:46
not r on the cross John 19:31
let her r unmarried 1 Cor 7:11
gospel might r Gal 2:5
He r-s faithful 2 Tim 2:13

REMEMBER *recall, recollect*

God r-ed Noah Gen 8:1
I will r My covenant Gen 9:15
R the sabbath day Ex 20:8
not r the sins of my Ps 25:7
R also your Creator Eccl 12:1
O LORD, R me Jer 15:15
sin I will r no more Jer 31:34
Peter r-ed the word Matt 26:75
R Lot's wife Luke 17:32
r the words of Acts 20:35
to r the poor Gal 2:10

REMEMBRANCE *memory*

Thy r, O LORD Ps 135:13
Put Me in r Is 43:26
a book of r was Mal 3:16
do this in r of Me Luke 22:19
in r of Me 1 Cor 11:25

REMNANT *remaining part*

preserve for you a r Gen 45:7
prayer for the r 2 Kin 19:4
an escaped r Ezra 9:8
A r will return Is 10:21
the r of Israel Jer 6:9
a r of the Spirit Mal 2:15
r that will be saved Rom 9:27

REMOVE *take away or off*

r your sandals Ex 3:5
r-d all the idols 1 Kin 15:12
He r-d the high 2 Kin 18:4
r the heart of stone Ezek 36:26
not fit to r His Matt 3:11
r this cup from Me Luke 22:42
R the stone John 11:39
as to r mountains 1 Cor 13:2

REND *tear*

r the heavens Is 64:1
r their garments Jer 36:24
r your heart and not Joel 2:13

RENDER *inflict, repay*

I will r vengeance Deut 32:41
R recompense to the Ps 94:2
r to Caesar the Matt 22:21
R to all what is due Rom 13:7

RENEW *make new, revive*

r a steadfast spirit Ps 51:10
r-ed like the eagle Ps 103:5
R our days as of old Lam 5:21
inner man r-ed 2 Cor 4:16

RENOWN *fame*

men of r Gen 6:4
a people, for r Jer 13:11
shame into...and r Zeph 3:19

REPAIR *restore*

r the house of 1 Chr 26:27
r-ing...foundations Ezra 4:12
r of the walls Neh 4:7

REPAY *pay back*

you thus r the LORD Deut 32:6
so God has repaid Judg 1:7
LORD r the evildoer 2 Sam 3:30
repaid me evil for Ps 109:5
r their iniquity Jer 16:18
He will fully r Jer 51:56
in secret will r Matt 6:4

is Mine, I will r Rom 12:19
no one r-s...evil 1 Thess 5:15

REPENT *change mind*

that He should r Num 23:19
r in dust and ashes Job 42:6
have refused to r Jer 5:3
R, for the kingdom Matt 3:2
r-ed long ago in Matt 11:21
r and believe Mark 1:15
one sinner who r-s Luke 15:7
R, be baptized Acts 2:38
all should r Acts 17:30
r and turn to God Acts 26:20

REPENTANCE *penitence*

with water for r Matt 3:11
baptism of r Mark 1:4
r for forgiveness Luke 24:47
appropriate to r Acts 26:20
r without regret 2 Cor 7:10
r from dead works Heb 6:1
to come to r 2 Pet 3:9

REPHAIM

1 *pre-Israelite people of Palestine* Gen 14:5; 15:20
people of large stature
2 *valley near Jerusalem* Josh 15:8, 2 Sam 23:13

REPHIDIM

Israelite campsite in Sinai
Ex 17:1,8; Num 33:14,15

REPORT *account, statement*

not bear a false r Ex 23:1
r concerning Him Luke 7:17
has believed our r John 12:38

REPRESENTATION *likeness*

exact r of His nature Heb 1:3

REPRESENTATIVE *substitute*

people's r before God Ex 18:19
the king's r Neh 11:24

REPROACH (n) *dishonor*

taken away my r Gen 30:23
a r on all Israel 1 Sam 11:2
I have become a r Ps 31:11
with dishonor r Prov 18:3
not fear the r of Is 51:7
the r of Christ Heb 11:26

REPROACH (v) *accuse, rebuke*

to r the living God 2 Kin 19:4
My heart does not r Job 27:6
foolish man r-s Thee Ps 74:22
enemies have r-ed me Ps 102:8
He...to r the cities Matt 11:20
He r-ed them for Mark 16:14

REPROOF *correction, rebuke*

spurned all my r Prov 1:30
regards r is prudent Prov 15:5
who hates r will Prov 15:10
and r give wisdom Prov 29:15
for teaching, for r 2 Tim 3:16

REPROVE *correct, rebuke*

r your neighbor Lev 19:17
LORD loves He r-s Prov 3:12
Do not r a scoffer Prov 9:8
R the ruthless Is 1:17

r him in private Matt 18:15
r, rebuke, exhort 2 Tim 4:2
whom I love, I r Rev 3:19

REPTILE *snake*
and the sand r Lev 11:30
r-s of the earth Mic 7:17
r-s and creatures James 3:7

REPUTATION *character*
seven men of good r Acts 6:3
a r for good works 1 Tim 5:10

REQUEST *desire, petition*
my people as my r Esth 7:3
the r of his lips Ps 21:2
He gave them their r Ps 106:15
r-s be made known to Phil 4:6

REQUIRE *demand, trust*
r your lifeblood Gen 9:5
God r from you Deut 10:12
as each day r-d Ezra 3:4
your soul is r-d Luke 12:20
r-d of stewards 1 Cor 4:2

REQUIREMENT *necessity*
r-s of the Lord Luke 1:6
r of the Law Rom 8:4
law of physical r Heb 7:16

RESCUE *deliver, redeem*
O LORD, r my soul Ps 6:4
R the weak and needy Ps 82:4
He delivers and r-s Dan 6:27
r the godly from 2 Pet 2:9

RESERVE *retain, store up*
r-d a blessing for Gen 27:36
darkness in r Job 20:26
lips may r knowledge Prov 5:2
r-s wrath for Nah 1:2
r-d in heaven 1 Pet 1:4
r-d for fire 2 Pet 3:7

RESIDE *dwelt, live*
stranger who r-s Lev 19:34
a son of man r in it Jer 49:18
r-d in Nazareth Matt 2:23
those who r as aliens 1 Pet 1:1

RESIST *oppose, withstand*
not r him who is Matt 5:39
none able to r Luke 21:15
r-ing the Holy Spirit Acts 7:51
he who r-s authority Rom 13:2
R the devil James 4:7

RESPECT (n) *regard*
no r for the old Deut 28:50
where is My r Mal 1:6
please Him in...r-s Col 1:10
to your masters...r 1 Pet 2:18

RESPECT (v) *esteem*
They will r my son Matt 21:37
not fear God nor r Luke 18:4
R what is right Rom 12:17
wife...r her husband Eph 5:33

RESPOND *answer, reply*
He will r to them Is 19:22
r to the heavens Hos 2:21
bow you should r Col 4:6
Peter r-d to her Acts 5:8

REST (n) *remainder*
r turned and fled Judg 20:45
the r of the exiles Ezra 6:16
the r of your days Prov 19:20
I will slay the r Amos 9:1
to the r parables Luke 8:10

REST (n) *tranquility*
r from our work Gen 5:29
sabbath of solemn r Lev 16:31
God gives you r Josh 1:13
the weary are at r Job 3:17
Return to your r Ps 116:7
whole earth is at r Is 14:7
there is no r Lam 5:5
I will give you r Matt 11:28
no r for my spirit 2 Cor 2:13
not enter My r Heb 3:11
no r day and night Rev 14:11

REST (v) *place on, refresh*
the ark r-ed upon Gen 8:4
glory LORD r-ed Ex 24:16
Spirit r-ed upon Num 11:25
R in the LORD Ps 37:7
Wisdom r-s in Prov 14:33
government will r on Is 9:6
iniquity r-ed on Ezek 32:27
r-ed on the seventh Heb 4:4
r from their labors Rev 14:13

RESTING PLACE
dove found no r Gen 8:9
This is My r forever Ps 132:14
Do not destroy his r Prov 24:15
r will be glorious Is 11:10

RESTITUTION *reparation*
owner make r Ex 21:34
make r in full Num 5:7
r for the lamb 2 Sam 12:6

RESTORE *reestablish, replace*
son he had r-d to 2 Kin 8:1
they r-d Jerusalem Neh 3:8
r His righteousness Job 33:26
He r-s my soul Ps 23:3
R to me the joy Ps 51:12
O God, r us Ps 80:3
the LORD r-s Zion Is 52:8
R us to Thee Lam 5:21
his hand was r-d Mark 3:5
r-ing the kingdom Acts 1:6

RESTRAIN *hold back*
the rain...was r-ed Gen 8:2
who can r Him Job 11:10
He r-ed His anger Ps 78:38
who r-s his lips Prov 10:19
Wilt Thou r Thyself Is 64:12
R your voice from Jer 31:16
r-ed the crowds Acts 14:18

RESULT (n) *consequence, effect*
a r of the anguish Is 53:11
not as a r of works Eph 2:9
have its perfect r James 1:4
as a r of the works James 2:22

RESULT (v) *follow, happen*
r-ed in reproach Jer 20:8
sin r-ing in death Rom 6:16
proved to r in death Rom 7:10
r-ing in salvation Rom 10:10

RESURRECTION
who say...no r Matt 22:23
r of the righteous Luke 14:14
being sons of the r Luke 20:36
r of judgment John 5:29
the r and the life John 11:25
r of the dead Acts 24:21
if there is no r 1 Cor 15:13
power of His r Phil 3:10
hope through the r 1 Pet 1:3
This is the first r Rev 20:5

RETRIBUTION *punishment*
days of r have come Hos 9:7
stumbling block r Rom 11:9
dealing out r to 2 Thess 1:8

RETURN *go back, turn back*
to dust you shall r Gen 3:19
r-ed me evil for 1 Sam 25:21
clouds r after the Eccl 12:2
a remnant will r Is 10:22
ransomed will r Is 51:11
r-ed to Galilee Luke 4:14
Repent...and r Acts 3:19
not r-ing evil for 1 Pet 3:9

REUBEN
1 son of Jacob/Leah Gen 29:32
2 tribe Ex 6:14, Num 1:21

REVEAL *expose, make known*
God has r-ed Himself Gen 35:7
He r-s mysteries Job 12:22
will r his iniquity Job 20:27
do not r the secret Prov 25:9
glory will be r-ed Is 40:5
r this mystery Dan 2:47
r them to babes Matt 11:25
blood did not r this Matt 16:17
Son of Man is r-ed Luke 17:30
glory to be r-ed Rom 8:18
r-ed with fire 1 Cor 3:13
to r His Son in me Gal 1:16
lawlessness is r-ed 2 Thess 2:3
r-ed in the flesh 1 Tim 3:16

REVELATION *divine disclosure*
a r to Thy servant 2 Sam 7:27
the r ended Dan 7:28
r to the Gentiles Luke 2:32
r of judgment Rom 2:5
the r of the mystery Rom 16:25
awaiting the r 1 Cor 1:7
through a r of Jesus Gal 1:12
by r...made known Eph 3:3
The R of Jesus Rev 1:1

REVENGE *vengeance*
take our r on him Jer 20:10
Never take...r Rom 12:19

REVERE *adore, venerate*
r My sanctuary Lev 19:30
nations will r Thee Is 25:3

REVERENCE *respect, awe*
you do away with r Job 15:4
Worship...with r Ps 2:11
bow in r for Thee Ps 5:7
in r prepared an ark Heb 11:7
service with r and Heb 12:28

REVILE *use abusive language*

Do you *r* God's high Acts 23:4
are *r-d*, we bless 1 Cor 4:12
r-d for the name of 1 Pet 4:14
r angelic majesties Jude 8

REVIVE *bring back to life*

they *r* the stones Neh 4:2
let your heart *r* Ps 69:32
r us again Ps 85:6
r me in Thy ways Ps 119:37
r-d your concern Phil 4:10

REVOLT *rebellion*

incited *r* within it Ezra 4:15
Speaking and *r* Is 59:13
stirred up a *r* Acts 21:38

REWARD *prize*

emptiness his *r* Job 15:31
r for the righteous Ps 58:11
The *r* of humility Prov 22:4
chases after *r-s* Is 1:23
His *r* is with Him Is 62:11
your *r* in heaven Matt 5:12
not lose his *r* Matt 10:42
looking to the *r* Heb 11:26
receive a full *r* 2 John 8

RIHODA

Christian servant girl Acts 12:13

RIHODES

Mediterranean tale Acts 21:1

RIB *bone*

took one of his *r-s* Gen 2:21
r-s were in its mouth Dan 7:5

RICH (adj) *wealthy*

Abram was very *r* Gen 13:2
LORD makes poor *r* 1 Sam 2:7
not a *r* man boast Jer 9:23
woe to you who are *r* Luke 6:24
a certain *r* man Luke 16:1
being *r* in mercy Eph 2:4
r in good works 1 Tim 6:18

RICH (n) *wealthy*

r shall not pay more Ex 30:15
the *r* above the poor Job 34:19
r among the people Ps 45:12
The *r* and the poor Prov 22:2

RICHES *wealth*

R do not profit Prov 11:4
who trusts in his *r* Prov 11:28
neither poverty nor *r* Prov 30:8
deceitfulness of *r* Matt 13:22
choked with *r* Luke 8:14
abounding in *r* Rom 10:12
r of His grace Eph 1:7
r of Christ Eph 3:8
his *r* in glory Phil 4:19
uncertainty of *r* 1 Tim 6:17
Your *r* have rotted James 5:2

RIDDLE *puzzle*

propound a *r* Judg 14:12
my *r* on the harp Ps 49:4
wise and their *r-s* Prov 1:6
propound a *r* Ezek 17:2

RIGHT (adj) *correct or direction*

r in the sight of Deut 12:25
r in his own eyes Judg 17:6
precepts...are *r* Ps 19:8
r eye makes you Matt 5:29
what your *r* hand is Matt 6:3
Sit at My *r* hand Matt 22:44
the *r* hand of God Mark 16:19
at the *r* time Christ Rom 5:6
r hand of fellowship Gal 2:9
whatever is *r* Phil 4:8
forsaking the *r* way 2 Pet 2:15

RIGHT (n) *due, prerogative*

her conjugal *r-s* Ex 21:10
r of redemption Lev 25:32
r of the first-born Deut 21:17
the *r-s* of the poor Prov 29:7
r-s of the afflicted Prov 31:9
my *r* in the gospel 1 Cor 9:18

RIGHTEOUS (adj) *virtuous*

Noah was a *r* man Gen 6:9
LORD is the *r* one Ex 9:27
You are more *r* 1 Sam 24:17
God is a *r* judge Ps 7:11
A *r* man hates Prov 13:5
for David a *r* Branch Jer 23:5
LORD our God is *r* Dan 9:14
ninety-nine *r* Luke 15:7
coming of the *R* One Acts 7:52
r man shall live by Rom 1:17
none *r*, not even one Rom 3:10
many will be made *r* Rom 5:19
prayer of a *r* man James 5:16

RIGHTEOUS (n) *moral one*

assembly of the *r* Ps 1:5
LORD tests the *r* Ps 11:5
LORD loves the *r* Ps 146:8
the path of the *r* Prov 2:20
the *r* will flourish Prov 11:28
joy for the *r* Prov 21:15
way of the *r* is Is 26:7
they sell the *r* for Amos 2:6
sends rain on the *r* Matt 5:45
r into eternal life Matt 25:46

RIGHTEOUSNESS

reckoned it as *r* Gen 15:6
will repay...his *r* 1 Sam 26:23
I put on *r* Job 29:14
in the path of *r* Ps 23:3
judge the world in *r* Ps 96:13
declare His *r* Ps 97:6
His *r* endures forever Ps 111:3
R exalts a nation Prov 14:34
clouds pour down *r* Is 45:8
wrapped me with...*r* Is 61:10
The LORD our *r* Jer 23:6
to rain *r* on you Hos 10:12
to fulfill all *r* Matt 3:15
and thirst for *r* Matt 5:6
kingdom and His *r* Matt 6:33
you enemy of all *r* Acts 13:10
through one act of *r* Rom 5:18
breastplate of *r* Eph 6:14
pursue *r*, faith 2 Tim 2:22
the crown of *r* 2 Tim 4:8
peaceful fruit of *r* Heb 12:11
not achieve the *r* James 1:20
suffer for...*r* 1 Pet 3:14

RIMMON

1 a Benjamite 2 Sam 4:2
2 Syrian deity 2 Kin 5:18
3 town in Simeon Josh 19:17
4 city of Zebulun Josh 19:13
5 rock of Judg 20:45;21:13

RING *jewelry, ornament*

make four gold *r-s* Ex 25:26
took his signet *r* Esth 3:10
As a *r* of gold Prov 11:22
finger *r-s*, nose *r-s* Is 3:21

RIOT *tumult, uprising*

lest a *r* occur Matt 26:5
a *r* was starting Matt 27:24
accused of a *r* Acts 19:40

RIPE *fully developed*

old man of *r* age Gen 35:29
produced *r* grapes Gen 40:10
the harvest is *r* Joel 3:13
harvest...is *r* Rev 14:15

RISE *go up, issue forth*

mist used to *r* from Gen 2:6
Cain rose up against Gen 4:8
scepter shall *r* Num 24:17
witnesses *r* up Ps 35:11
children *r* up Prov 31:28
nation will *r* Matt 24:7
r-n, just as He said Matt 28:6
children will *r* up Mark 13:12
R and walk Luke 5:23
R and pray Luke 22:46
LORD has really *r-n* Luke 24:34

RIVER

r flowed out of Eden Gen 2:10
the *r* Euphrates Josh 1:4
r of Thy delights Ps 36:8
He changes *r-s* into Ps 107:33
the *r-s* of Babylon Ps 137:1
A place of *r-s* and Is 33:21
r-s in the desert Is 43:20
peace...like a *r* Is 66:12
tears...like a *r* Lam 2:18
baptized...Jordan *R* Mark 1:5
r-s of living water John 7:38
r of the water of life Rev 22:1

RIZPAH

concubine of Saul 2 Sam 3:7

ROAD *path, way*

a lion in the *r* Prov 26:13
the rough *r-s* smooth Luke 3:5
garments in the *r* Luke 19:36
the LORD on the *r* Acts 9:27

ROAR (n) *loud deep sound*

the sound of the *r* 1 Kin 18:41
young lions' *r* Zech 11:3
pass away with a *r* 2 Pet 3:10

ROAR (v) *utter a deep sound*

a voice *r-s* Job 37:4
Let the sea *r* Ps 98:11
LORD will *r* from Jer 25:30
a lion *r* in the Amos 3:4

ROAST—RUST

ROAST *cook*

grain *r-ed* in the fire Lev 2:14
r-ed the...animals 2 Chr 35:13
 slothful man...r Prov 12:27

ROB *steal*

bear *r-bed* of her Prov 17:12
 Do not *r* the poor Prov 22:22
 Will a man *r* God Mal 3:8
 do you *r* temples Rom 2:22
 I *r-bed*...churches 2 Cor 11:8

ROBBER *thief*

she lurks as a *r* Prov 23:28
 become a den of *r-s* Jer 7:11
 crucified two *r-s* Mark 15:27
 he fell among *r-s* Luke 10:30
 a thief and a *r* John 10:1
r-s of temples Acts 19:37

ROBBERY *theft*

not vainly hope in *r* Ps 62:10
 I hate *r* in the Is 61:8
 they are full of *r* Matt 23:25
 you are full of *r* Luke 11:39

ROBE *cloak, garment*

cut off...Saul's *r* 1 Sam 24:4
 justice was like a *r* Job 29:14
r of righteousness Is 61:10
 put a scarlet *r* on Matt 27:28
 walk...in long *r-s* Mark 12:38
 wearing a white *r* Mark 16:5
 bring...the best *r* Luke 15:22
 washed their *r-s* Rev 7:14
 a *r* dipped in blood Rev 19:13

ROCK *stone*

the cleft of the *r* Ex 33:22
 struck the *r* twice Num 20:11
R of his salvation Deut 32:15
LORD is my *r* 2 Sam 22:2
 engraved in the *r* Job 19:24
 my *r* and my fortress Ps 18:2
r and my Redeemer Ps 19:14
 set my feet upon a *r* Ps 40:2
 a *r* to stumble over Is 8:14
 an everlasting *R* Is 26:4
 his house upon the *r* Matt 7:24
 upon this *r* I will Matt 16:18
 the *r-s* were split Matt 27:51
 hewn out in the *r* Mark 15:46
 a *r* of offense Rom 9:33

ROD *staff, stick*

fresh *r-s* of poplar Gen 30:37
r of Aaron Num 17:8
 break them with a *r* Ps 2:9
 Thy *r* and Thy staff Ps 23:4
 who spares his *r* Prov 13:24
 The *r* of discipline Prov 22:15
r of My anger Is 10:5
 rule them with a *r* Rev 19:15

ROLL *move*

sky will be *r-ed* up Is 34:4
 let justice *r* down Amos 5:24
r-ed away the stone Matt 28:2
 Who will *r* away the Mark 16:3

ROMANS

citizens of Roman Empire
 John 11:48; Acts 16:21,37
N.T. book Romans

ROME

Italian city Acts 2:10
Roman Empire capital Acts 18:2
Paul held there Acts 28:14,16

ROOF

brought...to the *r* Josh 2:6
r...woman bathing 2 Sam 11:2
 removed the *r* above Mark 2:4
r and let him down Luke 5:19

ROOM *chamber*

the ark with *r-s* Gen 6:14
 go into your inner *r* Matt 6:6
 a large upper *r* Mark 14:15
 no *r* for them in Luke 2:7
r for the wrath Rom 12:19

ROOT (n) *source*

the *r* of Jesse Is 11:10
 no *r*, it withered Mark 4:6
 if the *r* be holy Rom 11:16
 of money is a *r* 1 Tim 6:10
 no *r* of bitterness Heb 12:15
 the *R* of David Rev 5:5

ROOT (v) *establish or tear out*

r out your Asherim Mic 5:14
r-ed and grounded in Eph 3:17

ROPE *cord*

them down by a *r* Josh 2:15
 bound...two new *r-s* Judg 15:13
 he snapped the *r-s* Judg 16:12
 Instead of a belt, a *r* Is 3:24

ROSE (n) *flower*

I am the *r* of Sharon Song 2:1

ROSH

1 *son of Benjamin* Gen 46:21
 2 *place of Gog* Ezek 38:2,3;39:1

ROT *decay*

their flesh will *r* Zech 14:12
 riches have *r-ted* James 5:2

ROTTENNESS *decay*

passion is *r* to Prov 14:30
r to the house of Hos 5:12

ROUGH *jagged, uneven*

r ground become a Is 40:4
 the *r* places smooth Is 45:2

ROYAL *kingly*

captured the *r* city 2 Sam 12:26
 his *r* bounty 1 Kin 10:13
 all the *r* offspring 2 Kin 11:1
 put on her *r* robes Esth 5:1
 And a *r* diadem Is 62:3
roof of the *r* palace Dan 4:29
 a certain *r* official John 4:46
 fulfilling the *r* law James 2:8
 a *r* priesthood 1 Pet 2:9

RUDDY *reddish in complexion*

he was *r* 1 Sam 16:12
 a youth, and *r* 1 Sam 17:42
 beloved is...and *r* Song 5:10

RUHAMAH

symbolic for Israel Hos 2:1

CONCORDANCE

RUIN (n) *destruction*

shall be a *r* forever Deut 13:16
 become a heap of *r-s* 1 Kin 9:8
 the perpetual *r-s* Ps 74:3
 Jerusalem in *r-s* Ps 79:1
r of the poor is Prov 10:15
 fools mouth is his *r* Prov 18:7
 rebuild its *r-s* Acts 15:16

RUIN (v) *destroy*

to *r* him without Job 2:3
 the grain is *r-ed* Joel 1:10
 skins will be *r-ed* Luke 5:37

RULE (n) *authority, government*

to establish his *r* 1 Chr 18:3
 against the *r* of 2 Chr 21:8
 will walk by this *r* Gal 6:16
 above all *r* and Eph 1:21
 according to the *r-s* 2 Tim 2:5

RULE (v) *govern*

r over the fish Gen 1:26
 Gideon, *R* over us Judg 8:22
 godless men...not *r* Job 34:30
r-s over the nations Ps 22:28
 The sun to *r* by day Ps 136:8
 By me princes *r* Prov 8:16
 women *r* over them Is 3:12
r over the Gentiles Rom 15:12
 peace of Christ *r* Col 3:15
r them with a rod Rev 2:27

RULER *king, monarch*

Joseph was the *r* Gen 42:6
 nor curse a *r* Ex 22:28
 no chief...or *r* Prov 6:7
 your *r-s* have fled Is 22:3
 Most High God is *r* Dan 4:32
 come forth a *R* Matt 2:6
r of the demons Matt 9:34
r-s of the Gentiles Mark 10:42
 the *r* of this world John 12:31
 Who made you a *r* Acts 7:27
 be subject to *r-s* Titus 3:1

RUMOR *gossip, hearsay*

r will be *added* to *r* Ezek 7:26
 wars and *r-s* of wars Matt 24:6

RUN *move rapidly*

to *r* his course Ps 19:5
 their feet *r* to evil Prov 1:16
 streams *r-ning* with Is 30:25
r and not get tired Is 40:31
 rivers to *r* like oil Ezek 32:14
 Peter arose and ran Luke 24:12
 disciple ran ahead John 20:4
 who *r* in a race 1 Cor 9:24

RUSH *move quickly*

and *r* upon the city Judg 9:33
r-s headlong at Him Job 15:26
 herd *r-ed* down the Matt 8:32
 horses *r-ing* to battle Rev 9:9

RUSHES *marshy plant*

Can the *r* grow Job 8:11
 reeds and *r* will rot Is 19:6

RUST *corrosion*

in which there is *r* Ezek 24:6
 moth and *r* destroy Matt 6:19
r will be a witness James 5:3

RUTH

Moabitess Ruth 1:4
Naomi's daughter-in-law Ruth 1:14,ff
married Boaz Ruth 4:13
in Messianic line Matt 1:5

RUTHLESS *cruel*

Reprove the *r* Is 1:17
 song of the *r* is Is 25:5
 most *r* of the Ezek 28:7

S

SABAOTH

Lord of Sabaoth is same as Lord of Hosts
 Rom 9:29, James 5:4
see also HOST

SABBATH *day of rest*

Remember the *s* day Ex 20:8
 LORD blessed the *s* day Ex 20:11
 keep My *s*-s and Lev 26:2
 Observe the *s* day Deut 5:12
 new moon not *s* 2 Kin 4:23
 call the *s* a delight Is 58:13
 My *s*-s to be a sign Ezek 20:12
 is Lord of the *S* Matt 12:8
S was made for man Mark 2:27
 on the *S* to do good Mark 3:4
 the cross on the *S* John 19:31
 a *S* day's journey Acts 1:12
 are read every *S* Acts 13:27
S rest for the people Heb 4:9

SABBATICAL YEAR

seventh year of rest Lev 25:5

SABEANS

people of Sheba in SW Arabia
 Job 1:15, Is 45:14, Joel 3:8

SACKCLOTH *coarse cloth*

put *s* on his loins Gen 37:34
 gird on *s* and lament 2 Sam 3:31
 put on *s* and ashes Ezech 4:1
 sewed *s* over my skin Job 16:15
 with fasting, *s*, and Dan 9:3
 sun became black as *s* Rev 8:12

SACRED *consecrated, holy*

took all the *s* things 2 Kin 12:18
 perform *s* services 1 Cor 9:13
 known the *s* writings 2 Tim 3:15
 table and the *s* bread Heb 9:2

SACRIFICE (n) *offering of a life*

Jacob offered a *s* Gen 31:54
 a Passover *s* to Ex 12:27
s-s of righteousness Ps 4:5
 The *s* of the wicked Prov 15:8
 loyalty rather than *s* Hos 6:6
 compassion...not *s* Matt 9:13
 a *s* to the idol Acts 7:41
 a living and holy *s* Rom 12:1
 an acceptable *s* Phil 4:18
 by the *s* of Himself Heb 9:26
s-s God is pleased Heb 13:16
 offer up spiritual *s*-s 1 Pet 2:5

SACRIFICE (v) *offer a life*

we may *s* to the LORD Ex 5:3
s on it your burnt Ex 20:24
 when you *s* a sacrifice Lev 22:29
 they *s*-d to the LORD Judg 2:5
 even *s*-d their sons Ps 106:37
s-ing to the Beasts Hos 11:2
 lamb had to be *s*-d Luke 22:7
 they *s* to demons 1 Cor 10:20

SAD *sorrowful, unhappy*

people heard *s* word Ex 33:4
 Why is your face *s* Neh 2:2
 heart is *s*, the Prov 15:13

SADDUCEES

Jewish religious party Matt 3:7
 Matt 16:11,12, Mark 12:18
 Acts 5:17,23 6:8

SAFE *free from danger*

houses are *s* from fear Job 21:9
 runs into it and is *s* Prov 18:10
 back *s* and sound Luke 15:27

SAIL (n) *canvas for wind*

Not spread out the *s* Is 33:23
s was embroidered Ezek 27:7

SAIL (v) *proceed by boat*

they *s*-ed to Cyprus Acts 13:4
 to *s* past Ephesus Acts 20:16
 set *s* from Crete Acts 27:21

SAILOR *mariner, seaman*

s-s who knew the sea 1 Kin 9:27
s-s and your pilots Ezek 27:27
 every passenger and *s* Rev 18:17

SAINTS *ones faithful to God*

s in the earth Ps 16:3
 the *s* of the Highest Dan 7:22
s fallen asleep Matt 27:52
 lock up *s* in prisons Acts 26:10
 intercedes for the *s* Rom 8:27
s will judge the 1 Cor 6:2
 citizens with the *s* Eph 2:19
 perseverance of the *s* Rev 14:12

SALAMIS

city on Cyprus Acts 13:5

SALEM

short for Jerusalem
 Gen 14:18, Ps 76:2, Heb 7:1,2

SALOME

1 *wife of Zebedee* Mark 15:40
mother of James and John
at open tomb Mark 16:1
 2 *unnamed daughter of Herodias*
 Matt 14:6ff; Mark 6:22-26

SALT *preservative*

became a pillar of *s* Gen 19:26
 and sowed it with *s* Judg 9:45
 be eaten without *s* Job 6:6
 the *s* of the earth Matt 5:13
 seasoned...with *s* Col 4:6
 can *s* water produce James 3:12

SALT SEA

the Dead Sea Gen 14:3
 Num 34:3; Deut 3:17; Josh 15:2

SALT, VALLEY OF

S of Dead Sea 2 Sam 8:13
 2 Chr 25:11

SALVATION *deliverance*

For Thy *s* I wait Gen 49:18
 He has become my *s* Ex 15:2
 scorned...his *s* Deut 32:15
S belongs to the LORD Ps 3:8
 my light and my *s* Ps 27:1
 lift up the cup of *s* Ps 116:13
 My *s* shall be forever Is 51:6
 helmet of *s* on His Is 59:17
S is from the LORD Jon 2:9
 eyes have seen Thy *s* Luke 2:30
s in no one else Acts 4:12
 power of God for *s* Rom 1:16
 now is the day of *s* 2 Cor 6:2
 take the helmet of *s* Eph 6:17
 work out your *s* with Phil 2:12
s through our Lord 1 Thes 5:9
 that leads to *s* 2 Tim 3:15
 who will inherit *s* Heb 1:14
 neglect so great a *s* Heb 2:3
S to our God who Rev 7:10

SAMARIA

1 *capital of N kingdom*
 1 Kin 16:24; 2 Chr 18:9
 2 *another name for N kingdom*
 1 Kin 13:32; 2 Kin 17:24
 Hos 8:5, Amos 3:9, Obad 19
 3 *region of central Palestine*
 John 4:4-7, Acts 8:1ff

SAMOTHRACE

N Aegean island Acts 16:11

SAMSON

a *Hebrew judge* Judg 13:24
weak in character Judg 14:1ff
slave of passion Judg 16:1ff
great strength Judg 16:5,12

SAMUEL

son of Elkanah and Hannah
 1 Sam 1:20
dedicated to God 1 Sam 1:21ff
called by God 1 Sam 3:1-18
judge 1 Sam 7:15-17
opposed monarchy 1 Sam 8:6
anointed Saul 1 Sam 10:1
anointed David 1 Sam 16:12
death 1 Sam 25:1

SANBALLAT

man of Beth-horon Neh 2:10
against Nehemiah Neh 6:1ff

SANCTIFICATION *holiness*

resulting in *s* Rom 6:22
 righteousness and *s* 1 Cor 1:30
 will of God, your *s* 1 Thes 4:3
s by the Spirit 2 Thes 2:13
s without which no Heb 12:14

SANCTIFY *set apart to God*

S to Me every Ex 13:2
 the LORD who *s*-ies Lev 22:32
 They will *s* My name Is 29:23
 with *s* the Holy One Is 29:23
 And *s* My sabbaths Ezek 20:20
S them in the truth John 17:17

SANCTIFY—SCORN

s-led by the Spirit Rom 15:16
 husband is s-led 1 Cor 7:14
 s Christ as Lord 1 Pet 3:15

SANCTUARY *place of worship*
 construct a s for Me Ex 25:8
 revere My s Lev 19:30
 utensils of the s 1 Chr 9:29
 into the s of God Ps 73:17
 Praise God in His s Ps 150:1
 beautify My s Is 60:13
 a minister in the s Heb 8:2

SAND
 descendants as the s Gen 32:12
 treasures of the s Deut 33:19
 built upon the s Matt 7:26
 innumerable as the s Heb 11:12

SANDAL *footwear*
 s has not worn out Deut 29:5
 fit to remove His s-s Matt 3:11
 two tunics, or s-s Matt 10:10

SANHEDRIN *see COUNCIL*

SAPPHIRA
wife of Ananias Acts 5:1-10
struck dead for lying

SAPPHIRE *precious stone*
 a s, and a diamond Ex 28:18
 Inlaid with s-s Song 5:14
 foundations in s-s Is 54:11

SARAH/SARAI
wife of Abraham Gen 11:29
barren Gen 11:30
beautiful Gen 12:11
gave birth to Isaac Gen 21:2,3
death Gen 23:2

SARDIS
city in Asia Minor Rev 1:11
 Rev 3:1,4

SARGON
son of Tiglathpileser III Is 20:1
king of Assyria

SATAN
Titles:
Abaddon Rev 9:11
accuser Ps 109:6; Rev 12:10
adversary 1 Pet 5:8
Apollyon Rev 9:11
Beelzebub Matt 10:25
 Mark 3:22
 2 Cor 6:15
Belial Matt 4:1,5; 25:41
devil John 6:70; 13:2; Eph 4:27; 6:11
 1 Tim 3:6,7; Heb 2:14; 1 Pet 5:8
 Rev 2:10; 20:2,10
 Rev 12:9
dragon Matt 13:28,39
enemy Matt 13:19,38
evil one John 17:15; Eph 6:16
 1 John 2:13,14; 5:18,19
father of lies John 8:44
god of this world 2 Cor 4:4
liar John 8:44
murderer John 8:44
prince of the power of the air Eph 2:2
ruler of the demons Matt 9:34

Mark 3:22
 ruler of this world John 12:31
 John 14:30; 16:11
serpent of old Rev 12:9
deceiver of the world Rev 12:9

SATISFY *be content*
 eat and not be s-led Lev 26:26
 s-led their desire Ps 78:30
 steals To s himself Prov 6:30
 hunger is not s-led Is 29:8
 to s the multitude Mark 15:15

SATRAPS *Persian officials*
 to the king's s Ezra 8:36
 the s, the governors Esth 8:9
 commissioners and s Dan 6:4

SAUL
1 son of Kish 1 Sam 9:1,2
anointed 1 Sam 10:1ff
first king 1 Sam 11:15
rejected as king 1 Sam 15:11ff
jealous of David 1 Sam 18:6ff
death 1 Sam 31:4ff
2 apostle Paul, see PAUL

SAVE *deliver, rescue*
 s-d by the LORD Deut 33:29
 S with Thy right hand Ps 60:5
 He will s you Prov 20:22
 Turn to Me, and be s-d Is 45:22
 s you from afar Jer 30:10
 he will s his life Ezek 18:27
 will s His people Matt 1:21
 wishes to s his life Matt 16:25
 Son...has come to s Matt 18:11
 faith has s-d you Luke 7:50
 world should be s-d John 3:17
 Father, s Me from John 12:27
 by which we...be s-d Acts 4:12
 be s-d by His life Rom 5:10
 will s your husband 1 Cor 7:16
 Jesus came...to s 1 Tim 1:15
 One who is able to s James 4:12
 the righteous is s-d 1 Pet 4:18

SAVIOR *one who saves*
 My s, Thou dost 2 Sam 22:3
 forgot God their S Ps 106:21
 send them a S and a Is 19:20
 no s besides Me Is 43:11
 righteous God and a S Is 45:21
 S, who is Christ Luke 2:11
 the S of the world John 4:42
 as a Prince and a S Acts 5:31
 S of all men 1 Tim 4:10
 appearing of our S 2 Tim 1:10
 our great God and S Titus 2:13
 kingdom of our...S 2 Pet 1:11

SAVORY *appetizing*
 prepare a s dish for Gen 27:4
 mother made a food Gen 27:14

SAWS *cutting tool*
 set them under s 2 Sam 12:31
 cut them with s 1 Chr 20:3

SAY *pronounce, speak*
 God blessed...s-ing Gen 1:22
 not s in your heart Deut 9:4
 to the wicked God s-s Ps 50:16
 Do not s to your Prov 3:28

CONCORDANCE

s-s the Preacher Eccl 1:2
 He will s, Here I am Is 58:9
 Many will s to Me Matt 7:22
 If we s...no sin 1 John 1:8

SAYINGS *statements*
 utter dark s of old Ps 78:2
 s of understanding Prov 1:2
 s of the wise Prov 24:23
 anyone hears my s John 12:47

SCALE *for measuring weight*
 with accurate s-s Job 31:6
 false s is not good Prov 20:23
 been weighed on the s Dan 5:7
 with dishonest s-s Amos 8:5
 justify wicked s-s Mic 6:11
 a pair of s-s in his Rev 6:5

SCAPEGOAT *for removal of sin*
 lot for the s fell Lev 16:10
 released the goat, s Lev 16:26

SCARLET *bright red*
 tied a s thread Gen 38:28
 s thread in the window Josh 2:18
 lips are like a s Song 4:3
 sins are as s Is 1:18
 put a s robe on Him Matt 27:28

SCATTER *spread, sprinkle*
 s among the nations Lev 26:33
 Brimstone is s-ed on Job 18:15
 storm will s them Is 41:16
 s-ing the sheep of Jer 23:1
 s him like dust Matt 21:44
 sheep...shall be s-ed Matt 26:31

SCEPTER *symbol of authority*
 s shall not depart Gen 49:10
 arise from Israel Num 24:17
 A s of uprightness Ps 45:6
 The s of rulers Is 14:5
 s of His kingdom Heb 1:8

SCHEME *plan, plot*
 a...he had devised Esth 9:25
 s brings him down Job 18:7
 carries out wicked s-s Ps 37:7
 ignorant of his s-s 2 Cor 2:11
 the s-s of the devil Eph 6:11

SCOFF *mock, sneer*
 s-ed at His prophets 2 Chr 36:16
 The Lord s-s at them Ps 2:4
 s at all the nations Ps 59:8
 were s-ing at Him Luke 16:14

SCOFFER *mock*
 My friends are my s-s Job 16:20
 sit in the seat of s-s Ps 1:1
 He who corrects a s Prov 9:7
 Behold, you s-s Acts 13:41

SCORCHING *burning*
 words are as a s fire Prov 16:27
 s heat or sun strike Is 49:10
 appointed a s east wind Jon 4:8
 s heat of the day Matt 20:12

SCORN *treat with contempt*
 s-ed...his salvation Deut 32:15
 that...s-s a mother Prov 30:17

SCORPION *poisonous spider*

serpents and s-s Deut 8:15
discipline...with s-s 1 Kin 12:11
tread upon...s-s Luke 10:19
not give him s-s Luke 11:12
s-s...have power Rev 9:3

SCOURGE (n) *whip*

the s of the tongue Job 5:21
arouse a s against Is 10:26
He made a s of cords John 2:15

SCOURGE (v) *flag, whip*

s and crucify Him Matt 20:19
having Jesus s-d Matt 27:26
lawful for you to s Acts 22:25
He s-s every son Heb 12:6

SCRAPE *rub, scratch*

plaster that they s Lev 14:41
s-d the honey into Judg 14:9
potsherd to s himself Job 2:8

SCREEN *conceal, separate*

s the ark with the veil Ex 40:3
s-ed off the ark Ex 40:21

SCRIBE *copier, writer*

and Sheva was s 2 Sam 20:25
then the king's s 2 Chr 24:11
Ezra the s stood Neh 8:4
lying pen of the s-s Jer 8:8
chief priests and s-s Matt 2:4
and not as the s-s Mark 1:22
Where is the s 1 Cor 1:20

SCRIPTURE

understanding S-s Matt 22:29
S-s...he fulfilled Mark 14:49
S has been fulfilled Luke 4:21
You search the S-s John 5:39
S cannot be broken John 10:35
mighty in the S-s Acts 18:24
what does the S say Rom 4:3
S is inspired by God 2 Tim 3:16

SCROLL *parchment*

these curses on a s Num 5:23
Take a s and write Jer 36:2
eat this s, and go Ezek 3:1
like a s...rolled Rev 6:14

SEA *body of salt water*

waters He called s-s Gen 1:10
s or the s monster Job 7:12
founded it upon the s-s Ps 24:2
to the s in ships Ps 107:23
the waters cover the s Is 11:9
rebukes the s and Nah 1:4
walking on the s Matt 14:26
s begun to be stirred John 6:18
dangers on the s 2 Cor 11:26
s of glass like crystal Rev 4:6

SEA OF GALILEE *see*

GALILEE, SEA OF

SEACOAST *seashore*

remnant of the s Ezek 25:16
inhabitants of the s Zeph 2:5
s will be pastures Zeph 2:6

SEAL (n) *mark, stamp*

Your s and your cord Gen 38:18
the engravings of a s Ex 28:21

the s of perfection Ezek 28:12
witness has set his s John 3:33
s of God on their Rev 9:4

SEAL (v) *mark, secure*

s-ed...his seal 1 Kin 21:8
s it...king's signet Esth 8:8
a spring s-ed up Song 4:12
to s up vision Dan 9:24
s up the book until Dan 12:4

SEARCH *examine, inquire*

LORD s-es all hearts 1 Chr 28:9
S me, O God, and Ps 139:23
LORD, s the heart Jer 17:10
s for the Child Matt 2:13
You s the Scriptures John 5:39

SEASHORE *sea coast*

sand that is on the s Josh 11:4
the s in abundance 1 Kin 4:20
he stood on s Rev 13:1

SEASON *time of year*

rains in their s Lev 26:4
grain in its s Job 5:26
its fruit in its s Ps 1:3
in s and out of s 2 Tim 4:2

SEAT (n) *chair, stool*

mercy s of pure gold Ex 25:17
sit in the s of scoffers Ps 1:1
sit in the s of gods Ezek 28:2
s-s in the synagogues Matt 23:6
before judgment s Rom 14:10

SEAT (v) *sit*

s-ed at His feet Luke 10:39
coming, s-ed...colt John 12:15
s-ed at the right hand Col 3:1

SECRET *what is hidden*

sets it up in s Deut 27:15
the s-s of wisdom Job 11:6
the s-s of the heart Ps 44:21
bread eaten in s Prov 9:17
A gift in s subdues Prov 21:14
have not spoken in s Is 45:19
alma may be in s Matt 6:4
Father who sees in s Matt 6:4
God will judge the s-s Rom 2:16

SECT *faction, party*

s of the Sadducees Acts 5:17
s of the Pharisees Acts 15:5
s of the Nazarenes Acts 24:5

SECURE *safe, stable*

overthrows the s Job 12:19
be s on their land Ezek 34:27
s in the mountain Amos 6:1
made the grave s Matt 27:66

SECURITY *certainty, safety*

Israel dwells in s Deut 33:28
in it living in s Judg 18:7
provides them with s Job 24:23
will lie down in s Is 14:30
will dwell in s Zech 14:11

SEDUCE *entice, persuade*

if a man s-s a virgin Ex 22:16
s you from the LORD Deut 13:10
s them to do evil 2 Kin 21:9
lips she s-s him Prov 7:21

SEE *look, perceive*

I have s-m God face Gen 32:30
No eye will s me Job 24:15
s the works of God Ps 66:5
the blind shall s Is 29:18
s the glory of the LORD Is 35:2
to s but do not s Ezek 12:2
s your good works Matt 5:16
and the blind s-ing Matt 15:31
s the Son of Man Matt 16:28
s-ing their faith Mark 2:5
s-m Thy salvation Luke 2:30
No man has s-m God John 1:18
you will s Me John 16:16
s in a mirror dimly 1 Cor 13:12
of things not s-m Heb 11:1

SEED *descendant or plant*

sow your s uselessly Lev 26:16
establish your s Ps 89:4
O s of Abraham Ps 105:6
s to the sower Is 55:10
like a mustard s Matt 13:31
went out to sow his s Luke 8:5
s is the word of God Luke 8:11
s which is perishable 1 Pet 1:23
His s abides in him 1 John 3:9

SEEK *pursue, search for*

s the LORD your God Deut 4:29
pray, and s My face 2 Chr 7:14
S peace and pursue it Ps 34:14
s me will find me Prov 8:17
man s-s only evil Prov 17:11
s wisdom and an Eccl 7:25
I will s the lost Ezek 34:16
time to s the LORD Hos 10:12
S good and not evil Amos 5:14
s first His kingdom Matt 6:33
s, and you shall find Matt 7:7
s for a sign Mark 8:12
he who s-s, finds Luke 11:10
I do not s My glory John 8:50
s-ing the favor of men Gal 1:10
s-ing the things above Col 3:1

SEER *prophet*

prophets, every s 2 Kin 17:13
Who say to the s-s Is 30:10
Go, you s, flee away Amos 7:12
s-s will be ashamed Mic 3:7

SEIR

1 land of Edom Gen 32:3,36,8,9
Num 24:18, Ezek 25:8
2 mountain range within Edom
Gen 14:6; Deut 1:2,2:4
3 on boundary of Judah
Josh 11:17,15:10

SEIZE *grasp, take*

mother shall s him Deut 21:19
Babylon has been s-d Jer 50:46
and s her plunder Ezek 29:19
fields and then s them Mic 2:2
seeking...to s Him John 7:30

SELA

rock city in Edom Judg 1:36
Is 16:1,42:11
also Jakkheel 2 Kin 14:7
later known as Petra

SELAH—SHAME

SELAH

musical or liturgical sign

Ps 3:2,4,8; 90:3,60:4

Ps 81:7; Hab 3:3,9,13

SELEUCIA

port in N Syria Acts 13:4

SELF-CONTROL

s and the judgment Acts 24:25

your lack of s 1 Cor 7:5

gentleness, s Gal 5:23

without s, brutal 2 Tim 3:3

in your knowledge, s 2 Pet 1:6

SELFISH self-centered

the bread of a s man Prov 23:6

s ambition in your James 3:14

SELL *barter, trade*

s me your birthright Gen 25:31

s me food for money Deut 2:28

s the oil and pay 2 Kin 4:7

sold a girl for wine Joel 3:3

sold all that he had Matt 13:46

s-ing their property Acts 2:45

sold into bondage Rom 7:14

SELLER *merchant, trader*

the buyer like the s Is 24:2

a s of purple Acts 16:14

SENATE

Sanhedrin Acts 5:21

see also COUNCIL

SEND *convey, dispatch*

s rain on the earth Gen 7:4

he sent out a raven Gen 8:7

Whom shall I s Is 6:8

Lord God has sent Me Is 48:16

s-s rain on the Matt 5:45

He has sent Me Luke 4:18

s-ing His own Son Rom 8:3

not s her husband 1 Cor 7:13

s him in peace 1 Cor 16:11

God sent forth His Son Gal 4:4

SENNACHERIB

king of Assyria 2 Kin 18:13

2 Kin 19:16,20; 2 Chr 32:1-22

Is 36:1,37:17,21

SENSUALITY

deceit, s, envy Mark 7:22

promiscuity and s Rom 13:13

themselves over to s Eph 4:19

the wealth of her s Rev 18:3

SENTENCE *judgment*

s is by the decree Dan 4:17

escape the s of hell Matt 23:33

Pilate pronounced s Luke 23:24

to the s of death Luke 24:20

SEPARATE *divide, set apart*

God s-d the light Gen 1:4

They s with the lip Ps 22:7

s-s intimate friends Prov 16:28

let no man s Matt 19:6

Who shall s us from Rom 8:35

SEPARATION *division, isolation*

of his s to the LORD Num 6:6

his s he is holy Num 6:8

his s was defiled Num 6:12

have made a s Is 59:2

SEPHARAD

place in Assyria for

Jerusalem exiles Obad 20

SEPHARVAIM

place in Aram, people relocated

to Samaria 2 Kin 17:31

2 Kin 18:34; Is 36:19,37:13

SERAPHIM

celestial beings Is 6:2,6

SERGIUS PAULUS see

PAULUS, SERGIUS

SERPENT *snake*

s was more crafty Gen 3:1

they turned into s-s Ex 7:12

viper and flying s Is 30:6

be shrewd as s-s Matt 10:16

will pick up s-s Mark 16:18

Moses lifted up the s John 3:14

SERVANT *helper, slave*

s of s-s He shall be Gen 9:25

Thy s is listening 1 Sam 3:9

to shine upon Thy s Ps 31:18

s-s of a new covenant 2 Cor 3:6

they s-s of Christ 2 Cor 11:23

s of Christ Jesus 1 Tim 4:6

SERVE *help, work for*

shall s the LORD Ex 23:25

s Him with heart Josh 22:5

s-d as priests 1 Chr 24:2

you shall s strangers Jer 5:19

God whom we s Dan 3:17

s God and mammon Matt 6:24

If anyone s-s Me John 12:26

s-ing the Lord Rom 12:11

through love s one Gal 5:13

SERVICE *ministry, work*

s of righteousness Is 32:17

spiritual s of worship Rom 12:1

for the work of s Eph 4:12

s with reverence Heb 12:28

SETH

son of Adam Gen 4:25,26

Gen 5:3-8; 1 Chr 1:30

SETTLED *arranged or inhabited*

Lot s in the cities Gen 13:12

cloud s over the Num 9:18

assault shall be s Deut 21:5

word is s in heaven Ps 119:89

mountains were s Prov 8:25

s in the lawful Acts 19:39

SEVEN *number*

Jacob served s years Gen 29:20

For s women...one man Is 4:1

will be s weeks Dan 9:25

s other spirits more Matt 12:45

forgive...s times Matt 18:21

John to the s churches Rev 1:4

s golden lampstands Rev 1:12

SEVERE *difficult, hard*

famine was s Gen 12:10

a very s pestilence Ex 9:3

CONCORDANCE

s and lasting plagues Deut 28:36

s judgments against Ezek 14:21

a s earthquake had Matt 28:3

SEW *fatten, join*

s-ed fig leaves together Gen 3:7

s-ed sackcloth over Job 16:15

a time to s together Eccl 3:7

women who s magic Ezek 13:18

SEXUAL

not in s promiscuity Rom 13:13

from s immorality 1 Thess 4:3

SHACKLES *fetters*

will tear off your s Nah 1:13

s broken in pieces Mark 5:4

with chains and s Luke 8:28

SHADE *protection*

cover him with s Job 40:22

The LORD is your s Ps 121:5

lived under its s Ezek 31:6

over Jonah to be a s Jon 4:6

nest under its s Mark 4:32

SHADOW *image of shade*

days like a s 1 Chr 29:15

the s of Thy wings Ps 17:8

in the s Almighty Ps 91:1

the s-s flee away Song 2:17

his s might fall on Acts 5:15

s of the heavenly Heb 8:5

SHADRACH

friend of Daniel Dan 2:49

Dan 3:12-30

Hebrew: Hananiah Dan 1:7

SHAKE *quiver, tremble*

made all my bones s Job 4:14

s my head at you Job 16:4

peace will not be s-n Is 54:10

s off the dust Matt 10:14

A reed s-n by the Matt 11:7

heavens will be s-n Luke 21:26

he shook the creature Acts 28:5

voice shook the earth Heb 12:26

SHALLUM

1 king of Israel 2 Kin 15:8-15

2 Huldah's husband 2 Kin 22:14

3 son of Jorah 1 Chr 3:15

king of Judah 2 Kin 23:31-33

also Jehoahaz 2 Kin 23:30

4 gatekeeper 1 Chr 9:17

5 son of Zadok 1 Chr 6:12

6 time of Nehemiah Neh 3:12

name of nine other men

SHALMANESER

king of Assyria 2 Kin 17:3

2 Kin 18:9

SHAME *disgrace, dishonor*

wicked be put to s Ps 31:17

my reproach and my s Ps 69:19

s to his mother Prov 29:15

wise men are put to s Jer 9:9

unjust knows no s Zeph 3:5

worthy to suffer s Acts 5:41

glory is in their s Phil 3:19

put Him to open s Heb 6:6

SHAMGAR

judge of Israel Judg 3:31; 5:6

SHARE (n) portion

them take their s Gen 14:24
s from My offerings Lev 6:17
give me the s Luke 15:12
I do my s Col 1:24

SHARE (v) partake, participate

stranger does not s Prov 14:10
s in the inheritance Prov 17:2
s it yourselves Luke 22:17
s all good things Gal 6:6
may s His holiness Heb 12:10
s the sufferings of 1 Pet 4:13

SHARON

coastal plain in central Palestine Is 33:9, 65:10

SHARP cutting

their tongue s a sword Ps 57:4
S two-edged sword Prov 5:4
Put in your s sickle Rev 14:18

SHATTER break, burst

s-ed every tree of the Ex 9:25
the mighty are s-ed 1 Sam 2:4
s them like earthenware Ps 2:9
s the doors of bronze Is 45:2
iron crushes and s-s Dan 2:40

SHAUL

1 king of Edom Gen 36:37, 38
2 son of Simeon Gen 46:10
3 Kohathite Levite 1 Chr 6:24

SHAVE cut or scrape

he shall s his hand Lev 14:9
s off the seven Judg 16:19
s-d off half of 2 Sam 10:4
will s with a razor Is 7:20

SHEAF bundle of grain stalks

s-ves in the field Gen 37:7
s of the first fruits Lev 23:10
among the s-ves Ruth 2:15

SHEARER wool cutter

silent before its s-s Is 53:7
Lamb before its s Acts 8:32

SHEAR-JASHUB

son of Isiah Is 7:3
name symbolizes prophecy

SHEBA

1 son of Raamah Gen 10:7
2 son of Joktan Gen 10:28
3 grandson of Abraham Gen 25:3
4 a Benjamite 2 Sam 20:1-7
5 a Gadite 1 Chr 5:13
6 Simeonite town Josh 19:2
7 kingdom Job 6:19
Ps 72:10, 15 Jer 6:20
8 Queen of 2 Chr 9:18

SHEBAT

eleventh month of Hebrew calendar Zech 1:7

SHECHEM

1 city in central Palestine
Gen 12:6, 33:18; 1 Chr 7:28

city of refuge Josh 20:7
2 son of Hamor Gen 34:2
3 line of Manasseh Num 26:31
4 son of Shemida 1 Chr 7:19

SHED pour out

Whoever s-s man's Gen 9:6
s streams of water Ps 119:136
hasten to s blood Prov 1:16
will not s its light Is 13:10
bribes to s blood Ezek 22:12
swift to s blood Rom 3:15
s-ding of blood Heb 9:22

SHEEP animal

Rachel came with s Gen 29:9
not be like s Num 27:17
the fleece of my s Job 31:20
s of His pasture Ps 100:3
All of us like s Is 53:6
a s that is silent Is 53:7
will care for My s Ezek 34:12
lost s of Israel Matt 10:6
s from the goats Matt 25:32
my s which was lost Luke 15:6
His life for the s John 10:11
s hear My voice John 10:27
Tend My s John 21:17
Shepherd of the s Heb 13:20

SHEEP GATE see GATES OF JERUSALEM**SHEEPFOLDS enclosure**

s for the flocks 2 Chr 32:28
lie down among the s Ps 68:13
took him from the s Ps 78:70

SHEEPSKINS coverings

they went about in s Heb 11:37

SHEET

hammered out gold s-s Ex 39:3
s over his naked Mark 14:51
object like a great s Acts 10:11

SHELTER cover, refuge

under the s of my Gen 19:8
in the s of Thy wings Ps 61:4
a s to give shade Is 4:6
a s from the storm Is 32:2
made a s for himself Jon 4:5

SHEM

son of Noah Gen 5:32, 6:10
Gen 9:27, 11:11

SHEOL

place of the dead Gen 37:35
Job 7:9, Ps 49:15, Prov 15:11
Is 38:10; Ezek 32:27; Hab 2:5

SHEPHELAH

low hill country 1 Chr 27:28
Obad 19

SHEPHERD (n)

sheep have no s Num 27:17
The LORD is my s Ps 23:1
Like a s He Is 40:11
s-s after My own heart Jer 3:15
for lack of a s Ezek 34:3
raise up a s Zech 11:16
sheep without a s Matt 9:36
strike down the s Matt 26:31

s-s in the fields Luke 2:8
I am the good s John 10:11
the great S Heb 13:20
the Chief S 1 Pet 5:4

SHEPHERD (v)

s My people 2 Sam 5:2
s My people Matt 2:6
S My sheep John 21:16
to s the church Acts 20:28
s the flock of God 1 Pet 5:2

SHESHBAZZAR

governor of Judah under Cyrus Ezra 5:14, 16

SHIBBOLETH

test word for identification
Judg 12:6

SHIELD protection

Abram, I am a s Gen 15:1
He is a s to all 2 Sam 22:31
My s is with God Ps 7:10
faithfulness is a s Ps 91:4
the s of faith Eph 6:16

SHILOH

1 Mesianic title Gen 49:10
2 town N of Bethel Josh 18:1
sites of tabernacle Judg 18:31

SHINAR

Babylonian plain Gen 10:10
Gen 11:2; Josh 7:21; Dan 1:2

SHINE be radiant, glow

his face shone Ex 34:29
His face s on you Num 6:25
Thy face to s upon us Ps 80:3
light s before men Matt 5:16
s-s in the darkness John 1:5
lamp s-ing in a dark 2 Pet 1:19
light is...s-ing 1 John 2:8

SHIP boat

a haven for s-s Gen 49:13
like merchant s-s Prov 31:14
to the sea in s-s Ps 107:23
escape from the s Acts 27:30

SHISHAK see PHARAOH**SHOOT new growth**

s will spring from Is 11:1
like a tender s Is 53:2
His s-s will sprout Hos 14:6

SHORT lacking

Is My hand so s Is 50:2
days shall be cut s Matt 24:22
s of the grace Heb 12:15

SHOULDER part of body

He bowed his s Gen 49:15
turned a stubborn s Neh 9:29
relieved his s Ps 81:6
government...on His s-s Is 9:6

SHOUT cry out loudly

s with a great s Josh 6:5
the people s-ed with Ezra 3:11
s for joy Ps 35:27
S joyfully to God Ps 66:1

SHOW—SINAI

SHOW *manifest, reveal*

land...I will s you Gen 12:1
s me Thy glory Ex 33:18
s you the secrets Job 11:6
s Thy lovingkindness Ps 17:7
S us the Father John 14:9
God s-s no partiality Gal 2:6
s hospitality Heb 13:2
if you s partiality James 2:9

SHOWBREAD

tables of s 1 Chr 28:16
s is set table 2 Chr 13:11

SHOWER *abundant flow*

roar of a heavy s 1 Kin 18:41
Like s-s that water Ps 72:6
be s-s of blessing Ezek 34:26
A s is coming Luke 12:54

SHREWD *cunning*

frustrates the s Job 5:12
be s as serpents Matt 10:16

SHRINE *object of worship*

built yourself a s Ezek 16:24
tear down your s-s Ezek 16:39
who made silver s-s Acts 19:24

SHULAMMITE

title of young woman Song 6:13

SHUNAMMITE *from Shunem*

1 David's nurse 1 Kin 1:3,15
1 Kin 2:17,21,22
2 hostess of Elisha 2 Kin 4:12ff

SHUR

wilderness in NW Sinai
Gen 16:7;20:1; Ex 15:22
1 Sam 15:7

SHUT *close*

wilderness has s them Ex 14:3
s the lions' mouths Dan 6:22
s your door, pray Matt 6:6
power to s up the sky Rev 11:6

SIBBOLETH

test word for identification
Judg 12:6

SICK *unwell*

strengthen the s Ezek 34:16
lying s with a fever Mark 1:30
Lazarus was s John 11:2
anyone among you s James 5:14

SICKLE *cutting tool*

who wields the s Jer 50:16
sharp s in His hand Rev 14:14
Put in your s Rev 14:15

SICKNESS *illness*

remove from you...s Deut 7:15
every kind of s Matt 4:23
authority over...s Matt 10:1
s is not unto death John 11:4

SIDON

1 son of Canaan Gen 10:15
1 Chr 1:13
2 Phoenician port Gen 10:19
Is 23:4; Ezek 28:22

SIEGE *encirclement*

city came under s 2 Kin 24:10
their s towers Is 23:13
s against Jerusalem Jer 6:6
build a s wall Ezek 4:2

SIGHT *perception, vision*

pleasing to the s Gen 2:9
acceptable in Thy s Ps 19:14
precious in My s Is 43:4
blind receive s Matt 11:5
three days without s Acts 9:9
by faith, not by s 2 Cor 5:7

SIGN *indication or wonder*

a s for Cain Gen 4:15
s of the covenant Gen 9:12
this shall be the s Ex 3:12
blood shall be a s Ex 12:13
His s-s in Egypt Ps 78:43
Ask a s for yourself Is 7:11
an everlasting s Is 55:13
a s from You Matt 12:38
s of Your coming Matt 24:3
show s-s and Mark 13:22
s-s in sun and moon Luke 21:25
beginning of His s-s John 2:11
s of circumcision Rom 4:11
Jews ask for s-s 1 Cor 1:22
tongues are for a s 1 Cor 14:22
s-s false wonders 2 Thess 2:9

SIGNET *seal*

examine...whose s Gen 38:25
engravings of a s Ex 39:14
s rings of his nobles Dan 6:17

SILAS

co-worker with Paul
Acts 15:22,32,40;16:19,25
Acts 17:4,10,14

also Silvanus

SILENCE *quietness*

My soul waits in s Ps 62:1
war will be s-d Jer 50:30
s the ignorance 1 Pet 2:15
s in heaven Rev 8:1

SILENT *quiet*

LORD, do not keep s Ps 35:22
A time to be s Eccl 3:7
But Jesus kept s Matt 26:63
women keep s 1 Cor 14:34

SILLOAM

1 tower in Jerusalem Luke 13:4
2 water pool in Jerusalem John 9:7,11

SILVANUS *see SILAS*

SILVER *precious metal*

rich in...s Gen 13:2
took no plunder in s Judg 5:19
as s is refined Ps 66:10
in settings of s Prov 25:11
s has become dross Is 1:22
The s is Mine Hag 2:8
not acquire...s Matt 10:9
thirty pieces of s Matt 26:15

SIMEON

1 son of Jacob Gen 29:33
2 tribe Num 1:23; Rev 7:7

CONCORDANCE

3 ancestor of Jesus Luke 3:30
4 devout Jew Luke 2:25
5 Christian prophet Acts 13:1
6 Simon Peter Acts 15:14

SIMON

1 apostle Matt 4:18
Mark 1:16

see also PETER

2 the Zealot Matt 10:4
Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15

3 brother of Jesus Matt 13:55
Mark 6:3

4 leper Matt 26:6; Mark 14:3

5 a Pharisee Luke 7:40,43

6 of Cyrene Matt 27:32
carried Jesus' cross Mark 15:21
Luke 23:26

7 father of Judas John 6:71
John 13:2

8 Magus Acts 8:9,13,18
sorcerer

9 the tanner Acts 9:43;10:6,32

SIMPLE *innocent or humble*

making wise the s Ps 19:7
LORD preserves the s Ps 116:6

SIN (n) *transgression*

please forgive my s Ex 10:17
atonement for your s Ex 32:30
purification from s Num 19:9
s will find you out Num 32:23
s of divination 1 Sam 15:23
the s-s of my youth Ps 25:7
s my mother conceived Ps 51:5
Fools mock at s Prov 14:9
bore the s of many Is 53:12
s-s of her prophets Lam 4:13
an eternal s Mark 3:29
forgive us our s-s Luke 11:4
takes away the s John 1:29
wash away your s-s Acts 22:16
wages of s is death Rom 6:23
died for our s-s 1 Cor 15:3
Him who knew no s 2 Cor 5:21
pleasures of s Heb 11:25
confess your s-s James 5:16
a multitude of s-s James 5:20
confess our s-s 1 John 1:9
s is lawlessness 1 John 3:4

SIN (v) *transgress*

When a leader s-s Lev 4:22
s against the LORD 1 Sam 14:34
Job did not s Job 1:22
s against Thee Ps 119:11
Father, I have s-ned Luke 15:18
s no more John 8:11
all have s-ned Rom 3:23
that you may not s 1 John 2:1

SIN

1 wilderness in Sinai Ex 16:1
Num 33:11,12
2 Egyptian city Ezek 30:15,16

SIN OFFERING

see OFFERINGS

SINAI

1 mountain Ex 19:11; Lev 26:46
Num 28:6

where Law recited
Ex 31:18;34:29

also Horeb
2 desert wilderness Ex 16:1
Ex 19:1; Num 1:19;9:5

SINCERE without deceit
he s and blameless Phil 1:10
mindful of the s faith 2 Tim 1:5
s love...brethren 1 Pet 1:22

SINEW strength or tendon
with bones and s-s Job 10:11
neck is an iron s Is 48:4
will put s-s on you Ezek 37:6

SINFUL, wicked
a brood of s men Num 32:14
a generation Mark 8:34
I am a s man Luke 5:8
likeness of s flesh Rom 8:3

SING
s to the LORD Ex 15:1
s-ing and dancing 1 Sam 18:6
I will s praises 2 Sam 22:50
morning stars sang Job 38:7
S to Him a new song Ps 33:3
the righteous s-s Prov 29:6
birds will s Zeph 2:14
after s-ing a hymn Mark 14:26
s-ing, thankfulness Col 3:16
sang a new song Rev 5:9

SINGERS
these are the s 1 Chr 9:33
male and female s Eccl 2:8

SINK descend, fall
do not let me s Ps 69:14
so shall Babylon s Jer 51:64

SINNER wrongdoer
He instructs s-s Ps 25:8
if s-s entice you Prov 1:10
Adversity pursues s-s Prov 13:21
one s destroys much Eccl 9:18
a friend of s-s Matt 11:19
one s who repents Luke 15:7
merciful to me s Luke 18:13
God not hear s-s John 9:31
while we were yet s-s Rom 5:8
came to save s-s 1 Tim 1:15

SISERA
1 Canaanite warrior Judg 4:28
2 class of Neithinim Ezra 2:53
Neh 7:55

SISTER
She is my s Gen 12:19
We have a little s Song 8:8
a s called Mary Luke 10:39
commend to you our s-s Rom 16:1
younger women as s-s 1 Tim 5:2

SIT recline, rest
Moses sat to judge Ex 18:13
Nor s in the seat Ps 1:1
S at My right hand Ps 110:1
lonely s-s the city Lam 1:34
who s in darkness Luke 1:79
dead man sat up Luke 7:15
where the harlot s-s Rev 17:15

STIVAN
third month of Hebrew
calendar Esth 8:9

SKILL proficiency
filled them with s Ex 35:35
the heavens with s Ps 136:5
work of s-ed men Jer 10:9
s-ed in destruction Ezek 21:31

SKILLFUL accomplished
became a s hunter Gen 25:27
s player on harp 1 Sam 16:16
praises with a s psalm Ps 47:7

SKIN covering
garments of s Gen 3:21
s of his face shone Ex 34:29
Clothe me with s Job 10:11
My s turns black Job 30:30
will burst the s-s Mark 2:22

SKIP hop, leap
children s about Job 21:11
Lebanon s like a calf Ps 29:6
go forth and s Mal 4:2

SKULL bony framework of head
head, crushing his s Judg 9:53
the s and the feet 2 Kin 9:35
Place of a S Matt 27:33

SKY heavens
sun stopped in s Josh 10:13
the s grew black 1 Kin 18:45
witness in the s Ps 89:37
s will be rolled up Is 34:4
for the s is red Matt 16:2
will appear in the s Matt 24:30
s was shut up Luke 4:25
gazing into the s Acts 1:10
s was split apart Rev 6:14

SLANDER (n) defamation
spreads s is a fool Prov 10:18
s-s, gossip 2 Cor 12:20
and s be put away Eph 4:31

SLANDER (v) defame
He does not s Ps 15:3
Whoever secretly s-s Ps 101:5
Do not s a slave Prov 30:10

SLANDERER defamer
s separates friends Prov 16:28
s-s, haters of God Rom 1:30

SLAUGHTER (n) brutal killing
great s at Gibeon Josh 10:10
lamb led to the s Jer 11:19
as a sheep to s Acts 8:32
in a day of s James 5:5

SLAUGHTER (v) kill
shall s the bull Ex 29:11
shall s the lamb Lev 14:25
Who s the children Is 57:5
s-ed My children Ezek 16:21

SLAVE bondservant
The Hebrew s Gen 30:17
s at forced labor Gen 40:15
sold in a s sale Lev 25:42
Is Israel a s Jer 2:14
S-s rule over us Lam 3:8

s above his master Matt 10:24
good and faithful s Matt 25:21
shall be s of all Mark 10:44
is the s of sin John 8:34
neither s nor free Gal 3:28
as s-s of Christ Eph 6:6

SLAVERY servitude
from the house of s Ex 13:3
ransomed you from...s Mic 6:4
received a spirit of s Rom 8:15
to a yoke of s Gal 5:1

SLAY destroy, kill
knife to s his son Gen 22:10
s-s the foolish Job 5:2
Though He s me Job 13:15
Evil s the wicked Ps 34:21
s her with thirst Hos 2:3
Lamb that was slain Rev 5:12

SLEEP (n) rest
caused a deep s Gen 2:21
Do not love s Prov 20:13
a spirit of deep s Is 29:10
s fled from him Dan 6:18
overcome by s Acts 20:9

SLEEP (v) slumber
why dost Thou s Ps 44:23
neither slumber nor s Ps 121:4
who s-s in harvest Prov 10:5
found them s-ing Matt 28:43
we shall not all s 1 Cor 15:51

SLOW not quick
I am s of speech Ex 4:10
gracious, S to anger Ps 103:8
to hear, s to speak James 1:19
Lord is not s 2 Pet 3:9

SLUGGARD lazy one
to the ant, O s Prov 6:6
the s craves Prov 13:4
s buries his hand Prov 26:15

SLUMBER sleep
s in their beds Job 33:15
He will not s Ps 121:3
None s-s or sleeps Is 5:27
Dreamers, love to s Is 56:10

SMALL little
both s and great 2 Kin 32:2
s among the nations Jer 40:15
day of s things Zech 4:10
For the gate is s Matt 7:14
a few s fish Mark 8:7
he was s in stature Luke 19:3
tongue is a s part James 3:5

SMILE grin
I s-d on them Job 29:24
that I may s again Ps 39:15
she s-s at the future Prov 31:25

SMITE hit, strike
s...with frogs Ex 8:2
smote Job with sore Job 2:7
sun will not s you Ps 121:6
righteous s me Ps 141:5
s the earth Rev 11:6

SMITH—SOUND

SMITH *worker of metal*

a vessel for the s Prov 25:4
created the s who Is 54:16
s-s from Jerusalem Jer 24:1

SMOKE *mist, vapor*

s ascended Gen 19:28
Sinai was all in s Ex 19:18
like s they vanish Ps 37:20
temple was filling with s Is 6:4
s rises up forever Rev 19:3

SMOOTH *no roughness*

I am a s man Gen 27:11
five s stones 1 Sam 17:40
Make s a highway Is 40:3
the rough roads s Luke 3:5
s flattering speech Rom 16:18

SMYRNA

city in Asia Minor Rev 1:11; 2:8

SNAKE *serpent*

horned s in the path Gen 49:17
a s bites him Amos 5:19
s instead of a fish Luke 11:11

SNARE *trap*

gods shall be a s Judg 2:3
s-s of death 2 Sam 22:6
laid a s for me Ps 119:110
his lips are the s Prov 18:7
caught in My s Ezek 12:13
table become a s Rom 11:9
s of the devil 1 Tim 3:7

SNOW *ice flakes*

storehouses of the s Job 38:22
be whiter than s Ps 51:7
He gives s like wool Ps 147:16
Like s in summer Prov 26:1
as white as s Matt 28:3

SOBER *serious, temperate*

words of s truth Acts 28:25
be alert and s 1 Thess 5:6
Be of s spirit 1 Pet 5:8

SODOM

city S of Dead Sea Gen 10:19
home of Lot Gen 19:14
destroyed by God Gen 19:24

SODOMITE

one guilty of unnatural
sexual practices 1 Kin 22:46

SOFT *kind*

speak to you s words Job 41:3
s tongue breaks the Prov 25:15

SOIL *earth, ground*

first fruits of your s Ex 23:19
he loved the s 2 Chr 26:10
fell into the good s Mark 4:8
produce of the s James 5:7

SOJOURN *visit temporarily*

S in this land Gen 28:3
stranger s-s with you Ex 12:48
s...land of Moab Ruth 1:25

SOJOURNER

s in a foreign land Ex 2:22
are s-s before Thee 1 Chr 29:15
oppressed the s Ezek 22:29

SOLDIER *military man*

s-s took Him away Mark 15:16
s-s also mocked Luke 23:36
s-s pierced His side John 19:34
a devout s Acts 10:7
good s of Christ 2 Tim 2:3

SOLEMN *deeply earnest, serious*

sabbath of s rest Lev 16:31
have a s assembly Num 29:35
sworn s oaths Ezek 21:23
bound...a s oath Acts 23:14

SOLOMON

1 son of David 2 Sam 12:24
king of Israel 1 Kin 1:43
ruled wisely 1 Kin 4:29; 34
built the Temple 1 Kin 6:2; 9:1
international fame 1 Kin 10:1
ruled foolishly 1 Kin 11:6
death 1 Kin 11:43

2 Song of Solomon
also Song of Songs

SON *male descendant*

the s-s of Noah Gen 9:18
Take...your only s Gen 22:2
O Absalom, my s 2 Sam 18:33
to be a s to Me 1 Chr 28:6
s-s of God shouted Job 38:7
Thou art My s Ps 2:7
wise s makes a Prov 10:1
Discipline your s Prov 19:18
bear a s...Immanuel Is 7:14
Egypt I called My s Hos 11:1
she gave birth to a s Matt 1:25
This is My beloved s Matt 3:17
the carpenter's s Matt 13:55
I am the S of God Matt 27:43
S of Man...suffer Mark 8:31
her first-born s Luke 2:7
If You are the S Luke 4:3
man had two s-s Luke 15:11
only begotten S John 3:16
S also gives life John 5:21
become s-s of light John 12:36
sending His own S Rom 8:3
image of His S Rom 8:29
not spare His own S Rom 8:32
fellowship with His S 1 Cor 1:9
if a s, then an heir Gal 4:7
shall be a S to Me Heb 1:5
abide in the S 1 John 2:24
He who has the S 1 John 5:12

SON-IN-LAW

the s of the Timnite Judg 15:6
be the king's s 1 Sam 18:18
s of Sanballat Neh 13:28

SON-OF-GOD

Messianic title indicating
deity of Jesus Christ
Matt 4:3; 8:29; 16:16; Mark 1:20
Mark 3:11; 14:61; Luke 1:35
John 3:18; 11:27; Acts 8:37

SON OF MAN

Messianic title indicating
humanity of Jesus Christ
Matt 8:20; 9:6; Mark 2:10; 10:33
Luke 12:10; 18:31; John 6:27; 13:31

CONCORDANCE

SONG *melody, music*

LORD is my...s Ex 15:2
ministered with s 1 Chr 6:32
gives s-s in the night Job 35:10
s-s of deliverance Ps 32:7
Sing to Him a new s Ps 33:3
A s of my beloved Is 5:1
Praise the LORD in s Is 12:5
not drink wine with s Is 24:9
hymns...spiritual s-s Eph 5:19

SORCERER *witch*

interprets...or a s Deut 18:10
witness against the s-s Mal 3:5
immoral persons...s-s Rev 21:8

SORCERY *witchcraft*

practiced s 2 Chr 33:6
idolatry, s, enmities Gal 5:20
deceived by your s Rev 18:23

SORDID *filthy*

fond of s gain 1 Tim 3:8
the sake of s gain Titus 1:11
not for s gain 1 Pet 5:2

SOREK

valley SW of Jerusalem Judg 16:4

SORROW *grief, sadness*

down to Sheol in s Gen 42:38
life is spent with s Ps 31:10
man of s-s Is 53:3
s is beyond healing Jer 8:18
s...turned to joy John 16:20
if I cause you s 2 Cor 2:2

SOSTHENES

1 synagogue leader Acts 18:17
2 Corinthian believer 1 Cor 1:27

SOUL *life, spirit*

her s was departing Gen 35:18
humble your s-s Lev 16:29
poured out my s 1 Sam 1:15
not abandon my s Ps 16:10
He restores my s Ps 23:3
my s pants for Thee Ps 42:1
Bless the LORD, O my s Ps 103:1
who is wise wins s-s Prov 11:30
s who sins will die Ezek 18:4
unable to kill the s Matt 10:28
exchange for his s Matt 16:26
My s is...grieved Matt 26:38
and forfeit his s Mark 8:36
My s exalts the Lord Luke 1:46
your s is required Luke 12:20
one heart and s Acts 4:32
an anchor of the s Heb 6:19
able to save your s-s James 1:21
save his s from James 5:20
war against the s 1 Pet 2:11

SOUND (adj) *accurate, stable*

s wisdom...two sides Job 11:6
I give you s teaching Prov 4:2
the s doctrine 1 Tim 4:6

SOUND (n) *noise*

s of Thee in...garden Gen 3:10
s of war in the camp Ex 32:17
s of a great army 2 Kin 7:6
s of many waters Ezek 43:2

SOUND (v) *express*

s His praise abroad Ps 66:8
s an alarm Joel 2:1
trumpet will s 1 Cor 15:52

SOUR *distasteful, tart*

eaten s grapes Jer 31:29
offering...s wine Luke 23:36

SOURCE *origin*

the s of sapphires Job 28:6
s of eternal salvation Heb 5:9
s of quarrels James 4:1

SOVEREIGNTY *authority*

His s rules over all Ps 103:19
s from Damascus Is 17:3
s will be uprooted Dan 11:4

SOW *plant, spread*

you may s the land Gen 47:23
s your seed uselessly Lev 26:16
who s in tears Ps 126:5
who s-s iniquity will Prov 22:8
they s the wind Hos 4:7
birds do not s Matt 6:26
s good seed Matt 13:27
s-ed spiritual things 1 Cor 9:11
whatever a man s-s Gal 6:7

SOWER *planter*

seed to the s Is 55:10
s went out to sow Matt 13:3
s sows the word Mark 4:14

SPAIN

S European land Rom 15:24,26

SPARE *save or be lenient*

did not s their soul Ps 78:50
who s-s his rod Prov 13:24
No man s-s his brother Is 9:19
not s His own Son Rom 8:32
I will not s anyone 2 Cor 13:2
God did not s angels 2 Pet 2:4

SPEAK *proclaim, tell*

God spoke to Noah Gen 8:15
God s-s with man Deut 5:24
S of all His wonders 1 Chr 16:9
He who s-s falsehood Ps 101:7
and a time to s Eccl 3:7
the dumb to s Mark 7:37
s that...we know John 3:11
Never did a man s John 7:46
s with other tongues Acts 2:4
we s God's wisdom 1 Cor 2:7
If I s with tongues 1 Cor 13:1

SPEAR *weapon*

leaning on his s 2 Sam 1:6
s-s into pruning hooks Is 2:4
pruning hooks into s-s Joel 3:10
pierced...with a s John 19:34

SPECK *particle*

regarded as a s of Is 40:15
s out of your eye Matt 7:4

SPEECH *message, word*

I am slow of s Ex 4:10
His s was smoother Ps 55:21
in cleverness of s 1 Cor 1:17
I am unskilled in s 2 Cor 11:6

SPELL *incantation*

one who casts a s Deut 18:11
skillful caster of s-s Ps 58:5
power of your s-s Is 47:9

SPICE

s and the oil Ex 35:28
mix in the s-s Ezek 24:10
prepared s-s and Luke 23:56
wrappings with...s-s John 19:40

SPIES *clandestine persons*

we are not s Gen 42:31
two men as s Josh 2:1
David sent out s 1 Sam 26:4
welcomed the s Heb 11:31

SPIN *make thread*

nor do they s Matt 6:28
neither toil nor s Luke 12:27

SPIRIT

S rested upon them Num 11:26
God sent an evil s Judg 9:23
My s is broken Job 17:1
renew a steadfast s Ps 51:10
my s grows faint Ps 77:3
a haughty s before Prov 16:18
the S lifted me up Ezek 3:14
his s was troubled Dan 2:1
four s-s of heaven Zech 6:5
are the poor in s Matt 5:3
authority over s-s Matt 10:1
put My S upon Him Matt 12:18
blasphemy the S Matt 12:31
yielded up His s Matt 27:50
S like a dove Mark 1:10
s not have flesh Luke 24:39
born of the S John 3:5
worship in s and John 4:24
gave up His s John 19:30
pour forth of My S Acts 2:17
Jesus, receive my s Acts 7:59
power of the S Rom 15:19
taught by the S 1 Cor 2:13
pray with the s 1 Cor 14:15
walk by the S Gal 5:16
fruit of the S is love Gal 5:22
one body and one S Eph 4:4
be filled with the S Eph 5:18
sword of the S Eph 6:17
not quench the S 1 Thess 5:19
division of soul and s Heb 4:12
the s-s now in prison 1 Pet 3:19
S who bears witness 1 John 5:7
see also HOLY SPIRIT

SPIRIT OF GOD

the S was moving Gen 1:2
S came upon him 1 Sam 10:10
a vision by the S Ezek 11:24
S descending as s Matt 3:16
being led by the S Rom 8:14
S dwells in you 1 Cor 3:16
worship in the S Phil 3:3
see also HOLY SPIRIT

SPIRIT OF THE LORD

S came upon him Judg 3:10
S departed from 1 Sam 16:14
S gave them rest Is 63:14
filled with...the S Mic 3:8

S is upon Me Luke 4:18
see also HOLY SPIRIT

SPIRITIST *medium*

not turn to...s-s Lev 19:31
s...be put to death Lev 20:27
removed...the s-s 2 Kin 23:24

SPIRITUAL *of the spirit*

the Law is s Rom 7:14
s service of worship Rom 12:1
raised a s body 1 Cor 15:44
with every s blessing Eph 1:3
hymns and s songs Eph 5:19
offer up s sacrifices 1 Pet 2:5

SPIT

began to s at Him Mark 14:65
and s upon Luke 18:32
He spat on ground John 9:6
I will s you out Rev 3:16

SPLENDOR *magnificence*

the moon going in s Job 31:26
displayed Thy s Ps 8:1
Thy s and Thy majesty Ps 45:3
clothed with s Ps 104:1
s covers the heavens Hab 3:3

SPLIT *divide*

He s the rock Is 48:21
valleys will be s Mic 1:4
Mount...will be s Zech 14:4
sky was s apart Rev 6:14

SPOIL *booty, pillage*

he divides the s Gen 49:27
the s of the cities Deut 2:35
divide the s with Prov 16:19
widows may be their s Is 10:2
for s to the nations Ezek 25:7

SPONGE *absorbent matter*

taking a s, he filled Matt 27:48
a s with sour wine Mark 15:36

SPOT *speck*

or the leopard his s-s Jer 13:23
no s or wrinkle Eph 5:27

SPOTLESS *no defects*

unblemished and s 1 Pet 1:19
s and blameless 2 Pet 3:14

SPREAD *stretch out*

He s His wings Deut 32:11
I s My skirt over Ezek 16:8
death s to all men Rom 5:12

SPRING (adj) *period, season*

has been no s rain Jer 3:3
Like the s rain Hos 6:3
s crop began to sprout Amos 7:1

SPRING (n) *water source*

went down to the s Gen 24:16
twelve s-s of water Ex 15:27
stop all s-s of water 2 Kin 3:19
s-s of the deep...fixed Prov 8:28
the s-s of salvation Is 12:3
s of the water of life Rev 21:6

SPRING—STRAIGHT

SPRING (v) *jump, leap*

s up, O well Num 21:17
Truth s-s from the Ps 85:11
s-ing up to eternal John 4:14

SPRINKLE *scatter*

take its blood and s Ex 29:16
s some of the blood Lev 4:6
s it seven times Lev 4:17
s some of the oil Lev 14:16

SPY *investigate*

Moses sent to s Num 13:17
to s out Jericho Josh 6:25
spied out Bethel Judg 1:23
s out our liberty Gal 2:4

SQUARE *area or shape*

altar shall be s Ex 27:1
voice in the s Prov 1:20
city is a s Rev 21:16

STAFF *rod*

s of God in his hand Ex 4:20
Thy s, they comfort Ps 23:4
or sandals, or a s Matt 10:10
a mere s; no bread Mark 6:8

STAIN *blemish*

s of your iniquity Jer 2:22
without s or reproach 1 Tim 6:14

STAND *maintain position*

s before the LORD Deut 10:8
O sun, s still Josh 10:12
s before kings Prov 22:29
word of our God s-s Is 40:8
will s on the Mount Zech 14:4
love to s and pray Matt 6:5
s-ing by the cross John 19:25
why do you s looking Acts 1:11
s by your faith Rom 11:20
s before judgment Rom 14:10
s firm in the faith 1 Cor 16:13
foundation...s-s 2 Tim 2:19
I s at the door Rev 3:20

STANDARD *banner or rule*

set up their own s-s Ps 74:4
set up My s Is 49:22
s of the Law Acts 22:12
s of sound words 2 Tim 1:13

STAR *heavenly body*

He made the s-s Gen 1:16
s shall come forth Num 24:17
morning s-s sang Job 38:7
s of the morning Is 14:12
s-s for light by night Jer 31:35
His s in the east Matt 2:2
morning s arises 2 Pet 1:19
wandering s-s Jude 13
s fell from heaven Rev 8:10
the bright morning s Rev 22:16

STATE *position*

s of expectation Luke 3:15
of our humble s Phil 3:21
s has become worse 2 Pet 2:20

STATEMENT *assertion*

let your s be Matt 5:37
trap Him in a s Mark 12:13

catch Him in...s Luke 20:20
This is a difficult s John 6:60

STATURE *height*

was growing in s 1 Sam 2:26
in wisdom and s Luke 2:52
he was small in s Luke 19:3
measure of the s Eph 4:13

STATUTE *law, rule*

My s-s and My laws Gen 26:5
a perpetual s Ex 29:9
keep My s-s Lev 18:5
Teach me Thy s-s Ps 119:26
not walked in My s-s Ezek 5:7

STEADFAST *established, firm*

be s and not fear Job 11:15
renew a s spirit Ps 51:10
My heart is s Ps 57:7
s in righteousness Prov 11:19
be s, immovable 1 Cor 15:58

STEAL *rob, take*

You shall not s Ex 20:15
be in want and s Prov 30:9
thieves break in...s Matt 6:19
Do not s Mark 10:19

STEPHANAS

Corinthian Christian
1 Cor 1:16;16:15,17

STEPHEN

deacon Acts 6:5,8
martyred Acts 7:59;8:2

STEPS *distance or movements*

dost number my s Job 14:16
s bathed in butter Job 29:6
His s do not slip Ps 37:31
s lay hold of Sheol Prov 5:5
in the s of the faith Rom 4:12
follow in His s 1 Pet 2:21

STEWARD *supervisor*

and sensible s Luke 12:42
s-s of the mysteries 1 Cor 4:1
reproach as God's s Titus 1:7

STEWARDSHIP *responsibility*

an account of your s Luke 16:2
a s entrusted to me 1 Cor 9:17
s of God's grace Eph 3:2

STIFFEN *make rigid*

s your neck no more Deut 10:16
do not s your neck 2 Chr 30:8
have s-ed their necks Jer 19:15

STILL *motionless or quiet*

O sun, stand s Josh 10:12
the storm to be s Ps 107:29
Why are we sitting s Jer 8:14
sea, Hush, be s Mark 4:39

STIMULATE *excite*

how to s my body Eccl 2:3
s one another to Heb 10:24

STING *pain*

where is your s 1 Cor 15:55
s of death is sin 1 Cor 15:56

STIR *agitate*

S up Thyself Ps 35:23

CONCORDANCE

word s-s up anger Prov 15:1
man s-s up strife Prov 29:22
s-red up the water John 5:4

STOCKS *confinement*

put my feet in the s Job 13:27
Jeremiah from the s Jer 20:3
their feet in the s Acts 16:24

STOMACH *part of body*

s will be satisfied Prov 18:20
s of the fish Jon 1:17
Food is for the s 1 Cor 6:13
s was made bitter Rev 10:10

STONE (n) *rock*

they used brick for s Gen 11:3
two s tablets Ex 34:1
do these s-s mean Josh 4:6
five smooth s-s 1 Sam 17:40
there was no s seen 1 Kin 6:18
Water wears s-s Job 14:19
foot against a s Ps 91:12
in Zion a s Is 28:16
take the heart of a Ezek 11:19
serving wood and s Ezek 20:32
foot against a s Matt 4:6
will give him a s Matt 7:9
rolled away the s Matt 28:2
s-s will cry out Luke 19:40
six s waterpots John 2:6
first to throw a s John 8:7
Remove the s John 11:39
s-s, wood, hay 1 Cor 3:12
us to a living s 1 Pet 2:4
A s of stumbling 1 Pet 2:8

STONE (v) *throw stones*

people will s us Luke 20:6
seeking to s You John 11:8
went on s-ing Stephen Acts 7:59
they s-d Paul Acts 14:19

STOP *cease*

the sun s-ped Josh 10:13
And the oil s-ped 2 Kin 4:6
put a s to sacrifice Dan 9:27
s weeping for Me Luke 23:28
s sinning 1 Cor 15:34

STORE *accumulate*

s up the grain Gen 41:35
His sin is s-d up Hos 13:12
place to s my crops Luke 12:17
s-d up your treasure James 5:3

STOREHOUSE *storage place*

s-s of the snow Job 38:22
wind from His s-s Jer 10:13
tithe into the s Mal 3:10

STORK *bird*

the s, the heron Lev 11:19
the s in the sky Jer 8:7
wings of a s Zech 5:9

STORM *tempest, whirlwind*

A refuge from the s Is 25:4
will come like a s Ezek 38:9
a great s on the sea Jon 1:4
mists driven by a s 2 Pet 2:17

STRAIGHT *direct*

Make Thy way s Ps 5:8
make your paths s Prov 3:6

Make His paths s Matt 3:3
Make s the way John 1:23

STRANGE *foreign*

offered s fire Lev 10:1
no s god among you Ps 81:9
to teach s doctrines 1 Tim 1:3
went after s flesh Jude 7

STRANGER *alien, sojourner*

s in the land Gen 22:21
s s and a sojourner Gen 23:4
shall not wrong s s Ex 22:21
s s in the earth Ps 119:19
LORD protects the s-s Ps 146:9
violence to the s Jer 22:3
I was a s Matt 25:35
hospitality to s-s Heb 13:2

STRAW *stalk of grain*

s to make brick Ex 5:7
s for the horses 1 Kin 4:26
as s before the wind Job 21:18
wood, hay, s 1 Cor 3:12

STRAY *wander*

got s into her paths Prov 7:25
no longer s from Me Ezek 14:11
s from the truth James 5:19
going like sheep 1 Pet 2:25

STREAM *current, flow*

planted by s-s of water Ps 1:3
The s of God Ps 65:9
like a rushing s Is 59:19

STREET *road, way*

Wisdom shouts in s Prov 1:20
rue madly in the s-s Nah 2:4
on the s corners Matt 6:5
s of the city gold Rev 21:21

STRENGTH *force, power*

no longer yield its s Gen 4:12
The LORD is my s Ex 15:2
was no s in him 1 Sam 28:20
My s is dried up Ps 22:15
The LORD is my s Ps 28:7
s in time of trouble Ps 37:39
God is our refuge s Ps 46:1
s of my salvation Ps 140:7
your s to women Prov 31:3
s to the weary Is 40:29
strangers devour his s Hos 7:9
with all your s Mark 12:30
s which God supplies 1 Pet 4:11
sun shining in its s Rev 1:16

STRENGTHEN *make strong*

please s me Judg 16:28
David s-ed himself 1 Sam 30:6
s-ed weak hands Job 4:3
s the feeble Is 35:3
s the sick Ezek 34:16
s your brothers Luke 22:32
s-ed in the faith Acts 16:5
Him who s-s me Phil 4:3
s-ed with all power Col 1:11
s your hearts 2 Thes 2:17
who has s-ed me 1 Tim 1:12

STRETCH *extend*

I will s out My hand Ex 3:20
He s-s out the north Job 36:7

S-ing out heaven Ps 104:2
I s-ed out the heavens Is 45:12

STRIFE *discord, quarrel*

s between...herdsmen Gen 13:7
the s of tongues Ps 31:20
Hatred stirs up s Prov 10:12
fool's lips bring s Prov 18:6
of envy, murder, s Rom 1:26
and s among you 1 Cor 3:3
enmities, s, jealousy Gal 5:20

STRIKE *hit*

I will s the water Ex 7:17
you shall s the rock Ex 17:6
He who s-s a man Ex 21:12
s the timbrel Ps 81:2
you s your foot Ps 91:12
S a scoffer Prov 19:25
He will s the earth Is 11:4
let us s at him Jer 18:18
S the Shepherd Zech 13:7
s the shepherd Matt 26:31

STRIVE *contend, struggle*

not s with man forever Gen 6:3
He will not always s Ps 103:9
and s-ing after wind Eccl 1:14
s together with me Rom 15:30
s-ing to please men Gal 1:10
we labor and s 1 Tim 4:10
s-ing against sin Heb 12:4

STRONG *powerful, steadfast*

a very s west wind Ex 10:19
not drink s drink Lev 10:9
Be s and courageous Deut 31:6
Israel became s Judg 1:28
God is s fortress 2 Sam 22:33
The LORD s and mighty Ps 24:8
s drink a brawler Prov 20:1
their Redeemer is s Prov 23:11
ants are not a s folk Prov 30:25
love is as s as death Song 8:6
Their Redeemer is s Jer 50:34
grew s in faith Rom 4:20
act like men, be s 1 Cor 16:13
be s in the Lord Eph 6:10
weakness made s Heb 11:34
I saw a s angel Rev 5:2

STRONGHOLD *fortress, refuge*

David lived in the s 2 Sam 5:9
s and my refuge 2 Sam 22:3
s for the oppressed Ps 9:9
For God is my s Ps 50:9
my salvation, My s Ps 62:2
a s to the upright Prov 10:29

STRUGGLE (n) *conflict*

the days of my s Job 14:14
our s is not against Eph 6:12
have shared my s Phil 4:3

STRUGGLE (v) *contend*

children s-d together Gen 25:22
men s...each other Ex 21:22

STUBBLE *short stumps*

gather s for straw Ex 5:12
fire consumes s Is 5:24
give birth to s Is 55:11
house of Esau...s Obad 18

STUBBORN *obstinate*

Pharaoh's heart is s Ex 7:14
you are a s people Deut 9:6
s...generation Ps 78:8
house of Israel is s Ezek 3:7

STUBBORNNESS *intractable*

I know your...s Deut 31:27
s of their heart Ps 81:12
s unrepentant heart Rom 2:5

STUMBLE *fall, trip*

your foot will not s Prov 3:23
a rock to s over Is 8:14
arrogant one will s Jer 50:32
eve makes you s Matt 5:29
a stone of s-ing Rom 9:33
all s in many ways James 3:2

STUMBLING BLOCK *obstacle*

s before the blind Lev 19:14
s of iniquity Ezek 44:12
You are a s to Me Matt 16:23
to Jews a s 1 Cor 1:23
s of the cross Gal 5:11

STUMP *part of plant*

s dies in the dry soil Job 14:8
The holy seed is its s Is 6:13
the s with the roots Dan 4:26

STUPID *foolish, senseless*

s and the senseless Ps 49:10
I am more s than Prov 30:2
they are altogether s Jer 10:8

STYLUS *marking/writing device*

an iron s and lead Job 19:24
with an iron s Jer 17:1

SUBDUE *conquer, overcome*

fill the earth, and s Gen 1:28
the land was s-d Josh 18:1
us completely s them Ps 74:8
s nations before him Is 45:1

SUBJECT (adj) *under authority*

s to forced labor Judg 1:30
demons are s to us Luke 10:17
church is s to Christ Eph 5:24
s to husbands Titus 2:3
be s to the Father Heb 12:9

SUBJECT (v)

s him to a slave's Lev 25:39
creation was s-ed Rom 8:20
them s themselves 1 Cor 14:34
all things are s-ed 1 Cor 15:28

SUBJECTION *under authority*

kingdom in s Ezek 17:14
He continued in s Luke 2:51
s to the governing Rom 13:1
all things in s 1 Cor 15:27

SUBMISSIVE *yielding*

Servants, be s 1 Pet 2:18
s to...husbands 1 Pet 3:5

SUBMIT *yield to*

Foreigners s to me Ps 18:44
s yourself to decrees Col 2:20
S therefore to God James 4:7

SUBSTITUTE—SWINDLER

SUBSTITUTE

s shall become holy Lev 27:10
s darkness for light Is 5:20
s bitter for sweet Is 5:20

SUCCESS accomplishment

grant me s today Gen 24:12
hands cannot attain s Job 5:12
Daniel enjoyed s Dan 6:28

SUCCESSFUL having achieved

make your journey s Gen 24:40
make Thy servant s Neh 1:11
make his ways s Is 48:15

SUCCOTH

1 *Israelite camping place*
Ex 12:37, 13:20
2 *Gadite town in Jordan Valley*
Josh 13:27, Ps 60:6

SUDDENLY abruptly

lest he come s Mark 13:36
s from heaven Acts 2:2

SUFFER experience pain

s the fate of all Num 16:29
Son of Man must s Mark 8:31
s and rise again Luke 24:46
worthy to s shame Acts 5:41
we s with Him Rom 8:17
creation s-s Rom 8:22
if one member s-s 1 Cor 12:26
s-ing for the gospel 2 Tim 1:8
Christ also s-ed 1 Pet 2:21

SUFFERINGS distress

s of this present Rom 8:18
share of our s 2 Cor 1:7
fellowship of His s Phil 3:10
rejoice in my s Col 1:24
share the s of Christ 1 Pet 4:13

SUFFICIENT enough

s for its redemption Lev 25:26
bread is not s John 6:7
My grace is s 2 Cor 12:9

SUMMER season

fever heat of s Ps 32:4
Thou hast made s Ps 74:17
Like snow in s Prov 26:1
know that s is near Matt 24:32

SUMMIT peak, top

Like the s of Lebanon Jer 22:6
hide on the s Amos 9:3

SUMMON call, gather

s-ed all Israel Deut 5:1
s all the prophets 2 Kin 10:19
He s-s the heavens Ps 50:4
He s-ed the twelve Matt 6:7

SUN heavenly body

when the s grew hot Ex 16:21
the s stood still Josh 10:13
chariots of the s 2 Kin 23:11
God is a s Ps 84:11
s will not smite Ps 121:6
s to rule by day Ps 136:8
new under the s Eccl 1:9
s go down at noon Amos 8:9
shine forth as the s Matt 13:43

signs in the s Luke 21:25
not let the s go down Eph 4:26
clothed with the s Rev 12:1

SUNRISE appearance of sun

toward the s Num 3:38
Jordan toward the s Josh 1:15

SUNSET

Passover at s Deut 16:6
dawn and the s shout Ps 65:8

SUNSHINE

Through s after rain 2 Sam 23:4
dazzling heat in the s Is 18:4

SUPPER meal

made Him a s John 12:2
eat the Lord's S 1 Cor 11:20
marriage s of the Rev 19:9
the great s of God Rev 19:17

SUPPLICATION petition

Make s to the LORD Ex 9:28
s of Thy people 1 Kin 8:52
LORD has heard my s Ps 6:9
poor man utters s-s Prov 18:23
seek Him by s-s Dan 9:3
by prayer and s Phil 4:6

SUPPLY provide

He who s-ies seed 2 Cor 9:10
my God shall s Phil 4:19
s moral excellence 2 Pet 1:5

SUPPORT (n) strength

the LORD was my s 2 Sam 22:19
gave him strong s 1 Chr 11:10
Both supply and s Is 3:1
worthy of his s Matt 10:10

SUPPORT (v) uphold

Hur s-ed his hands Ex 17:12
will He s... evildoers Job 8:20
He s-s the fatherless Ps 146:9
ought to s such men 3 John 8

SUR see GATES OF JERUSALEM

SURE secure, true

testimony... is s Ps 19:7
His precepts are s Ps 111:7
His water will be s Is 33:16

SURETY hable, security

I myself will be s Gen 43:9
s for Thy servant Ps 119:122
s for a stranger Prov 11:15

SURFACE exterior

s of the deep Gen 1:2
ark floated on the s Gen 7:18
water was on the s Gen 8:9

SURPASS excel

you s in beauty Ezek 32:19
s-ing riches of His Eph 2:7
which s-es knowledge Eph 3:19

SURRENDER yield

s me into his hand 1 Sam 23:11
How can I s you Hos 11:8

SURROUND encircle

s him with favor Ps 5:12

CONCORDANCE

Shed s-ed me Ps 18:5
s me with songs Ps 32:7
witnesses s-ing us Heb 12:1

SURVIVE outlive

your household will s Jer 38:17
how can we s Ezek 33:10

SURVIVORS continued to live

inheritance for s Judg 21:17
out of Zion s 2 Kin 19:31
left us a few s Is 1:9
imprison their s Obad 14

SUSA

a Persian capital city
Neh 1:44; Esth 1:2, 5, 3, 15, 9, 15

SUSTAIN provide for

land could not s Gen 13:6
LORD s-s the righteous Ps 37:17
He will s you Ps 55:22
S with raisin cakes Song 2:5

SWALLOW (n) bird

the s a nest Ps 84:3
like a s in its Prov 26:2

SWALLOW (v) take in

earth may s us up Num 16:34
He will s up death Is 25:8
great fish to s Jonah Jon 1:17
s-ed up in victory 1 Cor 15:54

SWARM collect, gather

Nile will s with frogs Ex 8:3
which s on the earth Lev 11:29
land s-ed with frogs Ps 105:30

SWEAR take oath, vow

s by the LORD Gen 24:3
oath which I swore Gen 26:3
person s-s thoughtlessly Lev 5:4
not s falsely Lev 19:12
sworn by My holiness Ps 89:35
s by My name Jer 12:16
who s-s by heaven Matt 23:22
began to... s Matt 26:74
brethren do not s James 5:12

SWEAT perspiration

By the s of your face Gen 3:19
s...like drops of Luke 22:44

SWEET fresh, pleasant

waters became s Ex 15:25
s psalmist of Israel 2 Sam 23:1
who had s fellowship Ps 55:14
s are Thy words Ps 119:103
your sleep will be s Prov 3:24
Stolen water is s Prov 9:17
it was s as honey Ezek 3:3

SWIFT fast, rapid

horses and s steeds 1 Kin 4:26
s as the gazelles 1 Chr 12:8
race is not to the s Eccl 9:11
riding on a s cloud Is 19:1
s to shed blood Rom 3:15

SWINDLER cheater

curled be the s Mal 1:14
s drunkard, or a s 1 Cor 5:11
revilers, nor s-s 1 Cor 6:10

CONCORDANCE

SWINE *pig*

gold in a s-'s snout Prov 11:22
Who eat s-'s flesh Is 65:4
your pearls before s Matt 7:6
Send us into the s Mark 5:12

SWORD *weapon with blade*

flaming s turned Gen 3:24
by your s you shall Gen 27:40
the s shall bereave Deut 32:25
A s for the LORD Judg 7:20
s devour forever 2 Sam 2:26
fell on his s 1 Chr 10:5
tongue a sharp s Ps 57:4
as a two-edged s Prov 5:4
teeth are like s-s Prov 30:14
s against nation Is 2:4
the power of the s Jer 18:21
abolish the s Hos 2:18
s-s into plowshares Mic 4:3
perish by the s Matt 26:52
s of the Spirit Eph 6:17
than any two-edged s Heb 4:12
s of My mouth Rev 2:16

SYCAMORE *tree*

olive and s trees 1 Chr 27:28
plentiful as s-s 2 Chr 1:15
grower of s figs Amos 7:14
climbed up into a s Luke 10:4

SYCHAR

town of Samaria John 4:5
also Shechem

SYMPATHY *mutual feeling*

I looked for s Ps 69:20
s to the prisoners Heb 10:34

SYNAGOGUE *assembly*

pray in the s-s Matt 6:5
He went into their s Matt 12:9
flogged in the s-s Mark 13:9
chief seats in s-s Luke 20:46
outcasts from the s John 16:2
taught in s-s John 18:20
reasoning in the s Acts 17:17
but are a s of Satan Rev 2:9

SYRIA

N of Palestine Matt 4:24
Acts 15:23,41,20:3
see also ARAM

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TAANACH

Canaanite royal city Josh 12:21
Josh 21:25, Judg 5:19

TABERNACLE *assembly and workshop area*

dwelling place of God among the Israelites Ex 25:8
construction directed by God Ex 25:9
contained Ark of the Covenant Ex 25:10

phrases used in connection with the tabernacle:

house of the LORD Ex 23:19
Ex 34:28; Deut 23:18
tabernacle of the house of God 1 Chr 6:48
tabernacle of the tent of meeting Ex 39:40; 40:6,29
tabernacle or tent of the testimony Ex 38:21
Num 1:50,53
tent of meeting Ex 38:43
Ex 29:32,30 26:38,30; 40 2,6,7

TABITHA *see DORCAS*

TABLE *furniture*

gold t before the LORD Lev 24:6
Thou dost prepare a t Ps 23:5
crumbs masters' t Matt 15:27
t-s moneychangers Matt 21:12
dogs under the t Mark 7:28
drink at My t Luke 22:30
in order to serve t-s Acts 6:2
t of the Lord 1 Cor 10:21

TABLET *writing surface*

give you the stone t-s Ex 24:12
t-s of the testimony Ex 31:18
the t of their heart Jer 17:1
t-s of human hearts 2 Cor 3:3

TABOR

1 mountain Judg 4:6,12
2 city in Zebulun 1 Chr 6:77
3 oak in Benjamin 1 Sam 10:3

TAHPANHES

Egyptian city Jer 2:16
place where Jeremiah escaped Jer 43:7-9; 44:1

TAHPENES

queen of Egypt 1 Kin 11:19,20

TAIL

grasp it by its t Ex 4:4
the foxes t to t Judg 15:4
cuts off head and t Is 9:14
t-s like scorpions Rev 9:10

TAKE *get, grasp*

t the tree of life Gen 3:22
T My yoke upon Matt 11:29
T, eat; this is My Matt 26:26
t up your pallet Mark 2:9
t-s away the sin John 1:29
day that He was t-s Acts 1:22

TALENT

measure of weight Ex 38:27
2 Sam 12:30; 1 Chr 20:2
measure of money 1 Kin 20:39
Matt 18:24; 25 15,25

TALK (n) *conversation, speech*

argue with useless t Job 15:3
morally t Eph 5:4
their t will spread 2 Tim 2:17

TALK (v) *converse, speak*

God t-ed with him Gen 17:3
lips t of trouble Prov 24:2
who t about you Ezek 33:30
Paul kept on t-ing Acts 20:9

SWINE—TAX-GATHERER

TALL *high*

cut...its t cedars 2 Kin 19:23
a nation t and smooth Is 18:2
grew up, became t Ezek 16:7

TAMAR

1 Judah's daughter-in-law Gen 38:6ff
2 daughter of David 2 Sam 13:1
3 daughter of Abimelech 2 Sam 14:27
4 town near the Dead Sea 1 Kin 9:18; Ezek 47:10; 48:28

TAMARISK *tree*

a t tree at Beersheba Gen 21:33
under the t tree 1 Sam 22:6

TAMBOURINE

accompanied by t Is 5:12
gaiety of t-s ceases Is 24:8

TAMMUZ

Mesopotamian god Ezek 8:14

TARES *weeds*

t among the wheat Matt 13:25
gather up the t Matt 13:30
parable of the t Matt 13:36

TARSHISH

1 lineage of Japheth Gen 10:4
2 ships of 1 Kin 10:22,22:48
2 Chr 9:21; Ps 48:7
3 line of Benjamin 2 Chr 7:6-10
4 Persian official Esth 1:14
5 city Is 66:19; Jon 1:3

TARSUS

birthplace of Paul Acts 21:39
capital of Cilicia Acts 22:3

TASKMASTERS *overseers*

appointed t over them Ex 1:11
Pharaoh commanded t Ex 5:6

TASTE *test flavor*

As the palate t-s Job 34:3
O t and see Ps 34:8
shall not t death Matt 16:28
t death for everyone Heb 2:9
t-d heavenly gift Heb 6:4

TASTELESS *without taste*

Can something t be Job 6:6
salt has become t Matt 5:13

TAUNT *object of ridicule*

a t among all Deut 28:37
I have become their t Job 30:9

TAX *charge, tribute*

levy a t for the LORD Num 31:28
money for the king's t Neh 5:4
sitting in the t office Matt 9:9
pay t-s to Caesar Luke 20:22
t to whom t is due Rom 13:7

TAX-GATHERER *tax collector*

t-s do the same Matt 5:46
many t-s and sinners Matt 9:10
Matthew the t Matt 10:3
a friend of t-s Matt 11:19
he was a chief t Luke 19:2

TEACH—THANKS

TEACH *instruct*

t you what, to say Ex 4:12
t them the good way 1 Kin 8:36
Can anyone t God Job 21:22
T me Thy paths Ps 25:4
T me to do Thy will Ps 143:10
would He t knowledge Is 28:9
He began to t them Matt 5:2
t-ing...in parables Mark 4:2
Lord, t us to pray Luke 11:1
Spirit will t you Luke 12:12
He will t you all John 14:26
t strange doctrines 1 Tim 1:3
allow a woman to t 1 Tim 2:12
she t-es and leads Rev 2:20

TEACHER *instructor*

will behold your T Is 30:20
T, I will follow You Matt 8:19
not above his t Matt 10:24
why trouble the T Mark 5:35
the t of Israel John 3:10
call Me T and Lord John 13:13
t of the immature Rom 2:20
as pastors and t-s Eph 4:11
t of the Gentiles 1 Tim 2:7
false t-s among you 2 Pet 2:1

TEACHING (n) *instruction*

t drop as the rain Deut 32:2
your mother's t Prov 1:8
amazed at His t Matt 7:8
My t is not Mine John 7:16
contrary to sound t 1 Tim 1:10

TEAR *crying*

have seen your t-s 2 Kin 20:5
my t-s in Thy bottle Ps 56:8
sow in t-s shall reap Ps 126:5
drench you with my t-s Is 16:9
eyes a fountain of t-s Jer 9:1
His feet with her t-s Luke 7:38
God...wipe every t Rev 7:17

TEBETH

*name of the tenth month
in Hebrew calendar* Esth 2:16

TEL-ABIB

*place in Babylonia
Jewish exiles located there*

TELL *relate, speak*

not t the riddle Judg 14:14
T of His glory 1 Chr 16:24
t of Thy righteousness Ps 71:15
t-s lies will perish Prov 19:9
t you great and mighty Jer 33:3
See that you t no one Matt 8:4
t you about Me John 18:34
t you the mystery Rev 17:7

TEMA

1 son of Ishmael Gen 25:15
2 town in Arabia Job 6:19
Is 21:14

TEMPER *anger*

always loses his t Prov 29:11
the ruler's t rises Eccl 10:4

TEMPEST *storm*

bruises me with a t Job 9:17
stormy wind and t Ps 55:8

t of destruction Is 28:2
on the day of t Amos 1:14

TEMPLE *structure for worship*

doorpost of the t 1 Sam 1:9
t is not for man 1 Chr 29:1
LORD is in His holy t Ps 11:4
meditate in His t Ps 27:4
t of the LORD Jer 7:4
pinnacle of the t Matt 4:5
will destroy this t Mark 14:58
veil of the t Luke 23:45
Destroy this t, and John 2:19
you are a t of God 1 Cor 3:16
t of the Holy Spirit 1 Cor 6:19
his seat in the t 2 Thess 2:4
the Lamb, are its t Rev 21:22

TEMPT *test, try*

And t-ed God in the Ps 106:14
being t-ed by Satan Mark 1:13
lest Satan t you 1 Cor 7:5
t-ed beyond what 1 Cor 10:13
Himself does not t James 1:13

TEMPTATION *testing, trial*

not lead us into t Matt 6:13
not enter into t Matt 26:41
time of t fall away Luke 8:13
t has overtaken you 1 Cor 10:13
the godly from t 2 Pet 2:9

TEN *number*

T Commandments Deut 10:4
it had t horns Dan 7:7
has the t talents Matt 25:28

TEND *take care of*

t his father's flock 1 Sam 17:15
He will t His flock Is 40:11
T My lambs John 21:15
T My sheep John 21:17

TENDER *gentle, young*

t and choice calf Gen 18:7
your heart was t 2 Kin 22:19
like a t shoot Is 53:2
t mercy of our God Luke 1:78

TENT *mobile shelter*

Abram moved his t Gen 13:18
man, living in t-s Gen 25:27
your t-s, O Israel 1 Kin 12:16
t-s of the destroyers Job 12:6
dwell in Thy t forever Ps 61:4
grumbled in their t-s Ps 106:25
Like a shepherd's t Is 38:12

TENT OF MEETING

see TABERNACLE

TENT OF TESTIMONY

see TABERNACLE

TERAH

father of Abraham Gen 11:24
Num 33:27; Luke 3:34

TERAPHIM

household gods 2 Kin 23:24
Zech 10:2

TERRIBLE *dreadful*

and t wilderness Deut 8:15

CONCORDANCE

t day of the LORD Mal 4:5
into t convulsions Mark 9:28

TERRIFY *frighten*

t-ied by the sword 1 Chr 21:30
t me by visions Job 7:14
t them with Thy storm Ps 83:15
t you by my letters 2 Cor 10:9

TERRITORY *country, land*

unite your whole t Ex 8:2
God enlarges your t Deut 19:8
t of inheritance Josh 19:10
will possess the t Obad 19

TERROR *intense fear*

Sounds of t are in Job 15:21
t-s of thick darkness Job 24:17
t-s of Sheol came Ps 116:3
meditate on t Is 33:18
t-s and great signs Luke 21:11

TERTIUS

Paul's scribe Rom 16:22

TEST (n) *trial*

put God to the t Ps 78:18
put Him to the t Luke 10:25
you fall the t 2 Cor 13:5

TEST (v) *try*

God t-ed Abraham Gen 22:1
Why do you t the LORD Ex 17:2
she came to t him 1 Kin 10:1
T my mind and my Ps 26:2
word of God is t-ed Prov 30:5
Spirit...to the t Acts 5:9
fire itself will t 1 Cor 3:13
t the spirits to see 1 John 4:1

TESTIFY *give witness*

nor shall you t Ex 23:2
them t against him 1 Kin 21:10
I will t against you Ps 50:7
our sins t against us Is 59:12
Jesus Himself t-ied John 4:44

TESTIMONY *witness*

into the ark the t Ex 25:16
two tablets of the t Ex 31:18
t of the LORD is sure Ps 19:7
t-ies are righteous Ps 119:144
Bind up the t Is 8:16
t against Jesus Matt 26:59
t of two men is true John 8:17
t concerning Christ 1 Cor 1:6
ashamed of the t 2 Tim 1:8
This t is true Titus 1:13

TETRARCH

governor of a region Matt 14:1
Luke 3:1,19; Acts 13:1

THADDAEUS

apostle Matt 10:3; Mark 3:18

THANK (v) *express gratitude*

my song I shall t Him Ps 28:7
God, I t Thee Luke 18:11
I t God always 1 Cor 1:4

THANKS (n) *gratitude*

give t to the LORD 1 Chr 16:7
It is good to give t Ps 92:1
giving t, He broke Matt 15:36

CONCORDANCE

a cup and given t Matt 26:27
But t be to God Rom 6:17
not cease giving t Eph 1:16
always to give t 2 Thess 1:3

THANKSGIVING *gratitude*

the sacrifice of t Lev 7:12
with the voice of t Ps 26:7
His presence with t Ps 95:2
supplication with t Phil 4:6
t and honor and Rev 7:12

THEBES

Egyptian city Jer 46:25
Ezek 30:14-16

THEFT *robbery*

be sold for his t Ex 22:3
t-s, murders Mark 7:21

THEOPHILUS

addressee of Luke's gospel
and Acts Luke 1:3
Acts 1:25

THESSALONICA

Macedonian city Acts 27:2
Phil 4:16
visited by Paul Acts 17:1,11,13

THICKET *underbrush*

rum caught in the t Gen 22:13
the t of the Jordan Jer 50:44

THIEF *robber*

that t shall die Deut 24:7
partner with a t Prov 29:24
companions of t-ves Is 1:23
enter like a t Joel 2:9
t comes to steal John 10:10
a t in the night 1 Thess 5:2

THIGH *part of leg*

hand under my t Gen 24:2
socket of Jacob's t Gen 32:25
Thy sword on Thy t Ps 45:3
on His t a name Rev 19:16

THIN *lean*

t ears scorched Gen 41:27
t yellowish hair Lev 13:30
streams will t out Is 19:6

THINK *ponder, reflect*

as he t-s, so he is Prov 23:7
not t to abolish Matt 5:17
not to t more highly Rom 12:3
t as a child 1 Cor 13:11
t-s he is something Gal 6:3
beyond all that we t Eph 3:20

THIRD *number*

morning, a t day Gen 1:13
raised...the t day Matt 16:21
raised on the t day 1 Cor 15:4
to the t heaven 2 Cor 12:2

THIRST (n) *craving, dryness*

for my t...vinegar Ps 69:21
donkeys quench...t Ps 104:11
not hunger or t Is 49:10
in Me shall never t John 6:35
no more, neither t Rev 7:16

THIRST (v) *have a craving*

My soul t-s for God Ps 42:2
Everyone who t-s, come Is 55:1
t for righteousness Matt 5:6

THIRSTY *lacking water*

satisfied the t soul Ps 107:9
In a dry and t land Ezek 19:13
I was t, and you Matt 23:35
If any man is t John 7:37
one who is t come Rev 22:17

THOMAS

apostle Matt 10:3; Mark 3:18
Luke 6:13
doubted Jesus' resurrection
John 20:24-28

THORN *sharp point*

Both t-s and thistles Gen 3:18
as t-s in your sides Num 33:55
as a hedge of t-s Prov 15:19
lily among the t-s Song 2:2
have reaped t-s Jer 12:13
fell among the t-s Matt 13:7
a crown of t-s Matt 27:29
a burning t bush Acts 7:30
t in the flesh 2 Cor 12:7

THOUGHT *concept, idea*

t-s of his heart Gen 6:5
knows the t-s of man Ps 94:11
My t-s are not your t-s Is 55:8
Jesus knowing t-s Matt 9:4
heart come evil t-s Matt 15:19
every t captive 2 Cor 10:5

THREAD *string*

cord of scarlet t Josh 2:18
lips a scarlet t Song 4:3

THREE *number*

Job's t friends Job 2:11
or t have gathered Matt 18:20
deny Me t times Matt 26:34
t days I will raise John 2:19

THRESH *beat out*

ox while he is t-ing Deut 25:4
like dust at t-ing 2 Kin 13:7
will t the mountains Is 41:15
Arise and t Mic 4:13

THRESHING FLOOR

winnows...at the t Ruth 3:2
David bought...t 2 Sam 24:24
clear His t Matt 3:12

THROAT *part of neck*

t is an open grave Ps 59
my t is parched Ps 69:3
has enlarged its t Is 5:14
t is an open grave Rom 3:13

THRONE *seat of sovereign*

sitting on His t 1 Kin 22:19
LORD's t is in heaven Ps 11:4
Thy t is established Ps 93:2
it is the t of God Matt 5:34
sit upon twelve t-s Matt 19:28
Thy t...is forever Heb 1:8
to the t of grace Heb 4:16
a great white t Rev 20:11

THANKS—TIMBREL

THRUST *cast, push*

He shall t them out Josh 23:5
t away like thorns 2 Sam 23:6
Nor to t aside Prov 18:5
LORD has t them down Jer 46:15

THUMMIN

kept in high priest's breastplate
for determining will of God
Ex 28:30; Lev 8:8; Deut 33:8
Ezra 2:63; Neh 7:65

THUNDER (n)

LORD sent t and hail Ex 9:23
But His mighty t Job 26:14
the hiding place of t Ps 81:7
be punished with t Is 29:6
sound of loud t Rev 14:2

THUNDER (v)

t in the heavens 1 Sam 2:10
you t with a voice Job 40:9
LORD also t-ed Ps 18:13

THYATIRA

city in Asia Minor
home of Lydia Acts 16:14
early church Rev 1:11,2; 18:24

TIBERIAS

city on W shore of Sea
of Galilee John 6:1,23
Sea of John 21:1
also Sea of Galilee

TIBERIUS

Roman emperor Luke 3:1
see also CAESAR

TIDINGS *information, news*

t of His salvation 1 Chr 16:23
not fear evil t Ps 112:7
bring glad t of good Rom 10:15

TIGLATH-PILESER

Assyrian king 2 Kin 15:29
2 Kin 16:7,10

also Pul

also Tiglath-Pileser

TIGRIS

Mesopotamian river Gen 2:14
Dan 10:4

TILGATH-PILNESER

Assyrian king 1 Chr 5:6,26
2 Chr 28:20

also Pul

also Tiglath-Pileser

TILLER *cultivator*

Cain was a t Gen 4:2
a t of the ground Zech 13:5

TIMBER *wood*

cedar and cypress t 1 Kin 9:11
whatever t you need 1 Chr 2:16
t of Lebanon Song 3:8

TIMBREL *musical instrument*

with songs, with t Gen 31:27
strike the t Ps 81:2
Praise Him with t Ps 150:4

TIME *day, period, season*

in t-s of trouble Ps 9:9
 t-s are in Thy hand Ps 31:15
 for a t, t-s, and half Dan 12:7
 t to seek the LORD Hos 10:12
 signs of the t-s Matt 16:3
 My t is at hand Matt 26:18
 deny Me three t-s Luke 22:61
 My t is not yet John 7:6
 not you to know t-s Acts 1:7
 is the acceptable t 2 Cor 6:2
 grace in t of need Heb 4:16
 for the t is near Rev 1:3

TIMOTHY

companion of Paul Acts 17:15
 Acts 18:5; Phil 1:24
 Col 1:23; Heb 13:23

TIRED *weary*

I am t of living Gen 27:46
 run and not get t Is 40:31

TIRZAH

1 daughter of Zelophedad
 Num 26:33,27:1,36:11
 2 royal Canaanite city
 1 Kin 14:17; 2 Kin 15:14

TISHBITE

town identity of Elijah
 1 Kin 17:1,21-17; 2 Kin 1:3,8

TITHE (n) *tenth*

all the t of the land Lev 27:30
 a t of the t Num 18:26
 the t of your grain Deut 12:17
 t into the storehouse Mal 3:10
 t-s of all that I get Luke 18:12
 mortal men receive t-s Heb 7:8

TITHE (v) *pay a tithe*

shall surely t all Deut 14:22
 you t mint and dill Matt 23:23

TITUS

co-worker with Paul
 2 Cor 2:13; 8:23; Gal 2:1

TODAY *present time*

t you...be with Me Luke 23:43
 same yesterday and t Heb 13:8

TOGARMAH

grandson of Japheth
 Gen 10:1-3
 1 Chr 1:6

TOIL (n) *labor, work*

the t of our hands Gen 5:29
 t is not in vain 1 Cor 15:58

TOIL (v) *work hard*

I have t-ed in vain Is 49:4
 they do not t nor Matt 6:28

TOMB *grave, sepulchre*

from womb to t Job 10:19
 you have hewn a t Is 22:16
 like whitewashed t-s Matt 23:27
 laid Him in a t Mark 15:46
 Lazarus out of the t John 12:17
 outside the t John 20:11

TOMORROW *future time*

not boast about t Prov 27:1

for t we may die Is 22:13
 not be anxious for t Matt 6:34

TONGUE *speech, talk*

speech and slow of t Ex 4:10
 flatter with their t Ps 5:9
 their t a sharp sword Ps 57:4
 a lying t Prov 6:17
 t of the wise Prov 12:18
 soft t breaks bone Prov 25:15
 His t is like fire Is 30:27
 t is a deadly arrow Jer 9:8
 impediment of his t Mark 7:35
 cool off my t Luke 16:24
 no one tame the t James 3:8

TONGUE *language*

speak with new t-s Mark 16:17
 speak with other t-s Acts 2:4
 t-s of men, angels 1 Cor 13:1
 if I pray in a t 1 Cor 14:14
 every tribe and t Rev 5:9

TOOL *work instrument*

among your t-s Deut 23:13
 nor any iron t 1 Kin 6:7
 iron into a cutting t Is 44:12

TOOTH

teeth white from Gen 49:12
 eye for eye, t for t Ex 21:24
 and a t for a t Matt 5:38

TOPAZ *precious stone*

ruby, t, and emerald Ex 39:10
 t of Ethiopia Job 28:19
 the ninth, t Rev 21:20

TOPHETH

*site of Baal worship in
 Hinnom Valley* 2 Kin 23:10
 Jer 7:31,32; 19:6,12,14

TORMENT (n) *pain, torture*

this place of t Luke 16:28
 their t was like Rev 9:5
 the fear of her t Rev 18:15

TORMENT (v) *annoy, harass*

long will you t me Job 19:2
 t us before the time Matt 8:29
 do not t me Luke 8:28

TORRENT *flood*

The ancient t Judg 5:21
 t-s of destruction 2 Sam 22:5
 t-s of ungodliness Ps 18:4
 like an overflowing t Is 30:28

TOUCH *feel, handle*

not eat...or t it Gen 3:3
 an angel t-ing him 1 Kin 19:5
 evil will not t you Job 5:19
 not t My anointed Ps 105:15
 T nothing unclean Is 52:11
 t the fringe of His Matt 14:36
 not to t a woman 1 Cor 7:1

TOWER *fortress structure*

t whose top will reach Gen 11:4
 Count her t-s Ps 48:12
 name...strong t Prov 18:10
 and built a t Matt 21:33

TOWN *city, village*

many unwall'd t-s Deut 3:5
 founds a t with Hab 2:12
 except in his home t Matt 13:57

TRADE (n) *business, occupation*

abundance of your t Ezek 28:16
 of the same t Acts 18:3

TRADE (v) *buy or sell*

may t in the land Gen 42:34
 t-ed with them Matt 25:16

TRADERS *merchants*

Midianite t passed Gen 37:28
 king's t procured 2 Chr 1:16
 in a city of t Ezek 17:4
 increased your t Nah 3:16

TRADITION *custom*

sake of your t Matt 15:3
 hold to the t of men Mark 7:8
 hold to the t-s 1 Cor 11:2
 my ancestral t-s Gal 1:14

TRAIN *guide, instruct*

T up a child Prov 22:6
 will they t for war Mic 4:3
 t-ed to discern good Heb 5:14
 heart t-ed in greed 2 Pet 2:14

TRAMPLE *crush, hurt*

t-s down the waves Job 9:8
 let him t my life Ps 7:5
 didst t the nations Hab 3:12
 Jerusalem...t-d Luke 21:24

TRANCE *daze, dream*

he fell into a t Acts 10:10
 in a t I saw a vision Acts 11:5
 fell into a t Acts 22:17

TRANSFIGURED *changed*

He was t before them Matt 17:2

TRANSFORM *change*

t-ed by the renewing Rom 12:2
 t-ed into the same 2 Cor 3:18
 who will t the body Phil 3:21

TRANSGRESS *break, overstep*

you t the covenant Josh 23:16
 rulers also t-ed Jer 2:8
 they t-ed laws Is 24:5
 disciples t the Matt 15:2

TRANSGRESSION *trespass, sin*

forgives iniquity, t Ex 34:7
 I am pure, without t Job 33:9
 I know my t-s Ps 51:3
 removed our t-s from Ps 103:12
 love covers all t-s Prov 10:12
 pierced...for our t-s Is 53:5
 not forgive your t-s Matt 6:15
 dead in our t-s Eph 2:5

TRANSGRESSOR *sinner*

teach t-s Thy ways Ps 51:13
 numbered with the t-s Is 53:12
 a t of the law James 2:11

TRANSLATED

t and read before me Ezra 4:18
 Immanuel...t means Matt 1:23
 Golgotha, which is t Mark 15:22
 Messiah...t means John 1:41

TRAP (n) *snare*

a snare and a t Josh 23:13
hidden a t for me Ps 142:3
table become...a t Rom 11:9

TRAP (v) *catch*

they might t Him Matt 22:15
in order to t Him Mark 12:13

TRAVAIL *intense pain*

t-ed nor given birth Is 23:4
woman is in t John 16:21

TRAVEL *journey*

t by day and by night Ex 13:21
who t on the road Judg 5:10
Jesus began t-ing Luke 24:15

TREACHEROUS *traitorous*

I behold the t Ps 119:158
t will be uprooted Prov 2:22
way of the t is hard Prov 13:15

TREAD *walk on*

They t wine presses Job 24:11
as the potter t-s clay Is 41:25
t upon serpents Luke 10:19
t-s the wine press Rev 19:15

TREASURE (n) *valuable thing*

t-s of the sand Deut 33:19
the LORD is his t Is 33:6
opening their t-s Matt 2:11
for where your t is Matt 6:21
have t in heaven Matt 19:21
t in earthen vessels 2 Cor 4:7
stored up your t James 5:3

TREASURE (v) *value greatly*

I have t-d the words Job 23:12
Thy word have I t-d Ps 119:11
t my commandments Prov 7:1

TREASURY *place of valuables*

t of the LORD Josh 6:19
paid from the royal t Ezra 6:4
fill their t-ies Prov 8:21
into the temple t Matt 27:6

TREATY *agreement, contract*

Let there be a t 1 Kin 15:19
go, break your t 2 Chr 16:3

TREE *woody plant*

fruit t-s bearing Gen 1:11
t of life Gen 2:9
gave me from the t Gen 3:12
hang him on a t Deut 21:22
said to the olive t Judg 9:8
t firmly planted Ps 1:3
she is a t of life Prov 3:18
Beneath the apple t Song 8:5
like a t planted by Jer 17:8
under his fig t Mic 4:4
good t bears good Matt 7:17
the fig t withered Matt 21:19
a sycamore t Luke 19:4
autumn t-s without Jude 12
eat of the t of life Rev 2:7

TREMBLE *shake*

T before Him 1 Chr 16:30
pillars of heaven t Job 38:11
T, and do not sin Ps 4:4

make the heavens t Is 13:13
His soul t-s Is 15:4
my inward parts t-d Hab 3:16

TREMBLING (n) *fear, reverence*

rejoice with t Ps 2:11
eat...with t Ezek 12:18
with fear and t Phil 2:12

TRESPASS *fault, sin*

Saul died for his t 1 Chr 10:13
caught in any t Gal 6:1
dead in your t-es Eph 2:1

TRIAL *testing*

if we are on t today Acts 4:9
which was a t to you Gal 4:14
perseveres under t James 1:12

TRIBE *common ancestry*

twelve t-s of Israel Gen 49:28
a man of each t Num 1:4
t-s of the LORD Ps 122:4
judging twelve t-s Luke 22:30
men from every t Rev 5:9

TRIBULATION *affliction*

will be a great t Matt 24:21
world you have t John 16:33
exult in our t-s Rom 5:3
my t-s on your behalf Eph 3:13
out of the great t Rev 7:14

TRIBUNAL *court*

before Caesar's t Acts 25:10

TRIBUTE *tax*

sons of Israel sent t Judg 3:15
impose a t or toll Ezra 7:24
exact a t of grain Amos 5:11

TRICON *musical instrument*

sound of lyre, t Dan 3:5

TRIUMPH *victory*

the righteous t Prov 28:12
His t in Christ 2 Cor 2:14
mercy t-s over James 2:13

TROAS

city in Asia Minor Acts 16:8,11
visited by Paul Acts 20:5
2 Cor 2:12

TROPHIMUS

companion of Paul Acts 20:4
2 Tim 4:20
Ephesian Christian Acts 21:29

TROUBLE (n) *affliction*

forget all my t Gen 41:51
man is born for t Job 5:7
Look upon...my t Ps 25:18
very present help in t Ps 46:1
remember his t no Prov 31:7
t is heavy upon him Eccl 8:6
day has enough t Matt 6:34

TROUBLE (v) *bother, disturb*

t you in the land Num 33:55
t-s his own house Prov 11:29
also t the hearts Ezek 32:9
Herod...was t-d Matt 2:3
why t the Teacher Mark 5:35
your heart be t-d John 14:1

TROUBLED (adj) *disturbed*

songs to a t heart Prov 25:20
soul has become t John 12:27

TRUE *actual, real, reliable*

gets a t reward Prov 11:18
There was the t light John 1:9
gives you...t bread John 6:32
let God be found t Rom 3:4
signs of a t apostle 2 Cor 12:12
This testimony is t Titus 1:13
t grace of God 1 Pet 5:12
faithful and t Witness Rev 3:14

TRUMPET *wind instrument*

t-s of rams' horns Josh 6:6
t-s...empty pitchers Judg 7:16
Praise Him with t Ps 150:3
do not sound a t Matt 6:2
at the last t 1 Cor 15:52
voice like...a t Rev 1:10

TRUST (n) *confidence, hope*

whose t a spider's web Job 8:14
In God put my t Ps 56:11
put My t in Him Heb 2:13

TRUST (v) *commit to*

t in the LORD Ps 4:5
Than to t in man Ps 118:8
t-s in his riches Prov 11:28
not t in a neighbor Mic 7:5
not t in ourselves 2 Cor 1:9

TRUSTWORTHY *reliable*

who can find a t Prov 20:6
It is a t statement 1 Tim 3:1

TRUTH *genuineness, honesty*

walk before Me in t 1 Kin 2:4
speaks t in his heart Ps 15:2
Thy word is t Ps 119:160
Buy t, and do not Prov 23:23
judge with t Zech 8:16
full of grace and t John 1:14
worship in...t John 4:24
t shall make you free John 8:32
the way, and the t John 14:6
exchanged the t of Rom 1:25
t of the gospel Gal 2:5
speaking the t in love Eph 4:15
the word of t 2 Tim 2:15
the t is not in us 1 John 1:8

TUBAL

1 son of Japheth Gen 10:2
2 land ruled by Cog Ezek 38:3
Ezek 39:1

TUBAL-CAIN

son of Zillah Gen 4:22
inventor of cutting tools

TUMULT *disturbance*

t of the peoples Ps 65:7
A sound of t Is 13:4
t of waters Jer 51:16

TUNIC *cloak, garment*

a varicolored t Gen 37:3
the holy linen t Lev 16:4
or even two t-s Matt 10:10

TURBAN—UNKNOWN

TURBAN *headdress*

a t of fine linen Ex 28:39
justice was like...a t Job 29:14
Remove the t Ezek 21:26

TURMOIL, *tumult*

treasure and t with Prov 15:16
rest from your...t Is 14:3
ill repute, full of t Ezek 22:5

TURN *change or move*

not t to mediums Lev 19:31
leave you or t back Ruth 1:16
T from your evil 2 Kin 17:13
forget, nor t away Prov 4:5
T to Me, and be saved Is 45:22
t-ed to his own way Is 53:6
t their mourning into Jer 31:13
t shame into praise Zeph 3:19
t from darkness to Acts 26:18
he who t-s a sinner James 5:20
t away from evil 1 Pet 3:11

TURTLEDOVE *bird*

t for a sin offering Lev 12:6
the voice of the t Song 2:12

TUTOR *teacher*

t-s in Christ 1 Cor 4:15
Law become our t Gal 3:24

TWELVE *number*

t tribes of Israel Gen 49:28
summoned His t Matt 10:1
t legions of angels Matt 26:53
when He became t Luke 2:42
a crown of t stars Rev 12:1

TWILIGHT *darkness, dusk*

lamb offer at t Ex 29:39
waits for the t Job 24:15
midday as in the t Is 59:10

TWINKLING *flicker*

in the t of an eye 1 Cor 15:52

TWINS *pair, two*

t in her womb Gen 25:24
T of a gazelle Song 4:5

TWO-EDGED *with two edges*

than any t sword Heb 4:12
His mouth...t sword Rev 1:16

TYRE

Phoenician seaport Josh 19:29
Ezek 27:3; Matt 15:21; Acts 21:3

U

UGLY *unrightly*

u and gaunt cows Gen 41:4
seven lean...u cows Gen 41:27

UNBELIEF *lack of faith*

wondered at their u Mark 6:6
help my u Mark 9:24
continue in their u Rom 11:23

UNBELIEVER *non-believer*

a place with the u-s Luke 12:46
wife who is an u 1 Cor 7:12

ungifted men or u-s 1 Cor 14:23
bound...with u-s 2 Cor 6:14
worse than an u 1 Tim 5:8

UNBELIEVING *doubting*

O u generation Mark 9:19
u husband is 1 Cor 7:14
blinded the...u 2 Cor 4:4
evil, u heart Heb 3:12

UNBLEMISHED *without defect*

shall be an u male Ex 12:5
u and spotless 1 Pet 1:19

UNCEASING *continuous*

u complaint in his Job 33:19
sorrow and u grief Rom 9:2

UNCHANGEABLENESS

the u of His purpose Heb 6:17

UNCIRCUMCISED

But an u male Gen 17:14
u heart humbled Lev 26:41
the nations are u Jer 9:26
who is physically u Rom 2:27
the gospel to the u Gal 2:7

UNCIRCUMCISION

has become u Rom 2:25
who are called U Eph 2:11
the u of your flesh Col 2:13

UNCLEAN *not clean or not holy*

touches any u thing Lev 5:2
u in their practices Ps 106:39
man of u lips Is 6:5
authority over u Matt 10:1
u spirits entered Mark 5:13
eaten anything...u Acts 10:14
nothing is u in itself Rom 14:14

UNCONTENTIOUS

gentle, u, free from 1 Tim 3:3
be u, gentle Titus 3:2

UNCOVER *expose*

to u her nakedness Lev 18:7
u his feet and Ruth 3:4
head u-ed while 1 Cor 11:5

UNDEFILED *uncontaminated*

holy, innocent, u Heb 7:26
marriage bed be u Heb 13:4
pure and u religion James 1:27
imperishable and u 1 Pet 1:4

UNDERGARMENTS

u next to his flesh Lev 6:10
linen u shall be on Ezek 44:18

UNDERGO *experience*

Holy One to u decay Ps 16:10
should not u decay Ps 49:9
did not u decay Acts 13:37

UNDERSTAND *comprehend*

u-s every intent 1 Chr 28:9
To u a proverb Prov 1:6
do not u justice Prov 28:5
Who can u it Jer 17:9
u that the vision Dan 8:17
Hear, and u Matt 15:10
to u the Scriptures Luke 24:45
Why do you not u John 8:43

CONCORDANCE

none who u-s Rom 3:11
things hard to u 2 Pet 3:16

UNDERSTANDING

a wise and u people Deut 4:6
servant an u heart 1 Kin 3:9
Holy One is u Prov 9:10

UNDISCIPLINED

in an u manner 2 Thess 3:7
leading an u life 2 Thess 3:11

UNDISTURBED *peaceful*

land was u for forty Judg 8:28
an u habitation Is 33:20

UNFADING *lasting*

u crown of glory 1 Pet 5:4

UNFAITHFUL

u to her husband Num 5:27
very u to the Lord 2 Chr 28:19
u to our God Ezra 10:2

UNFAITHFULNESS *fathless*

u...they committed Lev 26:40
to Babylon for their u 1 Chr 9:1
the u of the exiles Ezra 9:4

UNFATHOMABLE

How, u His ways Rom 11:33
u riches of Christ Eph 3:8

UNFRUITFUL *not productive*

the land is u 2 Kin 2:19
my mind is u 1 Cor 14:14
u deeds of darkness Eph 5:11

UNGODLINESS *sinfulness*

torrents of u terrified Ps 18:4
remove u from Jacob Rom 11:26
lead to further u 2 Tim 2:16

UNGODLY *sinful, wicked*

who justifies the u Rom 4:5
Christ died for the u Rom 5:6
destruction of u men 2 Pet 3:7
their own u lusts Jude 18

UNHOLY *not holy*

no longer consider u Acts 10:15
for the u and profane 1 Tim 1:9

UNINTENTIONALLY

If a person sins u Lev 4:2
who kills a person u Num 35:15

UNITED *joined, union*

u as one man Judg 20:11
become u with Him Rom 6:5
love, u in spirit Phil 2:2
not u by faith Heb 4:2

UNITY *united, union*

dwell together in u Ps 133:1
perfected in u John 17:23
all attain to the u Eph 4:13
perfect bond of u Col 3:14

UNJUST *unfair*

u man is abominable Prov 29:27
For God is not u Heb 6:10
the just for the u 1 Pet 3:18

UNKNOWN *not known*

To An U God Acts 17:23
as u yet well-known 2 Cor 6:9

CONCORDANCE

UNLEAVENED *non-fermented*

and baked a bread Gen 19:3
you shall eat a bread Ex 12:15
first day of U Bread Matt 26:17
you are in fact a 1 Cor 5:7

UNLEAVENED BREAD, FEAST OF *see* FEASTS

UNLOVED *not loved*

that Leah was u Gen 29:31
loved and the u Deut 21:15
Under an u woman Prov 30:23

UNMARRIED *single*

I say to the u 1 Cor 7:4
let her remain u 1 Cor 7:11

UNPRINCIPLED *unscrupulous*

conduct of u men 2 Pet 2:7
error of u men 2 Pet 3:17

UNPROFITABLE *without value*

u and worthless Titus 3:9
grief u for you Heb 13:17

UNPUNISHED *not punished*

not leave him u Ex 20:7
shall go u Ex 21:19
not let him go u 1 Kin 2:9

UNQUENCHABLE

burn with u fire Matt 3:12
into the u fire Mark 9:43

UNRESTRAINED *uncontrolled*

the people are u Prov 29:18
with u persecution Is 14:6

UNRIGHTEOUS *evil, wicked*

u man his thoughts Is 55:7
rain on the u Matt 5:45
u in a little thing Luke 16:10
God is not u Rom 3:5
u shall not inherit 1 Cor 6:9
u under punishment 2 Pet 2:9

UNRIGHTEOUSNESS *evil*

have no part in u 2 Chr 19:7
no u in Him Ps 92:15
not rejoice in u 1 Cor 13:8
cleanse us from all u 1 John 1:9
All u is sin 1 John 5:17

UNRULY *disorderly*

admonish the u 1 Thess 5:14
who leads an u life 2 Thess 3:6

UNSEARCHABLE *inscrutable*

His greatness is u Ps 145:3
u are His judgments Rom 11:33

UNSKILLED *lack of training*

I am u in speech Ex 6:12
u in speech, yet I 2 Cor 11:6

UNSTABLE *unreliable*

Her ways are u Prov 5:6
u in all his ways James 1:8
enticing u souls 2 Pet 2:14

UNWILLING *reluctant*

u to move the ark 2 Sam 6:10
they were u to come Matt 22:3
He was u to drink Matt 27:34
u to be obedient Acts 7:30

UNWISE *foolish*

foolish and u people Deut 32:6
walk, not as u men Eph 5:15

UNWORTHY *not deserving*

u of lovingkindness Gen 32:10
We are u slaves Luke 17:10
u of eternal life Acts 13:46

UPRIGHT *honest, just*

the death of the u Num 23:10
blameless and u man Job 1:8
u will behold His face Ps 11:7
led you in u paths Prov 4:11
God made men u Eccl 7:29
no u among men Mic 7:2
Stand u on your feet Acts 14:10

UPROAR *loud noise*

Why such an u 1 Kin 1:41
nations in an u Ps 2:1
there arose a great u Acts 23:9

UPROOT *tear out*

He will u Israel 1 Kin 14:15
He has u-ed my hope Job 19:10
u-ed and be planted Luke 17:6

UR

1 city in S Mesopotamia
Gen 11:31, 15:7
original home of Abraham
Gen 11:28; Neh 9:7
2 son of Eliphal 1 Chr 11:35

URBANUS

Roman Christian Rom 16:9

URGE *entreat*

Do not u me to leave Ruth 1:16
hunger u-s him on Prov 16:26
I u you therefore Rom 12:1

URIAH

1 husband of Bathsheba
2 Sam 11:3, 12:9
2 priest under Ahas Is 8:2
also Urijah 2 Kin 16:10ff
3 priest under Ezer Neh 8:4
4 time of Jeremiah Jer 26:20

URIM

kept in high priest's breast-
plate for determining the will
of God Ex 28:30
Lev 8:8; Num 27:21

USE utilization

be of u to God Job 22:2
for common u Ezek 48:15
for honorable u Rom 9:21
not make full u of 1 Cor 7:31

USEFUL *beneficial*

man be u to himself Job 22:2
u to me for service 2 Tim 4:11

USELESS *worthless*

they have become u Rom 3:12
without works is u James 2:20

USURY *interest*

leave off this u Neh 5:10
by interest and u Prov 22:8

UNLEAVENED—VAPOR

UTENSILS *objects*

table also and its u Ex 31:8
u of the sanctuary 1 Chr 9:20

UTTER *express*

righteous u-s wisdom Ps 37:30
Let my lips u praise Ps 119:171
He u-s His voice Jer 10:13
u words of truth Acts 26:25

UTTERANCE *expression*

was giving them u Acts 2:4
in faith and u 2 Cor 8:7
u may be given Eph 6:19
through prophetic u 1 Tim 4:14

UZ

1 grandson of Shem Gen 10:23
2 son of Nahor Gen 22:21
3 son of Dishan Gen 36:28
4 home of Job Job 1:3
land of U's Jer 25:20
Lam 4:21

V

VAIN *empty or profane*

name of God in v Ex 20:7
devising a v thing Ps 2:1
labor in v who build Ps 127:1
our preaching is v 1 Cor 15:14

VALIANT *brave, strong*

these v warriors Judg 20:46
be a v man for me 1 Sam 18:17
even all the v men 1 Chr 28:1
He drops off the v Job 24:22

VALLEY *rectrix*

v of the Jordan Gen 13:10
the v of Auphion Josh 10:12
v of the shadow of Ps 23:4
The lily of the v-s Song 2:1
v of the dead bodies Jer 31:40
v full of bones Ezek 37:1
the v of decision Joel 3:14

VALLEY GATE *see* GATES OF JERUSALEM

VALOR *bravery*

mighty man of v 1 Sam 16:18
mighty men of v 1 Chr 12:8

VALUE *worth*

you are of more v Matt 10:31
one pearl of great v Matt 13:46
v of knowing Christ Phil 3:8

VANISH *disappear*

When a cloud v-s Job 7:9
sky will v like smoke Is 51:6
v-ed from sight Luke 24:31

VANITY *futility, pride*

will reap v Prov 22:8
V of v-ies! All is v Eccl 1:2
arrogant words of v 2 Pet 2:18

VAPOR *smoke*

comes the v-s to Ps 135:7
is a fleeting v Prov 21:6
You are mist a u James 1:14

VARICOLORED—VOW

VARICOLORED *multicolored*
made him a v tunic Gen 37:3

VARIOUS *different*
v diseases and pains Matt 4:24
led on by v impulses 2 Tim 3:6
encounter v trails James 1:2
distressed by v trials 1 Pet 1:6

VASHTI
deposed queen of Ahasuerus
Esth 1:19; 2:4

VAULT *arched cover*
the v of heaven Job 22:14
the v of earth Is 40:22

VEGETABLES *plant*
like a v garden Deut 11:10
Better dish of v-s Prov 15:17
weak eats v-s only Rom 14:2

VEGETATION *plant life*
earth brought forth v Gen 1:12
ate up all v Ps 105:35
withers all their v Is 42:15

VEIL *cover, curtain*
a v over his face Ex 34:33
v of the sanctuary Lev 4:6
Remove your v Is 47:2
v of the temple Matt 27:51
enters within the v Heb 8:19

VENGEANCE *revenge*
not take v Lev 19:18
V is Mine Deut 32:35
God...executes v 2 Sam 22:48
LORD takes v on His Nah 1:2
V is Mine, I will Heb 10:30

VESSEL *utensil*
Go, borrow v-s 2 Kin 4:3
I am like a broken v Ps 31:12
v-s of wrath Rom 9:22
treasure in...v-s 2 Cor 4:7
be a v for honor 2 Tim 2:21
as with a weaker v 1 Pet 3:7
v-s of the potter Rev 2:27

VESTURE *apparel*
v was like...snow Dan 7:9

VIAL *small container*
alabaster v of Matt 26:7
she broke the v Mark 14:3

VICTORIOUS *triumphant*
A v warrior Zeph 3:17
v from the beast Rev 15:2

VICTORY *triumph*
LORD brought...v 2 Sam 23:10
had given v to Aram 2 Kin 5:1
the glory and the v 1 Chr 29:11
gained the v for Him Ps 98:1
v belongs to the LORD Prov 21:31
He leads justice to v Matt 12:20
swallowed up in v 1 Cor 15:54
v that has overcome 1 John 5:4

VIGOR *activity*
nor his v abated Deut 34:7
grave in full v Job 5:26
his youthful v Job 20:11

VILLAGE *small town*
land of unwall'd v-s Ezek 38:11
Go into the v Matt 21:2
entered a certain v Luke 10:38

VINDICATE *justify*
will v His people Deut 32:36
V the weak Ps 82:3
wisdom is v-d by Matt 11:19

VINE *stem of plant*
trees said to the v Judg 9:12
every man, his v 1 Kin 4:25
like a fruitful v Ps 128:3
the v-s in blossom Song 2:13
mother was like a v Ezek 19:10
Israel is a luxuriant v Hos 10:1
The v dries up Joel 1:12
fruit of the v Matt 26:29
I am the true v John 15:1

VINEDRESSER *gardener*
v-s and plowmen 2 Kin 25:12
My Father is the v John 15:1

VINEGAR *sour liquid*
he shall drink no v Num 6:3
bread in the v Ruth 2:14
gave me v to drink Ps 69:21
Like v to the teeth Prov 10:26

VINE-GROWERS
rented it out to v Matt 21:33
and destroy the v Mark 12:9

VINEYARD *grapevines*
Noah...planted a v Gen 9:20
Nor...glean your v Lev 19:10
Hewn cisterns, v-s Neh 9:25
shelter in a v Is 1:8
ruined My v Jer 12:10
laborers for his v Matt 20:1
Who plants a v 1 Cor 9:7

VIOLATE *assault or break*
shall not v his word Num 30:2
do not v me 2 Sam 13:12
who v-d the ban 1 Chr 2:7
If they v My statutes Ps 89:31

VIOLENCE *destructive action*
earth was filled with v Gen 6:11
implements of v Gen 49:5
such as breathe out v Ps 27:12
drink the wine of v Prov 4:17
He had done no v Is 53:9
not mistreat or do v Jer 22:3

VIOLENT *destructive*
a v, wicked man Ps 37:35
v men attain riches Prov 11:16
a v, rushing wind Acts 2:2

VIPER *snake*
v's tongue slays him Job 20:16
hand on the v's den Is 11:8
v and flying serpent Is 30:6
You brood of v-s Matt 3:7

VIRGIN *unmarried maiden*
very beautiful, a v Gen 24:16
if a man seduces a v Ex 22:16
could I gaze at a v Job 31:1
the v shall rejoice Jer 31:13

CONCORDANCE

v shall be with child Matt 1:23
kept her a v Matt 1:25
comparable to ten v-s Matt 25:1
v's name was Mary Luke 1:27
if a v should marry 1 Cor 7:28

VISIBLE *manifest, seen*
He should become v Acts 10:40
becomes v is light Eph 5:13
things which are v Heb 11:3

VISION *dream, foresight*
to Abram in a v Gen 15:1
v-s were infrequent 1 Sam 3:1
Where there is no v Prov 29:18
prophets find No v Lam 2:9
I saw v-s of God Ezek 1:22
in a night v Dan 2:19
young men...see v-s Joel 2:28
Tell the v to no one Matt 17:9
young men...see v-s Acts 2:17

VISIT *come or go to see*
v-ing the iniquity of Ex 20:5
Thou dost v the earth Ps 65:9
you did not v Me Matt 25:43
For He has v-ed us Luke 1:68
v orphans, widows James 1:27

VOICE *sound, speech*
have obeyed My v Gen 22:18
listen to His v Deut 4:30
v of singing men 2 Sam 19:35
Thou wilt hear my v Ps 5:3
the v of my teachers Prov 5:13
v of the turtledove Song 2:12
Give ear...hear my v Is 28:23
A v is calling Is 40:3
v came from heaven Dan 4:31
v...heard in Ramah Matt 2:18
v...out of the cloud Mark 9:7
v of one crying in Luke 3:4
v of the Son of God John 5:25
v has gone out Rom 10:18
v of the archangel 1 Thess 4:16
His v shook...earth Heb 12:26
if anyone hears My v Rev 3:20
with a v of thunder Rev 6:1

VOID *empty, invalid*
was formless and v Gen 1:2
make v the counsel Jer 19:7
faith is made v Rom 4:14
cross...made v 1 Cor 1:17

VOMIT *throw up*
will v them up Job 20:15
returns to its v Prov 26:11
staggers in his v Is 19:14
and it v-ed Jonah Jon 2:10
returns to its own v 2 Pet 2:22

VOTIVE *dedicated*
his offering is a v Lev 7:16
choice v offerings Deut 12:11

VOW *solemn promise*
Jacob made a v Gen 28:20
v of a Nazirite Num 6:2
I shall pay my v-s Ps 22:25
not make false v-s Matt 5:33
he was keeping a v Acts 18:18

CONCORDANCE

VOYAGE *journey*

v was now dangerous Acts 27:9

VULTURE *bird*

not eat...the v Deut 14:12
the v-s will gather Matt 24:28
the v-s be gathered Luke 17:37

W

WAFER *thin cake of bread*

w-s with honey Ex 16:31
one unleavened w Num 6:19

WAGE *salary*

God has given w-s Gen 30:18
w-s of the righteous Prov 10:16
w is not reckoned Rom 4:4
the w-s of sin Rom 6:23
worthy of his w-s 1 Tim 5:18

WAIL, lament, mourn

w with a broken spirit Is 65:14
w, son of man Ezek 21:12
I must lament and w Mic 1:8
W, O inhabitants of Zeph 1:11
weeping and w-ing Mark 5:38

WAIT *expect*

For Thee I w Ps 25:5
I w for Thy word Ps 119:81
who w for the LORD Is 40:31
creation w-s eagerly Rom 8:19
w-ing for the hope Gal 5:5

WALK *follow, go along*

w-ing in the garden Gen 3:8
W before Me Gen 17:1
w in My instruction Ex 16:4
w in My statutes Lev 26:3
w-ed forty years Josh 5:6
w before Me in truth 1 Kin 2:4
W about Zion Ps 48:12
I will w at liberty Ps 119:45
fool w-s in darkness Eccl 2:14
w in the light Is 2:5
w and not weary Is 40:31
w-ed with Me in peace Mal 2:6
Rise, and w Matt 9:5
w-ed on the water Matt 14:29
w in newness of life Rom 6:4
we w by faith 2 Cor 5:7
w by the Spirit Gal 5:16
w in love Eph 5:2
w as children of light Eph 5:8
if we w in the light 1 John 1:7
w by its light Rev 21:24

WALL *structure*

living on the w Josh 2:15
So we built the w Neh 4:6
I can leap over a w Ps 18:29
w-s of Jerusalem Jer 39:8
built a siege w Jer 32:4
you whitewashed w Acts 23:3
w-s of Jericho fell Heb 11:30
a great and high w Rev 21:12

WANDER *roam*

w in the wilderness Num 32:13

I would w far away Ps 55:7
w...Thy statutes Ps 119:118
people w like sheep Zech 10:2
w-ed...from the faith 1 Tim 6:10
w-ing stars, for whom Jude 13

WANDERER *roamer*

a w on the earth Gen 4:12
an exile and a w Is 49:21
w-s among...nations Hos 9:17

WAR *battle, conflict*

when they see w Ex 13:17
sound of w in camp Ex 32:17
land, rest from w Josh 11:23
He makes w-s to cease Ps 46:9
the weapons of w Ps 76:3
A time for w Eccl 3:16
will they learn w Is 2:4
w-s rumors of w-s Matt 24:6
w against the law Rom 7:23
w in your members James 4:1
w against the soul 1 Pet 2:11
judges and wages w Rev 19:11

WARS OF THE LORD, BOOK OF

ancient Hebrew literature
Num 21:14

WARM *heat*

could not keep w 1 Kin 1:25
the child became w 2 Kin 4:34
can one be w alone Eccl 4:11
no one is w enough Hag 1:6

WARN *give notice*

w the people Ex 19:21
not w the wicked Ezek 33:8
w-ed in a dream Matt 2:12
w you whom to fear Luke 12:5
Moses was w-ed Heb 8:5

WARRIOR *soldier*

The LORD is a w Ex 15:3
O valiant w Judg 6:12
w from his youth 1 Sam 17:33
w-s will flee naked Amos 2:16

WASH *bathe, clean*

w your feet, and rest Gen 18:4
w in the Jordan 2 Kin 5:10
w in innocence Ps 26:6
W from my iniquity Ps 51:2
w-ed off your blood Ezek 16:9
do not w their hands Matt 15:2
ceremonially w-ed Luke 11:38
w in the pool of John 9:7
w the disciples' feet John 13:5
w away your sins Acts 22:16
w-ed...saints' feet 1 Tim 5:10
w-ed with pure Heb 10:22
who w their robes Rev 22:14

WASTE (n) *wilderness*

land was laid w Ex 8:24
land into a salt w Ps 107:34
lay w the mountains Is 42:15
laid w like a desert Jer 9:12
altars may become w Ezek 6:6
Egypt...become a w Joel 3:19

VOYAGE—WAVES

WASTE (v) *destroy, use up*

he w-d his seed Gen 38:9
w away the eyes Lev 26:16
sick man w-s away Is 10:18
perfume been w-d Mark 14:4

WASTE PLACE *barren*

w-s of the wealthy Is 5:17
Seek Me in a w Is 45:19
like the ancient w-s Ezek 26:20
w-s will be rebuilt Ezek 36:10

WATCH (n) *guard*

at the morning w Ex 14:24
in the night w-s Ps 63:6
His eyes keep w Ps 66:7
keep w with Me Matt 26:38
w over their flock Luke 2:8
w over your souls Heb 13:17

WATCH (v) *observe*

LORD w between you Gen 31:40
dust w all my paths Job 13:27
W over your heart Prov 4:23
who w-es the wind Eccl 11:4
w for the LORD Mic 7:7

WATCHMAN *one who guards*

w keeps awake in vain Ps 127:1
w-men for morning Ps 130:6
W, how far gone is Is 21:11
I set w-men over you Jer 6:17
Ephraim was a w Hos 9:8

WATER (n) *flood, liquid*

moving over...the w-s Gen 1:2
flood of w came Gen 7:6
w-s were like a wall Ex 14:22
w of bitterness Num 5:18
the clouds dripped w Judg 5:4
W wears away stones Job 14:19
poured out like w Ps 22:14
beside quiet w-s Ps 23:2
Stolen w is sweet Prov 9:17
bread on the w-s Eccl 11:1
come to the w-s Is 55:1
fountain of living w-s Jer 2:13
eyes run...with w Lam 1:16
knees...like w Ezek 7:17
baptize you with w Matt 3:11
a cup of cold w Matt 10:42
walked on the w Matt 14:29
no w for My feet Luke 7:44
one is born of w John 3:5
given you living w John 4:10
John baptized with w Acts 1:5
of w with the word Eph 5:26
formed out of w 2 Pet 3:5
by w and blood 1 John 5:6
sound of many w-s Rev 19:6

WATER (v) *make moist*

to w the garden Gen 2:10
I will w your camels Gen 24:46
w their father's flock Ex 2:16
that w the earth Ps 72:6
Apollon w-ed 1 Cor 3:6

WAVES *billows*

w of death 2 Sam 22:5
tramples down the w Job 9:8
Thy w have rolled Ps 42:7

WAVES—WICKENESS

w were breaking Mark 4:37
wild w of the sea Jude 13

WAX *paraffin*

My heart is like w Ps 22:14
Like w before the fire Mic 1:4

WAY *manner or path*

guard the w Gen 3:24
all His w-s are just Deut 32:4
blameless His w 2 Sam 22:33
from your evil w-s 2 Kin 17:13
joy of His w Job 8:19
w of the righteous Ps 1:6
Commit your w to Ps 37:5
your w-s acknowledge Prov 3:6
is the w of death Prov 14:12
Clear the w Is 40:3
w of the wicked Jer 12:1
Make ready the w Matt 3:3
Pray in this w Matt 6:9
w is broad that leads Matt 7:13
teach w of God Mark 12:14
into the w of peace Luke 1:79
I am the w John 14:6
belonging to the W Acts 9:2
the w of salvation Acts 16:17
unfathomable w-s Rom 11:33
the w of escape 1 Cor 10:13
new and living w Heb 10:20
the w of the truth 2 Pet 2:2

WEAK *feeble*

I shall become w Judg 16:17
Rescue the w Ps 82:4
but the flesh is w Matt 26:41
must help the w Acts 20:35
who is w in faith Rom 14:1
God chosen the w 1 Cor 1:27

WEAKNESS *fault*

Spirit helps our w Rom 8:26
bear the w-es Rom 15:1
w of God is stronger 1 Cor 1:25
it is sown in w 1 Cor 15:43
perfected in w 2 Cor 12:9

WEALTH *riches*

power to make w Deut 8:18
a man of great w Ruth 2:1
who trust in their w Ps 49:6
Honor from you w Prov 3:9
W adds many friends Prov 19:4
a w of salvation Is 33:6
the w of all nations Hag 2:7
w of their liberality 2 Cor 8:2
rich by her w Rev 18:19

WEAPON *armament*

girded on his w-s Deut 1:41
flee from the iron w Job 20:24
turn back the w-s Jer 21:4
w-s of righteousness 2 Cor 6:7

WEARY *tired*

the people were w 1 Sam 14:28
the w are at rest Job 3:17
w with my crying Ps 69:3
water to a w soul Prov 25:25
and not become w Is 40:31
sustain the w one Is 50:4
all who are w Matt 11:28
w of doing good 2 Thess 3:13

WEAVE *interlace*

Thou didst w me Ps 139:13
w the spider's web Is 59:5
after w-ing a crown Matt 27:29

WEB *woven work*

loom and the w Judg 16:14
trust a spider's w Job 8:14

WEDDING *marriage*

had no w songs Ps 78:63
day of his w Song 3:11
come to the w feast Matt 22:4
a w in Cana John 2:1

WEEK *period of time*

Complete the w of Gen 29:27
Seventy w-s Dan 9:24
first day of the w Matt 28:1
I fast twice a w Luke 18:12

WEEKS, FEAST OF

see FEASTS

WEEP *cry, sorrow*

sought a place to w Gen 43:30
do not mourn or w Neh 8:9
My eye w-s to God Job 16:20
widows could not w Ps 78:64
Let me w bitterly Is 22:4
w day and night Jer 9:1
Rachel w-ing for her Matt 2:18
w-ing and gnashing Matt 13:42
he wept bitterly Matt 26:75
saw the city wept Luke 19:41
w for yourselves Luke 23:28
Jesus wept John 11:35
why are you w-ing John 20:13
w with who w Rom 12:15

WEIGH *measure out*

actions are w-ed 1 Sam 2:3
LORD w-s the motives Prov 16:2

WEIGHT *heaviness*

a full and just w Deut 25:15
w to the wind Job 28:25
bag of deceptive w-s Mic 6:11
eternal w of glory 2 Cor 4:17

WELCOME *gladly receive*

no prophet is w Luke 4:24
multitude w-d Him Luke 8:40
who fears Him w Acts 10:35
she w-d the spies Heb 11:31

WELL *water shaft*

sat down by a w Ex 2:15
w of Bethlehem 1 Chr 11:17
Like a polluted w Prov 25:26
A w of fresh water Song 4:15
Jacob's w was there John 4:6

WELL-PLEASED *satisfied*

in whom I am w Matt 3:17
in Thee I am w Luke 3:22
God was not w 1 Cor 10:5

WEST *direction*

very strong w wind Ex 10:19
east is from the w Ps 103:12
gather you from the w Is 43:5

CONCORDANCE

WHEAT *grain*

days of w harvest Gen 30:14
first fruits of the w Ex 34:22
plant w in rows Is 28:25
gather His w into Matt 3:12
to sift you like w Luke 22:31
unless a grain of w John 12:24

WHEEL *circular disk*

the w is crushed Eccl 12:6
w-s like a whirlwind Is 5:28
one w were within Ezek 1:16
rattling of the w Nah 3:2

WHIRLWIND

take Elijah by a w 2 Kin 2:1
comes on like a w Prov 1:27
chariots like a w Jer 4:13
they reap the w Hos 8:7

WHISPER *talk quietly*

who hate me w Ps 41:7
w a prayer Is 26:16
your speech shall w Is 29:4

WHISTLE *shrill sound*

And will w for it Is 5:26
LORD will w for the fly Is 7:18
I will w for them Zech 10:8

WHITE *color*

teeth w from milk Gen 49:12
w of an egg Job 6:6
be as w as snow Is 1:18
make one hair w Matt 5:36
clothing became w Luke 9:29
fields w for harvest John 4:35
clothed in w robes Rev 7:9

WHITWASHED *wall covering*

like w tombs Matt 23:27
you w wall Acts 23:3

WHOLE *entire*

water the w surface Gen 2:6
w earth populated Gen 9:19
leavens the w lump 1 Cor 5:6
keeps the w law James 2:10

WICK *candle thread*

extinguished like a w Is 43:17
a smoldering w Matt 12:20

WICKED *evil, ungodly*

condemn the w Deut 25:1
w ones are silenced 1 Sam 2:9
counsel of the w Ps 1:1
the w spurned God Ps 10:13
The w strut about Ps 12:8
devises w plans Prov 6:18
When a w man dies Prov 11:7
no peace for the w Is 48:22
turn from his w way Jon 3:8
taking some w men Acts 17:5
righteous and the w Acts 24:15

WICKEDNESS *evil*

w of man was great Gen 6:5
if I regard w Ps 66:18
eat the bread of w Prov 4:17
inclines toward w Is 32:6
w of My people Jer 7:12
You have plowed w Hos 10:13
repent of this w Acts 8:22
spiritual forces of w Eph 6:12

CONCORDANCE

WIDOW *husband dead*

Remain a w Gen 38:11
not afflict any w Ex 22:22
sent w-s away empty Job 22:9
judge for the w-s Ps 68:5
Plead for the w Is 1:17
devour w-s' houses Matt 23:14
w put in more Mark 12:43
Honor w-s 1 Tim 5:3
visit orphans w-s James 1:27

WIFE *married woman*

cleave to his w Gen 2:24
man and his w hid Gen 3:7
shall not covet w Ex 20:17
w of your youth Prov 5:18
An excellent w Prov 31:10
who divorces his w Matt 5:32
Remember Lot's w Luke 17:32
have his own w 1 Cor 7:2
head of the w Eph 5:23
husband of one w 1 Tim 3:2
w-vet, be submissive 1 Pet 3:1
w of the Lamb Rev 21:9

WILD *untamed*

w donkey of a man Gen 16:12
horns of the w on Num 23:22
locusts and w honey Mark 1:6
bring a w olive Rom 11:17

WILDERNESS *barren area*

water in the w Gen 16:7
journey into the w Ex 5:3
to die in the w Ex 14:11
forty years in the w Deut 29:5
pastures of the w Ps 65:12
roadway in the w Is 43:19
Have I been a w Jer 2:31
preaching in the w Matt 3:1
into the w tempted Matt 4:1
crying in the w Mark 1:3
manna in the w John 6:31

WILL *attitude, purpose*

delight to do Thy w Ps 40:5
Thy w be done Matt 6:10
the w of My Father Matt 7:21
not My w, but Luke 22:42
not of the w of man John 1:13
who resists His w Rom 9:19
what the w of God Rom 12:2
knowledge of His w Col 1:9
come to do Thy w Heb 10:9
an act of human w 2 Pet 1:21

WIN *succeed*

wise w-s souls Prov 11:30
we will w him over Matt 28:14
that I might w Jews 1 Cor 9:20
won without a word 1 Pet 3:1

WIND

caused a w to pass Gen 8:1
worched by w Gen 41:27
will inherit w Prov 11:29
prophets are as w Jer 5:13
they saw the w Hos 8:7
reed shaken by w Matt 11:7
w and the sea obey Mark 4:41
He rebuked the w Luke 8:24
violent, rushing w Acts 2:2

every w of doctrine Eph 4:14
driven by strong w-s James 3:4

WINDOW *opening*

enter through the w-s Joel 2:9
open w-s of heaven Mal 3:10
sitting on the w sill Acts 20:9
basket through a w 2 Cor 11:33

WINE *strong drink*

eyes dull from w Gen 40:12
Do not drink w Lev 10:9
overflow with new w Prov 3:10
W is a mocker Prov 20:1
love is better than w Song 1:2
new w into old Matt 9:17
gave Him w to Matt 27:34
made the water w John 4:46
full of sweet w Acts 2:15
not get drunk with w Eph 5:18
not addicted to w 1 Tim 3:3

WINESKINS *animal skin bag*

these w were new Josh 9:13
Like new w Job 32:19
wine into fresh w Matt 9:17

WINGS

bore you on eagles' w Ex 19:4
He spread His w Deut 32:11
under whose w Ruth 2:12
under His w refuge Ps 91:4
with w like eagles Is 40:31
beaking in its w Mal 4:2
chicks under her w Matt 23:37

WINK *blink*

w maliciously Ps 35:19
w-s with his eyes Prov 6:13

WINNOW *separate*

king w-s the wicked Prov 20:26
You will w them Is 41:16
His w-ing fork Matt 3:12

WINTER *season*

And summer and w Gen 8:22
the w is past Song 2:11
even spend the w 1 Cor 16:6

WIPE *pass over, rub*

God will w tears Is 25:8
w-d His feet John 11:2
uns w-d away Acts 3:19
w away every tear Rev 21:4

WISDOM *discernment*

the spirit of w Ex 28:3
w has two sides Job 11:6
the beginning of w Ps 111:10
Fools despise w Prov 1:7
w to fear Thy name Mic 6:9
w given to Him Mark 6:2
kept increasing in w Luke 2:52
made foolish the w 1 Cor 1:20
any of you lacks w James 1:5

WISE *judicious, prudent*

not find a w man Job 17:10
making w the simple Ps 107
w in your own eyes Prov 3:7
the words of the w Prov 22:17
He is not a w son Hos 15:15
Who...you is w James 3:15

WIDOW—WONDERFUL

WITCHCRAFT *magic, sorcery*

who practices w Deut 18:10
practiced w and 2 Kin 21:6

WITHER *dry up*

its leaf does not w Ps 1:3
w like the grass Ps 37:2
earth mourns and w-s Is 24:4
the leaf shall w Jer 8:13
with a w-ed hand Mark 3:1
the fig tree w-ed Mark 11:20

WITNESS *(n) testimony*

This heap is a w Gen 31:48
is w between us Judg 11:10
my w is in heaven Job 16:19
a w to the Lord Is 19:20
w to all the nations Matt 24:14
He came for a w John 1:7
My w is true John 8:14
you shall be My w-on Acts 1:8
For God is my w Phil 1:8
w of God is greater 1 John 5:9
Christ, the faithful w Rev 1:5

WITNESS *(v) testify*

not bear false w Ex 20:16
w against you today Deut 4:26
John bore w John 1:32
bear w of Me John 13:26
Spirit bears w Rom 8:16
three that bear w 1 John 5:8

WOLF *animal*

w will dwell with Is 11:6
the midst of w-sen Matt 10:16
w snatches them John 10:12

WOMAN *female, lady*

she shall be called W Gen 2:23
w not wear man's Deut 22:5
a w of excellence Ruth 3:11
Man born of w Job 14:1
gracious w attains Prov 11:16
a contentious w Prov 25:24
like a w in labor Is 42:14
looks on a w to lust Matt 5:28
w-en grinding Matt 24:41
Blessed among w-en Luke 1:42
W, behold, your son John 19:26
not to touch a w 1 Cor 7:1
w is the glory of 1 Cor 11:7
w to speak in 1 Cor 14:35
His Son, born of a w Gal 4:4
w clothed with sun Rev 12:1

WOMB

nations in your w Gen 25:23
LORD closed her w 1 Sam 1:5
from w to tomb Job 10:19
formed you from the w Is 44:2
baby leaped in w Luke 1:41

WONDER *marvel, sign*

consider the w-s of Job 37:14
tell of all Thy w-s Ps 9:1
His w-s in the deep Ps 107:24
w-s in the sky Joel 2:30
were filled with w Acts 3:10

WONDERFUL *marvelous*

His w deeds 1 Chr 16:12
name will be called W Is 9:6

WOOD—WRONG

WOOD *cut tree*

ark of gopher w Gen 6:14
other gods, w and Deut 28:36
children gather w Jer 7:18
stones, w, hay 1 Cor 3:12

WOOL *cloth or hair*

of w and linen Deut 22:11
put a fleece of w on Judg 6:37
They will be like w Is 1:18
hair like pure w Dan 7:9
white like white w Rev 1:14

WORD *message, speech*

to the w of Moses Lev 10:7
declare to you the w Deut 5:5
Joshua wrote w-s Josh 24:26
proclaim the w of 1 Sam 9:27
Thy w confirmed 2 Chr 6:17
no limit to windy w-s Job 16:3
w-s of my mouth Ps 19:14
Thy w is a lamp Ps 119:105
harsh w stirs up Prov 15:1
w of God is tested Prov 30:5
despised the w Is 5:24
w-s of a sealed book Is 29:11
speak My w in truth Jer 23:28
conceal these w-s Dan 12:4
every w that proceeds Matt 4:4
these w-s of Mine Matt 7:24
sower sows the w Mark 4:14
the W was God John 1:1
the W became flesh John 1:14
w-s of eternal life John 6:68
abide in My w John 8:31
glorifying the w Acts 13:48
too deep for w-s Rom 8:26
hearing by the w Rom 10:17
the w of the cross 1 Cor 1:18
fulfilled in one w Gal 5:14
no unwholesome w Eph 4:29
sanctified by w 1 Tim 4:5
the w of truth 2 Tim 2:15
the faithful w Titus 1:9
w of God is living Heb 4:12
doers of the w James 1:22
pure milk of the w 1 Pet 2:2
the W of Life 1 John 1:18
The W of God Rev 19:13

WORK (n) *act, deed, labor*

God completed His w Gen 2:2
You shall w six days Ex 34:21
His w is perfect Deut 32:4
the w of His hands Ps 19:1
see the w-s of God Ps 66:5
Commit your w-s to Prov 16:3
let Him hasten His w Is 5:19
His w on Mount Zion Is 10:12
see your good w-s Matt 5:16
the w-s of Christ Matt 11:2
the w of the Law Rom 2:15
faith apart from w-s Rom 3:28
not...a result of w-s Eph 2:9
for the w of service Eph 4:12
began a good w Phil 1:6
fruit in...good w Col 1:10
rich in good w-s 1 Tim 6:18
faith without w-s James 2:20

WORK (v) *perform, produce*

has w-ed with God 1 Sam 14:45
those who w iniquity Ps 28:3
Who...w-s wonders Ps 72:18
not w for the food John 6:27
w together for good Rom 8:28
So death w-s in us 2 Cor 4:12
w out your salvation Phil 2:12
anyone will not w 2 Thess 3:10

WORKER *laborer*

O w of deceit Ps 52:2
w-s of iniquity Prov 10:29
w is worthy of his Matt 10:10
God's fellow w-s 1 Cor 3:9
beware evil w-s Phil 3:2
pure, w-s at home Titus 2:5

WORKMAN *craftsman*

a skillful w Ex 38:23
approved as a w 2 Tim 2:15

WORKMANSHIP *craftsmanship*

we are His w Eph 2:10

WORLD *earth, humanity*

foundations of w 2 Sam 22:16
He will judge the w Ps 9:8
first dust of the w Prov 8:26
the light of the w Matt 5:14
the field is the w Matt 13:38
Go into all the w Mark 16:15
gains the whole w Luke 9:25
God so loved the w John 3:16
Savior of the w John 4:42
w cannot hate you John 7:7
the light of the w John 8:12
overcome the w John 16:33
have upset the w Acts 17:6
sin entered the w Rom 5:12
reconciling the w 2 Cor 5:19
unstained by the w James 1:27
flood upon the w 2 Pet 2:5
Do not love the w 1 John 2:15

WORLDLY *earthly*

w fables fit only 1 Tim 4:7
avoid w...chatter 2 Tim 2:16

WORM *creeping animal*

But I am a w Ps 22:6
w-s are your covering Is 14:11
God appointed a w Jon 4:7
their w does not die Mark 9:48
he was eaten by w-s Acts 12:23

WORMWOOD

1 a bitter plant Deut 29:18
2 used figuratively Prov 5:4
Amos 6:12; Rev 8:11

WORSHIP *bow, revere*

not w any other god Ex 34:14
you shall w Him Deut 6:13
W the LORD Ps 2:11
earth will w Thee Ps 66:4
in vain do they w Matt 15:9
w in spirit and truth John 4:24
w in the Spirit Phil 3:3
w Him who lives Rev 4:10
who w the beast Rev 14:11

WORTHLESS *useless*

all w physicians Job 13:4

CONCORDANCE

w man digs up evil Prov 16:27
your w offerings Is 1:13
your faith is w 1 Cor 15:17
w for any good Titus 1:16
man's religion is w James 1:26

WORTHY *having merit*

sin w of death Deut 21:22
w of his support Matt 10:10
is not w of Me Matt 10:37
is w of his wages Luke 10:7
manner w of the Rom 16:2
w of the gospel Phil 1:27
world was not w Heb 11:38
W is the Lamb Rev 5:12

WOUND *injury*

My w is incurable Job 34:6
binds up their w-s Ps 147:3
Your w is incurable Jer 30:12
bandaged his w-s Luke 10:34
by His w-s you were 1 Pet 2:24
fatal w was healed Rev 13:3

WRAPPINGS *cloth coverings*

bound with w John 11:44
linen w lying there John 20:5

WRATH *anger, indignation*

and in great w Deut 20:28
Nor chasten in Thy w Ps 6:1
Pour out Thy w Ps 79:6
turns away w Prov 15:1
Lest My w go forth Jer 4:4
spent My w upon Ezek 5:13
from the w to come Matt 3:7
w of God abides on John 3:36
God who inflicts w Rom 3:5
children of w Eph 2:3
w of God will come Col 3:6
the w of the Lamb Rev 6:16

WRETCHED *miserable*

in to this w place Num 20:5
W man that I am Rom 7:24

WRITE *inscribe*

Moses, W this in a Ex 17:14
W them on a tablet Prov 3:3
he wrote the dream Dan 7:1
w a certificate Mark 10:4
with His finger wrote John 8:6
w King of the Jews John 19:21
W in a book Rev 1:11

WRITINGS *literary work*

not believe his w John 5:47
known the sacred w 2 Tim 3:15

WRITTEN *enscribed*

w by...God Ex 31:18
w in the law 2 Chr 23:18
remembrance was w Mal 3:16
w by the prophet Matt 2:5
about whom it is w Matt 11:10
Law w in...hearts Rom 2:15
name has not been w Rev 13:8
w in the Lamb's Rev 21:27

WRONG *do evil, harm*

not w a stranger Ex 22:21
not w one another Lev 25:14
I...have done w 2 Sam 24:17
Love does no w Rom 13:10

CONCORDANCE

WROUGHT accomplished

He w wonders Ps 78:12
been w in God John 3:21

Y

YAHWEH see YHWH and LORD

YEAR period, time

atonement every y Lev 16:34
fiftieth y jubilee Lev 25:11
the y of remission Deut 15:9
crowned the y with Ps 65:11
length of y-s Prov 3:2
favorable y of the LORD Is 61:2
thirty y-s of age Luke 3:23
y of the LORD Luke 4:19
priest enters, once a y Heb 9:7
sacrifices y by y Heb 10:1
y-s as one day 2 Pet 3:8
reign thousand y-s Rev 20:6

YEARLING one year old

a y eve lamb Lev 14:10
With y calves Mic 6:6

YEARNs deeply moved

my flesh y for Thee Ps 63:1
My heart y for him Jer 31:20

YESTERDAY past

we are only of y Job 8:9
thousand years y Ps 90:4
same y and today Heb 13:8

YHWH

Hebrew tetragrammaton for
name of God, probably pronounced Yahweh

Derived from Hebrew verb
meaning "to be"
Translated usually as LORD
we also LORD
we also introductory material
to NASB

YIELD produce

no longer y its Gen 4:12
land y its produce Lev 25:19
Which y-s its fruit Ps 1:3
v-ed up His spirit Matt 27:50
not y in subjection Gal 2:5
y-s the peaceful Heb 12:11

YOKE wooden bar

break his y from Gen 27:40
iron y on neck Deut 28:48
made our y hard 1 Kin 12:4
the y of their burden Is 9:4
Take My y upon Matt 11:29
to a y of slavery Gal 5:1

YOUNG early age, youth

he sent y men Ex 24:5
or two y pigeons Lev 15:29
glory of y men is Prov 30:29
y men stumble Is 40:30
like a y lion Hos 5:14
finding a y donkey John 18:14

y men visions Acts 2:17
urge the y men Titus 2:6

YOUTH young

evil from his y Gen 8:21
fresher than in y Job 33:25
the sins of my y Ps 25:7
confidence from my y Ps 71:5
your y is renewed Ps 103:5
the wife of your y Prov 5:18
y-s grow weary Is 40:30
the reproach of my y Jer 31:19
life from my y up Acts 26:4

Z

ZACCHEUS

tax collector who followed
Jesus Luke 19:2,5,8

ZACHARIAS

father of John the Baptist
Luke 1:5,12,18,32

ZARAPHATH

scene of miracle by Elijah
1 Kin 17:9,10
Phoenician town Obad 20
Luke 4:26

ZEAL, fervor, passion

kill them in his z 2 Sam 21:2
my z for the LORD 2 Kin 10:16
z has consumed me Ps 119:150
Thy z for the people Is 26:11
have a z for God Rom 10:2
your z for me 2 Cor 7:7

ZEALOT

member of radical Jewish
nationalist party Matt 10:4
Mark 3:18, Luke 6:15, Acts 1:13

ZEALOUS fervent

z for the LORD 1 Kin 19:10
all z for the Law Acts 21:20
z of gifts 1 Cor 14:12
z for good deeds Titus 2:14
be z and repent Rev 3:19

ZEBEDEE

father of James and John
Matt 4:21,27,36; Mark 1:19
Mark 10:35, Luke 5:10, John 21:2

ZEBULUN

1 son of Jacob Gen 30:20
2 tribe Num 34:25, Josh 21:34
3 territory of the tribe,
located in N Palestine
Josh 19:27, Judg 12:12
Is 9-1, Ezek 48:27

ZECHARIAH

1 line of Saul 1 Chr 9:35-37
2 priest with ark 1 Chr 15:24
3 son of Iddiah 1 Chr 24:25
4 father of Iddiah 1 Chr 27:21
5 son of Barniab 2 Chr 20:14
6 son of Jehoshaphat 2 Chr 21:2

WROUGHT—ZUZIM

7 son of Jehoidsa 2 Chr 24:20
8 prophet 2 Chr 26:5
9 priest under Ezra Neh 12:41
10 minor prophet Zech 1:1

ZELOPHEHAD

Manasse, son of Hephher
Num 26:33
daughters became his heirs
Num 27:1,36-2

ZEPHANIAH

1 priest 2 Kin 25:18
2 Kohathite Levite 1 Chr 6:36
3 minor prophet Zeph 1:1
4 father of Josiah Zech 6:10

ZERUBBABEL

line of David 1 Chr 3:1-19
helped rebuild temple Ezra 3:8

ZERULAH

mother of Jacob, Abigail, and
Ashbel 2 Sam 2:18
David's half-sister 1 Chr 2:16

ZIKLAG

town in S Judah Josh 15:31
1 Sam 27:6, 1 Chr 12:1

ZILPAH

concubine of Jacob Gen 29:24
Gen 30:10,46,18

ZIN

wilderness in Negev Num 13:21
Deut 32:51, Josh 15:1,3

ZION

1 hill Temple Mount in
Jerusalem 2 Sam 5:7
1 Kin 8:1, 1 Chr 11:5
2 applied to all of Jerusalem
Ps 136:1, Is 1:26,27,33,20
3 applied to the heavenly
Jerusalem Is 60:14, Heb 12:22, Rev 14:1

ZIPORRAH

wife of Moses Ex 2:21,4,25

ZIV

name of the second month in
Hebrew calendar 1 Kin 6:1,37

ZOAN

Egyptian delta city Num 13:22
Ps 78:12, Is 19:11, Ezek 30:14

ZOAR

city of the plain near the
Dead Sea Gen 13:10,19-23,30
Deut 34:3, Jer 48:34
also Beis

ZOPHAR

one of Job's friends Job 2:11
Job 11:1,20:1,42:9

ZUZIM

pre-Israelite tribe in
Palestine Gen 14:5